

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## DEATH MYSTERY PROBABLY CLEARED

Efforts are being made here to determine whether or not the body found on T. & P. right of way near Weatherford Sunday morning was that of Ed Griffin, an Abilene boy.

The young man was struck by a freight train at Lambert, near Weatherford, at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. The train crew picked him up and notified the officers but he died within two hours after being struck.

When the undertakers came to examine the body, they found a bullet hole made by a large caliber revolver through his right shoulder. There was no hole in the clothing over the wound, and the authorities are at a loss to account for the mysterious shooting. It is believed here that someone either changed clothes with him after the shooting or that he went in swimming and was shot while in the water.

Tom Herod, employed at the MorrisonWoodyard Co. here is an uncle of Ed Griffin. He stated that the description of the murdered youth tallies pretty well with that of his nephew. The boy left here Saturday last for points east. He wore a hat bought from the Misfit Clothing Company of Anson and had his name penciled on the band. The description given states that the hat found by the body bore the name of Ed Griffin and had the trade mark of the Misfit Clothing Company of Athens inside the sweatband. Other descriptions of the body fit the Griffin body equally as well, according to his uncle.

Mrs. Aline Griffin, mother of Ed Griffin, is now living on a farm north of Abilene. Mr. Herod sent his son out there to notify her Monday at noon. She probably will go to Weatherford Tuesday night to view the body.

Young Griffin has lived here most of his life. His age is given at about 17 years.—Abilene Reporter.

Later the dead boy was identified by his mother, Mrs. Aline Griffin.

## LEADS MULE TO WATER—GETS HURT

J. Hamp Campbell of Route 3 narrowly escaped a bad injury Monday when he became entangled in a thirty foot rope with which he was leading a horse and mule to water.

One of the animals became scared and both started running, catching Mr. Campbell in the rope and dragging him some distance. As usual with a mule, this representative of the long-eared tribe changed his mind, if he had any, and started in an opposite direction to which the horse was going. There was a sudden stop. Mr. Campbell was again caught in the tangles of the rope and the horse was thrown violently to the ground, breaking its leg in the fall. The mule, of course, was not scratched in the least, and after a short pause and before "Old Beck" had time to make another dash for liberty J. Hamp had extricated himself from the rope little worse from the affair other than having a badly bruised ankle.

(Editor's Note: Jim, you can lead a mule to water but you can't make him drink.)

W. L. Harkrider and family motored to Abilene Sunday.

## EAST BOUND MAIL CHANGE OF TIME

A change has been made of the local outgoing mail at night wherein patrons of the Merkel postoffice might be greatly benefited in sending letters to eastern points that need immediate delivery.

For all mail going east that is mailed in the postoffice before 5:25 each evening a special pouch is made of it and it goes to Sweetwater on west bound passenger No. 3 where it is transferred to east bound passenger train No. 22 due at Merkel at 10:05 p. m., and arriving at Fort Worth 6:10 a. m. East bound letters mailed after 5:25 each evening are sent out on east bound passenger No. 34 due here at 1:45 and do not reach Fort Worth until 9:45 the same morning. This change makes all letters mailed here before 5:25 each evening reach Fort Worth some three hours and one-half earlier than usual.

## CITY COUNCIL TO EXTEND TAX TIME

The City Council in its regular meeting of Monday night of last week voted to extend the time of payment of City taxes until March 1, wherein property owners could pay 1914 taxes without having a penalty attached thereto.

This extension will be a convenience to many and should be taken advantage of. This extension does not include delinquent taxes of years before 1914.

### Farm Loans.

In spite of the war and dying republicanism, I am still in the loan business. My money is no better than any other but I can give the best and quickest service on earth. I make my own inspections and have your title examined at home and if both are good I can give you the money on short notice. There is no long-winded delays waiting for inspectors and mail-order attorney opinions. Your loan must be first-class security. It makes no difference to me but the man furnishing the money for my business is powerfully particular. If you are going to need money any time this year, better give me the business. Your application left at the Mail office at Merkel will receive my prompt attention. I can sell a real, genuine bargain any time, sometime. Jno. G. Jackson, Abilene, 3t.—DH.

### Dr. Miller and Family Away.

Dr. Geo. L. Miller, Mrs. Miller and baby daughter, Clara Louise, will leave the latter part of next week to be absent from Merkel for several months.

Dr. Miller will attend a course of study at Philadelphia and Mrs. Miller and baby will visit in South Texas, Tennessee, Illinois and Ohio and later join the doctor in the East.

While away their home will be occupied by Dr. Foster and family. Dr. Foster will have charge of Dr. Miller's practice and is coming to Merkel from Mandan, N. Dakota, to make this his permanent home.

### Poultry Wanted.

Hens and frying chickens, cash price paid. 10 cents for good hens and 11 cents per pound for good fryers. Ash Bros., Kent street.

## MERKEL COUNTRY'S NEED A FACT NOW UNDISPUTED

Actions of Adjoining Towns are Such that  
Merkel Country Would Do Well to  
Emulate Them in Principle

## BETTER HIGHWAYS OUR SUBJECT

The Merkel country needs a system of good roads builded in a business manner, along business lines and not after the method employed in the construction of the present highways that lead into the city of Abilene.

Abilene has greatly profited by the work done in Precinct No. 1 but the citizenship of that precinct was seemingly humbugged to an extent in getting their money's worth out of their road building bonds. With the town of Sweetwater the method employed was a more fortunate one for that country and the town and country have reaped a rich harvest from the excellent roads that lead into their city. Merkel should be as well situated as either of these towns. Our farmers should have conveniences that farmers in the adjoining country have but until our roads are improved they will fail to derive these benefits and the towns of Abilene and Sweetwater will continue to profit by our negligence.

The Mail is in favor of the betterment of any condition that adds to the usefulness of our country. It is in favor of any improvement that benefits the masses of our people but we believe conservatism should be shown in handling any matter of so wide importance and to do so ample time should be given to consideration of our needs and methods of perfecting those improvements.

This better road question is one that should not be handled in a jocular manner. It has ceased to be a joke and has become a stern reality. That something needs to be done is very evident and no man would criticize this assertion but the way of doing it is entirely another question and should be decided by the people of our community and precinct.

The columns of the Mail are open at all times for the free discussion of such matters so long as personalities are not engaged in. Our readers will be given the benefit of articles from men of affairs in Merkel and Merkel country, these articles touching upon the question of improving our highways. Each and every man who wishes to make his views known will find us ready to give publicity to his argument regardless of how he sees the matter just so long as he does not take a "fancy shot at his neighbor." This would not be countenanced regardless of how much you thought some individual was going wrong.

After having given this offer due consideration, to any reader who is desirous of stating his views, we will be pleased to have them write us. Think it over, write it out and let the people read what you have to say on this particular question. Tell them in a public way your views as to the needs of the Merkel country.

The first article of series of articles will appear in next week's Mail. Look for them. They will not be the expressions of the Mail but of individuals throughout the Merkel country.

