

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## LINCOLN BEACHEY MAKES 1000 LOOPS

Lincoln Beachey, the world's famed aviator, who thrilled thousands and thousands of Dallas Fair spectators in November of last year returned to his home at San Francisco to complete his record of making 1,000 successful loops in his aeroplane.

This well known aviator is a son of a San Franciscan and on this occasion of his home coming, after breaking all world's records as a daredevil looper of 999 loops, performed two entirely new and death defying stunts over the completed palaces of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. His aged mother for her first time waded him on to fresh achievements. Mrs. Beachey held a place of honor, 435 feet up in the air, on the tiptop of the wonder tower of Jewels. From this point she was able to watch every erratic move of her daredevil son. She cried out once and over. That was when he wrote out the figures "1000" against the clouds, high above the two miles of completed exhibit palaces, significant of the looping of his one thousandth loop.

## HURT IN HEAD LOADING COTTON

Aubrey Cox, an employee of one of the local dray and transfer companies was hurt Tuesday morning while assisting in hoisting a bale of cotton to a dray wagon at one of the Merkel yards.

In some way Mr. Cox lost hold of the bale after it had been raised from the ground which caused it to fall toward him, pinning his head against the frame of the dray. The force of the lick, it was thought, crushed the skull and for a time the injured man was unconscious. He was taken to Abilene, where a more thorough examination was made. While Mr. Cox suffered much from the injury he escaped a serious operation when the attending surgeons found that the inner strata of the skull had not been affected as at first supposed.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE A GLORIOUS ONE

Those who participated in escorting 1914 out of existence here made a good job of it and kept the whole town awake during their jubilee.

Bells were rung, horns were tooted and some boy with a sense of good humor tied the whistle of one of the local gins down. Evidently the gin employes had worked late from the amount of steam that escaped through that gin whistle. Everybody had a good time so far as we have been able to ascertain and no accidents reported.

### From Winnsboro to Live

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Martin, formerly of Winnsboro, came in Wednesday morning to visit their daughter, Mrs. A. H. Barnes, of Route 3, during the winter.

Mr. Martin has lived in this country before and stated that it was his intention to make his stay here now a permanent one for he and his wife.

Will buy small shed barn already constructed. J. L. Isom, Route 1.

## TELEPHONE RATE MADE THIS MONTH

The Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Company have announced a change in their night rate on telephone calls which have been in the past much lower than the regular day rate.

This announcement was made to every subscriber of the company's lines throughout the country. An explanation was made as to why the cheap night rate was discontinued. In all probability the night rate was increased to justify increased expenses of the company and again it may have been increased to add to the revenue of the telephone company's net earnings.

## CORN FOR MERKEL SEED GIVEN FREE

Cashier T. A. Johnson of the Farmers & Merchants bank, believing that this is an opportune time for more corn to be planted in the Merkel country, has purchased enough high grade yellow corn to plant ten acres of land and by this time has probably given the entire amount away to ten farmers of the Merkel country.

It was the intention of Mr. Johnson to place the corn with farmers who wanted to make special efforts in obtaining some high grade seed from a proven variety of corn and had in mind giving to each of ten men enough to plant one acre. In an interview for publication he stated that the present excellent season made it appear that the Merkel country would be well adapted to the culture of corn this year and his purchase of the seed was for a demonstration purpose. He also stated that he expected more corn to be planted in the Merkel country this year than ever before as many who tried it last year met with much success.

## GROCERY COMPANY MAKES A CHANGE

The Sanitary Grocery Company of which H. Turner was the proprietor made sale of their entire stock of groceries to the Bob Martin Grocery Company.

The deal was consummated Wednesday noon of this week and the work of invoicing the stock was begun immediately. Mr. Turner at present has made no definite arrangements as to his future business and we trust he will continue to make Merkel his home.

## 1,000 BALES A WEEK CONTINUE TO COME TO MERKEL'S MARKET

With most kind of receipts climbing toward the 20,000 bale mark at the rate of 1000 bales per week.

A light rain fell over the Merkel country Saturday night with a continued mist part of Sunday but the receipts of the Merkel yards climbed from 13,126 on Thursday of last week to 14,150 on Thursday of this week.

For Sale At \$35.00

Good family horse, safe for women and children to drive. See me at Mrs. E. M. Rust's Drug Store. W. E. Justice.

## INSURANCE RATE FOR MERKEL REMAINS UNCHANGED

### The City in Clover is Entitled to a Reduction of Three Cents

In August, 1913, the City of Merkel purchased a horse drawn apparatus as an addition to our Fire Department! Probably this purchase was prompted in the minds of those who made the purchase by knowing that in addition to giving our town better protection it would also lower our KEY RATE.

This supposition was correct. We have been given the benefit of the additional protection but the insurance companies are getting the benefit of the 3 cents on each \$100 value of insured property. They have been drawing this revenue for sixteen months now, or just sixteen months longer than they should have been allowed to sweeten their coffers by over rates on insurance. Through some source the reduction on insurance should be championed. It may be that this is the duty of our City Council, it may be the duty of our Fire Chief or it may be the duty of our Fire Marshal, but whoever's duty it is, there remains the fact that no The Mail has been obtained where results of last year cited.

The readers to the fact that this matter had at that time been dormant for about eight months and dormant it remains. Some action should be taken and not allow another year to pass without our town being given this reduction. Property losses within our city limits during 1914 were probably less if not lower than during 1913 in the State. Less than \$3,000 would pay for all damage done from fire yet we have had some conflagrations that promised to do much destruction and involved property amounting to over \$60,000.00.

If Merkel is entitled to a reduction of 3 cents in our Key Rate, let's have it.

## \$75.00 RAISED FOR AFFLICTED GIRL GOOD BRONCHO BUSTING HERE

Many readers of the Mail will remember about two years ago when a train of Fort Worth Boosters toured the western part of the state that an object at Trent attracted their attention to such an extent that few of them who were in the company of Fort Worth men have forgotten it.

Leon Gross, president of the Washer Bros., at Fort Worth was among those who saw little Iva Mae Holton of Trent rolled to the station to greet the Boosters. Iva suffered the loss of her leg by amputation, which was made necessary because of a hip disease. The child's deformed mother was unable to defray expenses of having an operation performed and was assisted by the Fort Worth men in this work. After this it was evident that the child was in need of an artificial leg and the following article clipped from the Fort Worth Star Telegram of Wednesday Jan. 6th, shows that the Goodfellows in that city endeavored to make happy others than those who live in Fort Worth.

The \$75 needed to buy Iva Mae Holton of Tye, Texas, an artificial leg which was the only Christmas present the little girl asked, was completed on Tuesday by the addition of \$4.25 sent to The Star Telegram by the Esther class in the First Baptist Sunday school, of which Mrs. H. B. Ratcliff is teacher.

