

Mr. Busy Farmer!

WHAT IS YOUR TIME WORTH FOR A DAY

To the average farmer \$5.00 would be a very conservative estimate where the use of a team is brought in. By making the use of the new **PARCEL POST SYSTEM** you can often save a trip to town when your time is needed on the farm, and at the same time you are in need of some repair part for your farm implements. An axe, a hoe, a rake and many other articles can be delivered to your office or box on any Route if such package does not weigh over 11 pounds.

THE COST OF DELIVERY

For one-pound packages the cost is 5c on all routes leading out of Merkel, and for each additional pound 1c additional is charged, making an 11-pound package cost 15 cents. For deliveries at Noodle, Stith, Blair, Trent, Dora and all routes out of towns within 50 miles of Merkel, the cost of delivery is 5c for the first pound on one package and three cents for each additional pound.

Phone us Your Wants. : : We Prepay the Postage.

Anchor Hardware Company

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

See us in our new home. The Elite.

E. P. McMillen was in Abilene Monday on business.

Window and door glass at Burroughs Drug Store.

R. E. Bowles and W. O. Boney were in Abilene Tuesday on business.

Listen people, don't weep, Whitley Boy's still have Oriole flour.

Mrs. R. B. Bryan of Route two was a pleasant caller at the Mail office last week.

Cord Wood for sale, 5 miles northwest of Merkel. Phone H. F. Richards. 10:4pd

Miss Ova Teaff returned from Troy Monday where she visited friends and relatives during the holidays.

Look for our ad about the piano contest in next weeks paper. West Texas Hardware Company.

Austin Fitts is in Snyder this week looking after the opening of a gent's furnishing store at that place.

We buy 90 per cent of the produce that comes to Merkel. Bring us your produce we pay the highest prices. The Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Miss Ellen Daugherty of Patriok, Ark., and Miss Lillian Hall of, Van Horn are here for the week, the guests of Miss Willie Bigham.

Motion Pictures at the Opera House every Friday night and Saturday night.

Parcel Post Service FOR OUR MANY CUSTOMERS

Beginning January 1, 1913, this store started a delivery of goods by Parcel Post whenever requested to do so.

Uncle Sam has effected arrangements whereby packages weighing up to eleven pounds and measuring not to exceed seventy-one inches, all dimensions added together, can be delivered at your door.

This means that you can call up this store or drop us a card and receive from us the article wanted the next time the mail carrier passes your door.

If you need new collars, a shirt, gloves, a hat, or even a suit of clothes, and will give us an idea of what you want, together with the sizes, etc., we will see that you get it.

All goods will be shipped on approval.

The charges from our store to your residence will be as follows on all purchases under \$1.00:

First pound	Each additional pound	11 pounds
5c	1c	15c

We will deliver free of all postage charges, merchandise to the amount of \$1 and over.

Our telephone number is 31. Yours truly

Special Reductions in all Departments for the Balance of January

W. D. WOODRUFF & COMPANY

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

See us in our new home. The Elite

Jim Black was in Abilene on business Tuesday.

Whitley Boys still sell syrup at 10 per cent discount.

B. H. Wheeler attended to business matters in Abilene Monday.

We appreciate any or all of your drug trade. Burroughs Drug Store.

P. B. Causseaux is reported quite sick at his home in south Merkel.

Sauer kraut, barrel pickles, cabbage, all fresh. The Cash Grocery Co.

Mrs. J. C. Buford of Abilene returned to her home Tuesday after a short visit with the family of J. A. Buford.

Make yourself comfortable in our new home, the building formerly occupied by the Star Store. The Elite.

T. D. Still and son Albert of Lipan, Hood county were here last week visiting the family of J. G. Hale.

Begin the New Year by buying a sack of Light Crust Flour. It is better and does not cost any more. The Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Presiding Elder Ferguson Abilene preached two very strong and effective sermons for the regular Sunday services at the Methodist church.

Motion Pictures at the Opera House every Friday night and Saturday night.

SOCIETY

MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson Entertain.

The hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson was the scene of a brilliant social event Friday evening when Mr. and Mrs. Johnson received in honor of the Merkel teachers and a few of their friends. Holiday colors of red and green were used in the decorations while Christmas bells were used to hold fast the garlands as they gracefully swung to and fro.

Mrs. H. L. Rudmose of Fort Worth Miss Evelyn Williams, Mrs. Wesley Edwards and Miss Fannie Burroughs rendered choice instrumental selections, while Mrs. Rudmose and Dorothy Lee Potter gave voice numbers. Various parlor games were both engaging and fascinating.

At a late hour Mrs. Johnson served a tempting and delicious two-course luncheon to Prof. and Mrs. R. L. Krigbaum, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Will Woodroof, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harkrider, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams, Mesdames H. L. Rudmose, W. T. Potter, Misses Louise Schmid, E. Love Hawkins, Josephine Sanders, Mattie Murphy, Melissa Smith, Maude Jenkins, May and Willie Valentine, Orra Long, Jewel Garrett, Louise Stuart Roe, Mae White, Evelyn Williams, Fannie Burroughs, Duncan Browning, Dorothy Lee Potter, Myrtle Connor of Baird, Messrs. Ben T. Merritt, John Briggs, Booth Warren, Eugene Potter, DeVerle and Marion Johnson.

The guests of honor were called on for special stunts. Miss Smith's answer to a question direct was the hit of the evening. Dainty souvenirs were given to the teachers.

Twentieth Century Questions.

Questions on act V. King John.
What act of John does scene 1 present? How does the Bastard again urge the King to action? What phase of cowardice does John show? How does Lewis meet the demands of Panoph? How those of the Bastard? In what condition does scene III show the King? What has happened to the French? How does the King come to his death? What became of the revolted Nobles? Comment on the part the Bastard plays in these closing scenes.

Wedive Circle.

Mrs. W. M. Jenkins was the charming hostess Wednesday afternoon at her home on Oak street to the Wedive Circle and a number of out-of-town guests.

Mrs. Jenkins served a salad course and hot coffee to Misses Elma Shepard, Mabel Collins, Eva Williams, Willie Bigham and her guest Miss Ellen Daugherty of Patrick, Ark, Mesdames T. J. Coggin, Otho Williams, Harry Harris of Abilene, H. L. Rudmose of Fort Worth, O. B. Mitchell of Midland, M. D. Ussery of Fort Worth, Wesley Edwards, W. A. Scott, T. A. Johnson and George L. Miller. Miss Mabel Collins will be the next hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Deavenport Gaither were at home to a few friends Saturday evening. Dancing and music furnished entertainment for a delightful evening for Misses Elma and Olga Sheppard, Isla McDonald, Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Miller, Messrs. Ben Ainsworth, Otis Barnett, Tully B. Lucas and Dem Rust.

Moore-Meek.

Friday evening following Christmas Rev. J. W. Saffle was called upon to perform a marriage ceremony in which Mr. Moore of Westbrook and Miss Pearl Meek of this place were happily married.

Miss Meek is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Meek, while the groom is a prominent young man of the above mentioned city. Soon after the wedding which was a complete surprise to many of their friends Mr. and Mrs. Moore left for Westbrook where they will make their home.

The 20th century club will meet with Mrs. G. L. Hamilton, Saturday evening, January 11th at 4.30.

Well! Well!

If you want a well or a windmill or a pump fixed see J. T. Coats or phone No. 2. Feb 1-13pd



Telephone for Aid

The DOCTOR, for man or beast, is only one of those you may summon instantly by

Bell Telephone

A perfect means of guarding against emergencies and overcoming loneliness.

Now is a good time to learn how YOU can get this service.

THE Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Co. DALLAS - TEXAS



League Program.

Subject, The key of good will and the door of knowledge.

Leader—F. E. Smith.

Song.

Scripture lesson, Matt. XII, 46-50, John IV: 34.

Song, Blest be the tie that binds.

Prayer.

Leader's talk.

Song, Stand up. Stand up for Jesus.

Topic events—Simpson Christopher.

Prayer.

Reading of Epworth Visitor.

Song, Must Jesus bear the Cross alone?

General remarks on special feature.

Question box.

Announcements.

Benediction.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed; deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. adv

Marrying for Money.

"Why do you prefer Mr. Jombat to Mr. Wipfiddle? Mr. Wipfiddle has the most money."

"But Mr. Jombat has only one lung."

Fever Sores.

Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely, but should be kept in healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by all dealers. adv

Probably Not.

"The doctor says I musn't read anything exciting."

"I've brought you a nice book entitled 'How to Know the Wild Flowers.'" I don't think that will increase your heart action very much."

Insect Bite Costs Leg.

A Boston man lost his leg from the bite of an insect two years before. To avert such calamities from stings and bites of insects use Bucklen's Arnica Salve promptly to kill the poison and prevent inflammation, swelling and pain. Heals burns, boils, ulcers, piles, eczema, cuts, bruises. Only 25c at H. C. Burroughs. adv

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

C. K. RUFFEL was in Abilene one day this week on business.

Lester Ellis made his semi-monthly visit to Abilene Sunday.

R. E. Edmison of Abilene was up this week to look after property interests in the Merkel country.

Misses Willie and Ina Wheeler returned from Rule Tuesday where they visited relatives for several days.

The young baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Jud Sheppard is reported real sick this week, suffering with croup and cold.

When you want a reliable medicine for a cough or cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers. adv

Mrs. Mittie Hill returned to her home in Abilene Wednesday after spending two days with friends here.

Mrs. W. K. Horn of Abilene visited the family of R. R. Horn of the Noodle community during the first of the week.

Misses Willie Bigham and Ellen Daugherty were the guests of Miss Clara Tate in Abilene Thursday and Friday of last week.

