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MERKEL SCHOOLS OPEN SEPT. 23RD

School will begin the 23rd of September, and it is important that all children enroll the very first day. If you keep your children out two weeks or a month, they will be a month behind their class with their work. Hence they cannot do the work with their class, and they will be required to go in a lower grade.

All children that have never gone to school must enter the first day. If these children stay out two weeks or a month, there will be no class for them until after Christmas. Therefore, it is urged that you start them the first of school. No one that is not practically six years old will be admitted to school.

All pupils below the eighth grade who live in the Merkel Independent School District north of the rail road, must go to the North Side School. All pupils in the High School will go to the South Side School.

The South Side School is very much crowded. Twenty-five or more students were crowded last year into a small room 15 by 17 feet. This is not conducive to health. You can not ventilate well a room so badly crowded. Hence, the students inhale the carbonic acid gas, which is very poisonous. To have good health 2,000 cubic feet of fresh air per hour is required for each person.

A room ten feet high, twenty feet long and ten feet wide is required to contain 2,000 cubic feet of air.

We need more room for the physics laboratory last year is 15 by 8 feet. Into this room we crowded 24 students. We do not believe the good parents of Merkel desire this condition to continue any longer. We have several vacant rooms at the North Side. Therefore, on account of this crowded condition, the school board has ordered that the sixth grade on the South Side be moved to the North Side. All parents and children will please remember that the sixth grade pupils on the South Side will go to the North Side when school begins on the 23rd of September.

The teachers wish to make this school year the best in the history of the school. They can not accomplish this keen desire without the hearty and sincere co-operation on the part of the parents. Let us have your encouragement. The school does not belong to the teachers, but the people of Merkel are the sole owners. It behooves you to do every thing you can to build it up. When any person knocks on any institution in his town or community, he is trying to destroy its good influence which is being exercised for his own family. Let us boost every worthy enterprise in our little city. Let us join hands for the good of each other, and therefore for all.

"The Holy Supper is kept, indeed, In whatso we share with another's need— Not what we give, but what we share, For the gift without the giver is bare; Who gives himself with his alms feeds three— Himself, his hungering neighbor and me.

R. L. Krigbaum,

OUR TRADE EDITION

The next issue of our paper will be an extra edition devoted exclusively to the interest of our town and merchants and for the benefit of those within the limits of our trade territory. It is our desire to advertise Merkel and the Merkel business houses and show the advantages to be derived by buying and selling in our little town. It will be our aim to portray all conditions and opportunities frankly and honestly. It is known that we enjoy a larger trade territory than some of the towns much larger and we should not only hold but extend this territory and this is possible only by continuing to make it to the interest of the farmer who has produce and cotton to sell and supplies to buy to come to Merkel.

There is but one way to do this and that is to pay them as much or more for their produce and cotton and then sell them goods and supplies for less than competing towns. If this can be done then all that is necessary is to let our friends in the country know it and then give them the best service possible.

The Mail is the medium for this advertising and if you have any bargains to sell or bids to make for patronage let the people know it. If you will give us the proper co-operation we will guarantee that your advertising will be sent into the homes of all the people and if it is honest advertising you will get results.

In addition to our regular large subscription list we are going to mail a copy of the Merkel Mail to the name and address of every citizen we can get who lives within ten to twenty-five miles of Merkel. If he is not a subscriber of our paper and a patron of our town he will be able to see what kind of a paper we publish and what our merchants have to offer.

It is an effort to help you and for you to help us and for us to help those who favor our town, so let's get busy.

In order to get our paper out on time all advertising space must be reserved by Monday and all copy in the office not later than Tuesday.

Guarantee: More than 1600 copies will be printed and mailed.

LATE DOINGS IN DISTRICT COURT

The case of J. T. Couch charged with murder was given its first hearing last Saturday, he entered a plea of not guilty and his trial was set for Wednesday Sept. 18th.

The indictment charged that on Sept. 6th, 1906 J. T. Couch did "kill and murder by stamping the said W. S. Gardner in the stomach and bowels with his feet and by striking the said W. S. Gardner with his hands and fists."

Defendant stated to Judge Blanton that he was a poor man "living from hand to mouth", and was unable to employ an attorney whereupon Judge Blanton appointed Hon. W. L. Grogan to defend him. In pleading defendant started to tell about the murder and was stopped by Judge Blanton and told to not talk about the case as what he said might be used against him.

The case was set for Wednesday, Sept. 18th, the defendant asking that the case be tried as soon as possible.

In this case it is said the only eye witness is dead, but District Attorney Walter Morris stated the case would be quite lengthy and would probably consume two or three days.

In the Sam Spicer case a motion for a new trial was overruled and notice of appeal given by the attorneys for the defense.

Mrs. Doccie Roysdon vs. T. B. Roysdon, a suit for divorce. No judgment rendered.

Emma Smith vs. Grover Smith, divorce, testimony of witnesses heard and case held in abeyance pending the hearing of further evidence in the case.

Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt Hurt.

Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt was very painfully but not seriously hurt at her home two miles south of Merkel Friday morning Aug. 30, but owing to error in the office we failed to mention it last week.

The accident came about when Mrs. Rainbolt started down the cellar with several glass fruit jars in her hands and on descending caught her foot on the top step, falling to the bottom of the stair among the mass of broken fruit jars she was holding. The storm house being nine feet deep caused the fall to be all the more bad but the worst injuries received were cuts about the face from striking the broken pieces of glass. Several stitches were taken and prompt medical attention given. At the last report Mrs. Rainbolt was still very sick from her injuries.

Likes Merkel Country.

Hon. J. C. Mason of Deport was a visitor in our city the first of the week, stopping on his return home from a vacation at Clouderoft. He went out to see his farm of 400 acres bought last year and was well pleased with the crop in spite of the conditions under which it was grown. He said: "Now is the time for people to invest in your country and I wish I owned more of it."

See "Soapy Jim" at Grimes.

NEW T. & P. TIME CARD IN EFFECT

The time card for passenger trains on the Texas & Pacific changed Sunday and seemingly to the advantage of the through trains for maintaining their schedule along this line.

The change only-effects trains Nos. 3 and 5 west bound and 2 and 6 east bound. No. 3 is to arrive at 5:32 p. m., No. 5 at 5:26 a. m. No. 2 and 6 will arrive at 10:01 p. m. and 12:13 a. m. respectively. The change as made on the second west bound evening train makes it more convenient to Merkel people who wish to stay in Abilene until the business day is over. The other trains are not effected by the change at all.

HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE FRIDAY

Fire broke out in the home of P. T. Allday Friday morning about 1 o'clock and gained such headway before it was noticed that it was impossible for the fire department to do anything toward saving the building.

Owing to the early hour the household effects of Mr. Allday and family were completely destroyed, they themselves escaping with a very small part of their wearing apparel losing every thing of value in the home. The house which was owned by Dr. J. A. Adkisson was valued at \$1300 and partially covered by insurance.

Miss Vada Holden left for Abilene Sunday to enter school.

Prominent Family Leaves.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Allen regret very much that they have seen fit to sever their connection with Merkel and to seek a home in a new land that of Denton, where Mr. Allen and family go to take advantage of the College located there. Mrs. Allen, daughter and son, Ray and Dick left for their new home Friday morning while Mr. Allen remained a few days looking after business matters before going to join them.

INTERESTING FIRE MEETING IS HELD

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department met in regular session Monday night with one of the best business meetings yet held by the local fire fighters.

Several matters pertaining to the advancement of the order were discussed. A committee was appointed to draft new constitution and by-laws, a much needed regulation that has been neglected in the past. It was the common feeling in Monday night's meeting that the order would carry their meetings on in a more business like manner and after the form of any parliamentary gathering.

Some of the most important questions discussed were the co-operation with the city council in all matters where the fire department might be affected and the advisability of giving the chief power to call men from one department to another in time of fire.

The interest displayed in the last meeting shows that the boys are looking at their work from a business standpoint and not as an assembly organized for the entertainment of its members.

TUSCOLA STATE BANK NOW OPEN

The First State Bank of Tuscola opened its doors for business last Saturday morning and soon was in receipt of a splendid start in deposits.

The officers of the new bank are E. B. Bynum of the First State Bank and Trust Company of Abilene as President, A. B. Cox, vice president, and C. B. McCullough, cashier. The report comes to us that the institution is doing a promising business and the future of the bank is very bright it being located in a new and enterprising town which is centered in one of the best farming belts of this section of the country.

BENEFIT DINNER PAYS BIG MONEY

The dinner given by ladies of Merkel at the Walter Clark store last Saturday was a complete success from a financial standpoint and brought in something like \$60 over expenses.