For \$75 a cork leg can be bought for the little girl. For \$100 a wooden leg may be purchased. Unless the fund reaches the \$100 mark a cork leg will be purchased for Iva Mae.

Leon Gross, president of Washer Brothers, and The Star Telegram are receiving the contributions.

Last Saturday about three hundred enthusiasts watched "Blue Jay," that notorious pitching horse, try to unseat Ben Howell, a rider of no mean ability from Trent, Texas.

Ben was to get for his trouble \$50 if he stayed seated throughout the performance without scratching leather. He lost the \$50 according to the rules of the game but rode "Blue Jay" to a fare-you-well. Those who saw the contest stated that the horse gave one of the best exhibitions of pitching they had ever had the pleasure of witnessing. Howell was kept from winning the \$50.00 offered by having to place both hands to the neck strap for a second, he only retained this hold through about two vicious jumps but that was against the rules and he lost the money but gave the horse a good riding. Malone Bros who brought the attraction here had a number of their own horses that were used to entertain those who paid twenty-five cents to see the contest and every horse brought out gave a good account of himself.

### Hogs for Sale

I will have for sale on January 13, in Merkel, a car of pigs and shoats of the very best breeds healthy and all right. R. H. Collins.

### Jim Newman of Sweetwater Dead.

Jim F. Newman well known as J. F. Newman of Sweetwater died at the family home at that city Thursday morning of last week.

The death of Mr. Newman, who was an aged man, marks the departure of one of the most prominent men of West Texas and a pioneer.

## BOY IS BURNED ON LOWER LIMBS

Clifford, the fifteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rose, was painfully burned Monday morning when his overalls caught fire.

Clifford's clothes became ignited while he was working with a fire in the yard at the family residence. His overalls were to an extent saturated from handling kerosene at his father's oil distributing station. The oily trousers caused the flames to spread quickly and only for his own presence of mind and assistance of his mother he might have been seriously burned. He is resting well now. One limb was severely burned from the knee to the ankle.

## TRENT MAN HAS MUCH COTTON YET

P. C. Forrester of Trent, Route 1, was in Merkel Monday on business and was heard to say that he yet had about thirty bales of cotton to gather, some of which was very fine and had never been picked over while the other had been given the once-over and was again very white.

With ideal weather conditions Mr. Forrester expects to get this gathered at an early date, having several hands in the fields at the present.

### Operated on for Appendicitis

Miss Mossie Sears, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Sears, of this place, was operated on at the family home Tuesday night of this week for appendicitis, physicians from Abilene being called in to assist.

The attending physicians found it unnecessary to make a complete operation for appendicitis and the young lady look forward to her speedy recovery.

## ROY E. FOX TO BE HERE A WEEK

Roy E. Fox, a well known Texas show man, is coming to Merkel next week for a six days' stay.

This troupe will give a complete show each night, having a large tent theatre heated with specially prepared heaters, making it entirely comfortable. The first show opens Monday night with admission free to all ladies, the general admission being 10 and 20 cents.

## BELGIAN RELIEF WORK TO BE GIVEN: LADIES TO GIVE DINNER HERE

Many ladies of Merkel and surrounding country are making arrangements to give a public dinner in Merkel Saturday, January 16, for the purpose of raising relief money for the Belgians.

The readers of the Ladies Home Journal will see ample reasons for this move. The January number of that paper contained a lengthy article explaining the pitiful condition of the women and children of that war-ridden land. Remember, this dinner is for a good cause and is deserving of your patronage. According to present plans music will be furnished during the noon hour.

## MARSHAL'S OFFICE CHANGED MONDAY

The City Council in its regular monthly meeting Monday night voted a change in the office of City Marshal. The revision is to take effect early in April.

After that date the City Secretary will be ex-officio assessor and collector of city taxes at a salary of \$25.00 monthly, the secretary to furnish his own office. The Marshal's duties will be to oversee all street work; to collect water rents; to have charge of the city pound and his regular duties as a peace officer. His salary will be \$50.00 per month. This office has heretofore paid \$75.00 per month.

A petition was presented the council to pass an ordinance against hitching horses to awnings or light posts. This was discussed at length and while all the aldermen were in favor of such regulation they tabled the petition for the present with hopes of arriving at a better way of handling this trouble.

The tax rate was not raised as some may have expected but will continue throughout 1915 at the same assessed value it was given in at in 1914.

## INDIVIDUALS WORK ROADS INTO TOWN

Various Merkel merchants together with Merkel county farmers have been engaged this week in bettering some of the bad roads leading into Merkel. In some of the most impassable places gravel was hauled and distributed and now the work of dragging the roads has commenced even with the small amount of means the precinct has for this work.

In taking up the work of placing gravel on the roads some of the Merkel merchants and people to lend aid to the cause while others could not see the benefit of personal contributions and good work. Those who have lended a helping hand are deserving of commendation and this continued spirit of co-operation should be championed on every hand.

### Operation For Appendicitis

Information has been received here from Trent to the effect that Frank Smith of that place was taken violently ill Thursday evening of last week with appendicitis and carried to Abilene immediately where an operation was performed.

It was found that the appendix could not be removed and precautionary methods were taken to prevent further complications. The operation was performed just as the minute hand of the clock pointed out the opening of this new year. Reports from Abilene go to show that Mr. Smith is resting well.

### A New Year's Present.

Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Davis of this city are receiving congratulations for the birth of a fine boy on New Year's Day of this Nineteen Hundred Fifteen.

The Mail joins the many friends of the family in wishing them a happy 1915 and much prosperity.

### Farm for Rent.

Farm for rent. See S. F. Haynes.

Call and see the Merkel Produce Co., the new grocers in the corner Crenshaw Bldg. J. G. Kitchens, Prop. 814

Condensed Statement of Condition of

# The Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas

Close of Business for December 31, 1914

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans.....	Capital Stock.....
Banking House.....	Surplus and Profits.....
Furniture and Fixtures.....	Bills Payable.....
Interest Guaranty Fund.....	Deposits.....
Cash and Exchange.....	
\$132,696.93	\$ 35,000.00
9,500.00	3,166.65
4,500.00	13,500.00
1,089.48	139,047.49
42,927.73	190,714.14
\$190,714.14	

ON THE ABOVE STATEMENT WE SOLICIT YOUR ACCOUNT

This Bank opened for business January, 1912, and has the largest line of deposits in Merkel. We have no City or School funds, nor due from Banks among our deposits. This is the only Guaranty Fund Bank in Merkel. **Safety First** is our motto. We solicit your account.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Mrs. H. C. Williams was hostess to the Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist Church at her home on Front Street Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland entertained New Year's day with a turkey dinner. The dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst and little son Roy, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rose and daughter Ona Fay, Mr. and Mrs. A. Fitts, Miss Susie Creath of Abilene, Miss Laura Winters, Mrs. W. H. Dickson and Ona Fay and Marjoria Bland.