J. W. Deskin who lives six miles north of town has been sick for several months, suffering with indigestion.

Persons troubled with partial paralysis are often very much benefited by massaging the affected parts thoroughly when applying Chamberlain's Liniment. This liniment also relieves rheumatic pains. For sale by all dealers. adv

Mrs. John Skillen of Trent returned home Tuesday after a weeks visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hutcheson.

Mrs. A. R. Tabor, of Crider, Mo., had been troubled with sick headache for about five years, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She has taken two bottles of them and they have cured her. Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach for which these tablets are especially intended. Try them, get well and stay well. For sale by all dealers. adv

Master Oran Miller is real sick this week of pneumonia at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tucker in south Merkel.

If your children are subject to attacks of croup, watch for the first symptom, hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off. For sale by all dealers. adv

We hope that our country correspondents will send us a letter for every paper during the new year. Please do this and get your letters mailed not later than Monday.

Here is a remedy that will cure your cold. Why waste time and money experimenting when you can get a preparation that has won a world-wide reputation by its cures of this disease and can always be depended upon? It is known everywhere as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and is a medicine of real merit. For sale by all dealers. adv

The building of new sheds and rearrangement of the Story Waggon Yard by the new owner Mr. Hellum has made considerable improvement in appearance and convenience of the property.

How Foolish

to suffer from skin diseases [Itch Eczema, Ringworm, etc.] when one 50c box of "Hunt's Cure" is positively guaranteed to cure or your money promptly refunded. Every retail druggist in the state stands behind this guarantee. Ask your druggist and see the guarantee with each box. You don't risk anything giving it a trial. adv

Pains All Over!

"You are welcome," says Mrs. Nora Guffey, of Broken Arrow, Okla., "to use my letter in any way you want to, if it will induce some suffering woman to try Cardui. I had pains all over, and suffered with an abscess. Three physicians failed to relieve me. Since taking Cardui, I am in better health than ever before, and that means much to me, because I suffered many years with womanly troubles, of different kinds. What other treatments I tried, helped me for a few days only."

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

Don't wait, until you are taken down sick, before taking care of yourself. The small aches and pains, and other symptoms of womanly weakness and disease, always mean worse to follow, unless given quick treatment.

You would always keep Cardui handy, if you knew what quick and permanent relief it gives, where weakness and disease of the womanly system makes life seem hard to bear. Cardui has helped over a million women. Try it.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. 151

JOHN R. DANIEL

Livery, Feed and Sale Stable
SOUTH SIDE

Automobile Service in Connection

Phone No. 44. Opposite T. & P. Depot.

MERKEL : : : : TEXAS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For City Marshal
W. N. HALL (re-election)

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND
Train No. 2, leaves Merkel.. 10:01 p. m.
Train No. 4 " " .. 11:38 a. m.
Train No. 6 " " .. 12:13 a. m.
Train No. 8 " " .. 8:15 a. m.

WEST BOUND
Train No. 1, leaves Merkel.. 4:02 a. m.
Train No. 3 " " .. 5:32 p. m.
Train No. 5 " " .. 5:26 a. m.
Train No. 7 " " .. 4:58 p. m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

Nos. 3 and 5, 4 and 6 stop at Sweetwater, Eskota, Merkel, Abilene, Clyde, Baird, Cisco, Eastland, Mingus, Weatherford and Fort Worth. West of Sweetwater all trains are locals except 3 and 4; they do not stop at Itan.

Church Directory

METHODIST CHURCH—Preaching each Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; Junior League at 3 p. m.; Senior League at 6:45 p. m.; Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:45; Womens Missionary Society each Monday at 4 p. m.
R. A. Clements, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Sunday school at 9:45; E. P. McMillen, superintendent. Excepting the first Sunday in each month there will be preaching morning and evening at the usual hours. On the first Sunday evening in each month there will be song service. Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening with International Sunday school lesson as a subject. The public cordially invited. Geo. Hamilton, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST—Preaching each 4th Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school each Sunday at 10 o'clock. Regular church services at 3 p. m. each Sunday. W. G. Cypert.

Mail Carriers Will Fly.

This is an age of great discoveries. Progress rides on the air. Soon we may see Uncle Sam's mail carriers flying in all directions, transporting mail. People take a wonderful interest in a discovery that benefits them. That's why Dr. King's New Discovery for coughs, colds and other throat and lung diseases is the most popular medicine in America. "It cured me of a dreadful cough," writes Mrs. J. F. Davis, Stickney Corner, Me. "after doctor's treatment and all other remedies had failed." For coughs, colds or any bronchial affection its unequalled. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at H. C. Burroughs. Adv

DANIEL PRINTING COMPANY

Exclusive Job Printers
Magee Building.
Prompt attention to Mail Orders.
ABILENE : : : : TEXAS

W. T. POTTER, LAWYER

Land Title and Notary Work
Office J H Thornton Building
Telephones: Office 1-8-9; Home 2-2-7
Merkel, Texas

M. ARMSTRONG, M. D.

Practicing Physician
Office at Grimes Drug Store
Merkel, Texas
Telephones: Res. 1-2; Office 1-0-5

What Makes a Woman?

One hundred and twenty pounds, more or less, of bone and muscle don't make a woman. It's a good foundation. Put into it health and strength and she may rule a kingdom. But that's just what Electric Bitters give her. Thousands bless them for overcoming fainting and dizzy spells and for dispelling weakness, nervousness, backache and tired, listless, wornout feeling. "Electric Bitters have done me a world of good," writes Eliza Pool, Depew, Okla., "and I thank you with all my heart for making such a good medicine." Only 50c. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs. adv

The Choice of a Husband

is too important a matter for a woman to be handicapped by weakness, bad blood or foul breath. Avoid these kill-hopes by taking Dr. King's Life Pills. New strength, fine complexion, pure breath cheerful spirits—things that win men—follow their use. Easy, safe, sure. 25c at H. C. Burroughs. adv

Pneumonia and Pleurisy.

For over thirty years Hunt's Lightning Oil has been acknowledged to be a very quick relief when rubbed well on the chest. Many hundred letters testify to the benefit it has given others. Why not try it? All druggists, 25c and 50c bottle. adv

Calomel is Bad

but Simmons' Liver Purifier is delightfully pleasant and its action is thorough. Constipation yields, biliousness goes. A trial convinces. (In yellow tin boxes only.) Tried once, used always. adv

ABILENE'S PROGRESSIVE STORE

And Uncle Sam's Parcel Post

To Our Friends and Customers in the Merkel Country:

On January 1st the government inaugurated its long needed Parcel Post—or the delivery of large parcels through the post at a minimum charge.

The Parcel Post will include all R. F. D., Star and City routes. Parcels will be collected and delivered just as letters are now.

We are going to make the Parcel Post an immense benefit to people living in the Abilene trade zone by installing a first-class Mail Order Department and facilitate their shopping at this store by mail or phone without leaving their homes. We will prepay postage on all packages sent through the Parcel Post, and if the goods bought prove unsatisfactory, return them to us through the Parcel Post and we will refund to you the postage it costs you to do so.

Parcels up to 11 pounds in weight may be sent through the post. A parcel may measure 6 feet "over all"—in other words, it may measure 3 feet in width and 3 feet in breadth. This embraces nearly every sort of merchandise, so you can order whatever you want from us and be sure of its prompt delivery—without extra cost to you.

A special department has been equipped and installed to care for all orders sent and received by mail, and the promptest and most efficient service is assured.

Let us serve you by mail at any time, and when in Abilene come in and see how well we are prepared to serve you from the largest and best stock in the West.

Minter Dry Goods Co.

"ABILENE'S PROGRESSIVE STORE"

ABILENE, TEXAS



Money Flies Away

from the "nappers." Do not let another panic find you asleep. Deposit your account with us and it cannot take wings and fly away.

HECTORED BY THE BRAVE

finds fortune a willing slave. It is only the weak and easily discouraged who have the net of adverse circumstances bound so tightly about them. This Bank loans on approved collateral.

Commercial National Bank
ABILENE, TEXAS

Another Modern Awning.

G. E. Comeys has let a contract for a new modern awning and the improvement of the front of the brick building recently bought of Frank Ferrier. This improvement will leave but very old style awnings on main street and here is hoping that new year will see the last go and then we will have a lot to compare in looks with in the state. It helps business as much as looks.

F. Groene, our enterprising photographer was in Waco and Fort Worth on business this week. The Merkel photographer is after some big contracts for panoram pictures. He has one of the latest machines made and become one of the best artists in the state for making large maps and scenic photos.

GO HOME AND

TELL YOUR FOLKS ABOUT C. L. CASH'S
NEW TAILOR SHOP



The place where the noted Bruner Woolens are being shown—500 patterns to select from.

The place where first-class alteration work is done. Cleaning and pressing a specialty. Special attention to ladies work.

C. L. CASH

First Door East of Rust & McCauley Drug Co.



L. E. Sanders has bought the interest of Ed Turner in the Owl restaurant. Mr. Sanders will continue the business at the same place and make additional improvements for serving his growing patronage and the latter is contemplating going to south Texas.

We will deliver goods to your mail box, on all purchases to the amount of \$1.00 or over. Phone or write us your wants. W. D. Woodroof & Company.

J. B. Rosson who left the Merkel country a year or more ago for Tennessee has returned and rented the W. S. Smelser place south of Merkel where he will make a crop this year.

Card of Thanks.

From the depths of our broken hearts we want to thank our many friends for every expression of sympathy, every word and loving deed said or done during our great sorrow. May blessings come to the noble physician who did all he could for little Lucien Templeton in life, to the loving ones who brought sweet flowers, to the minister who spoke such comforting words, to the undertaker who ministered so gently to the little soul form and to all our friends and his Lewis H., Vera and Ewing King.

The little infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sears is reported dangerously ill this week.

