

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

The Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas

February 4th, 1913

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans.....\$ 65,317.54	Capital Stock.....\$ 15,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures... 2,200.00	Surplus & Profits, Earned 3,273.48
Real Estate..... 4,278.34	Borrowed Money..... None
Interest Guaranty Fund... 468.91	Deposits..... 84,398.39
Assmt. Guaranty Fund... 34.29	
Cash & Ex. \$26,794.01	
Bills Ex. Cot. 3,578.78	
\$102,671.87	\$102,671.87

The above statement is correct.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

Commenced present business Jan. 27, 1912, and have increased our business over 100 percent in a year, we attribute our rapid growth to the following causes: The popularity of our State Bank system which is conceded to be one of the best in the United States, and to uniform courtesy and consideration for each customer, whether large or small, by our officers.

With resources over \$100,000.00 and every facility for handling your business we offer you the services of the only Guaranty Fund Bank in Merkel.

J. S. SWANN, President

J. C. MOORE, Vice-President

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

B. C. MOORE, Asst. Cashier

T. & P. IMPROVING MERKEL PROPERTY

M. G. Surber, foreman of the bridge and building service for the Texas & Pacific is here this week with a full force of men and will remain here until he has finished with some needed improvements to the road.

The workmen are busy tearing down the old two-story section house in the west end of the yards and will replace it with a modern cottage for use of the section foreman at this place. As soon as that work is finished the work of tearing down the present unsightly cross-tie barracks that are situated just west of the section house site and in their place, new and up-to-date bunk houses will be built for the Mexican laborers. These improvements together with some possible minor repairs of the company's property here will be the extent of the work but it is greatly needed and will add much to the civic improvement of our town.

Local Base Ball News.

Manager Hamilton of the local aggregation has been doing some good work lately and has almost rounded his men into shape for the practice work that began Thursday of this week.

Meetings have been held once or twice a week during the late to discuss the work and the financial condition. The merchants have shown their baseball spirit by giving the team new uniforms which will be on the field in a short time. The colors are yale-gray with maroon trimmings, caps and stockings. While the try-out work began yesterday there is yet time for new material to get in the game and every one who thinks he can "be a Baker" is cordially invited to get into the practice games.—Scoop.

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.

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

20,000 Rabbits Killed in This County.

Up to Saturday night Taylor county had paid for twenty thousand, two hundred and seventy pairs of jack rabbit scalps. Four hundred and six scalps were brought in during the last week. For each scalp brought in County Treasurer Tittle has given his check for seven and one half cents. This makes a grand total paid out since the bounty law went into effect early last year \$1,520.25. It is reported that parties will appear before this week's meeting of the commissioners court and ask that the law paying for scalps be repealed.—Abilene Reporter.

Demonstration Car Arrives

Anchor Hardware Company received their first Studebaker Auto last week. The new machine is one of the latest models and is brought here for demonstration purposes.

We have the pure Ribbon Cane Syrup in barrels. We want your business. Hamblet & Rogers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Mayor.

W. T. POTTER.

For City Marshal

W. N. HALL (re-election)

S. L. OWENS

State of Ohio, city of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of catarrah that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrah Cure. Frank J. Cheney.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

A. W. Gleason,
(Seal) Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrah Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. Frank J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

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

See us for poultry netting, all widths and meshes.—Anchor Hardware Company.

Negro Lynched at Houston.

Houston, Miss., Feb. 8.—Divel Rucker, a negro, was burned at the stake by a mob here today for the murder of Mrs. J. C. Williams Thursday. The sheriff had secreted Rucker but the crowd found the hiding place, put the officers under guard, and the mob, which numbered one thousand, decided to hold a public trial.

The official stenographer was summoned and the negro told how he clubbed Mrs. Williams to death. The crowd debated what to do and one cried, "Burn him!" Rucker was then tied to a pump, oil poured over his body and then set afire. The ashes were carted away and the crowd dispersed.

The sheriff and his deputies, under guard, watched from the court room.

There is no better medicine made for colds than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It acts on nature's plan, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions, aids excretions; and restores the system to a healthy condition. For sale by all dealers.

The Merkel Mail

Published Every Friday Morning by THE MERKEL MAIL PRINTING COMPANY, INC.

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Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for the week ending Feb. 15, 1913

Doyle, W. E.

Lindholmes, Mr.

Miller, Albert

Sweigart, Miss Pearl

Velutis, Laurence De, (2)

Fusiter, Alejandro

Fierras, Edubigen

Montelongo, Bonijasis

Alndoza, Pablo

Urrntia, Jenarios

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Mar. 1, 1913.

H. W. Derstine, P.M

Itching Piles

I want you to know how much good your Hunt's Cure has done me. I had suffered with Itching Piles fifteen years and when I was traveling through Texas a man told me of your Hunt's Cure. I got a 50c box and it cured me John Bradley, Caney, Kansas.