Mrs. G. H. Adams entertained the Twentieth Century Club at her home Saturday afternoon. The lesson in Hamlet proved to be very enjoyable. After an hour or more of discussion the hostess served dainty refreshments. Mrs. Geo. F. West will entertain the members this Saturday in special session. Let all the members be present. Important business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Shaffer entertained with a dinner Sunday, January 3, 1915, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Shaffer. An elaborate repast was served to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Shaffer. Ernest Roger and Miss Ona Johnson, John Moore and Effie Huston, John Morgan and Eva Calvert, Noel Moore and Jewell Pate, Lizzie Mae Freeman, Ema Mae Mashburn, Bernadine Freeman, Pauline Johnson, Tom Allday, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Allday and the host and hostess.

On last Saturday evening Miss Rennie Mae Burns entertained a few of her friends at her home on Rose St. Delicious fruit and candies were served to Misses Mamie and Vida McNeese, Letha Lee Burns, Janie Lee Weir, Mabel Laney and the hostess. Messrs Charley Christopher, Paul Stanford, Emerson Derrington, Homer Laney, Uylusses McNeese, Otice and Ira Burns. A number of games were enjoyed. All report a delightful time.

The Fidelis class of the Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. W. A. Scott on Thursday afternoon December 31. Old business was attended to followed by the election of officers. Miss Lula Sharp was elected President, Mrs. Ben T. Merritt, Vice President, Miss Carroll Rister, Sec.-Treas.; Miss Mary Gunn, Asst. Sec. and Treas. and Miss Ola Sharp, Press Reporter. After the transacting of business the members were invited into the kitchen to make candy. Delicious taffy and divinity candies were made.

On Thursday evenings, December 31, at the Methodist Church



Looking down Edwards street in Merkel, Saturday, November 21, 1914, probably the busiest day of our cotton season. Over 600 bales of cotton were paid for by our two banks during the day and approximately 750 bales brought here from four o'clock in the morning until past midnight of the same day.

Mr. Ira Franklin Shaffner and Miss Ezma Allday were married. Rev. Garvin pronounced the marriage ceremony. Mr. Earnest Rogers and Miss Ona Johnson were the attendants. Miss Eva Williams played Mendelssohns wedding march as the processional. Soft music was rendered during the ceremony. The bride wore a suit of midnight cloth with hat to match. Immediately after the ceremony a reception was given the bridal party and a few special friends at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Allday. Mr. and Mrs. Schaffer will be at home to their many friends in their new home near Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Dennis, who have been making their home in Merkel for the past four or five months left Tuesday for Coleman, where they expect to reside in the future.

Mrs. A. F. Parks was in Abilene Tuesday visiting friends.

Mrs. J. E. Rosson of Noodle visited friends here Tuesday.

### Shiloh.

There was no preaching or Sunday School Sunday on account of the inclemency of the weather.

Mr. Bennett of near Chilli-cohe is visiting his brother, Jim Bennett.

Rapp and Joe Green went to Anson Sunday.

Miss Alice Brown spent Sunday with Miss Effie Mayberry near Grayson school house.

Grayson school has organized a Literary Society which will meet every other Friday with Edgar Grayson, President, Miss Nina Beavers, Vice-President and Miss Thelma McCright, Secretary.

Next Saturday and Sunday is our regular preaching day. Let's all try to be there.

### Nubia.

Kind readers and correspondents I am glad to report for this vicinity this week.

Pleased to say our New Year, 1915, is very prosperous for pleasure.

It being very rainy and blustery weather, cotton picking is a thing of the past. Well cotton picking time is really past, but the old year just past left with us some cotton.

We have one wedding to report being Mr. Johnnie Latimer and Miss Lona Sowell. We offer them our right hand for congratulation wishing them both a long and happy life.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Cogburn gave a musical entertainment the past week. There were several to enjoy themselves. Mr. Burks a cotton picker played the violin, was extra good, while Luther Thomas another cotton picker second with a guitar and Roy Cogburn our best mandolin picker helped. It was surely fine music.

Mrs. Gragery is reported on the sick list.

### A TEXAS WONDER.

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For City Marshal—  
BEN WALTERS  
SAM ROBERTS  
B. C. GAITHER  
R. E. COUNTS

For City Secretary—  
G. W. JOHNSON

R. E. Counts for Marshal.

The latest addition to the number who aspire to the Marshal's office of Merkel subject to the City Election in April is R. E. Counts, well known in Merkel and a life-long resident of the town.

Mr. Counts in making the announcement says he is in the race on his own qualifications and asks the voters to consider his candidacy accordingly. He has served as a peace officer on various occasions here and his record has always been meritorious.



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### STATEMENT

## Farmers & Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL

December 31st, 1914

### RESOURCES

Loans.....	\$103,367.71
U. S. Bonds—Par.....	9,250.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	3,600.00
Real Estate.....	6,657.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund.....	1,062.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank.....	500.00
CASH AND EXCHANGE.....	68,735.97
Total.....	\$193,173.43

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	27,585.10
Circulation.....	6,250.00
Bills Payable.....	None
Rediscounts.....	None
Other Borrowed Money.....	None
DEPOSITS.....	134,338.33
Total.....	\$193,173.43

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J. T. WARREN, Pres.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

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### W. U. 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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Miss Zula Ayres of Tye visited the family of Will Ayres this week.

All films developed 10 cents per roll. Universal Studio.

Missis Willis and Lila Evans of Abilene returned to their home Wednesday after a short visit with their sister Mrs. R. B. Corder of Route 2.

## Any Doctor

will tell you a fellow's constitution wont last forever—and in these strenuous times it needs a good overhauling occasionally.

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MAKES A STATEMENT

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Sellers, Ethel  
Stribling, Chas.  
Stribling, Mrs. Emma  
Stephenson, Mrs. Mollie  
Woods, Charley.

These letters will be sent to the Dead Letter Office January 16, 1915.

H. C. Williams, P. M.

Then He Bought the Ring.  
Affable Widow—"Do you know, Mr. Oldboy, my daughter Maud has set her eyes most lovingly on you." Mr. Oldboy (much flattered)—"Has she, really? I have always considered her a sweet girl." Affable Widow—"Yes, only today she said 'that's the sort of gentleman I should like for my papa.'"

## Dangers of a Cold.

Do you know that of all the minor ailments colds are by far the most dangerous? It is not the colds themselves that you need to fear, but the serious diseases they so often lead to. For that reason every cold should be gotten rid of with the least possible delay. To accomplish this you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy of great help to you. It loosens a cold, relieves the lungs, aids expectoration and enables the system to throw off the cold. For sale by all dealers. adv

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## THE MERKEL MAIL

Watch Your Step.