W. D. Woodroof, W. R. Walker and Clayton Brown returned last Friday from a hunt of several days on Devil's river. They did not meet his Satanic majesty or very much game, but report a good time.

Mrs. Ona Mitchell of Midland was here last week visiting her aunt Mrs. T. J. Coggin, she returned to her home Saturday evening.

Mrs. Sterling Miller is reported quite sick at her home in Abilene and her many Merkel friends hope for an early report of her recovery.

Man wanted with small family to do ranch work. C. M. Largent.

THE ONLY WAY

Many Merkel Citizens Have Discovered It.

Just what to do when the kidneys are affected, is a question that concerns both young and old. Weak kidneys neglected in childhood lead to life-long suffering. People of advanced years, with less vitality, suffer doubly. In youth or age, languor, backache, urinary irregularity, dizziness and nervousness make life a burden.

There is one remedy that acts directly on the kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills owe their world-wide fame to the fact that they have cured thousands of cases of sick kidneys and cured them permanently. Follow the example of this Merkel citizen.

Mrs. H. D. Wilson, Merkel, Texas, says. "Different members of my family have used Doan's Kidney Pills with excellent results. One member of the family had been afflicted with kidney trouble for a long time and finally he used Doan's Kidney Pills. They entirely cured him. We give Doan's Kidney Pills great praise and recommend them to anyone suffering from kidney trouble."

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.

Exploded Story.

Uncle Ezra—"Howdy, Eben. Just back from California, I see. Must be a great place. They say there is sunshine there the year 'round." Uncle Eben—"That is just one of them false western yarns. Every day I was there, along at the end of the afternoon night came, just the same as it does here."

Stomach Trouble Cured.

If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klote of Edina, Mo., says: "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by all dealers. adv

Merkel Mail \$1.00 per Year

THIS STORE WILL DELIVER BY PARCEL POST

THIS ADVERTISEMENT WILL TELL YOU WHAT TO DO

An ad. telling about Uncle Sam's latest innovation and how you can use it to your advantage. We will deliver to any of our friends and customers who live on a Rural Free Delivery Route out of Merkel any article they might want. Call us up over the telephone or drop us a card telling us what you want and we will take special care in seeing after your parcel post trade.

We Prepay the Postage on Everything

Any package weighing eleven pounds or less can be delivered to your door by the mail carrier and we will keep you informed throughout the year through the columns of this paper of such things that will interest you, and on finding you are unable to come to town and being in need of something the Parcel Post then comes to your rescue by you phoning or writing your wants to

The Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

"WE WILL DELIVER IT"

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Butman and White Church Items.

Jan. 6.—The farmers are busy turning the sod.

Earl Perkins returned home last week from Dallas county.

Louis Butman returned to Abilene Tuesday to enter school.

Sam Butman, Sr. made a business trip to Abilene Tuesday.

Butman school has organized a basket ball team.

The old-fashion spelling match at the school house Friday night was a great success. Everybody had a fine time.

Allen Cook of the divide and Richard Cook of the B-T ranch were in Merkel Saturday.

Rev. Pritchard filled the pulpit here Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

Ira Thornton of Merkel visited friends here Sunday.

The members of the Christian church have rebuilt and painted the old Cross Roads church and furnished it with new seats.

Will Cordell who arrived in Merkel Saturday from New Mexico, suffering with paralysis is now at the home of his brother E H Cordell.

Notice About Laundry.

Beginning with this week the Laundry Company for which I am an agent, will operate their entire plant on a new basis that of motor driven machinery and consequently will change their style of handling their laundry work.

All starched work will be handled separately from flat work and must be sent to the laundry in separate packages to insure the proper return of your goods. This being the case all Merkel patrons will take notice of the ruling and in preparing their laundry, wrap their starch goods in separate bundles from the flat goods, unless this is done I will not be re-

H. L. PROPST

G. M. CAUTHEN

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WAGONS, BUGGIES, IMPLEMENTS

We now have a full and complete line of Wagons, Buggies and Implements. We have the Avery Implements, consisting of the Lucky Jim Cultivator and the Mr. Bill Planters. These Implements have all of the latest improvements, which are of advantage.

We have the John Deere Buggies. Also the Regal Buggies. These buggies are up to date in Quality, Style and Finish.

We also have a good line of buggy harness.

Would be glad for you to call and see the above goods, and if in the market let us figure with you. We deliver goods anywhere in town. Our phone number is 1-7-8 Phone us your wants.

CROWN HARDWARE COMPANY

TOP PRICE FOR YOUR POULTRY



We are still paying the top prices for country produce and are enlarging our capacity to handle your produce at the highest market prices. We buy

**CHICKENS, TURKEYS, DUCKS,
GEESE, BUTTER, EGGS, BEES-
WAX, TINFOIL AND HIDES.**

We will always be wide-awake to your interest with cash on hand at all times to pay for what we buy
Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.
W. P. BUCKETT, Produce Manager.

Notice.

We have the blanks for procuring your poll tax receipts and will be glad to pay your taxes for you, saving you the trouble and expense of a trip to Abilene.
The Southern National Bank.

Notice Tax Payers.

We have arranged at Abilene and Anson to handle your taxes without the necessity of you making the trip. We have poll tax blanks and will take pleasure in favoring you in this respect.
Farmers State Bank.

Allen Williams of Abilene has been very low with pneumonia his room in the Collins House.

responsible for any losses that may occur.

Yours truly,
H. M. Warren, Laundryman.

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.

Merkel Mail One Dollar Per Year

Ginner's Notice.

Saturday, February 1st, will be gin day with us.
McDonald & Dunagin, Ginners.

Ginner's Notice.

Saturday, February 1st, will be gin day at Brown's gin.
Fred Guitar.

Notice Cotton Men.

Saturday, February 1st, will be the next gin day at this gin. All farmers interested will take notice.
Bowles Gin Co.

Hot drinks of all kinds at the Elite.

Light Crust.

Is gaining favor daily, both at home and in other territory we are covering. It has demonstrated to every single individual that has tried it that it is worse than nonsense to pay more for a northern flour just for the name. If you pay double, you cannot get any better flour; if you pay less, you will find more difference in the flour than in the price.

Buy Light Crust, not because it is made in Texas, but because it is the best on earth, or anywhere else. The Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Motion Pictures at the Opera House.

THE MERKEL MAIL

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POULTRY RAISERS TO HAVE MEETING

The fast growing poultry raising industry for the Merkel country is to resolve itself into a government under a new head on next Tuesday afternoon.

This meeting is to be the annual election of officers for the company and is to be held at the city hall. President W. T. Potter and secretary O. W. Williams and all the present members are looking forward to the meeting with great enthusiasm and it is hoped by them that the meeting will see the addition of membership increase until every poultry raiser of the Merkel country is a member. They extend a most cordial invitation to every person who is interested in chicken raising or of any kind of pet stock to be present at this annual meeting.

The members of the association wish to thank the merchants and business men of Merkel for the assistance given them in the late poultry and pet stock show and promise that their assistance will be duly rewarded by an increase in the great paying proposition of raising enough chickens, turkeys and ducks to decrease the cost of living to such an extent that Merkel will be known not only as a cotton country but as one of the largest poultry markets in the west.

Mutt And Jeff.

Most all of the local lovers of Mutt and Jeff the funny little men who appear almost daily in the Star Telegram, went to Abilene. Wednesday evening and saw the real genuine article.

The play was a musical comedy, good dancing and singing and Mutt and Jeff kept the crowd roaring from the first appearance until the final curtain. It was clever and funny. Among the ones to go from here were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Comegys, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Greone, Misses Lou Greer of Tennessee and Jessie O'Briant, Messrs Lester Ellis, J. E. Faucett, H. M. Warren, R. O. Anderson, Homer Jobe, T. B. Lucas and S. Parks.

Merkel vs. Abilene; 23 to 6.

Friday afternoon of last week at the high school grounds here, Merkel and Abilene locked horns in the fastest game of basket ball ever played on the local grounds, the score being 23 to 6 in favor of the Merkel bunch.

For the Abilene team Hartley at center played an excellent game and was well assisted by Boyer, Nesbit and Wills, but the team in general showed a lack of practice making the victory for the locals perhaps much easier. Howard of the local team played a star game throughout, while Moore, Christopher and Shafter

played a good part of the game. The steady and sure shooting of the visitors was characteristic of the team.

With the exception of the visitors, the rest of the team was very good.

The game was a very interesting one and the spectators were well entertained.

WOODMEN SUPPER AND INSTALLATION

The Woodmen of Merkel camp No. 719 and the Woodmen Circle held a joint installation in the Woodmen hall here Friday night, January 10th, installing the officers for the ensuing year.

Officers for the order were installed as follows: W. L. Burns, C. C., W. M. Elliott, A. L., J. M. Pate, banker, Seth Hamilton, clerk, H. F. Rogers, escort, C. K. Russell, watchman, R. E. Counts, manager. After the work of installing the officers the two orders enjoyed a course of well served refreshments, over fifty members taking part in the occasion.

Epileptic Patient Doad.

Jim Aden, an inmate of the State Epileptic Colony, from Ft. Worth, was found dead in his bed at an early hour Saturday morning. An inquest was conducted by Justice of the Peace J. W. Clayton, who returned a verdict to the effect that death was result of natural causes.

From the position of the body when discovered, the conclusion was that the deceased had a convulsion during the night and smothered himself to death. Aden was unmarried, about 37 years of age, and to all appearances an able bodied and healthy man. According to the statement of Superintendent Bass, of the institution, he was an exemplary inmate of the colony, and a very useful and energetic man, never giving the keepers of the institution any trouble.

The remains were shipped to Fort Worth, where deceased has a number of relatives, and is well connected, for burial.—Abilene Reporter.

