

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## MERKEL ON HIGHWAY

City in Clover Will Be on Coast-to-Coast Auto Route.

## MERKEL PAYS HER PART

Subscription List Circulated Saturday Signed Liberally by Our People and Remittance Is Made.

If Merkel is not on the Southern National Highway and the automobile map of the American Automobile Association it will not be the fault of our town and citizens.

The amount necessary to guarantee the route for our town via Sweetwater and last Saturday they notified some of our citizens that the pro rata part for Merkel was \$200 and this amount had been previously guaranteed by about eight of our citizens and firms for the reason that at that time we did not have time to circulate a subscription list and give all an opportunity to contribute.

This subscription list was circulated Saturday by Banker J. T. Warren and a Mail reporter with the result that the full amount was subscribed, paid and remitted to the Chamber of Commerce at Sweetwater who promise us through their bank to return the money in the event of the failure of the enterprise for any reason.

### Subscription List.

The following is the subscription list showing those who paid for the highway to be established through our town and the amounts respectively:

C. M. Largent	\$12.50
J. T. Warren	12.50
F. & M. Bank	12.50
Farmers State Bank	12.50
Dr. M. Armstrong	12.50
G. E. Comegys	12.50
Merkel Garage	12.50
Burton-Lingo Co	5.00
West Texas Hdw. Co.	5.00
John Sears	5.00
Rust & McCauley Co	5.00
L. E. Sanders	5.00
Merkel Lumber Co	5.00
Behrens-McMillen	5.00
The Merkel Mail	5.00
The Walker Cottage	5.00
H. F. Groene	5.00
Dr. J. A. Adkisson	5.00
Harvey M. Warren	5.00
Dr. J. H. Warnick	5.00
W. D. Woodroof & Co.	5.00
Crown Hardware Co	5.00
J. F. Shaffer	2.50
T. L. Grimes	2.50
T. J. Coggin	2.50
Jno. D. Gaither	2.50
City Barber Shop	2.50
R. A. McClain	2.50
J. T. Dennis	2.50
The Cash Grocery	2.50
G. F. West	2.50
Elite Confectionery	2.50

Total \$200.00

### All "Dolled Up."

The fire boys have their room over the fire station rigged up neatly and nicely, nice iron beds and linoleum on the floor and talking about installing a bath and lavatory, probably for use by visitors. Chief Ferrier and three of his fire-fighters spent their first night there Tuesday night and were really surprised that some of their friends did not turn in a false alarm just to see them pulled out of their easy sleeping couches. The entire arrangement of the fire station is good and all of the boys are tickled.

### Clearing Street.

The Anchor Hardware Company iron building which has been in our street during the erection of their handsome new home is this week being removed by Contractor Spicer and will be put in place by the side of the postoffice building. The contractors will at once begin the erection of their new sidewalk and modern awning and soon complete the job on the new building.

### At Work.

The contractors are this week tearing down the old awnings of the Neely and West buildings on Edwards street which will be replaced with new modern awnings. This will leave but two or three old style awnings on the street, and we understand these will be removed and replaced before the first of the year when we will have the prettiest business street of any town hereabout or thereabout either.

### U. S. to Have Wireless to S. America.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—Wireless telegraphy soon will be fully established between the United States and South American States, according to a statement made today by William Marconi, at the annual meeting of the Carconi company.

He announced that a fifty-year concession had been granted by Brazil, which would enable the company to inaugurate a wireless service between that country and New York.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 27.—A new Huerta note to the United States was on its way from Mexico City to John Lind at Vera Cruz today.

Administration officials made every effort to get it to Washington before the time for President Wilson was scheduled to read his message at one o'clock this afternoon.

The contents of the Huerta note were unknown this afternoon.

SHERBROOKE, Que., August 27.—New York State was ruled out of court here in a dramatic preliminary skirmish today with Harry K. Thaw's lawyers.

Thaw appeared in the court room during the argument of his attorneys over the decision to abandon the writ of habeas corpus.

Wild Outburst by Canadians  
Hector Verret, representing the state of New York, interrupted to say that he desired to resist the abandonment of this writ. The court replied: "I do not wish to hear from your side of the case. This is an exparte proceeding."

There was a wild outburst by thousands of Canadian men and women, following the court's statement.

Men and women climbed up on chairs and shouted: "Hooray for the British flag! Hooray for Harry Thaw!" The hearing was continued until this afternoon without result.

### Hurt at Gin.

J. B. Shannon suffered a severe and painful injury last Friday when his hand was caught in one of the gin stands at the old Brown gin. Dr. Armstrong was summoned and dressed the injured member. The patient will probably lose the use of his right index finger in addition to his time and expense.

## HIGHWAY AUTO IS BEHIND TIME

DEMING, N. M., Aug. 26.—W. O. L. Westgard and party of pathfinders, over the Borderland route, will not reach El Paso until Wednesday sometime possibly to the outlook this afternoon. A message to the Deming chamber of commerce at noon today, from Dell Potter, says that Westgard had a breakdown and will not get to Lordsburg until this afternoon and maybe will not reach Deming until Wednesday.

He was delayed getting out of Clifton and did not leave there until Monday afternoon. This morning a number of Deming cars left here at 6 o'clock for Lordsburg to meet him and escort him to Deming.

Robert H. Rinehart, G. A. Martin, C. S. Woodworth and Fred Woodworth came out from El Paso Monday to meet Mr. Westgard and party, expecting him to arrive here Monday night and leave early today for El Paso.

The El Pasoans left home at 7:40 Monday morning and arrived here at exactly 1 o'clock, in time for luncheon, and they made four stops, including one to repair a blowout to one of Mr. Rinehart's casings.

## THE FIRE BOYS SHOW

The Airdome Contributes the Proceeds on Monday Night.

## YOUNG LADIES HELP IN PROGRAM

Our Citizens Patronized and Contributed Liberally and Fire Boys Furnish Room at the Fire Station.

The Airdome was turned over Monday night to our fire boys and the management contributed the entire proceeds for the benefit of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department and as a result our fire boys have sufficient funds to furnish them a nice room and sleeping place at the fire station.

In addition to a special 5-reel show the Airdome management arranged some special musical numbers by local talent and which was the most enjoyable feature. Those assisting in this part of the program to help the fire fire boys were Misses Lena Largent, Dorothy Lee Potter, Carrol Rister, Fannie Burroughs, Frederickson, and Mr. Robert Hicks.

A few minutes before the opening of the doors at the Airdome the fire boys struck a match to a big pile of kindling and boxes previously arranged and sounded the alarm for an exhibition run with the new fire team and wagon. The run was made from the time of the pistol shot three blocks, one block of main laid and water furnished in less than three minutes and the exhibition was a good drawing card and advertisement for the show.

The receipts at the door together with the funds for tickets sold during the day totaled \$59.40 and Mrs. G. E. Comegys, a good friend of the department contributed \$5.00, making a total of \$64.40. This money was used by the fire boys to fix up their room at the fire station in neat and substantial, if not elegant style and they are grateful to the Airdome management and their friends who patronized them and contributed so liberally.



COTTON SEED—Wanted \$19.00 per ton for ten days. G. R. Gazzaway. 2t

FOR SALE—Farm wagon worth \$85.00 first \$20.00 takes it. Dr. Adkisson. 1t

FOR SALE—Oliver typewriter No. 5, in good condition. Price \$50.00. Jno. G. Jackson. 28-dh.

LOST—Seth Thomas gold watch, large heavy double case, J. I. Case fob. Finder return to Rev. Gaddy and receive reward. tf-comp

COTTON PICKING—Wanted family to gather 70 acres of cotton; have house wood and water. J. M. Danagin, Stith Texas. 22-2t

FOR SALE OR TRADE—My irrigated farm, orchard and garden, in north part of town. For further particulars see or write Joel Counts, Merkel. 22-2t

FOR SALE—A rubber tire run-about buggy in good serviceable condition, cheap for cash or secured note. Jno. G. Jackson. 28-dh.

