

EXPERT RESUMES TERRACING WORK

Terracing work in Taylor county is going on with a swing that promises to lift this county into the ranks of the well-terraced sections.

Monday morning Farm Demonstrator I. B. Duck went to Merkel where he terraced the big farm of S. A. Coats. He recently terraced the Hester farm in that section and has several more booked for the future. The Ellis farm near Abilene was finished last week.

This work is done free by the farm demonstrator. He has had several applications for services and expects to terrace scores of farms in the county before summer.

"There are fine farms in Taylor county gradually going to waste for want of terracing," said Agent Duck. "The terraces not only prevent the washing away of the soil, but hold the rain upon the land where it is most needed." Abilene Reporter.

WILL ERECT NEW GIN PLANT HERE

Messrs. J. T. Browning and J. J. Shelton, the former for the past year manager of the Browning gin, and the latter a cotton buyer in our city during the past two months, are making extensive plans for the erection of a new gin here during the summer months.

An option has been secured on a gin site and the promoters expect to have work started within a short time. Mr. and Mrs. Shelton, who have formerly lived at Ennis, Texas, where Mr. Shelton was connected with the Ennis Daily Enterprise, have taken up their residence here permanently.

Real Estate Deals.

A deal was consummated the first of the week by which Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Donaldson of Stith became the owners of the B. C. Moore home on Bettus Heights, Mr. Moore placing the resident property in exchange for Merkel country farm land.

Through an error we failed to report the real estate transaction in which G. M. Sharp purchased the pretty home of Mrs. J. W. Jennings on Oak street. This deal was closed several weeks ago.

James Bright of Trent made sale of three desirable resident lots in this city Monday to B. C. Moore, assistant cashier of the Farmers State bank. Mr. Moore will use the lot to erect a home on at an early date.

Aged Confederate Dies.

A. Dudley, aged 79 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mangum, on east Elm street Tuesday afternoon.

The aged man, a member of the Confederacy, had been in bad health for several months prior to his death. Funeral services were held at the home at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning with burial services immediately afterward in Rose Hill cemetery.

The Mail extends the deepest sympathy to the bereaved daughter at whose home and hands the aged gentleman spent his last moments.

No. 6 Columbia Ignitor Batteries the best dry cell battery in town for phones and automobiles. Mrs. E. M. Rust. tf



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BUYS THRASHER FOR MAIZE WORK

J. S. Slape, a Merkel country man was here Tuesday to receive a new Case gas tractor and thrasher.

C. C. Hainett, representative of the Case Mfg. Co. was here to superintend the unloading of the machinery and to set it going for the new owner. Mr. Slape, according to information we received, will at once begin thrashing maize in the Merkel county. The gas engine is of 25hp and the separator of 24x42 inch dimension.

LIGHT RAINS IN MERKEL COUNTRY

Within the last ten days the Merkel country has received over half an inch rainfall. Tuesday night of this week the precipitation was 1-4 of an inch and a light mist with cloudy weather has prevailed up to the present.

Indications are now that our country will receive ample rain to promote early grain, much of which has been planted in the Merkel country, notwithstanding the lateness many of the farmers were to in gathering their cotton. Prospects are good for another large, if not the largest grain crop our country has yet produced. If this condition does come the Merkel country will need good roads and need them bad.

A Good Piano for Sale.

I have two pianos and would like to sell one of them. Will sell on fall time to the right party, or take young stock. If you are interested in a trade for a good piano come in and see me. Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Call for your votes in the piano contest at The Anchor.

Miss Fannie Burroughs, who has been in Dallas visiting friends is now in Fort Worth visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Rudmose. From there Miss Burroughs will go to Waco to visit Miss Winnie Warren of this place, who is attending Baylor University, after which she will visit Miss Jessie Sutphen in San Angelo and friends in Sweetwater, returning home in about two weeks.

HOME AND SCHOOL LEAGUE TO MEET

The Home and School League will meet at the Baptist church Friday evening, March 19, to discuss matters pertaining to the betterment or Merkel public schools.

A plan is now being worked out to consolidate and centralize the Merkel schools. Our school tax cannot be increased more than it is at the present but under the present rate we can sell by a vote as much as \$20,000 worth of bonds for school improvement. In doing this our school tax rate would not be increased as many think. It would only put the payment of the bonds off for a longer time. With the issuance of \$15,000 in bonds the two present school buildings can be torn down and one good building erected to fully take care of our needs. It could be better heated and lighted and our educational system much improved without increasing our taxes. This plan has been discussed at length by the Home and School League and is going to be discussed more on next Friday night. You had better be present and help the good work along.

The Texas Co., who have been advertising extensively in this paper have their oils and gas on sale at the Merkel Garage. Texas people should keep Texas money in Texas.

W. R. Walker, who will manage the new Grand Central Hotel of Abilene on its completion, was in Abilene Tuesday looking after business matters pertaining to the opening of the place which will be within the next few months.

Mrs. R. O. Anderson was in Trent Tuesday attending the burial services of Mrs. A. P. Boyd.

CITY COUNCIL HELD MEETING

The City Council met Monday night, transacting business on a light scale and calling another meeting for next Wednesday night to consider the recommendations made by an inspector from the State Fire Insurance Department.

It is expected that the discussion of several propositions for the reduction of insurance rates in Merkel will be taken up, one of which will be the employment of a paid driver for the Fire Department.

At the meeting on Monday night some discussion was held in regard to allowing peddlers to operate in the city limits but no definite action was taken. The problem of feeding the city team was also discussed but plans were not fully outlined. Herebefore the street team has been cared for by Marshal W. N. Hall whose term of office expires within a short time.

Back From Waxahachie.

W. D. Woodroof and brother, Luther, returned from a week's trip to Waxahachie Monday evening, where the former was called on business.

On returning Mr. Woodroof drove a newly purchased Mitchell touring car from Dallas, having traded his Studebaker touring car for a Mitchell of a larger size.

Silk Brand Flour at \$3.50 per hundred at G. M. Sharp's.

TRENT HOME IS ROBBED SUNDAY

The ranch house of Otho Smith of Trent was broken into some time Sunday and robbed of a few valuables, an overcoat and some other articles.

When the theft was ascertained Deputy Joe Brown promptly began an investigation and late Monday night arrested a man in an old out house near View City, the stolen property being found in his possession. The culprit was lodged in jail at Abilene some time Monday night.

C. L. McNEES HAS OTHER INJURIES

C. L. McNees who was injured Friday week by a runaway team is in an almost helpless condition, his injuries having been found to be more complicated than they were first thought to be.

On the first examination only one leg showed to be broken. This limb was set immediately and the injured man thought to be on a promising road to speedy recovery. Mr. McNees was not satisfied however with his condition and maintained that his other limb was broken also, owing to his inability to move the leg. His contention was found to be true when a more thorough examination was made the first of this week. The limb showed a square break which owing to its standing made it much more painful to the sufferer in having it set properly.

According to a statement Mrs. McNees made Thursday, her husband was resting as well as could be expected, being able to be propped up in bed occasionally.

Fresh car of Peacemaker flour just received at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

TRENT TO VOTE ON SCHOOL BONDS

The voters of the Trent independent School District will, on April 3, decide by a vote whether or not they will issue \$3000.00 in bonds for the improvement of the Trent school buildings and for seating the buildings.

Superintendent Farrar of the Trent schools is much enthused over the favorable way in which the citizens of that community are looking forward to this much needed improvement and is confident of the vote being overwhelming for the issuance of the bonds.

Much good work has been done by the Trent schools during the past two years, it being one of the most progressive districts in Taylor county, and the above movement is only a starter of the good the patrons expect to reap from their endeavors.

Send in your votes by each Wednesday for the piano contest at The Anchor.

YOUTH IS SLAIN NEGRO ARRESTED

Waxahachie, Feb. 28. — A speech by Rev. A. C. Parker, pastor of the Christian church, averted a lynching here this morning and furnished the police with information which may lead to the arrest in Dallas or Fort Worth of two or more negroes, believed to be implicated in the brutal murder of Jack Jones, white, 22, here some time last night.