This money will be used to beautify the cemetery and to make improvements in general so far as the \$60 will permit and that amount in the way it is going to be expended will be a great help to Rose Hill. The people in general are in debt to the ladies for their efforts in making the dinner a success for they themselves will derive no personal benefit other than to show their willingness to help their town which is a noble work indeed.

The Farmers State Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS

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Bring Us Your Cotton Checks for Deposit.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF The Farmers State Bank of Merkel, Texas

AS REPORTED TO COMMISSIONER OF BANKING SEPT. 4, 1912

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$57,543.33	Capital Stock	\$15,000.00
Interest Guaranty Fund	339.93	Surplus Fund	1,500.00
Assessment Guaranty Fund	43.44	Undivided Profits	874.10
Furniture & F. & R. E.	4,868.34	Bills Payable	11,500.00
Cash and Exchange	33,432.09	Deposits	67,353.03
Total	\$96,227.13	Total	\$96,227.13

The above statement is correct.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier.

Deposits Sept. 4, 1912 \$67,353.03
Deposits Sept. 4, 1911 \$31,078.06

Increase over One Hundred per cent in One Year.

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J. S. SWANN, President
J. C. MOORE, Vice-President

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier
B. C. MOORE, Assistant Cashier.

STATEMENT

Farmers and Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Call of Comptroller Sept. 4, 1912

RESOURCES

Loans	\$136,528.94
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	7,450.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,900.00
Real Estate	6,437.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Cash and Sight Exchange	78,462.11
Total	\$232,090.80

LIABILITIES

Capital paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	27,980.88
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	172,859.92
Total	\$232,090.80

The above statement is correct.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.

With DEPOSITS of over \$172,000 and AVAILABLE RESOURCES of \$230,000 we are amply able to handle all business given us. We invite your account.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren C. P. Warren G. F. West
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Drug Company
THE REXALL STORE

Your Fall Business.

We have furnished and carried more farmers over during the last three years than any firm in Merkel and have had a hard pull. Our good customers are coming out all right with money to pay cash for what they want this winter, we are meeting all out prices and think we are entitled to your patronage at the prevailing prices we are making.

Thanking you for your past business, we invite a continuance of same. Yours truly,
Hamblet & Rogers.

Judge W. T. Potter has purchased the home of J. T. Cross and is moving into it. Mr. Cross is making a temporary move until he can get possession of another home of his here.

E. D. Coats was a business visitor in Abilene Thursday.

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MERKEL : : : : TEXAS

Mr. Cash of Hamlin in the employ of the Texas Central R. R. came to Merkel last week for the purpose of having his arm treated. Mr. Cash met with an accident six weeks ago and it was supposed that the bones in the region of the elbow had been fractured. He came to Merkel for an examination which showed a dislocation of the elbow joint. The dislocation was reduced and Mr. Cash has returned home. Mr. Cash is a brother-in-law to our townsman Mr. C. P. Stevens. "By the House that Jack Built," and 4 others at the Airdome Saturday night.

Wesley Edwards has returned from Oklahoma where he has been looking after some cattle.

GOOD MILCH COWS FOR SALE—Durham and Jerseys, good milkers. See H. L. Propst. 13t3pd

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for week ending Sept. 14, 1912:

Moore, Mrs. Josey
Oswald, Mrs. T. L.
Strother, Wade
Aranda, Sr Franco
Guzman, Sr Procopio

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Sept. 28, 1912.

H. W. Derstine, p.m.

PROGRAM SOCIAL CENTER MEETING

In our last week's issue we gave notice of a Social Mass Meeting to be held at the Tabernacle on the 20th., of this month, the following is the programme to be rendered by altogether local talent. No collections of any character, this is a free entertainment and all are invited:

Music—Scheidler Orchestra.
Piano Solo—Lucile Sutphen
Conservation in Education—B. D. Black.
Piano Solo—Miss Cleo Wilson
Bowler.
Public Drinking Cup—Dr. J. A. Adkisson.

Music—Orchestra.
Business Man's View of Education—T. A. Johnson.

Instrumental Duet—Dorothy Lee Potter, Leno Largent.

Music—Orchestra.
Jug of All Sorts—R. L. Krigbaum.

Chorus—Six young Ladies.
Vocal Solo—Miss Louisa Stuart
Roe, Colorado, Texas.

We do not charge school books. Burroughs Drug Store.

COTTON RECEIPTS GROWING LARGER

During the past two weeks Merkel has been a market for 1000 bales of cotton per week and at all times the top of the market has been given for the product.

During the past week the receipts have jumped from 1000 to 1250 making the total receipts up to 11 o'clock Thursday morning 3750 bales or a daily average for the last week of 208 bales per day. At that rate by next Thursday noon Merkel will be the joyful receiver of 5000 bales of cotton. At the time the last report was taken Thursday the top price paid during the morning was 11.17.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Parten and Miss Mattie Paylor were visitors in Abilene Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Parten started for their home at Mobeetie last week but business transactions demanded that Mr. Parten stay longer. We reported in last weeks issue that they had gone to their home.

Miss Bertha Boring of Fort Worth who has been here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Boring left for her home Monday morning where she goes to take a position in the schools of that place.

2 Features and 3 regulars 10 and 20c at the Airdome Saturday night.

The Merkel Mail and Dallas S-W Farm News, both one year, \$1.65.

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PUT YOUR MONEY
IN A NATIONAL BANK**



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The Southern National Bank

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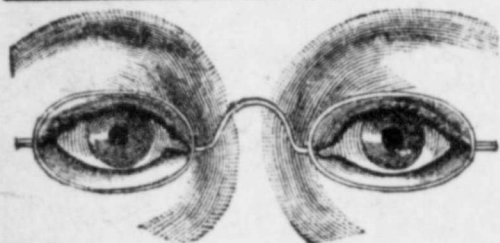
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Notice.

I am prepared to certificate cotton for all farmers who wish to co-operate with the 15 cent cotton movement. See me at the Cash Grocery.

4-2tpd E. W. Perminter.

School books are cash at Burroughs.

SOAP--TALCUM--SOAP

Invoicing our stock recently we found we had too much soap and talcum powder. Our stock must be reduced and we have decided to let the price and printer's ink do the work. For two weeks we are going to sell standard brands of soap and talcum powder at prices one-half to one-fifth of their regular value. Now is the time to buy your soap.

Soap Specials

All two-bit values for a nickel
Johnson's Medicinal Toilet, Oriental. 5c
Jergen's Special Regal Honey. 5c
Dr. Keown's Skin Soap. 5c
Behren's Toilet Carbolie. 5c
Jergen's Juniper Tar Soap. 5c
Graham Carbolie Animal Soap. 5c
Bazin & Sargent Animal Soap. 5c
Graham's Cochon-Coco. 5c

Talcum Specials

Eastman's Antiseptic Verona Violet, regular price 25c, now. 10c
Allan's, guaranteed the highest quality for adults and infants, worth 25c. 10c
Lane's Talcum, borated and perfumed, worth 25c, now. 10c
Phieffer's Borated Powder, softens and preserves the skin. 10c
One pound Keown Talcum, regular price 25c, now. 10c

Soap Specials

All dime values for a nickel.
Lama Oil, Buttermilk and Glycerine. 5c
Graham's Ioderma, Antiseptic. 5c
"Our Baby Soap," best made. 5c
Swan Violette D'Espagne. 5c
Jergen's Creme de Parma. 5c
Glycerine, Ruby and Vernon. 5c
Johnson's Sublimate Toilet. 5c
Genuine Imported Castile. 5c
Jergen's Mottled Castile. 5c

GRIMES DRUG STORE

Jim Gilliam, Manager

"Saturday night Special" at the Airdome.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Gaither have recently moved to the J. A. Collins place.

Phone the Cash Grocery your vegetable order Saturday morning.

W. D. Woodroof exchanged a place in Merkel for a Model 17 Buick automobile last week.

Special lot of mens work shirts at half price at Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

The Merkel merchants pay more for cotton and then sell goods for less.

Harvard and Yale 8-oar Boat Races at the Airdome Saturday night.

Rev. A. A. Baker will preach at Blair next Sunday at 11 o'clock. Everybody invited.

Special lot of mens work shirts at half price at Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

V. E. Peoples left Wednesday for Seymour to look after business matters.

Just received an assortment of ladies and misses patent leather belts in red and black. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Dr. Geo. L. Miller has moved to his new home on Elm street and is having quite a bit of improving done to the property.

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NOTICE

If you want cash for your chickens, eggs and butter, bring them to the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company. We always pay the highest prices.

W. P. DUCKETT, Buyer.

Money to Loan.

