

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## LIGHTNING KILLS ABILENE GIRL

Lightning struck the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Emmons on peach street in Abilene Monday morning at 8:13 and instantly killed their daughter Miss Mary age 14.

According to Monday's Abilene Reporter a hole was torn in the roof of the house by the bolt and several peculiar feats performed by the lightning. The electric wiring in the house was torn from the walls and the insulation burned from the wires. Miss Emmons at the time the bolt struck had just returned from the yard with a pet rabbit and was holding same in her lap, having placed a feather pillow between herself and her sister who was sitting with her on a skirt box. The lightning only stunned her sister and apparently did not effect the rabbit. The father of the dead girl was highly shocked by the bolt and rendered temporarily if not permanently deaf in one ear by the lightning. The house was set on fire, it being necessary to call out the fire department to extinguish the flames.

As soon as those who were with Miss Emmons notices her lifeless condition, medical aid was called but it was found that death resulted instantaneous.

### "The Noiseless Pullman."

"The Texas & Pacific is to be heartily commended for initiating this movement for 'noiseless Pullmans'", remarks the Evening Journal of Dallas, in commenting editorially upon recent orders given to trainmen that they talk and give orders in a low voice in and around sleeping cars at night and that engineers and switchmen make as little noise as possible so that patrons might enjoy rest while on trains.

These orders have been given on all parts of the road, and there has been a large influx of expressions of approval from the traveling public, indicating that the passenger department has taken another step in the right direction in behalf of patrons.

### Maize Header a Success.

W. A. Cozart, inventor of the Cozart Maize Header was in town Tuesday and Wednesday, being kept from demonstration work with his machine by the recent rains. The working model Mr. Cozart has in the Baird country is pronounced a complete success and will cut from 18 to 26 acres of maize per day with all the stems at an even length even though the height of the stalk may vary from three feet or less up.

It is now the intentions of Mr. Cozart to have some demonstration work done in the Merkel country before the machine is shipped north where the model will be used in the manufacture of machines for the market.

### Motorcycle For Sale.

A good motorcycle for sale. Apply to J. W. Daniel.

### "The Lights O'London."

### Judicial Convention Called.

I. G. Fisk, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of the 42nd Judicial District of Texas, do hereby call a convention of said district to meet in Cisco, Eastland county Texas, on Saturday the 22nd day of August, 1914, at two o'clock p. m. for the purpose of nominating a Democratic candidate for the office of District Attorney of said district, and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before said convention.

G. FISK, Chairman.  
Cisco, Texas,  
August 10, 1914.

### At the Presbyterian Church.

The Revival is in progress at the Presbyterian church of Merkel, the preaching by Rev. S. D. Crouch is being very much enjoyed, the music with Mr. Wood-J. Rogers as director is excellent. The attendance is very gratifying considering the weather conditions, and is growing. The interest so far is very encouraging. Let every one who can attend these services at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m., song service to continue until 8:30, come, you are welcome. Let every member of the Sunday School be present at the 10 o'clock hour Sunday. Pastor

## BIG LOG ROLLING ABILENE AUG. 27-8

At an important session of the executive committee of the West Texas Log Rolling Association several committees were appointed in connection with the big log rolling which will be given here August 27-28. Among other things developing at the session was the advisability of having a barbecue on each of the two days. It was decided that this would be made possible through the cooperation of the people of Abilene who are asked to donate such sums as they can. If sufficient funds can be secured there will in all likelihood be a barbecue on both days. It was also arranged to have magnificent pageant down the main streets of Abilene on the first day of the log rolling, which will have a brass band or so, several beautiful and well decorated floats and other vehicle attractions as will add to the impressiveness of the occasion.

It has also been arranged to have a great free dance at one of the halls at the Central West Texas Fair Grounds, and the log rollers will furnish the music free for the occasion. Everything will be free to the woodchoppers and in anticipation of this many are expected to come.

The following are the committees which have been appointed for the occasion:

Waiting on Tables—Cort Donnel.  
Parade—S. L. Ralph.  
Police—Abe Price.  
Race—J. P. Wooten.  
Cutting Meat—P. O. Forbus.  
Cold Drink Stand—C. E. Cog-gins.  
Reception—W. P. Mahaffey.—Abilene Reporter.

## RAIN FOR THE YEAR

Precipitation has been five and half inches this month.

### 19.68 IN. RAINFALL TO-DATE

11.31 inches Rainfall to-date this time last year against 6.53 inches for the same time during 1912.

The rainfall in the Merkel country during the present year stands out against that of the past three years in total number of inches to-date and a greater amount has fallen during the present year by twice the number of inches the Merkel country received during the entire year of 1912. The correct amount of rainfall for August this year up to Wednesday at 10 o'clock was 5.76 inches.

The rainfall for each month during 1912, 1913 and the present year up to date is as follows:

Month	1912	1913	1914
January		.32	
February	1.00	.50	.10
March	.50	1.48	.58
April	.80	2.13	4.40
May	1.10	4.67	7.81
June	1.90	1.28	.83
July	.48	.33	.20
August	.75	.70	5.76
September	.12	5.35	
October	1.27	5.60	
November	.50	4.40	
December	1.50	2.40	

Total 6.92 29.16  
Total to-date 19.68

### Bad Horse Here Saturday.

Pitching "Blue Jay" a well built horse that created a history for himself at the Corn Exposition in Dallas several months ago by his ability to dislodge practically all the professional riders who tried to "top him" will be seen at Merkel tomorrow (Saturday) at 3 o'clock.

Rapp Greene a local rider of some fame is going to give Blue Jay a trail and promises to ride the horse without scratching leather. Having witnessed a scene wherein Blue Jay was almost successful in throwing one, Marion Humphries at Merkel some three months ago we expect to see Rapp get his next Saturday evening when he says "Let'er go." However we believe that of any rider in this section of the country Rapp will come as near riding Blue Jay as the "next one" and we sincerely hope he stays seated through the entire performance. "Bring on your horse."

Made at the Elite and served fresh—all kinds of candy.

J. T. Browning of Anson came in the first of this week and is a prospective new citizen for our town. His wife is supposed to join him here as soon as Mr. Browning secures a suitable location.

Dr. J. H. Warnick was in Abilene Tuesday attending the Taylor County Medical Association. He reports the meeting a very interesting one and many of the Taylor county representatives present at the gathering.

### "The Lights O'London."

### Popular Cattleman Dead.

A clipping from the Douglas Daily Dispatch of last week contained news of the death of "Babe" Thornton who is characterized as "The most popular Cattleman of Arizona".

"Babe" Thornton as he was known among his friends was reared in Bell county of this state and for a number of years made his home south of Merkel on Spring creek where he was employed by the Johnson-Plaster cattle company. This was in the year '79 to the old timers. The death of the well known cowmen way due to pneumonia of which he suffered for only a few days.

