

MILLION BARRELS OF FOREIGN FLOUR IS SOLD IN TEXAS ANNUALLY.

Texas Millers Heavy Purchasers of Oklahoma and Kansas Wheat.

Industry Susceptible to Marvelous Development.

The flour mills of Texas constitute one of the most important industries in the State. According to the Federal census report of 1910, we have 238 mills, employing 1,899 people and representing an investment of \$13,219,000. The industry has shown an increase of 118 mills and an increase of investment during the past decade of \$9,236,000 and now ranks third among our industries as to capital and second in value of its output.

We have a flour milling capacity of 7,800,000 barrels annually. The average consumption per capita is about one barrel per annum or approximately 4,000,000 barrels, leaving 3,800,000 barrels to seek an export market. A few mills not able to enter the export trade have been compelled to shut down for want of a market, although a million barrels of foreign flour are sold in Texas each year. The patronage of home industry would open these mills and give employment to 500 people and increase the demand for wheat raised by the Texas farmers.

The miller is perhaps the only manufacturer in Texas that has outgrown the raw material produced on our farms. We produced last year 11,025,000 bushels of wheat which is 25,000,000 below the annual capacity of the mills. The Texas millers are heavy purchasers of Oklahoma and Kansas wheat. A number of the Texas mills have built up an extensive export trade with Central America, Cuba, Porto Rico, and quite a few of them go to England and the Continent with a considerable bulk of their output.

The opening of the Panama canal will enlarge the marketing zone of the Texas output and call for an increase in the area of our wheat fields, but both the farmer and the miller need the friendship of the consumer in building up our flour industry.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by Druggist, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. Adv.

Editor Willing to Retract.

"Look here, Mr. Editor," exclaims an irate caller, "you referred to me yesterday as a reformed drunkard. You must apologize, or I'll sue you paper for libel." "Very well, sir," replied the editor. "I'll retract the statement cheerfully. I'll say you haven't reformed."

For Chapped Skin.

Chapped skin whether on the hands or the face may be cured in one night by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It is also unequalled for sore nipples, burns and scalds. For sale by All Dealers.

SYSTEM OF STREET LIGHTS

This important improvement has suggested itself for consideration by our city and citizens for many moons and upon every mention every business man and citizen says that it should be done but so far there has been nothing done.

It goes without saying that we should have our streets lighted for a man or town in the dark needs light unless the work is one to be done under cover or darkness. It is equally apparent that the system installed now should be modern and up-to-date; it should be done right at the beginning. We should make all of our plans of improvement contemplate the future as well as the present and then we make permanent progress.

A system of lights on modern iron light posts can be installed at a small initial expense and then maintained for a very nominal sum and the city could spend money to no better advantage than furnishing lights for our people to see their way at night. About fifteen to twenty-five large lights would cover the business section and give us good light.

The proposition involves a get-together between our council and light plant. They should always work together and help each other. Our council should encourage our light plant and every other enterprise for the good of our town and our light plant should be worthy and give the very best of service. Our city in the past imposed some extra taxes on our light plant besides the regular city taxes. This should not be for it would seem nearer right and more like a live progressive town to pay a bonus for the establishment of an enterprise so badly needed and certainly when we secure such without cost we should not penalize it but on the other hand patronize and encourage the plant in every way possible. There are some who have had nothing but criticism for this enterprise since it was established but they kick at everything. The record and service of our light plant under circumstances and conditions is good and remarkable as every fair-minded citizen will admit and if our city and citizens will show their appreciation by patronage there will be more improvement and better service.

The Mail asks for honest consideration of this matter and suggests that a proposition fair to all be outlined, submitted and approved by our council, to the end that we may let our lights so shine that all will know that we are not dead—but just sleeping for a time on our rights and duties in the premises.

Let us at least be fair and friendly with each other and give every enterprise and every individual a fair and square deal and then we will be getting on the right plane to work together for our mutual good.

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.

Eat Pure Food Bakery bread.

WHEN YOUR LIVER GOES WRONG.

Nearly Everybody Needs a Liver Stimulant at One Time or Another.

Nearly everybody now and then is annoyed with a sluggish, lazy liver or by constipation or by biliousness.

It is for this reason that Dodson's Liver Tone is such a good medicine to keep always in the house.

Either children or grown-ups can take Dodson's Liver Tone without bad after-effects and without restriction of habit or diet. It is a vegetable liquid with a pleasant taste, but a reliever of constipation and liver troubles, and entirely takes the place of calomel.

Rust & McCauley Drug Co., guarantee every bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone they sell. It costs 50 cents per bottle and if you are not satisfied that it is worth the money, they will hand your half dollar back to you with a smile.

Don't be fooled by preparations imitating the claims of Dodson's Liver Tone. Just remember Rust & McCauley Drug Co., will give you back your money if Dodson's Liver Tone fails you. That is a guarantee that guarantees. Adv.



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

STENOGRAPHER—Letter writing and special work; charges reasonable. Fannie Moore, at Merkel Mail Office.

You can get made to your order at popular prices, church seats, pew ends, and school desks, at J. Y. Grier Plaining Mill near A. & S. Depot, Abilene, Texas. 12-3t

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 milk 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, Loraine, 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

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. Fancett, Cashier.

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.

When on your way to the post-office just step in the front door of Behren-McMillen Furniture Co., and pass on through to the north door, just to look at our new furniture. You are always welcome at our store.

Chronic Dyspepsia.

The following unsolicited testimonial should certainly be sufficient to give hope and courage to persons afflicted with chronic dyspepsia: "I have been a chronic dyspeptic for years, and of all the medicine I have taken, Chamberlain's Tablets have done me more good than anything else," says W. G. Mattison, No. 7 Sherman St., Hornellsville, N. Y. For sale by all dealers.

Learned Language During Trance.

The Arabic language was learned in a trance by a youth named Querqueville at a hospital at Cherbourg, France, recently. The youth, after having been in a trance for two months, on awakening, repeatedly addressed his nurse in a phrase which was discovered to be Arabic, a language of which he never had any knowledge.

They Make You Feel Good.

The pleasant purgative effect produced by Chamberlain's Tablets and the healthy condition of body and mind which they create make one feel joyful. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

COTTON MILLS USE LESS THAN ONE PER CENT OF PRODUCTION

Fifteen Hundred More Cotton Mills Needed.

Cotton Mill and Farmer Inseparable Comrades.

There is no industry more important to our progress than that of the cotton mills and none more in need of the patronage of our merchants and of the friendship of the people. Texas is on the frontier of the factory zone and the cotton mill is now a pioneer industry. It can thrive only where business conditions are reliable, a public sentiment stable, and the consuming public friendly to its output. The product is a staple one and when it enters the market must meet the competition of the eastern and southern mills where there is an abundance of waste labor, cheap fuel, cheap money, and where conditions are more settled.

We have fifteen cotton mills in Texas representing an investment of \$2,229,000, running 112,404 spindles and having a capacity of 40,000 bales, a yearly output valued at approximately \$2,250,000 and giving employment to 1,000 people.

Our cotton mills use less than one per cent of our cotton production; the remaining ninety-nine per cent seeks the foreign factory. The people of Texas consume approximately 220,000 bales of cotton per annum and yet out of the 40,000 bales manufactured in Texas, at least seventy per cent of it must find a market outside of the State, due to our failure to patronize home industry. It would require 1,500 cotton mills of the capacity of our present factories to consume the product of our farms, call for an investment of \$250,000,000, give employment to 150,000 people and add approximately a quarter of a billion dollars in value to our cotton crop.

These desirable conditions can only be obtained through co-operation and by fostering and encouraging this important industry.

The cotton mill and the cotton farm are inseparable comrades and in promoting the prosperity of the former we build up the latter.

More Than Enough is Too Much.