\$250,000.00 to loan at 8 per cent per annum, on improved Farms or ranches, or will buy first lien notes on this class of property. C. L. Barker, at Southern National Bank, Merkel, Texas.

Small Farm For Sale.

53 1/2 acres all good valley land 3 room house, 37 acres in field, well and barn. \$25 per acre, \$733 down balance easy at 8 per cent. Would take team. Write or see Sam Grayson, Merkel, Texas, R. F. D. 2. 4tpd

Dr. J. M. Brittain, Eye, Ear and Nose specialist of Cisco, will be in Merkel Friday, Sept. 20. Office with Dr. Cranford. 13t2

Misses Lucile and Nora Dell Duckett age nine and four left Wednesday morning for Fort Worth. They have been here for some time visiting their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Duckett. The children made the trip out here alone and are returning without the care of any of their relatives. They seemed to like the idea of making the trip alone and when the train departed waved a joyful good by to their grandmother who was at the train to see them off.

Pullets wanted, highest prices paid, cash on delivery. Leghorns, Rocks, Rhode Island Reds etc. J. W. Johnson 1119 San Antonio St., El Paso, Tex. 13-4tpd.

Uncle John Toombs has accepted a position at the dry goods store of W. D. Woodroof and expects to move his family to town the latter part of this week, in order that they may enjoy the school advantages.

Make it a part of your business to investigate the free Silverware at the Cash Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Boden will occupy the residence recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Gaither, moving in from their farm for the benefit of the Merkel schools.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Ever use soap?—See Grimes.

"Saturday night Special" at the Airdome.

Mrs. N. B. and R. E. Bowles were visitors in Abilene Wednesday.

All kinds of fruit and vegetables at the Cash Grocery three times a week.

Paul Jones of Abilene was a social visitor in the city Tuesday afternoon.

Harvard and Yale 8-oar Boat Races at the Airdome Saturday night.

Miss Annie Moore who was up from Abilene last week visiting Miss Maxie Banner returned to her home Sunday.

We do not charge school books. Burroughs Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Cauthen will move into town next week and occupy their home bought of R. E. Edmison.

"By the House That Jack Built," and 4 others at the Airdome Saturday night.

E. W. Perminter has been appointed local representative for the Merkel country to certificate cotton on the Southern Cotton States Corporation plan. His office is at the Cash Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Walker of Hamlin left for their home Wednesday. They had been here visiting the family of W. M. McDuff, and Geo. Browning both of the Noodle community.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Cox and Miss Lula Cozart left Tuesday evening for Las Cruces, New Mexico where they go to make their home in the future.

T. V. Touchstone formerly with the Armstrong Drug Company and the Grimes Drug Company left Sunday night for Dallas where he will make his home in the future.

The Ladies will serve dinner Saturday Sept. 21, for the benefit of the schools. Eat dinner with them and help your children or help your friends children. The place will be given later.

T. J. Toombs and family will move to Merkel next week and make their home with us so that the children may attend the Merkel public schools. We have the best schools in this part of the state.

C. L. Tucker left for Abilene Wednesday morning to do grand jury service for the remaining part of the week.

Buy talcum now—at Grimes.

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Any erroneous reflection on the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of The Mail will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the management.

TELEPHONE No. 61

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

WHY AN EDITOR IS.

Abilene Reporter: Abilene needs a city park, and there never was a better time than now to go about getting it. Property will not be cheaper than it is at present, and hence every day that is wasted costs the people hard cash. A good idea would be to buy a block of land close in, build a city hall on it and have a fine park, kept by the city, on the block. The Reporter is ready to vote for the bonds.

Dallas News: Of course the Reporter is ready to vote for the bonds. The Reporter and every other progressive newspaper is always ready to vote for bonds that promise needed improvements. Even while the editor is wondering where in the mischief he is going to get money to pay his taxes he is mentally welcoming another bond issue for modern betterments. That is the editor's way. Being like that is what makes him an editor.

No doubt if the News Editor knew the conditions and state of affairs as they exist in Abilene he himself would be very willing to help, even though he may not see where the money is coming from that will keep the News running during the next year. We heartily agree with the Reporter Editor in his contention. If some one could drag the News Editor into court at Abilene just one time we are sure that on returning home he would do all in his power to get a bond issue voted in Taylor county whereby a new court house could be erected.

HIGH COST OF POLITICS.

According to their sworn statements, candidates for public offices have spent enough money during the recent campaign to burn up a wet mule and the time wasted in making footprints in the political sands could have built a macadam highway from the Red River to the Gulf. Many of the defeated candidates who are too proud to weep and too polite to swear have concluded that the grapes are sour and are smiling on their successful opponents who for the next two years will have to work hard and be paid harder. Some of the candidates tried to frighten away the political collectors by putting on robes of poverty, but like the ship wrecked woman who put on black stockings in order to scare away sharks, they were orouched in the jaws of destruction. The high cost of politics is keeping pace with the high cost of living and very few items can be charged to the tariff.

TEXAS OYSTERS IN DENVER.

Several of the local hotels and restaurants are serving fresh Texas oysters every day. This product is on the market rather early this year but the quality and flavor are excellent. The local trade is demanding the Texas product in preference to the famous Blue Points.

A short catchy ad will be read by more people than a long conglomeration of words.

UNIVERSAL EDUCATION.

Within a week more than twenty million children in the United States will either be at school or should be at school. Throughout the state the public schools begin their work in September.

In the state of Texas all the public schools, high schools and colleges will be open for work by the 30th of this month.

Millions of dollars will be spent throughout the country in the salaries of teachers and other millions of dollars for books.

The biggest business in the United States, after farm work, is that of education.

There is more labor spent in securing an education and in giving education in this United States than in any other country in the world.

Public and universal education are absolutely necessary in the life of the republic.

A republic such as the United States wherein knowledge might be concentrated in a few and the masses were left in ignorance would soon fall.

The secret of the life of liberty is equal intelligence as well as equal rights.

There should always be in the United States an equal opportunity for every boy and girl in the school room. We hear much of the right of every man to equality before the law, but the thing supremely necessary in this country is the right, with the opportunity, of every boy and girl to secure an education sufficient to think intelligently about the problems of government and to measure accurately the conditions of life under which they exist.

There should be the highest democracy in American education, for if education were granted to a few and denied to many the government of the United States would go to pieces within a generation.

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

In the state of Texas, at the close of business Sept. 4, 1912:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$126,323.91
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	205.03
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds to secure Postal Savings	1,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	200.00
Furniture, and fixtures	2,900.00
Other real estate owned	6,437.25
Due from Nat. Banks (not reserve agt)	10,864.46
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies, and saving banks	43.04
Due from approved reserve agents	40,103.76
Checks and other cash items	4,205.95
Notes of other National Banks	11,220.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	284.40
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	11,740.50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	312.50
Total	\$232,000.80

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	7,980.88
National Bank Notes outstanding	6,250.00
Due to state and private banks and bankers	2,891.07
Individual Deposits subject check	169,433.01
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	175.00
Postal Savings Deposit	359.94
Notes and bills rediscounted	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	None
Total	\$232,000.80

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:
 I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 Thos. JOHNSON, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Sept. 1912. G. W. Johnson
 Notary Public
 Correct—Attest:
 J. T. Warren, }
 G. F. West, } Directors
 J. T. Howard, }

NO. 354 Official Statement of the Financial Condition of First State Bank, Trent, Texas

at the close of business on the 4th day of Sept. 1912, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 13th day of Sept. 1912.

RESOURCES	
Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$21,075.46
Loans, real estate	2,114.00
Overdrafts	432.36
Furniture and fixtures	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	\$9,289.18
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to ck., net	2,839.01
Cash items	143.42
Currency	3,077.00
Specie	906.59
Interest depositors guaranty fund	272.06
Assessment for Guaranty Fund	36.43
Bills of Exchange (cotton)	1,949.13
Total	\$43,610.04

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus fund	3,000.00
Undivided profits, net	2,492.16
Individual deposits, subject to check	27,711.69
Cashier's checks	319.97
Other liabilities	86.22
Total	\$43,610.04

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
 We, R. B. Johnson as vice-president and L. E. Adrian as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
 R. B. Johnson, Vice-President
 L. E. Adrian, Cashier.
 Sworn and subscribed to before me this 9th day of Sept. A. D. 1912. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
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RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$119,191.99
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	2,760.04
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	11,000.00
Due from Nat'l Bks., not reserve agts.	19,852.96
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies and savings banks	2,002.49
Due from approved reserve agents	13,676.09
Checks and other cash items	2,654.06
Bills of Exchange on cotton	25,721.93
Notes of other National banks	3,570.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	98.00
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	\$5,633.00
Legal-tender notes	5,015.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625.00
Total	\$227,300.26

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	6,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,435.94
National Bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Individual Deposits sub. to check	122,028.93
Time certificates of deposit	311.20
Cashier's checks outstanding	24.14
Bills Payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	35,000.00
Total	\$227,300.26

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of Sept. 1912.
 W. W. Wheeler, Notary Public.
 Correct—Attest:
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 M. Armstrong, } Directors
 John Sears, }

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RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$51,093.65
Loans, real estate	5,310.83
Overdrafts	1,138.84
Other real estate	2,068.34
Furniture and Fixtures	2,300.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents, net	\$24,915.49
Cash Items	2,961.20
Currency	3,920.00
Specie	\$47.10
Interest Guaranty Fund	339.93
Other Resources as follows: Bills of Ex. and Assessment G. F.	1,728.80
Total	\$96,227.13

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	1,500.00
Undivided Profits, net	874.10
Individual Deposits subject to check	66,984.37
Cashier's checks	368.66
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	11,500.00
Total	\$96,227.13

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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.