## MERCHANTS MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY NIGHT AT HALL

A meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association has been called by President Anderson for Monday night of next week at the Fire Station Hall at 7:30 o'clock.

Many matters of importance are to be brought up and the attendance of all merchants is requested. Merchants and business men who are not members of this association are requested to be present for the purpose of better organizing a Merchants Association and to assist in the many things that will interest our town during this year.

### Sells Ford Automobiles.

H. M. Warren, local representative for the Ford Automobile, made sales of 2 five passenger cars to Dr. M. Armstrong and B. G. Brown since our last issue.

These two sales increased the Ford owners in Merkel to five users within the last two weeks. All the deals were made through Agent Warren.

Mrs. Alva Roberts, who has been here several weeks visiting Mr. and Mrs. N. Roberts, left Wednesday for Haskell for a short visit before returning to her home at Temple.

### Sweetwater Young Lady Dies.

Miss Willie Hightower of Sweetwater died Friday night of last week after an illness of some two weeks of La Grippe. Burial was given the body Sunday, according to reports reaching here.

Miss Hightower was well and favorably known here, having visited in the city a number of times, and has a host of friends who will deeply regret to learn of her sudden demise.

D. F. Bandy, a former resident of Merkel came in Tuesday morning for a short stay in Merkel. Mr. Bandy has been living at Hillsboro since his departure from this place.

## HURT IN RUNAWAY HERE SATURDAY

Saturday evening Geo. W. Boyce was thrown violently from a buggy, striking the ground with such force that he was rendered unconscious for several minutes. His companion, James Patterson, of Route 1, met with a similar experience but was not injured further than being bruised up considerably.

The horse was being driven by Mr. Patterson and became frightened and started a two mile run with a series of kicks and jumps that threw the occupants of the buggy out soon after the horse started running. Both Mr. Patterson and Mr. Boyce show numerous bruises from their experience and are thankful that their accident did not result more seriously.

## \$7,000 FIRE AT ABILENE TUESDAY

The large two-story house belonging to Mrs. Emma Jackson, burned to the ground at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning. The house was valued at \$5,000, with \$3,000 insurance. The furniture was valued at \$2,500, with \$2,500 insurance.

The barking of a dog was one of the means of discovering the fire. The smoke and heat, coupled with the dogs behavior, finally aroused the roomers, who fled in their nightclothes.

The fire department arrived late, due to the fact that the alarm reached the station in a roundabout way. The water was turned on the burning building but without effect. It burned to the ground, leaving only the brick chimney standing.

The firemen had a hard fight to prevent the destruction of the house on the north and the one on the west, together with a couple of barns and a servant house.

Chief John J. Clinton said Tuesday:

"We were a little late in arriving on account of the lateness of the alarm and the fact that the strange fire whistle failed to arouse the volunteers. The regular whistle was destroyed when the big boiler blew up Saturday night, and the oil mill whistle was used last night. The water pressure was strong, and Mr. Wainwright of the water company was on the ground helping as much as he could. The pressure was extremely good, considering the way the plant has been crippled.

"Driver Cress Watson of the hose truck made one of the prettiest and swiftest connections last night I ever saw or heard of. He arrived at the place alone, jumped from his wagon, pulled the hose off, made the connection, turned the water on and jumped back on his wagon. Then he whipped up his horses and beat the water to the end of the hose. That was the most remarkable stunt I ever saw, and I have been in the business quite a spell."

The burned house was one of the handsomest homes in that part of the city. Just how the fire originated has not been determined. When discovered the blaze was coming out the roof, the building gradually burning downward to the ground.—Abilene Reporter.

I will give \$5.00 for one dozen culled Rhode Island pullets. James West at G. F. West Co.

## CALL TO COLORS OF U. C. VETERANS

Merkel Camp No. 79 United Confederate Veterans is hereby called to meet in regular convention in the Public Hall February 20 at 2:00 o'clock p. m.

Dear Comrades: This will be a very important meeting as this will be the time of the election of officers also the election of commissioners to the Twenty-fifth National Reunion which will be in session in the city of Richmond, Virginia, the 1st 2nd and 3rd of June, 1915, at which time a great many historical transactions will take place, such as the dedication of the great Battle Abbey at a cost of two hundred thousand dollars which will stand in the Confederate Capital as a historical memorial which will perpetuate the glory of our beloved southland. In addition to this memorial temple, through the instrumentality of our organization, the nation is dotted with cemeteries which silently whisper the glory of the heroes who sleep in the City of the dead. Now the time has arrived after we have labored a quarter of a century and have accomplished more than we could have expected at our organization and we are becoming feeble under the wait of years it is probable in the wisdom of the comrades assembled in council in a legislative capacity may close our work and existence as an organization.

Now brethren, remember with bowed heads in reverence to our Great Commander who in His infinite wisdom hath summoned to the final roll call a number of our comrades since our last meeting. While our hearts are sad at the rapid departing from earthly ranks we trust that the number are being augmented in the army of the redeemed. It is a pleasure to have the blessed assurance of a happy meeting on the bright shores of eternal deliverance.

A. A. Baker, Com.

## ABILENE PLANT SUFFERS DAMAGE

The power plant of the Abilene Light and Power Co., was badly damaged early Saturday night when a boiler exploded and wrecked two other boilers of the same plant.

The company was able by the use of gas engines to continue to give electric service to their many customers. The damage will run into thousands of dollars according to the Abilene Reporter.

### Teaff Child Dies Wednesday.

Little Anna Lee Teaff, the five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Teaff of Route 1, died at the family home Wednesday night after a very short illness.

We were unable to get particulars of the death other than above stated. Burial services were held here Thursday afternoon, but at the time of going to press we were not informed as to who conducted the services.

The Mail extends the deepest sympathy to the bereaved parents.

Mrs. S. S. Harris of Fort Stockton came in the first of the week to visit Mesdames J. W. Daniel, J. D. Gaither and other friends.

Master Edwin Rice spent the week-end with his aunt, Miss Eather Williams of Abilene.

# One Million Dollars Protection

Have you stopped to consider that the Depositors Guaranty Fund of the State of Texas now has approximately \$1,000,000.00 in **CASH** for the benefit of depositors? In addition to this the board has a right to levy an assessment of 2 per cent against the average deposits of all State Banks in Texas in any one year, should there be need for it.

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### NOODLE

Mrs. E. E. Wheeler has been very sick for the past week; also Mrs. D. C. Herring.

Misses Maude and Minnie Ferguson and Miss Juanita Thompson spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Thompson's parents at Anson.

Rev. Gaddis filled his regular appointment at the M. E. church Sunday.

Misses Bessie and Josephine Medlin, the teachers at Compere, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Bertha Ely.

Miss Mary Thompson of Sinclair spent last week with relatives and friends.

A number of young people attended the show at Merkel Saturday night.

Wesley Ely and Robert Medlin of Simmons College spent Saturday night and Sunday with Wesley's parents.