Old Egyptian Wall Painting.

Probably the earliest wall paintings are the ancient Egyptian. They employed a distemper containing dissolved gum, and their principal pigments were white chalk, a vegetable yellow, ochres, Ethiopian cinnabar blue powdered glass stained with copper and charcoal black. Their drawing was technically skilful, and, as is the case with the modern decorator, their coloring was purely decorative and their designs fanciful and extravagant.

Stands Ahead

There is something about Hunt Lightning Oil that no other liniment possesses. Others may be good, but it is surely the best. It does all you recommend it for, and more. For sprains, cuts, bruises, burns, aches and pains it has no equal on earth. It stands head on my medicine shelf. Very truly yours, T. J. Brownlow, Livingston, Tenn. 25c and 50c bottles.

Preserving Guano Deposits.

Four centuries ago the Incas of Peru, wise in their generation, protected and conserved the guano deposits of their empire. Since then 11,000,000 tons of guano have been removed and some of the deposits have been completely exhausted. Now Peru is imitating the wisdom of the Incas, and has adopted measures to conserve and perpetuate the supply of this invaluable fertilizing material.

For a sprain you will find Chamberlain's Liniment excellent. It allays the pain, removes the soreness and soon restores the parts to a healthy condition. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by all dealers.

Try This on Grease Spots.

For very bad grease spots on front of a cotton dress sprinkle fully with finely prepared starch cover it with brown paper. Iron with a hot iron for a few minutes, wash it in the usual way in soapsuds; no trace of the grease remains.

STATEMENT

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL

At Call of Comptroller February 4, 1913

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans.....\$109,396.31	Capital Paid in.....\$ 25,000.00
U. S. Bonds & Prems. 7,450.00	Surplus & Profits, earned 30,516.83
Furniture & Fixtures 3,000.00	Circulation..... 6,250.00
Real Estate..... 6,657.25	Borrowed Money..... None
5 percent Redpt. Fund 312.50	Deposits..... 173,521.34
Cash and Exchange 108,472.11	
Total \$235,288.17	Total \$235,288.17

Deposits subject to check of over \$173,500.00 shows that most of the people of this community have faith in our way of doing business.

Available cash of over \$108,000.00 shows that we are in position to handle all good business offered us.

A growing surplus fund of over \$30,000.00 shows that we are going forward instead of backward and that we are a growing institution, sure of our position and confident of the future.

WE INVITE YOUR BUSINESS

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren, President G. F. West, Vice-Pres. Henry James, Vice-Pres.
Thos. Johnson, Cashier Ben T. Merritt, Asst. Cashier
C. P. Warren, Director Ed. S. Hughes, Director

The Southern National Bank

CONDENSED OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF

THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK

MARKEL, TEXAS
AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS FEBRUARY 4, 1913

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$127,995.18
United States Bonds at Par	12,500.00
Banking House and Fixtures	14,000.00
Cash and Exchange	40,628.07
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	\$195,123.25
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits, Earned	11,751.62
Circulation	12,500.00
Bills Payable	20,000.00
Deposits	100,871.63
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	\$195,123.25

Cash Reserve 40 per cent, Required by Law 15 per cent
BEGAN BUSINESS JULY 10, 1911

Upon the merits of the above statement we solicit your business, and in return we pledge you every legitimate assistance

JOHN SEARS, President C.L. BARKER, V-Pres J.E. FAUCETT, Cashier

His Heart Filled Up.
"You," sighed the rejected lover, "would find your name written in imperishable characters on my heart could you but look." "So?" murmured the fair young thing, who was aware of the fact that the swain had been playing Romeo at the seaside for something like 20 years. "So? Then you must have _____ a local directory by _____ me."

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

GEO. C. CHATWIN TAILOR

Practical and Expert
Ladies garments a specialty
Suits to Order from \$15.00 up.
Trousers to Order from \$5.00 up.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Sisters in Triple Wedding.
A triple wedding ceremony took place recently in Restalrig Parish church, near Edinburgh, Scotland. The three brides were sisters, and they were all dressed alike in white silk crepon, with picture hats. They were given away by the father of one of the bridegrooms.

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.

Drug Sundries

Prescription Drugs

Burrough's Drug Store

Notions

Paints and Glass



THE FARMER'S FIRST AID IN SICKNESS.

WHEN there is sickness or an accident on the farm, haste in calling the doctor is vital. Life may rest on minutes—Dont wait until sickness occurs, and THEN wish you had a telephone. Order it NOW from our nearest manager, or write.

THE SOUTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CO.
DALLAS, TEXAS



Willing to Be Good.
"You children are not all obedient," "Well," said the sadly precocious youngster, "we are willing to be obedient, only paw and maw and grandpa and grandma haven't yet come to an understanding as to which is boss."