WHY AN EDITOR IS.

Abilene Reporter: Abilene needs a city park, and there never was a better time than now to go about getting it. Property will not be cheaper than it is at present, and hence every day that is wasted costs the people hard cash. A good idea would be to buy a block of land close in, build a city hall on it and have a fine park, kept by the city, on the block. The Reporter is ready to vote for the bonds.

Dallas News: Of course the Reporter is ready to vote for the bonds. The Reporter and every other progressive newspaper is always ready to vote for bonds that promise needed improvements. Even while the editor is wondering where in the mischief he is going to get money to pay his taxes he is mentally welcoming another bond issue for modern betterments. That is the editor's way. Being like that is what makes him an editor.

No doubt if the News Editor knew the conditions and state of affairs as they exist in Abilene he himself would be very willing to help, even though he may not see where the money is coming from that will keep the News running during the next year. We heartily agree with the Reporter Editor in his contention. If some one could drag the News Editor into court at Abilene just one time we are sure that on returning home he would do all in his power to get a bond issue voted in Taylor county whereby a new court house could be erected.

HIGH COST OF POLITICS.

According to their sworn statements, candidates for public offices have spent enough money during the recent campaign to burn up a wet mule and the time wasted in making footprints in the political sands could have built a macadam highway from the Red River to the Gulf. Many of the defeated candidates who are too proud to weep and too polite to swear have concluded that the grapes are sour and are smiling on their successful opponents who for the next two years will have to work hard and be paid harder. Some of the candidates tried to frighten away the political collectors by putting on robes of poverty, but like the ship wrecked woman who put on black stockings in order to scare away sharks, they were crunched in the jaws of destruction. The high cost of politics is keeping pace with the high cost of living and very few items can be charged to the tariff.

TEXAS OYSTERS IN DENVER.

Several of the local hotels and restaurants are serving fresh Texas oysters every day. This product is on the market rather early this year but the quality and flavor are excellent. The local trade is demanding the Texas product in preference to the famous Blue Points.

A short catchy ad will be read by more people than a long conglomeration of words.

UNIVERSAL EDUCATION.

Within a week more than twenty million children in the United States will either be at school or should be at school. Throughout the state the public schools begin their work in September.

In the state of Texas all the public schools, high schools and colleges will be open for work by the 30th of this month.

Millions of dollars will be spent throughout the country in the salaries of teachers and other millions of dollars for books.

The biggest business in the United States, after farm work, is that of education.

There is more labor spent in securing an education and in giving education in this United States than in any other country in the world.

Public and universal education are absolutely necessary in the life of the republic.

A republic such as the United States wherein knowledge might be concentrated in a few and the masses were left in ignorance would soon fall. The secret of the life of liberty is equal intelligence as well as equal rights.

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THE
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RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$136,323.91
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	205.03
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds to secure Postal Savings.....	1,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds.....	200.00
Furniture, and fixtures.....	2,900.00
Other real estate owned.....	6,437.25
Due from Nat. Banks (not reserve agt).....	10,864.48
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies, and savings banks.....	43.04
Due from approved reserve agents.....	40,103.76
Checks and other cash items.....	4,205.95
Notes of other National Banks.....	11,220.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	284.40
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie.....	11,740.50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....	312.50
Total.....	\$232,090.80

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock paid in.....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund.....	20,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	7,980.88
National Bank Notes outstanding.....	6,250.00
Due to state and private banks and bankers.....	2,891.97
Individual Deposits subject check.....	169,433.01
Cashier's Checks Outstanding.....	175.00
Postal Savings Deposit.....	359.94
Notes and bills rediscounted.....	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed.....	None
Total.....	\$232,090.80

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Thos. Johnson, Cashier.

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G. W. Johnson
Notary Public

Correct—Attest:
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G. F. West, }
J. T. Howard, } Directors

NO. 354

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Cash items.....	143.42
Currency.....	3,077.00
Specie.....	906.59—4,127.41
Interest depositors guaranty fund.....	272.06
Assessment for Guaranty Fund.....	36.13
Bills of Exchange (cotton).....	1,949.13
Total.....	\$43,810.04

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus fund.....	3,000.00
Undivided profits, net.....	2,192.16
Individual deposits, subject to check.....	27,711.69
Cashier's checks.....	319.97
Other liabilities.....	36.22
Total.....	\$43,810.04

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Loans and discounts.....	\$119,191.99
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	2,780.04
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	12,500.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	14,000.00
Due from Nat'l Bks., not reserve agts.....	19,862.06
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Notes of other National banks.....	3,570.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	98.00
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie.....	\$5,633.00
Legal-tender notes.....	5,015.00—10,648.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....	625.00
Total.....	\$227,300.28

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund.....	6,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	1,435.94
National Bank notes outstanding.....	12,500.00
Individual Deposits sub. to check.....	122,028.93
Time certificates of deposit.....	311.20
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	24.14
Bills Payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed.....	35,000.00
Total.....	\$227,300.28

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I, J. E. Faucett, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. E. Faucett, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of Sept. 1912.
W. W. Wheeler, Notary Public.

CORRECT—ATTEST:
C. L. Barker, }
M. Armstrong, } Directors
John Sears, }

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The Farmers State Bank

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RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral.....	\$51,093.69
Loans, real estate.....	5,316.83
Overdrafts.....	1,138.84
Other real estate.....	2,668.34
Furniture and Fixtures.....	2,300.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents, net.....	\$24,018.43—24,018.43
Cash Items.....	2,961.20
Currency.....	3,020.00
Specie.....	\$17.10— 7,728.30
Interest Guaranty Fund.....	339.93
Other Resources as follows: Bills of Ex. and Assessment G. F.....	1,728.80
Total.....	\$96,227.13

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in.....	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	1,500.00
Undivided Profits, net.....	874.10
Individual Deposits subject to check.....	68,984.37
Cashier's checks.....	383.66
Bills Payable and Rediscounts.....	11,500.00
Total.....	\$96,227.13

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Sworn and subscribed to before me this 14th day of Sept. A. D. 1912. WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
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Correct—Attest:
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Read Grimes' soap ad.

T. H. Christopher left for Abilene Monday on business.

Bath tubs, Sinks, Pipe and fittings at The Tin Shop.

J. W. McDonald of Stith was a passenger to Abilene Monday.

P. C. Jones the barber invites your patronage.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hill went to Abilene Monday to visit relatives.

We show every night except Wednesday's. Bring your family out for the evening. The Airdome

W. O. Boney and W. T. Potter Esq., were in Abilene Tuesday on business.

Bring your eggs to W. P. Duckett at Merkel Dry Goods & Gro. Co. for best prices.

A. D. Derrington left Monday for Abilene to enter the Christian College of that place.

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

Master Robert Baulch has accepted a position with W. L. Harkrider.

WANTED—All the egg and butter in Taylor County. Merkel Dry Goods & Gro. Co.

Miss Alice Williams of Abilene left for her home Monday after spending several days here visiting friends.

Good music at the Airdome every night. Come out and spend the evening with your friends.

J. H. Weather of Floyd county left Tuesday for his home after a short visit here with the family of J. H. King.

We handle all kinds of plumbing. W. M. O'Brian.

Little Miss Kate Ross of Dallas who has been here for some time visiting her aunt Mrs. E. Hall returned to her home at Dallas Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Andrews of Louisville, Ala., left for her home Wednesday. Mrs. Andrews had been here visiting her brother R. O. Baxter.

Mrs. W. K. Horn and mother Mrs. E. J. Newsom of Abilene returned Wednesday after a short visit with Mrs. T. E. Goode of Noodle.

All 25c soap 5c at Grimes.