The body was found about 9 o'clock this morning in W. B. Jackson's garage, where Jones was employed. The head was crushed in by a piece of gas pipe and there were indications that the murderers had made a hurried search of the garage for anything of value.

The young man had evidently been murdered near midnight Saturday night. Hearing a noise in the hall, he had stepped out in his night clothes and had been attacked. Walls and floor showed traces of a terrible and bloody struggle, the body being horribly beaten and stabbed, the head almost severed from the body and the skull crushed.

After a search of about an hour, the police invaded the home of Joe Lockett, negro, where some bloody clothing was found, and the black broke down and made a partial confession, denying, however, that he had killed Jones.

When the news of the arrest spread about the town a mob formed near the jail and took the negro from the officers before they could put him in jail. A rope was thrown about the black's neck and he was dragged to the cotton compress platform, when Rev. A. C. Parker appeared.

Facing the mob of determined men surrounding the apparently doomed negro, the preacher appealed to their better sense and urged them to disband and abandon their plan of lynching. He spoke for fully fifteen minutes, and was followed by District Judge Lee Hawkins, Sheriff Dearborn and County Attorney Whipple. The officers told the mob that if they lynched the black it was probable his accomplices would never be captured.

Don't forget to vote for your friends in the piano contest at The Anchor.

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.

This protection is yours by your availing yourself of the privilege of depositing in a State Bank.

We shall appreciate your business

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Dr. Miller Away.

Dr. Geo. L. Miller and family departed the first of the week for points east. They will first visit the family of Dr. J. A. Adkisson of Beaumont and to that place Dr. Miller shipped his household goods and live stock.

Before his departure Dr. Miller discredited any reports of his permanent removal from Merkel to some other field but did not say that he intended to return to our city. When asked pointedly if he was not going to a new location at Beaumont he answered, "Such has not been my intention." We regret very much to lose this family even for a short time and believe now their absence from our city will be permanent unless social or business visits should bring them back.

W. L. Harkrider Returns.

W. L. Harkrider returned last week from eastern markets where he made purchases of spring goods for his establishment.

Mr. Harkrider stated he found the markets glutted with much contracted goods which eastern merchants could not handle owing to the conditions in their country. He further stated that in all his experience he had not seen a time when purchases could be better made, where a merchant was prepared to take advantage of the many orders that had been canceled. These conditions Mr. Harkrider stated he had taken advantage of in supplying his needs in every way.

Your Photo On A Pillow Top.

This means that by trading \$2.00 cash with me, every 5 cents counts, you may for a small cost have any picture you desire put on cloth in almost any color you wish. I am going to send cards out to every house in town and will have an extra supply for those whom I cannot see. I will have a supply at the store and will be pleased for every one to come in and see samples of work that I am giving and get a card. The cards are free. Don't fail to get one. Mrs. E. M. Rust. tf

Take HERBINE for indigestion. It relieves the pain in a few minutes and forces the fermented matter which causes the misery into the bowels where it is expelled. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv

GET TO THE CAUSE

Merkel People are Leading The Way

There is but little peace or comfort for the man or woman with a bad back. The distress begins in early morning—keeps up throughout the day. It's hard to get out of bed, it's torture to stoop or straighten. Plasters and liniments may relieve, but cannot cure if the cause is inside—the kidneys. When suffering so, use Doan's Kidney Pills, the tested and proven kidney remedy, used in kidney troubles for over 50 years. Doan's Kidney Pills are recommended by thousands for just such cases. Proof of their effectiveness in the testimony of this Merkel resident:

Mrs. T. J. King, Kent St., Merkel, Texas, says: "One of my family had severe pains across the small of his back, making it almost impossible for him to get about. He used two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills as directed and was quickly cured. The time that has since passed has proven this cure to be a permanent one."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. King recommends. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Notice.

Don't you need some pure Mchane cotton seed? If so, give me your order for what you want at \$1.50 per bushel and it will pay you to give me a chance at your groceries as I have a large stock and I can save you money if you will just give me a chance. I pay cash for my goods and sell for the cash. That is the reason I can save you money. You don't have to pay some one else's bill. You know when you trade with a man that does a credit business himself he loses lots of accounts and the man that pays cash with them he has to pay the other man's bills. Be sure and give me a chance at yours. You will always find my prices right. 5-4 Walter Clark.

Farmers and others who live at a distance from a drug store should keep in the house a bottle of BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It may be needed at any time for cuts, wounds, sores, sprains and rheumatism. It is a powerful healing and penetrating remedy. 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 2-ounce original package. The name FEBRILINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

ANCHOR COMPANY VOTES

Standing of Contestants of Anchor Mercantile Co's Piano Contest.

The following gives the standing of candidates from No 1 to No. 110. The first 60 to enlist will be given a handsome free souvenir. Call at our store and register immediately.

Standing in the \$400.00 Piano Trade Extension Campaign, week ending March 3, 1915:

12	8,915	96	8,605
14	11,729	97	9,300
21	9,350	98	7,890
47	12,000	99	9,335
66	13,785	100	9,335
74	7,405	101	7,380
77	40,475	102	7,380
87	21,829	102	18,890
91	9,665	103	7,405
92	41,570	134	9,880
93	28,470	105	7,710
94	18,320	107	8,255
95	19,745	110	21,445

Numbers not listed here are credited with 2,000 votes each.

Advertised Letters

Barber, Clarence
Bradley, M. O.
Burns, Mrs. M. J.
Hardnow, B. H.
Holme, F. B.
Roberson, H. T.
Thomas, E. J.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office March 13th.
H. C. Williams, P. M.

Visit Stevens, Store in Merkel.

A pain in the side or back that catches you when you straighten up calls for a rubbing application of BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It relaxes the contracted muscles and permits ordinary bodily motion without suffering or inconvenience. Price \$2.25, \$3.50 and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chills Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the liver, drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

Up to Doctor to Work.

The Eskimo pays his doctor his fee as soon as he arrives. If the patient recovers it is kept, if not it is returned.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 25c.

Thinkers.

"Men of thought" are the thinkers the creators of ideas, the men who furnish the inspirations and theories while "men of action" are the workers who carry out the plans furnished by the others. Sometimes the two are combined in one, as in the case of Napoleon, Caesar, Da Vinci, who were at one and the same time great in both theory and practice.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

Can You Blame Him?

Contempt may also be defined as the feeling in which a man holds another man's hat.—Topeka Capital.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure.

The worst cases, no matter how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00.



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It sells the product; Gets best prices; Brings supplies; Protects the home; Helps the housewife—By all means have a Farm Telephone connected with the BELL SYSTEM.

Write today to our nearest Manager for information.



Brotherhood Meetings.

The regular meeting of the Brotherhood will be held at the Methodist church Sunday evening as 3:00 and the following program will be rendered at the Presbyterian church Sunday night at 7:30 P. M.

Song.
Scripture Reading—W. A. Scott
Prayer—Rev. W. P. Garvin.

Quartette.
What is the Christian religion?—W. L. Diltz.

Song.
What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ?—Thos. A. Johnson.

What Constitutes Good Citizenship?
Solo.

The problem of getting ready for life.—Ernest Rogers.
Closing song.

Interesting Program for Saturday.

The Royal Theatre has booked an interesting program for Saturday, featuring a Keystone, "He Loves the Ladies," where Fatty Arbuckle has the time of his life together with his associates. The balance of the program, "The Runaway Freight," is an exciting drama and love story, featuring a runaway freight car scene!

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the good people of Merkel who so graciously assisted us in our bereavement, at the death and burial of our father A. Dudley. Mrs. M. A. Mangum and family.

Fresh Crackerjack 4 cents per box at C. P. Steven's store.

BEE'S LAXATIVE COUGH SYRUP
RELIEVES COUGHS AND COLDS

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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

For Sale.—Thoroughbred plymoth rock chickens and Indian Runner duck eggs, per setting 50 cents. Mrs. O. F. McMaster. 1914

FOR SALE.—Thoroughbred white plymoth rock chickens and Indian Runner duck eggs, per setting 50 cents. Mrs. O. F. McMaster. 1914.