FOR SALE OR RENT—A good house and home; 5 room, chimney and two porches; good shed barn; east front and lot and half. Will sell at sacrifice for cash or rent for \$5.00 per month. Jno. G. Jackson. 28-dh.

FOR SALE—160 acres improved, within three miles of Merkel, good place and home, at best bargain in Merkel country and liberal term to good man. Jno. G. Jackson. 28-dh.

### Farm Loans.

Jno. G. Jackson, a hustling real estate and loan man of our little town was interviewed by our reporter this week and said: "My company will stay in the loan business for this section this fall and I have the best loan contract of any company in the state." If you are going to need money on your land it will pay you to see him now. (adv.)

### A Live Wire.

In spite of the admonition otherwise of Chief Ferrier and others Fireman Jno. M. Pate undertook to remove from the street an electric light wire at the fire Saturday night. He suffered a burned hand and says he does not want anything more to do with electricity, lightning nor thunder.

### Better.

The physician and friends who have visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woodard north of town report the patient Homer L. Easterwood improving as fast as could be expected. Homer claims that he would be well if they would quit starving him to death. He believes in eating.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—President Wilson read his Mexican message to Congress today. He said during the course of his message:

"We shall yet prove to the Mexican people that we know how to serve them without first thinking how we shall serve ourselves."

### Mexico Grossly Informed.

The president said that he believed that the American proposals for a settlement of the Mexican trouble were rejected because that country was so grossly informed, not knowing that the American spirit is one of friendliness, and that the people are backing the American administration.

### Announces Nation's Policy.

He announced that the policy would be: Non-interference; strict border neutrality; no exportation of arms to either side, and letting everyone in Mexico who "assumes to exercise authority" to know in most unequivocal way that the United States will demand definite reckoning for any harm to Americans. This, he said, does not close the door to resumption of further friendly relations, which may be renewed at any time.

Any impatience on the part of the United States will be "childish," said the president.

### Shall Triumph as Mexico's Friend

He predicted that the steady pressure of moral force will before many days break the barriers of pride and prejudice, and "we shall triumph as Mexico's friend sooner than we could triumph as her enemy. The world powers are giving the United States their moral support and are expecting the United States to act as Mexico's nearest friend and advisor."

## TEAGUE SUFFERS DAMAGE BY FIRE

TEAGUE, Texas, August 26.—About twenty acres were burned over and a half a million dollars damage done by a fire in the Trinity and Brazos Valley railroad shops here today.

### Fire Started at 2 a. m.

The fire began at two o'clock this morning in the store-room, and destroyed the working machinery and blacksmith and tin shop.

The heavy fire wall saved the round house and the expensive power plant. Five locomotives in the shops were destroyed.

The pay roll records of five hundred employees was the only thing saved from the office.

### Will Be Re-Built at Once

The master mechanic in charge of the entire plant announced this morning that it will be re-built immediately on a bigger scale.

The cause of the fire is unknown. No one was injured.

Stamford—A big silo has just been erected by the Swensons on their farm near here. This is the first silo to be built on their holdings and will be used as an experiment.

## A DANGEROUS BLAZE

Merkel Business Section Saved by Work of Fire Boys

## FRAME WAREHOUSE DESTROYED

Building Was Used for Storage, for Hay and Groceries and the Owner's Loss About \$2,500.

A fire which threatened a big part of our business section occurred last Saturday night when the frame building of G. F. West & Sons on Kent street used for a hay barn and grocery warehouse caught fire.

The fire caught in the rear of the building where there was stored twenty to forty tons of hay and for this reason in a few moments the whole rear and top of the building was ablaze. There was a good and quick response by the fire boys and four lines of hose were laid and with the four streams of water playing upon the fire they were promised saving at least half of the building and the front where the most valuable goods were stored when a failure of pressure weakened their work. The engine started at the waterworks station stopped from some cause and those in charge failed to turn back on the gravity pressure which stopped their work completely for a few moments. It was but for a few moments when both of the engines were started and fire was soon under control again and work saved for our town the Crenshaw block and lots of other property in that part of town. At times the Crenshaw property was so hot a disastrous fire looked inevitable but it was prevented from catching and the damage to the building was slight.

This failure at the pump station is the first since the establishment of our waterworks system and do doubt will be the last. There was some talk that our town was out of water but this was purely false. There was plenty of water in the reservoir to have continued for the rest of the night and this capacity is always there for fire-fighting purposes and such emergencies. The Mail reporter was at the pump station and saw the water gauge on the reservoir and as stated above the flow of water was stopped by the failure to let on the gravity pressure when the engine stopped.

The loss to G. F. West & Sons totals \$2,000 to \$3,000 and there was no insurance on the building or any of its contents.

### Rearing to Go.

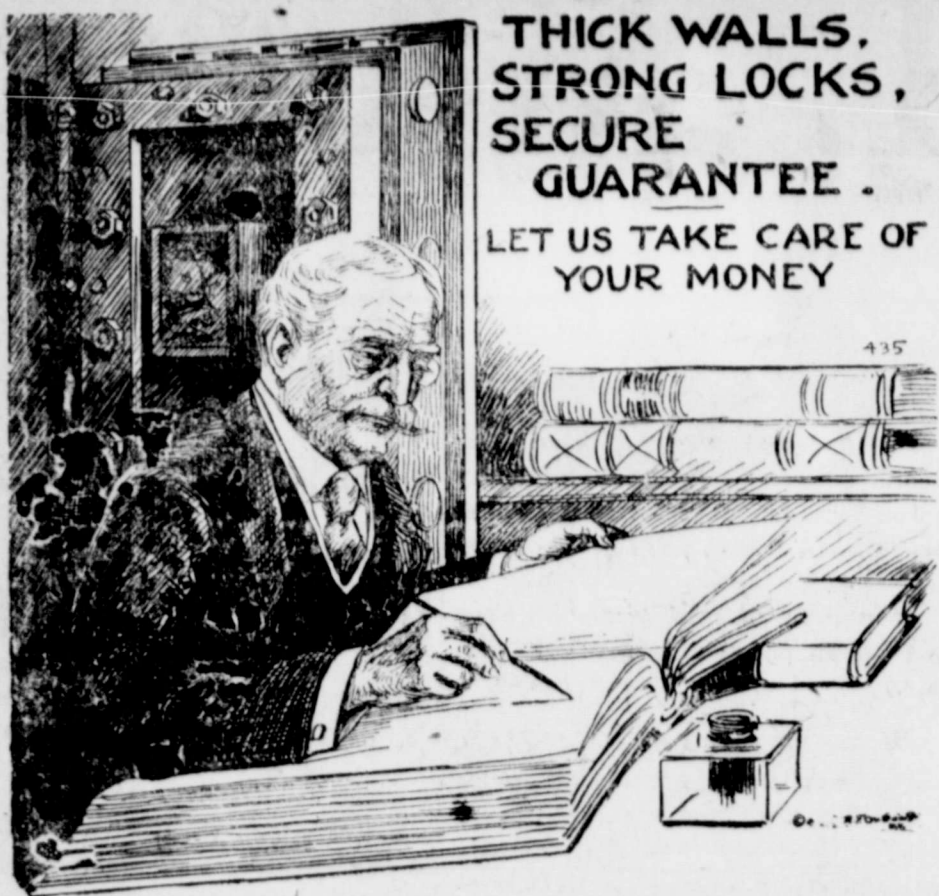
It was a pity but the fire boys had not rigged up their wagon and could not use their team. The fire station had not been completed and the fire horses kept in the McCauley barn could see the fire and smell the smoke and a passer-by reported that they had their heads over the door and were rearing to go. Another report was that Fireman Claud Comegys suffering at home with a broken leg made life interesting for the rest of the family for the reason that his father had run off with the car and like the fire team he had to stay away.

Those on duty however made good for the team and others absent and fought with vengeance as well as the loss of a lot of good clothes. We have the best little waterworks system and fire department of any town this size in the state and any fair-minded citizen must know that they have saved for our town property to the value of more than the cost of the entire system and department.