Mrs. G. T. Knight and little daughter, Blanch who have been here visiting Mrs. E. Hall, Mrs. Knight's sister, left for Abilene Wednesday where they will visit for a short time before going on to their home at Fort Worth.

G. M. Britain of Weldon stopped off here Wednesday to see his brother W. E. Britain. Mr. Britain has been visiting his parents on the plains for some time and is now returning from a summer vacation.

Don't You Owe Yourself Something?

For programmes and beautiful illustrated literature (free of cost) relating to the Great Colorado Chautauquas at Beautiful Boulder and numerous splendid, home-like and not unreasonably expensive resorts throughout Wonderful Colorado and the Pacific Coast, address A. A. Glisson, General Passenger Agent, "The Denver Road," Fort Worth, Texas. Little vacations in these directions are always worth more than they cost.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the schoolboard of the Independent School District of Merkel, Texas, will receive bids from any resident citizen or domestic coporation of the state of Texas, as the law provides, for custodian of the school funds of said district for the current year beginning Sept. 1, 1912. Said bids to be based on the rate of interest which such persons or coporations so bidding shall pay for said funds based on the daily balances of same.

Said bids may be filed with the secretary, Dr. J. H. Warnick, at any time before 12:00 noon of said date of Sept. 25, 1912. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

All persons desiring any further specific information relative to such treasurership, will confer with the said secretary or I. S. Allen, president of the board.

304 I. S. Allen, President.

Attest: J. H. Warnick, Sec.

A TEXAS WONDER.

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

Notice to Horse Breeders.

All persons in debt to Mrs. C. S. Curb for mule colts will please call at Farmers & Merchants Bank and settle same.

Auction! Auction!!

Beginning at one o'clock Saturday Sept. 14 I will sell at auction to the highest bidder on the streets of Merkel, Texas, my complete lot of household goods consisting of furniture, stoves etc. 6t2 C. W. Harris.

PASSED AN UNQUIET NIGHT

Traveler, Lost in the Bush, Was Glad to Do Without the Blessings of Slumber.

But I had never given a thought to the course I had taken in my gallop across the veldt. I kept on and on, and before long it grew dark and somewhat cold. So I dismounted, and after thinking it over, I knee-halted the horse and let him go, crept head first into a large ant-bear hole for a night's lodging, and made myself as comfortable as possible under the circumstances, using the biesbok hide for a blanket. The night was dark as pitch.

Sleep was out of question. I suppose it was the haunches and the raw hide that attracted the creatures, but before long it really seemed as if I had settled down in a village of wild pigs and insulted the whole community. To begin with, squealing incessantly, they seemed to be racing round and round in a circle, taking me for its center. Then a number of jackals drawing nearer and nearer, joined in the chorus. But I soon discovered that if I disliked the noise I fairly dreaded the silence. During the quiet spells I knew that something was chewing industriously at the projecting ends of the raw hide in which I was enveloped. It was hard work for me to keep from kicking incessantly, but whenever I rested for a minute the chewing developed into vigorous tugs, the significance of which it was easy for one in my position to appreciate.

However, I kicked the night through in safety, and early in the morning, to my delight, I found my hole a short distance away, nibbling contentedly at his breakfast.—Atlantic Monthly.

Few, if any, medicines, have met with the uniform success that has attended the use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. The remarkable cures of colic which it has effected in almost every neighborhood have given it a wide reputation. For sale by all dealers.

CLASSIFIED ADS

STOCK FOR SALE—Two mares and three horses. All gentle and in good shape. Joel H. Counts. 13t2

FOR SALE—A few young White Orpington cockerels. Mrs. W. L. Diltz 13t3

LOST—Somewhere in Merkel open-face gold watch. Reward for return to me or Merkel Mail office. T. J. Toombs. 13t2

DANGER IN DELAY

Kidney Diseases Are Too Dangerous for Merkel People to Neglect

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

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

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

How Hot Is Lava?

To ascertain the temperature of lava as it is emitted from a volcano has baffled many scientists. The Roman academy has just published the results of the investigations made by Giovanni Platania during the eruption of Etna last year.

The eruption began September 19 and the scientist was unable to approach the mountain for ten days, when one crater was still in action. He camped as near as he could to this crater, close to a stream of lava flowing about a yard a second.

Using the new "telescope pyrometer," he got temperatures for the surface of the lava flow of all the way from 1,010 to 1,420 degrees.

A second series of observations, taken at a distance of a dozen feet, gave figures as high as 1,500 degrees. The estimates are that the incandescent lava, as it comes directly from the crater, has a temperature not less than 2,200 degrees.

A LIVER MEDICINE THAT BEATS CALOMEL

Dodson's Liver-Tone Does the Same Work as Calomel Without Making You Sick. It is vegetable, Tastes Good and Never Fails.

Everybody who has ever taken calomel knows what a strong drug it is. Calomel spurs the tired liver as if it were a tired horse, and while the liver works harder for a little while, it is soon weaker than ever.

Dodson's Liver-Tone is a vegetable tonic that gently induces the most sluggish liver to work. Taking it is followed by no bad after-effects. No restriction of habit or diet necessary. For either children or grown people.

Rust & McCauley sell a large bottle of Dodson's Liver-Tone for fifty cents and guarantees it to be a perfect substitute for calomel and will give you your money back if it disappoints you.

Terrible Ordeal.

"It was perfectly frightful," said Chubbleigh. "There we ran at top speed around the corner, and the first thing I knew we dashed plumb into that grocer's wagon. I guess it must have held a hundred dozen eggs."

"Oh, well, that wasn't so bad, was it?" said Hicks. "You could afford to pay for 'em, couldn't you?"

"Oh, it wasn't that," said Chubbleigh, with a shudder. "But I don't believe there was a good egg in the whole lot." —Harper's Weekly.

If you knew of the real value of Chamberlain's Liniment for lame back, soreness of the muscles, sprains, and rheumatic pains, you would never wish to be without it. For sale by all dealers.

District Convention.

The readers of the Mail are hereby informed of the meeting of the State District Sunday School Convention for our district, which has been appointed by the state committee to meet at Snyder, Texas, Oct. 25-27, 1912.

The homes of Snyder will be open to the delegates and visitors, who according to the rule governing all these conventions, will be furnished with room and breakfast, paying for the noon and evening meals at the regular eating houses of the town which will give a reasonable and uniform rate. Special rates over all roads will be secured and the expense reduced to such a small figure no one can afford to miss this great gathering.

Something Extraordinary

A personally conducted first-class Special Train Excursion through the Rocky Mountains to the famous Yellowstone National Park and return, under the auspices of "The Campus" the new monthly magazine of the Southern Methodist University, at low rates and consuming about 15 days. (tickets will be good until October 31st for returning and allowing stop-overs enroute) will leave Dallas and Fort Worth August 12th. For complete itinerary, expense particulars and photographic literature illustrative of the journey's superb attractions, free of cost address Frank Reedy, Bursar, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

Tantalum Pens.

Pens for writing purposes are being manufactured today in Germany by a process which is exciting some curiosity. The trouble found with steel pens is that they oxidize easily and the ink sticks to them. This fault is not to be found with gold pens; but, on the other hand, these are too flexible to be entirely satisfactory. Moreover, in order to form a point suitable for writing purposes, the material of that part of the pen has to be mixed with some hard metal like iridium and this operation is both complicated and expensive. This new pen is of tantalum and comes to the manufacturer in the form of a black powder. The pen that is made from this has the tenacity of steel and the flexibility of gold.—Harper's Weekly.

Best Treatment for a Burn.

If for no other reason, Chamberlain's Salve should be kept in every household on account of its great value in the treatment of burns. It allays the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a severe one, heals the parts without leaving a scar. This salve is also unequalled for chapped hands, sore nipples and diseases of the skin. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

Opened His Eyes.

Sweet Master Chaucer Epicus and Amaryllis fair, went strolling by the mill-stream—a most idyllic pair. "My loveliest of loves!" broke forth the swain's excited muse. "Permit me to extol the charms which thus I, soul enthuse. Your little ears, so shelly pink, for lovers' praise were made; no fairy feet than thine more neat, e'er tripped o'er moon-lit glade; your eyes are like twin stars of night; like fine-spun gold's your hair; your lips put Cupid's bow to scorn; your teeth are past compare." But here a playful gust of wind came gayly through the trees, and whisked his darling's hat and hair away upon its breeze! Alas! why did the maiden then permit herself to shout, and cause her lover added pain to see her teeth fall out!

A Certain Shot on Chills.