PROBLEM THAT PUZZLED HIM

Bobby Didn't Understand How He Could Get Candy for Three With "One Money."

It was a charming summer morning Bobby, aged five; Seth, aged four, and Jennie, aged three, were escorting their father, Doctor Jackson, on his daily visit to the village postoffice. He had promised them candy, and they straggled along in great content.

Opposite the telephone office the procession was suddenly brought to a stop by the operator, who appeared in the door and beckoned the doctor imperatively.

"Hey, doc! You're wanted over a Chifton right away!" he cried. "I tried to get you at the house, and your wife said you were on your way downtown. You've got to hurry!"

The doctor turned about hurriedly but the three pleading faces made him hesitate. He thrust his hand into his pocket, found no pennies. So he selected a nickel, and placed it in Bobby's hand.

"Now, Bobby, papa must hurry. You take this and get the candy. Get some for Seth and Jennie, too, you know. And be sure to go right back home after you get it."

Bobby, who had not yet learned that there were coins of larger value than the penny, took the nickel with out much enthusiasm, and the children proceeded to the candy shop. Here Bobby took his seat upon an upturned box and let his chin fall upon his breast. A tearful sob betrayed his state of mind to the clerk.

"Why, Bob," exclaimed the sympathetic clerk, "I never knew you to cry! What's the matter?"

Bobby showed the nickel that had been shut tight in his warm little fist.

"Papa told me to get candy for all of us," he gulped, "and I can't! Seth and I can't have any. I've only got"—another sob—"one money!"—Youth's Companion.

ALWAYS MASTER OF FINANCE!

How John D. Rockefeller Established His Credit in the Early Days of His Career.

Just because John D. Rockefeller has made more money than he can count without the aid of nineteen clerks and forty adding machines, not to mention a well trained corps of coupon clippers, there are many people who come forward these days with stories to show that John, now famous for his wealth, wigs and wit, was once about the cutest person that ever happened when it came to financial strategy.

According to this latest narrative, Rockefeller told a close friend—and that "close" goes both ways—one morning that he wanted to borrow \$5,000 and that he must have it in order to save his business. The friend went down town in the course of his work, and pretty soon met a big banker.

"I wish," said the banker, "if you see Mr. Rockefeller this afternoon, you would tell him that I have found a place to put that \$10,000 which he asked me to loan out for him."

The friend gasped like a goldfish, and proceeded on his way, encountering another of the town's leading bankers.

"By the way," said the banker, "when you see Rockefeller this afternoon, please tell him that I have found a man who wants to borrow that \$10,000."

The friend staggered on, and met a third banker, who repeated what the other two captains of finance had said. Then he went back and found Rockefeller.

"John," he said, in astonishment, "when I left you this morning you told me you had to borrow \$5,000, and all day bankers have been telling me that you asked them to lend out \$10,000 for you."

"Well! well!" smiled Rockefeller, "that's fine! I suppose I may safely assume now that my credit is established in this town, I'll just step out and borrow that \$5,000 I need."—Popular Magazine.

Many Languages Spoken.

At the entrance of a New York city department store is a placard announcing that twelve foreign languages are spoken by employees. These are: French, German, Italian, Russian, Polish, Hungarian, Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Spanish, Portuguese and Romanian. Can any foreign store offer equal inducements, in the polyglot line, to its customers?

Dr. King's New Life Pills
The best in the world.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

New dress goods for spring suits at W. D. Woodroof & Co.

Miss Pet Sears is in Nashville, Tenn., attending college.

Wait and see our stock of wall paper. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

Harve Paylor and uncle J. B. Paylor left for south Texas Wednesday.

Fresh mackerel, celery and other vegetables at Hamblet & Rogers.

J. A. Hamner was in Abilene Wednesday looking after business matters.

School supplies at the Nickel Store for the children and all others.

John R. Daniels and Miss Willie Bigham were the guests of friends in Abilene Wednesday.

Our White Crest flour will be here in a few days. Hamblet & Rogers.

James West returned from College Station last week where he has been attending A. & M.

See us for poultry netting from "12 up to 72." Anchor Hardware Co.

W. Parten left last week for St. Louis where he will purchase a new line of spring and summer goods for his company here.

New line of premium chinaware on cash purchases at Hamblet & Rogers.

C. C. Campbell and family have returned to Merkel from Georgetown where they have been living for the past few months.

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

Money Saved

Buying maize and Kafir heads from G. R. Gazzaway. Get it while its cheap. 712pd

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Pessimistic Antl.
"A stenographer," said Snearwell, "seems to be the only woman to whom a man can dictate nowadays."—Judge.

Announcement!

