

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## NEW BRICK BUILDING

Anchor Hardware Company Let Contract for Handsome Home.

## UP-TO-DATE FRONT FOR BANK

The Southern National Bank Gives Contract for New Modern Front and Improvement for Property.

The building and improvement of our little town which has been manifested since the beginning of the New Year received its greatest impetus this week when two big contracts were let by the Anchor Hardware Company and the Southern National Bank.

The Anchor Hardware Company this week contracted for the erection of a strictly modern brick building on their property. The building is to be 90x100 feet and will have a southwest front to get full advantage of their location. The building is to cost when completed about \$8,000 and with the fixtures will run the total to \$10,000. The contract was let to J. S. Robertson, a local contractor and the work will be started not later than the first of next month and completed about the first of August. The Anchor has permission of the city council to move their present building into the street and continue their business there until their new home is completed.

The Southern National Bank let a contract for the remodeling and rebuilding of the front of their bank building, re-arrangement of their banking fixtures and overhauling their building. The plans and contract let will make a very handsome bank building. The style is of Gothic and Colonial and four large concrete columns will run from the bottom to top of the two-story building and there will be a recess of four feet between the columns and entrance to bank with tiling floor. The front will be almost wholly of plate glass and the entrance will be from the center of front on east instead of corner. The contract calls for an expenditure of \$1500 to \$2,000 and was let to J. S. Dye and L. S. Hyre, local contractors.

The contract has not been let but the front of the Burroughs drug store is to be remodeled and a modern awning and entrance provided as soon as the contractors complete the work for the bank.

### Notice, Merchants.

The rules of our Business and Trade League must be observed to the very letter. No coupons are to be given to citizens living within the city limits of Merkel and to others for no amount less than specified under classification and for no trade but strictly cash at time of purchase. Anyone found violating any of rules will be denied further use of coupons and his name dropped from the list of members.

This proposition must be just as agreed and advertised. Premium and Award Committee.

### Notice.

Being in the West Texas Hardware Company's piano contest I will appreciate the support of my friends. Erah Brady, 14t5pd

## OUR NEXT TRADE EDITION

It is with more pleasure than usual that we announce our next regular Merkel Trade Edition, April 11th.

It is our conception of duty that a newspaper owes to its town and country which gives it support to agitate and encourage every enterprise mutually good and in the belief that a regular trade week would be made a benefit to both our town and our country almost a year ago we started the enterprise in a small way. Since that date we have devoted one issue of our paper each month for this purpose and have mailed without extra cost to our advertisers and town a copy of the edition to every man whose name, address we could get in our trade territory as well as our regular large subscription list. The results have been satisfactory in a small way and we have received much benefit, but the universal co-operation of all of our business and professional men, banks and citizens makes promise that the coming trade week will eclipse any thing of the kind ever attempted by a town our size.

In our next issue we are going to try to present to the people of this section the true and full advantages of trading at home and with our local merchants and in this effort ask the continued co-operation of our regular and special advertisers. This will be one of the best issues as well as largest editions ever printed by us and we want it to be full of real genuine bargains offered to the people of this section of the state.

In anticipation of the extra tax on our small working force we must ask that all merchant have the amount of space desired reserved by Monday and their copy in the office for us not later than Tuesday morning at nine o'clock. We will do our best to handle and properly care for every advertisement given us but can not promise space unless reserved and copy furnished as requested.

It is our desire to have every firm represented in our columns this issue and all others and to this end we ask that our regular advertisers use no more space than required for the purposes.

The printing and mailing of our regular trade edition is a big task and we ask your assistance in every way possible to lighten our labors and make for the success of the enterprise.

## MAYOR POTTER AND CITY MARSHAL HALL

The vote Tuesday resulted in the election of W. T. Potter as our new mayor and the re-election of W. N. Hall, marshal; R. A. McClain, secretary; H. C. Burroughs, treasurer and Aldermen J. O. Hamilton and G. H. Adams.