### Restaurant Changes Management.

A deal was made Wednesday morning by which Ocie and Otice Burns became the owners and proprietors of the new O. K.

The new manager of the place, Ocie Burns, well known to the Merkel people call attention to their ad in this weeks issue of the Mail.

### Attend I. O. O. F. Association.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Duckett, Geo. M. Cauthen and Ben Walters left Tuesday night for Cisco to attend the West Texas Association of I. O. O. F. The association held in session Wednesday and Thursday.

## MRS. MORRIS OF ALBANY IS DEAD

Mrs. Walter L. Morris, wife of District Attorney Walter L. Morris, of this, the 42nd Judicial District, shot and seriously injured herself at 4:15 Sunday afternoon in an outhouse at their home at Albany, following an illness of several years. At noon Monday she was still alive, and some hope was held out by her attending physicians for her life.

According to information received at this office she had just returned from Mineral Wells, where she had gone in the hope of benefiting her health. Mr. Morris and his daughter and others were in the house. They heard a shot ring out, that, apparently came from an outhouse. Mr. Morris made an investigation. As he was going out the door another shot rang out. He discovered that his wife was shot. She was immediately given medical attention by local physicians.

Dr. Bunkley of Stamford, and other attending physicians administered unto her. The bullet passed just over the heart and lung. She had been sick for about 10 or 12 years. She has a daughter Miss Vivian, aged 14, and her husband.

Among those who were at the bedside Sunday night were her mother, Mrs. W. H. Duval, and her sister, Miss Juanita Duval, of Mineral Wells, and the Morris family. She has several other sisters living in various parts of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Morris have been married for about sixteen years.—Abilene Reporter.

News from Abilene Tuesday told of the death of Mrs. Morris as result of her death.

## POST OFFICE TO OPEN ON SUNDAY

Postmaster H. C. Williams takes a new step in extending accommodations to the public on Sunday delivery of Mail and will open the general delivery window at 8 o'clock for a thirty minute period.

This will give the patrons of the office an opportunity to get Mail of Sunday who heretofore have had to wait until Monday morning. According to the post office regulations the Postmaster is not required to open the general delivery window on Sunday but for the accommodation of the public Mr. Williams has inaugurated this new move only for the Merkel people's accommodation who have no post office boxes. Remember the time 8 to 8:30 each Sunday morning.

### Leaves for Washington.

O. J. Adcock left Friday night for Washington, D. C. when he is delegated to attend the National Convention of Rural Letter Carriers.

Mr. Adcock stated that an audience with President Wilson was promised the delegates at the State meeting recently held at College Station, but believes that such will now be stricken from the program owing to the recent death of Mrs. Wilson.

### Thrasher For Sale.

One Peerless thrashing outfit and thrashing machine complete, ready for use. Used only a short time, and will sell cheap.

Ed. S. Hughes Co.  
Abilene, Texas.

### Mrs. Seago Dead.

News has reached the Mail office of the death of Mrs. Seago of Noodle who has been sick for some time, other particulars could not be obtained at the time.

R. O. Anderson, cashier of the Farmers State Bank left for Dallas Tuesday night on a short business trip.

R. A. Reagon of Route 2 reported a five inch rain at his home near the Sears ranch Tuesday morning. The downpour was so heavy for awhile that all branches in that section were bank full and the surface tanks on the J. M. Williamson place, on the Sears ranch and on his place were broken by the overflow. No serious damage was done to the crops however.

Miss Dixie Canada enroute from her home at Big Springs to Abilene where she is attending school spent Saturday and Sunday with her brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Canada.

Miss Mamie Moore is visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Scales of Abilene this week.

Miss Fannie May Winn of Nertens is the guest of Miss Willie Coats.

Miss Alice Reid of Winters is visiting her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Eoff.

### "The Lights O'London."



**GIVE  
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**A MAN NEEDED MONEY BADLY ONE DAY; HIS WIFE ASKED HIM—HOW MUCH; HE TOLD HER; SHE WROTE HIM A CHECK FOR THE AMOUNT. SHE HAD PUT MONEY IN THE BANK, AND SAVED HER HUSBAND FROM BUSINESS FAILURE.**

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Make OUR bank YOUR bank.

**THE FARMERS STATE BANK**  
MERKEL, TEXAS

## FIRE CHIEF TAKES INTEREST IN TOWN

That Chief Ferrier of the local fire department is interested in saving the Merkel people insurance premiums is indicated by a letter to him from the State Fire Insurance Commission office in reply to his inquire of why Merkel had not received a reduction in the KEY RATE after having a horse drawn hose, hook and ladder wagon added to the fire equipment.

Austin, Texas, Aug. 11, 1914.  
Mr. F. J. Ferrier, Chief,  
Fire Department,  
Merkel, Texas.

Dear Sir:

### KEY RATE

In reply to your favor of the 8th instant, we beg to advise that your city has been listed for a reinspection, and we expect to have a representative in your vicinity at an early date, at which time a reinspection will be made of the fire protection of your city, and credit allowed for all improvements which have been made, and key rate reduction promulgated. Yours truly,

A. H. Haynes,  
Secretary.

Chief Ferrier took the matter up with the State Insurance Office after repeated attempts to have the proposition investigated through other channels, and we believe that the Merkel people will get a reduction in their insurance premiums before very long.

W. R. Bigham made a quick trade with H. M. Warren Saturday afternoon and became the owner of a new Ford 5 passenger car as the result of same. The deliver was made after business hours Saturday night and Mr. Bigham departed the following morning for the west without having had an opportunity to use same. He will return soon however and start the thinks humming around town.

Monogram and fancy box stationary at Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kerbo and son John of Fulbright are here this week visiting T. R. Lassiter and family. They were accompanied here by Mr. and Mrs. Will Tucker also of Fulbright who are visiting the latters parents Mr. and Mrs. Lassiter. Both of the families from Fulbright made the trips over the country in their cars and are highly pleased with the conditions of the Merkel country.

## DECREASING IN EFFICIENCY?

In the opinion of several heads of higher institutions of learning in the State, the graduate of the average high school in Texas today is not so well prepared to take advantage of a college education as was the graduate of the average high school in Texas fifteen years ago.

Professor Thomas Fletcher, who inspects for the University of Texas, has concluded, after interviewing the heads of various colleges and universities in Texas, that the training given in a great number of high schools in the State has deteriorated in the last fifteen years. In speaking of the causes of this deterioration, Prof. Fletcher says that the chief reason is the over-expansion of the high school programs of study, resulting in the overtaxing of both teachers and students. With a view to correcting this evil, the questions arise of how many classes a teacher can teach with a maximum of efficiency under given conditions, and how many recitations a day can the average high school student attend with profit? The practice in sixteen high schools in Texas was examined and it was found that eight of them require students to carry four subjects at a time.