A prominent country priest, well known for his humor, in speaking of a sad accident that befell one of our good ecclesiastical dignitaries the other evening, humorously remarked: "The man who goes along this mundane sphere keeping both eyes on heaven all the time is liable to trip and land in heaven pretty quick. But the man who always keeps one eye on heaven and the other good one on earth is liable to gain the best in heaven and earth."

## Only One "BROMO QUININE"

To get the genuine, call for full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. Stops cough and headache, and works off cold. 25c.

## Deodorizing a Cavity.

A large cavity in a tooth can be deodorized by dipping a pellet of cotton, held by pliers, into water, then taking up with it a small quantity of sodium perborate from a saucer or glass slab and quickly introducing this dressing into the cavity. The perborate liberates oxygen, which renders the cavity odorless and relatively aseptic.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by HERBINE. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv.

## Educating.

The stored mind is strong, mentality grows, like the body, by being fed. Knowledge is a tested route to wisdom, but meditation is a surer. What digestion is to food, meditation is to knowledge. The end of all education is to teach a person to think clearly, strongly and practically.

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv.

Polygamy in the Doll House.  
"You've had this sailorboy doll a long time, Annie," said a mother to her little daughter, "and the janitor's little girl is ill, and hasn't any doll to play with. Don't you want to send her your sailorboy?" "I'd rather she had any one of the others," was the surprising answer. "You see, mamma, that's the only man we have in the family, and he's married to all the other dolls."—Youth's Companion.

A good remedy for a bad cough is BALLARD'S HOREHOVND SYRUP. It heals the lungs and quiets irritation. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv.

Signs of the Times.  
There is a promising cafe on South street, kept by a "Frenchman" who can speak only Yiddish. In badly-spelled signs it promises many things in the menu line which it rarely is able to supply. Among the signs one reads: "Coffee, plane 5 cents;" "Coffee with supe, 10 cents;" "Coffee, bred and butter, with children, 15 cents." And this in the heart of our humane metropolis. — New York Times.

## Stomach Trouble Cured.

If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klote of Edina, Mo., says: "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by all dealers. adv.

## Returns From Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Leighty, who have been away from Merkel for the past two weeks visiting their daughter, Mrs. Jack Parramore, of Aspermont, returned here the first of the week. Mr. Leighty, who is agent for the Texas & Pacific Railway Co., at this place, says he had a glorious time and enjoyed his vacation very much.

## B. C. Gaither For Marshal.

In last week's announcement columns appeared the name of B. C. Gaither as candidate for the office of City Marshal of Merkel subject to the action of the city election in April.

Mr. Gaither makes the announcement for this position, promising the voters of Merkel a clean and efficient term of office if elected and desires the consideration of you vote when you cast your ballot. He is deserving of your consideration and will make a good Marshal if elected.

## I Have Moved

When you want fresh Fruits and Vegetables call on me at my new location, 1st door of G. F. West's store, N. Roberts. 814

## Excellent for Stomach Trouble.

"Chamberlain's Tablets are just fine for stomach trouble," writes Mrs. G. C. Dunn, Arnold, Pa. "I was bothered with this complaint for some time and frequently had bilious attacks. Chamberlain's Tablets afforded me great relief from the first, and since taking one bottle of them I feel like a different person." For sale by all dealers. adv.

Ragged wounds are painful and cause much annoyance. If not kept clean they fester and become running sores. BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT is an antiseptic healing remedy for such cases. Apply it at night before going to bed and cover with a cotton cloth bandage. It heals in a few days. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv.

## An Odd Crime.

Lady Bowyer-Smith is an English woman who has been guilty of the crime of vulpicide, which is simply in plain English that she has killed a fox in some other way than the English way, with the hounds. It is considered almost as great a crime as to kill a man for anyone to shoot or otherwise make way with a fox, which is regarded as the special prey of the hounds.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

## An Ordinance.

An ordinance making the City Secretary of the City of Merkel ex-officio Assessor and Collector of taxes and relieving the City Marshal of such duties on and after the 6th day of May, 1915.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Merkel: Sec. 1. That on and after the 6th day of May, 1915, the City Secretary of the City of Merkel, in addition to the other duties now required of him under the ordinances of said City, shall be ex-officio Assessor and Collector of taxes for said City and shall do and perform all duties in reference to the assessing and collecting of taxes for said city as is now required by ordinance of the City Marshal of said City; and for such additional services as such assessor and collector of taxes the City Secretary shall receive such compensation as the City Council may allow, in addition to the compensation now allowed such officer; that from and after the 6th day of May, 1915, the City Marshal of the City of Merkel shall cease to be ex-officio assessor and collector of taxes for said City, and shall not therefore be required to perform any of the duties relating to the assessing and collecting of taxes for said city, except as hereafter may be required of him by order of the City Council.

Sec. 2: That all ordinances, orders and resolutions now in force in conflict herewith be and the same is hereby repealed from and after the taking effect of this ordinance.

Passed this 4th day of January, 1915. J. J. Stallings, Mayor.

Approved this 5th day of January, 1915. J. J. Stallings, Mayor.  
Attest: F. J. Ferrier, City Secretary.

Miss Jessie Clark returned to Abilene Wednesday after a short visit with relatives here.

FOR SALE—Oats, threshed feterita, maize heads and bundle feed. S.H.L. Swafford, Route 1.

New grocery in corner Crenshaw Bldg., fresh Fruits, Produce and fresh Vegetables. Merkel Produce Co. J. G. Kitchens, Prop. 813

## Lost, Strayed or Stolen

From the French pasture, near Merkel, one red mottle faced heifer yearling branded nine bar; one black and white de-horned cow branded nine bar; one cow branded nine, color unknown. Liberal reward for information leading to recovery of any of the above stock. Mac Sayles, Abilene, Texas. 8t2pd

## Cough Medicine for Children.

Never give a child a cough medicine that contains opium in any form. When opium is given other and more serious diseases may follow. Long experience has demonstrated that there is no better or safer medicine for coughs, colds and croup in children than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is equally valuable for adults. Try it. It contains no opium or other harmful drug. For sale by all dealers. adv

## Clipped Rugs by a New Process.

Consul Homer M. Byington of Leeds writes that clipped rugs which for many years, heretofore, have been made by hand in Yorkshire, are now proposed to be made by a new process, whereby they can be turned out by machinery at the rate of sixty to seventy per hour, and a syndicate is reported to contemplate starting a rug-making industry in some town nearer to the center of the West Riding of Yorkshire.

## Fever Sores.

Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely, but should be kept in healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by all dealers. adv

## Lentient British Judges.

It is a noteworthy fact that during his 50 years' practice at the English bar, Sir Edward Clarke was never instrumental in securing a death penalty, unless an argument against a prisoner before the jury council on a colonial appeal be so described. Even more remarkable, perhaps, is the record of two Irish judges, Baron Fitzgerald, who was on the bench for 30 years and never once pronounced a capital sentence, and Lord Morris, who sat for 22 years and never handed a criminal.