I have been using your Cheathams' Chill Tonic in my family for some time and can say it is a certain shot on Chills, says J. B. Blackshear, Lewisville, La. Money promptly refunded if it fails to cure. Price 50c. Sold by all dealers. An excellent tonic for invalids and feeble persons. Prepared only by A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Get Grimes' goat—buy soap now.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Special on soap at Grimes.

Go to the Tin Shop for pipe fittings.

Mrs. L. E. Kade was visiting in Abilene Tuesday.

Pate & Son Barbers are in line for a share of your business.

W. H. Laney was a business visitor in Abilene Wednesday.

A Basket of Soap for 50 cents at Grimes Drug Store.

Jack Cannon will leave in a few days for a prospecting trip on the plains.

When you are in town spend the evening at the Airdome and enjoy the pictures.

Mrs. Will Compton came in Wednesday from the west to visit friends in Merkel for a few days.

Miss Susie Viszes of Hamlin spent last week here the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stevens.

Miss Eva Calvert left last week for Sweetwater where she will attend school for the ensuing term.

Mrs. T. E. Collins visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Leamon of Trent the first of the week.

Mrs. C. E. Bradley left for Anson Tuesday where she went to attend a meeting of the Home Mission Society.

Miss Nora Wagnol of Balmorhea left for her home last week after a visit here with Miss Maxie Banner.

Mrs. R. Connor left Monday for De Leon to visit her sister Mrs. Clint Connor. She will be away some six weeks.

R. A. McNeese left Sunday for Marshal where he goes to accept a position as ward principal in the schools of that place.

Miss Christina Frederickson of Tayahvale left Monday for Dallas where she will visit for a short while before returning to her home.

This and next week is moving time for the people of Merkel, so many changes being made as the result of people coming here for the benefit of our public school system.

Judge and Mrs. W. T. Potter are vacating the Woodroof home for another residence in the southern part of our city and the former place will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Woodroof.

Mrs. Oscar Rhode of Houston came in Wednesday to visit her son W. H. Kendrick and to look after property she has in the Merkel country. Mrs. Rhode will be in Merkel several days.

Mayor and Mrs. C. D. Mims are moving into the O'Brian residence on Oak street and the Harris home being vacated by them will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

Mrs. Ellen Davis of the Castle Peak community left Tuesday morning for Haskell by the way of Abilene. Mrs. Davis received a message telling her of the death of her mother.

Hon. J. C. Mason of Deport stopped off here Tuesday enroute home from Cloudercroft, New Mexico where he has been for some time. Mr. Mason has some interests in the Merkel county that he is looking after.

Mrs. T. P. Anderson and brother F. M. Collins of Lynnville, Tenn., who have been here visiting their brother J. A. Collins of this place for some time, left for their home Monday morning.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

The Philathea class of the First Baptist church and a few friends met at the home of Mrs. W. A. Scott Sept. 5 from 5 to 7 to pack a box for the "Class Baby" of Buckner's Orphan Home. About twenty-five little garments were brought.

After packing the box a short business session was held and it was decided that the Philathea's would pay for one of the 47 tables needed in the home. Several musical numbers were rendered before the invitation came to "Come to the lawn." Here all entered into a contest that proved to be a most pleasing diversion. This was followed by a water melon cutting. Then came the spreading of a delicious and tempting luncheon, picnic style, on the lawn. Those present were Misses Margie, Clara and Murtice Saffle, Maggie Wheeler, Winnie Warren, Clementine Barker, Ova, Dovie and Mary Teaff, Ola and Lulu Sharp, Susie Penn, Maud Martin, Virginia Hamblet, Jessie Sutphen, Mattie Paylor, Era Brady, Irene Swann, Grace Perkins of Houston, Alice Williams of Abilene, Essie Seat of Winnsboro, Mesdames Wesley Edwards, Claud Whitley and the hostess and little Miss Louise Scott.

Mrs. J. G. Jackson and children, Miss Mabel Collins and Miss Agnes Hall were in Abilene last week the guests of Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Hollis and Mrs. M. B. Hanks. After spending a few pleasant days in Abilene Dr. L. W. Hollis, Jr., and Mrs. Jackson entertained a week end house party at the country club north of Abilene. Fishing boating, dancing and swimming with excursions to the water melon patch were the principal amusements. Every one enjoyed the outing and loathed the thoughts of the hot city with its sand storms. Those attending the house party were Misses Agnes Hall, Mable Collins, Juanita Young, Mesdames Hollis Roberts, King Roberts, Laura G. Roberts, Jones, J. G. Jackson, little Miss Evelyn Jackson, Messrs. Sayles, Scott Hollis, John Guitart, Jr., Jones, Creed, Fletcher, King and Hollis Roberts and Master John Dick Jackson.

Mrs. W. M. Jenkins was the Tuesday afternoon hostess to the Needlework Circle. Embroidery, hem stitching, crocheting and knitting were some of the work brought. Its a rule that every one must work. Numerous household subjects were under discussion. Ideas were exchanged as to the best method of simplifying various duties. Mrs. Jenkins assisted by Miss Ethel Jenkins served cream and cake to Misses Willie Bigham, Maud Martin, Annie T. Daniel, Jackie Jennings, Ova Teaff, Kittie Lou Jenkins. Mesdames John D. Gaither, Fred Bigham, Lanier Brown, Wesley Edwards, W. H. Dickson, Claud Bigham, J. W. Jennings, O. W. Williams. The circle will meet next week with Mrs. J. G. Jackson.

The W. C. T. U. rendered a very interesting program Monday afternoon at the Baptist church. Quite a number were in attendance and all enjoyed the program very much. The song by the Misses Jennings and also the one by the Misses Saffle were highly appreciated. After the program new officers were elected as follows: Mrs. W. M. O'Brian president, Mrs. Jim Dennis vice-president, Mrs. R. L. Krigbaum secretary, Mrs. H. T. Merritt corresponding secretary, Mrs. Hamilton treasurer. We were favored with a very interesting talk from Prof. Krigbaum.

A delightful and pleasant evening was spent in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sears Saturday evening when Misses Pet and Mossie Sears, Winnie Warren, Mattie Paylor and Cleo Wilson Bowler and Messrs. Bud Sears, Virgil Touchstone and Dr. J. M. Green met and made candy, played games and enjoyed the delicious cake and cream served by the hostess.

An article that has real merit should in time become popular. That such is the case with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been attested by many dealers. Here is one of them. H. W. Hendrickson, Ohio Falls, Ind., writes, "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best for coughs, colds and croup, and it is my best seller." For sale by all dealers.

Miscellaneous Shower.

Mrs. P. T. Allday and daughter Miss Ezma were joyfully showered at the home of Mrs. A. D. Templeton Saturday afternoon. Their many friends wanting to be of temporary assistance to them in the face of the misfortune they had had in losing most everything in the home by fire, heaped upon Mrs. Allday and Miss Ezma a remembrance in the way of various house furnishings and articles of wearing apparel together with their sympathy and regret that such a calamity should befall one of their friends.

Nineteen Miles a Second.

without a jar, shock or disturbance, is the awful speed of our earth through space. We wonder at such ease of nature's movement, and so do those who take Dr. King's New Life Pills. No griping, no distress, just thorough work that brings good health and fine feelings. 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

The members of the Five Hundred club were pleasantly entertained Friday afternoon Sept. 6 at the home of Mrs. Fred Bigham. Three tables had been arranged and marked with dainty score cards while individual score was kept on the pretty score cards given to each. Miss Willie Bigham came in time to assist the hostess in serving angel's food and delicious sherbet to Misses Elma Sheppard, Annie T. Daniel, Agnes Hall, Maud Martin, Mesdames Lanier Brown, Deavenport Gaither, G. G. Knight, of Fort Worth, W. H. Dickson, J. G. Jackson. Miss Daniel will be the next hostess.

E. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject—Good Citizenship. Leader—Miss Winnie Warren. Song No. 143. Prayer. Song No. 91. Scripture reading Rom. 12:10; 2:1. Leader. Paper, "Am I my Sister's Keeper?,"—Miss Margie Saffle. Song No. 3. Paper, Conduct and influence of officials of high rank—Miss Dollie Teaff. Our Country's Greatest Need—B. H. Moore. Solo—Miss Ova Teaff. Announcements and Benediction.

To Mothers—and Others.

You can use Bucklin's Arnica Salve to cure children of eczema, rashes, tetter, chafings, scaly and crusted humors, as well as their accidental injuries,—cuts, burns, bruises, etc., with perfect safety. Nothing else heals so quickly. For boils, ulcers, old, running or fever sores or piles it has no equal. 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

League Program.