I am not running for an office but running a Feed Store in the Thornton building on Kent St. and would like for all my friends drop around to see me. I still buy cotton.

G. M. SHARP, Merkel, Texas

THE VALUE OF PREACHING TO A CHILD LIFE

Having been requested to give a mother's view of the value of the preaching of the word of God upon child life, I venture to submit through the columns of the Merkel Mail a few suggestions.

"It hath pleased God to save the world through the foolishness of preaching." Jesus said, "Except ye be converted and become as a little child ye cannot enter the kingdom of heaven." There is no other influence that can take the place of the preaching of the word of God. St. Paul has declared that the gospel is the "power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

I shall never forget the hallowed influence on my life of the men of God as they stood in the sacred stand and preached the gospel of Christ. True there was but little of the message that I could understand or fully comprehend. Nevertheless, God by this means made impressions on my childish heart that the cares of life have never erased. I have often appreciated the wisdom of the ministers in addressing a part of their messages to the children. I believe they ought to always have a part in the sermon. If as a mother I might make a suggestion this would be mine to the minister. "Don't forget the children in the congregation."

As a mother, I should feel as

if I had done my child an injustice for all time to come should I fail to see to it that its life was brought under the influence of the preaching of the word of God. Some mothers and fathers seem to have the notion that there is no real benefit to be derived by the child from the preaching of the word of God from the pulpit. They seem to think that the Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., Christian Endeavor, Epworth League, etc., are sufficient for the children but such a notion is false and hurtful to the children.

Some good mothers listen to the complaint of the child, that he or she gets "tired" but is that a sufficient reason to allow the child to return home and deprive himself of one of the greatest blessings? You do not allow he or she to return home when learning to read, write, spell, etc. Are these things more important than the way of life? The farmer boy is not allowed to lay down his plow and hoe just because it tires him. Is growing corn and cotton of more importance than growing christian character?

The average child does not like to remain long at a time at any one thing, but in all other things we see to it that he does what is best for him until we reach the place of his immortality, and then it is a very largely a matter of choice with him. The very fact that a child does not like to stay for the preaching of

the word of God, is one of the very best of reasons that fathers and mothers should see to it that he stays.

The earlier the habit of doing those things that will be of the greatest lasting benefit to the child is fixed in him, the better. The fact that the parents allow the child to return home from Sabbath school without hearing the sermon, is proof to the child that in the parents estimation, the preaching of the word of God is a light matter, and of no great importance. Some parents give as a reason for not forcing a child to attend religious services that they have heard some non-church-going man say that because the father and mother forced him to go to church during childhood that he is now averse to it. No such excuse will stand scrutiny. Did being forced to do any other duty cause that duty to be irksome when he grew to manhood? No, the fact of the matter is any man is reflecting on the good name of a faithful parent when he makes any such statement as that. The fact is, he is not a church goer in spite of his early training. He ought to be ashamed to charge his own worthlessness to the faithful efforts of a good mother and father who were trying to make something of him. Non-church-going children grow into non-church-going grown people. This fact is demonstrated before our eyes every Sabbath by the herd of young people who seldom ever darken a church door. They have never been taught to regard the services of God as of any special importance. It is a matter that was always left to their childish whims, and so they still pass it lightly by as mother and father taught them to do.

Some mother may comfort herself in the matter by saying the children do not understand the preaching. The picture that hangs on the wall during your child's earliest days, even during his infancy, may determine what his life shall be. Everything that reaches him through any channel effects him. If he hears a sermon every Sunday, even though he half listens may it not mean his salvation when the real testing of strength comes in later life? Requiring him to stay for church one time, allowing him to go home or elsewhere another, results in a continual wrangle over the matter between parent and child. I believe it should be an unquestionable, undisputable fact before every child that he shall always remain for church. The ministry as well as our greatest Sunday school leaders are a unit concerning this matter and it is one of our problems today in the church. Various methods are being used

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.

Yours for Lands and Loans.

JNO. G. JACKSON

WE THANK YOU For Your Past Patronage

And in order to demonstrate in a more practical manner than in mere words, also to induce you to continue your esteemed favors, we have arranged to give to some one of our customers a present consisting of the

Beautiful Parlor Piano

we have now on exhibition. The value of this instrument is \$400 and is guaranteed by the maker for a period of ten years.

