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ANOTHER BIG RAIN

Makes Total Rainfall for this Month Nearly Five Inches.

THIS RAIN IS 2.70 INCHES

The Big Rain Following Strong Winds Does Some Damage to Cotton But Is Good for Country.

It is a common saying and true as can be that a rain is always acceptable in West Texas. One of the best of the season this week followed two or three days of strong winds and of course will do some damage to the grade as well as loss of cotton but withal it is a great blessing for our country.

The rain began falling Wednesday afternoon, two-tenths falling in a hard shower and at night a slow rain set in and continued all of Thursday up to the time of writing this article. Our rain gauge shows a total rainfall of 2.7 for this rain and making about five inches for the month.

This gives our farmers a good season for their fall grain. Many have already sown their grain and others have their land ready and will begin work as soon as they can get in their fields.

The rain was general over this section.

GALVESTON, Texas, Sept. 23.—The announcement was received here Friday from Boston that a meeting of the stockholders of the Galveston-Houston Electric Company has been called for October 6th, to authorize an increase in the capital stock of the company. It is proposed to add \$1,000,000 each of common and preferred stock. This proposed increase is mandatory to meet the demands of a constantly increasing business, and a number of extensions and other improvements that will be made during the coming year. The most important items are an increase of power facilities, construction of car barns and extensions of track.

TULSA, Okla., Sept. 22.—Tulsa will entertain the largest crowd in its history next October. With an experience of eight years behind them, the officers of the International Dry Farming Congress and Exposition are making most complete arrangements for the reception and accommodation of visitors and delegates to the big meeting which begins October 22nd.

A special canvass is being made of every house in the city and every available room will be listed in such a way that information concerning it will be instantly at hand at the time of the Congress. More than a score of special trains from the states of the far north and west, as well as from Canada, will arrive in Tulsa about October 22. These trains will be parked on the exposition grounds and the delegates will live in them during the ten days' meeting. Special wigwams will be built to accommodate any possible overflow of unattached men. Twenty acres have been set aside as camp sites for families who wish to bring their own camp equipment and live in tents during the time of the great international meeting.

MERCHANTS FORM AN ORGANIZATION

There was a meeting of the retail merchants of our little city last Thursday night at the Star Store and upon motion of W. Parten those present voted to organize the Retail Merchants' Association of Merkel, the objects of which are besides a credit rating system to work for the mutual and general good of the merchants and citizens of our town. The organization assumes the proportions of a commercial club and town builder as well as merchants' association and promises much good for the members and our town.

R. O. Anderson was elected president and the following board of directors was elected: W. D. Woodroof, H. C. West, E. P. McMillen and W. F. Hamblett. It will be the duty of the board to elect a secretary and perfect arrangements for the beginning and maintenance of the work.

JUST COMMON REASON

The Mail does not profess an expert knowledge of matters of economics and civic progress and we should worry if the city council and others do not take our ideas and suggestions literally and follow them to completion. Our comment on matters of our mutual interest is but in the hope that we can interest the majority of our people and get them to thinking for their own good. Our columns are open and free for discussion of matters of public and community interest.

It is a very simple process of reasoning with our limited supply of common horse sense which makes our convictions. For instance, we know the people of this town as individual citizens. The great majority are liberal and progressive people, fair, considerate and always willing to do their part for town and country and they do it every opportunity. This is our characteristic as a citizenship and yet as a municipality we are about the tight-waddest and slowest snail-going bunch on the road of progress. This is our double nature and reputation.

In a very little time we can take a subscription list for any worthy cause, grading and graveling a street to a first prize for a baby show and go out to our citizens and get the money. In the long history of this town as a citizenship, mind you, they have never failed on a worthy cause. If this be true, if the majority of our people are willing to go down in their pockets and dig up extra money then how much more reasonable is it to suppose that this improvement should be done with city funds where all in taxes contribute their part, the railroad and non-residents according to the benefit they receive.

The system of taxation, like all other earthly things, is not perfect but it is the fairest and best way to collect for the cost of running our government and for the improvement of our towns and communities. It is the only way you can prize a dollar out of some individuals who think more of the filthy lucre than they do of their town and country. The great majority do not object to paying their taxes or their part other ways if they see that they are getting their money's worth in return. We know the history of Merkel and know of the trials and difficulties of early administrations but now it is different. If conditions justified a raise in the salaries of every officer working for the city then they should justify a corresponding raise in the amount expended for the people.

Our aldermen have not consulted the wishes of the majority enough and have been too unconsciously influenced by the wishes of a few, allowing personal prejudices to have a bearing on their consideration and vote. Another mistake of our aldermen and citizens is they do not think big enough to get out of the ruts we are in. After the address of Mayor Potter about the extension of water mains, sewer system, street lighting and graded and gravel streets one alderman said the mayor was talking about ten years in advance. The truth of the business we are nearer that time behind and some of our municipal dads not willing to keep pace with the town at its present gait.

Let us think big and broad, reason together about good things, we can do for our town and then let's work together and do it.

Rural Welfare Association Meets

DALLAS, Texas, Sept. 23.—At the meeting of the Rural Welfare Association conducted in this city Friday, plans were discussed for encouraging better marketing conditions for the farmers all over the State and providing rest rooms and other conveniences in the shopping centers for the wives of the farmers. This association is intended to be the parent organization to a large number of smaller clubs over Texas and the constitution and by-laws of the association were read and adopted at this meeting.

From Abilene Daily Reporter.

County Superintendent of Public Instruction J. S. Smith was busy this morning preparing programs for the five-day session of the Taylor County Teachers' Institute which, as arranged at present, is to convene in the Abilene High School building Oct. 20.

The program is to be one of the finest which has ever been arranged. It will be on the order of the program of last October-November, when the teachers held their annual get-together. When Supt. Smith has them arranged, he will have a number of booklets bearing the program and such other information as is relevant on the occasion printed and sent to the various teachers throughout the county.

These events are important in the life of the teachers. Here they may mingle, exchange ideas, relate the peculiar conditions under which they work. By means of this mutual interchange of ideas much of interest is gleaned and becomes useful in the conduct of school life. As it affects every state teacher in the county, it means that Abilene during the five days will be the hostess of numerous pedagogues.

FIRE PROTECTION DAY

AUSTIN, Texas, Sept. 24.—Acting Governor Will H. Mayes today designated October 9th as "Fire Protection Day" in Texas.

He recommends on that day all citizens inspect their heating apparatus; that public buildings be inspected and fire drills be given in schools.

It is also recommended that pupils in the schools of the state be instructed how to prevent a catastrophe in case of fire.

"WELCOME"

Address Delivered by Mrs. G. H. Adams On Opening of District Meeting of Woman's Missionary Societies.

MRS. ADAMS' ADDRESS—Guide.

When I answered the telephone and was told I had been selected to speak to you on this occasion we passed a few words and I hung up the receiver thinking it was all a joke; later, on being informed they were really in earnest things began to look a little more serious and reminded me of an incident that occurred not long since. Two men were discussing a certain city officer, not in Merkel, however, one man remarked, "yes he is an officer, that is, he holds the position but as an officer he is only a joke," so it is with me I hold this position but I'm no speaker; it is only a joke gotten off on the District Conference by the good ladies of Merkel.