Subject, "The Attestation of Scripture." Leader—Ernest Duckett. Scripture reading, Mark 1, 10-11; John 1, 45; Luke 24, 7. Song. Prayer. Song. Talk by leader. Discussion of Topic Events.—Frank Smith. Sentence Prayers. Reading Epworth Visitor. Prayer. Miscellaneous. Benediction.

No Calomel Necessary.

The injurious effect and unpleasantness of taking Calomel is done away with by Simmons' Liver Purifier, the mildest known liver medicine, yet the most thorough in action. Put up in yellow tin boxes only. Price 25c. Tried once, used always.

Lucky to Get Anything.

The law of the land had spoken, and the verdict was \$5,000 damages. "Five thousand dollars!" muttered the senior partner in the legal firm who had managed the plaintiff's case. "Not so bad." "I think it pretty good," said the junior partner. "How much shall we give our client?" "H'm! Say \$300," said the senior thoughtfully. "No, stop a minute!" "Well?" "We mustn't be too hasty," said the successful lawyer slowly. "Perhaps you'd better write and promise to pay him the three hundred."

The Merkel Mail and Dallas S-W Farm News, both one year. \$1.65.

INAUGURATION OF IRON AGE

Authorities Differ as to the Time and Place of its First Introduction to the World.

Some authorities incline to the view that the iron age was inaugurated in Asia or in Africa. The investigations of recent years have pointed to the conclusion that it was not worked in Egypt until the ninth century before Christ, or in Libya until 450 B. C.; that the Semite adopted its use still later, and that it has been known in Uganda only within the last five or six centuries. There are Chinese records of date about four centuries before Christ that mention iron. Bronze weapons were employed in China until about 700 A. D.

It is thought that the metallurgy of iron must have originated in Central Europe, especially in Noricum, which approximately represented modern Austria and Bavaria. Only at Hallstatt and in Bosnia and Transylvania, from which countries the Achaean and Dorians are supposed to have migrated to Hellas, are found evidences of a gradual introduction of iron, at first as an ornament applied to the bronze which it ultimately replaced. Everywhere else iron was introduced in no gradual fashion, a fact that implies a foreign origin.

Meteoric iron was known in Egypt in remote antiquity, but no doubt it was worked as flints are worked, by cutting or chipping, and was not smelted. In other words, it was the metallurgy, not the knowledge of iron, that originated in Central Europe.

Running up and down stairs, sweeping and bending over making beds will not make a woman healthy or beautiful. She must get out of doors, walk a mile or two every day and take Chamberlain's Tablets to improve her digestion and regulate her bowels. For sale by all dealers.

JUST A MERE SUGGESTION

Huby's Plait, However, Threatened to Develop into a First-Class Family Spat.

"Gertrude!" "Yes, John." "We've been married long enough now to talk plainly to each other." "What's the matter now?" "If I do something you don't like I want you to tell me of it, and if you do things I don't like I think I ought to tell you of them, too." "I suppose I don't suit you at all?" "Yes you do, but I think we ought to talk over our likes and dislikes. In that way we can get along so much better." "John, I want you to understand right now that I was brought up every bit as well as you, and know how to behave. And as to my cooking, I can do as well as your mother ever did." "I had hoped that you wouldn't lose your temper. But if you're going to act this way we may as well drop the matter right here." "What is the matter, anyhow?" "I only wanted to suggest that when you darn my socks it would be better for me if you would tie the knots on the outside, instead of the inside."

The implicit confidence that many people have in Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is founded on their experience in the use of that remedy and their knowledge of the many remarkable cures of colic, diarrhoea and dysentery that it has effected. For sale by all dealers.

Advertisement for printing services featuring an illustration of a man shouting. Text: "We're Shouting about the excellent quality of our printing. We don't care what the job may be, we are equipped to turn it out to your satisfaction. If we can't, we'll tell you so frankly. Let Us Convince You"

Merkel Mail \$1.00 per Year.

Don't Suffer!

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

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

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

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

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. 1 60

SCHOOL DAYS

Stationery for School Children. Tablets, the big kind for a nickel. Pencils by the bunch.

To the first 200 School Children making 10 cent purchases of School Supplies from our store we will give a 5 cent package of popcorn free.

Make our place headquarters for your school materials. Send your children and let us wait on them.

The Elite Confectionery

ICE AND COAL

In connection with my ice business I have leased the coal sheds of Jno. B. Bell for the ensuing winter months and have in stock already two grades at \$6.00 and \$8.50 per ton. These prices will hold good through September. Place your order now for winter coal. I will keep three grades of coal at all times so as to supply my patrons with coal at desired prices.

H. M. WARREN THE ICE AND COAL MAN

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is always the cheapest. Good service from good Tailors. Try me for the best.

C. L. Cash The Tailor



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IN EACH TOWN and district to ride and exhibit a sample Latest Model "Ranger" bicycle furnished by us. Our agents everywhere are making money fast. **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.

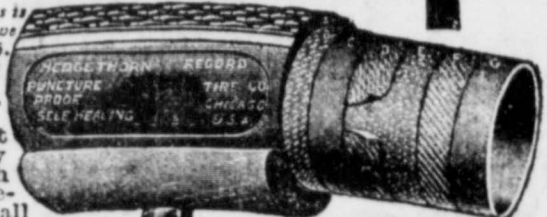
FACTORY PRICES possible to make at one small profit above actual factory cost. You save \$10 to \$25 middlemen's profits by buying direct of us and have the manufacturer's guarantee behind your bicycle. **DO NOT BUY** a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone at any price until you receive our catalogues and learn our unheard of factory prices and remarkable special offers to rider agents.

YOU WILL BE ASTONISHED when you receive our beautiful catalogue and study our superb models at the **lowest** fully low prices we can make you this year. We sell the highest grade bicycles for less money than any other factory. We furnish the highest grade bicycles in its **FACTORY PRICES** 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.

COASTER-BRAKES, single wheels, imported roller-chains and pedals, parts, repairs and equipment of all kinds at half the regular retail price.

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

The regular retail price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but to introduce us we will sell you a sample pair for \$4.80 cash with order \$1.55. **NO MORE TROUBLE FROM PUNCTURES** while you ride. They will not let the air out. A hundred thousand pairs sold last year. **DESCRIPTION:** 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 thin, 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 5 per cent (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 is safe 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 better 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 Puncture-Proof tires on approval and trial at the special introductory price 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 price. **DO NOT WAIT** but 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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CATTLE SHIPMENT LARGEST IN YEARS

The largest bunch of cattle to be shipped from the Merkel county in one consignment in many years left here Tuesday night for Fort Worth.

There were six hundred head of cattle in the bunch, making twenty-two cars, and had been on pasture in the upper Canyon country for some time and on being brought to the cattle pens were accompanied by every available cow-puncher in the country together with some outside riders who gave their services just to be in with the excitement.

Even to the old timers the sight of six hundred head of cattle seemed a little unusual, for during the past few years farming has gradually taken the place of stock raising in this country, but there is yet thousands of acres of the mountain country here available to stock raising where farming would be a failure.

Miss Agnes Hall was a visitor in Abilene this week the guest of Mrs. Edgar Wade.

School books are cash at Burroughs.

REAL FOUNTAIN OF PUNCH

Provided by a British Officer in 1694 for the Entertainment of Six Thousand Guests.

Some of the papers have recently devoted attention to the origin of punch, that famous seventeenth century drink which has long lost its popularity in this country, though it still survives to some extent in Europe.

Owing to its intimate connection with rum one might easily have imagined that punch originated in the West Indies. In fact, however, it actually came from the East Indies and the name is said to be derived from the Sanskrit "panscha," five, on account of its five ingredients—arrak (afterward rum), tea, sugar, lemon and hot water.

The most magnificent bowl of punch the world has ever seen was probably that provided by the Right Hon. Edward Russel, who, when commanding the British forces in the Mediterranean in 1694, entertained 6,000 guests at Alicante, where a large marble fountain was filled with the liquor, the ingredients being:

Four hogsheads of brandy, a pipe of Malaga wine, 2,500 lemons, 20 gallons of lime juice, 8 hogsheads of water, 5 pounds of grated nutmegs in weight, 300 toasted biscuits and 13 hundredweight of fine white sugar.

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Because the doctor did not put on his seven-league boots and start the minute he heard there was a sick child in the neighborhood, the woman who had summoned him accused him of inhumanity. But the doctor protested that he was not inhuman.

"I am not anxious to respond," he said, "because the parents will not do anything I tell them to and will get a doctor more to their liking later in the day. How do I know? You are good as told me so yourself. You said the youngster was a scientifically reared baby; never knew a kiss or a cuddle or a germ or a tummyache until the present attack. Scientific babies are the despair of old-fashioned practitioners. The kinds of babies he is used to are those that depend mostly upon mothering to make them well. If an old-fashioned baby bumps his head or stubs his toe or mashes his thumb, just let mother kiss the bruise and it will stop hurting. Having been brought up on such nonsensical notions and believing in them still to a certain extent, there is no denying that in treating the new-style baby the old doctor is not a great success."