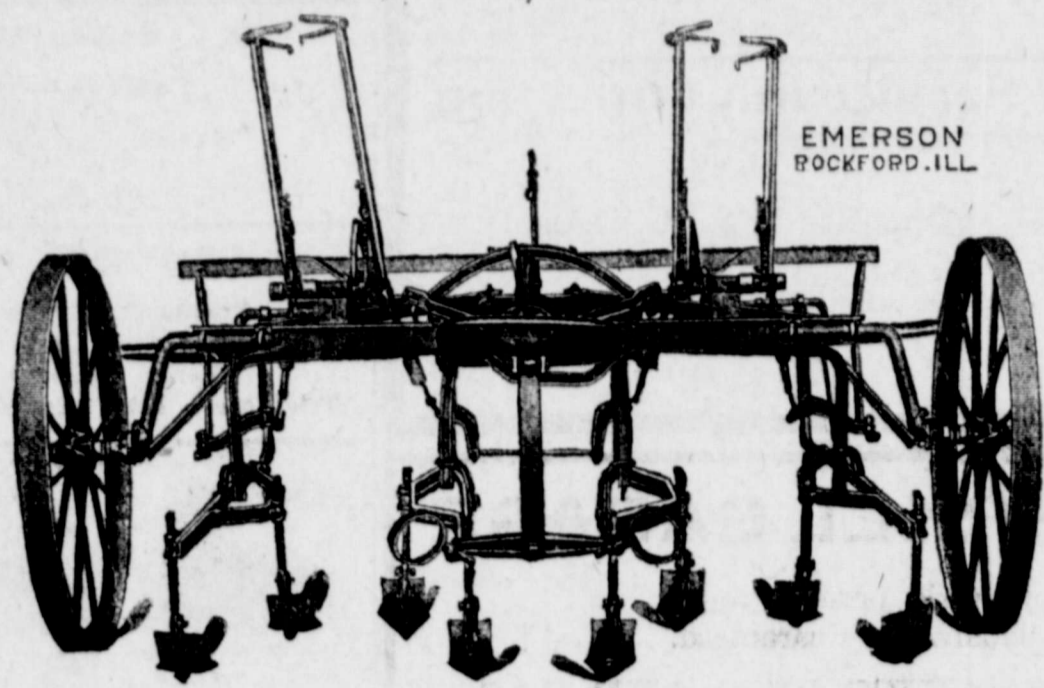
We cordially invite you to call at our store, inspect and try this beautiful instrument. You have as good a chance of obtaining this valuable gift as anyone. Come to our store and let us explain our method of

Giving Away This Piano

We also desire to call your attention to the many splendid values which we are now offering in every department.

West Texas Hardware Company

MR. FARMER: What is Your Time Worth to You?



Time is Money and if put to the proper use will make you independent.

Buy the Standard Double Row cultivator and double your profits on the Farm.

We sell them under a strict guarantee to do the work.

ANCHOR HARDWARE COMPANY

CALL AND LET US SHOW YOU

and others suggested to correct this evil, but my humble judgment the only solution of the matter is in the parent and especially the mothers.

Never until our mothers can be awakened to the importance of this matter can the evil be corrected.—A Mother.

John R. Daniel and Fred Big-ham returned Sunday night from Kansas City where they had been in interest of some cattle deals they have on hand. They report good success with the cattle which they had on feed at Rule, all of which were shipped out before the bad weather started.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

We treat everybody nice and sell to all alike at the Nickel Store.

Sheriff T. C. Weir was in the city a short time Tuesday looking after legal matters.

Genuine Mebane cotton seed Give us your order now. Merkel D. G. & Gro. Co.

County Tax Assessor W.T.St. John came in Tuesday, and with City Assessor W. N. Hall started the rounds of assessing the property of local property holders

\$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.

Miss Leno Largent will attend the inauguration of President elect Wilson. The young ladies of the Intermont College, Bristol, Va., will charter a car for the occasion.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

M. R. Hale of Lipan was here last week visiting his son J. G. Hale and wife.

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

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

C. L. Barker returned Wednesday morning from a weeks visit in the east and southern parts of the state.

G. W. Stanfield and family of Carbon came in last week having traded their property for the farm of E. V. Ellis of the Stith country. Both parties changed places last week Mr. Ellis going to Carbon to take charge of the new place there and with a good word bid his Merkel friends goodbye. Before going Mr. Ellis dropped in to shake hands with the Mail force and to have the paper sent to his address, and on Mr. Stanfield's coming in he promptly placed his name on our list and expressed himself as greatly pleased with this country.

In about one week we will have wall paper of any pattern from 20c to \$1.50 a bolt. Rust & McCaully Drug Company.

Mebane Cotton seed, \$1.25 per bushel, give us your order now to insure delivery.

Merkel D. G. & Gro. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Angus of Lynnville, Tenn., who have been here visiting their son M. D. Angus for some time left for Vernon Sunday where they will visit Mrs. Angus brother.

For good cotton get the genuine Mebane cotton seed, for sale by us. The Merkel D. G. & Gro. Co.

Just received large shipment of poultry netting, all widths and meshes. Anchor Hardware Company.

E. M. Brown and Clayton Brown came in Monday from an extended trip over the San Angelo country in Mr. Brown's car.

The Nickel Store has moved to the Dr. J. H. Warnick building just north of McClain's drug store on Kent street. Be sure and call when in Merkel.