EGGS FOR SALE—White Orpingtons at \$1.00 per setting. Mrs. T. L. Grimes.

FOR SALE—One Fuller & Johnson gasoline pump engine, 1 1/2 horse power; cheap for cash. Also two shoats for sale cheap. J. T. Coats. 5-4

FOR SALE—A good work mare. Safe for family. W. W. Wheeler. tf

WANTED—Job on farm or in town. Am strictly sober, don't use tobacco, from Alabama. Can give best of references. Phone 63 or the Blair Hotel, Merkel, Texas. J. F. Bishop. 1tpd

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

For City Secretary—
G. W. JOHNSON

HERBINE cures constipation and re-establishes regular bowel movements. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

GINNERS NOTICE

During next week our 61 days will be on Wednesday and Saturday only. Further notice of last ginning days will be published soon.
McDonald & Stith, Ginnners.

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Guitar Gin Company.

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 dunking up the music.

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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 sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation INSTANTLY. People who try Adler-ika are surprised at its QUICK action.

H. C. BURROUGHS, Druggist

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Seed oats at G. M. Sharp's.

Buy your tombstones and monuments from A. L. Jobe.

Miss Abbie Cox of Abilene is visiting her father J. B. Cox.

Texas Co., gas 10 cents per gallon at the Merkel Garage.

Get your telephone batteries from G. F. West Co. 26:2

Mrs. J. C. Hancock was in Abilene Saturday and Sunday visiting friends.

Fresh shipment of telephone batteries just received. G. F. West Co. 26:2

All sorts of garden seed and onion sets at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Misses Lera Daniel and Minnie Terry were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Boyd Tuesday.

Buy your grocers from G. M. Sharp. He pays cash and saves all discount.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Behrens of Abilene were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen of this place Sunday.

Remember the \$400.00 piano is now on display at The Anchor.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jackson of Abilene Sunday.

Go to the Merkel Garage for your oil and gas. We highly appreciate your patronage.

H. M. Rose for 10 cent gasoline and the best lubricating oils manufactured.

Bring all your eggs to C. P. Stevens.

Misses Orphia and Verna Owens of Trent visited Misses Hollis and Effie Cypert this week.

I will be in Merkel March the 5th with a car of shoats. W. M. Tucker. pd

A. L. Stanley and daughters, Misses Gertrude, One and Zella, of Nubia, attended the Hunter-Hogan wedding here Friday.

The White Rabbit Egg Dye assorted will give you all the colors of the rainbow for your easter eggs. The most beautiful assortment of colors, just the kind you want. Mrs. E. M. Rust. tf

3 pound can Kraut 9 cents at C. P. Stevens' store.

J. T. Dennis will leave the latter part of this week for Dallas, where he will purchase his spring and summer line of dry goods.

I now have a fully equipped shoe shop in connection with my second hand store on Kent street. Visit me for your needs. J. T. Dorsey.

Mrs. Geo. Moore of Nubia was here Friday to attend the Hunter-Hogan wedding solemnized at the home of E. B. Stanley.

Seymour's best flour at Stevens store.

Jno. West, who has been a student of T. C. U. college of Fort Worth, returned home Wednesday morning for a short stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. West.

Specialist Coming.

Dr. J. M. Britton of Cisco will be in Merkel Wednesday and Thursday, March 11 and 12. Specialist for the treatment of affected eyes. Will office with Dr. M. Armstrong. (Adv)

Announcement.

Elder Price Billingsly will preach at the Church of Christ Sunday night, March 7. Come and hear him.

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.

STYLE SHOW WEEK

OF

Spring Goods March 13 to 20 Inclusive

The Following Merkel Merchants

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Parten Dry Goods Company
W. D. Woodroof Company
W. L. Harkrider
J. P. Sharp
Anchor Mercantile Co.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Complete line of bulk garden seed at G. F. West Co.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Smith of Trent visited friends here Monday.

Buy your garden seed from G. M. Sharp.

For pure cane syrup try a bucket of White Swann at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Mrs. S. E. Tarlton visited friends in Stamford Saturday and Sunday.

Plant bulk garden seed and save money. G. F. West Co. have them.

Don't place an order for a tombstone until you get prices from A. L. Jobe. 19:3

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. O'Mally of Abilene were in the city Tuesday visiting friends.

Pure California honey, 10 pound buckets \$1.25 at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

C. L. Cash and J. B. Boden were in Abilene the first of the week attending court.

Seymour's best flour at G. M. Sharp's.

Air free and gasoline 10 cents. H. M. Rose.

School tablets and school supplies at C. P. Stevens.

Miss Minnie Terry of Midland is visiting her cousin Miss Lera Daniel.

Enter the piano contest this week and get started right. The first 60 enrollments receive a nice silver souvenir. The Anchor Mercantile Co.

Miss Eather Williams, who is attending school in Abilene, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Williams.

Remember, I carry a full line of Eastman Kodaks and supplies. The kodak that always makes a clear-cut picture. We can develop your films. Mrs. E. M. Rust. tf

3 pound can hominy 8 cents at C. P. Stevens store.

Will Decker of Route 1 returned home Wednesday from Crowell where he visited his daughter, Mrs. Bob Moore.

Faultless starch 8 cents at C. P. Stevens' store.

Mrs. Gainley Johnson of Roscoe came in Wednesday to visit her sister, Miss Jewel Costephens, who was critically ill. Mrs. Johnson arrived here only a few moments before her sister's death.

Chocolate and peanut candies at Stevens' store.

The only Missouri flour sold in Merkel, ALBATROSS. A pure white soft wheat flour that will please the most discriminating customers. Buy a sack and see. Sold by the Anchor Mercantile Co.

Renovated Mattresses.

Why would you sleep on a run down mattress when it costs so little to have it straightened up. The mattress man is in town renovating old cotton beds or making new ones. Also, upholstering feather mattresses especially. No germs or insects can live in a bed renovated and fumigated by me. Will call for your work in the morning and deliver in the afternoon. All work guaranteed. Phone 215. R. J. Bassette.

Buys New Touring Car.

Thos. Largent of Route 1 is the proud owner of a new Maxwell touring car purchased last week from the Maxwell agency in Abilene.

The sale of the car was made through T. L. Grimes of this place.

Children will find all kinds of candies at C. P. Stevens store.

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PRINTING TO BE DONE IN ABILENE.

One of the five reasons advanced by the editors of the Flashlight, the High School Annual, why the merchants of Abilene should advertise in that publication is that the printing is to be done in Abilene. Right here where the MONEY WILL BE PAID TO MEN WHO WILL SPEND IT WITH THE MERCHANTS OF ABILENE. It is a fine reason, for every dollar paid out to printers in Abilene returns to the merchants safe and thus gives him another chance at his hard earned cash.

The Reporter believes that the time has come for the merchants of Abilene to refuse to advertise in periodicals printed outside of the city. There are now four printing offices in Abilene and they are entitled to do this class of printing if the merchants are to pay the bills or help pay them. Every dollar paid out by Abilene merchants to Abilene printers returns to them for dry goods, groceries or some kind of supplies needed by Abilene printers. Institutions that allow their publications sent off to be printed have no right to ask Abilene people to assist in paying the bill for printing and have no more right to expect the patronage of Abilene than big mail order houses of the east and north. To ask an Abilene merchant to advertise in a publication to be printed outside of the city is to ask him to kiss his dollars good-bye.—Abilene Reporter.

The editor and managers of the Flashlight are to be congratulated on the way they are handling their publication. To send it to foreign publishers would be doing an injustice to themselves, to their advertisers and to their town in general.

THE BOND ISSUE ON ROADS.

The management of the Mail, feeling that there was a favorable sentiment for an election to vote bonds to build roads in the Merkel district, has been instrumental in starting a petition asking the Honorable Commissioners Court to call an election for this purpose.

This movement has been started with the kindest feeling toward everyone in the Merkel country. It is absolutely unnecessary for personalities to be drawn into a matter of such importance.