The Springfield (Mass.) High School requires a minimum of three recitations per day; the St. Louis High School, four; the New York High Schools, the same. The Iowa Board of Education requires of its accredited list of schools that not more than four recitations be allowed per day. In short, the overwhelming verdict of pedagogical authority in the United States would limit the number of recitations per day per pupil to four. The trend is toward a less number.

Now, let us see what the practice is in this regard in 143 high schools of the rank and file in Texas. In thirty-eight of these schools pupils recite four times a day; in ninety, five times a day; in fifteen, six or more times a day; so, in the large majority of the ordinary high schools of the State the practice is against the great weight of reliable authority—the practice of over-burdening the pupils with work.

### Not so Strange After All.

You may think it strange that so many people are cured of stomach trouble by Chamberlain's Tablets. You would not, however, if you should give them a trial. They strengthen and invigorate the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Mrs. Rosie Rish, Wabash, Ind., writes, "Nothing did me the least good until I began using Chamberlain's Tablets. It is decidedly the best medicine for stomach trouble I have ever used." For sale by all dealers.

**Dr. King's New Life Pills**  
The best in the world.

Oakly's Sandlewood Toilet water at Burroughs.

Mrs. Courtney Hunt and children of Haskell who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Comery returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Magnes and children of Dallas were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groene.

Special price on Singer sewing machines, the best machines on earth. Sold on one, two and three years time without interest.  
E. D. Coats.

F. R. Wheeler and daughters Misses Dora and Blanche who have been visiting the formers brother B. N. Wheeler of Noodle left for their home at Eastland. They were accompanied home by Miss Rose Wheeler who will visit with her cousins for a while.

Rev and Mrs. Garland Shell of Winters are here attending the meeting and visiting the latters sister Mrs. H. E. Bullock.

All standard magazines at Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reid left Wednesday for Electra to visit relatives they have in that country. They will be away from home for about two weeks.

Order Alta Vista fancy Ice Cream and Ices for your social affairs.  
Burroughs.

Dr. and Mrs. Largent of Mc Kinney were here this week visiting the formers brother C. M. Largent and family.

Try "Massatta" the sweetest talcum on earth at Burroughs.

J. F. Tipton left for Putnam Wednesday to look after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Killen of Hope Ark., were here from Saturday of last week until Wednesday of this week visiting with the formers uncle J. W. Wheeler of this city.

Hat brushes, nail brushes, in fact any kind of brush you need at Burroughs.

Let Burroughs figure with you on your paints and oils.

**HEAL IT WITH  
Bucklen's  
THE ONLY GENUINE  
Arnica Salve**  
KEEPS FLESH IN TONE  
FROM SKIN TO BONE.  
Heals Everything Healable. Burns,  
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## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Clifford Westenhouwer a former Merkel boy returned to Merkel for good Thursday morning from Shreveport, La., where he has been living for the past few years.

**See N. D. Cobb for Tombstones and Monuments.**

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Thornton left Wednesday night for Waco where they go to attend the bedside of Mrs. Thornton's sister Miss Fort Smith. Shortly before leaving Merkel Wednesday night Mrs. Thornton received a message from Waco stating that her sister could not live through the night.

You can't tell which is the best the apple or grape cider. Both on sale at the Elite Confectionery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Farmer and little daughter of Fort Worth who have been visiting Mrs. Farmers parents Mr. and Mr. T. W. Ferguson left Sunday night for their home.

The Elite home-made candies. Try them.

Pure apple and grape cider always on tap. The Elite Confectionery.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Farmer and little son of Aledo who have been visiting Mrs. Farmers parents Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ferguson left Sunday night for their home.

**1 free cigar to the first 100 men who enter the Elite Confectionery after 8 o'clock Saturday evening.**

Mrs. C. E. Whitaker is visiting her mother Mrs. G. W. Hawkins of Dora.

A. J. Crouch and daughter Miss Joe of Eskota were in Merkel Tuesday visiting friends and shopping.

**1 free cigar to the first 100 men who enter the Elite Confectionery after 8 o'clock Saturday evening.**

Mrs. Minnie McClure of Blackwell is visiting her uncle C. E. Whitaker and family this week.

Miss Christain of Bowling Green, Ky. and Mr. J. Winters and sister Laura were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst the latter part of last week.

**1 free cigar to the first 100 men who enter the Elite Confectionery after 8 o'clock Saturday evening.**

Mrs. Eugene Hargrove and baby have returned to their home at Dallas after a visit with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

**"The Lights O'London."**

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst and son Roy and Mrs. E. Cordill of Nubia motored to Truby Sunday to hear Elder Warlick preach.

Eastman kodaks and supplies at the Rexall Drug Store.

Mrs. Ernest Woodroof and children who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Woodroof returned to their home at Waxahachie Sunday.

I carry a complete line of fresh drugs at all times. See me for your wants. Mrs. E. M. Rust, proprietor, The Rexall Drug Store.

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## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Misses Myrtle and Frances Sublett of Sweetwater are the guests of Miss Jewel Hicks this week.

Miss Ada Raley of Clyde who has been visiting Miss Mattie T. Mann for the past week returned to her home Tuesday morning.

See the new Tango bracelets and mens belt chains at the Rexall Drug Store, Mrs. E. M. Rust, Proprietor.

J. H. Hunter and son Emmitt of Odessa are visiting relatives in our city this week.

Mrs. E. M. McKee who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Arthur Thornton returned to her home at Corsicana Monday.

A few watches to be put on easy payment plan. See Mrs. E. M. Rust at the Rexall Drug Store.

Miss Maggie Lee Clark has returned home from Hereford where she has been the past six weeks visiting friends.

Mrs. J. W. McCollum and daughter Miss Golda, Mrs. J. F. Tate and daughter Flossie and J. O. Wetzel of Comanche are the guests of J. L. Banner and family this week.

Let us powder your face for you. Burroughs.

Mrs. T. Nugent of Dallas and mother Mrs. Clappitt also of Dallas returned to their home Saturday morning after having visited the latter's sister Mrs. A. J. Pike of this city.

Mrs. A. H. Baker of San Jose, Col., who has been in Taylor county during the past few weeks left Saturday after a visit with her husband's parents Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Baker of this place. She will visit her parents at Elm Dale for a short time before her return home.

The House of Quality—J. P. Sharp's.

J. O. Holland of San Antonio came in the first of the week to look after interests of his father's estate and to visit his brother and other relatives he has in this country.