J. M. Fogleman returned from Sweetwater last Friday after a week's visit with his daughter, Mrs. E. Horton.

Miss Eula Sears, Mrs. John Sears and children spent Sunday afternoon with E. E. Wheeler and family.

Little Lila Fay Sosebee is very sick at this writing.

Quite a number of Shiloh people attended services here Sunday.

### SHILOH

Farmers up this way are making good use of the fair weather we are having. A few days more of sunshine and cotton picking will be a thing of the past.

Misses Albertine Winters and Edith Mayberry of Simmons College spent the week-end with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wheeler of Noodle were in this community Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Carter had a house moved out from Merkel last week to his farm near Shiloh.

Misses Lyda and Nina Beavers spent Saturday night with Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy and attended Sunday school at Noodle Sunday.

There has been several cases of mumps in this community.

### COMPERE

There is some sickness among the children of this community. Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Moore have two sick children and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannel have two.

Our merchant, W. N. Moore, had the bad luck last week to lose a hundred dollar cow.

Rev. Buzbee preached at Compere Sunday. Had good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Childress are moving to Colorado, where they will make their home in the future. We regret to give up our old friends.

Mr. Shannon Moore speaks of renting his place and moving to town. We regret to lose them as our neighbors.

Some cotton yet to pick in the Compere community or boll pulling.

Charley Childress has purchased a new organ. He gave the young people a singing Sunday night.

A good many young people from Hodges attended the singing at Compere Sunday afternoon.

#### Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to take unto Himself our beloved friend, student and class mate, Rowena Allen, and, whereas, in her departure we have lost one who was lovable, obedient and devoted to duty, and, whereas, our hearts have been made sad by the passing of her beautiful spirit. Heaven has been made brighter by her coming, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the Merkel Baptist Sunday School, do hereby express our profound sense of loss is peaceably passing from us to be forever with her Lord. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family and friends in this their sad hour of bereavement, yet we must bow to the will of our Heavenly Father "Who doeth all things well."

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy furnished the press of the city paper, a copy sent to the Baptist Standard and one spread upon the minutes of the Sunday School.

Committee.

### TERSE TIPS ON TIMELY TOPICS

In the fall, when the hens have the run of a pea-patch or a field from which the corn has been gathered; and when there is scattered corn, peas or other feed about the barn-lot, they often get too fat to lay. This was true of a bunch of hens on the farm of the writer last fall. But when they were turned upon a patch of green oats they made up for lost time.

A reason why corn in six-foot rows with peas between, yields almost or quite as much as in four-foot rows without the peas, is because the air circulates better. It is for the same reason that the stalks are bigger at the end of the row.

If a dollar is not realized from the sale of peas planted between corn rows, they are worth more than they cost, as food and fertilizer. Corn should never be planted on sandy land, without peas between. And I may add that more peas on black land than has been the rule, would be good for the black land.

I have had the idea that a couple of hundred pounds to the acre of acid phosphate, in planting cow-peas on rich land, would cause them to fruit better than they usually do. I have been told by a "scientific feller" that this is not true of the lower Mississippi Valley. Would like to see it tried, just the same.

In a short article some time ago, widely published, probably because it was short, I said that less water and more surface stirring to hold it in, would be good for the irrigator. An irrigator out West asked me how about this for such crops as alfalfa that require flooding. I took for granted it would be understood that my suggestion referred more particularly to furrow crops.

Well, I am not sure after all, if the idea might not be applied to an extent, even to flooded crops. Some days ago, in a big get-together meeting of town and country people, a matter came up which recalls to mind the subject. The alfalfa growers have learned that while alfalfa gets adequate supply of nitrogen from the air, the same is not true as to phosphorus; therefore, up-to-date growers supply this. In the section referred to, they apply broadcast on the surface. A fertilizer man on his job, told them that by this method of application, they lose a good deal of it by evaporation, and that it should be put an inch or two deep with a disc drill. I asked him if this would not also be good for the alfalfa, when a successful grower of the same answered: "Shore!"

R. R. Claridge,  
Agriculture Agt. T. & P. Ry. Co.  
Longview, Texas.

### To Our Friends and Customers

For many years most banks have permitted some of their customers to overdraw their accounts in a small way as a matter of courtesy and convenience, although there has never been any warrant for it as a matter of law.

We are now required by the Treasury Department at Washington to absolutely discontinue this practice in all cases. Our friends will therefore take notice that we cannot pay checks unless the depositor or the party drawing the check has the money to his credit. This is necessary not only because it is not regarded as good banking, but because we are prohibited from allowing overdrafts by the Treasury Department. If customers desire extra funds they can generally arrange for such amounts at the bank and we will appreciate it very much if our friends and patrons will not put us to the necessity of returning any of their checks unpaid. This can be avoided by keeping a close account on the stubs of the check books which we furnish. OVERDRAFTS CAN NOT BE PERMITTED HEREAFTER.

Feb. 15, 1915. Respectfully  
The Farmers & Merchants  
Natl. Bank of Merkel, Texas.

### Notice to Our Friends and Customers

Owing to a ruling of The State Banking Department we can no longer pay overdrafts for our Customers. We have been doing this as a matter of courtesy and convenience, but hereafter we shall be forced to discontinue this practice, as it is prohibited by the State Department of Banking.

We trust our Customers will take notice, and should they need funds call at the Bank and arrange for them before checking, thus relieving us of the necessity of returning your check. Respectfully,

The Farmers State Bank,  
Merkel, Texas.

### BLAIR

Rev. Farris was greeted with a good congregation Sunday it being the first pretty Sunday since he has been preaching here.

The farmers are making good use of the fair weather and every one will get through gathering their cotton in a little while. Plows will soon be running on full time for another big crop.

The Santa Fe timetable has changed and it is rumored that through trains will soon be running from coast to coast. The passenger train goes east at 5:09 in the evening and the west bound at 11:00 at night.

### Piano Tuning.

For the next thirty days I will tune pianos for \$2.50 and guarantee my work. Leave orders with E. D. Coats. L. A. Mangum, the blind man.



WANTED—To mend all your violins, guitars and other broken instruments. All work guaranteed. Gordon Wetzel, Merkel. tf

FOR SALE—200 bushels Silver Mine seed corn, \$1.25 per bushel. John S. Hughes, 6 miles south of Merkel. 5t2pd

WANTED—Jobs on farms for large boys 16 years and older; to start them at small wages. Address Emile Reck, Agent, Weatherford, Texas. 1Feb3mo

HELP WANTED—House help wanted for small family. Phone 121 or write Box 38, Merkel.

FOR SALE—I have a good second hand buggy for sale. In good shape and cheap, see me. Walter Clark.

ROOMS TO RENT—Three rooms for light house keeping. Address Merkel, P. O. Box 445.

LOST—Blue serge coat between Merkel and C. M. Largent's. Finder return to Mail office. J. W.