Judge Potter is amply and admirably qualified for the office with which our people have honored him. Judge Mims, the retiring mayor has given us a good and economical administration and with the present excellent conditions of the city business we may confidently expect increased success and progress. Judge W. T. Potter is progressive and an enthusiastic worker for anything he undertakes and we expect his administration to be marked with the accomplishment of many valuable improvements and new enterprises for our little city.

It is the duty of every good citizen to give his influence and assistance to the efforts of our new mayor and other officers in their efforts.

### Evangelistic Services.

Beginning Wednesday night of this week Rev. R. A. Clements pastor of the Methodist church opened a series of evangelistic services. These services will continue for a week or ten days and it is the intentions of Rev. Clements to inaugurate such work all through the summer months so as to improve the work of the church as much as possible at this place. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

J. D. Gaither was in Abilene Monday on business.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOR SALE—Eggs from my ringlet hard rocks, \$1.50 per setting. My birds are double mated. Phone or write H. F. Wilkins, Route 1. 21t4pd

FOR SALE—White Wyandottes. My birds have proven their quality by winning where ever shown, at Abilene they made a clean sweep; winning \$35 worth of prizes with 6 birds. Will sell you eggs from these birds at \$2.00 per setting of 15. H. M. Rose. tf

EGGS—From my prize-winners (Barr-ed Plymouth Rocks) \$1.50 per setting. Will pay a premium of \$2.50 for best pair raised from eggs bought from me. Mrs. Joe Higgins, Route 1 21t4pd

OATS—delivered loose at Merkel, 40 cents per bushel in amounts of 50 bu or over. S. H. Rister, Tye, Texas. 28t9pd

FOR SALE—White and Fawn Indian Runner Duck Eggs. Per setting \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50. First prize winners Merkel and Abilene poultry shows. Write or phone Robert Hicks, Merkel, Texas. tf

LOST—Scotch collie dog, light brown, white under throat and on neck, name Collie. Will appreciate any information leading to recovery, liberal reward. J. S. Ray, Merkel, Texas. 28t2pd.

FOR SALE—Good horse, and 5 burner gasoline stove good as new. W. M. O'Briant. 28t2

### Dr. Armstrong in Chicago.

Dr. M. Armstrong left Sunday night for Chicago and will be absent from his home town and his practice for a month. The Merkel physician makes this annual trip for the purpose of taking a post-graduate course in general and special practice of medicine.

### Free Bible Lecture.

By R. H. Hirsh of Brooklyn, N. Y. at south side Christian church Wednesday and Thursday, April 9th and 10th at 8 p.m. Subject, "why does God permit evil." All are cordially invited.

## FELIX R. JONES IS HERO IN RUNAWAY

Following is a resolution passed by the Board of Managers of the Epileptic Colony in regular session Jan., 3, 1913. As expressed in the resolution the board of managers highly appreciate and fully realize the danger Mr. Jones willingly and without reward, took upon himself when he undertook to catch, by using an unknown horse without saddle or bridle, this mad runaway team.

Resolution passed by Board of Managers of Epileptic Colony in regular session, Jan. 3, 1913.

While the hack belonging to the Epileptic Colony was standing on the principal business street of the city of Abilene, and while two of the patients of said institution were in the vehicle, the horses attached to it became suddenly alarmed, sprang forward with such force as to jerk the lines from the hold of the driver, who was on the ground, and unrestrained and unguided dashed frantically along and across the street at headlong speed, subjecting the occupants of the hack to almost certain death or serious bodily injury.

Mr. Felix Jones saw the horses as they dashed along the street in their wild, mad career, and seeing the imminence of the danger to the occupants of the vehicle, in utter disregard of all consideration of danger to himself, he sprang upon the back of an unbridled and unsaddled horse standing on the street and with only a rope to guide it, put the horse to its utmost speed, overtook the running team and succeeded by his splendid horsemanship, and his

## MERKEL TRADE WEEK

Business Men Organize to Work for Merkel and Merkel Country.

