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A LITTLE WORD TO PEOPLE OF MERKEL

During the late there has been a tendance of members of the volunteer fire department here to get the assistance of automobile owners in time of fire. The cars being used to pull the apparatus to the scene of the fire with all speed possible.

To this request the various owners of autos have responded under the consideration that the members of the department keep outsiders from riding either on the car or apparatus during the time, and to this end the fire boys are going to work and unless they can succeed in keeping outsiders off such cars as are going to the station for the hose carts and hook and ladder wagon it will soon be impossible to get assistance from the autos, owing to outsiders who are absolutely in the way, persisting on catching the passing car while on its way to the fire. It will be well for all who are not concerned to stay back even from the station until the department has had time to get away for although a man's judgment of what he might do is often good, this very man with twenty or thirty others in concert seriously hinder the boys in the discharge of the duties they see fit to do without pay or hopes for recompense.

If you have an auto the boys ask that you assist them all possible and if you have none they usually do not need you. A clear field for work is better for the boys than a crowded street and an unlimited amount of verbal assistance. Give them credit with knowing their business and let it alone, and above all do not ride on any of the apparatus while they are in action.

EDITOR BOND IS KILLED BY AUTO

This (Thursday) afternoon just an hour or so before time for going to press with this issue of our paper we learn with deep and sincere regret of the accidental killing of Editor J. T. Bond of the Merkel Herald.

At this time it is impossible to get accurate details of the accident. The information was brought to our little town by a telephone message from Sheriff T. C. Weir. The current report is that Editor Bond was returning from Abilene in the high wheel automobile of B. F. Cox, of our town, the latter driving the car and in some manner the machine was turned turtle with the above fatal results but only slight injuries for the driver and owner of the machine.

Editor Bond and family came to Merkel only a few months ago from Mingus, Texas, where he was engaged in the newspaper business, trading for the Merkel Telegram plant and starting a newspaper business here in the Crenshaw building. In this short time he made many friends with whom we join in sympathy to the bereaved wife and children who survive.

The funeral arrangements have not been made at this hour.

OUR ADVERTISING CHAT

SUBJECT: CO-OPERATION

In our last issue we relieved our system of some of the things we think about the indifference of clerks and employes and the lack of co-operation in business enterprises. It did us good and no one harm and now we have a few words for the boss, calculated to put his mind to work in a search for a cure.

If there is anything to go wrong on a ship from stem to stern the fault and blame is with the captain and the same is true with the head of a business. The boss is to blame for everything and so long as he stands for it it is no one else's business. Some managers think they know everything from Genesis to Revelations in the book of business and that there are none who can help them any. That is wrong.

There is not a clerk or employe in Merkel but who can give his employer valuable ideas and suggestions. If he is not capable of this he should be fired on the spot for he is not the man for the job. The employer should encourage him to use his brain as well as brawn. The personal interest and pride of the clerk or employe should be aroused and kept at a high temperature all of the time. This can be accomplished by a spirit of frankness and co-operation evidenced first on the part of the boss. Confidence begets confidence.

Every employe in any enterprise from the devil to foreman or office boy to head salesman should have a real interest in the business. This reminds us of an old friend who had a habit of getting drunk semi-occasionally. He had just gotten over a week's spree and straightened up with clean clothes, bath, shave, etc., and looking real good he told us he had an interest in—"Company." We congratulated him, when he said: "Yes, the boss told me that if I did not take a little interest in the business he would fire me." He failed to take the interest and was later fired.

Some managers are inveterate workers themselves but can not work others. It would be better if he did less and got better team work out of his force of employes. It is co-operation that will make the highest efficiency for any business.

The proper organization, team work and then judicious systematic advertising will make a success of any business, if it is worthy.

The Mail is the advertising medium for the Merkel country.

1500 DOZEN EGGS TWO DAYS RECORD

One thousand, three hundred and fifty dozen eggs shipped in one day is the record of Merkel as an egg market. This record being made on Tuesday of this week, the shipment going to Abilene our neighbor city where they do not raise so many article of this description.

Little as the outsider thinks of the Merkel Poultry and Pet Stock Association, it can be given credit with at least helping to get this individuality for our town and we believe there is no town in the western part of the state that can show such a remarkable sale of egg, being purchased altogether from local poultry raisers. The shipment in question was made by W. P. Duckett, manager of the produce department for the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Other shipments going out from the Kent Street Grain and Grocery Company made the shipments go over 1500 dozen eggs for the first two days of the week for the town at large.

It may not be our time to crow but we believe this one days shipment is enough to make all the hens in the Merkel country and give a "Cackling War Cry" that could be heard from the western boundary of Texas where hot tamales and chili con carne reigns to the aligator swamps of Louisiana.

Walker Cottage For Sale.

On account of the health of my family I offer for sale my hotel property and business. Price and terms reasonable. W. R. Walker, Merkel, Texas. 28tf

466 A. & M. BOYS ARE DISCHARGED

Bryan, Tex., Feb. 1.—An order striking the names of 466 students from the roll of the Agricultural and Mechanical College was entered on the faculty minutes of the institution tonight.

The 466 students are charged with insubordination as defined in the blue book. They strapped freshmen, it is charged, because the freshmen refused to give a Christmas tree to the upper class men.

Tuesday twenty-two students were dismissed. Friday five more were dismissed. The students dismissed were sophomores and juniors. A petition demanding the reinstatement of these was presented to the faculty. This was signed by 466 students, who admitted they were guilty of hazing and who said if their fellows were not reinstated that they would attend no academic duties.

The faculty tonight ordered the dismissal of all who signed the petition.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HOUSE MOVING—and Hauling. Telephone 1-7-7. S. L. Owens. tf.

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

LOST—Ladies cloak between north side school building and country home of Mrs. B. Jenkins. Bring to Mail Office and get reward. J. E. Bryson.

FOUND — A ladies coat, light brown mingled with gray. Owner call at Mail office and pay for this ad.

FOR SALE — A Good size solid work horse. Guaranteed a true puller. \$75.00 on fall time. Kent Street Gr & Gro. Co.

POULTRY RAISERS ELECT OFFICERS

January 28th the Merkel Poultry and Pet Stock Association met in regular session for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year.

The following officers were elected, E. H. Cordell, president; R. A. Ellis, vice-president; R. A. McClain, secretary and H. M. Rose, treasurer. G. E. Holland, G. L. Baker and Mrs. W. L. Diltz were elected to look after the affairs coming before the executive committee.