There are only two things that can be done in respect to this issue should this election be called. One is to vote for better roads and the other is to vote against the issue. Every voter has a legal right to use his own judgment in the matter and should not be criticised for their views. When this comes up, as it surely will, continued friendliness should be our first thought. If you support the issue do it in a friendly way, and if you oppose it, let your opposition be of the same nature, keeping in mind the things that are needed for our country and the progress we should make. Prepare to vote your views in an honest way.

FIGHTING WILL BE TERRIBLE.

That the fighting of the European armies will be terrible as soon as the weather will permit is shown in the preparations that are going forward at this time. England is said to be landing 15,000 soldiers daily on French soil, the English army in France at this time numbers about one million men. Every man sent to France has had something like six months training. Germany is calling out every available man, even to the young school boys. Russia is doubtless getting ready for the best there is in her unlimited supply of men. So that it is easy to see that the most terrible fighting ever known in the world will be

witnessed during the spring and summer of 1915. It is claimed that the ending of this war will be the dawn of world peace. May it be so, for indeed the price is a dear one.—Abilene Reporter.

It is to be hoped that everlasting peace will then prevail, until it does let's continue our watchful waiting even with Europe.

FERTILIZER IN DRY FARMING.
 (By R. R. Claridge.)

Without irrigation, not much good will result from the use of commercial fertilizer, when the annual average rain-fall is below 35 inches. It is not only that it does not "take hold" as the farmers say, under drouthy weather conditions, but it often "fires" the soil and "burns the crops."

The best fertilizer for the farmer where rain-fall is shy, unless he irrigates, is organic matter plowed under, and the best form of this is lot manure; the next best being such leguminous crops as cowpeas, the clovers, etc.

Even the farmer in regions of 45 to 50 inch rain-fall will, generally speaking, get more good from commercial fertilizer if his soil is full of humus, as result of rotting organic matter.

The dry farmer gets double benefit from the plowing into his soil of lot manure and nitrogen gathering plants. He gets the fertilizing effect as well as the moisture-holding effect of the resulting humus.

Naturally, the dryer the conditions, the slower the plowed under organic matter resolve itself into humus. And in sections where, as a way-out-west farmer expressed his situation, "It takes five years to rot a plowed under corn stalk"—well, his section is merely too dry for "dry farming."

PRETTIEST WOMAN AT AUSTIN.

A titled foreigner who is visiting New York announces in that city that he "has discovered the handsomest woman in the world." He's a blank liar. I beat him to it twenty-five years ago, and as I write this, I can hear her singing in the next room. She has never been in New York, and says she positively never saw, or heard of the man. So of course he's a liar.—Kalamity's Harpoon.

Sounds like Claud Callan, only likely as not Claud would forget and agree with this foreign attache.

KALAMITY ON THE COYOTE.

The zoological name for the Coyote is Canas latrans. His name is derived from the Spanish or Mexican word "coyoti"—though he is generally known by the name Coyote—pronounced Ki-oty, or Ki-out. Either pronunciation is correct. So far as he is concerned it matters not what you call him, hence his absolute indifference, when the cowboys address him as a "damned chicken thief."

MARCH 10TH CLEAN-UP DAY.

Governor Ferguson has issued a proclamation naming March 10 as a State Clean-up day.

Mr. Ferguson is asking the people of Texas to do themselves the kindness to clean-up every city and town in the State on this day. We mention it, hoping the people of Merkel will show a cooperative spirit in helping the governor as has the present legislature, which body has been a revelation to itself.

Kitchener, when asked when the war would end, replied that it would start in May. Well, probably this Englishman is right. If he is we venture to say that the fighting part of it will have been over before the next ten months have passed.

The old saying "If March comes in like a lamb, it goes out like a lion" is not applicable to us this year. We believe the worst has passed.

The Germans have given up the idea of taking Przasnysz, and we have given up trying to pronounce it. Shake, Bill.

Mr. Taft's advice to the country to "stand by the president" is good. In that line of patriotism there is "standing room only."

Has it occurred to you that your city taxes have not been assessed yet. Wonder why?

Who saw the funny side and sang it thus: It's a long, long way to tickle Mary.

THE BEST

A Cure for Many a Grouch

USE NYAL'S CORN CURE

We personally guarantee this remedy. If not satisfied return the empty bottle and we will refund your money. Sold only by

T. L. Grimes -- Druggist
 THE NYAL STORE

WHY SUFFER THOSE PAINS ANY LONGER?

NYAL REMEDIES

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, plain 5 cents;" "Coffee with supe, 10 cents;" "Coffee, bread and butter, with children, 15 cents." And this in the heart of our humane metropolis.—New York Times.

Bronchial Coughs

The prostrating cough tears down your strength.

The clogged air-tubes directly affect your lungs and speedily lead to pleurisy, pneumonia, consumption.

SCOTT'S EMULSION overcomes bronchitis in an easy, natural way. Its curative OIL-FOOD soothes the inflamed membranes, relieves the cold that causes the trouble, and every drop helps to strengthen your lungs.

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Confirmed.
 "Freak fashions are passing," comments the Cleveland Plain Dealer. We just looked out the window and, by Jove, you're right.—Boston Transcript.

"TIZ" FOR ACHING, SORE, TIRED FEET

Good-bye sore feet, burning feet, swollen feet, sweaty feet, smelling feet, tired feet.

Good-bye corns, callouses, bunions and raw spots. No more shoe tightness, no more limping with pain or drawing up your face in agony.

"TIZ" is magical, acts right off. "TIZ" draws out all the poisonous exudations which puff up the feet. Use "TIZ" and forget your foot misery. Ah! how comfortable your feet feel. Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" now at any druggist or department store. Don't suffer. Have good feet, glad feet, feet that never swell, never hurt, never get tired. A year's foot comfort guaranteed or money refunded.

in Specter Time.
 "Here," sighed the unhappy householder, as he put out the light and crawled through the canopy into bed, "is where I retire to my second line of defense."—Newark News.

IT IS EASIER TO SAVE THE HAIR YOU HAVE Than to Grow New

The tendency to put off until tomorrow what we should do today accounts for most of the bald heads we see in the front row.

Newbro's Herpicide stops falling hair and prevents baldness. The dandruff is destroyed by its use and, a condition of health maintained in the hair and scalp.

Nearly everyone has hair troubles of some description which Herpicide will correct. Don't wait until it is too late.

It is conceded to be the standard hair remedy and is recommended and applied by all the best hair dressers and barbers.

Newbro's Herpicide in 50c and \$1.00 sizes is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. If you are not satisfied your money will be refunded.

H. C. BURROUGHS.

REAL ESTATE

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Vendor's Lien Notes Bought and Sold

It is with pleasure and anticipation of a share of your business that I remind you that I am still in the real estate, farm loan and farm insurance business. My loan contract is the best written in this part of the state and my service can not be surpassed. I pass on your lands and securities and have your title examined by Judge J. M. Wagstaff at Abilene—no long-winded delays.

My offices are located next to the F. & M. Bank at Abilene, Texas, and I will be glad to have you call and see me when in Abilene. My telephone numbers are: Office, 1-3-9; residence, 7-8-0, and I will be glad to talk to you about business.

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Big Arrivals in New Spring Goods of Every Character are gradually bringing our Big, New, Spring Stock to proportions never yet experienced by us and ere the expiration of another week we will have received the remainder of our purchases, which will give to the Merkel people and surrounding country the greatest buying opportunities in Merkel's history.

Rock Crystal Ear Screws, La Velliers, Pins, Barrettes and many other of the New Things for early wear—Newest of New Collars, Vestees, and hundreds of other Novelties have arrived and are already being sold in unprecedented quantities. The Most beautiful line of Dress Goods in all the newest shades, Battleship Grey, Sand, Putty, Allied and German Blues are now on our shelves for inspection. See our entire stock of New Goods Early.

Look Out For Our Grand Spring Opening
It will be soon, and a Big One

PARTEN DRY GOODS COMPANY

TEXAS GUNNER BREAKS RECORD

Uncle Sam has many battle-ships. One is the battleship Texas.