To maintain health, a mature man or woman needs just enough food to repair the waste and supply energy and body heat. The habitual consumption of more food than is necessary for these purposes is the prime cause of stomach troubles, rheumatism, and disorders of the kidneys. If troubled with indigestion, revise your diet, let reason and not appetite control and take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be alright again. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Wanted One of Her Own.

Dorothy loved her baby sister dearly, and takes it quite hard that she is not allowed to play nurse often. The other day, being asked what mamma should bring her back from a visit to the city, she made a gentle request: "Please, mamma, a great big doll dressed like a real baby. I want one of my own to play with, since you won't let me have any fun with yours."

A Marvelous Escape.

"My little boy had a marvelous escape," writes F. F. Bastians of Prince Albert, Cape of Good Hope. "It occurred in the middle of the night. He got a very severe attack of croup. As luck would have it, I had a large bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house. After following the directions for an hour and twenty minutes he was through all danger." Sold by all dealers. Adv.

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GET BUSY SESSION

City Dads Make a Noise Like Something Maybe Doing.

STREET LIGHTS, GOOD STREETS

These are Few of Propositions on the Boards and They May Get Real Busy at Year's End.

The initial session of the city council for the administration of Mayor Stallings was the busiest meeting of the city council in many moons. It was a regular get-together and do something meeting and the Mail predicts that the citizens are going to have to get real busy and do their part to keep pace.

All of the aldermen and officials were present with the exception of Alderman Adams who was confined to his home with a fever which he was afraid to take out in company. City Attorney Mims swore in the new mayor, J. J. Stallings after the result of the recent election was canvassed and declared by the council.

Mayor Stallings took his chair without any speech but with all of the ease and grace of a sweet-sixteen-year-old graduate and business was picking up immediately. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The application of H. F. Groene for the erection of a bill board on Oak street near the Texas & Pacific right-of-way was referred to the street committee.

To Drain Boyce Flat.

A proposition for the drainage of the southeast part of town was suggested by Alderman Boyce who with Alderman Banner championed the movement which precipitated a live debate, City Marshal Hall taking part in the deliberation and representing the negative side of the proposition. Alderman Banner moved that a committee of the council with the mayor make investigation of the proposition and have authority to act as their judgment dictates and the citizens were invited to go with the official body to make this investigation as well as an inspection of the rest of the town. At the conclusion it was our inference that the only opposition was prompted in the fear that this improvement would prevent needed work in other parts of the town.

Light for Town.

A proposition was submitted by Manager W. E. Britain for the Merkel Electric Company to install and furnish a modern system of lights for the business section and a portion of the residence part of town. The proposition was one in which the business men, Texas & Pacific Railway Company and other property owners would cooperate and provide 27 lights for the city. The cost of the installation in the business part of town to be born by the property owners and business men and five of the lights to be paid for by the Railway company on their right-of-way and four to be given to the city free by the light company and the city to pay for eighteen lights at \$1.00 per light per month. The company made this rate regular and promised to contract that when the conditions and patronage justified an all-night service there would be no increase in the rate. The proposition was referred to the light and water committee, for investigation.

City Marshal Hall was instructed to buy two or three tons of hay for the feeding of the city teams.

The street committee was instructed to see that some low-hanging wires of the telephone company were raised or removed.

City Marshal Hall was instructed to make some improvements in the city hall and fire station and provide a switch for the lighting system.

Clean-up and Fire Prevention Day
The proclamation of Acting Governor Mayes in regard fire-prevention day was read and after discussion it was voted by the council to have a clean-

up and fire-prevention day in the near future, the day or days to be decided and published in this issue. On this day it will be urged and expected that every citizen in the town clean up their premises, remove all trash examine their flues and in all, to make our town look as good as possible and reduce to the lowest minimum our fire risk and rate.

The council adjourned after arrangement for the inspection trip over the city to be made the next day, to meet next month or at the call of Mayor Stallings.

Accounts Allowed.

The following accounts were ok, by finance committee allowed by council and warrants ordered drawn.
W. N. Hall, salary marshal, assessor and collector for Sept. \$75.00
J. O. Hamilton, salary Alderman for July, Aug. Sept. 15.00
Geo. Boyce, salary Alderman for July, Aug., Sept. 15.00
G. H. Adams, salary Alderman for July, Aug. Sept. 15.00
O. W. Williams, salary Alderman for July, Aug. Sept. 15.00
John Banner, salary Alderman for July, Aug. Sept. 15.00
J. H. Witcher, salary scavenger for Sept. 50.00
H. C. Burroughs, salary Treasurer for July, Aug. Sept. 18.75
R. A. McClain, salary Secretary for July, Aug. Sept. 25.00
W. V. Cranford, salary City Health officer July, Aug. Sept. 6.25
C. D. Mimms, salary city attorney for July, Aug. Sept. 8.75
West Texas Hardware Co. Hardware 3.60
Moore & Meek Blacksmithing 5.85
J. B. Bell & Son, Hay and Vet. bill 11.28
G. F. West & Son, oats and salt 30.00
Merkel Mail, printing 6.00
The Cash Grocery, soda for Chemical, oil 5.65
T. L. Grimes, Drugs 5.00
J. W. Wheeler, office rent marshal, Aug 25 to Oct 3.00
Stevens & Porter, Work on wagons, carts 13.25
McClains Drug store, drugs, cash, hose, and disinfectant 6.75
J. F. Shaffer, et al. Holding election, Sept. 30 6.00
Merkel Electric Co., lights, fixt. Moore & Meek, blacksmithing 6.30
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W. L. Burnes, Plumbing 1.00
R. H. Dean, Gravel 2.20
Merkel Lumber Co. Lime and Cement 8.55
W. N. Hall, sundry amts, paid for street and scavenger work, hay, and Exp. 46.55
W. N. Hall, salary running water works, Sept. 20.00
H. M. Rose, Gasoline & Naptha 22.15
S. P. Foster, Batteries etc 5.90
Anchor Hardware Co. pipeing 1.55
D. H. Hunter Co. mdse. for pump station 11.42
Pittsburg Meter Co. repairs for meters 2.70

"The Clansman" Oct. 13.

"The Clansman," Thomas Dixon's great drama, has been aptly called the Southland's own play. It is a story of Southern people, for Southern people, and was written by a Southern man. It is the champion of the South, having successfully and forcibly answered "Uncle Tom's cabin" which favored the North. "The Clansman" has served a far greater purpose and has accomplished much more than the other play, however, for it has attained success and popularity in every part of the United States while Uncle Tom's Cabin has always been confined to limited territory.

"The Clansman" will be produced in Merkel on Mon. Oct. 13 in a large Canvas theatre with seating capacity for over two thousand people. A complete production of scenery and over 30 people are used. This is exactly the same play that has been seen in all the principal cities in the South for the past seven years and is now being presented in the smaller cities for the first time.

CHURCH WORKER KILLS 3; COMMITS SUICIDE.

LIVERPOOL, Eng., Oct. 8.—In a fit of religious mania today, William McDonald, a young church worker, shot dead three of his fellow church workers, battered their bodies with a bludgeon, and then committed suicide.

FOUR INCHES RAIN ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Our rain reporter and our rain gauge are both insufficient for the occasion. We know how to report and register ordinary rains but when it comes to downfalls like that of last Friday night we need help. Fortunately we had our calculations verified by the gauge of Mayor Stallings and can report accurately 3.88 inches of rainfall Friday night, and with the 1.50 inches Wednesday and Thursday making a total of 5.38 inches for the last week. The total for September was 5.5 inches, making a total of 10.83 inches in the last three or four weeks.

These big rains have done considerable damage to our crops, farms and roads but we have the first man to hear registering a very serious kick. There was much of our short cotton crop beat out of the boll and washed into the Gulf of Mexico via the Mulberry cree and Clear Fork of the Brazos but that is all right. The rain has done this much damage but it has done more good. It gives us the finest season for grain in the past seven or eight years and there will be more grain sown and harvested in the Merkel country this season than in many seasons past. The season will make some more late feed and gives our farmers the best opportunity they have ever had for the early and deep preparation of their land for next season's crop and you make take it from us, backed up by Foster and all of the other prophets of the present time that there is going to be a bumper crop of everything next year and for several years and the Merkel country is coming back stronger than horse radish and cayenne pepper.