Our mains should be extended so that practically all of our properties and citizens could enjoy this protection.

Belton—For the purpose of developing the oil and gas prospects southwest of this city, the Belton Oil and Gas Company has been formed with a capital of \$5,000.





**THICK WALLS,  
STRONG LOCKS,  
SECURE  
GUARANTEE.**  
LET US TAKE CARE OF  
YOUR MONEY

**J. S. SWANN, Pres.**  
JNO. SEARS, V-Pres.

**R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier**  
B. C. MOORE, Ass't. Cashier

## THE FARMERS STATE BANK

If you come in and see our safes and vaults, and realize how well equipped we are to take care of your money, it will give you a very safe feeling when you go to bed at night to know that fire or burglars cannot disturb it. If you have any money matters on which you wish advice, come to us. We will be glad to see you in our bank. We refer those who have not banked with us to those who HAVE. Make OUR bank YOUR bank. Capital Stock \$35,000.00.

**THE ONLY GUARANTY FUND BANK**

### A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities 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.

Miss Estelle Tooley of Weatherford came in Tuesday afternoon to visit friends for a few days.

Sterling P. Miller returned to Dallas Tuesday morning via Mineral Wells on his Yale motorcycle.

Druggist Sundries at Grimes.

### Good Blood Means Good Health.

You will never regret having used Nyal's Hot Springs Blood Remedy. It will put you on your feet. \$1.00 the bottle. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Misses Gladys and Tommie Louise Coggin and Lucile Sutphen are spending a few days at Noodle visiting Mrs. Will Barbee.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and children Jack and Flora Frances were the guests of their aunt Mrs. H. A. Reading in Abilene Sunday.

Buy your groceries from the firm that buys your cotton.  
Hamblet & Rogers.

Misses Pearl Brooks and Blanche Rawlins are in Sweetwater this week visiting relatives and friends.

Steve Duckett, local manager the Southwestern Telephone Co., was in attendance at the District managers meeting in Abilene Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent and T. H. Largent left Monday for Fort Worth in their car.

Mr. R. L. Parmelly of Caps was the week end guest of her sister Mrs. John Russel.

Cold drinks and cigars at Grimes.

Miss Susie Penn is at home from Abilene where she visited Miss Alice Williams.

### Good Bye Painful Corns.

Nyal's Corn Remover, that's all there is to it just apply it and don't fuss with bandages. 25c the bottle. Guaranteed by Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

### Notice.

I am unloading a fresh car of Boquet flour, I have just sold one car of Light Crust flour and I find that my trade had rather have the Boquet flour at the same price, but listen I can sell the Boquet at \$2.85 per hundred and I will guarantee it to be as good flour as you can buy and I don't care what you pay for it, so try a sack of the Boquet and you won't buy anything else.

Walter Clark.

### A New Boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt Wednesday night at eight o'clock a very fine looking young man whom they named Dr. John Adkisson Merritt, suggested by the apparent good disposition, handsome looks and newspaper-ink-black hair. The Mail wishes for the young man a life full of good things and hereby tenders him the position of "devil" in our print shop provided he manifests any desire to labor like his typographical dad.

### The Kodak Way

Pictures taken in the home atmosphere and home surroundings have a quality and charm their own. The Kodak enables you to take just such pictures of your family and friends, indoors or out. Take a Kodak with you. Kodaks for rent and films for sale at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

### Bids For Treasury.

Up to noon August 30, 1913 we will receive bids for the treasuryship of the school funds of this district. Rate of interest based on daily balances subject to call according to the State law governing Independent School Districts. By order of the board July 28, 1913. Bids to be filed with the secretary. Respt.

J. S. Swann, Pres.

Eat Pure Food Bakery bread.

Miss Maggie Wheeler returned home Saturday afternoon from Rule where she has been visiting relatives for some time.

## The Knobs, Hinges, Etc.



put on the house have a lot to do with its tone. The advantage of our builders hardware is that it adds many times its cost to the tone of the house. To know why just see our bronze and brass hinges, handles, locks, catches, etc. They will prove our claim.

**YOU ARE JUST THE MAN**

we are looking for if you want a first class carriage at a second class price. See our new cut-under surrey and tell us if you have ever seen a handsomer carriage. Then ask the price and you'll have a pleasant surprise coming. And please remember our usual bona-fide guarantee goes with the price, low as it is.



**CROWN HARDWARE CO.**

J. T. WARREN, President

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

NO. 7481



**CAPITAL & SURPLUS OVER \$50,000.00**

The policy of this Bank has been established through years of successful business. Through all the varying vicissitudes of recent years our business has been characterized by steady service to our patrons.

**WE INVITE YOUR ACCOUNT**

### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren      C. P. Warren      G. F. West      Ed. S. Hughes  
Henry James      Ben T. Merritt      Thos. Johnson

### Hamblet & Rogers.

Don't forget Hamblet & Rogers when you have the cash this fall and winter. We have furnished the farmers for the past 7 years through cold, hot, dry, sand storms and would like to see the time when we could supply you through a wet time. If you don't know that we have fed three fourths of the farmers in the Merkel Country ask your neighbors if this is not true. We are going to meet all cut prices. Come to see us before you buy your groceries. Good Kansas flour (that is good as any Texas flour you can buy anywhere) for \$1.30 per sack. Try a sack.

Yours respectfully,

Hamblet & Rogers.

### Here's A Pill That Will

Did you suffer head ache, become nervous and irritable, lose your appetite, have stomach trouble and have your sleep broken, come around and get you a bottle of Nyal's Little Liver Pills. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

### A Man Killed

All His Neuralgia pains with one bottle of Nyal's pain Killer. Try it. 50c the bottle at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

### Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Aug. 30, 1913.  
Moon, Miss Lila  
If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Sept 1, 1913.  
H. W. Derstine, P.M.



# Read The Guarantee!

**WE GUARANTEE ABSOLUTE SATISFACTION.**—Simply return to us any unsatisfactory purchase or report to us within ten days' time and we will adjust it satisfactory with you or give your money back.

## QUALITY FIRST -- THEN THE PRICE

It seems unnecessary to say anything about the price on our goods (all marked in plain figures) but there are so many shoddy, worthless goods offered for sale now-a-days that we feel compelled to ask our customers to always consider the quality of an article when comparing our prices with those of other firms, and to remember that we refuse absolutely to handle any but the best grade of home furnishings possible for the price. Don't believe we are under sold just because other firms sometime make low prices on certain articles. It looks bad just at first, we will admit, but just be honest with yourself and with us—bring in your catalogue or article purchased and compare them with what we have or can get for you. Nine times out of ten upon investigation it is found to be merchandise of inferior goods.

We guarantee absolute satisfaction.

"MACK"

## Behrens=McMillen Furniture Co.

FURNITURE AND Undertaking

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

W. H. Dunning, manager of the Eskota Trading Company and a friend to this paper for many years was in our little town this week. Mr. Dunning is arranging for a special stock-reducing sale which begins tomorrow. He advertises under disadvantages in a manner becoming to a store in a much larger place and we might add that his company is doing a good business.

Special attention given to your prescriptions. Grimes.

Bring us your fat hen and friers. Kent Street Grocery Co.

Supt. B. D. Black went to Winters last week, returning Monday with his father who was injured in an accident about a week ago. His father suffered a dislocated hip when run into by a bicycle rider and has suffered considerably.

Groceries, at Cash Grocery.

Mrs. Cordie Mangum of Celina Kan. and Mrs. E. B. Dresser of Bellevue, Texas, are here this week visiting their brother Supt. B. D. Black and attending their injured father B. M. Black.

What we want is more business. Call and see us. The Elite.

Carpenters and workmen are this week busy repairing the school buildings, oiling and cleaning preparatory for the opening of our next term.

Miss Hattie Greenway of Abilene was the week end guest of Misses Mattie and Merial Christopher.