## PERFECT CONFIDENCE

Merkel People Have Good Reason For Complete Reliance.

Do you know how—  
To find relief from backache;  
To correct distressing urinary ills;  
To assist weak kidneys?  
Your neighbors know the way—  
Have used Doan's Kidney Pills;  
Have proved their worth in many tests.

Here's Merkel testimony.  
B. J. Rhodes, Merkel, Texas, says: "I was in bad shape with my back for a long time and my kidneys and bladder were weak. Doan's Kidney Pills cured me and now I seldom use a kidney remedy. When I do, it is always Doan's Kidney Pills."

Mr. Rhodes is only one of the many Merkel people who have gratefully endorsed Doan's Kidney Pills. If your back aches—if your kidneys bother you, don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mr. Rhodes had—the remedy backed by home testimony. 50c all stores. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. "When Your Back is Lame—Remember the Name." adv

## Munster Crop Area.

Munster, Ireland, has a crop area of 1,287,207 acres, and a population of 1,035,495 persons.

## Daily Optimistic Thought.

As many suffer from too much as too little.

## Biliousness and Constipation Cured.

If you are ever troubled with biliousness or constipation you will be interested in the statement of R. F. Erwin, Peru, Ind. "A year ago last winter I had an attack of indigestion followed by biliousness and constipation. Seeing Chamberlain's Tablets so highly recommended, I bought a bottle of them and they helped me right away." For sale by all dealers. adv

## Giddy Amusement.

A young working class mother was overheard proposing fresh entertainment to a family party consisting of three or four children and a grown-up sister. "Come on," she said, "and I'll take you to see your grandpa's grave." "I don't see much in that," dissented her sister. "Well," replied the mother, thoughtfully, "I'd rather see a grave than a wedding. Do you know that's the end of it."—Manchester Guardian.

## Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund money if PAIN OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itchiness, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives ease and rest. 50c

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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.

**MEXICO, COLQUITT, WILSON AND NACO, ARIZONA.**

Probably Colquitt was radical in his criticism of President Wilson, but the recent developments at Naco and the report of Chief of Staff General Scott who has been sent to Naco to take charge of the border situation seems to bear out the contention of some that Colquitt was and has been well posted on the affairs of this State in regard to our troubles with Mexico.

The Current Opinion says in regard to the recent dealings with Mexico: During the last few months of cataclysms and earthquakes the attention of the entire world has been directed but incidentally toward the situation in Mexico. Even in our recent elections that topic played but a small part. The evacuation of Vera Cruz on November 26 by the American troops has seemed to bring to a head the gathering discontent, and something like a storm of criticism has since broken upon the White House. It is far from being a cyclone, but it is no summer zephyr either. One had to hunt with some diligence in the journals of the country last month to find any champions of our Mexican policy in its entirety. The revolutionary aspect of the Mexican buzz-saw were never more in evidence than they have been in the last few months, while our soldiers have been occupying themselves with cleaning up Vera Cruz at an expense estimated at about \$10,000,000.

Opinions widely differ as to the best way of handling Mexico. Many advocate taking the bull by the horns while others just as strongly advocate the peaceful, watchful, waiting policy of our administration. No greater princes of peace have ever been known than those who head the executive part of our present administration. This includes the Secretary of the Navy, a man who would ordinarily be pugnaciously inclined.

In our own border State the thoughts of going into a war reverts the mind toward Belgium and all its present suffering but even with this admonition to face we find few who are satisfied with the continued insults of the Chilli Eaters across the Rio Grande. Not once since the opening of the trouble in 1911 when Diaz fled has the warnings of the United States been given much consideration by those brown skinned revolutionists. It is said that every cloud has a silver lining and it is to be hoped that our country will not be compelled to use force to quell the disturbances in Mexico but our hopes will no doubt be in vain. That is unless the watchful waiting continues while the bullets continue to whiz across into Naco or other border towns where the brigand bands happen to meet.

The Sweetwater Reporter reports a newlywed couple in their city being stranded there by the appearance of the bride's first love. The young lady couldn't decide whether she wanted to go with her husband or take the former suitor. A policeman, county judge and a lawyer were called in to arbitrate, and the suitor persuaded to go his way. All of the trouble was friendly. Truly, some funny things happen in Sweetwater.

East Texas capitalists who have gotten stuck up in the black land mires can get abundant information about our selective country by applying to any individual here-a-bouts. We, too, have had our share of this continued drought-breaker but an observer will find Taylor county at the head of the list for desirable homes to the man for the farm.

**NEWSPAPER RHEUMATISM.**

It has been predicted that within sixty days the bankers everywhere will be running after people to lend them money. All we have to say is that we have rheumatism in one limb and the first banker who starts after us for that purpose is going to catch us before we get one block.—Claud Callan, in the Star-Telegram.

Right-o, Old Man. We have all got the same complaint.

Hon. Cone Johnson says Colquitt is gnawing on a file. Probably he is. Colquitt, with all his faults, always seemed to have a hankering for biting down on hard things.

**ERROR IN PRINT.**

With all Mexico on the run, hombre had no time to hang his stocking—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Now what do you know about the editor of the Telegram exposing his ignorance by saying hombre had no time to hang his stocking. If the Senior Editor would have had his paragraph written correctly he would have said: El hombre had no time to hang his stocking. We suggest that the Telegram writer copy-right his Spanish according to Spanish etiquette.

We made a bunch of New Year resolutions but the aggressiveness of bill collectors made us break every one of them the first day. Hereafter its no use.

The Big Springs country is going to inaugurate a rabbit killing crusade. They should get some Merkelites to give them lessons for there are a few in this town and country who still remember how good the shooting was last spring. Our advice is, if you care for your life, be careful.

The greatest problem that faces the Merkel country at present is the ad "mirable" conditions of our roads.

We have had some complaints made to us about the Christmas mails having been congested and various packages delayed in reaching their destination. So far as we are able to inform our readers that condition still exists, at least our expectations have not yet arrived.

The Mayoral race in Merkel for this year is taking a back seat while candidates for City Marshal step into the limelight. Next.

**Pasted Paragraphs**

The man who buys an auto car,  
 But first the price must borrow,  
 Will never travel very far  
 Before he meets with sorrow.  
 —Birmingham Age-Herald.

His punishment begins indeed  
 When it is his desire  
 To show his friends a bit of speed  
 When "Blooley" goes a tire.  
 —Youngstown Telegram.

And when he's got some friends' way out  
 To some fair sylvan scene  
 His gladness is all put to rout  
 By lack of gasoline.  
 —Houston Post.

This may be true, but the time in which  
 He feels the biggest fool  
 Is when his car must be towed home  
 By just a long-eared mule.

**THE USE OF SWEAR WORDS.**

The use of swear words in ordinary conversation is tiresome to listeners, and, besides, if a fellow uses them regularly he has no way of expressing his feelings when the proper time comes.—Claud Callan in Star-Telegram.