Oldest Firm in Merkel.

The place to buy your groceries is where you can get the highest quality of goods in Merkel. Of course we have some low priced goods to meet competition that carry cheap goods.

We guarantee every high quality brand that goes out of our store. Come and spend your cash with us so it will enable us to furnish and to carry your neighbor to make a crop or a failure. We are very sure you would not want to take the risk just like the firm that only sells for spot cash, it is natural and right to help those who help you and next fall when you market your cotton we assure you that we will give you or assist you in getting the highest price for your cotton.

So come around to see us if you are not our customer and swap hot air. Here is hoping that we will all be able to help ourselves next fall.

Very respectfully,
Hamblet & Rogers.

Our mens sweaters are all gone and to sell the remainder of the ladies and childrens sweaters we have on hand and we are making a reduction of 33 1-3 per cent on all sweaters in our house. Hamblet & Sons.

'13 OUR GOOD READERS '14 The Old and The New

The new year is offering the brightest prospects for the Mail and its force, our business is unusually good and our subscription list continues to grow. The following are late renewals and new subscribers:

City—R A McClain, Miss Effie Thornton, J M Tipton, Dr J M C King, T L Grimes, Miss Nan Thompson, R L Bland, Mrs J C Calvert, Jno Eoff, R A Martin, Dr O F McMaster, Mrs E M McDonald, H C Williams, J H Counts, P C Jones, W F Evans, J M Garrett.

Routes—H P Wilkins, J C Hancock, L L Estes, Mrs Mary E Rains of route 1. G W Brady, J R Pee, Elbert M Dean, Miss Pearl Faubian of route 2. W F Stamford, Jno Gilchrist, J V West, H M Rainbolt, A H Barnes of route 3. W E Petty of route 4.

Others—Mrs A G Crouch, Oklahoma City; Geo C Hall, Albertville, Ala.; T J Barrow, Paducah; Miss Leno Largent, Bristol, Va.; Mrs R T Greer, Rt 10 Hillsboro; B M Williams, Paris, Tenn.; E C Counts, Shanghai, China; Mrs Sallie Kirkpatrick, Boyce, La.; R L Adcock, Cape; Miss Myrtle Connor, Baird; J E Addison, Andrews; Mrs D M Doyle, W P Davis, El Paso, Ark; Mrs Eula Morris, Wayland; Mrs J D Vase, Conway, Ark; Mrs S T Lyles, Tulia, Miss; Robert I Grimes, Houston; J K Langley, Thalia; Mrs Lottie B Ford, Milwaukee, Wis; Mrs Mary B Sargent, Alton, Me; Miss Tennie Pope, San Marcos; H H Counts, Elcentro, Cal; J M Teaff, Troy; Miss Belle Scarborough, Celest; W A Tittle, Blair; J D Ayers, Abilene; G B Brown, Pyron; Miss Teady Burchfield, Holdenville, Okla; C M Haines, Fort Worth; S F Freeman, Eskota; J D McKinney, Tye; J N Johnson, Stephenville; A W Hunter, Nubia; Jno Simm, Ford City; C L Ground, Commerce; D W Williams, Paris.

NEWS ITEMS FROM COUNTY CAPITOL

Neal Tucker was arrested late Friday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Whaley on a charge of burglary and is being held pending an examining trial which will be held before Justice of the Peace J. W. Clayton, Wednesday. Tucker is held in connection with the entering into the Club Lunch Room Thursday night. An intruder entered the building from the rear end by cutting a hole through the door and raising the latch. Fifty dollars in cash was taken from the clothing of Will Huddleston, cook at the restaurant, while the losing man was sleeping.

Tucker is a married man and about twenty-three years of age.

Abilene Man Kills Deer.

Manager W. L. Beckham of the Hotel Grace is entitled to the belt as a successful hunter. He went out Monday afternoon and within an hour from the time of

BOY LOSES EYE IN ROUGH PLAYING

Tuesday during the morning recess period at the north ward school Henry King suffered the misfortune of losing the eyesight of his right eye when a sharp pointed stick was thrown by Will Merritt, one of his playmates, the stick striking the eye and penetrating the outer ball.

The boy was rushed to town for treatment and on seeing the condition of the eye the doctors advised that he be taken at once to the sanitarium in Abilene for special treatment. He was accompanied by his father Dr. J. M. C. King and by R. A. McClain. A close examination at the sanitarium showed that the stick had struck in a way that the outer ball of the eye was torn to such an extent that the eyesight could not be restored.

It was a sad accident and deplored by all of the school children, their parents and friends of the unfortunate boy and his good family.

his departure from the hotel he returned with a big, fat buck deer, about one year of age. The animal was killed within a mile and a half of the center of the business district of Abilene.

The deer in question was bought when a fawn by the hotel manager about a year ago and has been raised a pet, and fed on everything the animal's appetite desired. On reaching "buckhood's" estate the deer became a nuisance, so civilized as to be vicious and dangerous. It was decided that the only thing to be done was to terminate his earthly existence, and Mr. Beckham now bears the distinction of being the only man living who has killed a deer within the last twenty-five years within a mile and a half of the center of the business district of Abilene.

Marriage License.

Marriage license were issued Monday afternoon to Mr. E. D. Green and Miss Eunice Meyer.

Up to three o'clock this afternoon license were issued to only the couple, Mr. Chas. Pilcher to Miss May Whitehead.

Business Change.

Wm. O'Briant exchanged his tin shop and some residence property to H. D. Clark this week for a consideration of \$2700 in trade for 100 acres of improved Merkel country land. The trade was closed Monday of this week and the tin shop business turned over to F. Turner who has been connected with Mr. O'Briant as plumber. Mr. Turner will have complete charge of the tin shop and being a man of several years experience in that line of business we predict continued success for the business.

The deal was made by T. J. Cross.

Homer D. Wade, the wide-awake Stamford commercial club man, passed through the city Saturday on his way home from points west.

IMMIGRATION MEN VISITED OUR CITY

Our little city was honored the past week by a visit from Mr. T. C. Kimber, general agent, Mr. Haynes, West Texas agent and Mr. M. L. Fuller of the general office, St. Louis.

The gentlemen named are with the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern, Texas & Pacific and International & Great Northern railroads and were making a trip over our section of the country to learn real conditions and prospects. They were much impressed with our little town and country and this part of the state.

In talking to our reporter Mr. Kimber said: "This country offers better opportunities and advantages than other sections receiving more attention from development companies and prospectors and it will be part of our work this year to help you in exploiting these advantages and attracting the eyes of homeseekers. Our department wants to help in every way possible to develop your country and all that you need is more men with more money. You have a good country, beautiful little city and just a delightful climate even in winter time."

Popular Merkel Visitor Married.

S. C. Morris of Abilene, who makes country for the Walker Smith Grocery Company met Miss Lucy Livingston of Chicago in Fort Worth last Sunday and promptly secured license for the wedding but owing to not having time to catch the T. & P. and to get married the wedding was postponed until they reached Cisco, the home of the groom's brother where they were married the following day, coming on to Abilene the next day.

Miss Livingston was a former Abilene girl and has a host of friends there who wish them a happy married life. The Mail joins their many Abilene friends together with their Merkel customer friends in extending congratulations.

S. L. Owens for Marshal.

In the announcement columns of our paper this week will be found the name of S. L. Owens for city marshal subject to the coming city election. We ask that our readers give Mr. Owen's claims careful consideration when placing their ballot.

Dr. W. M. Browning of Oklahoma returned to his home Tuesday after a visit here in answer to a summons telling him of his father, W. P. Browning being very low. Mr. Browning had recovered sufficiently that his son could return to his practice Tuesday of this week.

Sam Roberts and Tiry Sublett have purchased the Abilene-Merkel freight line formerly owned by J. W. Dodd. Messrs. Sublett and Roberts have already taken charge of the work and will bring anything you want from the sister city.

Miss Pearl Rawlings left for Abilene Tuesday to visit friends.

THE ADVANTAGES OF A BANK ACCOUNT

The advantages and benefits of a bank connection and checking account are almost too numerous to mention. The ordinary features are obvious and known to all. They are offered by all good banks, but one thing we want you to know about this bank.

THIS IS A GUARANTY FUND BANK

And in this connection we can give you an additional safety for your non-interest-bearing and unsecured funds if deposited with us. The Depositors Fund of the State of Texas does this for you and us. Come in and let us tell you. We want your business.

The Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas

PLAYED CARDS IN GRAVEYARD

Old-Time Practice Was Until Recently Indulged in at Least One Place in the United Kingdom.

There is a churchyard in the Borough of St. Marylebone, London, in which a tombstone is pointed out to visitors as the one on which Hogarth's "idle apprentice" threw dice. Attention has just been called to the fact that this practice of gambling on tombstones has come down to the present day in at least one graveyard in the United Kingdom.

A lawsuit just decided has stopped the practice in the churchyard of Dungarvan, an Irish village, where some of the inhabitants were in the habit of playing cards on the slabs placed over graves and of dancing to the music of an accordion. The representative church body was the complainant in the case. I sought and obtained an injunction against sixteen persons, restraining them from trespassing upon the burial-ground and premises adjacent to the Church of St. Mary. The master of rolls, who heard the case, held that this privilege was one of permission, and not a right, and that a churchyard was dedicated to the service of God, and not to the recreation of man.

In the days before the Reformation authorities say, the parish churchyard was used as a public playground. Games and revels were commonly held there on Sundays and holidays. At Whitsuntide there was a sort of church fair, held in graveyards, at which ale brewed by the church warden was served, while dice-throwing, card-playing and bowls were permitted. Cock-fighting in churchyards did not cease until the eighteenth century. There is a story told that a wealthy man in Hurstbourne Tarrant, a village of Hampshire, ordered that a flat tombstone, large enough to enable the boys to play marbles on it, should be placed over his grave.