This battleship was named for the greatest of American commonwealths.

William Ruff is a gunner on the Texas. His name would not appeal to the advocates of the Burmeister-Boehmer bill.

But Ruff holds the center of the stage. As a gunner, he has broken the world's record in marksmanship with big guns.

Ruff won this honor at the recent target practice off Virginia point. Think of it! He is credited with eight straight hits with a 14-inch gun shooting at a moving target twelve miles away.

Ruff not only smashed the American gun practice record. He wiped out all records made by the gunners of the world and established a new high record.

His reward?

Ruff will receive increased pay, \$20 in gold, the rating of excellent gunnery and a privilege to wear the letter "E" on his sleeve.

Here's health and long life to the Ruffs of the American navy. We may need them some day.—Fort Worth Record.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured

with Local Applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.—adv

T. B. Story sends Oranges.

Mrs. N. Thompson, a regular reader of the Mail, favored the Mail last week by dividing a portion of oranges she received from her brother, T. B. Story, of Riverside, Cal.

Mr. Story gathered 1400 boxes of oranges from his orchards recently and advised friends here that sale of the entire amount would be made within a few days. Whether this is a good showing or not we cannot say for we are not conversant with the production of this specie of fruit, all we know about it is that the samples were highly delicious.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

Aged Trent Lady Dies.

Mrs. A. P. Boyd, aged 60, died at the home of her son, W. L. Boyd of Trent, Monday morning after an illness of some six months, prior to which she had enjoyed the best of health.

The deceased had been a resident of the Trent country for about ten years, making her home with her son, above mentioned, and with her daughter, Mrs. E. Howell of Trent, route 2. She had been a member of the Baptist church for years, was born in Mississippi in 1855, and

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IRONING DAY

Hereafter each Thursday morning from 8 to 11:30 will be Ironing Day and electric current will be supplied to our customers between those hours.

The Merkel Electric Company

came to Texas in 97.

Burial services were held at the Trent cemetery Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. W. Hamor of Abilene conducting the services.

The Mail joins the many friends of the deceased in extending condolence to the bereaved relatives.

COMB SAGE TEA IN HAIR TO DARKEN IT

Grandma kept her locks dark, glossy, thick with a mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur.

The old-time mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur for darkening gray, streaked and faded hair is grandmother's treatment, and folks are again using it to keep their hair a good, even color, which is quite sensible, as we are living in an age when a youthful appearance is of the greatest advantage.

Nowadays, though, we don't have the troublesome task of gathering the sage and the mussy mixing at home. All drug stores sell the ready-to-use product called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy" for about 50 cents a bottle. It is very popular because nobody can discover it has been applied. Simply moisten your comb or a soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, but what delights the ladies with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur is that, besides beautifully darkening the hair after a few applications, it also produces that soft luster and appearance of abundance which is so attractive; besides, prevents dandruff, itching scalp and falling hair.

Breeders Notice.

Am standing a registered Jersey Bull at my place 6 miles southwest of Merkel.
26t4 John Hughes.

Shade Trees for Sale.

Now ready for delivery, shade trees of all descriptions and now is the time to set them out. Make your home look better. See J. D. Boring & Son for prices.
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Breeders Notice.

I am standing the Britain jack at my place 2 1/2 miles east of Noodle. S. H. Meeks. 26tf

Jewel Costephens Dead.

Jewel, the 14 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens of this city died at the family home Wednesday morning from complications that followed a severe case of scarlet fever.

The child was talented and was a favorite among her many companions. Funeral services were held at the home in south Merkel at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and burial services immediately afterward in Rose Hill cemetery, Rev. Garvin, pastor of the Methodist church, conducting the services.

The Mail joins the many friends of the family in extending condolence to the bereaved parents, brothers and sisters.

Best Treatment for Constipation.

"My daughter used Chamberlain's Tablets for constipation with good results and I can recommend them highly," writes Paul B. Babin, Brushy, La. For sale by all dealers. adv

Election Notice.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Merkel I hereby order an election to be held in said City at the City Fire Station thereof on the first Tuesday in April, 1915, the same being the 6th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, two Aldermen, a Treasurer, a Secretary and a Marshal for said city.

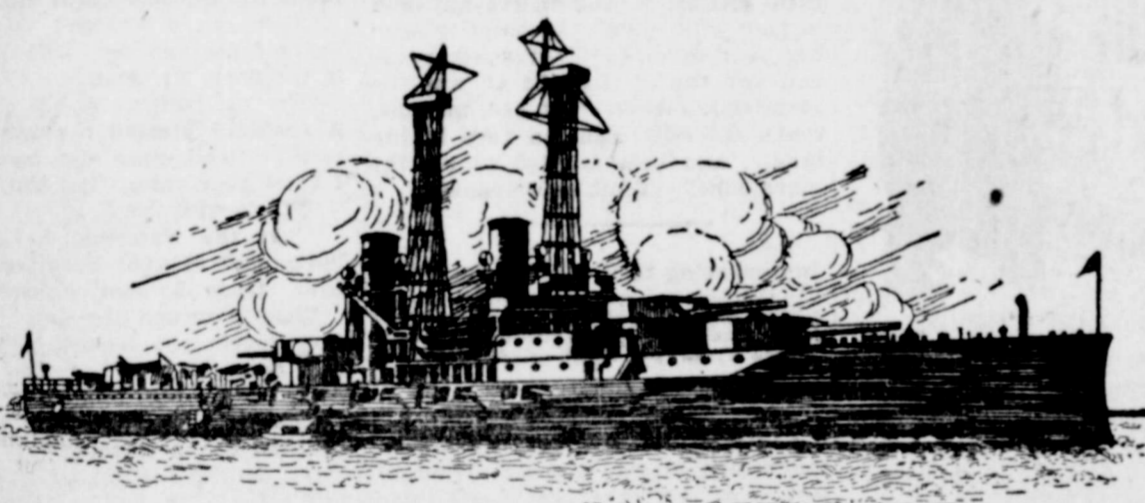
A. L. Jobe is hereby appointed presiding officer at said election. The polls shall be opened at 8 o'clock a. m., and closed at 6 o'clock p. m.

J. J. Stallings, Mayor
City of Merkel, Texas.

A Pleasant Physic.

When you want a pleasant physic give Chamberlain's Tablets a trial. They are mild and gentle in their action and always produce a pleasant cathartic effect. For sale by all dealers.—adv

Preacher Jobe is selling some nice monuments. See him. 19t3



The William Cramp Sons, Ship & Engine Building Co.
Office of the Chief Engineer
Philadelphia, U. S. A.

August 6th, 1912.

The Texas Company,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen—Texaco Ursa Oil was used for turbine lubrication on the recent trials of the destroyer "Beale" and battleship "Wyoming," proving very satisfactory. Both vessels successfully completed their official contract trials at sea without having had any preliminary trials of machinery beyond dock trials at low power. Consequently, the journals had very little previous wearing in to take off the high spots, and the fact that we had no bearing trouble of any importance during the sea trials, reflects great credit upon the lubricant used. Yours very truly,

F. J. METTEN,
Chief Engineer.

No comment is needed on this letter. It tell more about Texaco Quality than volumes.

Texaco Quality and Service are available for you. Consult our agent about the "made in Texas" products you require.

The Texas Company
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Golden Wedding Anniversary.
Saturday, February 27, was a day long to be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be invited to celebrate the 50th marriage anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Young at their home on Kent street.

Two children, Mrs. L. R. Robbins and children and Mr. Henry Young and wife, and grandson, Louis Milliken, were present. Three other children living away were not there to join the parents on this happy day. About forty-five guests were present. This couple were remembered by their friends with many pretty and useful presents.