Most Popular Character.

Charles Dickens once received an invitation to a "Walter Scott" party, each guest being expected to attend in the character of one or another of Scott's heroes. On the evening night, however, greatly to the astonishment of the assembled Rob Roys and Waverleys, Dickens turned up in ordinary evening dress and apparently quite unconcerned. At length the host, who was feeling uneasy, came up to the novelist and inquired:

"Pray, Mr. Dickens, what character of Scott's can you possibly be supposed to represent?"

"Character!" said Dickens. "Why, sir, a character you will find in every one of Scott's novels. I," he went on, smiling, "am the 'gentle reader.'"

Largest Flying Fish.

The largest flying fish on record was served up for breakfast on the British warship Ardeola a short time ago. The Ardeola was homeward bound and was off the Canary Islands when a large school of flying fish was observed. They were apparently in full flight from some deep sea enemy and traveling rapidly. As the ship met and passed them several flew on board and were seized by the crew as welcome additions to the mess. One of the fish measured 19 inches; the largest flying fish ever seen before the Ardeola's catch have never exceeded 10 inches. The big one was fried for the captain's breakfast. Flying fish are very palatable and taste like trout.

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In This Paper

MERKEL DOINGS IN COUNTY COURT

Abilene, Texas, Sept. 7.—The August-September term of Taylor county court adjourned sine die this afternoon, after having disposed of many civil cases and a number of criminal cases.

Several cases on the juvenile docket were also tried.

Following are the cases disposed of since last report:

J. K. Cauthen vs. T. & P. Ry. Co., suit for damages, judgement for plaintiff for \$24.72.

R. H. Collins vs. T. & P. Ry. Co., suit for damages, continued by agreement.

M. L. McDonald vs. Pecos and North Texas Ry. Co., et al suit for damages, judgement for plaintiff against defendants jointly for \$100.

Jno. L. Burns vs. W. B. Hale, suit for commission, continued by agreement.

Hamblett & Rogers vs. E. A. Click suit on note, defendant's appeal from J. P. Court dismissed.

ORIGIN OF FAMOUS PHRASE

Belief that Common Political Term Sprang From a Horse Race Held in Tennessee.

The political term "dark horse" is thought to have had its origin in the following circumstances: In the last century there lived in Tennessee a "character" named Flynn, an elderly person who dealt in horses. Flynn generally contrived to own a speedy nag or two for racing purposes if he could arrange for "a good thing" during his peregrinations throughout the state.

The best of Flynn's flyers was a coal black stallion named Dusky Pete, almost a thoroughbred and able to go in the best of company.

One day Flynn visited a town where a race meeting was in progress. He entered Pete. The people, knowing nothing of the horse's antecedents and not being over impressed by his appearance, backed the local favorite heavily against the stranger.

Just as the beasts were being saddled for the race, a certain Judge McMinamee, who was the "oracle" of that part of the state, arrived on the course and was made one of the race judges.

As he took his place on the stand he was told of the folly of the owner of the strange entry. Running his eye over the track the judge instantly recognized Pete. "Gentlemen," said McMinamee, "there's a dark horse in this race, as you'll soon find out."

He was right. Pete, "the dark horse," lay back until the three-quarter pole was reached, when he went to the front with a rush and won the race.

ARMY STYLES NEW TO HER

Conscientious Laundress Meant Well, but Her First Efforts Utterly Failed to Please.

At the army post a new laundry had been installed and the management was specially anxious to please and advised that mending would be included in the work. The major was equally willing to be pleased and sent, among other things, a suit of duck as a first installment. The army officer's washable coats have buttons, but these are not sewed on. Instead, small eyelets are worked in the coat and the shanks of the regulation buttons are pushed through these holes, being held in place by brass rings on the other side. Before being laundered these buttons and rings are removed, to be put in place again after the wash. When the major's coat was returned from the new laundry the eyelets had been carefully sewed up and a bright brass button had been sewed firmly over each. Also the seams of the major's riding breeches, which open from just above the knees to just below, to admit of adjustment over the knees, had been sewed up so tightly that it took the major's wife half a day to rip them. The earnest and conscientious laundress thereupon received a course of special instruction pertaining to the requirements of the U. S. A.

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Inkum Items.

The cotton crop is turning out some better than was expected.

Miss Ora and Nellie Travis attended the singing convention at Buffalo Gap Sunday.

Rev. Chas. Annis who has been holding a meeting at Buffalo Gap filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Pollock of Moro stopped at Inkum Friday enroute to Merkel.

Sam Dudley and Marvin Cox attended an entertainment at Hobbeman's store Thursday night.

Dave Anderson of Mount Pleasant was in this section hunting for cotton pickers Wednesday.

Mrs. O. L. Owens who has been visiting relatives in Thurber for several weeks returned home Friday.

The farmers are busy picking cotton and cotton pickers are in demand.

The farmers are marketing their cotton at Buffalo Gap, Merkel and Ovalo.

R. A. Hill carried a load of fine potatoes to View and Merkel Tuesday.

The meeting at Bethel closed Sunday night.

Repels Attack of Death.

"Five years ago two doctors told me I had only two years to live." This startling statement was made by Stillman Green, Malachite, Col. "They told me I would die with consumption. It was up to me then to try the best lung medicine and I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery. It was well I did, for today I am working and believe I owe my life to this great throat and lung cure that has cheated the grave of another victim." Its folly to suffer with coughs, colds or other throat and lung troubles now. Take the cure that's safest. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at H. C. Burroughs.

Butman Community.

Sept. 9—Most of the farmers are glad to see the dry weather we have been having on account of having lots of cotton open in the field.

Mrs. Sam Butman left Saturday for the west. She will spend a few days in Big Springs visiting her daughter Mrs. J. B. Sloan. Then she will visit relatives and friends in Old and New Mexico and in El Paso.

Bro. Busbee filled his regular appointment at Butman Saturday and Sunday.

Butman as well as adjoining communities was well represented at the Buffalo Gap singing convention Sunday.

A house party given to Joe Bickley at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hynes was enjoyed very much by the many who were present.

Messrs. Burrus and Simpson were in our community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Petty have lately moved to the B-T ranch.

Clime Matthews of New Mexico is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Dan Matthews in our community.

Cold Blooded and Death Dealing.

Chills: Rev. James Reed, Gainesville, Texas, wrote: "I have used your Cheatham's Chill Tonic in my family and can recommend it to every one affected with Chills and Fever. It cured when various other remedies failed." As a tonic for invalids and feeble persons it has no equal. Any one buying this medicine and not pleased with it will get their money back on request. Price 50c. Sold by all dealers. Prepared only by A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Blair Echoes.

Sept. 10—Mrs. E. M. Sherman and children of Trent are here visiting the family of W. N. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Top White and Jacob Reeves left Saturday for Thalia where they will spend several weeks.

Quite a number of Blair and Nubia people attended the singing convention at Buffalo Gap Sunday. The station agent reports having sold 73 tickets.

Miss Mary Clark left last week over the T. & P. for Weatherford where she will attend school this winter.

The singing Sunday night in the home of Miss Mae Peoples was enjoyed by those who attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Clinton of Stanton are here visiting relatives.

Mrs. L. S. Harris was carried to Ab-



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ilene Tuesday to be operated on for appendicitis.

Oscar Hopper of Trent visited the family of W. N. Hall Sunday.

Mrs. O. W. Reed of Weaver Springs was shopping at Blair Monday.

Leslie Powell of Nubia was up Sunday to see his uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Adcock.

Mrs. Mae Horten and children returned Friday from Hermleigh.

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W. A. Hellum and wife to L. R. Stanley lots 7, 8 and 9 in Warnick's addition to Merkel, \$800.

L. R. Porter of Panola Co., to Mrs. M. E. Simpson part of block 6 of the original Sheppard's addition to Merkel, \$500.

M. V. McLeod of Shawnee, Okla., to P. E. Glenn of Fort Worth lot 10 block 23, Merkel, \$1250.

A. E. Hendrix to T. H. Hampton of Callahan county part lots 10 and 11 in block 17 town of Merkel also lots 10, 11 and 12 in block 17 in Grimmitt addition to Merkel, \$1000.

Already Accomplished.

A reader asked the sage for advice, saying:

"I am engaged to Kate Murphy, but my former fiancée, Kate Dooley, threatens to sue me for breach of promise. Can you advise me how to extricate myself from this difficulty?"

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