Mail Carriers Will Fly.

This is an age of great discoveries. Progress rides on the air. Soon we may see Uncle Sam's mail carriers flying in all directions, transporting mail. People take a wonderful interest in a discovery that benefits them. That's why Dr. King's New Discovery for coughs, colds and other throat and lung diseases is the most popular medicine in America. "It cured me of a dreadful cough," writes Mrs. J. F. Davis, Stickney Corner, Me., "after doctor's treatment and all other remedies had failed." For coughs, colds or any bronchial affection its unequalled. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at H. C. Burroughs. Adv

Newsboy-Pulled His Beard.

If Frank Carlo, who has been described as the loudest mouthed newsboy in New York, had only stopped to reason that it is not the usual thing for a person to return to have his beard pulled a second time after once suffering that indignity, the newsboy might not be serving a 10-day sentence in the workhouse. Simon Marks, whose long, flowing beard Carlo had pulled, returned, but not unattended, for a short distance away stood Detective Keller, who witnessed the second pulling.—New York Evening Telegram.

Stomach Trouble Cured.

If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klote of Edina, Mo., says: "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by all dealers. adv

Notice Cotton Men.

Saturday, February 1st, will be the next gin day at this gin. All farmers interested will take notice. Bowles Gin Co.

Ginner's Notice.

Saturday, February 1st, will be gin day at Brown's gin. Fred Guitlar.

Ginner's Notice.

Saturday, February 1st, will be gin day with us. McDonald & Dunagin, Ginners.

Motion Pictures at the Opera House every Friday night and Saturday night.

For your hardware and shelf goods, hides and feed go to Jno. B. Bell & Co.

Pneumonia and Pleurisy.

For over thirty years Hunt's Lightning Oil has been acknowledged to be a very quick relief when rubbed well on the chest. Many hundred letters testify to the benefit it has given others. Why not try it? All druggists, 25c and 50c bottle. adv

COLONEL READY WITH BLUFF

Writer of Detective Stories Found Himself at Home in Somewhat Trying Situation.

The late Col. H. K. Shakelford, who was a prolific writer of detective stories, had as much presence of mind on one occasion as was ever shown by any of his heroes. He was visiting in a western city, and, having spent the evening with some friends, did not start back to his hotel until after midnight. As he was passing through a dark and desolate street, a footpad stepped out from behind a tree, leveled a revolver at the colonel, and told him to hand over his money. But the authority on detective law was equal to the demand of the moment. He said afterward he thought he had stolen some of his own stuff in extricating himself from the trouble.

"What are you doing on Elm avenue?" he asked the robber, in a threatening tone. "Confound you, I am working this street, and I want you to understand I'll have no other crooks butting in!"—The Popular Magazine.

Mrs. A. R. Tabor of Crider, Mo., had been troubled with sick headache for about five years, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She has taken two bottles of them and they have cured her. Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach for which these tablets are especially intended. Try them, get well and stay well. For sale by all dealers. adv

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.

A Mean Man.

A popular local belle and her beau had a quarrel. "Kindly return my lock of hair." "All right. Do you mean the dark lock or the one you gave me when you were a blonde?"

How Foolish

to suffer from skin diseases [Itch Eczema, Ringworm, etc.,] when one 50c box of "Hunt's Cure" is positively guaranteed to cure or your money promptly refunded. Every retail druggist in the state stands behind this guarantee. Ask your druggist and see the guarantee with each box. You don't risk anything in giving it a trial. adv

YOUTH, TIME OF ANOMALIES

Springtime of Life is Full of Contradictions, But is Great Flood of Energy.

How shall I describe Youth, the time of contradictions and anomalies? The fiercest radicalism, the most dogged conservatism, irreparable gaiety, bitter melancholy—all of these moods are equally part of that showery springtime of life. One thing, at least, it clearly is, a great, rich rush and flood of energy. It is as if the store of life had been accumulating through the slow, placid years of childhood, and suddenly the dam had broken and the waters rushed out, furious and uncontrolled, before settling down into the quieter channels of middle life. The youth is suddenly seized with a poignant consciousness of being alive, which is quite wanting to the naive unquestioning existence of the child. He finds himself overpoweringly urged toward self-expression. Just as the baby, born into a 'great, blooming, buzzing confusion,' and attracted by every movement, every color, every sound, kicks madly in response in all directions, and only gradually gets his movements co-ordinated with the orderly and precise movements of his elders—so the youth suddenly born into a confusion of ideas and appeals and traditions responds in the most chaotic way to this new spiritual world, and only gradually learns to find his way about in it, and get his thoughts and feelings into some kind of order.—Atlantic Monthly.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed; deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. adv

Trouser Crease That Stays.

The permanent crease in trousers, as made by many of our city tailors, is somewhat favored just now. This idea is probably well known, but as it may not be familiar to all I give a description of it here.

The trousers are first pressed dead flat, and then the extreme edge of the crease is stitched down, so that it is impossible for them ever to be without a perfectly straight line down the front. It is claimed that this prevents to a great extent the objectionable creasing at the knees that is so often experienced.—London Correspondence of Men's Wear.

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It is our desire to be of some distinct service to every person who does business with us. We invite new accounts.

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The Southern National Bank

Bank Advertising

Bank advertising is something of a problem. Any good, well managed bank has no real advantage over any other good, well managed bank. It accepts its customers' money on deposit and pays it back to him in such amounts and at such times as he wants it. It takes care of his papers, performs little services from time to time for him and keeps an accurate record of all transactions without charge. It loans him money when he needs it, and often more than he is entitled to, and charges him at the same rate the other bank would charge. There can be no special inducements offered, because any bank will do for any good customer all that could reasonably be expected of it, and when it departs from this rule, then it ceases to be a well managed bank.

There are three good banks in Merkel. We believe that either of them would do anything for a customer that any conservative bank should do. We would like to see every man in the Merkel country keep an account with some bank. Of course we would prefer that they keep it with the Southern National but if for any reason you don't want to keep your account with us, by all means keep it with one of the others. You will be doing your country a valuable service at no cost to yourself. The man who deposits his money in the clock not only weakens the whole financial system, but invites loss to himself by fire, or some other form of destruction, or robbery. Do you know why farmers in the eastern states can borrow money at 6 percent? Because every one of them keeps a bank account, thereby increasing the circulation to a point that enables the banks to make more money at that rate than West Texas can at double the rate.

Think it over.

We would appreciate your business and will do for you what any well regulated bank will do.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Castleman Entertainers at the Opera House Friday and Saturday nights.

Two good work horses for sale. Crown Hardware Company.

Thos. Smith was in Abilene Wednesday on business.

Ginghams, a new and complete line already here. J. P. Sharp & Sons.

Mrs. S. P. Miller of Abilene is here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel.

New goods arriving daily. Don't fail to see our new line of new merchandise. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Mrs. J. M. C. King and daughter Mrs. R. A. McClain visited Henry King at the sanitarium in Abilene Wednesday.

Spring whipcord in all the new shades. W. D. Woodroof & Co.

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY NIGHTS (NEXT WEEK)



Jack-Wylie - Jennie

Big Comedy Company



PRETTY GIRLS--FUNNY COMEDIANS

Featuring That Funny Comedian

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Good Singing, Plenty of Dancing, Pretty Wardrobe and Good Music.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Motion Pictures at the Opera House every Friday night and Saturday night.

Two good work horses for sale. Crown Hardware Company.

W. L. Buchanan was in Abilene Wednesday attending to business affairs.

\$1000 worth of men and ladies new low cut shoes have arrived at J. P. Sharp & Sons.

The birth of a boy is reported to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Riney of the Nubia country on Saturday of last week.

Ladies if you want grace and comfort, let me take your measure for the spirella corset. I am here only for a short time. Phone 132, Miss Nola Whitley.

S. Johnson of Trent was in the city for a short time Wednesday, going on to Abilene on the first train.

Our buyers will leave for market in ten days and will be glad to look after special orders turned in by any of our customers. Give us your special orders at once. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Mngr. J. D. Gaither of the Merkel Store was in Abilene Tuesday looking after some court matters.

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GOOD HORSE

Is a bad horse when badly fed. Let us sell you your feed. Absolutely good and at the right price.



We Want You

to make our place your headquarters for all kinds of feed stuff and SEEDS.

Street Grain & Co.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for week ending Jan. 25, 1913:

Copeland, Mrs. M. D.
Morrison, Russell.
Rogers, Miss Bettie.
Wooten, J. P.
Apodaca, Don Pascual.
Albardo, Sr Bernabe.
Huertas, Sra Nestora.
Hernandez, Sa Nicolas,
Mediano, Sr Niebes.
Ponce, Sr Miguel Gonzales.
Saldibon, Sennaba.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Feb. 8, 1913, H. W. Derstine, P.M.

Notice Tax Payers.

We have arranged at Abilene and Anson to handle your taxes without the necessity of you making the trip. We have poll tax blanks and will take pleasure in favoring you in this respect. Farmers State Bank.

Piano Contest

The Piano Contest will be opened proper February 1st., details of which will appear in this paper under date of Jan. 31. West Texas Hardware Co.

Notice.

We have the blanks for procuring your poll tax receipts and will be glad to pay your taxes for you, saving you the trouble and expense of a trip to Abilene. The Southern National Bank.

Farm for Rent.

Plenty good grass, wood and water. S. F. Haynes. tf

League Program, January 26.

Subject, Africa. Leader, Ollie Shaffer.
Song.
Prayer.
Song, 654.
Prayer.
Song, 655.
Scripture reading, Isa. 18, 1-17.
Special prayer for Africa.
Blackboard exercise.
Talk by leader.
Our proposed mission in Africa—Miss Smith.
Bishop Lambuth's message to the Epworth Leaguers—John Moore.
Paper on the life of David Livingstone—Dorothy Lee Potter.
Reading of Epworth Visitor.
Collection.
Miscellaneous.
Benediction.