The date for the next poultry and pet stock show is set for the latter part of November, the exact dates are not known, owing to the show here following in order after other western shows so that the expenses of judging the entries will not be so great, the same judge being able to make all towns in this section of the country without making special trips to any one town.

100 Rabbits are Killed at Shiloh.

Monday afternoon, ten citizens of the Shiloh community shouldered their guns and went on the war path for jack rabbits, a sport that is getting to be country wide.

After the smoke had cleared away and a count of the kill was taken it was found that one hundred and one followers of chief long-ears had bit the dust. Frank Hail being handed the ribbon for the evening, (having killed more than any other participant of the drive, his number being twenty-four. Another drive is planned for Friday of this week and the results are expected to go above Monday's count.

AGENT F. A. PEEL VIEWS ON FARMING

Demonstration Agent F. A. Peel for Taylor county was in this section of the country Tuesday and Wednesday looking over the condition of the farms and small plots that have been listed for demonstration work.

Mr. Peel is very jubilant over the prospects, as all of the farmers who have land listed for better farming methods, almost to the man have their land in the best of condition for conserving the moisture as it comes. Mr. Peel says that the country in general is taking to the idea of getting the land broken up thoroughly and that from the reports gathered from old-timers throughout the country, there was never a time before in the history of Taylor county when there was so much farming land in the proper state of cultivation.

Already here has been listed in the Merkel country 47 farmers who have given from 10 to 20 acres of their land for demonstration purposes, making a total of something like 800 acres and agent Peel feels confident that when the closing up of the year comes for enlistment that there will be 1000 acres of our land in a state of cultivation governed according to the better farming methods and to this amount of land there is going to be a handsome reward for the winning demonstrations, these prizes coming from local citizens who look forward to the betterment of farm yields from the above mentioned methods.

It is now the common feeling that a list of prizes for the best yields will be announced within the next 60 days if not before, these prizes will cover the best yield for 10 acres of cotton, for 10 acres of milo maize, raffir and other crops that constitute the life of our country.

FIRE DEPARTMENT GETS NEW HOSE

Monday evening the city fathers met in regular session, mainly to consider the proposition of ordering 500 feet of fire hose for the local department.

After the regular business was transacted two representatives from Hose Companies made lengthy appeals in behalf of their respective goods, after which a vote was taken on the matter and the Fabric Hose Company of New York was given the order. The price being 90 cents per foot on the grade selected by bringing into consideration one dozen new spanners and two hose carts.

The new apparatus is expected here within thirty days together with an addition section to replace some faulty goods now on hand that were purchased from the same company and which it will be possible for provision to be afforded to a vast amount of resident property now unprotected.

SAFETY

In looking for a place to store your earnings or savings the first thought is SAFETY. Then ones thoughts turn to the place where you get the most courteous treatment, and where your account is appreciated whether small or large.

This Bank is a Guaranty Fund Bank, and the only one in Merkel.

The Officers of this Institution appreciate your Business and will accord you the courteous treatment which is your due. There has never a Depositor Lost a dollar in a State Bank in Texas.

LET US HAVE YOUR ACCOUNT

The Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas

\$14.50—Suits—\$14.50.

Three new tailoring lines to select from, with prices ranging from \$14.50 up. These suits are made to measure with fit and satisfaction guaranteed, coming as they do from three of the best known tailoring houses in the country. Don't fail to see the display we have even if you are not ready to purchase your spring suit yet. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Received this week, a full line of white goods. Hogue-Hamilton Co

FAMOUS LEAPS OF BYARD

Hoof Prints Near Newmarket That Mark Jumps of the Legendary Blind Horse.

Near Newmarket, in Lincolnshire, England, there are three marks of a horse's hoofs, and each mark is seven yards distant from the other. Every man who farms the field is careful to keep these marks from being grass-grown or plowed up. For they are the famous marks of Byard's leap, which is recounted in the following story:

There was once a witch of Newmarket who bewitched the cattle and crops of her neighbors and did all sorts of mischief, and at last one farmer went to a wise man and asked him what to do to overcome the witch.

"Tie a naked dagger around your waist," said the wise man. "Then drive your horses into a pond at night and throw a stone into the pond. Mount the horse that lifts his head up first and gallop off to the witch's hut and bid her out to ride with you."

Byard, a blind horse, was the first to raise his head when the farmer threw the stone, so the farmer mounted him and galloped to the witch's hut.

"Out and ride with me! Out and ride with me!"

And out came the witch. She jumped at the horse, and Byard made his first leap, and got away. She jumped again, and Byard made his second leap and got away. At the third leap she sprang behind the farmer and wound her skinny arms about his waist. But the dagger cut her left arm, and she lost all her power, and was never able to trouble anybody again.

Destructive Pennsylvania Deer.

A traveler along the Sugar Camp road the other day saw three deer, a buck and two does, standing at the very edge of the road near a watering trough. They appeared to be as little concerned as cattle, and made no sign of fright until the driver cracked his whip at them. Then they took to the tall timber.

Just a few days before that Henry Dill, near Trout Run, saw a drove of 14 deer along the road not two miles from the farms. It is in that region that last year several farmers had their wheat crop ruined by droves of deer jumping fences and browsing on the tender growth. There is a strong sentiment among the farmers, who are thus put to loss by these animals, that if they would kill them while on foraging expeditions on their lands the law couldn't harm them. If the deer try their thievery out this spring there is liable to be just such cases put up to the state game authorities. —Williamsport Correspondence North Carolina.

Card of Thanks.

We take this method of thanking our many Merkel friends who offered so valuable assistance to us during the sickness and death of our little son, Seth. Very Respectfully,
Mr and Mrs. E. L. Rogers

Footpaths on Road to Peace. To be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars; to be satisfied with your possessions, but not contented with yourself until you have made the best of them; to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice; to be governed by your admirations rather than by your disgusts; to covet nothing that is your neighbor's except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manners; to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends and every day of Christ; and to spend as much time as you can with body and with spirit, in God's out-of-doors—these are little guideposts on the footpath of peace.—Henry Van Dyke.

Mebane Cotton seed, \$1.25 per bushel, give us your order now to insure delivery.
Merkel D. G. & Gro. Co.

Mebane Cotton Seed.

Give us your order for Mebane cotton Seed at once. They are the best and more productive. Price \$1.25 per bushel. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Turned Joke on Inspector.