## TRADE WEEK, APRIL 14 TO 19TH

Committees Are Appointed and All Get Busy to Make the Event a Big Benefit to Everybody.

At a mass meeting of the business and professional men, bankers and citizens last week the Merkel Business and Trade League was organized for the purpose of inaugurating a special trade week for April 14th to 19th.

The meeting was called to order by Thos. Johnson who stated the object of the meeting and was elected permanent chairman, G. E. Comegys was elected secretary and treasurer. The editor of the Merkel Mail was called upon to make report of the plans submitted and the work accomplished and the enterprise was turned over to the meeting. A committee on committees was appointed and the meeting elected the following:

Advertising and printing: W. Parten, W. D. Woodroof and Jno. D. Gaither.

Arrangement: J. P. Sharp, J. S. Swann and Otho Williams.

Finance and collection: G. E. Comegys, H. L. Propst and R. L. Bland.

Premium and award: E. P. McMillen, J. T. Warren, R. O. Anderson and John Sears.

It was voted that the committees be given charge of the work for which they were appointed and at a later meeting last Monday their reports which were received and approved showed that they had been at work on the jobs. It was voted that they be continued in service.

The next meeting of the Business and Trade League will be held Tuesday morning at the city hall at ten o'clock and every merchant, business man and member is requested to be present.

### New Yale Motorcycle.

W. E. Britain local agent for the Yale Motorcycle is the proud possessor of a new twin cylinder machine of Yale make and is now making his regular rounds in proper time.

brave and heroic bearing, in averting collisions and saving the patients from death or serious injury.

We regard the action of Mr. Jones as brave, noble, unselfish, and heroic, worthy of the highest commendation and thanks.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Managers of the Epileptic Colony, that the highest thanks and commendation of the Board be, and is hereby extended by Mr. Jones for the gallant and fearless conduct whereby two of the patients of the Colony were probably saved from death or serious injury.

Be it further resolved, that the secretary be and is hereby requested to furnish Mr. Jones with a copy of these resolutions.

Signed: John Bowyer, president, E. E. Hall, V. E. Muir, T. J. Toombs, B. L. Russell, T. B. Bass, superintendent.



# The Farmers State Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS

The Farmers State Bank is no longer a prospective institution, but has a well established patronage, the management is justly proud of this showing and we are exerting ourselves to prove in every way our fidelity to our patrons.

The Farmers State Bank is the only Guaranty Fund Bank in Merkel, and offers you the Safety afforded by the Guaranty Fund of the State of Texas

We have strong business connections and can care for your business with ease and dispatch.

We solicit your account whether large or small.

## TAYLOR COUNTY'S NEW COURT HOUSE

The bond issue carried in the election Saturday by a majority larger than expected by the most enthusiastic supporters. The majority was 520 votes in the county.

Merkel was among the boxes registering a majority against the issue but this was small. The vote in Merkel was evenly divided and the country vote in the afternoon run the majority against the issue. The Abilene vote was almost unanimous.

This means that we will have a new court house and one in keeping with our county, the best in this section of the state and now those who were against the issue are almost glad that it carried and will take pride in the magnificent building which the issue promises to provide.

The following is the vote-

For the issue ..... 1291  
Against the issue ..... 771  
Majority for the issue .... 520

### Card of Thanks.

The Mail sincerely regrets the delay in publication of the following card of thanks for our good friend and citizen who called our attention to the oversight with the statement that our people had been so good and considerate that he did not wish to fail to make known his sentiment in the customary manner:

In the recent loss of my good wife the consoling and sympathetic words of good and true friends and the kind and tender assistance of neighbors made me and others bereaved more able to stand our loss and I wish to thank all for the same. Sincerely,  
S. S. Smith.

### To Exchange for Farm in the Merkel Country.

410 acres of stock and farm land, located in Bosque county. 125 acres deep rich, black waxy land in cultivation, balance good grazing land, 2-sets of modern improvements. Price \$25 per acre, debt \$2000 due in ten years at 8 per cent annual interest. Call on me for more complete description of this proposition.