About two or three years ago when we attended in full force, the District Conference in Abilene we were so delightfully entertained the memory of that occasion lingers and our delegates to other meetings bring such excellent reports of the wonderful works being done, make us doubly glad to have you mingle with us.

We consider it a compliment to any city or town to have the privilege of securing this intelligent body. Not only do we feel there is an air of intelligence that invades our midst and causes us to take on new life and look out and beyond to something for which we had already felt the need but were unable to tread the path alone while being associated with other co-workers we also catch the inspiration and hereafter will work and pray with renewed energy remembering in unity there is strength and God

will surely reward our labors.

Our heavenly Father has placed in this universal garden fruits of various kind to be used for the benefit of man. The Missionary Society represents the gardner distributing these fruits to all people who will accept them. The several departments in the society show the kind of fruit distributed. The officer in each department represent the tree and their work are the fruit being distributed in the slums, the mines, factories of the cities, in the home land and the foreign field. Did you ever hear of a place complaining they had too many good things trust upon it? Not our little city I am sure and just as the children say "without crossing my fingers," I repeat we are glad to have you. You represent the best things in the world the things the man of Galilee said you must do, minister to the sick, feed the hungry clothe the naked, raise the fallen, enlighten the more unfortunate class and teach Christ is the Light of the world.

There is a story runs somewhat like this: When Eve waked from her first sleep she found herself alone woman like she wondered where she was and how she came to be there, rising to her elbow she rubbed her eyes looked around and began to see the lovely things nature had placed about her, the golden sunlight, lovely flowers and singing birds, she felt the touch of the gentle breezes and all nature seemed to be a stir. Listening she heard the rippling of waters as its waters saw, on the opposite side rising to her feet she began to glide about and admire the beautiful scenery only a few steps away she came to a lake that she thought was another sky, closer she came and peering into its waters saw, on the opposite side mirrored a silvery image, frightened she drew back it drew back, yet pleased they both gazed into the water

COTTON RECEIPTS

The Price Wednesday and Thursday 13:00 to 13:75 Cents.

TOTAL RECEIPTS, 2411 BALES

Estimated Receipts at Merkel for the season is now 5,000 to 6,000 Against 11,000 Last Season.

On account of the big rain there was practically no cotton marketed on our streets yesterday, only a few bales being sold and 13:60 being the highest bid heard by our cotton reporter although the price reported from the yards for the day and day before ranged from 13 to 13:75.

The report of the two yards are as follows:

Tittle yard.....	1210
Gazzaway yard.....	1201
Total.....	2411

Those acquainted with the crops and conditions in our country estimate that the crop is at present half gathered. This is very discouraging in comparison with last two years, even short crops when our town marketed 10,000 and 11,000 bales respectively.

The Mail believes that with favorable conditions and the strong market our buyers are making the receipts for the season should and will go over the 6,000 mark.

once more when Eve turned to escape and was gently touched when an angel voice said "Be not afraid! that is your other self you are one follow me and I'll take you to it" she gently obeyed and was led into the presence of Adam. Think of the rapture of that first meeting, all, when she thought she was alone. Words were inadequate to express their great pleasure and with outstretched hands they only said welcome. In behalf of the Merkel auxiliary, I will say to the different ones represented here today: We think it not robbery when we say you are our other self, we are one laboring for the same cause; with the same means, to the same end, and just as Adam and Eve did at their first meeting in the garden of Eden, we will only attempt to express our great pleasure at your presence here by saying welcome.

FIELDER IS SUCCESSFUL

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 24.—The supporters of President Wilson nominated Lieutenant Governor Fielder, his gubernatorial candidate, yesterday by twenty thousand majority, carrying every county but Mercer and Essex, according to figures that have been received here today.

The Smith-Nugent slate was successful in Essex.

Everett Colby was the Progressive, and Edward Stokes, the Republican, nominees.

MAYOR GAYNOR LAID TO REST

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Between lines of countless thousands of citizens, the body of the late Mayor William J. Gaynor was borne to Trinity church today where the funeral services were read, and thence to Greenwood cemetery, where interment took place.

In the rotunda of the City Hall where he labored many years as the city's chief executive, Mayor Gaynor's body reposed in state Saturday night with a silken mayor's flag draped about him. Ten of thousands of persons stood in the rain with bowed bare heads as the body was borne to the hall, following the brief private services at his late home in Brooklyn.

Today the countless thousands had their last opportunity to gaze upon the features of one of New York's most beloved mayors. The floral tributes from the countless admirers of the late mayor today were profuse and beautiful. The tributes Saturday included a huge wreath of roses from E-President Theodore Roosevelt.



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OUR WEEKLY SERMONETTE By Rev. R. A. Clements.

He took bread. Luke 12:19.
St. Paul tells us concerning this sacrament that, "As often as ye eat the bread and drink this cup ye do show the Lord's death till He comes again; but we are not to suppose that he covered the whole import of it in this one statement. It does however call to our minds the fact that the death of Christ is the most important fact in history, for there is no other that He wishes to be commemorated as He did this. But while it has in the nature of a monument and is to be kept in memory of His suffering for our sins, it has also, or should give, a practical value to it which should be applicable to the common things of life, and it is this phase of it's meaning that I wish to emphasize this morning. It is only that part of our religion that we can apply to the practical things of life that is worth much to us.

I want us to get something from this lesson that will be of use to us until we come to this table again. I am sure this was the Master's intention, when He instituted it. It is true that what He embodied in it are the highest and most awful mysteries of the gospel. His wonderful incarnation and His mysterious atonement on the Cross. And it therefore behooves us to approach this table with the deepest feelings of worship and the putting away of sin from our hearts. While our memories are to be refreshed concerning the tragedy of Calvary, it is not refreshed by the lightnings and thunders, the darkness and earthquakes, but He brings it near to us in signs which express its common daily usefulness to our lives. "We remember that the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." "We behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. He took bread and wine. He chose two materials of daily use to be the symbols of the central fact of our salvation.

These were the chief materials of physical nourishment. Could He have made it more plain that He intended the sacrament to be not only a commemoration of His incarnation and atonement but a means also of applying these two saving facts in the constant and ordinary nourishment of our souls.

He shows that these two facts are to take effect on our souls constantly as the bread and wine does on our bodies.

Cotton Yard Fire.

The fire boys were aroused from their peaceful slumber last Friday night about 3 a. m. to make answer to an alarm for the Tittle cotton yard was ablaze. A good and quick run was made by the team and some good and effective fire-fighting done. There was however a loss of twenty to thirty bales but covered by insurance.

BARTIZ, France, Sept. 24.—General Porfirio Diaz, who was erroneously reported in the United States as having sailed for Mexico, returned here today after seeing his daughter embark for Vera Cruz.

Little Ida Lyles.

Died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Robertson on Saturday afternoon a few minutes past four o'clock the infant babe of Carthu Lyles and wife, spinal trouble being the cause of death. Age, one year and one month. All was done that loving, faithful hands could do to minister to its every want and to stay the hand of death, but God saw best to call it from this world of strife to a beautiful home on high where there will be no more suffering nor tears, no more sad farewells. They have the heart-felt sympathy of this entire community in their first sad hours of trouble.

We would say to the heartbroken parents do not grieve so hard, your little darling is now at rest, free from all suffering and trials of this world, and is basking in the beautiful sunlight of Heaven. Think of little as a beautiful angel now, for as such we know she is.