Wanted--Heavy work for mule team. S. J. Roberts

FOR SALE--150 cords of good wood. A. B. Cranston, Route 1. 1t Pd.

FOR SALE--Oliver typewriter No. 5, in good condition. Price \$50.00. Jno. G. Jackson. 23 dh.

FOR SALE--Thorough bred White Orpington Chickens cheap. See Mrs. S. S. Scheidler. tf

STENOGRAPHER--Letter writing and special work; charges reasonable. Fannie Moore, at Merkel Mail Office.

Lost--\$5.00 bill between Farmers State Bank and Parten Dry Good Co. Finder please return to O. F. Leerstang, Route 1, Merkel. 1t pd

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WANTED--Three families to pick 150 bales of cotton and gather feed besides other work. Good houses, water and wood. Address me ten miles southwest, Rural Route No. 2 from Colorado. W. C. Clark.

BILL GARSON ON IMPROVED FARMING

Editor Mail:

For twenty-odd years I have been a constant reader of your paper. I read every line, even the advertisements. I was somewhat amused at the Trent correspondent's use of yourself and the office cat in a salome contortion as an illustration of the kind and quality of preparation of land and the cultivation of crops in western Texas. Your article in reply certainly was a master piece; full of good, practical common sense. I accept your kind offer of space for a discussion of farm topics.

A maximum farm production depends upon the preparation of the seed bed, moisture, fertility of soil, good seed. The man that neglects either one will not, and cannot, make a maximum yield.

The seedbed should be prepared deep and early. By plowing deep in the preparation of the land, we change the texture of the land and prevent it blowing. By plowing deep we turn up new soil. This soil coming in contact with rain and sunshine goes through a mechanical and chemical change, bacterial life becomes active and plant food is liberated. By plowing deep, we break the "sole," or hardpan, formed by previous preparations, and allow the rainfall to penetrate the subsoil forming a reservoir for moisture to tide the crop through a few weeks of dry, hot weather. Like he had in August. If we plow three inches deep--wouldn't three inches shallow sound better--we have a reservoir of loose soil three inches deep and when filled with water the run-off begins. Would not a six or eight inch reservoir be better? Would not six, eight, or ten inches of nice, pulverized soil hold more moisture, and more plant food and permit the growth of a stronger root system to support the plant to maturity?

Bacterial life becomes inactive when the thermometer descends to about fifty degrees. Therefore the preparation should be made as early in the fall as possible to get the most benefit from the bacteria, the mechanical and the chemical changes. These are absolutely necessary for a maximum yield and the farmer that neglects the use of every opportunity, will be short on production at harvest time. By plowing deep, it is possible and practical to maintain a three or four inch mulch through the growing season to protect the moisture from the heat of the sun and the force of the winds. Anything less than three or four inches of soil mulch is absolutely suicidal, criminal negligence, from a moisture conservation point of view. We should guard our moisture as we would our bank account, or a well-filled pocket book.

Mr. Farmer, you can't afford to do business on a slipshod, haphazard method. Before you begin the preparation of your land for next year's crop, you should have out-lined in your mind the depth of preparation, of planting, and of cultivation; and the kind of seed you will plant. Go to work with a positive, definite, purpose in view. Use some judgment; put some enthusiasm in your labors; drive your work and don't let it drive you.

While over in Nolan county I saw some land plowed deep, planted below the level, and cultivated three or four inches deep. Some of this land had been terraced and some contoured the hill. These crops were under the instructions of the government demonstrator and will make one-third to one-half bale per acre; milomaize and other crops were good. By plowing deep and cultivating deep, the hard dashing showers were held on the land. The land did not wash so bad. By terracing and contouring the land with rows, the middles were full of water when the rain ceased and soaked into the

CANAL FOR MERKEL

Isthmus of Panama Got Nothing on City in Clover.

WILL DRAIN THE BOYCE FLAT

Proposition up to Council Promises Some Good Road Improvement and Relief For Some Good Citizens.

One worthy proposition which is commanding the attention of our city council and county commissioner and which promises success is that of the opening of a public road east and west from the south end of Oak street and the digging of a ditch that will take care of the most of the great volume of water which comes from the south and southwest and floods the southeast part of our town.

This is a commendable enterprise and while at first thought is a big task, it is not so large nor expensive but that it can be accomplished by the right kind of co-operation of the council, commissioner and citizens to be benefitted. The people in the southwest part of town have long asked for this work and they are entitled to the very best that we can do for them.

The proposition involves considerable road and street improvement but this should be done or to be absolutely fair should have been done. The roads and streets leading into town south from the Toombs place and west from the Jim Baker place are in bad shape and demand immediate attention. Both of these roads lead to some of our best territory and are much-traveled thorough-fares.

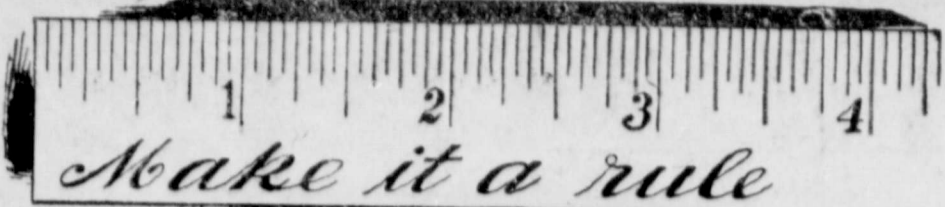
The Mail reporter has interviewed members of the council and County Commissioner Banner as well as many of the citizens and with the right kind of improvement, one which will benefit all alike and not be a damage to a few for the benefit of many will receive the right kind of cooperation and as soon as the citizens are in harmony the officials will do their best to make the enterprise a success.

Go to Austin.

Judge and Mrs. W.T. Potter and daughter Miss Dorothy Lee left this week for Austin where they will make their future home. Mrs. Potter and daughter will stop at Dallas for a short visit with their daughter and sister Mrs. Doss Sheppard. Judge Potter has been appointed secretary of the State Board of Water Engineers and has already begun his labors and made arrangements for the removal of his family to the capitol city. Judge Potter has been a citizen of our little town for several years, engaged in the practice of law and has made many friends in this section of the state who regret to lose him but congratulate him on his new employment and larger field. He served our town as mayor and has always been an ardent supporter of every progressive proposition submitted for the betterment of our town and country. The Mail is grieved to lose his services and wishes for himself and family continued happiness and prosperity.

H. M. Rose this week shipped a pen of his champion White Wyandotte chickens for exhibit at the Roscoe fair. The pen included two cockrels, three pullets and four hens and they were each and all beauties and sure to be winners.

We are farming fifty years behind the times. The government is doing a great work for us. It is up to us to cooperate and get the benefit. We must plow deep, conserve the moisture, plant the best seed, and keep up the cultivation to conserve moisture, to encourage plant growth, and hasten maturity. It is now time for me to hitch up "Old Bill" and go to work. I may have something to say about good seed and stock-farming later. Yours truly--Wm. Carson.



Make it a rule

MAKE IT A RULE TO GO TO THE BANK EACH MONTH AND DEPOSIT SOME MONEY. IT WILL BE A GOLDEN RULE



J. S. SWANN, Pres. JNO. SEARS, V-Pres M. Armstrong R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier B. C. MOORE, Ass't. Cashier ALL HOME FOLKS

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

When you have a bank account, you have a bank connection. Your CREDIT is better. You have more confidence and self reliance. It will help you in every way. Ask those who bank with us how we treat THEM. We want your business, and offer you every accommodation consistent with safe Banking, Form a Banking connection that will be permanent. Make OUR bank YOUR bank.