This curious incident comes from Suhr, Switzerland: An inspector of schools, without any previous warning, visited the village school and found the elderly teacher asleep at his desk and the children departed, having apparently taken French leave. To give the teacher a great surprise and a bad quarter of an hour, the inspector decided to wait until he awoke, and seated himself on a bench in front of the culprit. The hours passed and the inspector himself went to sleep. The teacher, on awakening and seeing who was sleeping before him, quietly left the school for home. Without entering the school room the concierge locked up the school and the slumbering inspector. Several hours later the concierge heard a great noise and, arming himself, opened the door, and was greatly surprised to find the angry inspector before him.

Call and see the nice goods at cheap prices at the Nickle Store on Kent street.

SNAKE CHARMERS OF OLD

Homer and Virgil Mention Them and Ancient Tablets Show the Tamed Serpents.

Snake taming is mentioned by Virgil, and Homer refers to the snake owned and specially favored by Ajax. That the Macedonians were on intimate terms with reptiles is shown by tablets bearing images of women feeding serpents. Other tablets show serpents twining around columns in the temple of Hercules, where they were placed by people in token of gratitude to the god.

The chariots of Minerva and Ceres were drawn by snakes and snakes guarded the altars of many of the gods. On a fragment of a Pompeian fresco a serpent is depicted coiled in a tree on a stretcher borne by two slaves.

The guardian serpent was the good fairy of the antique home and the watchful guard of the family honor. Even at the present time the Mexican peasants flock to Cocula from all the country round about to keep the feast day of St. Dominic, the saint who conferred on man the power to tame serpents. On St. Dominic's day snake-charmers appear in Cocula bearingadders and other reptiles. In Umbria the snake is supposed to possess the power of working miracles.—Harper's Weekly.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Sam Rainbolt of Dallas came in Wednesday to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Mebane Cotton seed give the best results. Order them now. Merkel D. G. & Gro. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Eoff returned from Winters Tuesday afternoon where they have been for some time attending the bedside of sick relatives.

150 pieces of new gingham have arrived at our store, call and inspect them.

Hogue Hamilton Co.

R. O. Anderson spent from Saturday until Tuesday evening in Fort Worth looking after business for The Farmers State Bank.

It will be to your interest to call at the Nickel store when you want nice goods cheap.

Clarence Fulweiler and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mahaffy of Abilene stopped a while in Merkel Monday afternoon while on their way to the Canyon country.

A select grade of onion sets at Hamblet & Rogers.

Nice line of ladies collars, bags and other novelties just received Hogue Hamilton Co.

Easter Coming Early.

And we want you to come in and see our three complete lines of mens made-to-order clothes. Prices ranging from \$14.50 up. See our line before you send your orders out. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company

Dressed Chicken.

She wanted to surprise her husband with a chicken dinner, but after she had gone out into their little chicken run and captured a toothsome-looking young rooster there, she lost her nerve. She simply couldn't bear to hand it the axe. There was a small bottle of chloroform in the house, however, so she decided to prepare his roostership for the oven via the anaesthesia route. He succumbed quickly, but to her horror he recovered consciousness as soon as she had finished plucking him. Stricken with remorse then, she clothed his naked form in a hastily made suit of white flannel, that fitted him like a regular "varsity made" garment. Then she turned him out into the chicken run again.

Editors insist upon happy endings of stories nowadays, so the remainder of this tale is better left untold. Sufficient to say that although fine feathers make fine birds, white flannel never made this rooster himself again.

Why Will.

"Didn't you think that was a beautiful girl with me today, Will?"
"What girl, my dearest?"
"Why she was with me when you met us outside the church."
"Was there a girl there, dear? I didn't notice. I was looking at you." And then she loved him all the more.

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THE OLDEST BANK IN MERKEL

Designated by the Government as Depository for Postal Saving Funds

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A good banking connection and acquaintance has been the means of many young men getting started right in the business world.

If you are a salesman, a mechanic, a farm hand or it matters not what your vocation may be, keep a bank account. Some day you will want to do business for yourself and you will doubtless have to start in a small way. Then your acquaintance and credit with your bank will be of service to you.

We do a general banking business. Deposits received subject to check at all times. Money loaned on approved notes. Exchange bought and sold on all parts of the world. Checks on all points received for deposit or collection. Fire-proof vaults for the safe keeping of valuable papers, deeds, etc.

J. T. WARREN, President

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

The Southern National Bank

ENCOMIUM

In going through our ledger our attention is attracted to a long list of customers whose names have been on our books ever since the bank started. To these good friends this space is devoted entirely this week. We want to express to them our grateful appreciation of the business with which they have favored us, and to invite them to feel free to call on us when we can do them a favor.

Come to see us when in town and use our vaults for the protection of your valuable papers and our office to write your letters. You are always welcome.

We are under obligations for your account.

Capital, Surplus and Profits \$61,000.00

A GOOD BANK FOR GOOD PEOPLE

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

M. D. Ussery made a business trip to Abilene Tuesday.

10 pound buckets pure hog lard \$1.25. City Meat Market.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Comegys left Sunday for Dallas.

W. O. Boney was in Abilene on business Tuesday.

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

R. M. Malone was in Abilene Wednesday on business.

Geo. F. Stribling of Abilene was here last week visiting W. L. Harkrider.

A few thoroughbred White Plymouth cockrels and hens for sale. Phone 63.

Mayor C. D. Mims and W. T. Potter were in Austin last week looking after legal matters.

New, all linen for 25 cents per yard. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Harness Worth Buying

are the kind you want for both your work stock and your buggy horse. WE KNOW WHAT WE put into our harness and know they are good.



Figure With Us

on what you are going to need and see if we are not right.

J. L. BANNER & SON

TO LIGHT CONSUMERS

Owing to mechanical troubles in our light plant it has been impossible for us to give regular service to our patrons during the past week. At the rate we are now progressing on getting repairs made to the motive power we hope to be able to give regular service today (Friday) or not later than Saturday night of this week, as conditions now promise.

We wish to thank you for your patience and assure you that we will renew the service at the earliest possible moment.

MERKEL ELECTRIC CO.

W. E. BRITAIN, Manager

Drug Sundries

Prescription Drugs

Burrough's Drug Store

Notions

Paints and Glass

Mrs. M. J. Lowe went to Baird Saturday to visit her daughter Mrs. A. D. Grounds.

We are prepared to handle your garden seed trade. The Cash Grocery.

J. S. Swann was in Putnam Tuesday looking after business matters.

Send a bucket for some of that strained California honey at The Cash Grocery.

Miss Bertha Early of Abilene was here the first of the week visiting her cousin Mrs. E. Hall.