Claud is correct. The use of swear words in ordinary conversation is tiresome to listeners. In fact they are a bore to the listener in any kind of a conversation. A person with the vocabulary of a boy in the primer ought to be able to express his feeling at all times without having to divert to the use of profanity and swearing. Nothing is more disgusting than to hear some foul mouthed man or boy using a bunch of swear words when conversing with those around him.

**All Three for \$2.00 for One Year**



**Are You Aware That You Can Buy Happiness?**

It is possible to purchase happiness, sunshine, wider vision and increased knowledge in great quantities, at a price entirely within your reach. Does this mean anything to you?

**HOLLAND'S MAGAZINE**, appearing every month, is a veritable ray of sunshine to every member of the household. Each number contains plenty of wholesome, inspiring stories for the grown-ups, a well maintained Children's Department, a section devoted to practical help along the lines of cooking, sewing, embroidery, and various other lines of housekeeping. "The Mail Bag," containing letters on subjects of public interest from readers all through the South, is eagerly watched for from month to month. Everyone that appreciates the real worth of a truly good magazine knows the value of Holland's.

**EVERY MAN** interested in farming, whether as a profession or as a matter of pastime, will find much of interest and profit in Farm and Ranch. Besides being of real value in the solving of his many problems and offering to him new and practical ideas in the carrying out of his work, the paper is a catalogue of nationally advertised goods that may be relied upon. Each number contains a department called "Our Farmers' Directory," which is a market and exchange place of Southwestern farm needs and products, and is watched by half a million readers weekly.

**THIS** family newspaper will keep you posted on all the local happenings. Telling you of the joys and sorrows of your friends and neighbors, and in fact, serving as a medium of information about everything going on in this community. Such state and foreign news as we think will be of interest is also published, and no home is complete without a copy of this paper each week.

If subscribed to singly the subscription price of the above three publications is \$3.00. Order now and we will send all three of them to you regularly one year for only \$2.00. Can you afford to neglect this opportunity?

**G. W. Johnson for City Secretary.**

We are authorized to announce G. W. Johnson as candidate for the office of City Secretary of Merkel, subject to the city election in April.

Mr. Johnson has served Merkel in various capacities and has always proven to be qualified for all the positions he has held. In addition to being mayor of our town he has been a member of the city council with an excellent record. He is well qualified to fill this position which he asks for and is deserving of your consideration when you cast your ballot.

**Deafness Cannot Be Cured**

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

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. adv

**How To Give Quinine To Children.**

FERBRILINE is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a Tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach. Children take it and never know it is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for 2-ounce original package. The name FERBRILINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

**Colton To Pick**

Near schoolhouse on south side of town. See S. F. Haynes.

**Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly**  
 The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, builds up the system. A true Tonic. For adults and children, 50c.



**Don't Miss It! Next Episode No. 8 OF THE MILLION DOLLAR MYSTERY**

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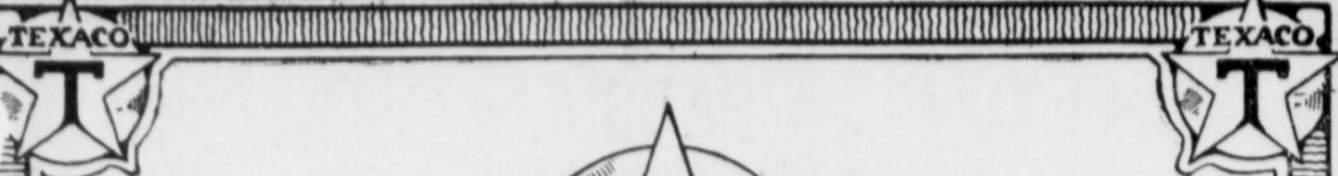
**ABUNDANT FLUFFY HAIR IS IMPOSSIBLE IF YOU HAVE DANDRUFF**

How often we hear a beautiful woman referred to as having a regal head! Beside that head of its hair and instead of a queenly, royal bearing we have a fright. The hair makes all the difference. To have that glorious abundance of radiant hair which always crowns a regal head, one should use Newbro's Herpicide. Herpicide represents the last word in scientific hair culture. It destroys the dandruff, checks falling hair and corrects generally diseases of the hair and scalp. The positive results and its delicate but refreshing odor recommend Newbro's Herpicide to ladies of refinement everywhere. Newbro's Herpicide in 50c and \$1.00 sizes is sold and guaranteed to do all that is claimed. If you are not satisfied your money will be refunded. Applications made by the best barbers and hair dressers.

For Sale by H. C. Burroughs

**Daily Thought.** When you have to be advised and supervised your value is merely nominal; the phenomenal man who always draws the big fee is the one who can do his task without being told.

**Lake Nicaragua.** Lake Nicaragua is not the largest body of fresh water on earth. That distinction belongs to Lake Superior, which, with its 32,000 square miles of surface, is more than ten times the size of Lake Nicaragua.



In 95 countries this mark is the emblem of service. In 95 countries it is registered as the mark by which the products of The Texas Company are known and recognized.

It is the mark of high quality oil, put up in superior packages and shipped with prompt and efficient service to ports in all quarters of the globe.

Based upon the five-pointed star of Texas, it stands alone in the oil business for its reputation. Built upon sound business principles and carried out with good business policy, it is bringing the buyers of oil from these countries to the State of Texas for the fulfillment of their requirements.

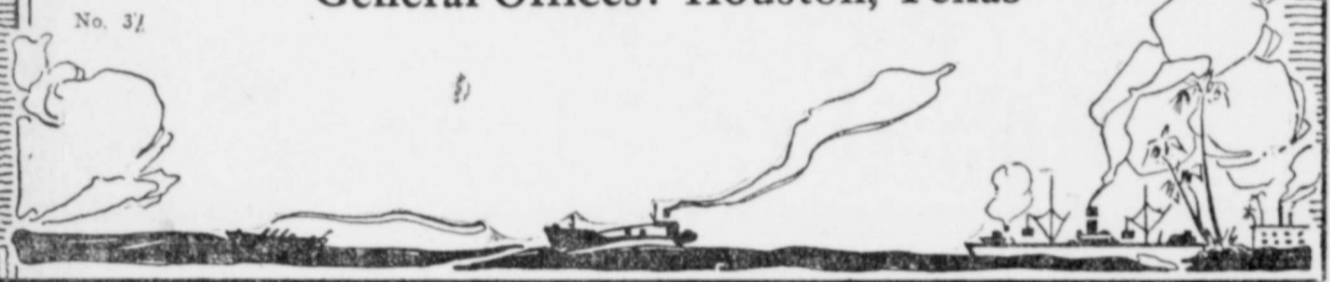
Millions upon millions of dollars have thus found their way from abroad in all lands to the building of Texas factories, the support of Texas industries and the payment of thousands of Texas workers.