Mr. Dan Christopher came in Wednesday from Hobart, Okla., to visit the family of his uncle T. H. Christopher.

Miss Mattie Christopher visited in Abilene last week.

We have a complete line of Colgate's toilet articles, at Grimes.

Rev. J. M. Rice is at home for a few days.

Parker Hendrick of Abilene was here on business the first of the week.

Groceries, at Cash Grocery.

T. R. Lassiter one of our farmer friends paid us a visit yesterday and in talking war and politics made a statement that he would be a candidate for commissioner of this precinct next year and would of course make known his ambition at the proper time.

## SCHOOL BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

This is the school book and supply store for Merkel and the Merkel country. We have the **School Book Agency** and can make the **Exchanges** with you for your used Books. **All books strictly cash.**

### TABLETS, PENCILS, ETC.

We wish for you to know that we are prepared to fit your boy or girl for school and will give you more for your money.

## Rust and McCauley Drug Company

JNO. W. WHEATLEY, Manager

Courtney Hunt of Haskell was in our town on business one or two days this week and reports conditions good in the Haskell country by way of comparison with other sections, in other words it could be worse but is better.

Mrs. Jeffie Hibbets is at home from Boulder, Colo., where she attended chautauqua.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Daniel motored to Abilene Sunday where they visited Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mitchell.

Miss Ruby Jones is visiting Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Sherman in Sweetwater.

Cleaning and pressing neatly and promptly done. Cash, the Tailor.

5c Uneeda 1c; Cash Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Edwards of Midland who have been visiting relatives here returned to their home Monday.

Saturday, Uneeda day. Cash Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Ashby of Comper, Mrs. Mary Harris of Anson and Wilton Harris of Moran were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stallings Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wheatley moved this week from their home in south Merkel to the residence recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Barker. We hate to lose them as neighbors.

Miss Ella Walker has returned to her home at Luverne, Ala., after an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jno. W. Wheatley.

Miss Ina May Adams is at home from a few days visit in Abilene. Groceries, at Cash Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Turner of Rule are among the visitors to our little town this week and guests at the home of Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler in southwest Merkel.

Miss Maggie Wheeler returned this week from a visit to her aunt and friends at Rule.

5c Uneeda 1c; Cash Grocery.

Vernon Trout left Monday night for Weatherford where he will visit friends for a few days.

Miss Letha Burns is at home from an extended visit with her grandmother and aunt at San Angelo.

Groceries, at Cash Grocery.

Mrs. Mace Sublett and children of Sweetwater are here visiting the family of H. R. Hicks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Daniel of Nolan are here visiting relatives.

Mrs. Claude Bigham and little daughter Alice were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bigham.

Mrs. J. C. Provine left Tuesday afternoon for Blair, Okla., to spend several days visiting at the home of her son W. R. Provine.

Saturday, Uneeda day. Cash Grocery.

Miss Bertie Diltz came in last week from Van Horn where she has been visiting friends for the past few weeks.

Plenty of oats, shorts and chops at the Kent Street Grocery.

Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert went to Trent Tuesday afternoon to attend the bed side of Mrs. H. L. Owens who is very ill.

Miss Gladys Christopher has returned home from a visit to Tuscola.

**Give us your next month's grocery bill and let us help you save money. Cash Grocery.**

Mrs. Joe Roy and children of Cleburne are here visiting her sister Mrs. C. E. Whitaker.

Contractor Freeman was busy for a day or so this week making some improvements for the City Barber Shop, that is the improvement was on the building.

Miss Ella Walker of Vernon, Ala., who has been here visiting her niece Mrs. J. W. Wheatley returned to her home Tuesday.

Mr. Hawthorn of Carthage is here this week looking after his property and other business interests.

Mrs. W. H. Roach of Lipan is here visiting her brother J. G. Hale and wife.

Mrs. McFall and granddaughter Mary Joy Ripptoe of Lipan is here visiting her daughter and aunt Mrs. Bagwell.

Miss Agnes Hall left yesterday for Waco for an extended visit with her sister.

Drugs at Grimes.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Bill Evans who has been visiting home folks in Georgia and other eastern countries returned home last week. Mr. Evans reports conditions in that state very good and he also stated that he had a "high heel time."

Misses Eula Sears and Duncan Browning came in last week after spending several days visiting at Corpus Christi.

Mrs. George Brown and children returned home last week after an extended visit with relatives in Alabama.

V. B. Walters was transacting business matters in Sweetwater the first of the week.

Captain Oliver was looking after business matters in Abilene Monday.

Miss Gladys Christopher returned home Monday afternoon from a few days visit with relatives and friends at Tuscola.

T. H. Christopher and son Simpson were visitors in Abilene Monday.

Miss Myrtle Sash who has been here for the past two weeks visiting her aunt Mrs. C. P. Stevens, returned to her home at Hamlin, Monday afternoon.

A. C. Boney was a business visitor to Abilene Monday.

Mrs. E. T. Buzbee returned home Monday afternoon from Abilene where she has been visiting relatives and friends for the past few days.

Miss Fannie Antony came in Monday afternoon from Alabama to spend a few days visiting the family of John Blair.

Spend your cash with the firm that will let you have goods without the cash. Hamblet & Rogers.

Misses Minnie and Maud Ferguson came in Monday afternoon from a few days visit with friends in Abilene.

Messrs W. Parten and W. L. Harkrider returned home Tuesday morning from the eastern markets where they purchased a full and complete line of fall goods for their respective firms.

Your trade is appreciated and you get our best services at Grimes.

Miss Lizzie May Freeman returned home Tuesday from Dallas where she has been for the past few days purchasing her fall line of millinery.

**THIS COUPON**  
**Good for 1000 Votes for**  
 Miss  
**Our Popular Voting Contest.**  
**No. 3-A Eastman Kodak**  
**Worth \$20.00**  
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### SAVE THE FLOOD WATERS.

On a large proportion of the farms of this State there are creeks, ravines or gullies that could be dammed at comparatively small expense, thus forming lakes or pools to catch and hold in the aggregate a vast amount of flood-water. The lakes already built could and should be greatly enlarged, insuring an abundance of water for man and beast, in many cases enough to irrigate on a moderate scale, and also furnishing power to run the ordinary farm machinery. Useful shade or fruit trees could be easily, cheaply and profitably grown on the banks of these lakes, and the evaporation from the waters would, to some extent, cool the atmosphere and presently, when we have a great number of such pools, might possibly increase our rainfall. With just a little care and attention the fish from the lakes would be an appetizing addition to the food supply. If the people generally will become enthusiastically interested in this subject and show their faith by their works, our lawmakers will soon catch the spirit of the enterprise and give county and state support to water conservation on a larger scale, by creating water bonding districts on the order of our road, levee and drainage districts, and many reservoirs will be builded that will catch and hold, in the aggregate, billions of tons of water. The combined efforts of the State, counties, cities, towns and country neighborhoods would save billions of barrels of floodwater which now goes wastefully to the Gulf, carrying with it millions of tons of fertilizing matter washed from the soil, which should be conserved, greatly adding to the comfort, happiness and prosperity of all the people. In fact, if we will cultivate more intelligently and carefully, conserve the fertility of the earth as a priceless inheritance and catch and hold the storm waters, we will make Texas a veritable agricultural Eden, capable of supporting in prosperity and happiness millions and millions of people for an indefinite time. Let us form a Flood-Water Lake Club in every precinct in the State, and by concerted action and neighborhood co-operation we will work wonders and dam Texas for the good of all the people.—Henry Exall.

### MISS MERKEL'S HOUSEKEEPING.

The recent clean-up day was good and we commend our council and citizens for their interest and work but we must remember that this is but the beginning of a work we should do regularly, systematically and persistently, without any proclamations from our mayor.