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

Mrs. W. D. Woodroof left last week for east Texas to visit relatives during the absence of Mr. Woodroof who is away at market.

We are now handling the safety hatch incubators, satisfaction guaranteed. Anchor Hardware Company.

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

Form 2

THE WESTERN TELEGRAPH UNION COMPANY

INCORPORATED

25,000 OFFICES IN AMERICA

CABLE SERVICE TO ALL THE WORLD

THEO. M. VAILE, PRESIDENT

BELVEDIRE BROOKES, GENERAL MGR

RECEIVER'S NO.	TIME FILLED	CHECK
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SEND the following message subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Spring and Summer, 1913

Mr. Reader:

Come and see us at once. \$15.00 Suit or Overcoat to your measure.

Other Tailors charge \$25.00 for same. They are all Wool and Union Made.

Easter March 23

ORDER NOW

G. E. Comegys

Exclusive Agent for

SCOTCH WOOLEN MILLS

Original \$15.00 Tailors

Merkel, Texas

T. J. Coggin came in from Douglass, Ariz., last Friday night and will remain in the Merkel country for a few days looking after local business matters.

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Compere Child Dies of Pneumonia.

A report came in Monday telling of the death of the child of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Boxton from pneumonia. Burial services were held in the Compere cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

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Two New Motorcycles.

Agent W. E. Britian for the Yale Motor Company, delivered two new machines here this week. Each of the cars are of the latest make, single cylinder machines and their owners Rev. Joseph Jacob and Tally Holloway are very proud of their purchases.

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

Hogue Hamilton Co.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Questions for February 22.

Merry Wives of Windsor. Act 2. Scene 1 and 2. This act presents what picture of middle class morality? What internal facts determine the social status of the audience for which the play was intended? Who informed Ford of Falstaff's purposes? What tag of speech does Nym always carry about with him? What is its satirical import? Does Nym seem more a caricature—like many of Dicken's people—than a character? What saves Page from suspicion of his wife? Mention a certain modern type of character satirized in the host. What touches of real Falstaffian humor in the dialogue in scene 3 between the Knight and Pistol? What is the office of Mrs. Quickly in the main intrigue? How does Ford, disguised as Brook, persuade Falstaff to accede to his designs? Does Falstaff cover his retreat with humor? Contrast the jealousy of Ford with that of Othello. Why is not Ford a tragic figure? Mrs. R. A. Martin, leader.

Malone-Stanford.

We received a report from one of our country correspondents this week of the marriage of Mr. Mark Malone to Miss Minnie Stanford. The marriage took place Wednesday afternoon of last week and was attended by only a few close friends and relatives. Our reporter was brazen enough to investigate the cause of a trip to Abilene by the contracting gentleman, only a short time before the marriage but was unable to gather any news at that time of the coming nuptials. Each of the young people are well known in Merkel and throughout the Merkel country and have a host of friends who wish them a most happy married life.

The Missionary Society of the Methodist church met Monday afternoon with Mrs. C. E. Bradley. The attendance was good. All enjoyed the interesting program, the only thing to mar the pleasure of the afternoon was the thought that this would be the last meeting with Mrs. Bradley, as she is soon to leave for her new home in Santa Anna. Mrs. H. C. Williams at the request of the society extended to Mrs. Bradley resolutions of regret as adopted. Delightful refreshments were served. The next hostess will be Mrs. J. W. Jennings.

XXth Century Club Met.

Mrs. W. M. Jenkins entertained the members of the XXth Century Club Saturday afternoon at her home on Oak street. Eight members responded to roll call. Sickness and out-of-town were the lawful excuses given. Extra fines will be collected from those who staid away to sleigh ride and snow ball.

The lesson Act 1 of the Merry Wives of Windsor was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Otho Williams gave a number of current events. Mrs. Williams substituting for Mrs. Adams read several articles on dramatic news. Miss Evalyn Williams told us of many new books. Miss Bigham and Mrs. West were the leaders for the afternoon.

After the lesson the hostess assisted by her mother Mrs. J. W. Jennings served salad, hot chocolate and cake to Misses Orra, Long, Julia Martin and Evalyn Williams, Mesdames Otho Williams, Geo. West, W. Parten, R. A. Martin and W. H. Dickson.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church U. S. A. met with Mrs. Hamilton Monday afternoon. The lesson study was from the Home Mission. The attendance was very good. The ladies are planning for an open lesson in the near future.

The Baraca class of the M. E. church south in spite of the snow, held a very successful business meeting at the home of Mrs. J. W. Jennings on Friday evening, Feb., 7. After a pleasant and profitable transaction of business, the members began making preparations for a social to be given at an early date.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church held a social meeting at the home of Mrs. Claude Whitley Monday afternoon. Those present were Mesdames W. E. Britain, G. M. Sharp, J. S. Swann, J. T. Warren and Meeks, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Epworth League Program.