THE ONLY GUARANTY FUND BANK

OUR DEMONSTRATOR SAYS PLOW DEEP

Abilene, Texas, Oct. 6, 1913.

Dear Editor:

You should not fall out with your Trent correspondent for having connected your name with that of a "Thomas Cat" for the purpose of describing the kind of plowing that is done in the Trent section. Said comparison seems to have served two purposes. First, it has stirred up the "Irish" in you to the point that you have gotten up and preached the best agricultural sermon that I have ever seen in the columns of the Mail. Well I did not think that you had any such knowledge of agriculture stored away. You would make a good demonstration agent. And second, it gives us an idea of the kind of farm work done in the Trent country, as seen by said correspondent and if this party is a farmer he must be a good one and I am going to look him up and get a first class demonstration of deep breaking and model handling of next year's crop. He can't get around us now but should deliver the goods.

At any rate I will be in the Merkel and Trent territories right soon and hope to secure the cooperation of at least a few of your best farmers in demonstrating to the very best advantage the merits of some very deep plowing. I also want a few to start a systematic crop rotation with the view of improving the land. Old King Cotton is responsible more than any other one thing for the depleted condition of our land and we must rotate in order to save it. Very deep breaking, subsoiling and the application of barnyard manure are three propositions that some West Texas farmers are opposed to but they will eventually come to it if they ever get on a more solid basis of farming.

We have a subsoil-plow furnished gratis, by the West Texas Hardware Company and I want to see this plow used all this season. I don't ask any farmer to subsoil whole farm but just a few acres, a strip across his field any where so that the merits of the work will be plain. Suppose we had had our lands torn up good and deep, no matter very much how, whether by subsoiling or any old way, just so the hard-pan that is so prevalent in all our land is broken up good; well we could have stored up all this good moisture that we have been getting of late and with the addition of a few more rains during the winter that we are most sure to get and the proper conservation of same, we could feel pretty sure of a fair crop next year. This is a dry country and we should get ready for the rains that sometimes do come by deep breaking, subsoiling, terracing and in every way assist nature in forcing moisture down into the land. When the rains have washed over the hard surface of the field and carried with it the choicest of its plant food on into the rivers to never return again, then the farmer realizes that if his field had been well plowed and terraced and the water soaked into his land, how much better off he would be.

Well if you and your Trent friend

will stay with me and we can get the cooperation of our good farmer friends there is no telling what a great country we may make of old Taylor county yet. F. A. PEEL, Agent. Federal Dept. of Agriculture

Society Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling P. Miller of Dallas are here visiting the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniels and the former's sister Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

Miss Jettie Davis of Rawls is here visiting Miss Ruby Jones.

Mrs. J. W. Wheatley and little daughter Katherine were shopping in Abilene Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rogers of San Angelo are here visiting the families of Messrs. E. L. Rogers and W. F. Hamblet.

Mrs. P. C. Boyd of Trent is visiting friends.

Mrs. E. Hall left Wednesday for Sweetwater to attend the Baptist Association.

Mrs. W. A. Scott was in Sweetwater for the Baptist Association.

Mrs. R. H. Hicks is in Sweetwater visiting friends and attending the Association.

Miss Blanche Walker is in Sweetwater attending the Association.

Important School Notice.

The Merkel Schools have been running with remarkable success. The patrons, trustees and teachers have been a unit for the improvement of the school in every phase of its work. The pupils are working with more determined effort than ever before. But the combined effort of all can not make it possible for sixty pupils or more to get much instruction in one class, even if they are in a large room that is well lighted and ventilated. Much less when there is not space for them in one room and neither lights nor ventilation can be provided for.

Such is the case with the 8th grade in our High School. 63 pupils have to recite together in more than one recitation each day. This condition can be avoided by moving the low 7th grade to the north side, thus enabling us to divide the eighth grade so as to give the instructions they need. Also the low 5th grade will have to move from the

north side to the south side.

This is the only solution of the problem as we see it. With all these facts before us, and with the interests of the people at heart, we have unanimously voted that the above changes be made. While some patrons would rather the work go on as it is at present, we know the patrons are loyal to their school and will be glad to aid in every way possible to make our schools better. Merkel School Board.

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(Signed) Jno. G. Jackson, Manager.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of October, 1913.

R. O. Anderson, Notary Public.

Freeman Rogers was here Sunday from Abilene.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Miss Blanche Rawlings and Ruth Brooks left Friday afternoon for Trent to visit their uncle Dan Rawlings.

Jacobs fine candies at Grimes Drug Store.

A. Nobles was in our city Saturday on business.

Harris Henderson is visiting his uncle, Cal Hamner of Trent.

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

Rev. G. W. Cypert left Friday night for Holton, Okla., where he will hold a week or ten days meeting.

Just received a new shipment of up-to-date post cards. Grimes Drug Store.

Mrs. G. M. Williams, Mrs. Jno. M. Rice and children visited friends in Abilene Sunday.

We invite you to peep in our window and see what we want to sell you. (Nylo). Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

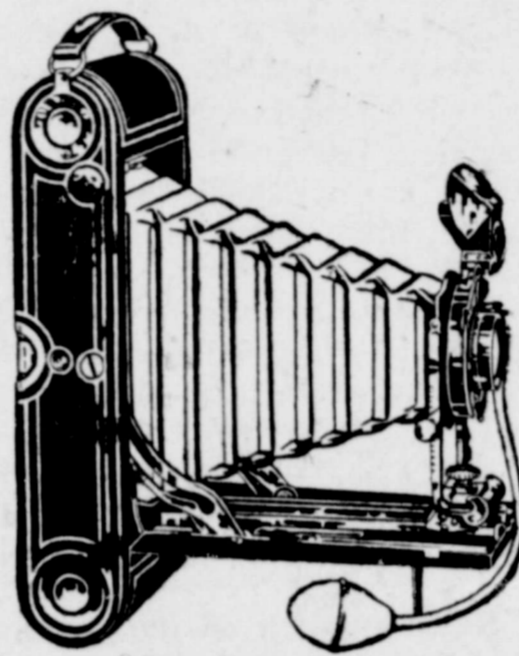
M. D. Uesery left Friday morning for Loraine.

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

After the show, drop in and purchase a box of Nylo Chocolate and enjoy the evening. (Nylo). Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

Let THE CHILDREN Kodak

For the next 30 days we will give on each \$1 purchase 1000 votes on KODAK and KODAK SUPPLIES ONLY



PHONE 43—RUST & McCAULEY DRUG CO.—PHONE 43

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Smoke our cigars, they are fresh. Grimes Drug Store.

See J. A. Collins on Front Street in the Crenshaw building for all kinds of fresh fruit.

Mrs. J. H. Montgomery of Temple who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. O. Boney left for her home Wednesday evening.

Watch our Nylo Chocolate window, always something new in our window. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. E. N. Brittain of Colorado is visiting Mrs. W. E. Brittain of this city.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. M. Rice and children left Wednesday afternoon for Quanah. They will make Quanah their home for a while.

Toilet articles, at Grimes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore left Wednesday afternoon for Sixerrablanco to visit their daughter Mrs. L. P. Jones.

School supplies of all kinds at Burroughs.

Jim Eoff is attending the Fair at Roscoe this week.

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

Joe Bettis of Abilene was in our city Tuesday.

Misses Ethel Jenkins and Kathaleen Stephens were in Abilene Tuesday.

When out for a drive with your girl, don't be deprived of the pleasures of a Kodak when you can rent them for 25 cents a day. (Lady ask about Nylo). Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

B. F. Woodburn of Clyde is here visiting W. B. Farmer. He is an old acquaintance of Mr. Farmers.

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

Parker Hendrix and Cecil Humphry were social callers in Merkel Sunday.

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

Sheriff T. C. Weir was in our city Friday.