FARM WORK WANTED—On good farm for five or six months. Will need house to live in. J. R. Ellis, Route 5. 1tpd

WANTED—All the farmers to patronize my barber shop. Price 10 and 15 cents. W. G. Whetzel, in E. D. Coats Bldg. 12:2

WANTED—By man with small family, land to work on shares or by month with cattle. Write J. F. Austin, Merkel. 12:2pd

FOR SALE—Mule colt worth \$40.00. \$25.00 cash takes him. Dr. Miller

FOR SALE—Work horse, 7 years old, 16 hands, a good one and cheap at \$100. \$75.00 cash takes him. Dr. Miller.

FOR SALE—Stanhope buggy worth \$100.00. \$50.00 takes it. Dr. Miller.

LOST—Key ring with post office key and others and bank identification tag and horse shoe job attached. Return to post office at Merkel. S. L. Smith.

MOTORCYCLE, for sale or trade. Twin cylinder Indian motorcycle practically new, 1914 model. Write or see E. L. Horton, Noodle, Rt. 1, May-10pd.

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You will find that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has recognized advantages over most medicines in use for coughs and colds. It does not suppress a cough but loosens and relieves it. It aids expectoration and opens the secretions, which enables the system to throw off a cold. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. It contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult. For sale by all dealers. adv.

Miss Missouri Straham of Trent visited her aunt, Mrs. E. M. Rust, Saturday.

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For City Secretary—  
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Painting the Lily.  
A New York jokesmith has written a new libretto for one of Verdi's operas. The next we know some sure-fire sharp from Tinpan Alley will be tinkering up the music.

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Many people rely upon Chamberlain's Cough Remedy implicitly in cases of colds and croup, and it never disappoints them. Mrs. E. H. Thomas, Logansport, Ind., writes: "I have found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be the best medicine for colds and croup I have ever used, and never tire of recommending it to my neighbors and friends. I have always given it to my children when suffering from croup, and it has never failed to give them prompt relief. For sale by all dealers. adv.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Be on hand at 7:30 Monday night at the merchants meeting at the Fire Station.

Misses Jinkens, McLendon, Huffaker and Payne motored to Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren and Miss Burkett motored to Abilene Sunday.

All business men should take notice of the meeting at the Fire Station next Monday night.

Mrs. J. W. Jennings visited relatives in Abilene the latter part of last week.

Mrs. C. P. Stevens returned home Saturday from Hamlin where she visited her sister, Mrs. Cash.

W. B. Leeman, a former Merkel citizen, came in from Brady Tuesday to visit his aunt, Mrs. Alice Templeton, and to look after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Farmer, who have been visiting their son at Clyde, returned home Wednesday evening.

Don't forget that I carry a line of fresh drugs. I get a shipment once a week when you need medicine I have it, Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Wesley Edwards and Jno. Bond were in Palo Pinto county last week investigating the live stock conditions of that part of Texas.

Jim Norris, formerly of this place, is here for a short while in the interest of the insurance company he is connected with.

Mrs. C. C. Carter of El Paso, who has been here visiting her sister, Mrs. Ben Pilcher, left for Carbon Wednesday for a short visit before returning home.

Don't forget Monday night is the time set for the merchants meeting. This is the first one held this year and will be of much importance.

I have moved my wholesale and retail apple store from Kent St. to 1st door North of G. M. Sharps Grocery. Call and see me for fresh fruits of all kinds. J. B. Cox. 514

On next Monday night there will be a meeting of the merchants of Merkel at the Fire Station.

Mrs. J. S. Burkhead is here this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. B. Bell.

Rev. and Mrs. Gaddy are in Austin, where the former has gone for treatment. Hundreds of their friends will regret to hear of his continued illness. The doctor says he can give relief and make him more comfortable but cannot cure his defective eyesight.

Don't trust your memory but take an Eastman Kodak and get a true likeness of the hills, the spot where memory holds dear before the trees and prairies put on their suit of green send one to your friends. Kodaks & supplies at Mrs. E. M. Rust. If it isn't Eastman it isn't a kodak.

A heavy cold in the lungs that was expected to cure itself has been the starting point in many cases of disease that ended fatally. The sensible course is to take frequent doses of BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP. It checks the progress of the disorder and assists nature to restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv.

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Just Received our Spring Samples of the Celebrated SCOTCH WOOLENS, the best on earth. Give them a look.

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**Jeweler's Notice.**

To my customers and friends: I have moved two doors south of my old stand and as before am located at the front window of the J. T. Dennis Dry Goods store. A continuation of your patronage is solicited.

F. H. Dennis, Jeweler.

**Breeders Notice**

Farmers having gilts to breed should see A. V. Dye's Hampshire hog just southwest of the depot.

**Here from Panama.**

Mrs. Sterling P. Miller of Parasia, Panama, arrived here Wednesday afternoon to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been making their home in the Canal Zone for the past eight months and are highly pleased with their new surroundings. Mrs. Miller will be here for several weeks.

Mrs. J. M. Norris was here this week visiting her father, A. J. Tucker.

**VAUDEVILLE TONIGHT**

The Ford and Cody entertainers at the Cozy tonight and until Saturday night promise good attractions for the show goers. Miss Louise Cody, a niece of Buffalo Bill, plays an important part in this vaudeville act.

**"The Best Laxative I Know Of"**

"I have sold Chamberlain's Tablets for several years. People who have used them will take nothing else. I can recommend them to my customers as the best laxative and cure for constipation that I know of," writes Frank Strouse, Fruitland, Iowa. For sale by all dealers. adv.

**Fire Boys Interesting Meet.**

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department met in regular session Monday night, disposing of various matters and in all having a very interesting meeting.

A committee was named to formulate plans for replenishing the financial condition of the treasury and was instructed to report at the March meeting with definite plans and arrangements for this work.

**Reason Enthroned**

Because meats are so tasty they are consumed in great excess. This leads to stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. Revise your diet, let reason and not a pampered appetite control, then take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will be well again. Try it. For sale by all dealers. adv.

**Notice.**

For rent or lease in Merkel the Exchange Wagon Yard and Stable, beginning March 1, 1915. For further particulars see A. C. Boney.

**Clocks! Clocks!**

Just the kind you want, the \$1 Alarm Clock for the early riser, the Belmont & Fleet style in 8 day session and Seth Thomas with or without alarm as you like.

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**Sewing.**

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**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Miss Willie Cox visited relatives in Abilene Sunday.

Miss Eva May Murphy of Abilene is the guest of Miss Eva Walters.

Make your plans now to attend the merchants meeting at the Fire Station Monday night.

One 10-pound bucket of pure hog lard, \$1.25 at City Meat Market. 12t2

Miss Mabel Greenway of Rochester is the guest of Misses Eufie and Hollis Cypert.

J. C. Marlow of Wichita Falls is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Marlow.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brewster of Caps visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Thomas of our city.

New car apples, to be sold in wholesale and retail lots. J. B. Cox The Apple Man 1st door North of G. M. Sharps Gro. 514

Mrs. L. Vaughan, who has been visiting T. A. Garoutte and family, left the latter part of last week for her home at Elsinore, California.