Subject, Hearing plus obedience. Key word, Action. Leader. Song. Silent service, Prayer. Bible lessons, Mott. 7:24, Jas. 1:22-24, Jas. 4:17. Introductory, Leader. Abstracted channels—Ira Shaffer. Distractions—Mrs. Jenkins. Defective ears—Steve Duckett. Prayer. Song. Seed thoughts—Bertha Harris. Reflections—Genevieve Rust. Building our own sells—Judge Potter. Compensation—Pauline Johnson. My task—Ulysses McNeese. The making of a Jewel—Mrs. Clements. Prayer. Offering. Business. Benediction.

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

Table with 2 columns: Train No. and Time. Rows for EAST BOUND (Train No. 2, 4, 6) and WEST BOUND (Train No. 1, 3, 5).

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

Here is a message of hope and good cheer from Mrs. C. J. Martin, Boone Mill, Va., who is the mother of eighteen children. Mrs. Martin was cured of stomach trouble and constipation by Chamberlain's Tablets after five years of suffering, and now recommends these tablets to the public. Sold by all dealers.

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.

This is the season of the year when mothers feel very much concerned over the frequent colds contracted by their children, and have abundant reason for it as every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality and paves the way for the more serious diseases that so often follow. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

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Mrs. Ada Walker, Merkel, Texas, says: "Doan's Kidney Pills did me a great deal of good and I highly recommend them. When I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, I had severe pains in my back and side and my kidneys and bladder were weak. Doan's Kidney Pills quickly cured me."

Postmaster Derstine Speaks.

W. H. Derstine, postmaster, Merkel, Tex., says: "I still believe Doan's Kidney Pills are good for kidney trouble, although I never have to use them any more. You are at liberty to use my statement as heretofore. Backache bothered me off and on for years and Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Rust & McCauley Drug Co., relieved me. I believe they will cure any case of kidney trouble, if taken as directed."

Was Quickly Cured.

W. G. Cypert, preacher, Merkel, Texas, says: "For a long time I suffered from pains in the small of my back and in my side. My kidneys were weak and I had to get up often at night. Several boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills which I got from the Rust & McCauley Drug Co., quickly cured me. Others of my family, including the baby, were cured of kidney trouble by Doan's Kidney Pills. It gives me great pleasure to recommend them."

General Testimony.

Mrs. M. F. Pee, Merkel, Texas, says: "We have used Doan's Kidney Pills for some time and they have never failed to cure kidney complaint. I had suffered from weak kidneys for quite awhile and as Doan's Kidney Pills had been used by others of my family, I began taking them. They cured me quickly and permanently."

Mrs. J. W. West, Merkel, Texas, says: "An attack of la grippe several years ago left my kidneys weak and disordered, causing severe pains. As Doan's Kidney Pills had been taken with good results in my family, I used one box and it reached the seat of the trouble, completely curing me. I have had no return of the trouble."

Other Remedies Failed.

J. W. Bland, Merkel, Texas, says: "For several years I had attacks of kidney trouble. My kidneys were very weak, and when I caught cold, it was sure to settle in them, causing the kidney secretions to become far too frequent in passage. I tried several remedies, but with little success until I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. They did me a world of good. My back has not troubled me to any extent since, and my kidneys have done their work properly."

Thornton Street.

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

Mrs. H. D. Wilson, Merkel, Texas, says: "Different ones of my family have used Doan's Kidney Pills with good results. One of us had suffered from kidney trouble for a long time and finally he used Doan's Kidney Pills. They cured him. We give Doan's Kidney Pills great praise and recommend them to anyone suffering from kidney trouble."

ARE YOUR KIDNEYS WEAK?

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Take a sample of the urine and let it stand for 24 hours. If a sandy, brick-dust like sediment settles to the bottom of the receptacle, there is evidence enough to suspect the kidneys.

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German Cures.

In Germany one finds all kinds of cures. Every enterprising town has one. Often the cure house is the finest public building in the city. A German talks of going to his cure as an American of going to his vacation. There are milk cures and mud cures, wind cures and water cures, mountain cures and surf cures; but my choice is the forest cure.

Not only does it best please my personal taste but I notice that it gets the most serious cases—those where radical and heroic cures are needed. First of all there are the tuberculosis patients strewn about on their cots under the pungent shades of the Black Forest as about Dr. Trudeau's camp in the Adirondacks.

Then there are the devotees of indigestion and the nervous wrecks, bilious, alcoholic and society wrecks, drug fiends, bridge fiends and everybody; that is everybody who can spend the time and money to come hither for the forest cure. Naturally in Germany, as in America, folks who have to work and support families cannot afford to be cured. They can't even afford the disease in the first place.—Woman's Home Companion.