Baptist Ladies Aid and Missionary Society.

Subject, Home missionary survey, leader.
Song, 47.
Bible Reading, Psalm 132:12-19, leader.
Prayer, For God's mercy upon our country—Mrs. Hamm.
Song, All Hail the Power of Jesus Name.
Bible Lessons, Jer. 10:7—Mrs. Merritt.
Psalms 33:12—Mrs. Smelser.
Proverbs 14:34—Mrs. Roberts.
Zech. 2: 10-11—Mrs. Whitaker.
Acts 10: 34-35—Mrs. Sharp.
Rev. 5: 9-10—Mrs. Garrett.
Isaiah 26; 1-4—Mrs. Meek.
Sentence Prayers—led by President and closed by Secretary.
The Mexicans of Merkel—Mrs. Warren,
Song, 121.
Home mission specials—Mrs. Stephens.
Closing prayer—Mrs. Swann.

Well! Well!

If you want a well or a wind-mill or a pump fixed see J. T. Coats or phone No.2. Feb1-13pd

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E. P. McMillen, commonly known as "Maek the furniture Man" was in Abilene Wednesday to confer with representatives of large furniture factories, preparatory to adding more goods to his already large stock.

E. P. Huddleston of Ft. Worth was here this week making a transfer of the T. & P. agency from Mr. Robertson to our former agent A. J. Leighty who has been away on a vacation.

Be sure and get in the race for the piano. on exhibit at our store West Texas Hardware Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Eoff were called to Winters Wednesday to attend the bed side of their grandson John Barnett who is very low with pneumonia.

Two good work horses for sale. Crown Hardware Company.

Mr. Diltz of Clyde brother of our townsman W. L. Diltz Sr., was here this week visiting and looking after business matters. Mr. Diltz is contemplating buying a business in our town.

A. L. Douglass of Dallas, a brother to Mrs. Frank Sears, is here visiting. He is accompanied by his son who is here for his health.

YOU KNOW

your business and I know mine. You know if you need glasses for your eyes



AND I KNOW

my business when it comes to fitting glasses. Come in and see me at Burroughs drug store.

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

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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

GOOD ROADS FOR THE MERKEL COUNTRY.

One who feels the pulse of the public knows that there is a quickening and increase of the sentiment for permanent good roads in the Merkel country.

There is no movement with greater merit nor more timely need for this town and country than the good roads proposition. It only takes time and reason for a good proposition to win and merit the approval of the great majority of people. It is unfortunate that any and all new propositions on first proposal receive the negative votes of all who do not thoroughly understand and appreciate the benefits and advantages. It is human nature and here like anywhere are those who do know a good thing when they see it and yet are willing to confuse and prejudice others who place confidence in their judgment.

It is like pouring water on a duck's back to reason or discuss any proposition with one who has become prejudiced. His prejudice takes the place of reason and time is the only cure. This is a part of every human make-up but the same individual will later on figure and reason for himself and when convinced by his own reckoning he will be more strongly in favor of the proposition than he was opposed to it. You can prejudice and fool people some times but not all of the time. The history of our town and country and nation proves these conclusions. The movement for a waterworks system for our town although without fire protection and with the blessing of a good supply underneath our soil received opposition and defeat at first proposal. We never find fault with those who oppose new propositions, of what ever merit, so long as they are fair and honest in their opposition. The negative sentiment is the safety valve for a town or community. It is necessary or else the positive and progressive sentiment might go to an extreme which would be as bad as the extreme in the other direction.

All of which is true and yet our town and country will pass up the greatest opportunity of the hour, day and year if they do not vote and build a first-class and permanent system of good roads during the present year. It matters not to us personally or other progressive citizens any more than others but it is a question which should receive the thoughtful consideration of all good citizens. It will do more than any one other movement to restore normal conditions and increase real estate values. This is a secondary consideration for first and all of the time we should think of the benefits and advantages of the use by ourselves and those after us of good roads, the convenience and saving to those who travel same.

The building of good roads by a bond issue is simply a modern business proposition of borrowing the money and doing the job right versus an old out-of-date wasteful system of spending more

than half of the account of interest and accumulation to do patch work. If we remember correctly we pay a road tax of 15 cents for the present system of work. The amount each year is not sufficient to do any real permanent work and yet a system of good roads could be built and maintained for less than twice that amount of assessment, to begin with and then be reduced as the sinking fund is created and bonds paid off.

It is such a good proposition, so full of merit and so many advantages and benefits which will be apparent to every man who gives the subject thought and study that we know the next time it comes up there will be shortly after something doing in this country. It will carry and our confidence is in the people and their judgment. There have been many who bitterly opposed the issue before who have stated to us that they did not understand same and that when it comes up again they promise to do more good for it than they did harm against it before.

The example in the Abilene precinct is good but take our word for it, while they made a good record with their money the Merkel precinct will get almost twice the results. It is because we have a better country, more level land and gravel in every part of the precinct and then we will get all of the benefit of their experience.

The proposition should be studied and discussed and another effort made during the present year for good roads for the Merkel country.

The attention of the east and north will be attracted by our country this year and the money of investors and homeseekers will serve to greatly improve general conditions. We have plenty of good land but need more men and more money to improve and develop this property.

This is to give you another notice that the time for the payment of your taxes without the penalty—is drawing very near. Of course you want to put it off as long as possible but better be there the last day anyway or lose your right to vote. Pay your poll tax and then you can vote your sentiments.

The banquet of the fire boys was a success in every way and the pleasure and profit of the occasion suggest that there should be social events of the kind at least monthly, something to bring our people together. It is good for our people and our town. Let's have a get-together meeting and then all go to work for Merkel and the Merkel country.

There is little interest manifested in the coming city election and it should be otherwise. There are many important things to be done for Merkel this year and there should be a great interest manifested by all good citizens. The elections of the past when less than a half hundred votes were cast are not a credit to us as a people and municipality.

The farmers of the Merkel country are so busy with their plowing that they have no time for discussion of what the legislature ought to do.

Merkel merchants and business men should offer some attractive and valuable premiums for the best yields of our staple crops this year. It will encourage improved farming and stimulate interest in our little town as a trading point.

Merkel is enjoying now a fair and even enviable reputation for a clean and pretty town, but we are just beginning. In a year or so more, with a good crop or two and good business we are going to have the cleanest, prettiest and healthiest town in the state. It is now the best little town in Texas but getting better all of the time. Come to Merkel to live.

REAL ESTATE AND LOANS

This is my business and if you have a farm to sell or will need any money during the year on your land or to take up vendor's lien notes then it may be that I can be of service to you.

MY LAND BUSINESS

This year I am going to make an extensive advertising campaign in some of the eastern and northern states and believe that I am going to get some prospectors to buy all of the real genuine bargains I can list in the Merkel country and this section. Am lining up with some big eastern and northern firms who say they will send me some buyers. I am going after the business and want your help.

EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT

If you have land to sell I want some of it on my exclusive contract. This is not to deprive any other real estate agent of business for there is more land here than we can all sell. This contract justifies me in spending my money in an effort to sell your land and protects me as well as you. It does not cost you anything unless your land sells and if it is sold then you are willing to pay the commission. If not I do not want your land. My time is not much but too valuable to put in working for some hide-bound, close-fist who does not want to pay me after I earn my commission. The best way to do business is to have an understanding and you come in and let's talk it over.

DO IT NOW

I am preparing my list now and right now is the time to list your land with me.

MY LOAN BUSINESS

I have the most liberal contract in this section and plenty of money at 8 and 10 per cent. In the last week I have loaned several thousand dollars for local parties to local citizens at 8 and 10 per cent and taken applications for \$20,000 at 8 per cent. If you need money on land or good paper come to see me. If I can do you no good I will do you no harm. All business strictly confidential.

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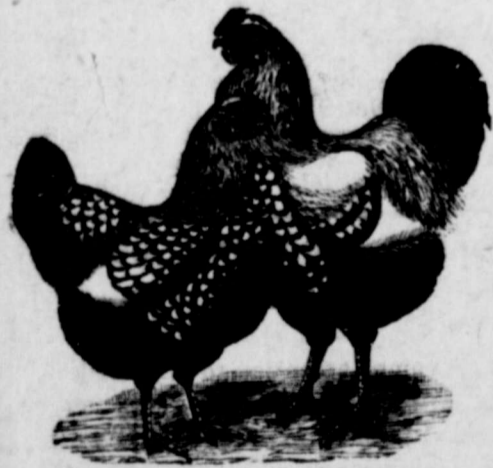
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WANTED LAND—A friend and reader of the Mail with good force wants to make crop on halves in Merkel country. Address the Mail or see the editor. 102tdh

FOR SALE—Two good work horses. Call at the Crown Hardware Company.

W. P. Duckett, Jr., manager of the telephone exchange at Snyder was here visiting his brother Steve and other relatives.

Miss Lila Sandhn returned to her home at Abilene Tuesday after a short visit with her mother.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Window and door glass at Burroughs Drug Store.

Miss Louise Schmid visited her parents in Abilene, Saturday and Sunday.

Whitley Boys still sell syrup at 10 per cent discount.

Miss Maud Fergusson returned to Abilene Monday where she is attending school at the Christian college.

Hot drinks of all kinds at the Elite.

Oriole Flour is the right kind; try it. Whitley Bros.

Guy Killon who has been visiting his uncle J. W. Wheeler for several weeks left Tuesday for Fort Worth.

We ask a liberal share of your wants in drugs, glass, paints and oil. Burroughs Drug Store.