Mr. and Mrs. John Banner came in Monday from Abilene where they visited the latter's father W. N. Moore. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Banner's sister, Miss Moore.

Straw hats are cheaper at J. P. Sharp's.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCreary, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Shriber all of Gateville were in Merkel Saturday on their way to Hamlin country to visit relatives and look at the country. In a talk with Messrs. McCreary and Shriber they seemed to think they had gone far enough west and only for their trip would like to have stayed in Merkel.

Special prices on all Summer laces, embroideries and fancy dress goods. J. P. Sharp.

Mrs. J. R. Lamar left Saturday for Putnam and Baird to visit her daughters Meedames Orr and Tyler respectfully. After her visit there Mrs. Lamar will spend several days in Strawn and Santo before returning home.

Miss Ruth Denton of Tye was here last week visiting her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Roberts. She returned to her home Saturday.

See J. P. Sharp's new line of J. C. C. Corsets.

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GOOD CHURCHES; GOOD PEOPLE;  
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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.

**WHY BUNGLE?**

We educate everything except our souls. We have fingers trained to work, brains to think, imaginations to create, tastes to discriminate, and emotions to enjoy; but our souls remain wretched, ignorant bunglers.

The child is taught to parse and multiply, the apprentice to use saw, plane and lathe, the young lady to play the piano and to speak French; yet their untortured souls are a prey to passions that bewilder them, egotisms that mar them, irritations that disfigure them, impulses that tear them asunder.

Nine-tenth of the heartaches are useless. People do not want to be unhappy or to make others unhappy. They simply are ignorant of the greatest of all arts the art of adjustment.

Married couples become estrayed, all the while meaning well and loving hotly. It is because they drift. They cannot steer their souls. They are helpless children, the plaything of great forces they cannot control.

There are clever families who live from day to day in contention and bitterness; experts in all but the one thing needful—how to get along.

How few of us there are that do the finer spirit-deeds skillfully! We give a deal of heroic self-sacrifice and spoil it all by boasting of complaint. We are kind enough, but our arts of kindness are ruined by the way we perform them.

Our charities irritate us. Our service irks us. Our love torments us. Our patience, loyalty and nobleness tastes bitter.

Come, let us, by persistent self-discipline and careful practice learn to praise spiritual flowers that are not sickly, wormy and sad. For of what use is our goodness if it is not beautiful and refreshing?

Let us cease bungling the greatest thing we do.

Among my acquaintances is a great woman. All around her are the fuming little people. They are irritable; they reek with self-pity; they indulge in the cheap luxury of decrying themselves; they are bored, world weary, they are small boats distressed upon the choppy seas of circumstances.

In the midst of them my friend is a smiling island, a restful oasis, a fountain of cheer, a flagon of sweet wine of courage.

I asked her: "How do you do it? What is your secret?"

"It is nothing," she laughed. "It is a trick. I have learned how to do the unwelcome gracefully.

Look you!

Is it not worth while?

To master the technique of failure, to turn disappointment to amusement, to handle crabbed

natures so that they show their sweetness, to make soured souls conscious of their bit of nobleness, to be an expert in hearts and a virtuoso in human nature, it is not the art of arts?

Why bungle?

The above clipped from the Cosmopolitan of September and contributed by Dr. Frank Crane is the most befitting criticism of the public's greatest fault. We cultivate every resource we have and forget to educate our souls and our awkwardness of this neglect is at times appealing.

**ON TO THE GREAT BEYOND**

Fido found a cannon cracker,  
Fido grabbed it in his mouth;  
Fido's hair turned ten shades blacker,  
Fido's left us headed south.  
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Bridget grabbed the can of coal oil.  
And she pored some on the fire;  
Biddy is no longer with us—  
The poor girl has gone up high'r.  
—Allentown Democrat

Bruno thought the mule was sleeping,  
And he thought he'd cut a dido.  
And to the mules heels went leaping;  
Now he's 'most caught up with Fido.  
—Houston Post.

Bobby said, "The gun's not loaded,"  
And looked down the tube in jest,  
Pulled the trigger, and went hiking,  
Along with Fido and the rest.  
—Commercial Appeal.

Our old cow stood on the railroad,  
The train hit her an awful hunch,  
Through the air she was seen going,  
And she caught the whole darned bunch.

Handling Merkel's cotton market this fall will be as big a job to Merkel as the care of American Tourists in Europe is to Uncle Sam at the present time, only we will realize more from our investment than will our fond country from their charges.

According to the present prospects Merkel will ship more cotton this year than any town on the Texas & Pacific Ry., between Fort Worth and El Paso. Nothing unusual about that either for it will only be history repeating itself for Merkel has held this distinction during several years of its past record.

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The Lubbock Avalanch says Carranza is the head of the new revolution but Villa is its teeth and claws and while Carranza may be the next president Villa will be the man and the power to either make or unmake him.

**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.

I wish every suffering woman would give

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Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" now from any druggist or department store. End foot torture forever—wear smaller shoes, keep your feet fresh, sweet and happy.

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pointment Sunday.

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To Prevent Blood Poisoning  
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ed services Sunday night.

Is the war in Europe going to inter-  
fere with our future Agricultural Pro-  
ducts, raw material and food market?  
Why? There are 400,000,000 people to  
be in demand of all of this soon. Then  
why I say? Will it not be much better  
for us so long as these United States  
does not fight.

Constipation is the starting point for  
many serious diseases. To be healthy  
keep the bowels active and regular.  
HEKBINE will remove all accumula-  
tions in the bowels and put the system  
in prime condition. Price 50c. Sold by  
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### Salt Branch.

The people of this community are  
wearing a "smile" after this nice rain.

Several of the Salt Branch people  
attended the meeting at Mulberry this  
week.

E. J. Dunlap and C. C. Nance passed  
through Merkel Thursday on their way  
to Loraine from Comanche.

S. W. Taylor is in Loraine on busi-  
ness.

Lester Wheat visited his sister Mrs.  
T. C. Allen of Mulberry this week.

Our protracted meeting began at  
this place Sunday night, Rev. Y. F.  
Walker is conducting the services.  
Everybody is invited to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Carthia Lyles and  
daughter came in Monday from the  
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A jolly crowd took dinner with Mr.  
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Sallow complexion comes from bil-  
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J. M. Dunn, thrasher man of  
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by his machine this season and  
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country feed to thrash as soon as  
he can get around.

### Leaves for Market.

W. Parten, proprietor of the  
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est stock his company has yet  
handled during any season of busi-  
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He departed Saturday for St.  
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While availing myself of the opportunity to write I find that the news this week is of a new kind. Thereport of a splendid meeting is the case with Sunday School. The Superintendent was late Sunday so Mr. Latimer filled the vacancy until the former arrived.