L. H. King.

### Seed Peanuts.

We have seed peanuts by the bushel. Come and get them before they are sold out.

Hamblet & Rogers.

W. I. Cogburn of the Nubia country was in town several times this week looking after the Trade League premiums. He

## NOTICE TO THE ICE TRADE

If you want Ice, I have it. Phone No. 4 up until May 1st, after that date phone your orders to No. 142. The price will remain the same as heretofore, with the exception of 5c and 10c amounts. Books on sale, 60c per 100 lbs.

**H. M. WARREN, ICE AND COAL MAN**

returned home with the intention of bringing some of his close friends and letting them get in on the ground floor to the proposition.

Mrs. Fred Bigham came in Saturday night from a visit with friends at Brownsville and Dallas and after a short visit here with the family of W. R. Bigham went on to El Paso to join her husband.

Maxwell wall paper. Rust & McCauley.

### New Baseball Suits.

The Merkel Baseball Club have received their new suits donated by the business men of the town. The suits are the best quality and would do justice to a league team and if the locals will play ball and look as good all the time as their suits do they will come out at the end of the year with a large number of games to their credit.

The members of the club wish

to thank the business firms that contributed to the giving of the suits.

The following business men and citizens aided in the purchase of the suits: Farmers State Bank \$5, F. & M. Bank \$2.50, W. R. Walker \$5, Southern National Bank \$2.50, W. D. Woodroof & Co. \$2.50, City Tailor Shop \$5, Jim Black 50c, Geo. Cauthen 50c, H. C. Burroughs \$2.50, Behrens-McMillen \$1 and W. E. Britian \$5.

J. T. Warren, Pres.

Thos. Johnson, Cashier

No. 7481

Capital & Surplus  
\$50,000.00



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Nov. 1904

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### 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      Ed. S. Hughes

## The Merkel Mail

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### Letter From Merkel Doctor.

New York, March 24, 1913.

Merkel Mail,

Dear friends—We had a most pleasant trip to New York however we encountered cyclones and heavy rainfall in Arkansas and Missouri.

I saw the noted German specialist Dr. Friedman today, he is a man of ordinary appearance and speaks very poor English. Physicians here are becoming more enthused in his treatment than when he first arrived as all patients are improving. He is so bodily besieged by patients and physicians that it is hard to get an interview with him, his instructions to me were "go to the general hospital, Berlin, Germany," where his two brothers and corps of co-workers are laboring day and night and I could learn more in a week than he would be able to teach me in a month.

We sail Wednesday 26th on the ship Majestic and if no storms arise will reach Berlin in two weeks. I will write more when I reach London, England and have more time to write.

Yours,

Dr. J. A. Adkisson.

### Notice of Contestant.

This is to thank my friends for their generous support in the piano contest during my absence and I will be home soon to let you know personally that I appreciate your help and would be delighted to win the piano.

Agnes Hall.

### Notice Breeders.

I will stand at the old Story Wagon Yard my black horse "DAN" known as the Smith horse. Fee \$10.00, guarantee. Am not responsible for accidents in breeding.

W. A. Hellums, Mgr.,  
4t4pd Story Wagon Yard,

### Notice to Breeders.

I have at my stable and am making a stand with what is known as the Peak horse, a steel dust, and Hal, a dark bay, he measures 16 1/2 hands and weighs anywhere from 1225 to 1325 pounds, also the Richie Jack, the one that made the stand at my stable last season. Terms of service on each \$10.00 to insure, will do all in my power to avoid accidents, but will not be responsible should any occur in breeding. Respectfully

14t7

A. C. Boney.



# The Southern National Bank

CONDENSED OFFICIAL STATEMENT  
OF  
**THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK**  
MERKEL, 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
	<b>\$195,123.25</b>
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
	<b>\$195,123.25</b>

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

## PROFESSIONAL

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DENTIST

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Complete Abstract of all Titles in Taylor county, including all City property.

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Your work appreciated.