G. B. Brown of Pyron, one of our old timers was in town the first of the week looking after business matters.

Listen people, don't weep, Whitley Boy's still have Oriole flour.

Henry Orr of Putnam came in Friday to visit his mother and other relatives.

A large amount of new low cut shoes for men and ladies at J. P. Sharp & Sons.

Henry Counts formerly of Merkel but now a resident of El Paso was in the city a few days last week visiting relatives.

Brown linen, a new shipment just arrived. J. P. Sharp & Sons.

Mrs. F. H. Lindsey of Las Cruces, N. M., who was here last week visiting Mrs. T. J. Coggin, left here for home Saturday.

The new spring and summer underwear has arrived. All prices and all kinds. W. D. Woodroof & Co.

Mrs. J. N. Southworth left for Trent Saturday afternoon to visit her son J. D. Southworth.

Twenty-four inch durbar silk now selling at 50 cents per yard at W. D. Woodroof & Co.

Miss Josephene Saunders visited relatives in Sweetwater during Saturday and Sunday.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Dem Rust and Thos. Toombs, Jr., were in Abilene Monday on business.

Cord Wood for sale, 5 miles northwest of Merkel. Phone H. F. Richards. 10t4pd.

Misses Lola Jones, Ola Belle Hanes, Annette Ash and Willie Bonds were up from Abilene to see the basket ball game Friday.

The highest grade bulk chocolates that can be bought. The Elite.

Judge Chas. Seward has returned home from Fort Worth where he underwent an operation in the St. Joseph's Infirmary.

A good fresh cigar is always enjoyable; we have them. The Elite.

Miss Mattie Hazelwood of Hollis, Okla., is visiting her sister Mrs. Chas. Thornton.

We appreciate any or all of your drug trade. Burroughs Drug Store.

W. D. Hutcheson and Seth Hamilton were transacting business in Abilene Monday.

Make yourself comfortable in our new home, the building formerly occupied by the Star Store. The Elite.

Mrs. S. E. Harris left for Lufkin to join her husband in their new home.

For sale. 1000 bundles of sheaf oats. The Star Store.

Rev. Goodman of Plainview was here last week looking after some business interests he has in the Noodle country.

In Thankfulness.

Notwithstanding all that I have suffered, notwithstanding all the pain and weariness and anxiety and sorrow that necessarily enter into life, and the inward errings that are worse than all, I would end my record with a devout thanksgiving to the great author my being. For more and more am I unwilling to make any gratitude to him what is commonly called "a thanksgiving for mercies,"—for any benefits or blessings that are peculiar to myself, or my friends, or indeed to any man. Instead of this I would have it to be gratitude for all that belongs to my life and being—for joy and sorrow, for health and sickness, for success and disappointment, for virtue and for temptation, for life and death; because I believe that all is meant for good.—Orville Dewey.

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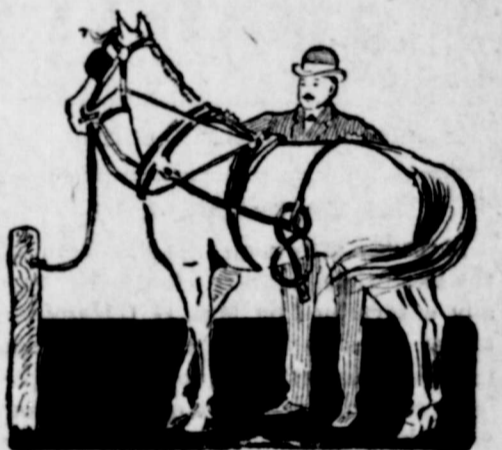


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Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the people of Merkel, Abilene and Tye for the assistance given us after the burning of our home on Tuesday, January 14, the fire destroying all our household goods in connection with the home. W. L. Baker and family.

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

The XXth Century Club Met.

Saturday afternoon the members of the twentieth century club were royally entertained by Mrs. G L Hamilton at her home on Locust street. Fifteen members responded to roll call by giving a current event or a quotation from a Shakesperian hero. Through this channel the announcement of a recent marriage of a much loved member was made—hence forth our honorary roll will continue the name of Mrs. R T Greer, nee Miss Lucy Bean. The following officers were elected: Mesdames W H Dickson, president; O W Williams, vice-president; R A Martin, recording secretary; Miss Willie Bigham, corresponding secretary and treasurer.

The election of the executive board was deferred until the next meeting, when the club will meet with Mrs. W Parten, January 25, at 5:30 p. m.

Miss Maude Martin and Mrs. W H Dickson assisted the hostess in serving sandwiches and hot chocolate to Misses May Valentine, Louise Schmid, Orra Long, Willie Bigham, Clara Tate of Abilene, Lillian Hall of Van Horn, Ellen Daugherty of Patrick, Ark., Lenora Williams, Mesdames G H Adams, A C Rose, W M Jenkins, R A Martin, G F West, O W Williams, W A Scott and W Parten.

Last Saturday evening Miss Bessie Touchstone entertained a crowd of school friends with a "hen" party. Various games were played, interspersed with music, at a late hour the hostess served hot chocolate and cake to Misses Tommie Louise Coggin, Amy Gunn, Evaline Turner, Almeda Harris, Mamie Ellis, Willie and Irene Swann, Lulu and Ola Sharp, Nicy and Roxie Morrow and Lulia May Turner.

Sunday January the 12th marked another social event in the home of Mr and Mrs. L D Gaither when they entertained with a lovely appointed seven course dinner. Covers were laid for

Misses Maude Martin, Elma and Olga Sheppard, Mrs. W R Walker, Messrs George Ferrier, Ottis Barnett, Ben F Ainsworth, Forest Gaither and Dr. and Mrs. W V Cranford.

Miss Mabel Collins entertained the members of the Wedelwe Circle Thursday afternoon at her home on Bettis Heights. A number were prevented from going on account of the threatening clouds—"for it always rains when Mabel entertains." After several hours of needle work and lively conversation the hostess assisted by Mrs. Twyman Collins served dainty refreshments to Misses Willie Bigham, Zora Coggin, Maude Martin, Elma Sheppard, Mesdames Otho Williams, Geo. L Miller, Deavenport Gaither, W H Dickson, Fred Bigham and R H Collins.

Mrs. G L Hamilton was hostess Monday to the members of the Aid Society of the Presbyterian U. S. A. During the business period the following officers were elected: Mesdames Geo. L Hamilton, president; Vol Martin, vice-president; F R Bland, recording secretary; J G Sadler, treasurer.

Merry Wives of Windsor.

At whose request is this play said to have come into existence. What relation in time do the events here depicted bear to those of Henry IV? Act 1 Scene 2. With what note does the play open? With what trait uppermost is slender first presented? What is first said of Anne Page? Of master page? Mention some of Sir Hugh Evan's verbal peculiarities. What contemporary of Shakespear is supposed to be satirized in the act? How do Falstaff and his companies meet the charges of shallow and slender? What dramatic purpose is effected by the short scene with the three women? Who proposes the match between Slender and Anne Page? What does he wish to foster it? What subtle observation of nature does Shakespear show in the scene between Anne Page and Slender? Is it a great art to make a dull person interesting? What new stage in the subordinate intrigue does scene 3 introduce? What new character is presented and how described? Miss Willie Bigham, leader.

Merkel Mail One Dollar Per Year

Mrs. Fred Bigham Entertains.

Mrs. Fred Bigham entertained last Saturday evening at her home in south Merkel with Misses Ellen Daugherty of Patrick, Ark., Lillian Hall of Van Horn, Clara Tate of Abilene, members of Miss Willie Bigham's house party as honorees.

Seven tables were arranged for the devotees of progressive 42. The score cards were dainty woodland scenes, at the conclusion of the games Miss Hall received the honor of having made high score.

The hostess served fruit salad, olives, pickles and hot chocolate to Misses Orra Long, Louise Schmid, Mabel Collins, Maude Martin, Zora Coggin, Duncan Browning, Velma Garren of Van Horn, Bertie Diltz, Elma and Olga Sheppard, Frances Burroughs, Lillian Hall, Clara Tate, Ellen Daugherty, Willie Bigham, Messrs. Claude Sears, Lester Ellis, Forest Gaither, Geo. Ferrier, Dee Grimes, John Briggs, Clyde Garrett, Ottis Barnett, Homer Jobe, Jack Provine, H L Easterwood and T B Lucas.

Buford-Swofford.

Mr. Rush Buford and Miss La Verna Swofford were quietly married Sunday January 12th, at the residence of Rev. Buzbee, 5 miles north of Merkel who performed the ceremony. These young people are quite popular. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S H L Swofford and has a wide circle of friends. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J A Buford and is to be congratulated on his choice. A host of friends join in wishing for them prosperity and happiness in their voyage through life.