We must remember that it is the average and not special condition of our town at any one time that makes our sanitary record and a clean town is more than one which has disposed of the tin cans and rubbish and removed the weeds from the street. The streets and alleys are but a small part of our town like the front porch is a small part of our home. A housekeeper may have a clean and tidy front porch and an unkept and un-

sanitary kitchen. A clean-town enthusiast may have a clean and attractive front yard and have the opposite conditions existing at the back. The clean-town contest entered by our little city and the interest and work started should inspire every citizen to his and her very best efforts and those continually.

Our city health officer asks for the assistance of every citizen and especially that any unsanitary conditions be reported to him. He will see that all ordinances for the sanitary improvement of our town are enforced to the letter but he needs your help and this cooperation is a duty of every good citizen.

The Mail is in hope that our clubs will take up this good work and this will be the best town-keeping season in the history of our little city.

### BUCK 'EM.

There may be war in Mexico and for this reason there should be peace, harmony and progressive cooperation in Merkel. Our people must lay aside all prejudice and personalities and get to work as one big community for their mutual interests—that is if they will obtain their share of the blessings of this life. The towns and communities, like individuals who try to help themselves, receive the help of others. The world, business and finance have no helping hand for the man, town or country who admits that he is a loser and a loser. You are most always what you admit and think you are and thinking is a big help to being something. Buck 'em salty and make the best of conditions as they exist and develop and never admit you are out and down. Keep bucking 'em and help others.

In spite of adverse conditions our little town continues improvements and the most are adding much to the attractiveness of our place. Merkel is a good looking town yet better than it looks.

The Mail again reminds its old as well as young readers of the danger of our streets when the fire alarm is sounded. It is the best as well as safest to clear the street for our fire team and wagon.

The extension of our water mains now will at once start a saving on insurance for many of our best citizens and may save for them valuable property by placing their homes within the limits of protection. Do it now.

In the lean years it is your duty to make your dollars go as far as possible in supplying the necessities of life and you get more for your money by trading with the Merkel merchants than anywhere else under or on top of the sun. Come to Merkel to sell your cotton and buy your supplies and before coming read our paper and learn of the special bargains and opportunities offered you. This paper saves money at all times during the year for those who read its advertising as well as news columns.

It may be well for us to remind you that we are in a very receptive mood in our subscription department and to kindly ask that you do not put off this importance annual duty to yourself, country, your family and us by figuring this obligation one of the several to be provided for by the "top crop". Your home paper should always be one of the first—that is if this is your home paper. Only one dollar per annum, yet.

This is a time in the history of our town and country when all good citizens should think, plan and work for the best interests of ourselves. It is no time for dissension but unanimous cooperation. There are many things we can do for the good of our town and country and to help each other, our friends and neighbors, if we will and let's do everything we can. Anyway, don't knock.

# PRIVATE NOTICE

## About Real Estate

## And My Farm Loans

TO MY CLIENTS, FRIENDS AND THE FEW OTHERS:

The deplorable deficiency is moisture, a condition which has existed over a big part of the U. S. and some of our own territory, had no effect on me but has dampened the ardor of some of my clients, and this with the international complications with Mexico and Japan has compelled me to resume my duties on my newspaper which to the unacquainted seemingly works to the detriment of my usual activity in the real estate circles around hereabout. In fear and event of war it's absolutely necessary for me to stay here and run my paper, look after the ladies and children and take care of the real estate and loan business of my town and country. If you need any money on your farm it may be well that you have me make the arrangements for you now for it may be necessary that all able-bodied men beside myself leave this section to save the country or themselves.

Although apparently of a most friendly and amicable disposition I am a natural-born fighter. This natural disposition, inherited and cultivated is not for physical combat however, but just to scrap for business. I think one should fight for their rights and I know that I am entitled to a big slice of the real estate and loan business.

## MY LOAN CONTRACT

This season I still have my same connection which gives me access to the strongest and best loan companies in the world and I make the best loan contract in this section. If you read and take my guaranteed STRAIGHT FIVE-YEAR-LOAN and no annual pay but interest you will have no other. Some get you to make some annual spasms, figuring that you will not want to meet them at maturity and then they can collect ten per cent. There are tricks in all trades but I believe in playing the game fair and square and let a man know what you are selling him. There may be some who will tell you they do not charge this and that, but you take it from me there are no loan men working in this country for nothing and if they give you anything one way they figure you out of it two other ways. My commission is 2 per cent on loans and 5 per cent on real estate and I have never tried to keep this a secret. I will earn my little commission and save you money.

## MY REAL ESTATE

My real estate business is dry-weather, boll-worm and puncture proof. I had to quit selling land exclusively for cash and go to trading banks, mercantile stocks, mules, cows, jacks, goats and second-hand automobiles but I am still doing the volume of business. My business is as regular as the seasons. I have just sold 2070 acres of land but I have an insatiable ambition to trade and traffic and while I do not need the money I want to do the business.

## SPECIAL 30 DAYS

During the month of September I am going to make a specialty of loaning money on first-class farm lands in the Merkel country—that's a big territory, at 8 per cent interest, if you need money see me at once. I will make a special rate of 2 per cent for my commission and give you the best contract and the most prompt service in this section. There is no earthly nor heavenly reason why you should pay more than 8 per cent for money or go out of town for I have the best right here and for you. Give me your application at once, if not sooner.

## JNO. G. JACKSON

P. S: The postoffice is next to My Real Estate and Loan Office.

N. B: I am also a Notary Public; terms, cash.



# Our New Fall Goods Now on Display

In our last week's advertisement we assured you that we had bought the largest and best assortment of Fall Goods of any year during our business at Merkel and we are pleased to announce to you this week that our shipments have arrived and we are ready for your visit and shopping.

## A CAR LOAD OF DRY GOODS

We received this week a whole car load of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Ladies' Ready-to-wear, Millinery, Notions, Etc. and our force has been busy unloading and arranging the display in our new quarters. We have the newest, largest and most complete stock in our little city and our policy of "One Price—The Lowest" enables us to save you money on your every bill.

## OUR MILLINERY IS COMPLETE

Our Millinery Department is better this season than ever and we ask you especially to look at our new goods. This department is in charge by Miss Myrtle Davis of St. Louis who will take pleasure in serving you. It is our desire to make this the ladies' store for Merkel and the Merkel country and we are this season making special efforts to please every customer and every taste with our goods and our prices are the lowest. A visit to our store will convince you.

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## STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery.

Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with stomach trouble for five (5) years, and would have sick headache so bad, at times, that I thought surely I would die. I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good.

I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I would die. He advised me to try Thedford's Black-Draught, and quit

taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it.

I have now been taking Black-Draught for three months, and it has cured me—haven't had those awful sick headaches since I began using it.

I am so thankful for what Black-Draught has done for me."

Thedford's Black-Draught has been found a very valuable medicine for derangements of the stomach and liver. It is composed of pure, vegetable herbs, contains no dangerous ingredients, and acts gently, yet surely. It can be freely used by young and old, and should be kept in every family chest.

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### Another Little Shower.

Our rain guage registered another shower since our last issue. It did not amount to but one-tenth of an inch and we have not sufficient interest to look at our record to learn the exact day. If you desire the definite information write us enclosing one dollar for subscription and stamp for reply.

### The Mexican Situation

The trouble in Mexico has developed one face of importance to the U. S., and that is that both the Federals and Constitutionalists are firm believers in Hunt's Lightning Oil, the great American remedy for neuralgia rheumatism, cuts, burns and other aches and pains. No wonder, since it makes the pain go away almost at once. All druggists sell it in 15c and 50c bottles.

### WILL GIVE UP RESOLUTION

Senator Sheppard Considers Wilson's Message Means Practical Recognition of the Rebels

WASHINGTON, August 27.—Senator Sheppard of Texas considers that President Wilson's message is such a practical recognition of the Constitutionalists' belligerency that he will not press his resolution to recognize Carranza.

### Will Protect Americans

The president said that the United States' determination to protect Americans "can and will be made plain beyond the possibility of a misunderstanding."

The message included Huerta's reply, which proposed the unconditional recognition of the Huerta Government; strict observance of the neutrality laws so far as the rebels are concerned and the appointment of new ambassadors at Washington and Mexico City respectively.