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

Miss Pearl Dobson after spending a few days with Miss Mattie Moore returned to her home at Abilene Friday.

When in need of Druggist Sundries Burroughs has them.

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

Mrs. Davenport Gaither spent Monday in Abilene.

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

W. Stith of Abilene was in our city Monday on business.

The Little Crescent Filler is the heart and soul of the Self Filling Conklin. Come in and let us explain to you about the Conklin Fountain Pen, the best made. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

Picture Show Friday and Saturday night.

I. H. Yates made a business trip to Abilene Wednesday.

Miss Helen Weir spent Wednesday in Abilene.

School supplies at Grimes.

Miss Fannie Burroughs left Wednesday for Abilene where she will visit Mrs. H. Bass for a few days.

We want every good egg you can find on your premises. We pay the highest market price for same. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

Miss Artie Cypert returned home from Trent Wednesday where she has been visiting H. Owens and family.

R. H. Adams was here on business the first of the week.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of The Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires, a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars

BILL BOARDS AND BIG CIRCULARS.

The fact that undesirable permits and conditions have existed in the past is no argument or justification for them now or in the future.

The unsightly bill boards in the most popular places of our town is a factor against civic improvement if not a real nuisance, with torn paper to blow loose, litter the streets, scare teams, to say nothing of the usual and general appearance of the board itself and the obstruction of the view to other properties. Who desires a bill board ten to twenty feet long and about ten feet high to be erected in front of their property?

This is but one of the many customs our city council should correct and to guard against any charge of personal selfishness or interest the Mail would urge again an ordinance to regulate likewise or prohibit the distribution of large circulars on our streets—nothing larger than a 6x9. This latter would permit the distribution of funeral notices and small announcement dodgers which would not be a nuisance. The people read the papers and the Mail will furnish free a list and address of those who do not take our paper so the merchant can mail his circulars to them or put them in their homes, not scatter them on the streets and highways to blow and scare teams.

The Mail has personally talked to our city officials and advocated this for several years and while the abolition of the sidewalk and street bill boards will interfere a little bit with the owner of the system it will cause a greater loss for our business but our losses will be the gain of our neighbors and country friends and for the improvement of our town.

The use of our sidewalks and streets is denied to merchants and street vendors and why should the special privileges be granted for an advertising bureau? It is a poor rule that will not work both ways and we should all be treated alike. The Mail worked hard to protect our merchants from this same unfair competition and we do not ask that they use their influence to give us the same kind of protection except as a matter of right and improvement and to show our good feelings we specially urge that the large circulars be abolished as well which will make us lose more profit than we could gain.

The Texas & Pacific Railway Company in the improvement of their right-of-way has abolished the bill boards and certainly our main streets are as valuable and our council should keep pace with the railroad company in civic progress. The sidewalk bulletins, street bill boards and distribution of large circulars should be rigidly regulated if not abolished. It would be a safeguard for our people and an improvement for our town, and if we make any progress we must surrender selfish profits and interests to the demands of our community interests.

THE MAIL AND THE COTTON YARDS.

It becomes necessary for us to reiterate that the policy of this paper is a fair and square deal to all, big and little, rich and poor, fair and unfair, wise and otherwise. If we ever do get wrong we will make atonement upon attention of same being brought to the management.

An old friend and reader of the Mail for many years, W. I. Cogburn, quit us Saturday and was almost in the humor of cleaning up our sanctum on a suspicion that our paper was partial to the private cotton yard and prejudiced against the public yard. We have no interest in either one of them and it will suit us individually and plurally if they have a half dozen more or tear up both of these and make one. We have no individual interest and take no part in the strife of competitive enterprises.

We publish the cotton receipts as they are given to us and do not guarantee either one of them and it does not make a continental rip to us which is ahead or behind. We try to get the news for our readers in the best shape we can and that's all.

It's a matter of democracy with Bill and just a matter of newspaper policy with us. Our policy of a fair and square deal takes a seat above our politics. We are working for this town and country and believe the democratic party can take care of itself.

MODERN STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM

The proposition of our light plant made the council to light our town and now under consideration by the light committee promises success.

Our council has desired such a proposition for some time and this is the first time they have gotten together in the right spirit with our light plant and the present offer is most fair and liberal.

The Mail believes that we shall soon be out of the dark and our lights shining to show our way as well as reflecting our enterprise to visitors and passengers going through our city at night.

Our city council promises some needed street improvement which is good—good streets, good lights, good town and a good city council—if they do it.

The big rain of last week should inspire and prompt every farmer in the Merkel territory to sow at least enough grain to insure a good green pasturage for his stock this winter. There is a change due our country and we hope that this is the season for sowing and reaping another good grain harvest, like good old times they tell us about in days gone by. Yes, the Merkel country is coming back.

City Marshall Hall and his force are this week constructing a crossing connecting the Anchor Hardware Company sidewalk with that of the postoffice, a commendable piece of work. Keep the good work going and in all parts of the town.

A modern street lighting system, modern posts and fifteen to twenty good strong lights on our business streets would be a good advertisement to the town and a joy and benefit to those of us who live here at home. It would cost the city a very nominal amount and since it has not already been done, it should be done right now. Let our lights shine.

The Merkel cotton receipts are the best indication of the place where you get the highest prices for the staple. Our merchants are always leading the market it will pay you to bring your cotton to our town and then do your trading here. You get more for your cotton and then more for your money and help us to build a better town and better market. Come to Merkel.

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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.

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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.

THEY CAME WITH A RUSH

In spite of the inclemency of the weather many times during the week our greatly augmented sales force were unable to wait on the great throngs, thousands of bargains were handed out. Do you realize what this Forced to the Wall of the Star Store means to you? A saving of over 50 percent, think of it, 50 percent a month means 600 percent a year. Banks, steamship lines and no other investment could pay you such dividends. It will pay you big interest to borrow the money and attend this MIGHTY SALE. Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

Forced To The Wall---A Sale With A Reason Chicago Adjustment Now Liquidating This Stock of Goods

We are not advertising a few articles to mislead the public, but a bonafide reduction throughout our entire store. The folks come from the entire county to participate in the greatest bargain feast that ever could happen. Remember there only 7 MORE DAYS and we wish to assure you that these closing days will long be remembered in the annals of Taylor County as the only real sale ever attempted. So help me.

Cast Your Eye on The Startling List Below

CLOTHING—The knife went deep here. If you can use a suit of this winter's clothes at half or more off on every garment you purchase, for instance 1 lot of suits in worsted cassimere cheviots that sold for \$7.50, \$10.00 and \$12.50 going in this sale at the small sum of **\$4.95**
\$15.00, \$17.50 and \$20.00 values in good suits now going for only **\$7.48**

Just received a consignment of this fall's latest style suits that were to sell for \$12.50 \$15.00 and \$20.00 that will go at absolute **1-2 PRICE**
All \$1.00 Overalls and Jumpers going in this sale at **80 CENTS**
One lot of Hanan, Walk Over and Florsheim Shoes \$5 and \$6 values going in this sale at **\$1.00**

Boys Clothing
\$7.50 values in boys' suits now.....**\$5.40**
6.00 values in boys' suits now..... **4.20**
4.50 values in boys' suits now..... **3.45**
3.50 values in boys' suits now..... **2.48**
One lot of boys' suits value \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, now.....**\$1.98**

Mens Hats
Novelty hats in valor, value to \$5.00 now.....**\$3.24**
All \$3.00, \$3.50 hats now..... **2.00**
All \$2.00 and \$1.50 hats now..... **1.24**
All Staple \$3.00 hats now..... **2.24**
All boys' hats at proportionate reduction.
All caps for this winter's ware, \$1.00 values now..... **89c**
75c values in caps now..... **54c**
50c values in caps now..... **39c**
25c values in caps now..... **19c**

Handkerchiefs
25c values in handkerchiefs now..... **18c**
15c values in handkerchiefs now..... **10c**
5c values in handkerchiefs now..... **3c**

Mens Shoes
We carry all the popular brands of shoes, such as Florsheim, Graham, American Gentlemen, etc.