Dem Rust is the proud possessor of a new Yale motorcycle and is acting like a small boy with his first "bike."

Nice fresh strained California honey 12 1/2 cents per pound at The Cash Grocery.

Mrs. E. M. Rust and daughter Miss Genevieve went to Abilene Saturday afternoon to visit friends returning home Sunday.

New line of dress goods are arriving daily this week. Some elegant patterns at moderate prices. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Counts of El Paso are here visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Counts.

Vol Martin returned from Dallas Friday where he has been for several months looking after a mechanical invention which is yet in state of secrecy.

Kings box and bulk chocolates that are fresh. Our new line, try them. The Elite.

Mrs. A. J. Leighty came in from Abilene last week to spend a week with her husband Agent Leighty of the T. & P.

Mrs. Vernon Jones and little son Collins of Bagwell came in Friday to visit Mrs. Jones parents Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Collins.

New line of hats for men and boys. Correct in style and right in prices. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Miss Iela McDonald was in Abilene Saturday to witness the basket ball game and to visit Miss Mary Pitzer.

Miss Verona Hamblet is at home from Weatherford where she has been attending school for the past few months.

Traveling Bag lost, between Merkel and Sweetwater, it contains some very valuable papers for which I will pay a liberal reward for return of same. Fred Bigham, Merkel, Texas.

Mrs. E. P. McMillen visited Mrs. J. W. Behrens in Abilene last week.

J. T. Darsey and J. H. Thomas the second hand men were in Abilene Tuesday looking after business matters.

Wesley Edwards went to Cisco Wednesday to look after the shipment of some cattle he has in that section of the country.

J. T. Crimm of Shanrock was here Wednesday looking after some property he has purchased in Boyce addition.

White Wave flour, the money back kind for \$2.80 at Whitley Bros.

J. L. Banner, Thos. Jenkins and Jno. Sears left Wednesday for Fort Worth to be gone a few days.

Mrs. W. E. Bradley left Wednesday for Putman, where she will be for several days.

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

Messrs. J. N. Blackburn and Jno. Blackburn, W. S. Burton left Wednesday for Putnam to spend a few days in the health resort.

We propose to sell dry goods at right prices. Our expenses are small and we can afford to take small profits. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. R. A. McClain accompanied her brother Henry King to Abilene Sunday. Henry having gone for a special treatment at the sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Isom of Abilene returned to their home after a short visit with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

\$1,000 worth of ladies, misses and childrens slippers just arrived. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

The social meeting of the Baptist Aid and Mission Society will be held in the home of Mrs. C. D. Whitley, Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. All members are cordially invited.

Miss Frances Dickson of Cleburne, enroute to Austin from Los Angeles, stopped off here to visit her cousins Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Misses Nell and Lucy Tracy Saturday and Sunday.

FIRST SCORE FOR THE MAJOR

Man of Law Wasted Time in Contemplation, but His Opponent Was Quick to Act.

There lived at one time, in the fashionable quarter of Dublin an eminent lawyer who afterwards came to occupy a position on the judicial bench. He was a man of high professional attainments but of testy and irritable temper. His next door neighbor was a retired major, noted for the eccentricity of his habits. Between the two there was anything but a friendly feeling and they did all in their power to annoy and harass each other. One night, memorable in Ireland as 'The Night of the great storm,' the major's chimneys were blown down. Crash they went through the roof of the lawyer's house and thence down through floor after floor, carrying havoc in their course. The man of law was in no good humor as he contemplated the destruction, and what made matters worse was that it was the major's chimney that had occasioned the wreck. His mind was actively engaged in devising some process by which he could get satisfaction from his arch enemy, when this missive arrived from the major:

"Send me back my bricks immediately or I'll put the matter in the hands of an attorney"

The Fat Rooster.

Very few people credit chickens with having much sense; but at least one young rooster, proved, without doubt, that he was wiser than he looked. This cockerel has a habit of ruffling up his feathers during feeding time, and as he was about twice as fat as the rest of the fowls, his owner decided to watch him and to try to find out the cause of his queer behavior. One day, as the fowl sauntered off after being fed, the rooster carried his portly self to a secluded place by the wood pile, and shook himself vigorously; whereupon down fell more than half a pint of grain which his ruffled feathers had caught at feeding time. This he proceeded to eat at his leisure. As he continued to ruffle his feathers and to saunter off to the wood pile after meals, he gained in size daily, his owner for every reason to believe that the rooster had more than his share of common chicken sense.

Horse Came Back.

A. H. Whitman, a Los Angeles (Cal.) jeweler, says that a cat may come back, also a horse. Whitman owned a horse for several years, and recently deciding that the animal had outlived its usefulness, he gave a young man \$5 to take the equine into the country and shoot it.

He then decided that he must have a new steed, so inserted an advertisement in the newspapers. Among several answers, one especially appealed to him.

It stated that the writer possessed a gentle family horse, and gave a description which sounded good to the jeweler.

Accordingly, he journeyed to China, from which town the letter came, looked over the horse, and bought it. When he got the animal home he noticed something familiar in its actions, and upon closely examining the animal, found it to be the one he had paid to have shot.

Ed Young formerly of Carlsbad, N. M. is here this week visiting friends. On arriving here last week Mr. Young was taken sick and was not able to be out of his room at the Collins House until Monday.

MERKEL
 GOOD HOMES; GOOD SCHOOLS,
 GOOD CHURCHES; GOOD PEOPLE;
 THE CITY TO LIVE IN,
 THE CITY TO INVEST IN

THE MERKEL COUNTRY,
 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,
 GOOD HEALTH FOR THE OLD MAN,
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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.

PROMINENT TEXAS LADIE DIES.

We regret very much to note the death of Mrs. A. H. Belo, president of the A. H. Belo & Co., publishers of the Dallas and Galveston News.

Mrs. Belo died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Charles Peabody in Cambridge, Mass.

Mrs. Belo had been ill for several months and recently developed pneumonia, which in her weakened condition proved fatal.

She was the widow of Col. A. H. Belo, who died April 19, 1901, and who was the founder of The Dallas News and for many years previous to the starting of this enterprise was owner and publisher of the Galveston News.

Mrs. Belo was born Dec. 3, 1846, at San Jacinto and Congress avenues, facing the court house square, in Houston, Texas and was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carneilus Ennis. She was married to Col. Belo in Trinity Church, Galveston on June 30, 1868. Two children were born to them, Jeanette, now Mrs. Charles Peabody of Cambridge and Alfred H. Belo, Jr., who died February 27, 1906. Mrs. Belo was elected president of A. H. Belo and Co., publishers, after the death of her son and continued as president of the company to the time of her death. She was a charter member of the Colonial Dames.