Uncle Eben's Philosophy.

"I likes to hear a young gemman say he's tryin' to keep up wif de times," said Uncle Eben, "pervided he uses an alarm clock to help him."—Washington Star.

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Sprained back and sore muscles throw off their soreness when Hunt's Lightning Oil is applied. For relieving pain of any kind there is nothing better, and those people who have tried it for neuralgia and rheumatism are loud in its praise. For wire cuts Hunt's Lightning Oil is especially fine as it takes away the inflammation and causes rapid healing. 25c and 50c bottles.

Truth in Old Adage.

In children the training of the senses, so necessary, is for the most part unconscious and self-attained as in games yet the science of psychology has invented tests to aid such training of the senses. There seems to be a lot of truth in the old saying: "Do not believe all you see, nor half you hear."

Do you know that more real danger lurks in a common cold than in any other of the minor ailments? The safe way is to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, a thoroughly reliable preparation, and rid yourself of the cold as quickly as possible. This remedy is for sale by all dealers.

Daily Thought.

It has been well observed that advice is not hated because it is advice, but because so few people know how to give it.—Leigh Hunt.

Case of Autosuggestion.

A man was watching a moving picture film of a religious ceremony in Burma. There were pictures of bell players or ringers among the Burmese musicians, while the actual orchestra, with the moving picture exhibition, was composed entirely of stringed instruments. Yet this man solemnly declared he heard the bells ringing. It was autosuggestion, but through that suggestion his sense of hearing had actually informed his brain of sounds that were not—had lied to him, as it were.

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Sunshine of Life.

The sunshine of life is made up of very little beams that are bright all the time. To give up something when giving up will prevent unhappiness; to yield when persisting will chafe and fret others; to go a little way around rather than come against another; to take an adverse look or word quietly rather than return it—these are the ways in which clouds are kept off and pleasant, steady sunshine is secured.—Aikin.

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THE STYLE STORE

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Shiloh News.

Feb. 11—Most of the farmers of this section have finished their plowing and have their land in fine condition for a rain. The snow last week reminds us that it yet snows somewhere.

R. T. Dubose who teaches the Shiloh school left for Cisco Friday night, having received word that his father was sick. He returned Monday morning.

Professor Eldridge who teaches the Grayson school was in Shiloh Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Boone who has been here visiting her mother Mrs. Green was to leave for Ardmore, Oklahoma Sunday to meet her husband, but she received a message from him stating that there were a few towns enroute to that place quarantined on account of smallpox and that she should remain here for a time.

The stock holders of the Shiloh-Merkel Telephone line held a meeting at Shiloh Monday; along with other business they re-elected Joe Winters as manager.

C. A. Vetelo who is traveling for the Spaulding Mfg. Co. came from Abilene Monday to visit his aunt Mrs. G. L. Phillips and other relatives. He will return to Abilene Wednesday.

Castle Peak Items.

Feb. 11—Granpa Hughes is on the sick list this week.

Miss Cleo Barnes was shopping in Merkel Saturday.

J. A. Dulin and family visited at the home of E. E. Patterson Monday.

Eugene Patterson was on the sick list last week.

Miss Emma Dulin spent last week in Merkel with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dulin.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Butman News.

Feb. 11—E. E. Peterson is dangerously ill at this writing.

Quite a number of Mr. Peterson's relatives from Merkel and Blair visited him last week.

Messrs. Cordell, Cook and Neighbors visited the school here Friday.

Alvin Greggs and Sam Butman, Jr. killed hogs Saturday.

Miss Lillie Randolph of McCauley is here visiting friends this week.

The trustees of our school met Monday morning to take some action to prevent "Mumps" from spreading among the school children.

Little Seth Rogers.

Again grim death has visited our midst, this time claiming for its own Seth Rogers, age 5 months and 7 days. Seth had not lived in this world very long, but long enough to twine his life powerfully about the hearts of all who knew him and especially in the name where there will now always be a vacancy. But weep not dear ones for little Seth for we know that he is now at rest, and he will escape cares and troubles of this life.

Funeral services were conducted by their pastor Rev. Clements at the family residence on Locust street, Sunday Feb., 2nd, there being present a host of relatives and friends to pay a last tribute to the remains of this dear little babe surrounded by beautiful flowers and evergreen as a last token of love.

"For I have need of these flowers gay,

The reaper said and smiled;
Dear tokens of the earth are they,
Where he was once a child."

A Friend.

Reason Enthroned.

Because meats are so tasty they are consumed in great excess. This leads to stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. Revise your diet, let reason and not a pampered appetite control, then take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be well again. Try it. For sale by all dealers.