A friend who witnessed the death of little Ida.

Miss Helen and Alma Weir left for Abilene Monday where they will take music and art from Mrs. Harl and Prof. Lewis.

Notice Everybody.

TO THE PEOPLE WHO EAT: That means everybody. Hard times are looking us in the face and it is going to pay the people to look after their interests. Every dollar you save in buying your groceries means something.

You can save money by buying your groceries from me. I will pay you 20 cents per dozen for your eggs and sell you the best flour that comes to Merkel for only \$2.85.

Come around and see me and I can show you better than I can tell you.

WALTER CLARK.

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Miss Louise Roe of Abilene who taught here last year, passed through enroute to Lovington N. M. Friday evening.

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Complete line of stock powder at Grimes Drug Store.

J. J. Price of Baird was in Merkel Wednesday on business.

Harvey Hunter of Mart was here this week visiting relatives and friends.

P. K. Cranford of El Paso is here visiting parents and friends for a few days.

H. C. Burroughs made a business trip to Eskota Tuesday.

Mrs. S. F. Annis attended the Woman's Missionary Society Conference the latter part of last week at Sweetwater.

Mrs. Eugene Arm of Roscoe and Miss Royal Gilstrap of Clyde are the guests of Mrs. M. E. Nelson this week.

The highest market price paid for your eggs. W. P. Duckett.

Mrs. O. J. Adcock returned from Crosby Monday night where she has been spending the past week with relatives.

School supplies of all kinds at Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Guitar of Colorado City have been here for the past few days visiting Fred Guitar and family returned to their home Monday evening.

Toilet articles, at Grimes.

Am looking for car of corn, shorts and chops. G. M. Sharp.

Mrs. J. A. B. Townsend left for El Paso Tuesday evening where she will spend a few days visiting.

For school tablets and pencils Grimes has a full line of them.

Make our bank your headquarters when in town and use our accommodations. Farmers State Bank.

Mrs. Jno. Bell is visiting her daughter Mrs. Jack Burkhead at Mingus this week.

Mrs. N. E. Sandlin has been visiting her daughter, Miss Lila Sandlin, of Abilene this week.

Clayton Holt, Walter Morris of Abilene and Jack Parrmore of Aspermont were out to see the Largent cattle Wednesday.

New picture frames and molding at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co. 17-2t.

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JNO. W. WHEATLEY, Manager

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The Conklin Fountain Pen Store

The Rexall Store

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

Mrs. Lee Bacon and children of Big Springs enroute to Abilene spent a few days with Mrs. R. A. McClain.

We handle checks at par of any bank, anywhere. We solicit your account. Farmers State Bank.

Eat Pure Food Bakery bread.

Mrs. J. E. McDonald is visiting her daughter Mrs. A. L. Clements of Abilene.

Wall paper, price 9 cents double roll up to best. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co. 17-2t.

Special attention given to prescriptions at Grimes Drug Store.

Mrs. J. L. Banner and children left for Abilene Friday to visit relatives of that city.

You can save money by buying your suit, shoes and furnishings of us now—a big discount for cash. Star Store.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Sept. 27 1913

Holton, Miss Fannie

Jones, card, C. A.

McNeil, Mr. Monnie

McDonald, Mrs. G. C.

Richison, Dr. R. R.

Scarborough, J. M.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Oct. 11, 1913. H. W. Derstine, P.M.

His Uncommunicative Way. "That old uncle of mine," Mrs. Jennie Lee Ondego was saying, "is the slyest and most secretive human being I ever knew. When he gets a chill he won't shake, and when he had the measles he wouldn't let it break out on him."

Mental Conservation.

Mr. Subly, who was rather conceited, declared that talking with an cultivated person had a tendency to impair his peace of mind. "Then you ought never to do it, Mr. Subly," said a young lady present. "Any one will only a piece of mind ought not to risk it!"—Youth's Companion.

Off Color.

The man who lets every little trouble keep him feeling blue must have a streak of yellow.—Chicago Record Herald.

these thoughts into consideration and lets get ready for rain by preparing to bottle it up in mother earth, and then cork it tight with a 3 to 4 inch soil mulch, and allow our crops to pump it out next spring.

If you need any assistance in terracing your farm, let me know. F. A. PEEL, Special Agent.

Deposit your cotton checks with us. We want your business. Farmers State Bank.

Mrs. E. N. Bowles left Tuesday evening for her home at Colorado City after spending a few days with R. E. Bowles and family.

When in need of Druggist Sundries Burroughs has them.

Trade your old furniture to Mack for new Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

O. J. Adcock returned Monday night from Evansville, Ind., where he has been attending the National Rural Letter Carriers' convention.

The best cigars in town at Burroughs.

Shoes, at a big discount for cash. Star Store.

Miss Ezma Allday returned home Friday afternoon from an extended visit with relatives and friends at Franklin, Calvert, Fort Worth and other places.

G. W. Parten of Richland returned to his home Monday after a few days visit here with his son W. Parten and family.

All sizes of window glass at Grimes Drug Store.

Albert Stell of Hood county has been here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hale, he left Monday for Abilene where he will attend Simmons College for the winter.

Miss Hattie Bell returned home from Dallas Tuesday evening where she has been visiting her brother J. A. Bell for the past month.

The most extensive line of School Tablets to be found is at Burroughs.



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

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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.

FOR SALE—Jersey milch cow, 5 years old, giving two to two and one-half gallons per day. Price, \$50.00 if taken at once. W. Parten. 18-tf.

WANTED—100 cotton pickers. Apply to J. R. Porter, Lorraine, Mitchell county, Texas. Paying from 65c to 85c per hundred. 4t.

COTTON PICKERS—Wanted to pick cotton crop; house, good water and stove. S. F. Haynes, Merkel. 18-2t

FARM TO TRADE—160 acre improved land for residence or merchandise. Address owner Route 4, box 11, Snyder, Texas. 1t

WANTED—Large size hackberry or non-bearing mulberry tree, for quick shade. Apply to this office. 23-2t

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Rev. John M. Rice has returned to Quanah where he will preach a week or ten days.

See N. Roberts for fruits, vegetables, cold drinks etc., first door west of Farmers State Bank.

From Abilene Daily Reporter.

Irrigation is absorbing the minds of a great many people of the west just now. A good thing. Let's push it along.

While attending a meeting last week at Brownwood of the Demonstration Agents of West Texas, several reports were made of small irrigation propositions that were very flattering, and many additional plants will be installed this season throughout West Texas. We are looking for still further developments along this line which will count for much in solving the many difficult problems of our section. Let's encourage the movement by standing by the Young Men's Booster Club, who are so nobly putting theory into practice by employing an expert engineer, and who is pointing out feasible irrigation proposition all round us. There is no end to possibilities along this line, as when we know that we can grow just any kind of a crop that we wish—just think of it. But, we can't stop here, just think of the thousands of acres of land in Taylor county that can never be put under irrigation; what will we do with it? Moisture is the main question with us, and that is why we go to the expense of installing these irrigation plants. So how will we obtain the necessary moisture on our lands away from feasible irrigation propositions. Come, let's reason together; is there any other way than terracing and deep plowing? In my judgment there is no other solution of the matter. If that is not practical, show me why? All I want is a chance to prove it right on your own farm.