Bonnie Mathews is suffering with a pain which was caused when thrown by a horse. He was riding his horse with a belt around the neck when it became frightened and Mr. Mathews fell off.

Rev. Davis arrived Sunday night to assist Rev. Wilson with the Methodist Revival. Everbody come. There were more than seventy-five people attended services Sunday night.

Is the war in Europe going to interfere with our future Agricultural Products, raw material and food market? Why? There are 400,000,000 people to be in demand of all of this soon. Then why I say? Will it not be much better for us so long as these United States does not fight.

Constipation is the starting point for many serious diseases. To be healthy keep the bowels active and regular. HERBINE will remove all accumulations in the bowels and put the system in prime condition. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### Salt Branch.

The people of this community are wearing a "smile" after this nice rain.

Several of the Salt Branch people attended the meeting at Mulberry this week.

E. J. Dunlap and C. C. Nance passed through Merkel Thursday on their way to Loraine from Comanche.

S. W. Taylor is in Loraine on business.

Lester Wheat visited his sister Mrs. T. C. Allen of Mulberry this week.

Our protracted meeting began at this place Sunday night, Rev. Y. F. Walker is conducting the services. Everybody is invited to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Cartha Lyles and daughter came in Monday from the Plains to visit relatives.

Miss Earline Hester came in Saturday from Louisiana where she has been attending school.

A jolly crowd took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robertson Sunday. Those present were Misses Cora and Alma Hays, Ida Taylor, Messrs. Jones, Willis Taylor and Ollie Higgins.

Sallow complexion comes from bilious impurities in the blood and the fault lies with the liver and bowels—they are torpid. The medicine that gives results in such cases is HERBINE. It is a fine liver stimulant and bowel regulator. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### Much Wheat yet to Thrash.

J. M. Dunn, thrasher man of the Merkel country reports about 40,00 bushels of grain thrashed by his machine this season and according to orders he yet has over 14,000 acres of Merkel country feed to thrash as soon as he can get around.

### Leaves for Market.

W. Parten, proprietor of the Parten Dry Good Co., is in the eastern markets this week with the view of purchasing the largest stock his company has yet handled during any season of business in Merkel.

He departed Saturday for St. Louis via Dallas and other points, expecting to go on to New York to finish purchases before returning home.

### For Sale or Rent.

One concrete block business house across the street from the post-office.

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### To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

House Party Guests of Honor.

H. C. Burroughs, Jr. was host Friday evening to the members of the house party entertained by his sister Miss Frances Burroughs at her home on Rose St. A box party at the Cozy featured the entertainment.

Those present were Misses Trice of Jackson Tenn., Mamie, Clara Will and Emma Dell McNatt of Abilene, Winnie Warren, Pet Sears and Frances Burroughs, Messrs Homer L. Easterwood, Luther Grimes, Parker Sharp, Taylor Jennings, John West, Roy Bradley of Abilene, H. C. Burroughs, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs.

After the show at the Cozy the party was entertained at the Royal Airdome by Messrs Sharp and Easterwood this was followed by a watermelon feast which was enjoyed at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs. Saturday evening Mr. Roy Bradley of Abilene gave the crowd a box party at the Cozy followed by a visit to the Royal Airdome in which Luther Grimes was host.

Sunday Messrs Roy Asken and John Ray of Abilene and Flake Williams of Dallas joined the party and accompanied the young ladies back to Abilene.

Harrell-Higgins.

News has reached the Mail office of the marriage of Mr. Roy Harrell and Miss Gardia Higgins at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Higgins Sunday evening at four o'clock. Rev. S. W. H. Busby officiating.

Those present to witness the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Will Higgins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Higgins, close relatives of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. Harrell, parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson, Lester Wheat and Lee Harrell. A bountiful supper was spread for those present. Both the contracting parties are well known in the Merkel country and are members of prominent families in the Salt Branch community. The Mail joins their many friends in extending congratulations.

A delightful surprise was given to Ira Shaffer Friday evening when a number of his friends met at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Shaffer on Oak St. to help celebrate his 21st birthday. All heartily joined in congratulations when his parents presented their gift to him which was the deed to one hundred acres of land. Progressive "42" was played. The party hours were from 8:30 to 10:30. Miss Ezma Allday assisted Mrs. Shaffer in serving cream and cake. The guests were Misses Ezma Allday, Emma Mae Mashburn, Lizzie Mae and Bernidene Freeman, Jewel Pate, Mattie T. Mann, Ruth Merritt, Lulu and Ola Sharp, Eva Calvert; Bernice Rainbolt, Ona Hamblett, Mamie McNeese and Ada Raley of Clyde, Messrs Noel Moore, Robert Rainbolt, Jno. T. Morgan, Ben T. Merritt, Rufus and Ulyssus McNeese, Ollie and Ira Shaffer.

Mrs. J. G. Jackson entertained with a house party at her home on Oak St. this week. The out of town guests being chums and schoolmates. They were Mrs. M. B. Hanks and Mrs. Len Faucett, City Society editors of the Abilene Reporter and Mrs. Arch Wood of San Antonio and little Miss Elizabeth Faucett. The entertainments were very informal on account of the inclemency of the weather.

The Baptist Philathea class met with Miss Winnie Warren at her home on Rose St. Thursday afternoon of last week for its regular social meeting. New patterns of embroidery and crochet were taught and learned for about three hours. The hostess then served delicious peach cream to following: Mrs. W. A. Scott (Teacher) Misses Dovie and Dollie Teaff, May Lassiter, Sadie and Annie Collins, Evelyn Gaddy, Frances Burroughs, Lulu Sharp, Beulah Garrett, Nell Tracy, Irene Swann, Louise Scott and Louise Warren. Mrs. E. H. Harrison and Mrs. Earl Lassiter.

On Thursday afternoon Aug. 6th little Miss Maude Highsmith of Terrel was given a birthday party at the home of Misses Maude and Minnie Ferguson. The little guest of honor was five years old and greatly enjoyed having her

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little friends present. Cream and watermelons were served to little Misses Roxie and Nellie Sharp, Irene Robertson, Delphine Moore, Ruth Britian, Winne and Eva Carr, and master W. A. Throop. The party hours were from 3 to 5 o'clock.

### The Case of L. L. Cantelou.

The case of L. L. Cantelou. Clarendon, Texas is to that of many others who have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He says, "After trying a doctor for several months, and using different kinds of medicine for my wife who had been troubled with severe bowel complaint for several months, I bought a 25c bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using the second bottle she was entirely cured." For sale by all dealers.