Prompt Service at Reasonable Rates

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### SHAVING AND BATH PARLORS

The most up-to-date SHOP IN MERKEL

**CITY BARBER SHOP**

WEST & PATE, Proprietors

Mrs. R. E. Bowles received a message Thursday telling her that her sister Mrs. Jones of Nashville, Tenn., was at the point of death.

#### Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for the week ending Apr. 5, 1913

Allen, Garland.  
Gregory, George L.  
Thomas, Miss Lula.  
Stroud, G. M.  
Yates, Mrs Mell.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Apr. 19, 1913.

H. W. Derstine, P.M.

# DR. PRICE'S Cream Baking Powder

The finest in the world

When ordering ask for Dr. Price's by name, else the grocer may forget the kind you are accustomed to.

B. F. Ainsworth left Sunday morning for his home in Marthasville, Louisiana. Mr. Ainsworth came here several months ago seeking health. Saturday while talking to friends he expressed a wish that all the friends in Merkel be thanked for the many kindnesses shown him while here.

Frank L. Turner, tinner and plumber phone No. 409. Ready to do your work, prices reasonable. Dont forget to phone me your wants.

Mrs. Jack Parramore of north Texas was here the first of the week visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Leighty. She returned to her home Tuesday.

Wood fiber mens half hose the most durable socks made. The Star Store.

R. A. Martin was confined to his bed during the first of the week but is now able to be up.

Picture shows on Friday and Saturday nights at the opera house.

**2 gold fish and a bowl with \$1.00 cash purchase at McClain's Drug Store.**

Harve Paylor returned last week from an extended visit to South Texas where he has been visiting. Mr. Paylor will remain here for some time with his parents after which he will likely go to the Pacific coast but will not return to the Navy service as some of his friends thought he would.

Frank L. Turner, tinner and plumber phone No. 406. Ready to do your work, prices reasonable. Dont forget to phone me your wants.

Mrs. T. A. Harris who has been here visiting her mother Mrs. Touchstone and other relatives returned to her home at Dallas Wednesday morning.

Fresh strawberries and vegetables. The Cash Grocery.

W. D. Butler received a message Thursday from San Marcos stating that his mother was very low.

The Rexall Store for your cold drinks.

Garden seed that give satisfaction. Whitley, Son & Company.

Go to G. M. Sharp for pure Rowden cotton seed.

New Era paint. Rexall Store.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Baseball goods. Nyal Store.  
Best north hay at G. M. Sharp.

5000 fat hens wanted at the Kent Street Grain & Grocery Company.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buford were in Abilene Monday attending court.

Mens white buck low quarter shoes, the latest thing out. See them at the Star Store.

Mrs. D. J. Rawlings of Trent was here Monday visiting Miss Pearl Rawlings,

When you want the best corn meal, buy the negro heat from G. M. Sharp.

Mrs. Iva McCoy was in Abilene Tuesday the guest of friends and relatives.

**See the night riders at the Opera House Saturday night.**

A barrel of pure ribbon cane syrup at 40 and 45 cents per gallon. Hamblet & Rogers.

Mrs. C. E. Whittaker was in Abilene Thursday visiting friends and relatives.

Groene's Studio opens at 8 o'clock a. m., and closes at 5.30 p. m.

Fresh strawberries and vegetables. The Cash Grocery.

Mr. Reeves a merchant of Trent was in the city Monday with his little daughter who was operated on for a throat trouble.

Frank L. Turner, tinner and plumber, phone No. 409, am ready to do your work. Prices reasonable and dont forget to phone your wants.

R. L. Cox formerly of this place bit of the last few years of Oklahoma has returned to this country and will make his home at Nubia in the future.

We want your chickens and will pay the highest market price for same. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Company.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Daniel returned from a short visit to Fort Worth Wednesday morning.

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

Miss Verone Hamblet returned from Weatherford Monday noon where she has been some time visiting relatives.

You can get Heinz's pickled catsup, baked beans, pork beans, tomato soup, mince meat, India relish and chili sauce the Cash Grocery.