The president repeated his instructions to John Lind, which are the same as announced yesterday.

His message was received with a great burst of applause from Congress.

It takes a secretary, membership and financial assistance to make a commercial club, and these three elements are necessary to successful achievement.

### Exploded.

Master Roy Elliott struck a dynamite cap with a hammer at his home in south Merkel Monday and is suffering from some very severe burns about the chest. He is reported resting very well and will recover soon.

### Notice

The State of Texas, County of Taylor:

Whereas, at an election held in the city of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, in conformity with an order of this court, entered on the 15th day of July 1913, to determine whether or not pool halls shall be prohibited within the corporate limits of said city of Merkel.

And whereas, due return of such election has been made to this court in manner and form prescribed by law,

And whereas the said returns of said election so made to this court, have been duly canvassed by this court as required by law,

And whereas it appears from the said returns that there were 99 votes cast at said election, of which 96 were cast "For Prohibition of Pool Halls" and 3 were cast "Against the Prohibition of Pool Halls,"

Now therefore, the Commissioners' Court of said County and State does adjudge and declare that the said election resulted in favor of the prohibition of pool halls within the corporate limits of said city of Merkel to be in full force and operation after the 12th day of Sept. 1913. Entered this 11th day of August 1913.

I, W. J. Young, county clerk and exofficio clerk of the commissioners court of Taylor County, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full true and correct copy of an order entered by the commissioners court of Taylor County under date Aug. 11, 1913.

Witness my hand and seal of said court this 16th day of Aug 1913.

W. J. Young

Clk. Co. Court and Exofficio Clerk Commissioners Court Taylor Co. Texas

Victoria—At a recent meeting of the local chamber of commerce, J. H. Peters was chosen as secretary of the club. Mr. Peters will enter upon his new duties immediately.



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# Last Call on Summer Goods

Dress Goods and Slippers cut almost in half. Clothing and Mens Hats for a great deal less. Mens Underwear cheaper than was ever heard of. If you need anything in summer goods it will pay you to see us quick. - - - Our big new fall stock is arriving daily.

This season's latest creations will soon be on display in the greatest varieties we have ever shown.

WATCH OUR FALL ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT WEEK

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Largent chaperoned a bunch of girls to the clear fork on a two days fishing, camping and boating picnic last week. There was something doing all the time, the mosquito serenade could not be called an enjoyable feature on account of the sameness of the music and length of the program. Those who enjoyed the trip were Misses Winnie Warren, Pet Sears, Virginia Hamblet, Eugene Rister, Leno Largent, Jessie and Lucile Sutphen, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Largent and Master Joe Sutphen Largent.

On Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock Mrs. Jno. Sears entertained in honor of her little daughter's eleventh birthday. Little Miss Lillie Pratt welcomed her little play-mates out on the beautiful grassy lawn where a number of games were enjoyed. Watermelons and ice cream were served to little Misses Nellie and Annie May Swann, Maurine Cobb, Lucy Tracy, Louise Warren, Lenora Williams, Hazel Harkrider, Mary Rogers, Lola Dennis, Johnnie Sears and the little hostess.

Friday Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Keith out on Bettis Heights served a beautifully appointed noontime dinner in honor of Mrs. I. S. Allen of Denton who is here visiting her sister Mrs. W. Parten. The guests were Mrs. H. L. Propst and little son Roy, Mrs. Arthur Thornton and little son Don, Miss Fort Smith, Mrs. W. Parten and children.

The Baptist Philathea Class had its regular business session at the home of Miss Winnie Warren Tuesday afternoon. Ten members were present. Miss Mary Reed of Hillsboro was a visitor. At the conclusion of the business period Miss Carroll furnished music for the social half-hour. The hostess served an ice course.

### League Program

Subject—Vocation experiences.  
Leader—Mrs. Clements.  
Scripture ref. Ps. 137, 3, 6, 23, Isa. 63, 14.  
Song—  
Why a vacation? discussed by leader.  
Solo—Ina Mae Adams.  
Vacation responsibilities — Annie Smith.  
Vacation at home—Minnie Harris.  
Mt. L. \$qaE.Oqk2jkgRluthointoinupnpj  
Instrumental solo—Fannie Burroughs.  
After vacation — What?—Lavenia MeNeece.  
Reading—Eleanor Daniels.  
Vacation experiences.  
Quartette—Jackie Jennings, Pet Sears, Dorothy Lee Potter, Mary Jennings.  
Announcements.  
Benediction.

El Paso—Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars is being expended on the copper smelter at this place. This money is being used to install another big copper reverberatory furnace. The additional furnace will greatly increase the capacity of the smelter, making it one of the largest in the world.

### B. Y. P. U. Program.

Aug. 31, 1913.  
Subject—Missionary meeting, Africa.  
Leader—Winnie Warren.  
Song by the Union.  
Prayer.  
"Location, size and population of Africa", by Frank Smith.  
"Language, climate and resources", by Mr. W. A. Scott.  
Special Music—Carrol Rister.  
"Religion" by Wilmer Garrett.  
Song  
Prayer.

### 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.

**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.

**BAPTIST CHURCH**—Preaching each Sunday 11 A. M. and 8.15 P.M. Sunday school 9.45 A. M. Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening Rev. W. M. Gaddy, pastor.

### Granulated Sore Eyes Cured

"For twenty years I suffered from a bad case of granulated sore eyes, says Martin Boyd of Henrietta, Ky. "In February, 1903, a gentleman asked me to try Chamberlain's Salve. I bought one box and used about two-thirds of it and my eyes have not given me any trouble since." This salve is for sale by all dealers.

### Shiloh.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Skidmore of Shiloh spent a few days visiting relatives and attending church in the Kale community.

Mrs. Morgan and daughter Miss Lina of Greenville spent a few days of last week with the family of F. E. Hail.

Cotton picking is the order of the day here and the gin started to running Monday.

Mr. R. B. Bryan made a business trip to Sylvester Tuesday and was caught in a shower.

Ernest Sellers spent Tuesday in Merkel.

W. H. Kendrick formerly of Shiloh has returned home after a few weeks stay out on the plains.

Mrs. Ernest Sellers spent Monday and Tuesday with her parents.

Mrs. Oscar Rhode who has been here looking after the interest of her farm has returned to her home at Houston.

Uncle Jack Turner of the Canyon community spent Monday night with the family of Mr. Hodges.

Richard Shields is the proud possessor of a new buggy so some of the girls had better look out.

Guy Code spent Sunday with his friend Watt Sellers.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bryan and daughter Miss Pearl attended church at Kale and took dinner with Mrs. Joe Douglass as Monday was Mesdames Douglass and Bryan's birthday.

Garland—The local commercial club has secured a two-room building at this place, located near the business section of the town, and will furnish and equip same to be used as a ladies' rest room

### T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND	
Train No. 8, leaves Merkel	7:27 a.m.
Train No. 4 " "	10:50 a.m.
Train No. 6 " "	11:28 p.m.
WEST BOUND	
Train No. 7, leaves Merkel	4:32 p.m.
Train No. 3 " "	5:45 p.m.
Train No. 5 " "	6:12 a.m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

### School Rally.

Keep in mind the school rally September, 5th, eight thirty p. m. at the tabernacle. All who are interested in the progress of our schools are invited and urged to come. We have a good, short program after which a chance to become acquainted with all strangers will be amply provided. No charges; no collections.  
B. D. Black, Supt.

### Closing Notice.

The leading business houses of Merkel will close at 6:30 each day except Saturdays until September 1st.—Adv.

### What is Best for Indigestion?

Mr. A. Robinson of Drumquin, Ontario, has been troubled for years with indigestion, and recommends Chamberlain's Tablets as "the best medicine I ever used." If troubled with the indigestion or constipation give them a trial. They are certain to prove beneficial. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. Price, 25. For sale by all dealers.

