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SUPERINTENDENT SCHOOLS ELECTED

The Merkel Schools will have at their head this year the former Superintendent of the Goliad, Hillsboro and Vernon Schools, Mr. T. S. Cox who comes to our town with the record of having increased the efficiency and standards of these schools until they are now affiliated with the State University.

For three years Mr. Cox was Superintendent of the Vernon schools and during the time the Vernon schools were affiliated with the University. Following this Mr. Cox was at the head of the Hillsboro schools for 10 years and again made a record of increasing the standing of the Hillsboro to affiliation with the University and for the last five years he has been Superintendent of the Goliad schools where he again caused the educational system under his direction to be affiliated with the University. This is the record of the man who will be Superintendent of our schools next year. A forceful, commanding, quick spoken man of unquestionable ability and bright record.

Merkel has been making an endeavor for some years to get affiliation with the state University and it is sincerely hoped that our expectations will be fulfilled in the near future. Mr. Cox will move here from Goliad in the near future.

Mrs. Will Smith and little daughter Opal of Trent are visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst.

NEW AIRDOME TO OPEN SATURDAY

The new Royal Airdome will open with its first show Saturday night at 8:15 according to E. S. Harrison manager of the new show house.

The carpenters and painters have almost completed their work and by Saturday night the finishing will have been completed. The seating capacity will be over 400 and all the seats will be covered with canvas cushions and the latest model Powers motion picture machine has been installed by the owners, Messrs Harrison and Ward. At the time of going to press Manager Harrison was not prepared to state what the program would be for Saturday night, but expects to open his show with a feature film, the same as have been appearing at the Royal Picture Show at Abilene.

Rev. Ed. R. Wallace Away.

Rev. Ed. R. Wallace has been attending the Southern M. E. Conference at Oklahoma City this week. On returning home he will stop at Rule where he will preach the Commencement sermon for the Rule High School graduates on Sunday May 24th.

Rev. O. M. Addison of Rule will preach at Merkel May 24th, in the place of Rev. Wallace.

\$75 COLUMBIA GRAFONOLA FREE TO SOME YOUNG LADY OF MERKEL TRADE TERRITORY

CONTEST IS NOW OPEN. CLOSING AUG. 1, 1914

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail and Vote for Your Favorite. Three Big Prizes to be given away.

Every person who has had an opportunity to hear one of the \$75.00 Leader Columbia Grafonolas is more or less impressed with the excellent tone of the machine and the exact way in which it reproduces the human voice; the exact way in which it reproduces the finer toned instruments.

Knowing that of any prize offered to a young lady of the Merkel country, a COLUMBIA GRAFONOLA would be the most acceptable of any; it is for this reason The Merkel Mail is going to give absolutely free on August the 1st, 1914 a \$75.00 Columbia Grafonola to the young lady of any part of Merkel trade territory, outside of the town of Merkel who receives the largest number of votes in the Merkel Mail Voting Contest, now open.

If you would like to get this magnificent prize, clip the ENTRANCE COUPON, to be found elsewhere in this issue of the Mail and send it to the Merkel Mail Office at once. The entrance coupon entitles you to 1000 votes. If you do not want to enter the contest yourself, enter some of your friends and work for them.

THE PRIZES FOR THE CONTEST

First Prize. One \$75.00 Columbia Grafonola to the young lady receiving the largest number of votes.

Second prize. One \$50.00 Columbia Hornless Jewell Graphophone.

Third Prize. One \$25.00 Columbia Hornless Eclipse Graphophone.

To the young lady receiving the largest number of votes the Columbia Grafonola will be given, to the young lady receiving the second largest number of votes the \$50.00 machine will be given and to the young lady receiving the third largest number of votes the \$25.00 Eclipse Columbia Graphophone will be given.

ELIGIBLES TO MAIL VOTING CONTEST

Any young lady of the entire Merkel trade territory who does not live in the town of Merkel. THE CONTEST IS FOR THE YOUNG LADIES OF MERKEL TRADE TERRITORY ONLY. This country takes in the Tye, Stith, Hawley, Truby, Noodle, Essie, Trent, Eskota, Blair, Nubia, Dora, View and Caps country and all country surrounding these towns.

Complete description of contest and methods in other parts of this issue of the Mail. Read our ad and begin work immediately. Remember every one has a chance to win one of these prizes. The three who win will do so from the fact that their friends support them with their votes.

Special offer to all contestants. Entrants should call at Mail office at once for further information.

Safety First For Firemen.

Local representatives returning from the State Firemen's Convention at Victoria report that the convention passed resolutions prohibiting any delegate or member from turning in a false alarm at any towns through which they passed in going to the convention. Firemen attending the Victoria convention last week turned in false alarms at various places and as a result of their fun several firemen were badly if not seriously injured in answered the alarms.

The resolution seemed a popular one and hereafter the false alarms are expected to be history with delegates attending the convention.

Relief Money Received.

Mayor Stallings received from the Peacock Relief Committee, Tuesday morning an acknowledgment of the \$20.50 sent to the sufferers of that town the first of last week.

The receipt of the acknowledgment from the relief committee is evidence that the money sent from here is in good hands and that it will be used to assist the needy.

Southside Christian Church 8:30 P. M.

The Piano Department of Merkel Public Schools will give a recital Friday, evening May the 22nd. An admission of 10c will be charged to all parties not invited.

FINE WHEAT, OATS AND RYE EXHIBIT

Geo Moore of Route three, four miles south of Merkel was in town Monday morning showing some wheat, oats and rye that will compare with any thing seen in this country in many a moon.

Mr. Moore has 75 acres in grain this year and expects an average yield of 50 bushels to the acre off the oats and at least 15 bushels to the acre of the wheat, however he allows for being mistaken on account of not having raised any grain in recent years but states that he believes that the above estimate is very conservative.

Throughout the winter Mr. Moore has pastured about 60 head of stock on this field and has gone through the winter without having to use any other feed whatever. Samples from the grain Mr. Moore has raised this year can be seen at the Mail office.

Rev. Burnett to Preach Here

Rev. T. R. Burnett editor of Burnett's Budgett will preach at the north side Christian Church Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night.

Rev. Burnett is well known in Merkel having preached and visited in Merkel on several occasions.

Returns From Victoria.

Fire Chief Ferrier and delegates Occie Burns and George Woodrum returned Saturday from a weeks stay in Victoria where they attended the State Firemen's Association.

The local delegates credit Victoria as being the town of roses and that the citizenship of that town extended a most cordial reception to all visiting firemen. The state meeting for 1915 will be held in Waco.

Presbyterian Announcement.

Sunday School at 10 A. M. There were seventy four present last Sunday in spite of the threatening weather, which is very commendable. Were you one of that number?

Rev. J. P. Cotton of New Decatur, Ala., preached last Sunday to a congregation of one hundred and twenty five, some of whom were visitors. We will be delighted to have you call again.

Preaching service at 11 A. M. 8:15 P. M. and preaching at Blair at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. E. P. McMillen, Supt. Herbert E. Bullock, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McLenon were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Armstrong the past week.