Mrs. Young, not being very strong, a few of her close friends insisted on preparing the wedding dinner, and to say it was good, is only half told. The table was delectably laid. Cut flowers were used in the decorations. Fruits and well prepared viands were served at the noon hour. Each spent the hours most pleasantly and on departing left best wishes to host and hostess hoping for them many happy years yet to come.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Young, Mrs. L. R. Robbins and children, Louis Milliken, Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Garvin, Mr. and Mrs. Sibley, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Mashburn and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pate, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sublett, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Will Ayers, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Milliken, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harris and daughter Ruby, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Duckett, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Duckett, Mr. and Mrs. Tom King and daughter Stella, Mrs. M. Armstrong, Mrs. Sarah Ayers, Misses Josie King, Lizzie Mae Freeman, Dorothy Duckett and Almeda Harris. A Guest.

(The editor of this department extends thanks for a daintily prepared dinner.)

Thursday evening Miss Venona Hamblet entertained at her home on Oak street with a 500 party. Score cards marked places for three tables. At the conclusion of the fifth game the hostess served a delicious salad course to Misses Elma Sheppard, Eva Williams, Annis Burnett, Genevieve Rust, Mesdames E. M. Rust, Sterling P. Miller, Jno. C. Hamm, J. W. Daniel and O. M. Sharp, Messrs. O. M. Sharp, J. C. Mason and Ernest Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Brady entertained at their country home Sunday in honor of their son, Leslie, in celebration of his eighteenth birthday. A perfectly appointed dinner was served at the noon hour. The dining room was decorated in the school colors purple and gold. The birthday cake with its eighteen candles was cut after the fortune tests in which Miss Ruby Payne successfully blew out all the candles. Those present were Mrs. G. W. Brady, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Witt, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Morris, Misses Barrett, Burkett, Payne, McLinden Era and Amanda Brady, Mr. Rex McClain. The honored guest, the host and hostess.

Miss Maude Jinkens entertained with a musical at her home Friday evening in honor of Mr. Virgil Boston of Mason. Dainty refreshments were served to Misses Fletcher, Burkett, Huffaker, Ruby and Elva Payne, McLinden and Vera Jinkens, Messrs H. C. Burroughs, Lytton Howard, W. L. Diltz, Ollie Dye, Choc Jones, Sam Swann, J. C. Mason, Virgil Boston, Mr. McNail and the hostess.

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You don't save money when you buy cheap or big-name baking powder. Don't be misled. Buy Calumet. It's more economical—more wholesome—gives best results. Calumet is far superior to sour milk and soda.

Price-Hellums.
Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock Rev. A. A. Baker was called from his home to officiate in the marriage of Mr. J. H. Price and Miss Gertrude Hellums, both popular young people of this city.

The bride and groom will make their home in the Merkel country and are now receiving congratulations from their many friends for a long and happy married life.

The Methodist Baraca.
The Baraca Class is progressing nicely. The new committees were appointed Sunday and are now ready for real work.

The Philatha class added to the beautification of our room by varnishing our new table and putting a beautiful scarf. We appreciate their deed of kindness and feel that they are a strong arm of the Sunday School.

"Samuel, the Victorious Leader" was the theme for discussion Sunday. Samuel led the people to victory, after they came back to God and he reported to them. True religion leaves no place for impure conduct in any part of a man's life as was the case with Samuel. Press Reporter.

If You Want

RESULTS

YOU can get them by advertising in this paper. It reaches the best class of people in this community.

Use this paper if you want some of their business.

Use This Paper

MRS. BAKER'S CAT
By DON LA GRANGE.

And who was Mrs. Baker? She was a childless widow who had reached the age of sixty. She had sufficient income to keep her out of the hands of charity. She had her little home in the outskirts of the town, and her companion for the last ten years had been her cat.

On a certain afternoon Miss Ruth Brighton, wishing for a sight of the country, took a street car for half a mile and then walked for the same distance to find herself in front of the Widow Baker's cottage. Just as she arrived the old woman ran out to the gate and screamed:

"She's dying!" wailed Mrs. Baker, looking down at an outstretched cat.

"Maybe it's only a fit and we can save her. Get a dish of cold water."

The water was brought and thrown over the grimalkin, and after a long minute she opened her eyes and returned to the land of the living.

"I am thankful to heaven!" piously exclaimed Mrs. Baker, as she rolled her eyes to the sky.

That day Osborne Chalmers had decided to take a half holiday and a walk into the country in the afternoon. He was going to see things that might influence him to buy an 80-acre farm when he saw a cottage, an old woman, a girl and a blinking old cat.

"Will you come here?" called the Widow Baker.

"Is it anything serious?" he asked, as he entered the gate.

"My old cat has had a fit! What would you advise me to do?"

"It seems to me the better way would be to get rid of her."

"But how am I going to get rid of her?"

"She ought to be carried off and drowned."

That was all about the cat for a week, as far as the two outsiders were concerned. They both had their walks and returned to their homes.

Very few people would permit a widow's cat to disturb their peace of mind, but in this case the occasion was furnished by Providence. It put the idea into Miss Ruth's head to take another country walk and see how the old cat got along.

"I believe I'll just take a walk out there," said Mr. Chalmers. "Seems too bad for that old cat to die."

Miss Ruth arrived at the cottage. The cat sat on the porch. She hadn't had another fit, but she looked as if she were going to have one at the first convenient opportunity.

"Yes, she looks bad," agreed Mrs. Baker, "and I am going to ask a great favor of you. You see, I am lame, and can't walk far, and I want the old cat taken away and dropped on the road somewhere. If she is carried a mile I don't believe she can find her way back again."

"But how will I carry her?" asked Ruth.

"I don't know that you'd ever come back, but I've thought it all out. We'll put her in a paper flour sack that I have saved. When you get about a mile away empty her out, say 'Shoo!' and that will be the last of her. She'll find a home somewhere."

Miss Ruth agreed to do the errand, and after a time started back with the captive. The cat made no great objections to being sacked up. It is possible that she rather longed for a change of environment.

A cat in a flour sack meows and snarls and spits. She claws and bites and fro and back and forth.

Miss Ruth was hurrying along with that sacked cat when she saw a young man approaching. It was Osborne Chalmers. When he saw the wobbling sack held out at arm's length he suspected its contents and hastened his steps. He was too late, however. What is to be will be. It was fore-ordained that that cat was to claw her way out, and out she came. The feline could have made a peaceful and honorable retreat into the roadside bushes, but she did nothing of the kind. She clawed off Miss Ruth's hat and scratched her face—she clawed and scratched the face of Mr. Chalmers when he went to the rescue. Then she inflicted two or three bites, and went her way.

The humanitarians were sadly in need of repairs, and they made for the Widow Baker's.

The widow stood on her porch with a glad smile on her face. So did her old cat!

"I'm so glad to see you!" exclaimed the woman as the clawed and bitten couple entered the gate. "The cat has got over her fits and is playing around as she used to when she was a kitten. It must have been the fright that did it."

When the wounds of the victims had been dressed the widow sent them on their way with:

"I did think the whole world was hard-hearted, but this incident has shown me to the contrary. May a widow's blessing attend you!"

Miss Ruth and Mr. Chalmers walked away together.

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Desperate Situation.
"How do Scragginton and his wife get on?"

"Terribly! They have both turned vegetarians. They eat nothing but mushrooms."

"What for?"

"Each is hoping the other will swallow a toadstool. And neither seems to care much which gets it."

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In This Paper

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.

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Daily Thought.
A strange volume of real life in the packet of the postman. Eternal love and instant payment.—Douglas Jerrold.

Natural Mistake.
Little Eunice was very fond of her mother's friend, Mrs. Clayton, who had stopped in for a few moments on her way to an afternoon party. She was wearing a beautiful new gown. Little Eunice gazed at her for several seconds, speechless with admiration, and then burst out delightedly. "Oh Mrs. Clayton, you look just like a fashion dish!"—Youth's Companion.

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"DEVOTEDLY, BILL"
By IZOLA FORESTER.

"Where are the matches?"
Nan stumbled over a taret and emitted a startled exclamation.

"Forevermore! Eleanor, where on earth are you?"

"Stand still until I can find where the switch is, goose." There came the click of a button and the long reception hall lay revealed in a flood of light.

It was after twelve, and they both needed rest more than anything after the trip down from the mountains.