All \$6.00 values in shoes now.....**\$4.98**
All \$5.00 values in shoes now..... **4.20**
All \$4.50 values in shoes now..... **3.88**
All \$3.50 values in shoes now..... **2.98**
All \$3.00 values in shoes now..... **2.48**
All \$2.50 values in shoes now..... **1.98**

Underwear
New goods just arrived. All winter weights.
\$1.00 values in underwear now..... **84c**
50c values in underwear now..... **39c**

Hosiery
50c values in mens' hosiery now..... **39c**
35c values in mens' hosiery now..... **27c**
25c values in mens' hosiery now..... **19c**
15c values in mens' hosiery now..... **11c**
10c value mens' hosiery now..... **7c**

**Read and Compare
These Prices. Come
in and Investigate**

Mens Pants
\$5.00 Mens' pants.....**\$3.95**
4.00 mens' pants..... **3.48**
3.50 mens' pants..... **2.98**
3.00 mens' pants..... **2.24**
2.50 mens' pants..... **1.98**
2.00 mens' pants..... **1.54**
1.50 mens' pants..... **.98**
1.00 mens' pants..... **.79**

Twenty Corduroy
Suits \$10.00 and \$12.50 values going in this great Money-Saving Sale for only.....**\$8.00**
Suit Cases, Handbags and Trunks. And everything else in the store at a big reduction.

Mens Shirts
All 50c values in work shirts now..... **37c**
Mens' dress shirts. Ide Silver Brand. \$1.50 values in mens' dress shirts now.....**\$1.19**
\$1.00 values in mens' dress shirts now..... **.80**
Gluette Arrow and Monarch Brands \$1.75 and \$2.00 values in mens' dress shirts now..... **\$1.35**

The Star Store

Merkel

Look for The Big Red Sign

Texas



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Century.

How does Antonio suggest Touchstone? What request of him does Bassanio make, and now does Antonio answer the request? Give Bassanio's story. What principal character is mentioned for the first time? How do Portia's first words repeat Antonio's? In both cases is there indicated a settled trait of character or is there here expressed simply a foreboding?

What do we learn of the spiritual plight of Portia? How is the power of choice discussed. Indicate something of her temperament as displayed in the power of choice discussed. How is Bassanio mentioned?

What trait of character is first depicted in Shylock? What is Shylock's personal attitude toward Antonio? Comment on the charges against Antonio that we find in Shylock's arraignment of him. What is the dramatic significance of Antonio's speech in Scene 3 beginning line 130? State the conclusion of the bargain with Shylock.

Does Antonio show any suspicion of the Jew's Motive? Account for the motive that made Bassanio draw back from the bond.

There are three centers of interest established by the first Act. That of the sory of Antonio, that of the Jews and the love affairs of Bassanio and Portia. Are the causes for the action laid out and result foreshadowed?

Mrs. G. H. Adams, Leader. Mrs. M. D. Angus, Hostess

Century Questions for Oct. 18. Act. 1: Scenes 1, 2 and 3. Merchant of Venice.

What is foreshadowed in the mood of sadness in Antonio with which this play opens?

How is the social importance of Antonio shown in the dialogue of his friends; What is implied as to his dramatic importance in this play? How does Antonio answer their suggestions that either dangers to property or thoughts of love disturb him? Characterize Antonio's speech to Salanio and Salarino upon their departure.

What impression does Gratiano make by his first speech? Does Bassanio's estimate of him seem just?

The postponed meeting of the Century club will be held with Mrs. G. H. Adams Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Mrs. E. Hall entertained Tuesday afternoon with a noonday dinner in honor of her sister Miss Blanche Walker. Covers were laid for Mesdames W. M. Gaddy, W. H. Sorell and W. A. Scott, Miss Eve Gaddy, Rev. W. M. Gaddy and W. A. Scott, Master Ed Scott and Miss Louise Scott, the honoree and hostess.

Sunday evening at 9:15 o'clock our assistant postmistress Miss May Dertine and Mr. W. C. Lee of Mexia were married at the Methodist Parsonage by Rev. R. A. Clements. Only a friend or two had been made wise as to Dan Cupid's intentions. A complete surprise awaited their friends when they appeared at the station at 10 o'clock p. m. enroute to Mexia on a short bridal tour, after which they will be at home in Merkel for the present.

Mrs. W. F. Hamblet served a lovely appointed dinner Tuesday in honor of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rogers of San Angelo. Her other dinner guests were Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Clements and members of the family.

The Union meeting of the Baptist Aid Society and Philathea class at the home of Mrs. E. Hall Tuesday afternoon was a real red letter day. Miss Blanche Walker, Mrs. Hall's sister, who has spent seven or more years as a missionary in China exhibited rare collection of Chinese Arts and crafts. She delivered a parlor lecture to the ladies on the times, religion and customs of the Chinese, talking from the viewpoint of the past and present. Miss Walker is a charming entertainer and had the undivided attention of all. The opportunity of seeing this valuable

collection was a real treat. She has been asked to give her talk and exhibit the collection Sunday evening at the Baptist church.

Monday afternoon the Methodist Woman Missionary Society met at the church in business session. Reports were given in by the officers. A full membership responded to roll call. More than unusual interest was manifested which was very encouraging. Several visitors were present.

A pretty home wedding was celebrated Thursday at 10 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent where they gave their only daughter, Leno Perren in marriage to Mr. Luther Swafford. Rev. R. A. Clements read the beautiful marriage service which was witnessed by the immediate members of the families.

The bride is a winsome young woman. The past two years have been spent in the Intermount College in Bristol, Va. The groom is popular in business circles. He is engaged in the Abstract business in Dallas. The newly weds left on the 10 o'clock T. & P. train for their home at 2227 Welbom St., Oak Lawn Dallas. The bride's going away gown was a becoming shade of green. She carried on her arm a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums. The Merkel Mail joins their many friends in wishing them many years of happiness.

We wish to give a certain young lady a gentle hint. Don't talk so much about your wedding over the 'phone for who wants to hang up when plans are being made for the swellest wedding of the season--bride's maids, flower girls, ring bearer! To prove we heard the conversation will say that the bride and groom to be are both popular young people of Merkel and the wedding will take place soon.

A business meeting of the Baptist Baraca Class was held Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Eva Gaddy. The officers for the next quarter are: W. E. Brittain, President; Sam Swann, Vice-President; Robert Hicks, Secretary and Treasurer; Jack Walker, Press Reporter. This was a very enthusiastic one--each pledging loyalty to the class.

The Womans' Missionary Society of the Methodist church gave Mrs. W. T. Potter a farewell surprise Wednesday at the train, when they met her in a body to wish her God speed and happiness in her new home in Austin. Miss Dorothy Lee and her mother will be missed in social and church circles. They have endeavored themselves to the Merkel people.

League Program.

October 12th, 1913. Subject--Making Religion attractive in our homes. Leader--Miss Ona Johnson. Song.

Prayer. How attractive persons make Religion in the home attractive--Mrs. Gladys Sublett.

Scripture Reference: Domestic Love, Peace and Wisdom, Col. III: 12-17. Domestic Joy, Eph. VI: 8-21. Domestic Unity, 1 Pet. III 8-9--Miss Mabel Laney.

Song. I How Religion may make our Surrounding attractive.--Rev. Clements. Song. Special Prayer. Attractive Religious Occasions: Miss Eva Williams. Leader discuss Religious Sanctions and Modern Reforms. Epworth Visitor. Miscellaneous. Song. Benediction.

The Womans Missionary Society.

Program for October 13th, 1913. Subject: Mexico.

Scripture reading: Gen. 6-9-Mi 6-6 to 13--Mrs. J. L. Harris.