Miss Mell Bolen is visiting Miss Lee of Clyde this week.

Miss Leah Walker returned to her home at Baird Monday after visiting Miss Mell Gibson for a few days.

3 INCH RAIN IN LAST SIX DAYS

Rains which began falling Saturday morning amounted to one and eight tenths of an inch and on Sunday a fall of .52 of an inch was recorded. This amount of rainfall together with a rain on Wednesday of this week which amounted to 1.65 and the rain still falling brought the total for the last six days to three and a quarter inches. The total rainfall during the last four weeks amounts to over 8 and 1/2 inches.

Throughout the country there comes reports that conditions are ideal now and with a few days of continuous warm weather The Merkel country will assume a regular aspect of a virtual garden. With-in the next fifteen days or three weeks grain harvest, which promises to be the largest the Merkel country has ever produced will begin to come on the market and immediately afterward the cry of hands wanted for cotton chopping will set up from all parts of the land.

Will Visit Merkel July 3rd and 4th.

Hon. Thos. L. Blanton district judge of this district and candidate for Congressman from the 16th, District has accepted an invitation to speak in Merkel on July 3 or 4th., or probably both of those dates.

Judge Blanton is making a vigorous campaign and as is his reputation he is going about it in an aggressive way, making a thorough canvass of the entire district from Mineral Wells to El Paso.

MERCHANTS MEET AT GALVESTON

Indications now are that the annual convention of the Texas Retail Merchants' association, which is to be held in Galveston July 7, 8, and 9, will surpass all previous occasions in point of attendance. There will be a meeting of the secretaries of the various local organizations of the state on July 6.

News comes from Galveston that arrangements for the convention have been practically completed. There will of course be a great deal of business for the merchants to transact at the convention, but business will not occupy all of the time by any means. There will be a number of entertainments features for the members of the association and for the members of their families who may accompany them.

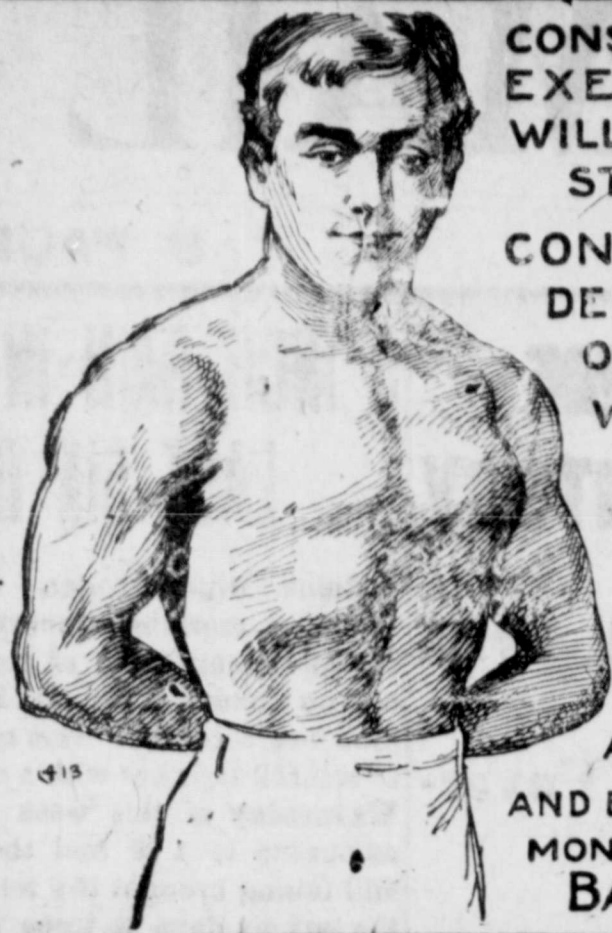
Very attractive railroad rates for the convention have been secured.

Marriage Licenses.

A. B. Walls to Miss Myrtle Lamar.

G. C. Lowry to Miss Nora Martin.

Geo. Snodgrass to Miss Lizzie Franklin.



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MERKEL, TEXAS

DATES OF FAIR ARE CHANGED

At a meeting of the Central West Texas Fair Association held in the quarters of the Chambers of Commerce Monday afternoon at Abilene it was unanimously agreed to change the date of the proposed fair in Abilene from October 13 to 17 inclusive to October 6 to 10 inclusive as it was found that the former dates conflicted with the dates of the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show.

At this meeting adoption was made of the constitution, by-laws and charter of the Central West Texas Fair Association. The charter will be secured from Austin about June 1, it was stated by Secretary Fred Wood Tuesday morning.

A building committee was appointed, consisting of George K. Paxton, W. R. Keeble and J. M. Radford.

At the present time two stenographers are at work in the Chamber of Commerce preparing the big catalog which will be issued about June tenth. It will be a swell affair and will be an unusually fine one for the first year of a fair organization.

Secretary Fred Woods states

that he is already booking amusements, aeroplane exhibitions and the like.

The sum of \$5,000 will be paid in premiums by the association to exhibitors, races, etc. The large premium list will undoubtedly be attractive enough to bring good exhibits and and racers here and Abilene people will have an opportunity of witnessing some of the aviation and races.

All the various committees are very busy perfecting details connected with the issuance of the premium list, the catalog and such other preliminaries as are essential to the successful launching of a great proposition.

Already the local manager of the fair is receiving inquiries from persons over the state inquiring about the fair.—Abilene Reporter.

MERKEL A HEAVEN SANTONE A HELL

The following article by an old resident of Merkel and a great friend to the Merkel Mail demonstrates to desirability of home life in our little town as compared with life in San Antonio. San Antonio—May 10.

Do you know that there is as great a difference in people as there is in anything? I am just thinking of the difference of a locality in the same state and under the same laws. The one living where Protestant Religion and prohibition predominates and the other where Catholicism and saloons hold sway in this state. The Merkel country in particular is of the first class where people go to church and Sunday school on the Sabbath, where the people love their God and their neighbors and observe the laws of their country, where the election laws are observed. A candidate for office would not give a man a cigar to influence his vote. But here in San Antonio about the last of January the big co-operations that employ 100 to 500 men each, herd their employees together and march them to the Collectors office and advance the money if necessary to pay the poll tax and take it out of the laborers salary—and all those without a job can apply to the Liquor Dealers association and get the money provided they go direct to the collectors office and secure a voting certificate.

For two months before elections, public speaking is held in the back yard of saloons all over the city and the listeners all get

full and "HURRAH" for the candidate who furnished the beer. On the Sabbath Day hundreds of business houses are open and you can buy anything you want except "booze", for this you must join a club. Not that, the saloon men regard the law but there is a man by the name of Lane at Austin that revokes their permit to do business. Only last week an association of Protestant Ministers and Laymen banded together and waited on the Sheriff and Mayor and demanded that they enforce the law, in the closing of theatres and picture shows on Sunday—the sheriff replied that he could not enforce the law and the Mayor stated that he would not as he believed in everyone doing as they pleased and the populace arose in righteous indignation at the absurdity of a bunch of proachers wanting to close shows on Sunday.—John Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Davis of Carthage are here this week visiting their son Dr. S. L. Davis and wife. The visiting people will be here several days.