It was cheerier in the cozy bedroom suite upstairs. The rooms connected with each other, and Nan rambled about, her brown hair in two long braids and a kimono wrapped about her. Tucked into a corner was a photograph that seemed different from the rest. It was such a splendid, manly young face that smiled out at one from it. Nan turned it over and read on the back in a scrawling, boyish writing:

"Devotedly, Bill."

Over at the little white dressing table Eleanor sat brushing her hair. Somehow no one would ever have connected her with college boys who signed themselves, "Devotedly, Bill."

"What are you chuckling over?" asked Eleanor.

"Devotedly, Bill."
Eleanor turned around, her fair hair falling loosely over her shoulders, her eyes filling with tears.

"Oh, Nell, I didn't mean to stir up anything—"

"Oh, it's all right. You didn't strike any heavy minor chord." She looked down at the photograph tenderly. "He was just a boy I met up at Cornell last winter, the very first boy that ever dared to love me."

"Bless his old brave heart," interrupted Nan fervently, leaning forward, her chin on her hands. "Doesn't he even write to you?"

"We promised we wouldn't, not for a year. What's that?"

Both girls rose to their feet with startled eyes.

"Somebody fell over the taret in the hall," Nan whispered, her dark eyes wide with dread. "You turned off the lights."

Eleanor thought quickly. The house had been closed since June. A caretaker came every day to look after it, and at night the watchman was supposed to guard it. She crossed the room and locked both doors leading into the hall, then went to the windows.

"Did you hear that?" Nan whispered, her face pressed against the door listening. "Somebody whistled, and it was answered."

Nan shrank back, her face covered with her hands, but Eleanor slipped one arm around her, soothing her even while her own heart throbbed heavily.

"Come on, now!" called a deep voice. "Open up. You know you can't get out of there."

"And you cannot get in," returned Eleanor clearly. "If you attempt to break in the doors I will fire."

"Sure, 'tis a woman's voice," they heard some one say. "Shall I break in the door, Mr. Blair?"

"No, no, wait." The knob turned. A shoulder pressed against the door panel. "Nell, open the door, please. I know your voice. It's Bill."

"Who's with you?"

"Just the watchman. I saw the lights and thought burglars were in here. Open the door, please."

Eleanor turned the key. Tall and very lovely she looked in her long, blue crepe kimono, her face pale and determined, her hair in two long braids over her shoulders like some old-time Saxon princess.

Out in the hallway stood Bill, the original of the picture, and the old watchman.

"Nell," he cried, "I had no idea it was you in here. I've had a room across the street all summer just to be near the house, and when I saw the lights flash on, I called Sullivan here and we hustled over to get the burglars. I'm awfully sorry."

Sullivan moved tactfully down the hallway, testing locks here and there. Nan had dropped limply into a willow chair, with its back toward the two at the door. Bill raised two white, slim hands to his lips and kissed them.

"It's so wonderful to see you again, girl dear. I've watched these barred shutters all summer, waiting for you to come back. I won't wait a year, Nell. Look at me. Aren't you glad to see me?"

"Don't you know, Billie boy?"

"Listen, dear. Don't let them take you away from me again. It's Providence, this mixup here tonight. I've been patient for months. Don't say no, Nell. I'll be over early for you, and we'll be married before anything can happen."

He was gone before she could even protest. From the willow chair came a contented chuckle, and a brief remark:

"Devotedly, Bill!"
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Similar Motion.
Inkblotz—Hemmandhaw has been in the country all week practicing golf. Smudgely—On what links?

"No links. He was on Sol Sodbuster's farm."

"I thought Sol objected to trespassing."

"He does, but when he saw Hemmandhaw fanning the air with a brassie he thought he was cutting grass with a scythe."

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NUBIA

The wedding bells have been ringing here for some time. The last to ring was for Mr. John Hunter and Mrs. Ellen Hogan; also, Mr. Bruce Beall and Miss Lula Cogburn. The correspondent wishes both couples a long and happy life.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Martin of near Trent visited the former's father Saturday and Sunday.

The Nubia and Cross Roads singing class met Sunday evening and reorganized.

E. W. Turner and wife of Butman visited the latter's sister Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Lilly Lattimore, Jewel and Ila Mae Anderson, Messrs. Louis and Sam Butman motored to Nolan Sunday evening.

There is to be preaching here Saturday and Sunday.

For Diseases of the Skin.

Nearly all diseases of the skin such as eczema, tetter salt rheum and barbers itch are characterized by an intense itching and smarting, which often makes life a burden and disturbs sleep and rest. Quick relief may be had by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It allays the itching and smarting almost instantly. Many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by all dealers.

BLAIR

The Blair singing class met Sunday night at the Baptist church and had an interesting song practice. A number of young people from Trent attended and assisted in the services. We invite them to come again.

Miss Mary Morris of Herndon came in Sunday to visit her grandmother, Mrs. Campbell, and other relatives.

Mrs. Minnie Mayfield is reported very sick at this time.

F. D. Addison and wife were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Addison Sunday.

Hugh Campbell was elected by the Blair W. O. W. Camp 2912 to attend the Head Camp which meets at Fort Worth March 9.

Let's all get in line and work for good roads.

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I. N. Stuart, West Webster, N. Y., writes: "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for disorders of the stomach and liver off and on for the past five years, and it affords me pleasure to state that I have found them to be just as represented. They are mild in their action and the results have been satisfactory. I value them highly. For sale by all dealers."

TRENT ITEMS

Mr. Tom McLeod, who has been confined to his bed for two weeks, is improving slowly.

There are a good many cases of mumps in the country. Will Craddock is just recovering from a severe case of them. Some of Mr. Ed Massey's children are reported to be quite sick also, and Mr. Massey was called to Fort Worth Tuesday to see a brother who was reported very low in a sanitarium at that place.

When Mr. Otho Smith visited his farm home south of here Monday morning he found the house nicely heated and his camp bed still warm. The visitor had also partaken of a hot meal at Mr. Smith's expense and being about the same size and make-up as Mr. Smith, helped himself to some articles of clothing as reported elsewhere in this paper. Mr. Smith assisted Deputy Joe Brown in making the capture.

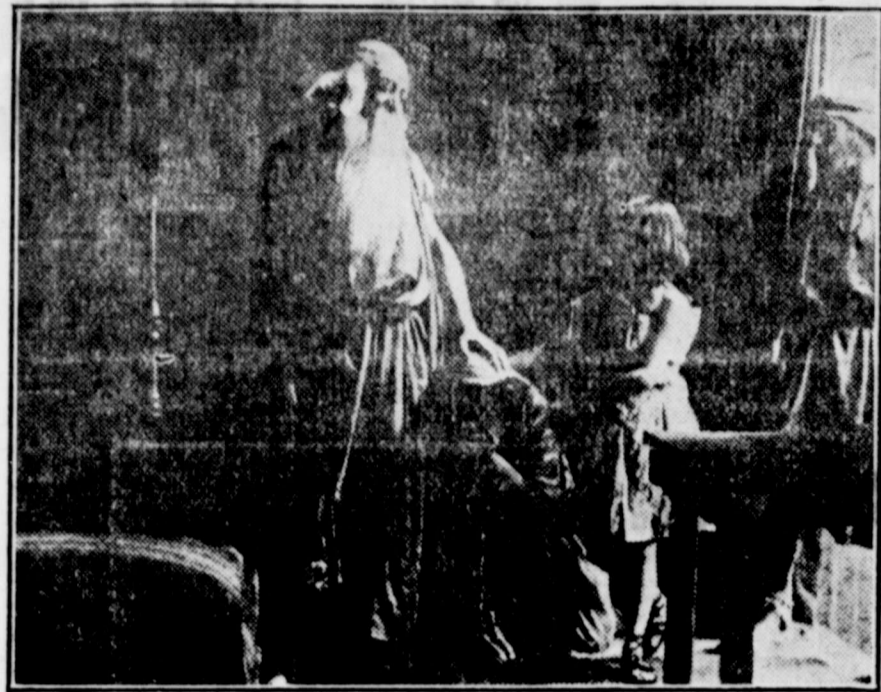
Our gins are running only on Saturday's now and within a short time their work will be entirely finished. Breaking and turning land is the order of the day now.