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Here's Merkel testimony.  
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 Rust & McCauley Drug Co., quickly cured me. Others of my family, including the baby, were cured of the Kidney trouble by Doan's Kidney Pills. It gives me great pleasure to recommend Doan's Kidney pills."

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One Drink Free to Each and Every Visitor to Our Store

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This offer to serve this drink free, one to every man, woman and child who will call at the Elite Saturday, is to advertise this popular drink and to remind you that we serve the coldest and best cold drinks in town. Our STOCK of CONFECTIONS, CIGARS, ETC. IS COMPLETE AND ALWAYS FRESH. CHOCOLATES ON ICE.

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## SHEPHERDS NEED NOT FEAR THE TARIFF

Farm and Fireside, the national farm paper published at Springfield, Ohio, contains in its current issue an article on the market outlook for sheep by J. Pickering Ross, an expert in horses and sheep, who has had practical farm experience and practical market experience, both in England and the United States. Mr. Ross tries to impress on his readers his idea that the removal of the tariff from wool and meats is much less to be feared by sheepmen now than when the same course was pursued by a former Democratic administration. He says:

"The first experiment in importing the frozen meats have, so far, proved anything but encouraging to the promoters of that business.

"The real facts are as follows:

"Quite recently four ship-loads of frozen meats have arrived in San Francisco. There they found the butchers paying from eight to nine and one-half cents per pound for sheep and yearling, and ten to eleven cents for spring lambs, the supply being plentiful. According to reliable correspondents, eighty per cent of the frozen-sheep product is still unsold at 9.6 cents per pound. The general feeling among retailers is that, though at first curiosity to find out what the frozen meat was like prompted a little flutter of trying it among their customers, the result has been to assume them that as long as home-grown mutton and lamb remains as cheap and as plentiful as at present the imported frozen article will be little called for and will certainly not effect prices to any appreciable extent. As regards those prices, think that, as compared with those paid by the people of England and of Europe generally, they are so moderate as to admit of no cause for grumbling. In this, of course, I am referring to what the farmer is receiving, and not to what our faulty methods of distribution is causing the ultimate consumer to have to pay. My chief object, however, in this letter is to point out that the facts as now ascertained show that our sheepmen need not fear very dreadful effects from whatever changes are likely to be made in the tariff."

Vinol for weak and run-down people. \$1.00 per bottle at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

**Supervising Express Business**  
Express companies of the country have not accepted with any demonstration of graciousness the ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission in regard to future rates.

Yet such a ruling was not unexpected since the parcel post law became effective.

The fact is overlooked that this ruling has been anticipated for some time, for it merely confirms an order decided upon two years ago. It was not then promulgated for a reduction of rates but for a general simplification of business.

They estimate that they will lose \$26,000,000, or 18 per cent of their gross revenue, which last year was estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$151,000,000. In such matters it is always safe to assume that the actual loss will fall considerably below first estimates. In this instance, as usual they take no account of probable increase in business due to reduced rates and increased conveniences.

There are many people who would prefer to use the express service than the parcel post, the rates being practically the same. There is no doubt but that the parcel post has cut decided inroads into the business of the express companies of the country. But this is a big world. There is room for all and in the express business there should be room for all who desire to enter it.

The mere fact that express companies will have to reduce their rates should be the very reason why they should enjoy an increased business. While the parcel post system lacks a great deal of being complete, Postmaster-General Burleson has plans for the next session of Congress to consider. Certain amendments will be asked for which will greatly enhance the advantages of the system.

The express companies cannot rely on public opinion to sustain their objections, if they are hit hard now it is in on small measure because of their arrogance in the past. Enjoying a virtual monopoly of the package business the big companies acting in concert have made the most of their power to exact as much as the traffic would bear and by petty exactions to irritate the people they served. Their opposition to the parcel post is natural, but it does not necessarily mean that they will lose much money in future. The regulation seems appropriate and timely. Commercial Appeal

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\* THIS IS THE COSTUME FOR \*  
\* CHICAGO POLICEWOMEN \*  
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The Chicago policewoman, soon to be a feature of Chicago life, will wear a natty and stylish uniform, and the one shown here in the illustration is chosen for her. A significant feature of the skirt is a pistol pocket on the right side.

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Plenty of it on 5 or 10 years time, with the privilege of paying 1-10 each year. See me at once if you want a loan. I have the best contract ever offered.

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"A Little Farm Well Tilled" is the Secret.

In the current issue of Farm and Fireside the national farm paper published at Springfield, Ohio, W. F. Willcox writes an article entitled, "An Acre's Possibilities." Mr. Willcox is a former New York newspaper man who went to Colorado for his health. He is now a successful farmer. The following is an extract from his article:

"A little farm well tilled; aye that's the secret. We must wake up and no trail so woefully in the wake of the European farmers. Is it any wonder that the best farms in every locality of our country are coming into the ownership of the foreign-born?"

"Arriving from a country where land is prohibitive in price, with their strong bodies, frugal habits and intelligence for intensive farming, they are rapidly assuming control of American soil where our native sons fail to make good, either through indolence, ignorance or desire to live in the city.

"There is the solution to the whole problem of low crop averages as maintained by the native-born American farmer in the arrival of the foreigner. Look about you wherever you live, and you will find farms in the possession of Russians, Germans, Japs Swedes, Poles and every other race under the sun. Bringing knowledge from those countries where land made to produce its highest bounty, they are making good here, and bringing to shame the work, or is it, rather indolence of the native-born? Perhaps, if enough of them get scattered around among the natives, we shall be able to learn from them to do a little better, which, with the bountiful harvests secured by them, will cause our average yields and average farm value of crops per acre to take a decided step forward within the near future."

## FRANK HANGS OCTOBER 10.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 26.—Leo M. Frank, who was found guilty by the jury yesterday of the murder of Mary Phagan, aged 14, today was sentenced to hang October 10. The trial of Frank has attracted wide attention. It is believed that Frank was convicted principally on the evidence of the negro, who testified in the trial that he had carried the body of the dead girl to the basement of the factory after her murder.

## Good Reason for His Enthusiasm.

When a man has suffered for several days with colic, diarrhoea or other form of bowel complaint and is then sound and well by one or two doses of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, as is often the case, it is but natural that he should be enthusiastic in his praise of the remedy, and especially in this case of a severe attack when life is threatened. Try it if in need of such a remedy. It never fails. Sold by all dealers.

Wesley Edwards was attending to business matters in Abilene Tuesday.

## How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

We the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm. National Bank of Commerce, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly up on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

## Scratching For Fun

We would have great sympathy for those who have to scratch continually if there wasn't a remedy for the trouble, but as Hunt's Cure is Guaranteed to cure or money refunded, it would seem that those who scratch do so for the fun of it. It's a special remedy for Itch, Eczema, tetter, ringworm, etc.

# UNEEDA BISCUIT DAY

SATURDAY AUGUST 30TH 1913

**5 CENT BOX UNEEDA BISCUIT ONLY 1 CENT**

ONLY ONE PACKAGE TO EACH PERSON

We make this extraordinary offer to remind you of this popular biscuit and to make you acquainted with the freshness and quality of our goods—some may be cheaper but none better than our staple and fancy groceries.

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**THE CASH GROCERY**

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## Makes Hard Work Easy!

DUSTING, cleaning and polishing hardwood floors is hard, back-breaking work. An almost never ending task and seldom satisfactory the old way. But it is easy, quick and satisfactory the new way—using the O-Cedar Polish Mop. With it you can spend a few minutes doing what it now takes you almost half a day. You simply pass the O-Cedar Polish Mop over the floor and every particle of dust and dirt is taken up and held. The floor is given a hard, durable, lasting polish and finish.

### O-Cedar Polish Mop

It is also used for the dusting and cleaning of the tops of high furniture, between the banisters of the stairs and is so made that you can get to the far corner under the bed, beneath the radiator and other hard-to-get-at places.

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It cuts house work in half. Don't put up with the old-fashioned hard way when you can get an O-Cedar Polish Mop for only \$1.50.