Rust & McCauley Assignment.

The Rust & McCauley Drug Co., are operating their business under the management of J. E. Shelten and Received C. G. Whitten pending on the outcome of a Bankrupt proceedings filed by that firm May 12th.

Disposition of the business will be brought before the creditors in a meeting at Abilene, Saturday of this week.

Bargains! Bargains!

New goods are over loading our counters and we must rid ourself of them, and to do this we are offering them to you at sure-enough money saving bargains come to see us, we know we can save you money on every purchase made at our store.

Merkel Bargain Store.
W. P. Duckett, Mgr.

Advertised Letters

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for the week ending May 23 1914.

Cahan, Miss Amber
Gurtred, Miss
King, Jury
King, J. W.
Milligan, Miss Thessis 2
Wilson, Tom

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office June 6, 1914.
H. W. Derstine, P. M.

J. T. WARREN, Pres. THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier



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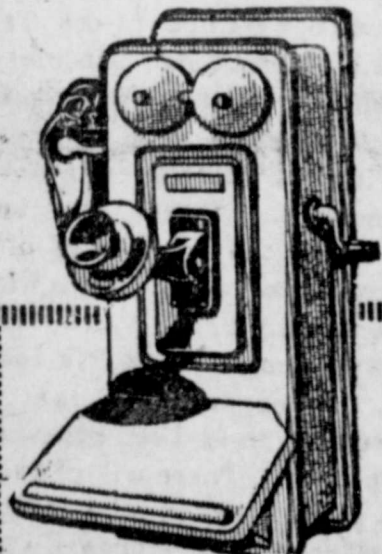
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I have a pretty and up-to-date line of Ladies, Misses and Childrens hats at the lowest possible price, and will appreciate your visit.

Lizzie Mae Freemon
IN THE REAR OF PARTEN'S STORE

WANTED: Clean Cotton Rags at The Merkel Mail Office

Free 42 Piece Dinner Set

With every 5c package of Spearment or Golden Fruit Chewing Gum bought at our place you get one Spearment Coupon. When all of our present supply; 25 boxes of Chewing Gum are sold the person holding the largest number of Spearment Coupons gets the 42-Piece Dinner Set Absolutely Free of charge.

WHY BUY YOUR GUM ELSEWHERE? SEE OUR WINDOW DISPLAY
ASK YOUR FRIENDS FOR THEIR COUPONS

THE NEW GUM--THE PERFECT GUM--THE GOOD GUM AT THE

ELITE CONFECTIONERY

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Notice, for Harness, Saddle and Shoe repair see J. A. Brown.

Mrs. J. H. Roberts of Abilene came in Sunday afternoon to visit the family of J. G. Jackson.

If you have any Harness, Saddles or shoes that need repair see J. A. Brown.

Mrs. M. C. Church returned to Merkel Monday after having spent several days with her daughter Mrs. W. E. Davis of Winters.

Library Readers: Please note the change in the Library hours, Beginning Monday May 11th the hours will be changed. Be sure and remember to come from 5 to 6 o'clock.

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DENTIST

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DENTIST

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Merkel — Texas

Miss Flay Gunn has returned home from Denton where she attended school.

For the best GASOLINE in town see H. M. Rose.

Ed Young of Lampasas was in the city three hours Monday. Coming here from Blair in time to spend a few hours with his wife and baby. Mr. Young returned Wednesday to begin preparations to move his family to their new home in the Lampasas country.

Mebane Cotton seed for sale at 75 cents per bushel at Duckett's store opposite the postoffice. 8:22pd

Miss Jessie Sutphen is in San Angelo visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown.

Why send your hats off to be cleaned, when Martin will do it for less!

Mrs. J. B. Steel and children are here from Waurika, Okla. visiting Mrs. Steele's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning.

Buy Your GASOLINE and Auto oils from H. M. Rose.

Yes I fill your car with GASOLINE at 10 Cents per Gal. H. M. Rose.

Mrs. A. H. Thornton and little son Don are in Blooming Grove having been called there by the serious illness of her sister Mrs. Ford Smith.

Mrs. R. O. Anderson and children are at home from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. L. Gamble near Wetherford.

Wear a Palmbeach suit and keep cool. The Star Store.

Miss Bernice Rainbolt is at home from Cisco where she visited relatives.

See those Palm Beach suits at the Star Store.

Miss Alma Brunson of Midland is visiting Miss Bernice Rainbolt.

Come in and figure with us before you buy. The prices tell. Kent Street Gro. Co.

Don't forget to bring your produce to the Merkel Bargain Store, and get the best market price for your goods, at the same time give you bargains in anything you want to buy. W. P. Duckett.

Mrs. Eula Morris of Wayland who has been visiting her sister Mrs. W. V. Cranford returned home Tuesday morning.

Miss Ethel Pierce who has been visiting her uncle, E. Pierce returned to her home at Mingus Wednesday.

Let H. M. Rose fill your car while you wait. GASOLINE 10c per gal.

Mrs. Will Winters left Wednesday for Putman where she will be in the sanitarium for a few days.

See N. D. Cobb for Tombstones and Monuments.

J. W. Dean left Wednesday for Dallas where he will visit his son W. L. Eean.

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

J. T. Evans is spending this week in Dallas visiting his sons Rufford and Duke Evans.

Be sure and see my hats and get my prices before you buy your Spring millinery. Lizzie Mae Freeman.

Miss Fannie Tipton of Abilene came in Monday afternoon to visit friends and relatives.

Martin will press your suit for 50c.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

See H. M. Rose for milk coolers, steel tanks, guttering and well casing.

Mrs. H. M. Rose and children returned from Stephenville Wednesday where she has been visiting her mother Mrs. G. M. Wilson.

Renew your Maerkel Mail, get Hollands and Farm & Ranch free until December 1914 and a vote for your favorite in the Merkel Mail Grafonola Contest.

J. F. Folgerman of Sweetwater was here the first of the week visiting his daughter Mrs. R. A. Sadler.

See H. M. Rose for milk coolers, steel tanks, guttering and well casing.

Miss Charlie Belle Thomas and Jewell Pate were in Trent Wednesday afternoon attending the closing exercises of the schools at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Crouch of Douglas, Ariz., are here visiting the latter's mother Mrs. T. J. Coggin. From here Mr. and Mrs. Crouch will visit the former's parents at Oklahoma City and will return to Merkel before departing for their home.

See H. M. Rose for milk coolers, steel tanks, guttering and well casing.

Mrs. John Childers of Trent returned to her home Monday after having visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes of this place.

If flies bother you, use "Death To Flies" for sale at Grimes.

Virgil Touchstone left Saturday night for Houston and other points in Southeast Texas where he will visit for about two weeks.

C. T. Beckham of Trent was in the city Monday on business.

Kill flies in your home with "Death To Flies" A good poison safe to handle. Grimes Drug Store.