Yes, we did some deep plowing last fall and did not get paying results. But, don't become discouraged, you will meet with disappointments occasionally, no matter what line of business you pursue, or how well you may have planned your line of action.

We must have rain in order to get good results from deep breaking, but that we do get some times. Let's look at the record of our rainfall for the past three years—24 inches is the average, and that is only one-half inch less than the average for the last 25 years. But, litsen, did you know that for the past 12 months ending August 31st, this year, that we have had only 14.65 inches. Now is it any wonder that our crops are short.

The question is asked, can we hope to farm profitably on a 14.65 inches of rainfall; and I say no! But I am not expecting to ever see as light rainfall for any twelve months again, as this is the lowest that we have ever experienced and ten inches below the 25-year average—is too low to look for often. Brother farmer, take all

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ELECTION FOR MAYOR OF MERKEL

The special election ordered by the city council for the selection of an officer to fill the unexpired term of Mayor W. T. Potter resigned will be held next Tuesday and the Mail urges our citizens to vote.

The Mail is not authorized to announce the name of J. J. Stallings as a candidate for in explanation to us he is not a candidate in any sense of the word, but his name having been suggested and urged by many he gave us the assurance that in the event of his election by the people he would serve them and the town to the very best of his ability. Our citizen appreciates the responsibilities of the position and acknowledges the duty he owes to his town and fellow citizens in the event they demand his services.

In all probability there will be no other name on the ballot but do not let this fact keep you from voting. The lack of interest in election of officers is one of our greatest faults as a municipality. Make a mental note now to vote next Tuesday and then be sure to do so. Our next mayor will have more reason by a big vote to know that our people are interested in their city government. You can better show that interest by a vote than any other way. There have been too many election's go by with default because of lack of interest. If you vote for a mayor then later you may feel more at ease and in harmony in discussing with him matters of mutual interest.

As a citizen Mr. Stallings has always had the interest of our town at heart and one characteristic which specially commends him to us for the position is that though considerate and conservative, after deliberation he has a conviction all of his own and with it the necessary courage. The office of mayor demands this kind of man at this time, one who can not be influenced by any special interests or few but who will consider the wishes of the great majority and then have the nerve to back his judgment. He has had sufficient experience in public matters to fully appreciate his duty to the whole people and to disregard all personal interests and preferences. He can do and accept the will of the majority for we have seen him in several very interesting political campaigns and contests. He has ever been a friend of the fire department and as a mayor, like as a citizen, he appreciates the valuable volunteer service of this department and the fire boys may rest assured that they will have the hearty co-operation of his administration so far as his influence goes. Every fire boy as a mark of appreciation should cast his ballot.

It is the duty as well as privilege of every citizen to vote next Tuesday then after the election let us give the mayor and council our encouragement, co-operation and support in a great effort to do all the good possible for our town. It is the people's business even after the election of a mayor and board of aldermen and the people

should take an interest in their business—if they do not, the officers will not and we do not blame them.

MEN WOMEN AND THINGS

The more we know of men the more we think of their wives and daughters.

We do not know how it is with the rest of the world but this town would not be worth its place on the map and it would never have been there but for the women.

Men may be engrossed in their love and chase for the dollar for it is a fact that they have little time for the nobler things of life. The women are more patriotic and more progressive by reason of the fact that they are more considerate, more thoughtful and more liberal. The monetary gain is the highest of man's ambitions and the love, health and happiness of her old grouchy and stingy husband and other loved ones is the life, ambition and hope of the weaker vessel. We say but do not mean weaker for in their weakness they are strongest. In their silent and patient way "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."

This is not a prelude to a campaign for woman's suffrage but if the good women of this town and country could vote we would venture the prediction that there would be something doing in material as well as moral matters of progress. There would be every improvement possible to enhance the beauty of our town and country as well as to improve the convenience and health. In a suggestive way it speaks our appreciation of the work of the women and to remind them in their efforts they have at their command the columns of the Mail and our assistance in every way possible and to encourage them in their efforts for civic improvement during the season approaching for clubs and societies.

Let us put a park and playground on the list of desirable things for our town and continue the agitation for more graded and graveled streets, cement sidewalks, shade trees, etc.

If the city can afford to pay ten per cent as extra compensation for collection of water rents, better give the people the benefit of a ten per cent reduction, conditioned on prompt payment. The city should be able to collect water rates like taxes or like individual enterprises like the light plant, giving the people the benefit of the saving made possible by prompt payment of their obligation, not penalize them for their own payment and promptness.

The extension of the water mains will give the same benefits, advantages and protection, as well as saving in insurance to the rest of our town as the now favored section enjoys. It would be for the benefit of the smaller property owners and common people like ourselves would get some benefit from an improvement which we worked for and are helping to pay for now. Let's extend the water mains and give everybody a fair and square deal.

The recent big rain will be a good reminder of the fact that we should discard our old forty-year-out-of-date system of 15-cent road tax and patch work and vote bonds and build us a system of permanent pikes. Keep talking good roads.

A little silent vote next Tuesday although there will be but one candidate will say in a big thundering voice that you have the interest of your town at heart and will inspire the elected officer and others to some efforts in our mutual good.

WE'RE NOT ASHAMED TO SHOW



how our carriages are made. In fact the more you examine them the better we will be pleased and you will too. For our carriages are not built merely to sell. They are built to wear so well that you will come back when you need another and tell your friends to come here too.

A GOOD CARPENTER

is known by his chips, the old saw says. But any one will tell you that an expert carpenter is known by his tools. If his tools are made of fine steel, and have good, solid, hard-wood handles, you know that carpenter's head is level, and that he has bought his tools from the Crown Hardware Co., who keeps only the best tools, builders' hardware, etc. in Merkel.



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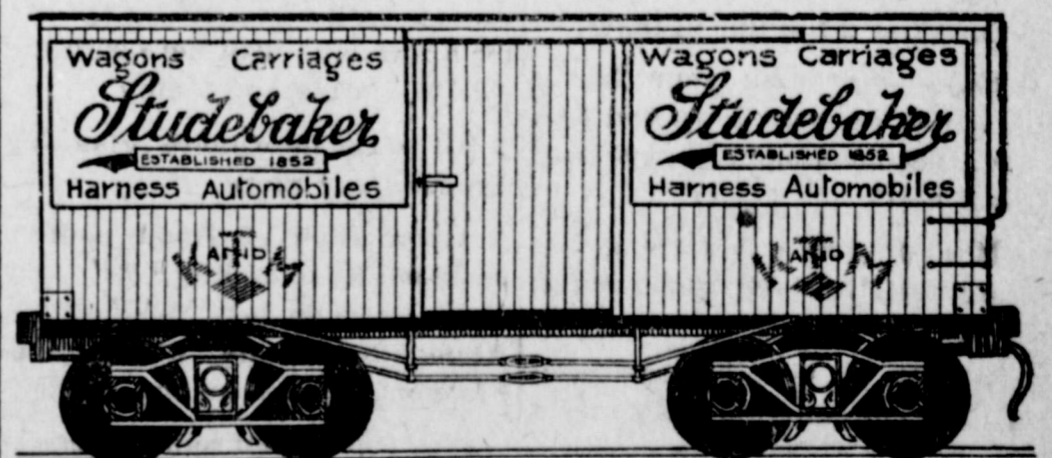
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The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is Equally Valuable as a General Tonic because it Acts on the Liver, Drives Out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. For Grown People and Children.