Mrs. Ferguson of Abilene is attending the bedside of her father, S. D. Marlow, who is very sick.

A child that has intestinal worms is handicapped in its growth. A few doses of WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE destroys and expels worms; the child immediately improves and thrives wonderfully. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv

Mr. Business Man, are you going to attend the meeting of merchants at the Fire Station next Monday night?

E. W. T. Compton of Abilene, a former well known Merkel citizen, was here this week shaking hands with old friends.

A scald, burn, or cut heals slowly if neglected. The family that keeps a bottle of BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT on hand is always prepared for such accident. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Miss Cecile Haley of Matidor, who has been here for the past few weeks visiting her sister, Mrs. W. E. Britain, returned to her home Sunday afternoon.

W. D. Woodroof returned from St. Louis and other points Sunday, where he purchased an extensive line of spring and summer goods. Returning to Merkel with him was his younger brother, Luke Woodroof, of Waxahachie, who is here on a visit.

When the bowels become irregular you are uncomfortable and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. You can get rid of this misery quickly by using HERBINE. Take a dose on going to bed and see how fine you feel next day. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv

Miss Lura Spregue arrived here Monday to take charge of the millinery department of the W. D. Woodroof store. Miss Spregue has been connected with the Woodroof Co., at Waxahachie for the past three years and comes here highly recommended as a trimmer and designer.

J. R. Curb who has been a reader of the Mail since the earliest day in this country was in Saturday to extend his time another year and to send his compliments in the form of a Merkel Mail to his brother in an eastern state.

Gas in the stomach or bowels is a disagreeable symptom of a torpid liver. To get rid of it quickly take HERBINE. It is a marvelous liver stimulant and bowel purifier. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv

**How to Prevent Bilious Attacks.**

Coming events cast their shadows before. This is especially true of bilious attacks. Your appetite will fail you will feel dull and languid. If you are subject to bilious attacks take three Chamberlain's Tablets, as soon as these symptoms appear and the attack may be warded off. For sale by all dealers. adv.

**Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly**

The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILI TONIC, drives out malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c

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If you have platons, 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.

### NO MORE OVERDRAFTS.

The Merkel banks have issued notices to their many customers that hereafter or within the next few days they will not honor overdrafts of any description. Their action followed an ultimatum from the state and government banking offices.

This ultimatum as we will call it certainly has its short comings. However, we cannot criticize our bankers for following instructions given them but the man who gave the instructions evidently cares very little for our feelings or for our support in the next election, if he holds an elective office. It has been a matter of bread and butter to us and to be cut off so suddenly will work an awful hardship. It is one of those propositions of "United we got along, divided we can't make both ends meet." But the work has been done and we will abide by the decision. However, we were given no voice in the affair and we now serve notice on the various banking departments regardless of how many there may be that it has always been a golden rule of no taxation without representation and herein we were not represented nor were we given a chance to voice or approval or disapproval to the regulation.

### WAGSTAFF AND OTHERS AT AUSTIN.

Throughout the time that Representative J. M. Wagstaff has been a member of the Legislature from this county it has been with content that we have watched his work in the Texas law making body.

So different are his actions from those of many of his colleagues, it has never been said of him that he has fathered one of those foolish non-logical propositions so many of which are presented to the Legislature every year. His ideas seem more mature and he is less susceptible to advocating measures afterward found to be unconstitutional than the average representative. His time seems to be given to better legislation and to none of the farcial kind. He is a recognized leader among the Solons of our state and very much resembles in appearance that noted Abraham Lincoln.

### MILAGE AND JURY FEES.

Only last week John D. Rockefeller accepted \$2.00 witness fee and \$3.00 milage after having testified before the Commission on Industrial Relations. His son accepted \$6.00 for a like service. Three other millionaires who were called by the same commission refused to accept the paltry sum.

There is a great lesson taught in this. It proves that a person should take all that is offered them. By so doing they may amass a fortune similar to Rockefeller's. Hereafter we accept service on any and all cases where there is a fee to be paid. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

### THE SHIP PROPOSAL PURCHASES.

Collier's Weekly of February 13, lauds President Wilson for having vetoed the Immigration Bill in one paragraph and in the next one advises him to give the proposed Ship Purchase Bill the same route to the waste basket.

Collier's Weekly, like Senator Smoot and some of his cohorts, does all it can to defeat this merchant marine measure and seem to be lined up solidly in favor of a continued monopolistic seafaring denomination

When those reformers down at Austin are through with their investigation of the punch and chicken salad served at the receptions at the

gubernatorial mansion, they should put a stop to such extravagance in future by ordaining that hereafter that only beans, cornbread and slough water shall form the menu at gubernatorial receptions. —Fort Worth Record.

There is a humorous side to nearly everything and the Record saw this one when they gave it the "once over."

### THOSE NEW SKIRTS.

The new style skirts will cost more money because more material is required to make them, but we like the fashion all the same. The temptation to undress is somewhat removed. —Abilene Reporter.

Editor Anderson is to be congratulated on having scrutinized the fashion sheets for spring and summer wearing apparel for ladies.

### PLANTING MORE TREES.

Trees will beautify a town, a farm, or a country more than any other kind of improvement. Plant trees this spring. Every farm should have a little grove beside the orchard and yard trees. The grove in a few years will furnish all the fuel needed for the home. In selecting a tree for a grove don't accept one just because somebody else chose it or because the agent wants to sell it to you. Look to the future of the tree five to ten years from now. Consult proper authorities as to the tree best adapted to this soil, altitude and climate. —Toyah Valley Herald.

The planting of trees is always in order and we do not know of a single one of our exchanges that has not urged that this be done. We hereby officially join this campaign; and say: PLANT TREES —Abilene Reporter.

A few more trees would greatly improve the looks of the various Merkel streets. Why not plant trees? This is a good month to set them out and no better time will ever present itself than NOW.

A former Merkel citizen on returning from Jaurez, Mexico, relates a funny experience he had in having American money exchanged for the present paper circulating medium of the Chilli-Con-Carne country.

This party intended to purchase some cattle from an interior point in Mexico and offered \$500 in American currency in exchange for the Mexican money. The sight that met his eyes looked too good to be true. Enough green currency of the Villa denomination was heaped up in front of him to have loaded a pack mule. Seeing that he could not travel with so much money he gave his son instructions to proceed to the point and if a deal could be made that the money would be shipped by freight at the earliest possible moment, considering the time it would take to crate and bundle it up.

Representative Byrne of the Texas Legislature is opposed to the use of narrow wheeled vehicles. He would prohibit the use of all tires less than four inches in width. Really we thought that the present Legislature was devoid of such thinkers. Such proposals as these are what make us favor the RECALL and we believe Representative Byrne's constituents should give him his dues the next time he presents himself as a candidate.

Claud Callan says that some of the spring hats will represent a submarine and that father's pocket will in that case represent a battleship. This is a great idea that Claud has but we did not know that his children were that large. He is thinking of his wife and laying the blame on the children.