### Real Estate Transfers.

- M. L. Hay et Ux to J. T. Evans S. W. 1/4 Sec. 11 B. A. land, \$3000.00.
- T. C. Weir, Sheriff, to I. H. Yates a part of Block 2 College Heights addition to Merkel, \$50.00.
- Levi W. Norcross to E. R. Norcross Lot 15 Block 162 Abilene, \$100.00
- Geo Clayton to B. J. Clayton et al a 1-9 interest in Lot 16 Block 11 Abilene \$1800.00.
- J. T. Evans to M. L. Hay Lot 5 of Sub. of Sec. 33 B. A. land \$1500.00.
- J. T. Evans to M. L. Hay Lot 6 of Sub. of Sec. 33 B. A. Land \$1500.00.
- N. E. Muir et Ux to H. J. Bass et al Lots 11 and 12 of Block "F" of Sub. of out-lot 1 Block 200 and Lot 1 Sub. of Outlot 1 Block 148 and Lot 8 of Block "A" Hughes Sub. of Lot 4 Block 204 Abilene, \$4500.00.
- H. A. Stegall et Ux to J. K. Marrs Lot 2 Block 17 Central Park Addition to Abilene \$2000.00 and other considerations.
- G. M. Caithen et Ux to A. E. Collins Lots 4, 5, and 6 Block "Mi" Boyce 2nd addition to Merkel, \$300.00 and other considerations.

### The Twenty Year Test.

"Some twenty years ago I used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes Geo. W. Brock, publisher of the Enterprise, Aberdeen Md., "I discovered that it was a quick and safe cure for diarrhoea. Since then no one can sell me anything said to be 'just as good.' During all these years I have used it and recommended it many times, and it has never disappointed anyone." For Sale by all dealers.

### IF HAIR IS TURNING GRAY, USE SAGE TEA

Don't look old! Try Grandmother's recipe to darken and beautify faded, lifeless hair.

That beautiful, even shade of dark, glossy hair can only be had by brewing a mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Your hair is your charm. It makes or mars the face. When it fades, turns gray, streaked and looks dry, wispy and scraggly, just an application or two of Sage and Sulphur enhances its appearance a hundredfold.

Don't bother to prepare the tonic; you can get from any drug store a 50 cent bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," ready to use. This can always be depended upon to bring back the natural color, thickness and lustre of your hair and remove dandruff, stop scalp itching and falling hair.

Everybody uses "Wyeth's" Sage and Sulphur because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied. You simply dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through the hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair has disappeared, and after another application it becomes beautifully dark and appears glossy, lustrous and abundant.

Mrs. Stella Williams and children returned to their home near Clyde Tuesday morning after a few days visit with the formers parents Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchins.

### Granulated Sore Eyes Cured.

"For twenty years I suffered from a bad case of granulated sore eyes, says Martin Boyd of Henrietta, Ky. "In February, 1904, a gentleman asked me to try Chamberlain's Salve. I bought one box and used about two-thirds of it and my eyes have not given me any trouble since." This salve is for sale by all dealers.

Miss Leila Nesbit enroute from Jacksboro, where she visited her sister Mrs. Stella Cotton, to her home at Fluvanna is spending a few days with her sister Mrs. Carl Evans.

### Stop That Rheumatism.

Get a bottle of Hunt's Lightning Oil. This is the remedy that everyone is talking about because it stops the pain so quickly. For neuralgia and headaches there is nothing better. Ask your druggist.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M.

We your Committee, appointed to draft resolutions on the death of our deceased Brother, W. H. Hawkins, who departed this life July 8, 1914, respectfully submit the following:

The "Great Artificer of the Universe" has seen fit to again visit our "Mystic Circle", and to remove Brother Hawkins from our midst, and with humble submission we bow to the Will of our Supreme Grand Master. Brother Hawkins was beloved by all who knew him; he always stood for what he thought right, and in no uncertain terms condemned what he believed to be wrong. He was a wise counsellor, and a man of undaunted courage and integrity. He was a philanthropist, and a humanitarian and never faltered in his duty. We would do well to emulate the many virtues that adorned his life, and made him a credit to our beloved institution.

Therefore be it resolved: First: That in the death of Brother Hawkins, Merkel Lodge has lost an enthusiastic and devoted member, the loss of whom we greatly deplore. Second: That we extend to the family and relatives of our deceased brother our sincere and heartfelt sympathy, and pray Heaven's blessing on the daughter who survives him, and who has so faithfully and lovingly administered to his every comfort during his long affliction. Third: That these resolutions be spread upon the Minutes, and a copy sent to the family of our deceased Brother, and that the local newspaper be requested to publish same.

Respectfully Submitted, Committee, N. D. Cobb, J. L. Harris, W. N. Hall.

Mrs. D. C. Hutcheson left Saturday for Arlington to visit her husbands brother Dr. G. M. Hutcheson and from there she will go to Dallas to visit her brother W. R. Dean.

### BIG SURPRISE TO MANY IN THIS TOWN

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**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.

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The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any reliable pharmacy and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

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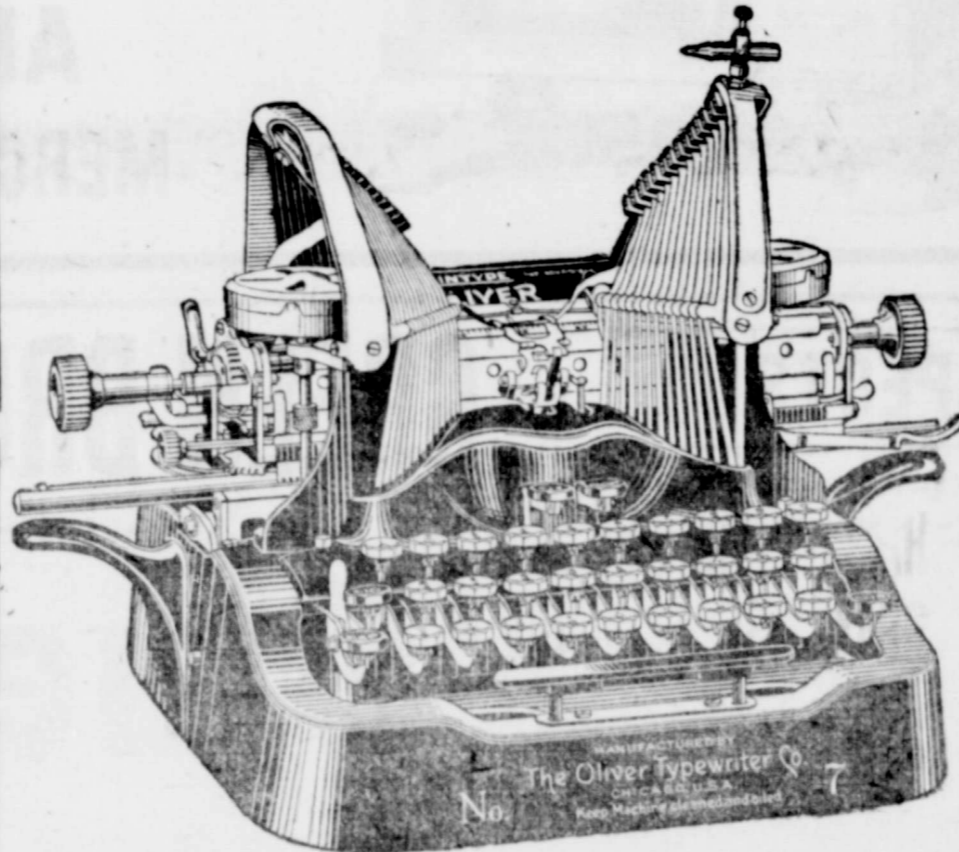
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Some years ago, while visiting a town in North Texas, a former President of the University of Texas went into a barber shop to get a shave. Becoming attracted by the ruddy-faced, pleasant mannered young barber who waited on him, he fell into a conversation with him, in the course of which he inquired if he would not like to go to college. The young man replied, "One of the ambitions of my life is to become a college graduate. I see little hope of it now, for I have a mother to support and, besides, I am paying the expenses of a sister who is away at school. They are both entirely dependent upon me and I must work to support them." "If you will come to the University of Texas," replied the President, "I will let you have a room at Breckenridge Hall for your shop. I believe you can go to the University and still make as much as you can in this small town."