You know what you are taking when you take Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic as the formula is printed on every label showing that it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic and is in Tasteless Form. It has no equal for Malaria, Chills and Fever, Weakness, general debility and loss of appetite. Gives life and vigor to Nursing Mothers and Pale, Sickly Children. Removes Biliousness without purging. Relieves nervous depression and low spirits. Arouses the liver to action and purifies the blood. A True Tonic and Sure Appetizer. A Complete Strengthener. No family should be without it. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.



A Carload of "STUDEBAKERS"
 We have just received a carload of Studebaker WAGONS AND BUGGIES. The latest and best, direct from the great Studebaker factories. Come in and look them over.

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AT PARTEN DRY GOODS COMPANY'S GREAT ANNUAL FALL OPENING SALE

Each of the host of customers that throng our store daily are better advertisers of our great values than we can possibly be through any other source.

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This line includes the leading styles in millinery and in this and our other lines we can suit your taste at the PRICE YOU WISH TO PAY.

MISS FREEMON

MEDICAL MILK COMMISSION AND CERTIFIED MILK

The first bulletin in the new departmental series of the U. S. Department of Agriculture is a contribution from the Bureau of Animal Industry entitled Medical Milk Commissions and Certified Milk; this is a revision of a previous bulletin on the same subject.

The organization and objects of the first milk commission are described and the origin and meaning of "certified milk" are set forth. The word "certified" has been registered in the U. S. Patent Office and may only be used by a duly organized medical milk commission.

The first milk commission was organized in 1893. Since that time over 60 commissions have been established but nearly one-third of that number are inactive at present.

About 125 dairies are engaged in producing certified milk and the daily

production is nearly 25,000 gallons, an increase of 300 per cent in five years. While this seems a remarkable increase, it would be remembered that only about one-half of one per cent of the total milk supply of the country is certified.

While the chief demand for certified milk is for infants and sick people, it further serves to teach the public the value of careful methods in milk production and the extra cost of absolutely clean milk.

The bulletin describes the equipment and methods necessary for the production of certified milk. It is pointed out that expensive equipment is not a necessity so much as a careful and unremitting attention to details.

In 1907 the American Association of Milk Commissions was organized. The methods and standards for the production and distribution of certified milk adopted by this association at its 1912 meeting are given in the appendix to the bulletin.

CRIMINAL CASE OF DISTRICT COURT

The criminal docket was brought up in District Court this morning. The first case called was that of Stella Bailey, charged by indictment with bringing into local option territory intoxicating liquors and delivering same. She pleaded guilty to the charge and leaned on the leniency of the court. It is alleged that she brought intoxicating liquors into this county from a wet territory and disposed of it by sale. The jury in the case brought in a verdict assessing her punishment at one year in the state penitentiary and recommending that her sentence be suspended on good behavior. Judge Blanton governed himself accordingly and after admonishing the woman that her sentence was still in force, but she would not have to serve the penalty unless she should again commit a felony within the time limit of the sentence.

The case of state of Texas vs. Neal Tucker, charged by indictment with theft of fifty dollars, the defendant pleaded guilty and took his chances on the mercy of the jury. The jury in the case assessed his punishment at confinement in the state prison for a term of two years and recommended that the sentence be suspended on good behavior. Judge Blanton acted on the recommendation and Tucker was liberated.

The case of state of Texas vs. W. P. Hutchins, charged by indictment with assault with intent to murder, was called before noon today and the evidence was introduced. The defendant pleaded guilty to aggravated assault. The taking of testimony was concluded and argument was begun shortly after two o'clock.

The jury in the case of the State of Texas vs. W. P. Hutchins, heard in District Court Monday returned a verdict yesterday, assessing a fine of \$25 for aggravated assault. The recent grand jury indicted the defendant for assault with intent to murder. Hutchins plead guilty to aggravated assault.

The civil docket was taken up immediately after this trial. The case of M. M. Clack vs. Abilene Light and Water Company was called for trial. This was a suit for damages of plaintiff's land by reason of backing up of water when some improvements were

made some time ago. The taking of testimony began immediately and the jury went to deliberate at 10 o'clock this morning, but had returned no verdict at 2:30 this afternoon.

Shortly after noon today the case of W. T. Bolt vs. B. F. Townsend, was taken up and consolidated with the case of B. F. Townsend vs. Marvin Moore, for garnishment. Testimony was begun at two o'clock and the first witness called was still on the stand at 2:30.

Several other civil suits will be taken up this afternoon and tomorrow. All the civil suits now being heard are with juries.

DEAF CONVICT SEES HOL-UP

Overseer and Chief Guard Help Him Relate Story to The Fort Worth Jurors.

FORT WORTH, Sept. 21.—If Pink Brockman and George Moore are indicted for the robbery of which they are now accused by complaint in justice court, the general public will have a chance when the trial opens to understand one of the difficulties with which the Forty-eighth district court jury has had to contend, for the chief witness against the two men is Ollie Pridue, a trusty of county convict camp No. 1.

Pridue, known as "Dummy" to his friends, who for the most part are employed or detained at the convict camp, can't talk, but has to communicate by signs.

Interpreter Called

Therefore, when Pridue was called to the grand jury room the past week there was no surprise over that fact that hurry call for help went out from inquisitors to Bob Cloud, chief guard at the camp.

Gus Haley, camp overseer, also was called into consultation and with so much assistance it is understood they obtained the gist of Dummy's story.

The robbery in question occurred just outside the Polytechnic city limits August 28. The victim was a man named Brown, driver for a local transfer company.

Was Visiting Friends

Dummy, of course, had no business being near there, as he was a convict at that time, and in fact has been, with a few brief interludes, ever since the camp officials can remember. However, Haley and Bob Cloud both were away and Dummy took advantage of the confidence reposed in him and ducked. Dummy has friends among the negroes over in that direction and he visited some of them.

SEEKING COUNTERFEITERS

Band of International Swindlers Has Been Counterfeiting U. S. Express Company's Checks

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Twenty thousand banks in every section of the world have been notified by the United States Express Company that a band of international swindlers has been counterfeiting the company's \$50 travelers' checks and are passing them wholesale in Europe. Twenty-four of the counterfeit checks, issued within a week and cashed at Carlsbad, Lugano and Nice, have been received by the company here.

These checks are dated Aug. 22 to 29 and were cashed by two men who signed the checks Robert T. McDonald and William T. Riley. A cablegram received today from the Wiener Bankverein of Vienna, describes one of the men as an elderly American, smooth shaven, of slight figure and flat nose.

Detectives of every European country are seeking the counterfeiters.

About 11 o'clock Cloud, returning to the camp on a street car, saw Dummy get on, and after they left the car the convict explained by gestures that he had witnessed something thrilling with a gun mixed up in it. Cloud paid little attention, but the next day Dummy started giving him and Haley money to hold for him, turning loose in sums of two or three dollars at a time.

Trusty Tells of Holdup

They remembered the circumstance of the holdup, and reminding Dummy of it asked what he knew about it. By gestures he told them he was behind a bush near where the holdup occurred and witnessed the whole affair. He was tested in various ways and the officers came to believe his story.