Her early education was received in Mrs. Ennis' private school in Houston. Two years were spent as a student in the Ursuline Convent at Galveston, and three years in Paris, France, her parents, sending her and her sister to Paris in May, 1864. They returned to Texas in December, 1867, the family taking up its residence in Galveston. Mrs. Belo's mother came to Texas in 1837 and her father in 1839. Mr. Ennis was for many years one of the most prominent citizens of Houston and had a large part in the building of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, the town of Ennis being named after him. He was also connected with other enterprises in the early development of Texas.

Since it has been seen that the Democrats are to be in power soon, every available man in the country almost, even to the 2 by 4 politicians of the land are being heralded as timber suitable for the coming cabinet. But there is coming a time of the year when the usual weeding of crops takes place with the farmers of the country and about the same time these unqualified pie hunters are going to find the national weeding process will give them a place in Wilson's. (Cabi-Nit.)

Of course a woman never really knows a man until after she has married him; still we doubt if it is wise for a girl to slope with a stranger.

One reason you hardly ever see a man who is proud of his complexion is because you never see one who has any right to be.

CITY BIDS GET A RAISE.

Monday evening when the city council met, a proposition was put before them to advance the pay of the city officers with the exception of the Mayor's salary.

Here-to-fore aldermen have been drawing \$24 per year for their services, payment being made quarterly, their salary has been raised to \$60. The city secretaries salary has been raised from \$50 per year to \$100 and a raise of \$25 was placed on the city treasurer's salary, which has been standing at \$50 per annum. To the proposition there was some kicks registered, but it carried with one alderman refusing to vote.

SUSPENDS PUBLICATION AFTER 1500 YEARS.

The President of the Chinese Republic, Yuan Shi Kai, recently suspended the newspaper King Bao, which was undoubtedly the oldest paper in the world. For 1500 years it has reported the more important news, not only of China, but of foreign countries. The first edition was printed on ten sheets of yellow silk neatly tied together, and was sent to all the high officials of the Chinese Empire. Since 400 A. D. that paper has been issued regularly until it was suppressed by the government. Many think that printing was discovered in Europe in the fourteenth century, calling it to use at first letters cut out of the bark of a tree, and taking impressions from them. As late as the second half of the fourteenth century every book in Europe used for school or church, every public document, every letter, was written out by hand, and the illustrations of the same were made by hand. Wood letters were used for printing in Europe on silk cloth and vellum nearly two hundred years before they were used for printing on paper. In the year 175 the text of the Chinese classics was cut upon tablets which were placarded outside the university, and impressions were taken from them. The newspaper King Bao, founded in the year 400 of the Christian era, is the natural product of the art of printing in that day. It is presumed that the president of the republic suppressed this paper because it was unfriendly to democracy, or to the present administration of the government.—Christian Herald.

The rural free delivery carrier's idea of a good parcel post is one that will bring him another horse and a oar load of oats.

A bill has been introduced in the Texas Senate to make it a misdemeanor for any man to get drunk at any other place other than in his own home. This bill when passed and enforced will practically eliminate drunkards for who wants to go home and get drunk.

Fort Worth is making some big preparations for the coming National Feeders and Breeders Association to open in that city March 8th. The management of the association has been good enough to the Mail to send the Editor a day and night show pass, the pass being good for both he and his lady. We appreciate this very much and if subscriptions come in with their usual rate of acceleration we will be able to use the offered compliment with the greatest pleasure.

Another reason why a little boy is more interested in whistling than in carrying a tune is because his father also makes more noise than anything else.

Turkey is appealing to the Powers to prevent the ending of the armistice with the Balkan allies. Turkey is strong on diplomacy and prefers it to fighting.

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.

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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.

Yours for Lands and Loans.

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All Winter Goods are being Sold at Less than Manufacturers cost of Production. 2000 pairs of shoes of all kinds to close out at the most Ridiculously Low Prices ever heard of. Must have the room Regardless of their worth.

50 Men's Blue Serge Suits to Close Out Quick at Only \$9.95

7 spools best sewing thread, this sale for 25c	35c Turkish bath towels, this sale for 20c	35c children's union suits, this sale for 20c	50c heavy fleeced underwear for men 35c	All men's 50c work shirts, this sale only 39c	Ladies \$3 shoes all kinds to close out at \$1.95
7 dozen good pearl buttons, this sale for 25c	20c and 25c silk and satin ribbon for 10c	Men's \$1.25 work pants, this sale for 85c	50c heavy ribbed underwear for men for 39c	75c and \$1.00 boys knee pants, this sale 50c	Ladies 2.50 shoes all kinds to close out at \$1.65
Ladies' 7½c handkerchiefs, this sale 3c	25c Buster Brown hosiery, this sale 20c	Men's \$1.50 sweater coats, this sale for 95c	Men's heavy whipcord work pants for \$1.35	Ladies \$4.00 Selby Shoes to close out at \$2.95	Ladies \$2 shoes all kinds to close out at \$1.45
18 skeins embroidery cotton, this sale 25c	7½c outing flannels this sale for only 4c	\$5.00 John B. Stetson hats, this sale \$3.75	Best grade overalls this sale for only 89c	Ladies \$3.40 Selby Shoes to close out at \$2.45	Ladies comfort shoes to close out at only \$1.25

Every Article of Winter Goods must go. It will surely pay you to take advantage of the Prices that we are making now on everything.

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A Coincident in Deaths.

A most unusual happening of deaths occurred in the Merkel country during last week.

The deaths were in the families of E. L. Rogers of this place and J. H. McMurray of Trent. Seth the small son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rogers was born August 4, of last year and died of pneumonia February 1st, last, burial took place in the Rose Hill cemetery, Sunday evening at 2 o'clock. Rev. R. A. Clements conducted the funeral services.

Little Nora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McMurray of Trent was born the same day as was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers died of pneumonia February 1st, and was buried in Rose Hill cemetery, Sunday during the same hour of burial services as laid the child of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers away. Rev. Clements preached the second funeral.

It is more remarkable for the two deaths coming as they did from the same affliction and about the same hour of the same day, being buried at the same hour on Sunday in the same cemetery, Rev. Clements preached the funeral of each child and it further coincides that the children were born on the same day and at about the same hour.