Lester Ellis of Abilene was in this city Sunday after noon visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Ellis.

Mrs. Chas. Fryer of Abilene visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

"Death to Flies" the poison that kills. It is safe to handle Grimes Drug Store.

Announcement Extraordinary

KELLOGG'S TOASTED CORN FLAKES SEALED IN WAX

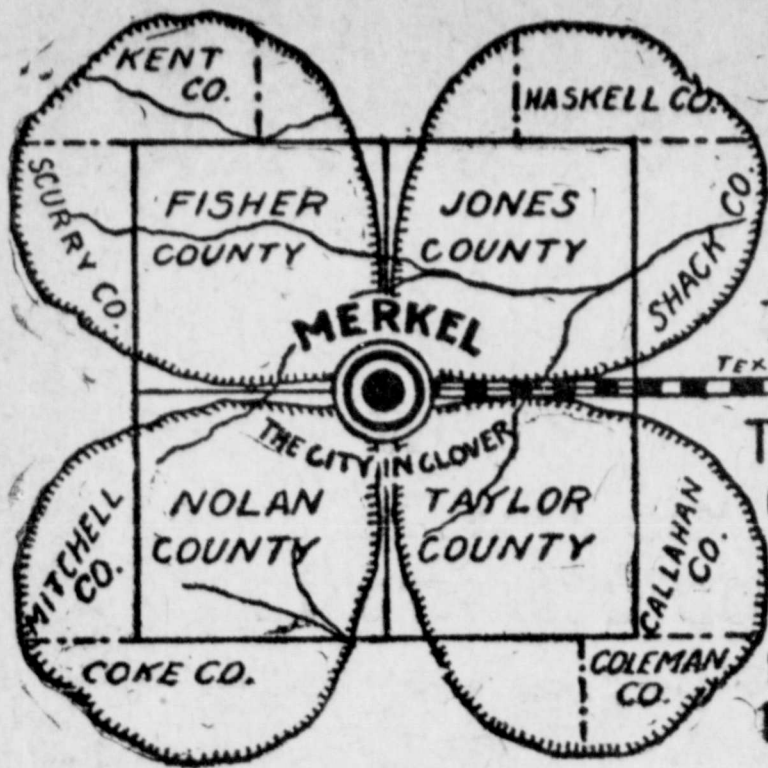
Waxtite is the name of Kellogg's New Package and Waxtite means you can now buy Kellogg's Toasted Corn Flakes as fresh as crisp, as delicious as the day they left the Big Battle Creek Factory.

WAXTITE MEANS QUALITY

Let us prove to you the true value of WAXTITE. Call up one of the following merchants and ask more about Waxtite or better still order a sample OF KELLOGG'S WAXTITE TODAY.

Anchor Mercantile Co. Sanitary Grocery. J. T. Dennis
Hamblet & Rogers G. F. West Co. Walter Clark
Conner & Rogers Kent Street Grocery
Hogue-Hamilton Company

Oh, by the way try a package of Kellogg's
Wheat Biscuits They are Delicious



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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

MORE ELIMINATION—FARGE.

A few days ago a committee of five met in Dallas and selected Tom McClure, sheriff of Jones county, as prohibition candidate for comptroller, Charles B. White and Worth S. Ray were eliminated. When the eliminator five concluded their labors, a number of antiprohibitionists smiled and said that it mattered not whether Mr. McClure or H. B. Terrel was elected they would have a friend in court. Charges were made then preferred with the prohibition advisory committee against Mr. McClure. They were investigated and a demand was made upon Mr. McClure to withdraw. He told one of the Toms that he would withdraw, according to the political gossip, but when he got to Fort Worth to confer with another Tom, Tom Simmons, his kinsman, Tom McClure, and Tom Simmons agreed to notify a Dallas Tom that there was a mistake—he would not withdraw. And Mr. McClure answered for publication that he is in the race to stay as the prohibition candidate.

Charles B. White however, is coming back, for in a statement last night he said:

"In view of developments within the past few days, I desire to announce that I am in the race for the Democratic nomination for the office of state comptroller to stay until the polls are closed on July 25. My reasons for this decision need not be declared in this connection, but when stated in full, which will be done within the next few days, will undoubtedly be satisfactory to my friends and those who stand with me for good government. (Signed)—"Charles B. White."

All the above appeared in the Fort Worth Record May 19th., and serves to show just how far the elimination measure is being carried. If there can be any ethics in Democratic politics, this elimination is a violation of every ethical part of Democracy ever outlined and has been demonstrated in the recent Elimination meetings at Ft. Worth and Dallas where a few have taken the old style Democrat primary in their own hands and any deviation from their own ideas meets with political hub-dub howl.

Perhaps the reason why the Record smears it on soft about this recent elimination meet is from the fact that their Dear Clarence Ousley was one of the victims of the Eliminations recently in the elimination that did nothing and made a mess of their work at every turn of the road. Why can't the election of a competent man for an office be left to a Democratic Primary vote as has been done in past-history, where the people vote their honest convictions instead of following the advice of a few eliminators, sometimes five in number.

THIRD OF A MILLION CATHOLICS IN TEXAS.

There are 313,000 Catholics in Texas, according to the new 1914 official Catholic Directory. Compared with other states, Texas ranks 14th in the number of Catholics.

There are 24,224,609 Catholics under the protection of the Stars and Stripes, which is an increase of nearly 1,000,000 over last year.

In the entire United States there are 18,568 Catholic priests, an increase of 623 during the past year. One new Catholic church was built in the United States every working day of 1913. The Catholic Church of the United States now number 14,621. There are also 82 seminaries, 230 colleges for boys; 680 academies for girls and 5,403 parochial schools in the nation. Approximately 1,669,000 young people are receiving Catholic instruction in the United States.

GETTING READY FOR THE HARVEST.

Getting ready for the harvest,
Getting ready for the fun,
Getting ready for the cotton chopping,
Getting ready on the rule,

Getting ready for the big crop,
Getting ready for the work,
Getting ready for the call,
It is the one you shouldn't shirk.

Getting ready for the campaign,
Getting ready to vote,
Getting ready to scratch names;
Then some one'll, be the goat.

Getting ready for the big race,
Getting ready for the count,
Getting ready for the last call,
When they count them down and out.

County Demonstrator Agent W. C. Calvert reports about twenty-five baby beeves and the same number of pigs being fed by Nolan county boys and girls. This is a fine beginning but there will be more next year. Big profits will be realized by each of the boys in addition to any valuable prizes on the side and the rich experience and training gained in the work will be invaluable.—Sweetwater Reporter.

The fact that Nolan county is rapidly becoming a thorough agricultural county is due to the fact that their people are making rapid strides at improving their possibilities as the above article indicates.

TEXAS BULLS WIN FIRST PRIZE AT HAVANA SHOW.