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Try an O-Cedar Polish Mop for two days at our risk. Test it every way for two days and if you are not delighted with it we will promptly return your money.

# REMOVAL NOTICE

We are pleased to give notice to our friends and customers that we are now located in the Neeley Building, formerly occupied by the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company, where we have more room for our stock of furniture. This will enable us to increase our stock and add some new lines to our business and when in need of any item in the furniture or housefurnishing line we remind you that it will be highly gratifying to us if you will only see, "MACK."

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## OUR CORRESPONDENCE

### Inkum

The Gospel meeting at the arbor near Inkum closed Sunday night.

The Evangelist, J. T. Dean of Dallas returned to his home via Merkel Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bush made a trip to Merkel Saturday.

There has been some sickness in this section the past week though not of a serious nature.

Joe Perry and family of Abilene made an auto trip to this section Monday. Mr. Perry returning Tuesday while Mrs. Perry and the children spent the week with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perry.

O. H. Wilson and wife made a trip to Tuscola Thursday.

Messrs. Boden and Symons of Merkel and Mulberry Canyon made a trip to this section for some horses Friday.

Miss Carlton of Truby has been visiting Miss Shaw the past week.

Oscar Owens and wife are visiting at Thurber this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brookerson of Buffalo Gap visited their daughter Mrs. O. H. Wilson Saturday.

Brit and Alee Williams of the Blair community with their families are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Williams.

Boone and Burl Bush of Oklahoma are visiting their brother W. C. Bush.

T. E. Reynold was transacting business at Merkel Friday.

Messrs. Harrison and their sisters of View community attended the meeting near Inkum Saturday and Monday nights.

R. H. Collins of Merkel was in this section the past week buying cattle.

John Dew made a trip to Winters the latter part of the week.

A brother of A. J. Booth came in from north Texas for a few days visit the past week.

Key Wilson of Guion visited home folks here Sunday.

Among those from a distance whom we noticed at the meeting during the week were William Fain of Graham, Mr. and Mrs. John Brookerson of Buffalo Gap, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Perry of Abilene, Miss Carlton of Truby, Mr. Boden of Merkel, Boone and Burl Bush of Oklahoma, J. E. Hallmark and family of Mulberry Canyon, Mrs. Simms and son of Mount Pleasant community, Mr. Lily of Mulberry Canyon, Mr. Owens of Arizona and Mr. Wetsel of Nubia.

### How the Trouble Starts.

Constipation is the cause of many ailments and disorders that make life miserable. Take Chamberlain's Tablets; keep your bowels regular and will avoid these diseases. For sale by all dealers.

### Notice.

The Southern National Bank located at Merkel in the State of Texas is closing its affairs. All note holders and other creditors of the association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment. Dated August 8th, 1913.

J. E. Faucett, Cashier.

## DON'T LET YOUR LIVER GET LAZY

**Dodson's Liver Tone Will Keep it Working and Make You Feel Well and Clean—No Bad After Effects.**

If you have allowed the fear of calomel to keep you from toning up your liver when it gets a little sluggish and lazy—try Dodson's Liver Tone, and note how quickly and harmlessly it starts the liver and relieves constipation and bilious attacks.

When you take Dodson's Liver Tone, you do not have to stay in the house all day. None of the weakening and harmful after-effects of calomel follow its use. Dodson's Liver Tone is a mild, pleasant vegetable liquid that cannot hurt either children or grown people. Yet it easily overcomes the most stubborn and inactive liver without making you quit eating or working.

These are not just claims. Rust & McCauley drug store backs up every one of these statements and agrees to refund the price of Dodson's Liver Tone with a smile to any person who pays his 50 cents for a bottle and isn't satisfied that he got his money's worth. Imitations of Dodson's Liver Tone is another proof that it is a good thing. Nobody ever imitates a poor remedy. Be sure you get the genuine Dodson's Liver Tone—the kind that is guaranteed.

### So Many People Die of Blood Poison

A little scratch on the hand a splinter, or small abrasion of the skin is often fatal because the poisonous germs starts the infection. That's where Hunts Lightning Oil comes in handy as an application on the abrasion, kills all germs which may have lodged there, thereby preventing infection and death. It pays to keep this remedy in the home, especially where there are children. All drug stores in 25c and 50c bottle.

Oh, Squash! "Now, between you and me, George," he began as he sat with his arm enfolding her waist. "George," she interrupted, "I was that you would be little more precise in your word. How can there be anything between you and me? There isn't room." At immediately she disproved her own statement by snuggling up still close.

### Remarkable Cure of Dysentery.

"I was attacked with dysentery about July 15, and used the doctor's medicine and other remedies with no relief, only getting worse all the time. I was unable to do anything and my weight dropped from 145 to 125 pounds. I suffered for about two months when I was advised to use Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I used two bottles of it and it gave me permanent relief," writes B. W. Hill of Snow Hill, N. C. For sale by all dealers.

### Ready for Reception.

Annoyed by a notice that the local sanitary committee were going to inspect his cowhouse, a Dorset (England) farmer spread linoleum over the floor of the building, displayed hearth-rugs in convenient positions, hung the walls with pictures and a mirror, and installed a harmonium. When the committee arrived he gravely invited them to wipe their feet on the doormat before entering.

**The Best Hot Weather Tonic** GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC enriches the blood, builds up the whole system and will wonderfully strengthen and fortify you to withstand the depressing effect of the hot summer. 50c.

## OUR CORRESPONDENCE

### Salt Branch

Aug 28—Several from here attended the singing at Mulberry Sunday.

S. W. Taylor and family have returned home from Comanche.

Holland Teaff and sister Selena attended church at Merkel Sunday.

Ellis Petty and family visited at Porter Petty's Sunday.

Dave Shelton and family of Kale and Mrs. Strickland of Okla., spent Tuesday with W. B. Beavers and family.

Miss Alma Hays was visiting Miss Ida Taylor Sunday.

Nim Teaff and family of Tye spent Sunday with J. W. Teaff and family.

W. B. Beavers and wife visited Porter Petty and family Sunday afternoon.

The singing at Elmer Shipleys Saturday night was enjoyed by all present.

Oscar Mobley and family visited Frank Rogers and family of Mulberry Sunday.

Misses Mae Rainer and Beavers were visiting the Misses Teaffs Sunday.

J. P. Petty and wife went to Clyde Monday on business.

Weasley Hardy and wife were visiting J. W. Hardy and daughter Sunday.

J. M. Ingram of Mount Pleasant is hauling feed from this place this week.

Mrs. Ida Higgins and daughter Miss Gardie spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Hester and daughter.

Jess Higgins and wife spent Sunday with Egra Barker and wife of Warren.

Mrs. Hays and children and grandma Hays spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Beavers and children.

### Butman

Aug. 28—The meeting conducted by H. J. Preachard and Will Hammer closed Sunday night. The meeting was a great success with sixteen annexations the Live Oak Baptist church.

Miss Mamie Graves of Merkel visited her sister here last week.

Earl Perkins who had the misfortune of getting a leg broken while returning from preaching Monday night is reported getting along fine.

Verna T. Trout of Bawley, California came down Wednesday to spend a few days with his friend Will Putman.

Chancy Hodges of Roby is spending the week visiting friends in the Canyon.

Ira Thornton of Merkel attended preaching here Sunday.

A large crowd witnessed the Baptising at Mr. J. H. Ensmingers lake Sunday evening.

### Costly Treatment.

"I was troubled with constipation and indigestion and spent hundreds of dollars for medicine and treatment," writes C. H. Hines of Whitlow, Ark. "I went to St. Louis hospital, also to a hospital in New Orleans, but no cure was effected. On returning home I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets, and worked right along. I used them for some time and am now all right." Sold by all dealers.

### To Prevent Blood Poisoning

apply at once the wonderful old reliable DR. PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL, a surgical dressing that relieves pain and heals at the same time. Not a liniment. 25c. 50c. \$1.00.

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All 50c Work Shirts going at 2 for	75c

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