Down in the mines: Mrs. H. C. Burroughs.

Through our school in Mexico: Mrs. M. Armstrong.

Mission Study Institute.

(a) Who? Mrs. J. F. Shaffer. (b) Why? Mrs. Allday. (c) What? Mrs. Grimes. (d) How? Rev. R. A. Clements.

Cathedrals in Mexico: Mrs. Alice Touchstone.

Report of District Meeting at Sweetwater: Mrs. S. F. Annis.

There is no use trying to regulate our Trent correspondent for he comes back this week comparing us with the saints, so we suspend all rules and open our columns to everybody with no limit on their writing except the libel laws. If you think anything good for this town or country, write it and special permission is hereby granted for you to go after the editor's scalp. The front page is designated for the city council and the balance of the paper for everybody else. In the meantime boost and plow early and deep.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jenkins and daughters left this week for Dallas where they will make their future home. The husband travels a good part of the eastern state and this is the reason of the change. The daughters will visit for a short while at Bluffdale. We regret to lose this good family and wish them continued success.

Agent F. A. Peel was here Thursday looking over the agricultural situation in this territory. He reports things looking good.

Vital statistics for the month of September as kept of record in the office of the county clerk, show six birth in the county during the month. They are as follows:

- To W. M. Willis of Lawn, September 4, a girl. To Floide Johnson of Lawn, September 1, a boy. To J. A. Cumpy, Lawn, September 7, a boy. To R. H. Reeves, Trent, September 12, a boy. Tom Cropton, Lawn, September 29, a boy. H. H. Miller, Ovalo, September 31, a girl. A. C. Terry, Trent, October 2, a boy. Walker Steadman, Trent, October 6, a boy. During the month of September no deaths are shown.

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.

DOUGLAS, Arizona, Oct. 8. -- The Constitutionalists captured Torreon by a clever ruse, according to advices which have been received here today.

While the federals were fighting what they considered to be the main rebel forces at Santa Rosalia, the major group of the insurgents really were capturing Torreon and Palaz.



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COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

And For Three Summers Mrs. Vincent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C.--"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst.

I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off.

I was certainly in a dreadful state of health, when I finally decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I firmly

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After I began taking Cardui, I was greatly helped, and all three bottles relieved me entirely.

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Cardui makes for increased strength, improves the appetite, tones up the nervous system, and helps to make pale, sallow cheeks, fresh and rosy.

Cardui has helped more than a million weak women, during the past 50 years. It will surely do for you, what it has done for them. Try Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. J-66

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. L. Crawford returned to her home at Lufkin, Monday after a pleasant visit to her daughter, Mrs. Ella Carlile.

Mrs. W. H. Gilliland left Tuesday for Eastland to visit her daughter, Mrs. Bob Phillips.

The infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. Jene Bankheads, living near Stith, was buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Miss Effie Jones of Tuscola is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Gaither this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Daniels were in Abilene Monday visiting Mrs. W. R. Mitchell, Mrs. Daniel's sister.

Mrs. O. M. Matthews of Eskota was in our city shopping Wednesday.

Osie Burns and Price Banner left Wednesday afternoon for Roscoe.

Miss Susie Penn was visiting in Abilene the first of the week.

W. C. Calvert of Sweetwater was here the latter part of last week visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wheeler of Noodle were shopping in our city Tuesday.

I will leave for market next Monday, October 13th where I will purchase a new and complete line of holiday goods. Anyone wishing a selection in my line I will be glad to get same for you, Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Picture Show Friday and Saturday nights.

A. B. Cranston of Route One was a pleasant caller at our office Tuesday and made a deposit with us for "the paper the people read."

Mrs. A. Sheppard visited relatives in Abilene Sunday.

Raymond Touchstone was a social caller in Abilene Sunday.

Virgil Touchstone left Friday for Dallas, Houston and other points.

Claud Douglass of San Angelo enroute to Dallas stopped and visited F. Sears and family and his uncle, W. E. Douglass Thursday.

Mrs. M. B. Bowles left Sunday night for Hedrick, Okla., where she will visit her son.

Picture Show Friday and Saturday nights.

Miss Tennie Pope left Monday for Cisco to visit Mrs. Price in Abilene for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jenkins were visiting in Abilene Monday.

Mrs. E. C. Riney left Monday for Abilene where she will visit her son, W. A. Riney for a few days.

Picture Show Friday and Saturday nights.

Mrs. Jno. W. Wheatley and little daughter, Miss Katherine were visiting in Abilene Tuesday.

Picture Show Friday and Saturday nights.

Grimes has got it.

Fresh shipment of Blanke-Wenneker's bulk chocolates just received at the Elite. Call and procure a pound or so of them.

Arthur Browning is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning for a few days.

IN THE BIG TENT

MERKEL

MONDAY, OCT. 13TH

Grand Revival of Thos. Dixon, Jr's Great Play

The CLANSMAN

Dramatized from his two Famous Novels

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MONDAY

October 13th



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We have in stock a full and complete line of John Deere Implements, Disc Harrows, Disc Plows, Sulky Plows, Disc Harrows with Drill Attachments. In fact we have and can get you anything that is carried by a first-class implement house. We ask you to call and see our line of Implements and let us figure with you on anything that you may need in this line

Crown Hardware Company

The Elite has for sale plenty of fresh bulk Blanke-Wenneker chocolates. Call and get some of them before they are gone.

Window glass all sizes at Burroughs.

For Chapped Skin.

Chapped skin whether on the hands or the face may be cured in one night by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It

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.

When on your way to the post-office just step in the front door of Behren-McMillen Furniture Co., and pass on through to the north door, just to look at our new furniture. You are always welcome at our store.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

It is our wish that every farmer in this territory get one of our pocket books, free. Farmers State Bank.

Jim Bryson of Dora attended to business in Merkel Tuesday.

Fancy box stationery at Burroughs.

Henry Rose left Wednesday morning for Roscoe with ten of his fine white Wyandotte chickens to place on exhibition at the Nolan County Fair.

Our cigars are just right. Burroughs.

J. L. Harris was attending to business matters in Abilene the first of the week.

Plenty of good Mexico apples at 90 cents per bushel. O. F. Rogers.

T. H. Christopher was in Abilene Tuesday.

Our Toilet articles are the best yet. Burroughs.

Judge C. D. Mims was attending to legal matters in Abilene Tuesday.

We pay the highest cash market price for your chickens and fryers. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

See J. A. Collins on Front Street in the Crenshaw building for all kinds of fresh fruit.

EZ EM! EZ EM! EZ EM! Make your feet happy with EZ EM. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. Will Eoff and son Clarence left Wednesday for Roscoe where they will attend the Nolan County Fair.

Mrs. Winnifred Howard and baby returned to their home at Oran, Texas, after a very pleasant visit with Howard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Richie.

We have plenty of wheat and rye seed for sale at the right price. Call and get our prices. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

Jack Provine was in Abilene Wednesday on business.

For all kinds and sizes of window glass see Burroughs.

Card of Thanks.

We desire, through the Merkel Mail, to thank each and every one of our many friends and all who have in any way ministered to us in our great suffering and sorrow. Loving hands and Sympathetic hearts have every been ready and anxious to offer words of sympathy and as much as is in human power, to alleviate the terrible suffering that racked our dear little Maibelle. Our hearts are deeply grateful for such loyal and loving friends. We desire also to thank the physicians who have so promptly and faithfully rendered assistance. May He who said, a cup of cold water in His name should not lose its reward, reward each and every one of you in our prayers. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mann and family.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Oct. 11, 1913:

Morris, Mr. E. G.

Dyce, Izora

Bell, J. H.

Stackhouse, B. C.

Elliott, card, Mr. Roy

Marten, Mr. Lom

Blossome, card, Ora

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Oct. 25, 1913.

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With a 50 cent purchase of Our Polish, Varnish, or Furniture Stains.