Texas bred livestock continues to show its superiority over stock of other countries, and a number of Shorthorn bulls owned by Frank Scofield of Hillsboro, who lately returned from Havana, Cuba, were awarded the first prize at the International Exposition in that city recently. These animals were entered in competition with the prize bull of the Paris Exposition and some of the finest blooded stock of North and South America and were declared by the judges to be the finest lot ever shown in that country. A total of eight prizes were captured by this herd and a diploma was given Mr. Scofield, signed by the President and Senate of Cuba in recognition of these prize animals. This is declared to be the greatest victory ever won by an American exhibitor in that Republic. Mr. Scofield disposed of the bulls before returning home.

THE MAIL CONTEST

IS NOW OPEN

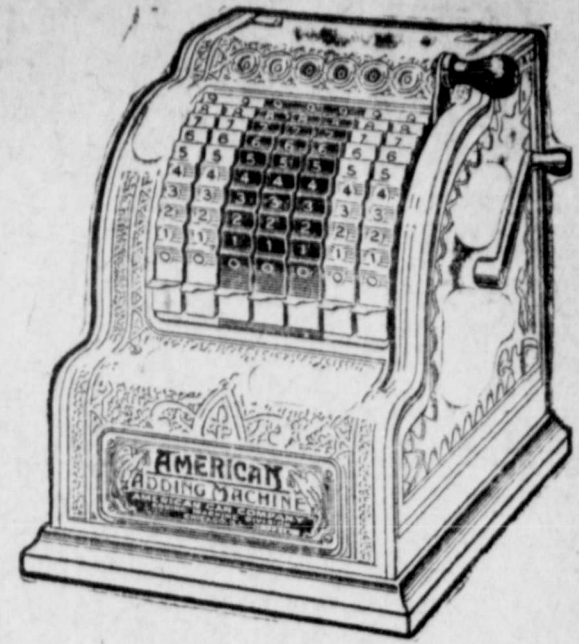
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The Latest Adder

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10c and 12½c embroideries are being sold for only.....	5c
50c yard-wide silk crepes are being sold for.....	35c
75c Embroidered voile flouncings, 45 inches wide for.....	45c
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15c yard-wide percales guaranteed not to fade.....	10c
20c flowered or printed dress crepes, neat designs.....	15c
25c printed dress crepes, tinted grounds, for only.....	20c
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All childrens 75c ready-made dresses for only.....	50c
All childrens \$1 ready-made dresses for only.....	75c

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50c Mens' extra quality work shirts for only.....	39c
Best all wool new style mohair suits for men for only.....	\$11.95
\$1.00 blue pin checked work pants for men for only.....	85c
\$2 dress pants for men, all best colors for only.....	\$1.45
\$2.50 dress pants for men, best makes and colors, only.....	\$1.95
\$3 dress pants for men, best makes and colors, only.....	\$2.45
\$3.50 dress pants for men, blue serge and other weaves.....	\$2.95

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For Precidct Offices.....	5.00
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R. B. Humphrey
(Of Throckmorn County)
For Representative from Taylor County
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TAYLOR COUNTY CANDIDATES
For County Judge:
E. M. Overshiner
For Sheriff:
Geo. M. Cauthen
W. F. (Frank) Whaley
T. T. Spann
J. L. Roberson
J. T. Dodson
For District Clerk:
J. Fuller (re-election)
J. N. Routh
For County Clerk:
A. H. Balch
Miss Fannie Tippett
J. D. Hilton
For Tax Collector:
D. T. Harkrider (re-election)
W. F. Dillard
For County Treasurer:
G. B. (Blue) Tittle (re-election)
For Commissioner Precinct No. 2.
T. R. Lassiter
E. D. Coats
J. L. Banner
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P. C. Jones
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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Nubla.

We are still having some fine rains down in this part of the country.

Misses Sallie and Willie Toombs of Merkel were visiting friends in Nubia last week.

We are glad to know Dan Boyd who has been sick for the past week was able to be at church Sunday.

Messrs Jno. and Walter Hunter and Misses Ellen and Gertrude Stanley took a pleasant drive to Butman Sunday afternoon.

When the baby takes too much food the stomach turns; the result is indigestion, sourness and vomiting. Frequently the bowels are involved and there is colic pains and diarrahorea. McGEE'S BABY ELIXAR is a grand corrective remedy for the stomach and bowell disorders of babies. It is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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Three years ago I had a very bad spell of neuralgia which caused my eyes to become sunken and bloodshot with pain. Hunt's lightning Oil was recommended and, after using, the pain left and has not returned; says A. M. Coffey: 316, Van Buren Street, Litchfield Ill This wonderful medicine is sold by all druggests everywhere. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Shiloh.

There was small attendance at Sunday school Sunday on account of muddy roads.

We had another fine rain Sunday which did considerable damage to some of the cotton planted. Also roads are in pretty bad shape.

Mr. Cauthen and son of Golden passed through here Monday enroute to Trent.

Mesdames Wright and Sosebee of of Noodle were visiting Mr and Mrs. McCright, Monday.

Miss Cora Scott of the Trent community is spending the week with her brother George. Scott.

Misses Lettie and Beulah Jones and brother were guests of Miss Mae Grayson and brother Sunday.

Not Fit For Ladies.

Public sentiment should be against it and we believe it is; there can be no reason why ladies should suffer with headaches and neuralgia, especially when Hunt's Lightning Oil gives such prompt relief. It is simply a question of getting the ladies to try it. All druggist sell Hunt's Lightning Oil in 25c and 50c bottles. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Blair.

Still it rains.
Services Sunday were lightly attended it was so wet.

J. B. Jones has been sick for several days but is reported better.

L. V. Raines is very sick at this time.

Grandma Powell returned to her home at Buffalo Gap Saturday after a few days visit with her daughter Mrs. S. E. Adcock.

Mrs. H. B. Chamdless is at Cisco with her mother who is having her eyes treated by Dr Britton.

Mrs. J. B. Jones and daughter Miss Ethel visited Mrs. J. Moore, Monday

Porter Erwin with his mother and sister Miss Ethel were visitors in the home of Mrs. Campbell at Blair Wednesday.

W. N. Moore of Compere spent Sunday night with his daughter Mrs. Addison.

Real Estate Transfers.

H. W. Harris et Ux to W. L. Kincaid Lots 7 and 8 Blk B Morgan Addition to Tye. Consideration \$400.00

W. E. Hamner et Ux to G. E. Harrison Lots 1, 2 and 3 Blk 40 and Lots 13-14-16-17-18 Blk 23 of Trent. Consideration \$6400.

W. C. Belcher Land & Mortgage Co. to J. K. Marrs Lots 7, 8 and 9 Blk 13 Lakeside addition to Abilene Consideration. \$1950.00

D. M. Strickland et Ux to J. M. Strickland Part of Blk 25 of North Park Addition to Abilene. Consideration \$800.00

D. T. Bomar to S. I. Edwards Lots 1 to 12 Blk 16 of Bradshaw. Consideration \$430.00.

R. E. L. Norwood et Ux to A. H. Gilbreath Lots 4, 5 and 6 Blk 13 College Heights Addition to Abilene. Consideration \$1500.00

W. A. Shipley to Ethel Irene Shipley Lots 5, 8 and 9 of Blk 6 of Abilene Consideration \$1.00 and other considerations.

Harry H. Hamm to Jno. C. Hamm Lot 3 Blk 27 of Merkel. \$100.00

J. L. McDavid to C. M. Tandy Lot 4 of Blk "F" S. and L. Sub. of Lot 3 Blk 204 in Abilene. \$1000.00

S. F. Richardson and R. P. Bright to H. H. & Grady Lofland E 1-2 S. P. R. R. Sur No. 11 Blk 1. \$400.00 and other considerations.