Senator Conner is pushing a bill to establish the Central West Texas Normal. Hurrah for Senator Conner and ABILENE. Somebody tell the Reporter of this proposal. It will coincide with what they have been advocating for months.

The year of 1915 promises to be the opportune time for Merkel and Merkel country to get better roads. We would like to have a little assistance on this question.

No one has been known to get their feet wet in the cotton pool and it blowed up world without end. The instigators now seem to think the South an unappreciative land.

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### Notice by Publication to Non-Resident and Unknown Owners

The State of Texas, County of Taylor,

To H. B. Hardeman, Greeting:

Whereas, the State of Texas, through its County Attorney, did, on the 3rd day of July, A. D. 1914, file in the District Court of Taylor county, in the state of Texas, its petition in Suit No. 331a on the Civil Docket of said court, being suit brought by the said The State of Texas, as Plaintiff, against H. B. Hardeman as Defendant, and the nature of the plaintiff's demand as stated in the said petition being an action to recover of the defendant as the owner of the lands returned delinquent (or reported sold to the state) for the taxes due thereon for the year 1912; and, whereas, the said owner is non-resident of the state (or the name of said owner unknown), and upon the affidavit of Eugene DeBogory having been made, setting forth that said owner is non-resident of the state of Texas (or the owner unknown to the affiant, as the attorney for the state of Texas, and after inquiry, not ascertained).

These are therefore, to cite all interested parties and to make parties defendant by notice in the name of The State of Texas, and the county of Taylor, directed to all persons owning or being in any way interested in the lands delinquent to the state and county for taxes, to be published in a newspaper in said county one time a week for three consecutive weeks, in the manner and style following:

The State of Texas and the County of Taylor.

To H. B. Hardeman and to all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the following described land delinquent to the state of Texas and county of Taylor, for taxes, to-wit: Being lots 7-8, block 1 in the city of Merkel; which said land is delinquent for taxes for the following amounts: \$9.35 for state taxes, and for county taxes, and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the state for the collection of said taxes and you are commanded to appear and defend such suit at the March term of the district court of Taylor county, and state of Texas, being the next regular term thereof to be held at the court house thereof, at Abilene, on the 8th Monday after the 1st Monday in January, being the 1st day of March, 1915, and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said land (or lots), and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes and cost of suit.

Witness my hand and official seal at my office in Abilene, Texas, this 1st day of Feb. A. D., 1915. [L.S.] J. FULLER, Dis. Clerk Taylor Co., Texas.

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The State of Texas, County of Taylor,

To Frank Simeon, Greeting:

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the owner of the lands returned delinquent (or reported sold to the state) for the taxes due thereon for the year 1912; and, whereas, the said owner is non-resident of the state (or the name of said owner unknown), and upon the affidavit of Eugene DeBogory having been made, setting forth that said owner is non-resident of the state of Texas (or the owner unknown to the affiant, as the attorney for the state of Texas, and after inquiry, not ascertained).

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The State of Texas and the County of Taylor.

To Frank Simeon and to all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the following described land delinquent to the state of Texas and county of Taylor, for taxes, to-wit: Being lots 11-12, block 44 in the city of Merkel, which said land is delinquent for taxes for the following amounts: \$9.29 for state taxes, and for county taxes, and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the state for the collection of said taxes and you are commanded to appear and defend such suit at the March term of the district court of Taylor county, and state of Texas, being the next regular term thereof to be held at the court house thereof, at Abilene, on the 8th Monday after the 1st Monday in January, being the 1st day of March, 1915, and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said land (or lots), and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes and cost of suit.

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To M. A. Sentenis, Greeting:

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Court, being suit brought by the said State of Texas, as plaintiff, against M. A. Sentenis as defendant, and the nature of the plaintiff's demand as stated in the said petition being an action to recover of the defendant as the owner of the lands returned delinquent (or reported sold to the state) for the taxes due thereon for the year 1912; and, whereas, the said owner is non-resident of the state (or the name of said owner unknown), and upon the affidavit of Eugene DeBogory having been made, setting forth that said owner is non-resident of the state of Texas (or the owner unknown to the affiant, as the attorney for the state of Texas, and after inquiry, not ascertained).

These are therefore, to cite all interested parties and to make parties defendant by notice in the name of the State of Texas, and the county of Taylor, directed to all persons owning or being in any way interested in the lands delinquent to the state and county for taxes, to be published in a newspaper in said county, one time a week for three consecutive weeks, in the manner and style following:

The State of Texas and the County of Taylor.

To M. A. Sentenis and to all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the following described land delinquent to the state of Texas and the county of Taylor, for taxes, to-wit: Being lot 3, block 204, out lot 4, division B, in the city of Abilene, which said land is delinquent for taxes for the following amounts: \$10.47 for state taxes, and for county taxes, and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the state for the collection of said taxes and you are commanded to appear and defend such suit at the March term of the District Court of Taylor county, and the state of Texas, being the next regular term thereof to be held at the court house thereof, at Abilene, on the 8th Monday after the 1st Monday in January, being the 1st day of March, 1915, and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said land (or lots), and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes and cost of suit.

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No. 17



### WOULD FLY; MAY NEVER WALK

Fate Surely Has Dealt Harshly With Inventor Who Had Planned Great Things.

After having worked in vain for 50 years on an invention which he hoped would solve the problem of aviation, Frederick Merrill Shaw, eighty-seven years old, of 237 North Grand avenue, slipped on a banana peel at First and Main streets yesterday morning and sustained injuries from which physicians at the Receiving hospital say he can never permanently recover.

"It's the irony of fate," the old man said. "I have devoted nearly all my life to my invention, which, when perfected, would in reality permit men to fly in the clouds with the safety of birds, and here I am on a hospital cot as the result of a simple accident on the ground."

Mr. Shaw is suffering from a fractured limb, his left leg having been broken near the hip. Owing to his advanced years it is not considered likely that he will ever be able to walk.

While discussing the accident and his life work Mr. Shaw, who is one of the city's well-known eccentric characters, took from his pocket a sheet of paper on which was drawn a diagram of the air machine he had labored on for so many years. He exhibited it with pride, declaring if he only had more time and a little money he could yet perfect it. His device is of the famous Darius Green type, providing huge wings to be operated by men birds. About twenty years ago he thought he had finished his invention, and in giving a public demonstration, fell from the roof of a two-story building and broke a number of bones.

Upon three different occasions he attempted to prove to the world that he had mastered the air problem, and each time fell to the ground, twice breaking the same limb that was fractured yesterday.—Los Angeles Times.

### REALISM RULES IN NURSERY

Gone is the Day of Affected Styles That Prevailed in Olden Times.

Is the doll face done for? Not on ladies, of course—that were too much to hope—but at any rate on dolls. "God has given you one face," says Hamlet to the doll designers, "and you make yourselves another." The simpering, pudgy sweetness of fat cheeks and fat foreheads and teeth like a picket fence has been thrust upon children year after year as a model of feminine perfection, until one can hardly blame the way young ladies have taken to imitating it, between eighteen and twenty-two.