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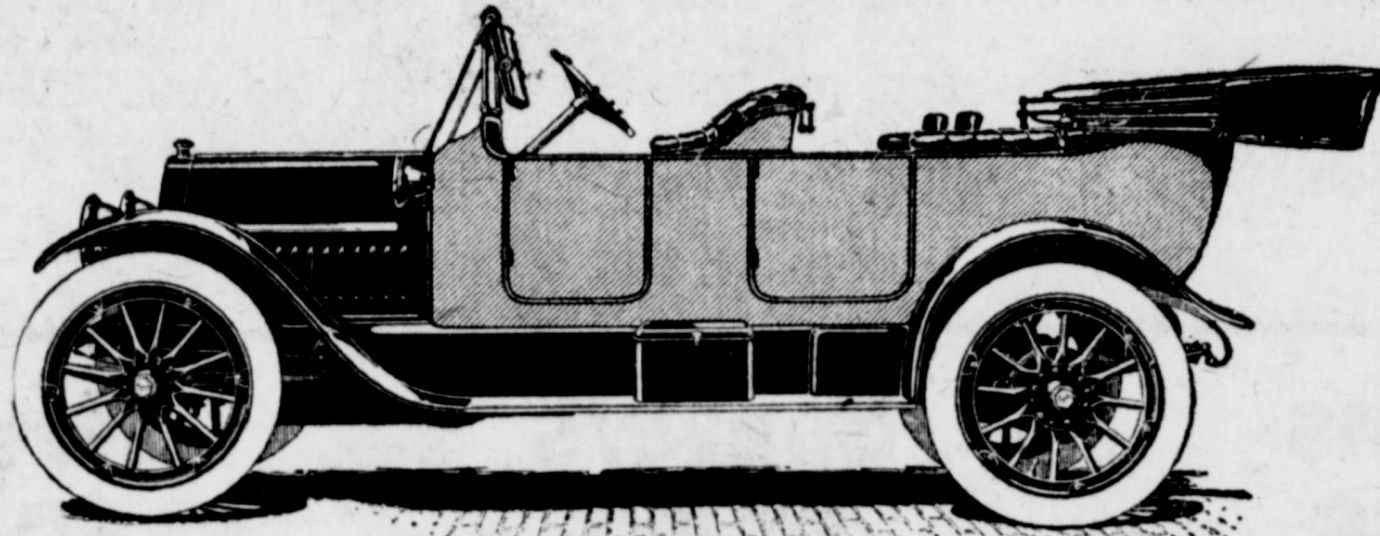
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WATER CLARK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For City Marshal
W. N. HALL (re-election)
S. L. OWENS

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND
 Train No. 2, leaves Merkel... 10:01 p.m.
 Train No. 4 " " " " 11:38 a.m.
 Train No. 6 " " " " 12:13 a.m.
 Train No. 8 " " " " 8:15 a.m.

WEST BOUND
 Train No. 1, leaves Merkel... 4:02 a.m.
 Train No. 3 " " " " 5:32 p.m.
 Train No. 5 " " " " 5:26 a.m.
 Train No. 7 " " " " 4:58 p.m.

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Church Directory

METHODIST CHURCH—Preaching each Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; Junior League at 3 p. m.; Senior League at 6:45 p. m.; Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:45; Womens Missionary Society each Monday at 4 p. m. **R. A. Clements, Pastor.**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Sunday school at 9:45. **E. P. McMillen, superintendent.** Excepting the first Sunday in each month there will be preaching morning and evening at the usual hours. On the first Sunday evening in each month there will be song service. Prayermeeting each Wednesday evening with International Sunday school lesson as a subject. The public cordially invited. **Geo. Hamilton, Pastor.**

CHURCH OF CHRIST—Preaching each 4th Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school each Sunday at 10 o'clock. Regular church services at 3 p. m. each Sunday. **W. G. Cypert.**

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Farmer Stout was awakened from a sound sleep by the ringing of his telephone bell. The barn of his neighbor, three miles down the turnpike, had been broken into and a driving horse stolen.

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Locked Antlers in Glacier.
 Mute evidence of a mortal combat that may have occurred centuries ago was revealed to J. K. Magnussen, a timber cruiser on the slopes of Mount Baker, says the Portland Oregonian.

Lying in the lower edge of Roosevelt glacier were the crumbling bones of a buck deer of more than ordinary size. Digging down into the ice the cruiser uncovered the remains of a second animal, the body in an excellent state of preservation. The antlers of the animals were tightly interlocked, showing that the deer had died in battle.

From the position of the skeleton and the body in the glacier, Magnussen is of the opinion that they had been carried a long distance down the mountain side. As the glacier flows only four or five inches a day the battle of the bucks may have occurred centuries ago.

Lumbago, Rheumatism and Chillblains.

There is nothing that gives so quick benefit as Hunt's Lightning Oil. The very minute it is rubbed on the improvement is noticed. For over thirty years this Liniment has been acknowledged to be the best for these troubles. Every druggist will recommend it. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. adv

Wonderful Kano.

In many ways is Kano a wonderful place to find in central Africa. This native city has great enfolding walls, twelve miles in circumference, pierced by thirteen deep gateways with platform and guardhouse and massive doors heavily clamped with iron. Its written records date back nearly 800 years. And although incomparably the most important it is not the oldest of these Hausa cities—Katsina, now in the same province, is probably older.

Insect Bite Costs Leg

A Boston man lost his leg from the bite of an insect two years before. To avert such calamities from stings and bites of insects use Bucklen's Arnica Salve promptly to kill the poison and prevent inflammation, swelling and pain. Heals burns, boils, ulcers, piles, eczema, cuts, bruises. Only 25c at H. C. Burroughs. adv

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Since the first day of January we have been unable to show hats for men, having sold that department clear of every hat. We have just received our new line consisting of Stetsons, Beavers and an exceptionally nobby line of men's fancy shapes. If you want a NEW HAT let us show you. It is impossible for us to sell you an old one. What we offer you is Styles Latest Creation.

Stetsons
\$4 to \$6

Beavers
\$3-00

Novelties
\$1.50 to \$3.50

We are also able to show Men's Leather Caps with ear protectors, Blue Serge and fancy Dress Caps, and Velvet, Plaids and Plain Caps for the little fellows. Come look at them.

Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Blair Echoes

Mrs. S E Adcock who has been sick for several days is reported well.

Frank Demere of White Church visited F D Addison Sunday.

The peoples society entertained Saturday night with a nice program and plenty of good music furnished by the Blair string orchestra.

Rev. Young filled his regular appointment here Sunday at 3 o'clock.

There was a singing Sunday night at the home of W A Campbell.

Name Graves of Merkel visited Mrs. F D Addison Sunday.

Mrs. Della Doan of Trent is at the home of James Doan suffering with rheumatism.

Homer long of Putman visited in Blair Sunday.

We now have for postmaster at Blair Mirtus M Addison instead of Mirtus Moore. She having received a new commission recently duly signed by postmaster general Frank H Hitchcock.

W A Campbell and S E Adcock are transacting business in Van Zant county

Butman and White Church Items.

Jan. 13.—Mr. Reagan who was badly hurt some time ago is reported not improving very much.

Will Cordell who has been suffering from paralysis is getting along nicely.

Tuesday there was no school on account of the poverty of the wood pile at the Butman school house, but Tuesday afternoon there were several loads of wood hauled to the school house.

A car of "cake" has been ordered to be shipped to Blair for the B-T Ranch.

Ed Cordell was one of the many visitors in Merkel Saturday.

Misses Bonnie Richburg, Lottie and Margorie Butman, Mattie Randolph took a horseback ride to the upper end canyon country and visited Mrs. Hines at the Tracy Ranch.

Mr. Roland of McCauley visited the home of E H Cordell Sunday.

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CASH



Bruner Wooleas

Keep your suit looking neat.
I clean, alter and press
your clothes
Right and Reasonable.
Drop in occasionally and
figure with me.

C. L. CASH, The Tailor

Lester Ellis, Jack Provine, C. E. Bradley and Ottis Barnett were in Abilene Sunday visiting friends.

Resolutions of Respect.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Hannah during last week and claimed for its victim Mrs. Hannah. She leaves a father, sister, husband and an infant baby and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Mrs. Hannah was a good christian lady, a member of the Center Point Baptist church and for her kind and affectionate ways she was loved by all who knew her. We know that there is a shadow of darkness over the home, but heaven is made brighter. Weep not dear friends, you cannot call her back, it is appointed unto man once to die and blessed are they that die in the Lord. Jesus said I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go I will come again, and he is constantly coming into our midst taking our dear ones from us. But as David said, ye can go to her, and as we will meet her no more here, we will hope to live so as to be able to meet her in the land above.

Mrs. J. M. Provine of Clyde who has been here visiting relatives returned to her home Sunday. She was accompanied by her niece Miss Vera Provine who will visit in Clyde for a short while.

New tub silk, the best washable silk sold. W. D. Woodroof & Co.

Rev. G. I. Britian of Floydada was here last week visiting his son W. E. Britian. Rev. Britian was accompanied here by Rev. J. Gaddy of Athens who preached at the Baptist church Sunday.

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CLOCK
OR
WATCH

That is out of fix? If
so bring it in and
have it made new.



That is My Businss

and a life-time of
study and experience
makes me able to prom-
ise and guarantee you
satisfaction.

Bring me your broken
Clock or Watch.

Repair work is my Specialty

S. S. Scheidler

Opposite the Postoffice

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Castle Peak Items.

Jan. 20.—Elmer Barnes was shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Miss Ada Brown spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks near White Church.

Rev. King filled his regular appointment at Castle Peak Saturday night.

John Toombs and wife attended preaching at Castle Peak Saturday night.

Jay Cox has treated himself to a new buggy.

The Castle Peak school was dismissed this week on account of the teacher being sick.

Mrs. Buck Moore was called to Oklahoma last week to attend the bed side of her mother Mrs. Harrison who is very low.

Miss Tincy Richey of Merkel visited in our midst Saturday and Sunday.

Geo. Moore and family attended preaching at Castle Peak Saturday night.

Miss Ludie Dulin visited Miss Mamie Whitsel of Merkel Thursday.

Inkum Items.

Mr. Hilton of Tye stopped at Inkum Tuesday enroute to Shep.

O H Wilson and wife were shopping in Ovalo Monday.

Misses Nellie and Ruth Travis are reported quite sick with pneumonia.

G W and A D Wilson were transacting business in View Saturday.

Lem Dudley returned home from Grand Saline Saturday.

Mr. Span of near Caps was in this community Sunday.

There was an entertainment at Heffernon's Friday night. A crowd attended and a fine time.

Ernest Perry, ro force of men were in the district last week.

N C Bush

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