Moves to Santa Anna

C. E. Bradley formerly with W. D. Woodroof & Co., here has moved to Santa Anna, he and Mr. Mundy of the Andy Co. of South have their business at that place and have bought a general mercantile store at the above mentioned place. Mr. Mundy is being postmaster

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2. Name of Contestant will not be published.
3. Every Contestant is credited with 2,000 Votes to start with.
4. Every Contestant gets a number.
5. Standing of Contestants' numbers published weekly.
6. All Votes must be brought in for recording on Wednesday.
7. Votes must not be written upon.
8. Tie Votes in packages with Contestant's number and the amount on top slip only.
9. Color of Votes will change and must be recorded weekly.
10. Votes are transferable only before recording.
11. Contestant having the largest number of Votes on Aug. 2nd wins the Piano.
12. Candidates not bringing in personal Votes will be dropped.

Card of Thanks.

at Stith cannot get relieved at present and Mr. Bradley went in advance to take charge of the business. Miss Ruby Jones accompanied him and will assist in the dry goods department.

We wish to thank our many Merkel friends for the valuable assistance given us during the sickness and death of our little son George. The assistance and

presence of friends was greatly needed at the time and we wish to acknowledge our appreciation.
Very respectfully,
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Turner.

Little George Turner Dead.

George Turner the six months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Turner died at their home in south Merkel Thursday evening of last week. The child had been sick for two or three weeks and had been in precarious condition most all the time, finally giving away to a complications of troubles.

Burial services were held in the Rose Hill cemetery the following day, Rev. Clements conducting the services.

Infant Baby Dies.

The infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Cypert of south Merkel died at their home Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock, having taken sick late the evening before and until late in the night was not thought to be in a very dangerous condition.

Funeral and burial services were held in Rose Hill cemetery Tuesday evening, Rev. Clements conducting the services.

Hats and the Man.

Why must women bear most of the burden for slavery to dress when man certainly has no more freedom than she? This could be illustrated in a number of different ways, including collars that choke and are too easily soiled, but what is really in our mind is the hair-and-brain-and-comfort-destroying derby. It makes the head look like a peanut. It is worn in the spring long after the owner longs for the straw hat, and in the autumn when he wishes to continue with the straw, and in the winter when he desires a comfortable, pleasant, soft, warm covering. Perhaps the cap is gaining a little in popularity, and also the soft felt, but the progress is not enough to be noticeable. For what progress there is we can probably thank the automobile. We certainly cannot thank the intelligence of men.
—Collier's.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Royally Estertained

Tuesday noon saw the beginning of a magnificent feast and social meeting given by the O. E. S. of Merkel. Quite a crowd of friends to members of the order gathered in the Masonic hall and enjoyed one of the most sumptuous dinners the writer ever had the pleasure of attending.

Every one back to the hall at 7:30, first thing on the program Mr. Edwards gave a lantern lecture, showing us many of the beautiful scenes of Masonry while W. N. Hall and Mrs. Jenkins explained, next was a magnificent speech by the great orator T. A. Johnson. A solo by Mrs. Wesley Edwards, a beautiful poem by Mrs. W. N. Hall and a reading by Mrs. Allie Jenkins made the evening a very pleasant one.

Fruits were served and all returned to their homes wondering what became of the "card" and why the man never thought of meeting a bear and hoping the day would not be long when we would be called on to participate in another such a feast.

Last Wednesday evening Miss Maude Martin entertained a few couples at her home in West Merkel. Music and "42" afford pleasure to the guests who were Misses Mabel Collins, Pet Sears, Zora Coggin, Messrs. H. L. Easterwood, Ottis Barnett, Dee Grimes and George Ferrer. At the conclusion of the games the hostess served fruit salad, pimento sandwiches, olives, cake and hot chocolate.

Mrs. Davenport Gaither was a most charming hostess Thursday afternoon to the members of the Wedelve Circle and two out of town guests. An hour or two was spent in needlework followed by a delicious luncheon served by her mother Mrs. W. V. Crawford. The guests were Misses Willie Bigham, Mabel Collins, Elma Sheppard, Zora Coggin, Maude Martin, Messdames Fred Bigham, W. H. Dickson, J. G. Jackson, A. J. Leighty of Abilene, Sterling P. Miller of Abilene, W. R. Walker, O. W. Williams and W. L. Woodroof.

An informal party was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Bighams Wednesday evening. Mrs. Bigham is always ready to give pleasure to her young friends. Her home was prettily decorated for the occasion. Music games and Candy making were pleasant diversions. Those present were: Misses Olga Elma Sheppard, Messrs Homer Jobe, Tully Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Davenport Gaither, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling P. Miller of Abilene and the hostess.

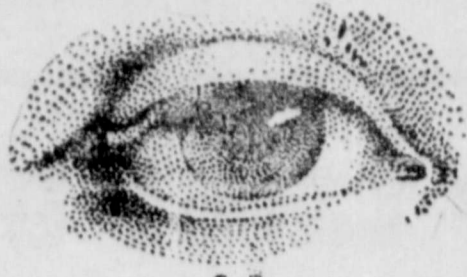
Last Monday the ladies of the Missionary Society of the M.E. church, south met in the home of Mrs. Roach. Mrs. M. Armstrong presided over the meeting, the president being absent. The attendance was excellent and the meeting an enthusiastic one. The society has divided into the white and gold divisions. The contest will be governed on attendance. The losing side will entertain the winning. Many matters of business were under discussion. Mrs. Roach served tempting refreshments to those present.

Topic, Negro education. Leader, Jackie Jennings. Doxology. Prayer. Scripture lesson, Acts 20:35, Rom. 15:1. John 4:7.

History of negro—Georgia Moore. Some things being done for the negro—Almeda Hefris, Oly Shaffer, Dorothy Lee Potter, Moore, Genevieve Rust, Jim Lawless and Homer Lacey.

What can we do?—Maud Jinkens. Christian Principles which underlie this work—T A Johnson.

Prayer. Vocal Quartett, male. Reading of Epworth Visitor. Offering.



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BOASTING A POOR EXERCISE

It Loosens the Fiber of the Brain and Makes Men Soft and Flabby.

Boasting is a poor intellectual exercise. It seems to loosen the fibers of the brain and make them soft and flabby. When we read in the New York Medical Journal that card-playing is injurious to the mind, we remember what Dr. Edward Everett Hale said about it: "The bragging of a people used to playing cards," and then coupling the two observations, we get a standpoint from which to view the discrepancies of society.