Come on all you country news writers with a lot of items.

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A man once stood on Westminster Bridge offering sovereigns for pennies, but he failed to conquer the superb incredulity of the London public. To the average man a "free show" is not worth seeing, and altruism is only met with in novels. A visit to the Photo-Drama of Creation will help the cynic to bring his ideas more into harmony with the actual facts. There he will find a comfortable seat, pleasant music, and a picture-story of absorbing interest, and he may have eight hours of it all for nothing. The exhibition includes 12 reels of film, besides numerous pictures and panoramas, which have been divided into four sections, the different parts, being shown in rotation.

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vealed to scientists and to students of the Bible, and prophecies of the scriptures are used to reach conclusions regarding the future, which are, to say the least, not a little startling. The theory underlying the whole story is that each of the seven days composing the creation week was an epoch 7,000 years in length, which makes the full week of creation equivalent to 49,000 years; that man appeared toward the close of the sixth epoch; that we are now living in the seventh day; and that 6,000 years have passed since the creation of Adam, the Millennium, which is to close the seventh epoch, is near at hand. It is with this last "day" of 7,000 years that the pictures mainly deal; however, the gradual transformation of the earth is traced from a gaseous confusion to a proper condition to support human life; and then follows the old story of the fall of man, with all its consequent miseries, hopes, joys and fears.

This remarkable picture will be shown free at Merkel on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday evenings—March 12 to 15 inclusive—two reels being shown each night until the entire eight have been flashed upon the screen before Merkel people's eyes.

ROUTE 3

Rev. Rogers filled his regular appointment at Mt. Pleasant Saturday night and Sunday.

Cleo Barnes was shopping in Merkel Saturday.

The young people enjoyed a party given at Walter Boden's Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hathaway visited Mr. and Mrs. John Jones Sunday.

Mrs. Guy Sullivan went to Merkel Saturday evening.

J. B. Lilly is on the sick list at this writing.

To the Housewife

Madam if your husband is like most men he expects you to look after the health of yourself and children. Coughs and colds are the most common of the minor ailments and are most likely to lead to serious diseases. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when it has a cold. If you will inquire into the merits of the various remedies that are recommended for coughs and colds you will find that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy stands high in the estimation of people who use it. It is prompt and pleasant and safe to take, which are qualities especially to be desired when a medicine is intended for children. For sale by all dealers.

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COMPERE

The health of the community is good, as far as we scribe knows. Our school is progressing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon are very sick at this writing.

Earl Foster of Noodle is visiting his father, Jake Foster.

People are trying to plow their land for another crop but they are hitting it very hard.

Comper Baptist church called a pastor Sunday, Rev. Dawson of Stith.

Mr. Shannon Moore instead of moving to Merkel, as was stated in the Merkel Mail a few days back, will move to East Texas, where he has traded his farm here for one there and will move very soon.

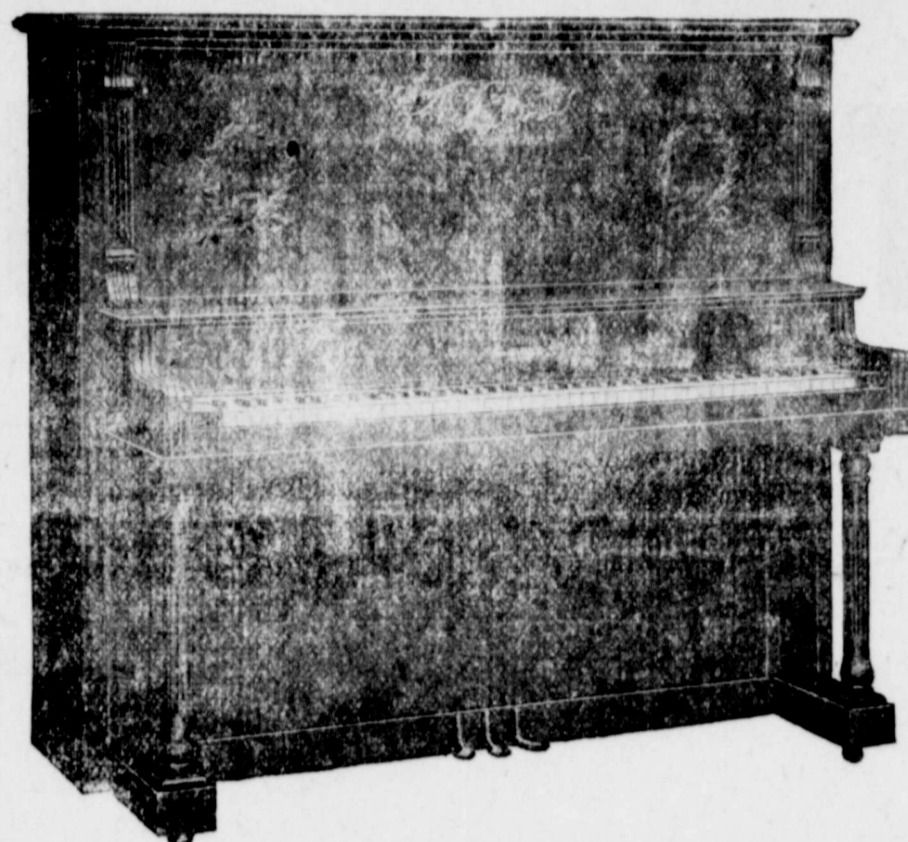
Mr. Price gave the young people a singing Sunday night in honor of the newly married couple. All report a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Moore.

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4. Every contestant gets a number.
5. Standing of contestants' numbers published weekly.
6. All votes must be brought in Wednesday for recording.
7. Votes can not be solicited in or about the store.
8. Tie votes in packages with your number and amount on top slip only.
9. Color of votes will be changed monthly and must be recorded weekly to count.
10. Votes are transferable only before recording.
11. Contestants having largest number of votes on Aug. 28 win Piano and other Premiums.
12. All parties to a tie shall participate equally.
13. No church, school, lodge, society, or public institution can become a contestant directly or indirectly.

We will under no condition allow candidates to solicit votes in or about our store, neither will we allow friends of any candidate to solicit votes.

This is our strictest rule and must be respected—Positively Forbidden—so please remember this. Should this rule be violated we reserve the right to drop any contestant from the list, either upon personal solicitations or solicitations of friends, in or about the store.

Anchor Mercantile Company

NOODLE

Little Donald Barbee and Leona Winter have been very sick for a few days.

Luther Richards, who has been attending school at Simmons college, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents.

Mrs. Emma Brannon of Santo is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Eoff.

Miss Zelma Dicknell spent Saturday and Sunday with her uncle, J. E. Jones of Shiloh.

Miss Emma Green returned to her home near Hamlin last week.

W. J. Ely of Abilene spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ely.

We received news a few days ago from Dr. Williams, formerly lived here, but now of Blackwell, of the death of their baby who died of diphtheria. They are not expecting the child next to the baby to live. It has the same trouble. We hate to hear this sad news.

The speaking at the Woodman Hall last Wednesday night was enjoyed by all present.

Those returning from El Paso and Juarez Tuesday of last week report quite an enjoyable trip.

We surely can compliment our editor on the piece he published last week, "Twenty-four hours in El Paso."

SALT BRANCH

Cotton picking is a thing of the past in this community. Most everybody is preparing their land for another big crop.

W. B. Robertson is on the sick list this week.

Little Porter Petty is reported very sick at this writing.

Austin Robertson and wife were visiting relatives near Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Loy Whitehead of near Claytonville visited T. C. Allen and family the past week.

Lula Higgins is spending this



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week with relatives in the Warren community.

We have received some new song books. Now come out to singing Sunday afternoon.

Annie Higgins is visiting relatives in Merkel this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barker and Mr. and Mrs. W. Barker were in Abilene Tuesday on business.

Our literary school is progressing nicely.

There was no Sunday School here Sunday.