W. A. Shipley to Ethel Irene Shipley Part of S. end of lot 23 of Guadalupe Co. school land League 121. \$1.00 and other considerations.

W. A. Shipley to Ethel Irene Shipley Lots 4 and 5 Blk 1 of Sharp Sub. of Lot 4 Blk 131 Abilene \$1.00 and other considerations.

A. G. McMath to Mrs. N. R. Dickerson Lot 16 Blk one of Sharp Sub. of Lot 4 Blk 199 Abilene. \$10.00 and other considerations.

E. A. Thornton to E. P. McMillen Lot 1 Blk 13 Merkel. \$150.00

Coke Keith et Ux to W. T. Pike Lot 23 Compere Sub. of lot 1 block 180 Abilene \$950.00

J. A. Adkisson and Geo. Miller to S. M. Robertson Lots 5 and 6 Blk 19 College Addition to Merkel, Exchange.

W. O. Boney et Ux. to F. A. Jones S 12 Lot 11 and lot 12 Blk 3 Miller Sub. of part of West 1-2 of Sub. 18 League 147 Grimes Co. sohool land. \$1500.

Geo. S. Berry et Ux to Jno. Hamm Lot 12 Blk 30 Merkel. \$200.00

J. G. Harris et Ux to Henry A. Stegall Lot 9 Blk A Hughes Sub. of Lot 2 block 188 Abilene. \$3000.

G. L. Vaughn et Ux to Jno. P. Hamm Lot 8 Blk 28 Merkel. \$500.

Thos. Russle and D. A. Winter to Burton Lingo Co. Lot 4 Blk 109 and part of Lot 3 Blk 109 Abilene. \$1100.
A. L. Hamby et Ux to Peto

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Noodle.

Everyone is about through with their planting. Grain and crops are looking fine the cold wave we had Monday night did not do much damage.

Miss Nora Bird from Sinclair spent Wednesday of last week with Mrs. Verna Deutschman.

Miss Birdie Carpenter has returned to her home at Spur City. She has been visiting her sister Mrs. C. L. Deustchman.

Mrs. Rountree who has been visiting her son W. Rountree has returned to her home at Greenville.

The Farmers Union met Friday night a large crowd was present.

Mrs. F. A. Polly spent Friday of last week with Mrs. Verna Deutschman.

Joe. Callaway left last week for Paducah. Mr. Calloway is in bad health.

Salt Branch.

The farmers have decided the moisture has met and want to see the sunshine some now.

Grandma Hays left Friday for Haskell to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Busby were visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. Higgins Sunday.

J. E. Higgins and wife were visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. Busby Sunday and Monday.

Sunday school was very well attended Sunday. We did not have singing. Elmer Shipley visited relatives near Stith.

Sweringen Lot 5 Blk 159 Abilene. \$700.

G. W. Sewell et Ux to B. E. Ward Part of Sec. 14 Blind Asylum land Taylor Co. \$2400.

I. S. Brown et Ux to Ira Dorton Lot 6 and North 1-2 Lot 7 and Sub. of Lot 4 Blk 185 Abilene. \$2500.

H. E. Lemer to J. R. Aiken N. W. 1-4 Sec. No. 20 Blk No. 6 Cert. 17-474 S. P. Ry. Co. Land. \$3850.00

J. R. Aiken to Will Fisher N. W. 1-4 Sec No. 20 Blk 6 Cert. 17-474 S. P. Ry Co. land \$4293.00

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Good Wheat and Oats.

The writer had the pleasure of seeing some of the country north of Merkel the first of the week and in passing comment on the small grain crop, we credit S. W. L. Swafford with having 200 acres or over of wheat and oats in such condition as would "raise the national debt" from the entire country if all our country possessed such fine feed. The oats are estimated to yield 40 to 50 bushels to the acre and the wheat is equally as fine in proportion.

Mr. Swafford sowed the grain last fall, or "dusted it in" for it was as dry as a powder house when he planted, good rains soon followed and the entire field made fine pasturage all during the winter and now will be ready for the harvest within a few days.

Improving Property.

Ex-Ed-Jona-G-Jackson of this Rag is having extensive improvements made on and about the property he owns at the corner of Oak and south First street.

Bricklayers have been busy this week lining the property about the new Airdome and the resident property adjoining, which is occupied by Mrs. Woodrum and when this is finished a quick growth hedge will be planted bordering the entire quarter of a block.

Any persons caught making improvements in and about Merkel will be given free publicity in the columns of the Mail. (Next).

P. S. Weed cutters not excluded from our reports under any circumstances.



MRS. W. M. DICKSON, EDITOR

The Baraca boys of the Methodist church are still hard at work. Their class is rapidly increasing eleven new members last Sunday. The class now has an enrollment of thirty nine members. Young men we want your help. Come and join us. Come once and you will come again. On Friday night May 22nd the class will hold a business session at the home of Dr. and Mrs. O. F. McMaster.

The Missionary society met at the Methodist church Monday afternoon May 18th for the Bible study taken from the Missionary Voice. Mrs. R. A. Martin and Mrs. J. W. Jennings were elected delegates to the annual Conference at Plainview with Mrs. J. F. Shaffer and Mrs. Ed R. Wallace as Alternates.

Miss Emma Smith entertained Monday P. M. with a six o'clock dinner in honor of Miss Alma Brunson of Midland who is visiting her cousin Miss Bernice Rainbolt. The members of the dinner party were then given a pleasant hour at the Groene Airdome. They were Misses Bernice Rainbolt, Alma Brunson, Wilma Smith. Messrs Claude Jenkins, Robert Rainbolt, and the hostess.

Friday afternoon the young people enjoyed a skating party at the Opera House. The married ladies chaperoned the crowd. Those in attendance were Misses Agnes Hall, Mabel Collins, Zora Coggin, Elma Sheppard, Francis Burroughs, Tommie Lou and Gladys Coggin. Messrs Bill Sheppard, H. C. Burroughs Jr., Ennis Grimes, Jack Walker Otti Coggin, Olye Dye, Ross Ferrier, W. E. Britian; Jno. Daniel. Mesdames J. G. Jackson, L. D. Gaither, E. Hall, Stealing P. Miller, Jno. R. Daniel.

The order of the Eastern Star met Friday night for the election of officers. The election resulted as follows: Mrs. Maggie Hall, W. M.; W. N. Hall, W. P. Mrs. Laura Edwards, A. M. Wesley Edwards, Secretary; Mrs. J. L. Harris, Treasurer Mrs. Minnie Adams, Cond. Mrs. O. F. McMaster, A. Cond. Other officer to be appointed later.