The Medical Journal treats the matter scientifically and learns from psychology that the keeping the mind on exciting uncertainties renders it inefficient in the consideration of serious things afterward. Go, for instance, from an exciting game of baseball and pick up your Emerson, Ruskin, Sartor Resartus or Progress and Poverty, and see where you are. Stuck in the mud, that's certain. You cannot budge a barley corn. Now, keep that up, day after day, with any sort of sport and then take account of your mental condition.

We suspect the Medical Journal is right, and Dr. Hale's illustration is pat. And if you want to make an effective thinker of yourself, it would be well not to get daft on any game. Take hold of it as an incidental, if you bother with it at all.—Ohio State Journal.

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Herodotus a Muckraker.

Such as believe the tales of the Egyptians credible are free to accept them for history. For my own part, I propose to myself throughout my whole work faithfully to record the traditions of the several nations. The Egyptians maintain that Ceres and Bacchus preside in the realms below. They were also the first to broach the opinion that the soul of man is immortal, and that when the body dies it enters into the form of an animal which is born at the moment, thence passing on from one animal into another until it has circled through the forms of all the creatures which tenant the earth, the water and the air; after which it enters again a human frame, and is born anew. The whole period of the transmigration is (they say) three thousand years. There are Greek writers—some of an earlier, some of a later date—who have borrowed this doctrine from the Egyptians and put it forward as their own. I could mention their names, but I abstain from doing so.—Herodotus.

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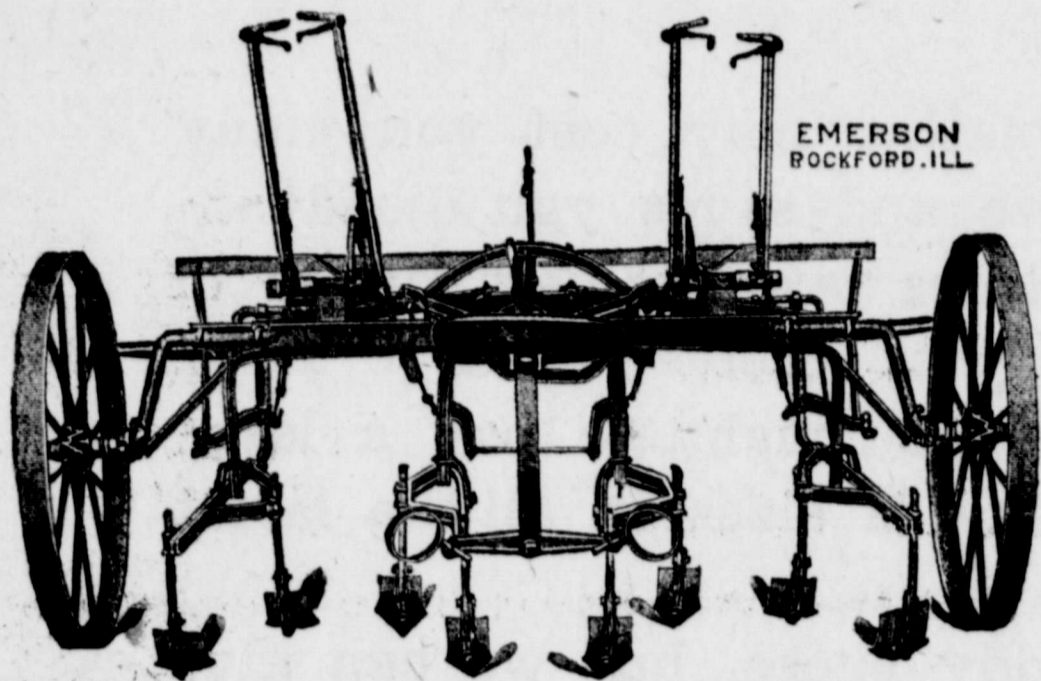
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Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel for the week ending Feb Peoples, B. F.

If not called for will dead letter office Feb. 2 H. W. Derstis

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For Mayor.
M. T. POTTER.
For City Marshal
W. N. HALL (re-election)
S. L. OWENS

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND
Train No. 2, leaves Merkel... 9:00 p.m.
Train No. 4 " " " " 10:26 a.m.
Train No. 6 " " " " 11:52 p.m.
WEST BOUND
Train No. 1, leaves Merkel... 4:38 a.m.
Train No. 3 " " " " 6:42 p.m.
Train No. 5 " " " " 5:26 a.m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

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.

Choose Neighbors With Home.
"The subject of neighbors is one on which we are sensitive," writes Agnes Athol in an article on "Some Things That We Learned by Renting a House in the Suburbs," in which she advocates renting a house before you buy one in Suburban Life Magazine. "It is true that the people directly in our rear are charming in the social sense, but unfortunately, they spend but six months' time at home. On one side of us are some poor but honest neighbors, whose children have taught mine innumerable little phrases with which they startle us from time to time. 'My God! and I ain't got no—' and 'Come on, kids!' do not exactly appeal to me. Perhaps I am undemocratic. But even the most altruistic would have to draw the line, at a family of seven diagonally across, who never miss a chance to knock the baby down or make off with unwatched toys. Our resolution to surround our own back yard (when we shall own one) with a hedge offers some remedy; but what shall we do about the neighbor on the other corner, who has a rebellious cesspool?"

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MADE UP OF MIXED RACES

Similarity Between French and American Nations is Accounted For in That Way.

A notable French visitor speaks with surprise of the many points of similarity between the French people and the Americans.

He is merely making the obverse of a discovery which has puzzled many thousands of American travelers. The French and American peoples, with all their manifest differences, are oddly like each other in many ways.

Perhaps the explanation lies in the fact that both peoples are compounded of many and distinct races, fused together in a single nationality.

The mixture of races which has gone on in America is known to all. But an American is prone to forget that a similar mixture has been in progress for a much longer time in France.

Three great races, Teutonic, Celtic and Latin, are represented today in the population of France.

Twenty nationalities have fused to make the French nationality. A dozen tribes of Gauls, the Romans, Franks, Burgundians, Normans, and others literally too numerous to mention, have been mixed and melted together to form France.

Similar mixtures produce similar results. That would appear to be the formula for the resemblances between France and America.

PAID WELL FOR HIS BOAST

Probably in the Future Dubbleigh Will First Find Out Identity of His Listener.

"That's a darned fine-lookin' car o' yers, mister," said the old man with a whisker, as he inspected Dubbleigh's motor standing in front of the Eagle House at Togus.

"You bet it is," said Dubbleigh. "I came over here from Watkins Corners this morning in just fifty-five minutes. Going some, eh?"