The man explained by pantomimic signs the men who held up Brown were banjo-pickers, and by other gestures identified them as men who had been at the camp.

Haley brought him to the courthouse where Deputy Sheriff Andrews was taken into consultation. As they started to leave Dummy recognized Moore standing on the street corner and pointed him out. The next day Brockman was caught.

The men deny their guilt.

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

The Merkel Mail has kindly offered this space to the ladies of Merkel. If you have an idea that has been a help to you pass it on. A good cake, pie or bread recipe; a way to cook meats, poultry or fish; a short cut in house-keeping; write it out and send it to the editor of this department. Now is the season that an exchange of ideas and knowledge will be very acceptable in the putting up of chow-chow, catsups, pickles, etc. Don't forget these articles must be written and sent to Mrs. Dickson. Don't you want to help make this page a success?

After breakfast while the oven is hot is a good time to toast the bread and biscuit left over. The bread can be used for dry or milk toast the next morning, while the biscuit can be used in numerous ways; they are good substitutes for crackers in scalloped tomatoes, if rolled or run through a vegetable mill. Try either bread or biscuit prepared this way in meat loaf, oyster loaf, hash and other dishes where crackers are called for.

BUTTERMILK BISCUIT—One quart of flour, one rounded teaspoon of lard, one small teaspoon of soda leveled off, one heaping teaspoon of baking powder, one level teaspoon of salt, mix milk with one teacup of good thick buttermilk; mix with a spoon into a soft dough. This quantity will make eighteen medium size biscuit. Mrs. W. T. Potter.

BEEF LOAF—Take two pounds of round steak chop very fine, put into it salt, pepper, a little sage, a small onion chopped fine, a pinch of cloves and two tablespoons of melted butter. Tract; bake in layers if desired. Mrs. cup chopped suet; also two rolled crackers and two well beaten eggs, make into shape of a roll and bake. Baste with butter and water before and while baking, cook from 1-2 to two hours; serve cold, in thin slices. Mrs. C. M. McCauley.

CUP CAKE—Three eggs, one and one half cups of sugar, one half cup of butter, one cup of water, three cups of flour three level teaspoonsful of baking powder, vanilla or lemon extract; bake in layers if desired. Mrs. H. C. Williams.

League Program.

Sept. 28, 1913.
Subject: The ministry of sociability.
Leader, Ollie Shaffer.
Song.
Prayer.
Scripture reference: Ruth 2:4, Heb. 13:2, 1 Tim 6: 17-18; Romans 12:11; Luke 24:28-32.
Discussion of Topic by leader.
The why of Sociability, by Mrs. J. W. Jennings.
Prayer.
Instrumental solo, Miss Bessie Touchstone.
The contagion of sociability, Miss Minnie Harris.
The true meaning of Gentleman, Mr. Noll Moore.
The result of sociability, Miss Maude Jenkins.
Song.
Miscellaneous.
Benediction.

20th Century Club.

The first meeting of the 20th Century Club will be held Saturday, October 4th at the home of Mrs. G. H. Adams. The following program will be carried out:
Roll Call: A thought for the year.
Payment of dues.
The President's Message.
Source of Merchant of Venice: Mrs. J. W. Wheatley.
Story of Play: Mrs. O. W. Williams.
The year books are at the Rust & McCauley Drug Store, where each Club member can get her book. Please sign for the book when you get it.

Miss Sadie Kate Collings of Pecos was here last week to visit her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Tucker. Miss Collings was enroute to Waco to attend school at the Baylor College.

Sunday School Rally.

The Sunday School Rally at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning was a spiritual treat enjoyed by young and old alike. The following program was rendered:
Song: by Congregation.
Scripture reading, followed by prayer by Brother Baker.
Song.
Report of teachers.
Recitation, Ona Faye Bland.
Recitation, Roy Elliott and John McCleain.
Song, Maurine Angus.
Song, Mattie Warnick.
Song, Mrs. Pickrel's Class.
Class Motto, Mrs. Elliott's Class.
Recitation, Sammy Schiedler.
Reading, Eunice Russell.
Song, Ona Faye Bland.
Recitation, Lucile Russell.
Sola, Miss Weir.
Recitation, Annie Lou Russell.
Song, Mithcah Scheidler.
Recitation, Hazel McClain.
Song.
Benediction.

Notice to The Library Readers.

After October 1st, the Library will be opened on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from 4 to 5. Please remember the change of time. Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Mgr.
Dr. and Mrs. McCauley and children, Lieut. and Mrs. Cleburne McCauley and children of Abilene motored to Merkel Sunday.

At Methodist Church.

At the request of the fraternity Rev. R. A. Clements, pastor of the Methodist church will devote the morning service hour to the subject: "The Fundamental Principles of Free Masonry."
All are cordially invited to be present.

Paragraphs and Personals.

The teachers of Methodist Sunday School met at the home of Miss Fannie Burroughs Friday evening to study and discuss the lesson. A sandstorm caused a few to be absent. Those present were Mrs. S. L. Davis, Misses Jackie and Mary Jennings, Georgia Moore, and Fannie Burroughs; Messrs. B. D. Black, Frank Smith, R. A. Burgess, Oscar Pate and Roy Bradley. At the conclusion of the study hour the hostess served Apricot Sherbet and cake to the guests.

Miss Charlie Mae Largent of McKinney came in Monday evening to visit her cousin Miss Leno Largent.

G. I. Doman of Dallas came in Monday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Dickson for a day or two.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Backsondale and children of Ranger are late arrivals in Merkel. Mr. Backsondale is the druggist at the Grimes Drug Store.

Frank Smith and sister, Annie left Saturday for Georgetown where they will enter school.

Mrs. John Mann and children of Sweetwater are late arrivals in Merkel. Mr. Mann at present is in Sulphur Springs. He will join his family later on.

Miss Winnie Warren left Friday for Waco where she will enter the Baylor College.

IT'S A MISTAKE

Made By Many Merkel Residents.

Many people in a misguided effort to get rid of kidney backache, rely on plasters, liniments and some other makeshifts. The right treatment is kidney treatment and a remarkably recommended kidney medicine is Doan's Kidney Pills. Merkel is no exception. The proof is at your very door. The following is an experience typical of the work of Doan's Kidney Pills in Merkel.

Mrs. T. J. King, Kent St., Merkel, Texas, says: "One of my family used Doan's Kidney Pills over two years ago and was cured of kidney trouble. This person had severe pains across the small of his back, making it almost impossible for him to get about. He used two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills and was quickly cured. The time that has since passed has proven the cure to a permanent one."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other. Adv.

Mrs. Ben Pilcher and children are visiting her sister Mrs. C. C. Carter of Abilene.

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.

Election Notice

Whereas, at the regular monthly meeting of the City council of the City of Merkel, held in said city on the 1st day of September, 1913, the resignation of Hon. W. T. Potter as Mayor of said city was tendered and accepted by said city council; and thereupon an order was made ordering and directing that an election be held in the City of Merkel on the 30th day of September, 1913, for the purpose of electing a Mayor of said city for the unexpired term for which the said W. T. Potter had been elected; notice is hereby given that an election for the purpose of electing a Mayor of the City of Merkel will be held at the usual voting place in said city of Merkel on Tuesday the 30th day of September, 1913, and J. J. Stallings is hereby appointed presiding officer of said election. J. O. Hamilton Mayor pro tem City of Merkel, R. A. McClain City Secretary

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"IF"

You spend it for groceries, what you need to eat at our store, for we are indeed and in truth. Call and see us.