T. B. Garoutte celebrated his 87th birthday at his country home North of town. A lovely turkey had been roasted for the occasion. The table was laden with dainty cooked viands. A few near and dear friends were to share in the feast but the inclemency of the weather prevented their doing so. Many appropriate gifts were received. Here's hoping our friend will celebrate many more happy birthdays.

Trent Society.

Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Reaves entertained the teachers. A very pleasant evening was spent cream and cake were served.

Saturday evening Miss Mae Robinson asked a few of her friends to her home Reading and music were enjoyed by Misses Alava Lee and Jennie Mae Estep, Mary Winn, Odessa Moon, and Geta Beckham. Messrs G. L. Farrar, S. Wagmon, W. R. McLeod and E. Parker.

Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Terry of Meridian, Texas Miss Grace Terry and Carlos Robinson of Anson, were united in marriage in the presence of a few intimate friends of the family. Miss Terry was formerly our postmistress and Mr. Robinson telephone operator. They will reside in Anson where Mr. Robinson works in connection with the Southwestern Telephone Co. of Anson.

Miss Odessa Moon operator here for the past eight months returned to her home at Caddo Sunday.

Dean Robinson attended the marriage of his brother at Meridian, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniels and neice Mrs. Woods sold out their restaurant here and have moved to Weatherford.

The ladies of the M. E. church will serve cream Friday and Saturday afternoon the proceeds of which will go to the church.

H. L. Owens who has been seriously ill is some better.

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mesdames M. A. Campbell and M. T. Mayfield visited Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Tittle of Abilene the past week.

Miss Ruth Crawford of Abilene was the guest of Miss Edwina Shelton the last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Simmons were visitors in Abilene Friday.

Little Miss Elizabeth Gaither is the guest of Mrs. H. Harris of Abilene this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Woodroof and son Don left Friday for Mineral Wells and Waxahachie where they will visit for a few weeks.

Mrs. M. E. Bullion returned to her home at Abilene Friday after visiting Mrs. R. E. Bowles for a few days.

Mrs. E. K. Sorelle and children of Eskota were visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scott Thursday.

Mrs. A. M. Scribner and Granddaughter Miss Lyda Nichols who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hartley returned to their home at Melissa Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Dodd spent Saturday and Sunday with their daughter Mrs. W. E. Gentry of Abilene.

Miss Sallie Anderson of Eskota was the week end guest of Mrs. W. A. Scott.

Elder and Mrs. G. W. Cypert left Thursday for Temple to visit their daughter Mrs. Clyde Raughton.

W. D. Smith of Stanton is here visiting his son Marvin Smith and family. Mr. Smith, an old timer from the Merkel country sees conditions now, prosperous and promising for the Merkel country as they were in times when he was a resident of our country.

S. F. Haynes A Grandfather.

S. F. Haynes of this city received information Sunday telling him of the presentation of twin grandchildren to him by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Isom of near Abilene.

Mrs. Haynes is at Abilene visiting her daughter Mrs. Isom.

Patrons, Everybody!

Be sure to inform me of any schoolastics who were not enrolled in school last term.

So far there is a decrease in the enrollment, get busy.

I want to complete the Rolls this week.

B. D. Black.

Has Spring Fever.

E. P. McMillen has caught a genuine case of spring improvement fever. Having purchased some resident property on Edwards street north of the Crown Hardware building he is making extensive improvements preparatory to moving into the new home. New additions to the property, new coats of paint and general work of beautifying the place is evidence that our furniture dealer has the utmost confidence in our town and country.

Veterinarian.

Dr. C. M. Lindley of Abilene, student of the Southwestern Veterinary College Dallas, Texas, will be in Merkel, May 30th.

W. O. W.

Merkel Camp No. 719 meets second and fourth Friday nights of each month.

W. M. Elliott, C. C. S. Hamilton, Clerk

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Gen. Black and Lieut. Grimes Attacked Cap. Fly with Telling Effect. 4081 Killed and a Great Number Wounded.

Cap. Fly with his infestuous followers have no place in our store; but are swept away by the strong forces of Gen. Black and Lieut. Grimes, like chaf before a cyclone. We positively refuse to allow Cap. Fly and his germ spreading forces to use our goods for foot-mats but offer them to you free from the foot-prints of the fly family; and at the lowest possible price consistent with sound merchandising.

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Notice to School Patrons.

All school patrons having children between the ages of 7 and 17 who are not already enrolled as students here should give me the names and ages of their children at some time during the month of May. This is very important and you should attend to it at once. B. D. Black, Supt. Merkel school.

20 Tons of Maize at Trent.

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- \$3.50 Mens Work Shoes, special price \$3.00
- \$2.50 Mens Work Shoes, special price \$2.25
- \$2.25 Mens Work Shoes, special price \$2.00
- All Ladies Skirts at . . . Half Price
- \$15.00 and 12.50 Suits, special price \$10.00
- 10 & 12 1-2c Ginghams . . . 8 1-2c and 10c
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FOR SALE—A fine ton road. See. Will.

FOR SALE—A fine work horse. Mer.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—New \$15 organ at a bargain! B. B. Throop 213

Dr. McMaster on County Board. The Taylor County Board of Education convened in the office of County Supt. J. J. Smith Monday at which session Dr. O. F. McMaster of Precinct No. 2, was elected to succeed C. Williams as a member of the school board. Mr. Williams has received his commission as postmaster at Merkel and for that reason resigned.

The school board will meet again Monday, June 8, in special session to discuss the rural schools of this county for the school year 1914-1915.

Duck Eggs for Sale. I have a limited supply of Indian Runner Duck eggs for sale. \$1.00 per setting. W. P. Duckett.

For Sale or Exchange. 43 1/2 acres in Hill county for land in Merkel territory. T. L. Grimes.

Notice Hunters and Fishers. No hunters, fishers or swimmers allowed on or about my tank near Merkel or in my pasture adjoining same or passing through my land. Infringers will absolutely be prosecuted.