Many thousand people depend directly upon the oil business of The Texas Company for their prosperity. Indirectly the prosperity of additional thousands of employes in scores of other industries is affected by the same condition.

All this rapid growth and success has been brought to Texas by the quality and service policy of The Texas Company. The same quality and service are at your disposal in your town.

There is a distributing station of The Texas Company near you. Our Agent will serve you.

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### CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale- Some good young horses and good work mule. See me at once. E. D. Coats.

STRAYED- Friday, December 11th, from Trent, brown horse mule four months old. No mark. Fresh roached. Finder notify D.E. Tedford, Trent, Texas. 3tpd

WANTED—A few setting hens. Small hens preferred. H. M. Rose.

FOR RENT—Farm on one-third and one-fourth; also nice surrey to trade for work animal. See T. W. Collins, near Stith.

Miss Lillian McLendon is at home from Mart.

Mrs. Jno. D. Gaither and little son went to Dallas Thursday.

Miss Ona Standley of Nubia visited friends here Monday.

Miss Beulah Overshiner visited relatives in Abilene and View the past week.

Miss Blanche Walker of Abilene visited her sister, Mrs. E. Hall, the past week.

Mrs. Rufus Grisham of Haskell came in last week to visit her father J. T. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hamner of Trent were in Merkel Sunday visiting relatives.

Miss Jessie Sutphen has returned to San Angelo, where she will resume her teaching.

Mrs. W. L. Burns is in Big Springs visiting her sister Mrs. R. C. Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crowley of Denison visited Mrs. J. Craig and Mrs. J. P. Hamm during the holidays.

Miss Beulah Burkett is back from Abilene, where she visited her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Burkett.

Rev. and Mrs. Garland Shell of Winters visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Herbert E. Bullock, the latter part of last week.

Miss Edith Mackey of Durant, Okla., who was here during the holidays visiting her sister Mrs. W. A. Scott, left for her home Friday.

Misses Virginia Swafford and Gladys Walters visited Miss Ruth Holmes of Abilene last week.

Miss Juanita Thompson of Anson, who has been visiting Misses Ferguson, has gone to Noodle, where she is teaching school.

Miss Willie Cox of Abilene visited Miss Annie Collins the past week.

Miss Winnie Warren has returned to Waco, where she is attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nix are moving to Big Springs.

Mrs. Fred Miller of Abilene was in the city from Sunday to Tuesday visiting her husband, who is connected with the Guitar Gin Company.

E. B. Rains of the Blair community was in Abilene Tuesday attending to business matters.

Miss Sadie Collins visited in Denton last week, guest of Misses Fay Allen and Ara Fitzgerald.

Mrs. Ross Ferrier, who is in Brawley, Cal., visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. O'Brian, will remain there until about the 15th of this month before returning home. Since her departure the absence of Mr. Ferrier on the streets is not near so conspicuous as has heretofore been observed by his close friends.

Misses Gladys Walters and Virginia Swafford visited friends in Abilene the latter part of last week.

Miss Walters visited Miss Murphy in Abilene the past week.

### Notice of Stockholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the shareholders of The Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of the Bank January 12 1915 for the purpose of electing directors and such other business as may come before the meeting.

R.O. Anderson, Cashier.

E. L. Woodroof of Waxahachie, formerly of the Woodroof Bros. Company of this place and brother of our townsman, W. D. Woodroof, came in Tuesday to look after some farm land he has in the Merkel country.

Attorney Will Hamilton of Snyder was here the first of the week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hamilton, and shaking hands with many friends he has in the town and country.

Mrs. Alice Templeton has returned home from Sentinel, Okla., where she visited her sister, Mrs. J. M. Terry. Her little niece, Mildred Harrison, returned with her to make her home with her aunt.

R. A. Grimes of Miles City came in Tuesday to visit his brother, T. L. Grimes, and to look after business matters he has in this section.

Mrs. A. J. Leighty is at home from Aspermont, where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Jack Parramore.



### Almost Like a Face-to-Face Chat

Mr. Jones had gone to a distant city on business to be away for several days, and had left his wife on the farm with no companion, except a small child.

But she was not lonesome, for each day her husband called up for a few minutes' chat by Long Distance Bell Telephone.

Have you a Telephone connected to the Bell System?

Southwestern Tel. & Tel. Co.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

WANTED — A few setting hens. Small hens preferred. H. M. Rose.

Ed Scott was in Abilene visiting relatives.

Kodak prints 4 cents each at the Universal Studio.

Have Sublett the jewelry at Mrs. E. M. Rust's Drug Store fix it.

Mrs. Claude Bigham spent Christmas at the ranch near Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Allyn are back from Eskota where they visited their parents.

Miss Ruby Payne is at home from Fort Worth where she visited friends.

Your druggist pays your money back if you are not satisfied with Bass 3363.

Miss Susie Creath has returned to her home at Abilene after a few days visit here with friends.

Give your old clock or watch its annual bath. Let Sublett do it. The jewelry at Mrs. E. M. Rust's Drug Store.

Miss Eugenia Rister has resumed her school duties at Jayton after visiting relatives here.

Miss Sophia Howard has returned from Haskell where she visited her sister, Mrs. Rufus Grisham.

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. HERBINF is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength, vigor and cheerful spirits. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv

Choice White Wyandotte cockerels \$1 each, as long as they last. First come first served. H. M. Rose. 2t

Mrs. Fred Wood of Abilene returned home Friday after a visit with her sister Mrs. C. E. Whitaker.

Have your films developed at the Universal Studio.

Mrs. C. I. Gilliland of Fort Worth who has been visiting her parents Judge and Mrs. C. D. Mims left for her home Saturday.

WANTED — A few setting hens. Small hens preferred. H. M. Rose.

W. F. Dupree of Farmersville, formerly of this place, returned the first of the week and has been spending much time shaking hands with friends.

Mrs. H. E. Petty of Dallas, who has been here for several days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Tipton, returned to her home Tuesday morning.

## Open for Business

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

## THE BOB MARTIN GROCERY COMPANY

Located first door South of The Farmers and Merchants Bank

### OUR ANNOUNCEMENT

We have purchased the entire stock of Groceries of the Sanitary Grocery Company and will have their stock in addition to our new purchases open by the above date.

To the former patrons of the Sanitary Grocery Company in addition to our many other friends and acquaintances, we extend a cordial invitation to visit us in our new quarters.

**THE BOB MARTIN GROCERY COMPANY**  
BOB MARTIN, Manager

## The Elite's New Home

Just South of the J. P. Sharp Dry Goods Company

More Room, Better Prepared to Give Good Service, Nearer the Center of town  
Form a new habit---Stop in and see us

**The ELITE CONFECTIONERY**  
F. J. FERRIER, Proprietor

# Woodroof's

## CLEAR-THE-COUNTERS

# SALE

### Continues Until Saturday

Prices Far Below Normal  
If you have visited our place you are in position to appreciate this fact.