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Saved Girl's Life

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

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Leave Ft. Worth T. & P. 8:00 P. M.
Arrive Sweetwater T. & P. 5:00 A. M.
Arrive San Angelo K. C. M. & O. 8:25 A. M.

EAST-BOUND

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Leave Sweetwater T. & P. 9:00 P. M.
Arrive Ft. Worth T. & P. 5:30 P. M.

Local sleepers between FT. WORTH and ABILENE and and FT. WORTH and SWEETWATER. May be occupied until 7:00 a. m. at destination.

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Dodson's Liver Tone costs only 50 cents for a large bottle. Remember the name because there are any number of remedies sold in imitation of Dodson claims. Some of them have names very similar to Dodson's Liver Tone—and are in same color package. These imitations are not guaranteed and may be very harmful. Go to Rust & McCauley and you will surely get the genuine.

EAGLE PASS, Texas, Sept. 24.—The entire Constitutionalists army of medical staff left Piedras Negras hurriedly for the south on a special train today, which is believed to indicate that there will be a general assault on Monclova.

The staff left with plenty of provisions, indicating that they will stay for some time if it should be necessary.

Lightning in the Winter

Is a queer phenomenon, but there is nothing queer about the quick relief given to Rheumatism by Hunt's Lightning Oil. John Coffman, Route 4, Shawnee, Okla., says: "My wife is over 66 years old and had Rheumatism in her neck and the first application did the work, and we will keep it on hand always. 25 and 50c bottles. Adv

I will sell my best flour until Saturday week at \$2.75 per hundred. G. M. Sharp.

Mr. Hancock Dead.

Isaac Benjamin Hancock, age sixty-three died at his home here Tuesday, September 23rd.

The deceased recently moved to Merkel for the benefit of his own health and other members of the family. He was born in Wayne county, Kentucky, Dec. 24, 1849 and was married to Marietta Duncan, June 5, 1870. To this union were born eleven children all of whom are living but four. He was baptized into the Church of Christ about 32 years ago.

The Mail joins with others of our town and community in sympathy to the bereaved.

Remarkable Remedy for Skin Diseases.

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Mrs. McLaurin Dead.

A message was received last Friday by Mrs. H. F. Groene from Lawrence McLaurin, advising her of his mother's death which occurred at Corpus Christi. The deceased at one time made her home at Merkel and has many friends who will grieve to learn of her death.

Despondency

Is often caused by indigestion and constipation, and quickly disappears when Chamberlain's Tablets are taken. For sale by all dealers.

The infant babe of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burkhead of Mingus was laid tenderly to rest in Rose Hill cemetery of our little city Wednesday morning.

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PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURT

Tuesday and today were almost solely occupied in district court with civil cases. Several more civil cases are to be called for trial this afternoon, and during the remainder of the present week. A few criminal cases are set for trial next week.

Probably next week will be the wind up of the present term of court. Soon thereafter Federal court will enter upon its proceedings.

Tuesday's Proceedings.

The jury in the case of M. M. Clack against the Abilene Water and Light Company, a suit for damages arising from alleged backing up of water on Lytle creek into the property of plaintiff, returned after deliberation late Tuesday afternoon, and the court rendered judgment for the defendant company upon the jury's answers to questions propounded to them.

The case of W. T. Bolt against B. F. Townsend, was called and the introduction of testimony was begun at 2:00 p. m. Tuesday. This case was consolidated with the case styled B. F. Townsend against Marvin Moore, garnishee. Judgment was rendered for W. T. Bolt, fixing homestead on property in the controversy in the suit.

At 5:00 o'clock Tuesday evening the case of M. Armstrong et al., against the First State Bank of Merkel, was called for trial. A jury in the case was secured at 6:00 p. m. Testimony was begun this morning, at the close of which the court gave peremptory instruction in favor of plaintiff, rendering a judgment for \$10,000 and legal interest.

The nature of this suit was that several of the stockholders of the old First National Bank of Merkel, made a note of \$10,000 to the bank in Fort Worth to get money with which to take up a similar note at a bank in Dallas. The plaintiff claimed that it was to protect the assets of the First National Bank of Merkel, and the defendant claimed that they had no authority to do so.

The case of the Southern National Bank of Merkel, against the First National Bank of Merkel, will be called for trial sometime this afternoon.

This is the fourth week of the district court, and it has been a busy one, despite the fact that there were few felony indictments returned by

the grand jury which adjourned last week. Most of the cases which have held the attention of the court were civil suits, and these mostly were jury cases.

From Abilene Daily Reporter.

Attorney W. H. Sewell of this city, returned on the 3:48 Texas and Pacific Monday afternoon from Baird, at which place he had been on legal business in connection with the contest of the prohibition election recently held in Callahan county.

Mr. Sewell represented the prohibitionists in the fight, which was made before the county commissioners. A Fort Worth attorney represented the antis. The antis charged that there were irregularities in the Clyde box, and for that reason it should be thrown out and not counted as valid. If this had been done, since the Clyde box is second to the largest in the county, the entire result of the election would have been changed, and the county would be wet instead of dry, as it now is. The antis, however, lost their fight, and the Clyde box is retained, it being held that there were no irregularities in the election held there.

STEAMSHIP RUNS ASHORE.

Mount Temple of Canadian Pacific, Badly Wrecked, But no Loss of Life Is Reported.

MONTREAL, Sept. 24.—The steamship, Mount Temple, of the Canadian Pacific Railway service between Montreal and London, ran ashore at Maisonneuve in the St. Lawrence River today during a fog, and was badly wrecked. No loss of life is reported.

LAMAR DETAINED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—David Lamar, who figured in the lobby investigation and was indicted for impersonating congressmen in telephone conversations, was held here today by the United States commissioner for action by the federal authorities in New York.

He was admitted to a \$3,000 bail.

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND	
Train No. 2, leaves Merkel	10:01 p. m.
Train No. 4 " "	10:57 a. m.
Train No. 6 " "	11:54 p. m.
WEST BOUND	
Train No. 1, leaves Merkel	4:00 a. m.
Train No. 3 " "	5:44 p. m.
Train No. 5 " "	5:13 a. m.

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DORA -

SEPT. 22.—The people of the Dora community are busy gathering their cotton. A few days of fair weather and almost every one will be up.

Mrs. Ida Grimes is here from Arkansas visiting her parents Mr. and R. D. Brandon.

The Sunday School at Dora is progressing nicely. Have a good attendance. Bro. English is the Superintendent.

Pat Powers is at Abilene this week attending court.

There has been a singing class organized at Dora. They meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday.

Elmer Low is here visiting relatives this week.

T. C. Jenkins had a mule ruined on the barbed wire fence last week.

There were several of the young people from Butnam who attended the singing Sunday evening.

S. S. Brandon has been buying cotton this week.

Lonsford Brownfield left for Fort Worth last week where he will attend school.

Ted Clark made a business trip to Merkel last Thursday.

There was a singing at Mark White's Sunday night; all report a fine time.

There were several of the young people from Bitter Creek attending singing Sunday.