Only One Box to a Customer Each Day.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Dora.

Oct. 6.—The people of the Dora community have had another fine rain since the last writing. The lakes are all full and the wild ducks have come in by the hundreds.

Mr. Sorell, of Bitter Creek, was in our community last week buying yearlings. He bought Mr. Sy Dennis's hereford calves at twenty-five dollars around.

The roads are almost impassible in our community since the rains.

Mr. Mila Burroughs and Earl Perkins were among the Butman crowd that attended the singing Sunday.

Misses Mildred and Hallie Cook spent Saturday night with Mrs. Pat Powers.

Bro. Jeff Pritchard was at the singing Sunday evening. All were glad to have him with them.

T. C. Jinkins returned from Ft. Stockton Wednesday.

Sam Butman, Jr., was at Dora buying mule colts Monday.

J. M. Bryson returned the first of the week to spend a few days with home-folks.

Mr. Overton of Ft. Worth was in our community this week buying work mules.

B. J. Rhodes of Merkel is here this week visiting his daughter, Mrs. Annie Bloxam.

Mrs. Emma Loftan and son, Charlie are here this week visiting D. M. Center and family.

W. T. Clark made a business trip to Merkel Tuesday.

Walter Low of Cedar Hill was in our community the first of the week.

Look at the Bright Side.

How it would change the world for most of us, if we would stop looking for flaws and begin to look for things to speak well of.

Raphael's Madonnas.

What are Raphael's Madonnas but the shadow of a mother's love, fixed in a permanent outline forever?—T. W. Higginson.

Still Killing.

It still keeps on killing pain, does Hunt's Lightning Oil. For many years it has been used with wonderful success for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, cuts, burns and other hurts. All Druggist sell it in 25c and 50c bottles.

His Future Assured.

"Does my boy," inquired the parent, "seem to have a natural bent in any one direction?" "Yes, sir," said the teacher. "He gives every indication of being a captain of industry some day. He gets the other boys to do all his work for him."

Arrested.

Further arrests are being made daily—not of persons, but of pain. Its Hunt's Lightning Oil that so many people are talking about because it arrests and stops pain, and affords almost instant relief in cases of Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Headaches, Burns, etc. Just try it if you want pain to quit you. Adv.

Salt Branch.

Sunday School and Singing were very well attended Sunday.

W. B. Robertson and wife called on Will Hays and wife Sunday afternoon.

Oscar Mobley and family were visiting at Ellis Pettys Sunday evening.

Miss Pearl Thorton was visiting the Misses Hays Sunday.

Emory Petty and wife were visiting at Wesley Hardys Sunday.

Miss Neva Hays spent Sunday with Miss Annie Petty.

Mrs. Maud Lyles spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Ellis Petty.

Several from this community attended singing at Merkel Sunday night.

Cartha Lyles and wife spent Monday night with Jim Ingram and wife of Mt. Pleasant.

Annie Petty spent Sunday night with Neva Hays.

S. W. Taylor and wife, J. L. Barker and wife spent Monday in Abilene.

J. L. Barker and wife visited their daughter, Mrs. Minnie Higgins Tuesday.

Causes Further Talk.

Because so many people are telling their experience with Hunt's Lightning Oil for Headaches, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, etc., others are lead to give it a trial, and are convinced immediately of its merits as a pain killer. Are you yet to be convinced? Ask the Druggist. Adv.

WHETHER YOU USE CALOMEL OR NOT

You Will Realize How Much Better for You This Safe Vegetable Remedy Will Be.

The liver is such a delicate organ that most people have learned from experience the danger of flogging it into action with the dangerous drug—calomel. Rust & McCauley's Drug store sells and recommends Dodson's Liver Tone, a pleasant-tasting, harmless vegetable liquid that encourages the liver, relieves constipation and biliousness without restriction of habit or diet.

There are no bad after-effects from taking Dodson's Liver Tone. It does just what it is intended to do and no more. Dodson's Liver Tone cannot harm either children or grown-ups and is an excellent preventive of chronic liver troubles.

Rust & McCauley's Drug Store sells Dodson's Liver Tone for 50c per bottle and every bottle sold is guaranteed to give satisfaction, and you get your money back without a question if it fails you. Some remedies are sold in imitation of Dodson's Liver Tone—look out for them. Remember the guarantee. Adv.

A Marvelous Escape.

"My little boy had a marvelous escape," writes P. F. Bastians of Prince Albert, Cape of Good Hope. "It occurred in the middle of the night. He got a very severe attack of croup. As luck would have it, I had a large bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house. After following the directions for an hour and twenty minutes he was through all danger." Sold by all dealers. Adv.

Compere.

Brother Walker filled his regular appointment last Sunday.

We did not have conference Saturday on account of the rain.

We have had fine bottom season. It is good for the grain that is being sowed and will bring up that that is sowed later on.

Jake Foster has returned from Venus where he has been visiting his brother and friends.

While a good acreage of grain has been sowed there will be a great deal more sowed.

A great many of our people are drifting out on the Plains. We fear they will find it colder up there. We regret to give them up, but we hope these good people will find their places.

The Warrens did not have preaching Sunday. High waters was the cause.

Our school is progressing nicely.

The singing society is doing well. It meets on the first and third Sunday afternoon. Everybody invited.

We had the biggest rain Friday night we have had at all. Several bridges washed away and lots of cotton destroyed, but it is good on the grain that is up.

The men, young and old, played marbles in the wet weather to pass the time away. There is getting to be some real good players.

They Make You Feel Good.

The pleasant purgative effect produced by Chamberlain's Tablets and the healthy condition of body and mind which they create make one feel joyful. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Eat Pure Food Bakery bread.

Shiloh.

Oct. 9th—We have had a good season now in the ground. It has been raining for the past three weeks off and on.

Mrs. Myra Sellers spent Tuesday with her sister, Pearl Foubion.

Sam Grason and Atlas Phillips have been getting up a subscription to get the gin started at Shilo.

Mr. Hail came very near bleeding to death last Tuesday night, but he is able to be up and about at the present.

There will be church at Shiloh Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pomroy spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. Pomroy's aunt, Mrs. Joe Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander of the Shinery were called to the bedside of Mrs. Alexander's father, T. E. Hail.

R. B. Bryson made a business trip to Easie Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Skidmore visited Mrs. Tarvin on Sweetwater Creek Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Phillips spent Saturday night and Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Winters.

Mrs. Bryan and daughter, Miss Pearl Faubion, Sunday with Mrs. Bryan's sister, Mrs. Myra Sellers.

Jim Grayson went to town one day last week and got back as far as his brothers, Sam Grason, and it was so dark he couldn't get home.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Trent.

Oct. 7th—Well my last letter stirred up such a mess with ye' editor that I hardly know how to start off. The threats he made makes me almost tremble in my boots, but I assure you he doesn't have to take that feline by the hindmost parts and try it unless he wants to prove my asurtion. Really I didn't know that he was so easy touched. There are lots of boys out here pulling the bell cord over old Beck's back that looks as much like a saint as he does, so you be careful how you handle the Trent scribe.

Our honorable Postmaster is the proud father of a bouncing boy. Mother and child doing well.

Our Public School began here Monday.

Peter B. Allen, engineerman of the Brown Gin went up to Sweetwater Sunday and married and is back at his post ready for business.

We have to work the road Tuesday and Wednesday on account of the big rain. It washed the abutments away from both the new County bridges on the road leading north from Trent.

Weather Forecast.

Colder with rains causing rheumatic pains. Hunt's Lightning Oil stops all Aches and pains whether from Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Cuts Burns or Bruises. The quickest Liniment known. 25c and 50c bottles. All Druggist.

When It Had Another Meaning. "Gown" now means a swell dress but there are old-fashioned girls wt will blush if you call it by that nam

Shopping for Wife.

Talk about a bull in a china shop; a man at the corset counter is more out of place.

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