Car-hulls. G. F. West & Sons.



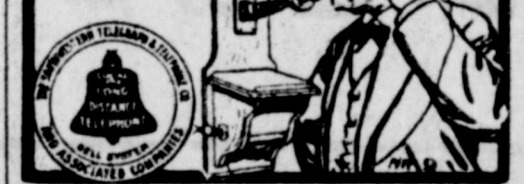
### Farm Telephone Saved Child's Life

One of the Children fell into a water tank and was rescued unconscious and apparently lifeless.

The frantic mother telephoned to the doctor six miles away, and he started at once. In the meantime his assistant telephoned instructions and the mother restored the child to consciousness before the doctor arrived.

The telephone service saved the child's life.

THE SOUTHWESTERN Telegraph and Telephone Co.



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TO SOME ONE OF OUR CUSTOMERS ON

**AUGUST 2ND; 1913**

DO REMEMBER, we also give you Merkel Trade Coupons good for premiums during Merkel Trade Week. April 14th to 19th.

**DON'T FORGET**

We give you one piano vote with every cent of your purchase of anything in our store. Be sure and ask for them.

**WEST TEXAS HARDWARE CO.**



# TO THE TRADE

Practically any item in our big stock can be sent to you through our well-organized Mail Order Department by Parcel Post. Every item we send out will be prepaid, and if unsatisfactory you may return at our expense. You can mail or phone your order in and receive the merchandise the next time the mail carrier passes your door. You have at this store the largest and most complete stocks of dry goods, clothing, shoes, hats, ladies, misses and children's millinery and ready-to-wear garments in the west from which to supply your needs. Every item economically priced. You take no chance.

## Minter Dry Goods Company

ABILENE'S PROGRESSIVE STORE



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

### Mrs. E. M. Rust Entertains.

Mrs. E. M. Rust entertained with a dancing party at the Thornton building Saturday evening honoring her son Dem's twenty-first birthday. This was an extraordinarily brilliant event. The beautiful evening gowns were superb, there was much individuality and distinction about them.

The hall was artistically arranged and decorated. Overhead the electric lanterns were concealed in fancy Japanese lanterns, while graceful garlands radiating from an immense Japanese umbrella, suspended from the center of the ceiling were caught on either side of the hall carried out the color scheme of red and green. Music was rendered by a string orchestra partially concealed in the balcony at the rear of the hall.

In a cozy corner just in front of the cloak room tables were daintily arranged for the serving of delicious fruit punch which was served during the evening. On a table nearby was a snow white angel food cake crowned with twenty-one candles, in the rainbow colors. The programs scheduled fifteen dances and several extras.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. W. Wheatley, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Daniel, Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Cleburne McCauley of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. McConnell of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Miller of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Deavenport Gaither, Mesdames Annie Hale King of Abilene, Harry Harris of Abilene, J. W. Daniel, W. H. Dickson, Misses Mabel Collins, Jessie O'Briant, Elma and Olga Shepard, Werdna Moon of Abilene, Kathleen Stephens of Cleburne, Zora and Tommie Louise Coggin, Annie Girand of Abilene, Marguret Tandy of Abilene, Kate Jackson of Abilene, Genevieve Rust, Messrs. H. L. Easterwood, J. E. Faucett, Forest Gaither, Ottis Barnett, Clarence Fulwiler of Abilene, Dee Grimes, Deter Hardwick of Abilene, Tully B. Lucas, Campbell Keene of Abilene, W. H. Kendrick, Taylor of Abilene, J. D. Gaither, W. R. Walker, Jim Guitar of Colorado City, the guest of honor and the hostesses.

### XXth Century Questions for April 5.

In what way does scene 3 connect itself with the plot of the play? Describe the plot that is laid for the third punishment of Sir John. Is anything indicated as to the belief in witches and fairies in the England of this period? How are the two intrigues brought together into the same channel? Is there any reason in nature why Page should not have been as jealous of his wife as Ford was of his? Did the difference of Mr. and Mrs. Page over the marriage of their daughter ever amount to enmity? In what way is Mistress Prat of Brentford made to assume an integral part in the plot? What effect to retrospect is gained thereby? Why is Nym the one singled out for reference? What subsequent parts in the action do Pistol and Bardolph play? Recount the episode of the German imposters. For what does this episode prepare?