The young man thought over the proposition carefully and finally decided he would make the attempt. When October came he shipped his barber's outfit to Austin, fitted up an attractive shop in the boys' dormitory, took his examinations for admission to the University, and went to work. His shop became so popular that during the second year another barber who had a shop near the campus, saw the advantage of having a student barber connected with his business. The young man therefore moved his chair, where he worked short hours and received greater pay. After four years he graduated with honors. Meanwhile, a friend who had money became interested in him and helped him through Rush Medical College of Chicago. The young man is now happily married, a successful practicing physician, and a strong force for good in the community in which he lives.

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**THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING**

Mr. E. V. White, formerly chief clerk of the State Department of Education, and now an assistant in the Department of Extension in the University of Texas, in one of his recent trips met some of the principal characters in the following story: A certain community had voted the limit of school tax. The opposition, which was bitter and uncompromising, was led by a certain old bachelor, who argued with caustic words that it was wrong in principle to tax him to educate other men's children.

The school, however, still had insufficient funds, and the next year the ingenious school ma'am, a lady of good looks and keen intelligence, hit upon the plan of giving a "box-supper," the proceeds of which were to be used in purchasing school furniture. Each young lady of the community contributed a cake. Each cake was to be sold at auction to the highest bidder, and the successful bidder, if an unmarried man, was awarded the privilege of escorting home the young lady whose cake he purchased. Interest in the contest was further increased by selling votes to determine the best cake and the most popular young lady.

Meanwhile the bachelor who had opposed the tax had been finding the pretty school ma'am mighty attractive; and as his infatuation grew his hostility to the school tax became more and more feeble. The night of the box-supper arrived and the cakes were auctioned off, the one the pretty teacher had made netting the goodly sum of \$80.00. It was knocked down to the now reckless bachelor at that price. And with the cake he had won the right to see his lady home,—probably the most expensive stroll the gentleman ever took; for the teacher's home was only a scant hundred yards from the school house. The box-supper netted \$159.00. The stroll netted nothing but experience, for the next year the young lady accepted a school in another section, the bachelor is yet unmarried, and a vicious school tax is still swelled by a yearly contribution unjustly assessed on a childless man.

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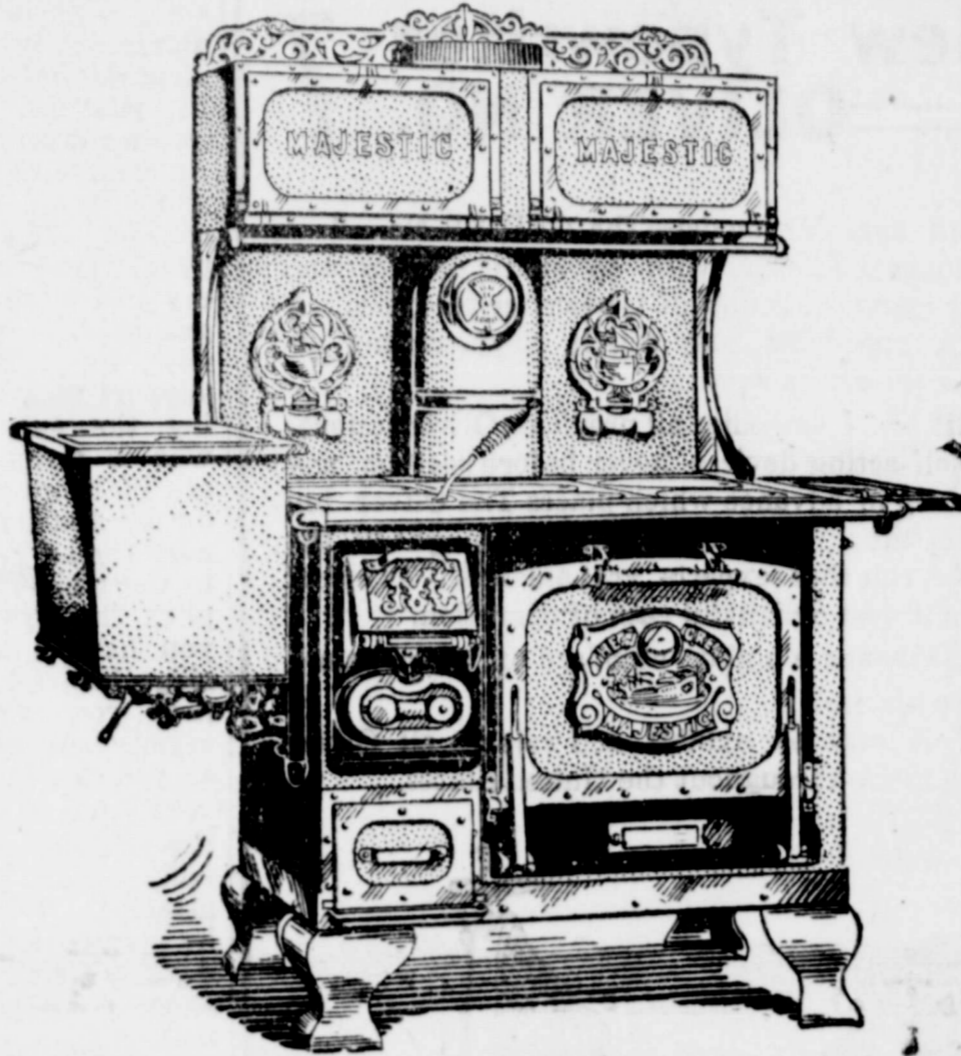
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## MERKEL COUNTRY PROSPECTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cross re-  
turned home Tuesday from a two  
months visit with relatives and  
friends in Austin, Georgetown,  
Temple, Gatesville and other  
points in that section of the state.  
Mr. Cross paid the Mail office a  
visit Wednesday and was "puffed  
up considerably" over the bum-  
per crop condition of the Merkel  
country, stating that the Merkel  
country was the country for all  
people, and while he saw some  
good country in his travels none  
of it appealed to him as does our  
immediate section. Two things  
he looked forward to while in the  
east was the cool breeze of the  
West Texas and the Merkel Mail  
each week. The first he could  
not get and the latter he had to  
walk a mile every week while in  
Austin to read I. N. Taylor's pa-  
per.