Mr. J. M. Bryson is reported on sick list this week.

Mrs. M. A. Cook left for her home in Hemphill County last week.

Mr. Dalton brought in his new auto last week.

There were several of the Dora people attended the circus Saturday.

Jasper McCoy has been buying cattle this week.

D. M. Center and family were visiting at Mr. Cooks Sunday.

Mother of Eighteen Children.

"I am the mother of eighteen children and have the praise of doing more work than any young woman in my town," writes Mrs. C. J. Martin, Boone Mill, Va. "I suffered for five years with stomach trouble and could not eat as much as a biscuit without suffering. I have taken three bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets and am now a well woman and weigh 169 pounds. I can eat anything I want to, and as much as I want and feel better than I have at any time in ten years. I refer to any one in Boone Mill or vicinity and they will vouch for what I say." Chamberlain's Tablets are for sale by all dealers. Adv.

Capture Serbian Fortifications

BELGRADE, Serbia, Sept. 23.—The Serbian fortifications at the town of Dibra, Albania, were captured today by 20,000 well-armed Albanians, led by Austrian and Bulgarian officers.

Good for Biliousness.

"I took two of Chamberlain's Tablets last night, and I feel fifty per cent better than I have for weeks, says J. J. Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness." For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Caught a Bad Cold.

"Last winter my son caught a very bad cold and the way he coughed was something dreadful," writes Mrs. Sarah E. Duncan, of Tipton, Iowa. "We thought sure he was going into consumption. We bought just one bottle of Chamberlain's Cough remedy and that one bottle stopped his cough and cured his cold completely." For sale by all dealers. Adv.

BLAIR.

SEPT. 24.—The work on the new school building is moving along rapidly. Mr. J. R. Dye of Merkel is superintending the work.

Mose Brown is in Abilene this week attending court.

Jno. Meeks and family were visitors in the home of J. H. Campbell of Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Miss Claris and Billy Moore of Comper visited Mrs. Addison Saturday and Sunday.

S. E. Adcock is improving and able to be out again.

J. M. Provine and family visited Sam Provine Sunday.

Nart Powell and his mother are spending a few days visiting Dr. Powell of Buffalo Gap.

Mrs. J. H. Madderra who has been sick for some time is still confined to her room.

The young folks had singing at James Doans Sunday night.

There has been a great rustle for seed wheat the past week and a considerable acreage has been sown. Some have a good stand up who sowed before the rain.

Diarrhoea Quickly Cured

I was taken with diarrhoea and Mr. Yorks, the merchant here, persuaded me to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After taking one dose of it I was cured. It also cured others that I gave it to," writes M. E. Gebhart, Oriole, Pa. That is not at all unusual. An ordinary attack of diarrhoea can almost invariably be cured by one or two doses of this remedy. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

From Abilene Daily Reporter.

H. B. Major who lives in Phoenix, Arizona, was in the city this morning en route to Houston and Galveston, over the Abilene and Southern.

Mr. Smith was one of the gentlemen at the station who discussed irrigation. He stated that the Roosevelt dam was one of the biggest things he had ever seen. He believed that irrigation could be practiced largely in this section of the country, but that the most serious trouble would be found in finding foundations for dams. He stated that the foundation for the Roosevelt dam goes down into limestone rock thirty-six feet.

He understood that the promoters of the big Colorado dam at Bronte had reported favorably on the project and that work would likely begin as soon as the proposition could be floated. The situation of the proposed dam on that stream would be between Nipple mountain and another smaller mountain, just opposite from Nipple peak. Here the engineers stated that a dam 100 feet high could be easily erected, which would impound sufficient water to irrigate every acre of land in that country. If the dam is constructed, in order that thousands of acres of water may be utilized on farms about it, it will become necessary for tunneling through the hills. Mr. Major reports that the promoters figure on being able to irrigate 100,000 acres.

Best Treatment for a Burn.

If for no other reason, Chamberlain's Salve should be kept in every household on account of its great value in treatment of burns. It allays the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a severe one, heals the parts without leaving a scar. This salve is also unequalled for chapped hands, sore nipples and diseases of the skin. Price, 55 cents. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Snow in Minnesota.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 21.—A record unequalled since the establishment of the weather bureau in 1880 was established today when snow fell in nearly all parts of Northern Minnesota and around the shore of Lake Superior. The earliest previous snowfall was recorded September 24, 1907.

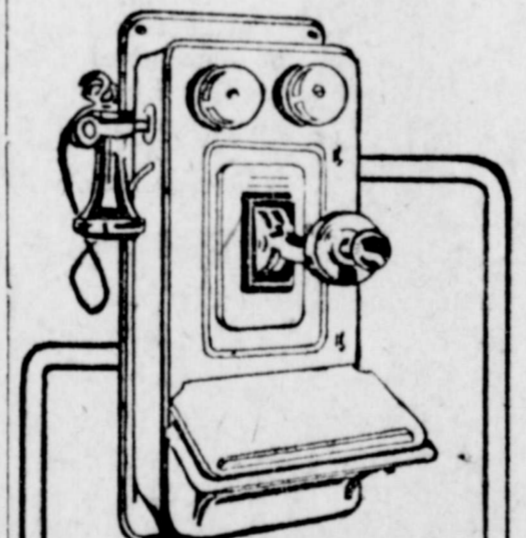
Notice.

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.

VIENNA, Sept. 23.—In a fierce battle between the Serbian troops and Albanians along the new Albanian frontier, two hundred Albanians were killed and a large number wounded when they attempted to penetrate territory captured by the Serbians from the Turks. The Serbian losses are also reported to be heavy.

Severe Rheumatism.

Grove Hill, Ala: Hunt's Lightning Oil cured my wife of a severe case of Rheumatism and my friend of toothache. I surely believe it is good for all you claim for it.—A. R. Stringer. 25 and 50c bottles. All dealers. Adv.



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To Prevent Trade Wars.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—The tariff conference today considered the plan to supplement the tariff bill with a special congressional resolution, assuring foreign nations that existing trade relations will be continued 4 months, while President Wilson and Secretary Bryan undertake to negotiate new trade treaties.

The old treaties expire with the present tariff law and it is expected that this plan will forestall an automatic application of higher rates against the United States.

The seriousness of the situation that will confront the administration was impressed on Chairman Simmons of the Senate Committee by State and department officials. It was pointed out that the trade relations established by President Taft's proclamation under the Payne-Aldrich law of 1909, would terminate as soon as the new law becomes effective and that the United States would then face the possibility of having higher tariff rates applied against its exports by many countries. While the tariff law would give the President authority to negotiate trade and reciprocity treaties, it would also require him to apply special penalty rates against any countries discriminating against the United States.

To prevent the possibility of trade wars the state department now is continuing for four months. This will not keep in effect the tariff rates of the Payne-Aldrich law but will assure to foreign countries that the new penalty provision of the Underwood-Simmons bill will not be applied to them until a reasonable time has been allowed the President and the state department to negotiate new trade treaties. Practically all nations having any foreign commerce will be asked to enter such pacts.

At the White House and later at the state department Senator Simmons pointed out to administration officials it would be impossible to insert the provisions desired as an amendment to the tariff bill because the introduction of any new matter is precluded while the bill is in conference. The provision will be put thru congress as a separate act supplementary to the tariff law.

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

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