What effect of reality is gained by the introduction of elements but remotely allied to the main action? How does this imposture of the Germans furnish a back ground for Falstaff's reflection in the fifth scene? Compare the account of his second discomfiture that Falstaff gives to Dame Quickly with the account of the first delivered to Ford. Is the citadel of his conceit feeling assaults made upon it?

The members of the Womans Missionary society of the Methodist church gave a banquet to their husbands and sweethearts Monday evening at the old hall of the W. O. W's. This was really and truly an epicurean treat. Judge Potter as toast master—toasted and roasted the ladies, this was responded by Mrs. H. C. Williams whose ready wit and humor is always to the point, toasts and speeches were responded to by Mrs. G. H. Adams. T. A. Johnson, H. C. Williams and Dr. S. L. Davis. This banquet has opened a way to promote a close fellowship and develop a social side among the christian people.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain were delightful entertainers at their home on Orange street Tuesday evening when they served a full course six o'clock dinner, naming as their guests the "local talent," young people who had parts in the play—"Because I Love You"—covers were laid for Messrs. H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Robert Hicks, W. H. Kendrick, Vernon Boring, Homer Easterwood, Jno. Morgan, Jack Walker, Misses Duncan Browning, Orra Long, Mattie Murphy and two special guests Misses Fannie Burroughs and Mae White, the host and hostess.

Miss Mel Shields and Mr. Huber Hock were married Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock. Rev. G. L. Hamilton reading the marriage ceremony which united their lives for all future time. The witnesses were Miss Jones and Mr. Hock, Mrs. Sterling P. Miller of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Daniel. The wedding party were seated in buggies and an automobile during the service. Our best wishes will follow them through life.

Miss Clara and Will Joe Largent were married in Abilene Sunday afternoon. Rev. Shaw officiating. They were accompanied to Abilene by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Largent. The party going down in the Largent car, immediately after the marriage they returned home and announced their secret to their parents and their many friends who wishes for them a life of happiness.

### Grand Ball.

Remember I have in my charge the new \$6500 Opera House owned by Dr. R. G. Milling, in which I am going to entertain the people with a grand ball every Friday night in the year of 1913, also a first-class picture show. I am prepared to entertain in many ways all of my friends who visit here.

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### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends of Merkel who offered so valuable assistance to us following the injury of our husband and brother and especially do we want to thank the Volunteer Firemen and the Woodmen for their assistance. Sincerely,  
Mrs. C. D. and F. A. Whitley.

### To My Friends.

I will appreciate your assistance in the West Texas Hardware Company's piano contest. Respect. Beulah Garrett. 718pd

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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The Nyal Store for your drugs.

**More gold fish at McClains**

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Tandy of Abilene were here Sunday visiting the family of H. C. Burroughs.

Corn and kaffir chops at G. M. Sharp's.

Claud Sears left Wednesday afternoon for Arizona where he expects to stay for sometime. His recent return home from that country was only temporary in adjustment of business matters here.

Picture shows on Friday and Saturday nights at the opera house.

Mrs. Frank Kyle of Gainesville came in Wednesday to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Burns. She was accompanied by her brother Otis who will remain with his sister until her return home.

**See the night riders Saturday night at the Opera House.**

G. J. Jones formerly a cotton buyer of this place has accepted a position with the International Harvester Company and will be away for some time traveling in the interest of the above company.

Mrs. T. J. Coggin came in Monday from Douglass, Ariz., after a short stay with her husband and a visit with her two sons O. M. and W. A. Coggin. While away Mrs. Coggin attended the Cattlemen's Convention in El Paso and reports it one of the most enjoyable trips she ever made.