A. C. Lyles and Jim Bridges  
were in town Wednesday having  
just returned from the Roby  
country where they visited their  
"kinfolks" as they termed it.  
Both Mr. Lyles and Mr. Bridges  
state the crops in Roby and Syl-  
vester country are exceedingly  
fine.

H. M. Rainbolt departed Wed-  
nesday to attend the West Texas  
I. O. O. F. Association at Cisco  
and before leaving gave some  
facts concerning feed stuff al-  
ready harvested on his farm this  
year. On 35 acres of maize Mr.  
Rainbolt stated that he has stored  
70 large wagon loads of feed a  
large portion of which will aver-  
age one ton per load conserva-  
tively he places his crop off the  
35 acres at 60 tons all harvested  
and store before the rains came,  
in cutting the feed 15 hands were  
used. He also has about 15 tons  
of good sorghum stacked in good  
shape in the field. On cotton  
prospects Mr. Rainbolt states  
that he believes a crop of one  
half bale to the acre is already  
produced and nothing short of a  
quick calamity will hurt this.

T. E. Whitlow of Bell Falls  
came in Tuesday afternoon to in-  
spect a farm he has in the Shiloh  
country and to visit his old friend  
A. C. Boney.

B. N. Wheeler who lives west  
of Noodle was in Merkel Wed-  
nesday. In a talk for the press  
he states that his feed crop is the  
best he has had in years and  
gives the country in general cred-  
it with having the largest feed  
crop the Merkel country has ever  
raised. Mr. Wheeler has always  
been in advocate of more feed  
and less cotton and diversifica-  
tion of farming in general. His  
cotton, about 30 acres is fine ac-  
cording to his statement.

J. M. Williamson of Route 2 was  
in Merkel Tuesday reporting one  
of the largest rains in his section  
of the country that has fallen  
there in some time. He estimates  
the precipitation at about four  
inches during Monday and Tues-  
day, most of which fell Monday  
night and early Tuesday morning.  
Some damage was sustained as a  
result of same to his water supply  
but little damage was done to his  
growing crops.

S. M. Reeves of Ellis county  
was marooned in Merkel during  
the week. His son not being able  
to drive their car here from Trent  
on account of high water. While  
here Mr. Reeves took occasion to  
look over some of the Merkel  
country and was highly pleased  
with same his business here be-  
ing on a prospecting tour.

T. L. Stevens of Trent was in  
town Tuesday with a smile on his  
face that reached from "one to  
the other" and stated that his  
country received in total on Mon-  
day and Tuesday a four inch  
rain. He also reports his feed  
crop the best he has probably  
ever raised in this country and  
his success with the new feed fe-  
terita is very satisfactory having  
ten acres of this feed that he  
planted in May as being almost  
ready to harvest and exceedingly  
fine.

Ed Blackburn was seen in one  
of the local hardware stores Wed-  
nesday figuring on buying  
farm wagons and implements to  
handle the crop he is expecting  
to raise this fall.

Ed Vantrees of Route 2 near  
Noodle reports a four inch rain at  
his place and was joyously relat-  
ing the possibilities of the Noodle  
country as a means of "helping  
to raise the national debt". For  
the information of our readers,  
Mr. Vantrees left Merkel for a  
short time hoping to find a better  
place but returned last fall after  
seeing the fallacy of his move.

S. W. H. Busby a Merkel coun-  
try farmer was in the City Tues-  
day for the first time in several  
months. He took advantage of  
the rain and came in to look  
things over. Mr. Busby reports  
his section of the country in fine  
condition.

W. T. Sherrill of the Compere  
was in town Wednesday and tem-  
porarily waterbound however he  
was able to go home along to-  
ward night. During his stay in  
the city he placed his name on  
the list of the Merkel Mail read-  
ers and was heard to say that his  
prospects were very promising.

S. E. Adcock of Blair has 65  
acres of cotton and does not  
want to prophecy what it will  
make but stated Wednesday that  
it was as fine as he had ever seen  
in this country and easily had 1/2  
bale of fruit per acre on it now if  
not more than that amount.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Patter-  
son of Route 3 were in the city  
Wednesday shopping. Mr. Pat-  
terson seemed to think the rain  
in his section of the country was  
a forerunner of a good crop.

Geo. Cannon made the Mail of-  
fice his headquarters Wednesday  
between showers and talked in  
high spirits over the conditions  
in and about the Stith country.  
Mr. Cannon lives one mile north  
of Stith in one of the most fertil  
belts of all west Texas.

Rapp Green the "broncho bus-  
ter" who lives north of Trent was  
in town Wednesday advertising  
the contest he will appear in here  
Saturday. Rapp states that the  
cotton in his section of the coun-  
try north of Trent on the river is  
as fine as could be expected and  
every body out his way has feed  
galore.

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# 'Blue Jay'

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Horses that will give good accounts of  
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And promises to ride this outlaw horse in a  
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J. S. Blasingame of the Shiloh  
country was in town Wednesday  
after lumber to prepare more  
storage room for the bumper feed  
crop he has raised this year.

Off in a Bunch.

The last of Merkel merchants  
to leave for eastern markets de-  
parted Tuesday night expecting  
to furnish their respective busi-  
ness places with stocks of goods  
sufficient to gratify the wants of  
the most fastidious and to accom-  
modate the prospective increased

business Merkel will enjoy this  
fall.

Monday night J. P. Sharp de-  
parted east to purchase the fall  
stock of merchandise for his  
house and the following night W.  
L. Harkrider and A. C. Rose left  
for St. Louis where they will  
"trump" anything in the way of  
goods buying ever done for this  
town according expression given  
out by them prior to their depar-  
ture.

"The Lights O'London."