But that is over now. Realism has invaded the nursery. The toy shops are full of real baby dolls. They have a jolly sort of every-day kiddishness about them. Roly-poly and a bit gawky, they look very much like an infant at its most investigating age, and with a subtle insight into the wishy-washy frame of mind behind the baby-doll face, the makers call them "character" babies. Hooray for character!—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

### He Must Have Cat Lives.

William Carroll, a driver of 389 First avenue, was held in \$2,500 bail in the Yorkville court on a charge of pushing Mortimer Thompson, a jeweler of New Brunswick, N. J., off the Twenty-third street subway platform on to the track on December 6. Two cars passed over Thompson, but only bruised him.

"I guess I'll die a natural death," Thompson said. "When I was a baby my nurse dropped me out of a window when I was a boy I fell out of a fourth-story window and a clothes line broke my fall. Four years ago I was shot in the head when I happened accidentally upon some revolver play. A month ago I escaped drowning when an automobile I was in over in New Jersey ran into the river."—New York Sun.

### Charging It Up.

Representative Carter Glass, congratulated on the currency bill, said: "It has received a good deal of unfriendly criticism, but it is a good bill, a fair bill. If all bills were as fair we would be well off. But all bills aren't as fair. Take the Blue Ridge doctor's bill, for example. "A Blue Ridge man, on receiving his doctor's bill, hurried to the doctor's office and protested: "What does this mean, doc? Besides the stipulated fee you have charged me \$100 extra for instruments!" "Yes, I know," said the doctor. "That's for a very valuable saw that I left in your wife after her operation through inadvertence."

### Observation of Sun Spots.

Astronomers in the Carothers observatory at Houston, Tex., report a new method for observing sun spots without the aid of a telescope, as follows: If images of the sun be formed through clean cut round holes of proper size in a darkened room at sufficient distance from the aperture and cast upon clean white paper or cardboard, sun spots of ordinary size may be readily seen on the image. This method would enable amateurs to note the progress of the spots across the solar disk.

### The Young Wife.

"My wife got her recipes mixed and all her hard work went for nothing." "How was that?" "She tried to make chocolate fudge out of a formula for cleaning brass work."

### In Memory of Rowena Allen.

On January 24, 1915, Death, the Grim Reaper, came into the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Allen and took one of earth's fairest, loveliest flowers, their daughter, Rowena.

Her bright, sweet life began July 22, 1899, and was just budding into beautiful womanhood when the summons came to her. In every relationship in life she radiated sweetness and light.

As a pupil in school and in Sunday school she was a model in application and obedience. One teacher said of her: "She always met me with a smile." Another said: "Let her life speak to you for it is worthy of emulation."

Her sweet ways and happy disposition endeared her to old and young alike. Among her friends and playmates:

"None knew her but to love her; None named her but to praise her."

But it was in the home that her sweetest influence was left. Always thoughtful of Mamma and Daddy she studied to please them and made her life an increasing benediction.

"Fallen from Life's tree, the leaflets, Many and many a friend; Fallen and leaving me waiting To meet like thee my end."

"Falling—friends, life and pleasures, It were an awful thing, Were the leaf fall not in earnest Of another bright Spring."

"Where all shall be re-created By the touch of a magic wand, And share in a brighter reunion, Life in the Summer Land."

### 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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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

### How To Give Quinine To Children.

FEBRILINE 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 Founce original package. The same FEBRILINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

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If you have land to sell give an exclusive contract on it to a proven system of selling dirt.

An exclusive contract justifies an agency to spend money to get buyers and protects the land man as well as yourself.

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## List Your Land Now

Taylor county and all West Texas is the base of operations and any thing from a peanut patch to a pig pasture worth the money you ask for it will sell if the proper attention is given it.

## Merkel Country Land Owners

Remember, exclusive land contracts only are what sells land. If you have a land bargain to let list it with Jackson for results.

## MONEY TO LOAN ON CHOICE Farm Land

# Jno. G. Jackson Real Estate Abilene and Merkel

Contracts Accepted at Merkel Mail Office By Homer L. Easterwood



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Misses Ruby and Elva Payne were hostesses Saturday evening at their home on Austin St. Their guests were Misses Beulah Burkett, Maude Jinkens, Pet Sears, Zelma Fletcher and Zula Huffaker. A perfectly appointed 6 o'clock dinner was followed by a box party at the Royal.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho Williams and little daughters Le Nora and Helen accompanied by Misses Annie Smith, Eva Williams and Mr. J. C. Mason motored to Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon. A number of interesting scenes were kodaked in and near Mt. Pleasant.

The members of the 20th Century club were delightfully entertained Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. F. West. The leader motored to Abilene leaving the ladies without the questions. After the business session the afternoon was spent in a social way and was most enjoyable to the nine members and two guests. The hostess served a delicious salad course.

On February 8th Mrs. W. F. Hamblet entertained with a noon day dinner at her home on Oak St. The dinner was temptingly served in four courses to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams, Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Miss Eva Williams, Ernest Rogers and members of the family.

The Presbyterian class of Willing Workers met with Mrs. H. E. Bullock Sunday afternoon. The attendance was good. Reports were given in covering special work. The regular class meeting will be held Sunday February 21st with Mrs. Dickson on Oak St.

Mrs. J. L. Tucker served a lovely noonday dinner at her home in West Merkel Sunday. Covers were laid for Prof. and Mrs. Morris, Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Miss Amanda Curtis, Ernest Cordell, Jasper, Mary and A. J. Tucker, the host and hostess.

Methodist Baraca Class.

The class business meeting held on February 5 at the class room was attended by a good number. Steps were taken to secure the boys in Sunday school who have ceased coming; also to invite any prospective member to the class.

The lesson taught Sunday is one that each and every one should know: That is the true love Ruth had for her mother-in-law; also, her God. If there were more people who were willing to leave their own people and go to a foreign and strange place for God's sake. His cause would not suffer as it does at present. Ruth did not lose anything by being loyal and true to her mother-in-law and her God. She received an earthly reward for it in the form of a beautiful home and wealth. "I will be a Ruth," is a motto that anyone could afford to live up to. If the life is lived the reward will come beyond any doubt.

Press Reporter.

Here From El Paso.

T. J. Coggin now a resident of El Paso was in Merkel Monday night and Tuesday looking after business matters and shaking hands with friends.

Mr. Coggin is highly elated with his new home on the border. In speaking of the coming Willard-Johnson fight he stated that if any of the Merkel boys wanted any training along fistic lines he would try to arrange to have them given a place in Willard's training camp.

PLATE GLASS IS BROKEN BY WIND

One of the large plates glass windows of The Anchor Mercantile Company was shattered Thursday morning by the strong wind.