**See the night riders at the Opera House Saturday night.**

## Notice Stockmen!

### "Adilaide Squire"

Premium - Winning Hackney Stallion

This season at the old barn east of the postoffice on the usual terms and guarantee.

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### Watch and Fob Free

We are going to give away each Saturday at 3:30 o'clock a Buster Brown Watch and Fob. Every boy that buys a pair of Buster Brown shoes will be given a ticket.

Bring your ticket to our store Saturday, April 12, at 3:30 o'clock.

See our window for further particulars.



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# Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company

### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

#### Inkum Items.

March 31—Tom Young and John Hurst of Moro were in this section of the country Monday on business.

Rev. Lamb of Abilene filled his appointment at Elm Grove school house Sunday.

J. A. Tubb made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

Messrs. Henson and Reid of Shep were buying cattle in this section of the country Monday.

T. E. Reynolds was transacting business in Merkel Monday.

Messrs. Holmes and Sanders of Sweetwater and Murphy and Parish of Paducah made an auto trip to Inkum prospecting Monday.

Most of the pneumonia cases of this section are convalescing, Dake and Roland White are the last ones to have taken the trouble.

Sam Martin and wife of Blackwell came in last week to visit sick relatives.

Messrs. Hallmark and Atkins of Shep were visitors at J. P. Fuquas Wednesday.

Messrs. Faucett, Lale and Young of Moro were transacting business in this section Friday.

Arthur and Dee Williams made a business trip to Abilene last week.

J. E. Hallmark and family of the Canyon visited the formers parents near here Sunday.

Mrs. J. P. Fuqua and children visited relatives at Shep the latter part of the week.

We had quite a frost Wednesday night. G. W. Wilson kept fires in his five acre orchard all night to prevent the fruit being killed.

Messrs. Derstine, Hale, McGehee and Harrison of View were in this section Sunday.

Jeff Self of Shep was here Friday on business.

Mr. Smith and son of Abilene were here Sunday looking over the ranch belonging to Mr. Smith.

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## TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

We will begin in the near future the erection of a modern Brick Store Building, the contract for which has been let, for the accommodation of our ever increasing business.

We take this method of thanking our many loyal patrons and customers for the support you have given us, as it is through your patronage and influence that has led us to where we have been enabled to undertake this work, which we hope when completed will be a boon to Merkel and the Merkel country.

We have confidence in the town and country and if we do say it, Merkel is one of the best towns of its size in the state and we are driving our pegs to camp here.

We hope at some date in the near future to add to our line a general line of goods so that we may accommodate our customers for anything they may need, such as Dry Goods, Groceries and Hardware.

Very Respectfully

**ANCHOR HARDWARE CO.**

### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

#### Mulberry Items.

April 1—Uncle Bob Britton and wife visited their son on the river Sunday.

John Childress received a message from Blue Ridge Monday stating that his mother was at the point of death. He left for that place Monday night.

The crowd out to the singing at C. S. Harrison's Sunday night was somewhat small.

D. F. Rogers and Lawson Childress made a trip to Merkel Monday.

Mrs. Annie Rogers was shopping in Merkel Thursday.

Ad Wimberly and family of Stith visited Al McCormick Sunday.

Miss Lera Daniel who has been visiting at Midland has returned home.

Mrs. Kelsie of Stith visited her mother Mrs. McCormick Saturday.

Robert Britton and Chas. Rogers made a trip to Stith Monday.

#### Comperre Items.

March 30—The health of this community is good according to all information.

Mrs. Ely our school teacher gave her school an easter egg hunt last Friday evening. At the end of the afternoon dinner was served to a number of guests all of whom reported a very nice time.

The entertainment at Mr. Merritt's on last Thursday evening was well attended and everyone reports an enjoyable time.

Some few of the farmers of this section have finished with their feed planting.

Mrs. Merritt's brothers of Anson and Coreyle are here visiting.

Rev. Walker preached here Sunday.

The new organ has been received for the church here and was placed into use last week, the instrument is a good one and everyone enjoyed the song service at the last prayer meeting very much.

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