W. Martin, 814

SUMMER EXCURSION RATES

MAY 15 AND AFTER TO THE NORTH, EAST AND WEST

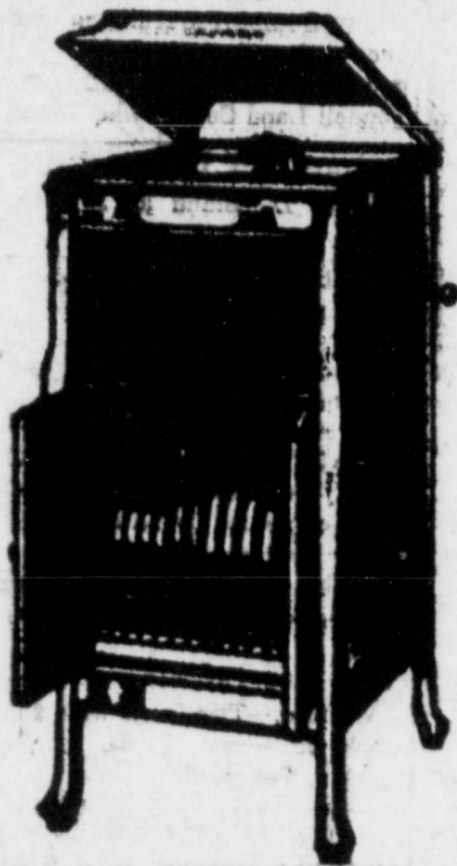
Local Excursion Rates ONE FARE PLUS TEN CENTS EVERY SUNDAY

ROUND TRIP MINERAL WELLS EVERY DAY

For full particulars see T & P or write J. P. BELL, G. D. HUNTER, Gen. Pass. Agt. on Pass. Agt. Texas

\$165-WORTH OF PRIZES FREE-\$165

FIRST PRIZE: \$75 COLUMBIA LEADER GRAFONOLA



This Beautiful Machine will be given absolutely free together with One Dozen Double Disc Columbia Records to some Young Lady of Merkel Trade Territory, to the one who receives the largest number of votes in

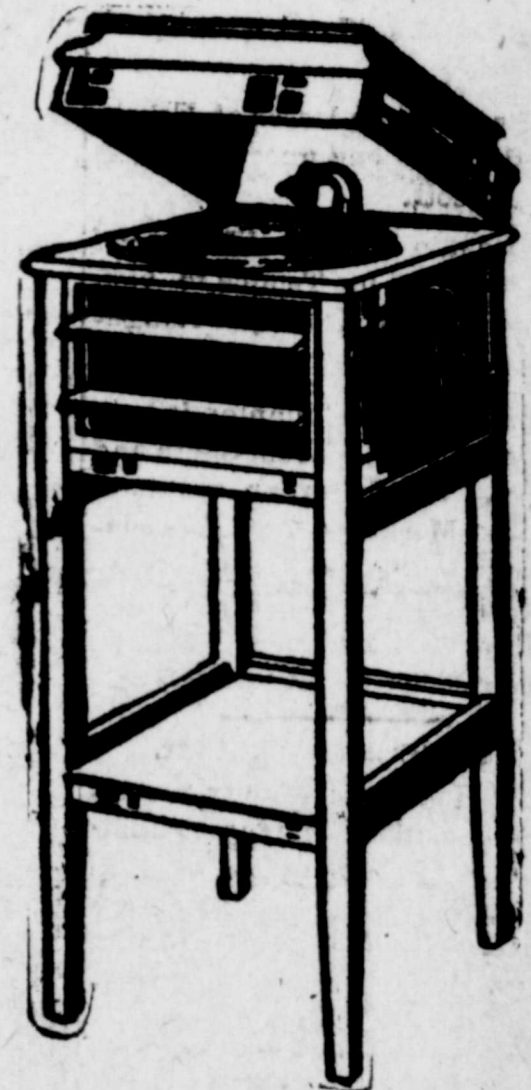
THE MERKEL MAIL VOTING CONTEST

Votes will be given with each years subscription to the Mail. Votes given according to following table.

1 years Subscription to the Mail \$1.00 100 VOTES	3 years Subscription to the Mail \$2.75 500 VOTES
2 years Subscription to the Mail \$1.90 200 VOTES	4 years Subscription to the Mail \$3.65 1000 VOTES
5 years Subscription to the Mail \$4.50; and 5000 Votes	

SECOND PRIZE: \$50 COLUMBIA GRAPHOPHONE

The same machine as the first prize Leader Grafonola only it has no cabinet for records, with this second prize machine one half dozen free Columbia Double Disc Records will be given to the winner.
MACHINES ON DISPLAY AT THE ELITE CONFECTIONERY

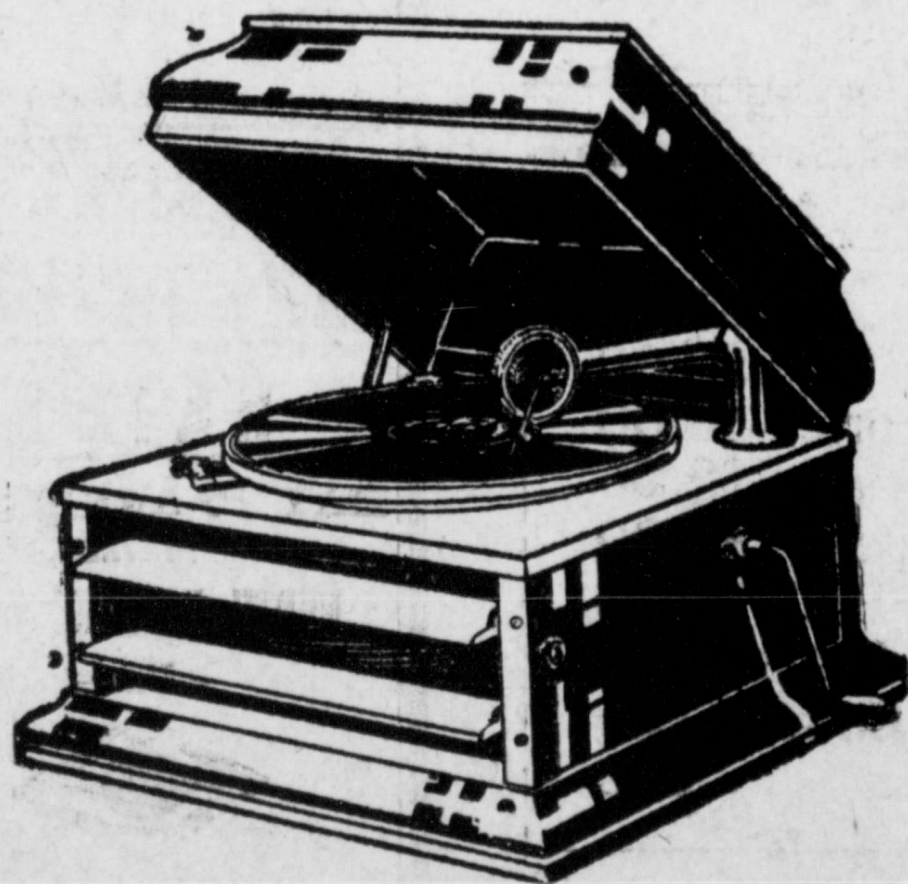


CONTEST IS OPEN NOW--CLOSES AUGUST 1 1914

Cast Your Votes in Box at the Elite Confectionery

Standing of all contestants will be published each week in the Merkel Mail. For this reason each contestant should file all subscriptions they score each week. Subscriptions received at our office will be credited in votes to the subscribers choice among the contestants.

THIRD PRIZE: \$25 ECLIPSE GRAPHOPHONE & 1 DOZEN RECORDS



This machine has the same Reproducing Qualities as the higher priced machine.

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Here is an opportunity to get a \$75.00 Columbia Grafonola Free, Clip this Coupon today and mail it to the Merkel Mail.

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