Remember Saturday is the Last Day of the Clear-the-Counters EVENT

# The Old Reliable Standard Implements

FOR SEVENTY YEARS THE LEADER---STILL LEADS

Large car of new goods just arrived. It is to every farmer's interest to call and see. The new Standard "WIGGLE-TAIL" Cultivator (a boy can handle them) with all the old Standard light draft durability.

STANDARD 2-ROW STALK CUTTERS ARE MARVELOUS  
STANDARD LISTERS, STANDARD DISC HARROWS and SEEDERS  
STANDARD SINGLE-ROW STALK CUTTERS  
STANDARD DISC and SULKY PLOWS  
STANDARD WALKING MIDDLE BREAKERS  
STANDARD PLANTERS, The Best on Earth

EACH LEAD IN A CLASS BY THEMSELVES

Come and let us show you the reasons why you should buy these Machines in preference to any others that are on the market

## The Anchor Mercantile Company

### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Noodle.

Mrs. A. C. Sosebee and children spent last week with the former's mother, Mrs. Dock Thompson, of Sinclair.

Mrs. D. C. Herring is on the sick list this week.

Little Odessa Bicknell spent this week with her aunt, Mrs. J. E. Jones, of Shiloh.

G. N. Wright is visiting his father, N. M. Wright, near Nugent this week.

Elan Bicknell is sick with tonsillitis.

Miss Juanita Thompson and Mrs. W. L. Barbee were in Merkei trading Saturday.

C. Edwards of Royal, Aba., is visiting W. J. Bicknell and family. Mr. Edwards will probably make this his home for awhile.

Rev. Gaddins the new pastor of the M. E. Church filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Green entertained the young people here last Friday night.

Miss Stella Good is visiting Miss Lettie Jones on Sweetwater creek this week.

F. Green of Rosenberg is visiting his brother, W. Green and family.

The four months-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield has been very low with pneumonia, but is some better.

Compere.

Mrs. Baillus gave the young people an entertainment Monday night. All report a fine time.

Jack Pannell and family are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pannell and family near Mt. Pleasant this week.

Mrs. Ben Moore of Abilene is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shannon, this week.

A Happy New Year to all ye scribes.

Bad weather still prevails with us out here. We can't get the cotton crop gathered, it seems like.

Christmas has come and passed. The new year is on and everything is quiet, no disturbances that we know of.

Several are reported sick in our community this week. Henry Palmer is on the mend. Our merchant, W. N. Moore, is on the sick list with lagrippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell of New Mexico are back with us again.

Our school has started with Miss Smedley as our teacher. A good turnout of parents and children.

## STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Get a package today. Only a quarter.

### WEEKLY AUSTIN LETTER.

(R. B. Humphrey.)

One of the big daily papers carried a New Year's greeting from Mr. Ferguson, together with a list of the things he wishes for Texas in 1915. The paragraph that caught my eye was one which in substance wishes for us the biggest corn crop in our history. Now, say, when did we did we ever have a governor like that? Generally the governor-to-be, if he says anything, wishes for us the "fullest measure of happiness and prosperity" or something equally dignified and indefinite. But this gentleman gets right down to specific relief and wishes for a big corn crop. Of course, there's little or nothing he can do to make the wish come true, but the expression of it shows he understands the situation, and is most significant and hope-inspiring. I can afford to praise him because I did what I could to prevent his nomination.

The arrival in the city of the advance guard of the 34th Legislature stimulates conjecture, surmise and forecasts as to probable legislation, and hundreds of propositions are being aired and discussed, ranging from woman's suffrage to local option cigarette law. The regular biennial session of the Texas legislature and the work before it each time reminds me of nothing else so much as of the Missouri blue jay bird who made a solemn vow to fill with acorns every hole he

could find. Diligently and religiously he worked at the task, filling holes in the forest trees. One day he chanced to alight on a school house and espied a hole in the roof. Away he flew and returned with an acorn, which he dropped into the hole and which fell with a dull thud on the floor below, there being no ceiling. The readers' imagination will supply the rest. The legislature at a regular session of sixty days has about as much chance to consider intelligently every proposition before it as this high-minded and resolute bird had to really meet the requirements of his self-imposed task.

However, it is to be wished that the session will give earnest attention to three particular things, along with the liquor problems, the rental regulation and the various constitutional amendments, and these three are:

1. A lowering of the rate of interest on money.
  2. A revision of our taxation laws so as to reduce the cost of assessment and collection, and provide for adequate income and inheritance taxes.
  3. Relief from the congested condition of the supreme court docket.
- Lack of space forbids discussion, but the whole field of legislative possibility offers no others of greater relative importance. The rate of interest on money, particularly on the small borrower, is too burdensome to carry and is having a tendency to stifle industry and enterprise. The supreme court is prac-

### ALL LADIES FREE MONDAY NIGHT

Roy E. Fox's Popular Players

In High-Class Repertoire Under Water-Proof Tent

MERKEL, TEXAS  
ONE WEEK Monday, January 11  
Commencing

MONDAY NIGHT  
"The Wise Fool."

TUESDAY NIGHT  
St. Elmo.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
"Call of the Woods."

THURSDAY NIGHT  
"Out of the Fold."  
(Companion Play to Shepherd of the Hills.)

FRIDAY NIGHT  
Uncle Tom's Cabin.

SATURDAY NIGHT  
Sweetest Girl In Dixie.

Saturday Evening at 2:30 "PECK'S BAD BOY" Will Be Shown in Matinee

Band and Orchestra : : : Vaudeville Between Acts

Tent Heated With Big Furnaces  
ADMISSION 10C AND 20C  
ALL LADIES FREE MONDAY NIGHT

### THE MERKEL GARAGE

Repair work promptly done and Satisfaction Guaranteed.

TEXAS COMPANY'S OILS AND GAS.

If you need anything in our business give us a call.

S. P. FOSTER : PROPRIETOR

tically two years behind. A case appealed ought to be decided in thirty days. That litigation should be delayed as it is now is a disgrace to our boasted civilization.

In the realm of taxation the fact that we have no income tax law, that our inheritance tax law is practically ignored, and that the cost of levy, assessment and collection of other taxes amounts to about twenty per cent is enough said. Unlikely, however, that any thing will be done along either line.

In the Speaker's race, indications are that the Waco man is gaining. The fact that he might not be my personal choice if I were a member does not keep me from telling the truth about it. If Savage could deliver his en-

tire following to Woods, or Woods to Savage, one of them might be elected. This is unlikely, and with the lead he now has, Williams probably will be chosen. During a recent session Williams secured the enactment of the blue sky law, the most drastic anti-corporation statute ever put on the Texas law books, and this has been used against him in certain quarters, but has probably not seriously injured his chances.