Those near when the glass was broken seemed to think that a sudden gust of wind caused the glass to bend beyond its elasticity. The loss to the Anchor Company will probably result to more than \$50.00, the glass being of a special plate thickness and seven by fourteen feet in size.

In Eastern Markets.

Messrs. A. C. Rose and W. Parten are spending this and next week in St. Louis and Chicago making purchases for their respective concerns, the Anchor Mercantile Company and the Parten Dry Goods Company.

Mr. Parten left Friday night of last week, stopping two days en route to St. Louis, and Mr. Rose departed Sunday night, each of the buyers expecting to reach their first city for purchases Tuesday morning of this week.

Before leaving both Mr. Parten and Mr. Rose stated that conditions here justified a larger purchase of spring and summer goods than ever before in the history of their business connections at Merkel.

H. L. Pickett Dead.

H. L. Pickett of Phantom Hill community died at Tye Friday morning of last week following a stroke of paralysis. The body was brought here for burial Saturday afternoon.

The deceased is survived by a wife and three children and was well known throughout Taylor and Jones counties. He was a member of the Woodman and I. O. O. F. Lodges.

J. T. Toombs Up.

J. T. Toombs, who has during the past two months been very sick and at times in a critical condition, is fast improving and was able to be on the streets Saturday and meet with his friends. Mr. Toombs was taken ill December 7 and his condition remained somewhat serious until within the last two weeks when he began a rapid recovery.



IF MEN DID THE WASHING

you would soon see them quitting the job for an easier one. We do family washing so well and so reasonably that it doesn't pay to have it done at home. Have us send for your things next week and you will save money as well as all the annoyances of home washing. SWEETWATER STEAM LAUNDRY M. B. BELL, Agent, Merkel. Phone No. 133

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Bergstrom, Wm.
Bird, W. A.
Blaylock, Hugh
Dozier, Raymond
Jenkins, J.
Jones, Isabel
Johnson, Hugh
Reid, O H
Stewart, Alma
Smith, Lois
Delgado, Lorence
Libuentz, German
Artiz, Loyinos
Ortiz, Benito

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office February 20.

H. C. Williams, P. M.

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 BE MISLED

Merkel Citizens Should Read and Heed This Advice.

Kidney trouble is dangerous and often fatal. Don't experiment with something new and untried.

Use a tested kidney remedy. Begin with Doan's Kidney Pills. Used in kidney troubles 50 years. Recommended here and everywhere. A Merkel citizen's statement forms convincing proof.

It's local testimony—it can be investigated.

J. W. Bland, of Merkel, Texas, says: "For several years I had attacks of kidney trouble. My kidneys were very weak, and when I caught cold, it was sure to settle in them, causing the kidney secretions to become far too frequent in passage. I tried several remedies, with but little success until I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. They did me a world of good. My back has not troubled me to any extent since, and my kidneys have done their work properly."

Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—The same that Mr. Bland had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. adv

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AT THE COZY TO-NIGHT



Miss Louise Cody

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In Vaudeville at the Cozy Theatre

for balance of this week.

Change of Program Nightly.

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PICTURES ALSO

LAURELS AND SUNBONNET

By DOROTHY DOUGLAS.

Madge Lester had won her crown of laurels with comparative ease.

From a slip of a country girl, playing in amateur theatricals, she had ascended to the heights of dramatic art.

When Sir John Giltroy was presented to her at the home of Lord Danvers, at whose home a house party was given in her honor, he knew that the one woman had entered his life.

During the fortnight following he courted Madge with British determination. Before accepting Lord Danvers' invitation Madge had asked the privilege of solitude for an hour or two a day that she might study up her part for the forthcoming production of her new play.

"You see—I am a slave to my dear public—even when on a holiday," she had told Lord Giltroy. "I must work when you are all shooting grouse and landing salmon. And you know so little of me. I am deeply honored by your love, but I feel that our paths are so different; they are so widely separated that it would be difficult to get the best out of life under those conditions."

Without knowing it, Madge swayed slightly toward him. His arms went swiftly about her and his lips covered her own before she could stir.

"I will give you another fortnight to think it over," he said. "You will know then if you love me."

He let her go then, and Madge went quickly to her room.

Having returned to her apartment in town Madge became entirely occupied with her new production. She had decided when she first saw her part that the little trunk full of clothes with which she had come to Broadway from the country would costume the role as no other clothes would. The trunk was always with her. It was the closest link with the past and a treasured possession.

When Madge opened it to look over its contents she had not realized that a tumult of emotion would sweep over her. The longing to get back to the old farm brought tears to her eyes, and when she picked up the old pink sunbonnet that had clung to her curly head through rain and through shine Madge wept softly into its faded depths.

"No, No!" she told herself vehemently. "I could not marry a titled personage and tie myself down to conventional city life." She gazed fondly at her gingham and quaint little frilled petticoats and her Sunday hat with the pond lilies on it. They were admirably suited to her part in the new play and Madge decided that if the play was a success she would play her season in London and a farewell in New York, then retire from the stage.

She pulled down her masses of auburn hair, dressed it in ringlets, put the pink sunbonnet on and her Sunday gingham and viewed herself in the mirror. Madge laughed with delight. Assuredly she had gone back to nature and she drew in a deep breath in imagination scenting the apple blossoms.

So engrossed was she that she had not heard the bell ring nor did she know that her maid had admitted Sir John Giltroy.

She turned suddenly and looked into his laughing eyes. He took both of her hands in his own and surveyed her from head to foot.

"Well, if I had known you when you were a wee girl like that you would never have been crowned by theatrical laurels and I would never have been a baronet. I would have married you and kept you out on the farm with me."

"You—not a baronet? How could you help it?" Madge questioned the while she realized that she must give this man his way whether that way led through town mansions or country lanes.

"I won my title," he said, simply. "It is a degree of honor and not hereditary. At heart I long for the vastness of country life. I am a farmer by birth and a baronet by endeavor." He drew Madge nearer to him and looked fondly beneath the sunbonnet. "I have come for my answer, dear," he said.

"My answer," whispered Madge, softly, "is—yes."

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An Important Implement. The engine had gone to pieces, the screw revolved no more, and the yacht of the millionaire rolled helplessly in the trough of the sea.

Anxiously signaling for help was the wireless operator. He was approached by the owner of the craft. "I wish," said the latter, "that you would advise my wife in Brooklyn of our accident."

"Shall I tell her the engine is broken, sir?" asked the wireless man.

"By no means!" exclaimed the millionaire. "Those bald words would be discomforting to the sensitive woman. Send her a message which, while not transgressing the truth, will make her think our accident is only a trivial one. Tell her our screw driver is broken."

COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

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

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

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

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

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

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LOCAL DRUGGIST MAKES A STATEMENT

We always advise people who have stomach or bowel trouble to see a doctor. But to those who do not wish to do this we will say: try the mixture of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-ika. This simple new remedy is so powerful that JUST ONE DOSE relieves some stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation INSTANTLY. People who try Adler-ika are surprised at its QUICK action. H. C. BURROUGHS, Druggist

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