"Ya-as," said the old gentleman, stroking his whisker thoughtfully. "Kin ye prove it?"

"I have witnesses in my guests," said Dubbleigh.

"Wal-al, I'll take yer word for it," said the stranger. "Jest fork over twenty-five, and we'll call it square. I'm Justice o' the Peace round here, and it'll save time to settle this here matter right now."—Harper's Weekly.

THE NEXT BIG EVENT is the

Fat Stock Show

at
Fort Worth, Texas,
March 8-15th, 1913



Will have ROUND TRIP TICKETS on sale from ALL STATIONS on their lines at VERY LOW RATES.

Ask Agents for full information about the selling dates, limit and fares or write,

A. D. BELL,
Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt.
GEO. D. HUNTER,
General Passenger Agent,
Dallas, Texas.

The goods at the Nickel Store are all new and are cheap. Call and see.

JUST A MERE SUGGESTION

Huby's Plaint, 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."

You will find the Nickel Store in the Dr. J. H. Warnick building on Kent street.

Protect Your Feet in Cold Weather

Wearing old shoes in wet weather may cost you many times the price of a new pair of shoes and saves you disadvantage of sickness. Our large stock places us as the best Fitters of Fine Footwear in Merkel. We have just received a large stock of shoes and can give you at the price you ought, to pay a large assortment of shoes in a complete line of sizes in all the latest shapes and leathers.

We don't handle cheap, shoddy shoes, but we can give you good leather shoes as cheap as any one else can offer them to you. We would like to have you call and see for yourself the advantage in buying shoes where the stock is new and complete. The satisfaction of getting the kind of shoe you want in the size you should wear would without a doubt be very pleasing to you. Do your shoe buying here and that feeling will prevail.

Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Shiloh News.

Feb. 4—Not being able to reach the Mail last week, will send two weeks news condensed.

Miss Pearl Faubian left Shiloh for Merkel Sunday where she will remain for some time.

Several of our farmers visited the city Saturday. Some of them to buy and some to sell.

Several of the new comers expressed themselves as being hopeful of rain or snow Sunday, but the old-timers just looked wise and said nothing.

Mrs. Bryant visited her daughter Miss Pearl Faubian in Merkel last week.

Mrs. Pheobe Greene and daughter Mrs. Mary Boone of Oklahoma visited Mrs. S. L. Phillips Sunday of last week.

Mrs. J. H. Grayson who has been quite sick is improving fast. Fred Dupree and wife of north Texas have moved to the Goodman farm north of Shiloh.

Loyal Rutledge of Oklahoma is here visiting his brother Hardy.

Archie Carr who once lived here but now of Paducah is here visiting friends.

Joe Winters spent Monday of this week in Merkel.

Misses Winnie Good and Nichols of Trent were visitors at the Shiloh school Monday.

Mrs. Martin, who lives south of Sweetwater is here visiting her son Lon Martin and family.

Butman Community.

Feb. 4—Miss Mattie Randolph is visiting in McCauley.

Sam Butman, Jr. spent Sunday in Abilene with friends.

READ THIS AD

Every country needs a market where they can carry their chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, butter, eggs, hides, beeswax, tinfoil and other market products and get cash for these things. The way to have a market of this kind is to carry your produce to the market man who always pays the top market prices in cash for all the above mentioned things. Come to us and stay with us and we will stay with you. With a cash proposition at all times.

Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

W. P. DUCKETT, Manager Produce Dept.

Bro. Richard filled his regular appointment at Liveoak Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Ollie Wood has been sick for the past two weeks.

Theodore Clark has a bad case of measles.

John Collins of Merkel was in this section last week gathering cattle to ship Monday.

Jim Porter made a business trip to Merkel Thursday.

Mrs. Nancie Lilly was shopping in Merkel Saturday.

W. P. Moore made a business trip to Dora last week.

Route Three Items.

Feb. 4—The farmers are still busy turning the soil.

Sunday school was dismissed at Castle Peak Sunday on account of bad weather.

W. P. Moore has returned from where she has been attending the bed side of her mother Mrs. Harris who has been very low

but is now improving.

Mrs. Baccus and daughter were shopping in Merkel Thursday.

Miss Cotton of Caps visited the school at Castle Peak Friday afternoon in the interest of a singing school class.

B. F. Logan and family received the sad news of the death of their daughter Mrs. Emma Logan of Oklahoma. She has many friends in this community who join the sorrow-stricken parents in their bereavement.

Off to Market

Merkel buyers have been leaving for market during the past week. W. D. Woodroof left for St. Louis Saturday noon, J. P. Sharp and W. L. Harkrider left Tuesday with intentions of visiting the same place before returning home. Jno. D. Gaither, Mgr. of the Merkel D. G. Co. will leave tonight for eastern points to be gone several days.

To The Farmers of The Merkel Country.

Also to the business men and ladies of Merkel.

Hon. J. W. Meill of the state department of agriculture accompanied by county superintendent J. S. Smith and myself will visit the Merkel schools on Thursday 13th inst., and Mr. Neill will address the school children on diversified farming, stock and poultry raising. Mr. Neill's lectures are always interesting and instructive to people of all ages and professions, and we would be very glad to have a good attendance on this occasion.

The hour for said lecture will be announced by the superintendent of your schools. F. A. Peel, Special Agt. U.S. Dept Agri.

Money Saved

Buying maize and Kaffir heads from G. R. Gazzaway. Get it while its cheap. 7t2pd

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Inkum Items.

Feb. 3—The farmers are busy preparing for another crop and a large portion of the fields are already plowed.

There was a decided drop in the Mercury Saturday evening.

Miss Ima Fuqua and brother who have been off to school were visiting their parents near here the last few days.

Mrs. Tarvis died at her home near here Friday, and was buried in the Buffalo Gap cemetery Saturday. The family is having a sad time of sickness and death and our people although doing all they can to assist in nursing the sick are helpless in troubles so deep as theirs.

J. A. Tubb has been sick in Abilene the past week. He had gone to that city on business and up to Monday was not able to return home.

Frazier Demere of Dora was in this section buying mules and cattle Friday.

Salt Branch Items.

Feb. 4—There was no Sunday school here Sunday on account of the bad weather.

J. W. Teaff and wife went to Abilene last week.

Misses Oma Taylor and Annie Aiggins spent a few days in Mrs. Nona Allen of Merkel last week.

Mrs. J. P. Petty returned home from an extended visit in east Texas.

Little Thelma Beavers is able to be up after a long spell of typhoid fever.