GERMAN VESSEL

United States coast guardship

Onondaga went alongside and

took up her watch to preserve

the neutrality of the United

States until officials at Washington decide what shall be done

with the Prinz Eithel Friedrich.

salt of her months at sea, the

the other. It was reported in

To Preach Here Sunday

lin who has been called to preach

Rev. Owens formerly of Ham-

Rev. Owens expects his family

H. S. Wilson Sick

town and even at his very ma-

ture old age has always been at

Visit Stevens' Store in Merkel.

Scarred by the red rust and

John Tasker, aged ten or elev- Newport News, Va., March 10. en years, son of Mr. and Mrs. -The German auxiliary cruiser Chas. S. Tasker of Fourth and Prinz Eithel Friedrich, another of Pecan streets, was injured Sun- the elusive German sea rovers day morning in the yards of the which have been destroying Texas & Pacific railroad here commerce of the allies on the when he attempted to board a seven seas, slipped into port here moving freight train. He fell early today, presumably eluding under the wheels, which crushed the British and French cruisers down the side of his leg, mash- along the coast. It was in need of repairs, coal and provisions ing off the heel.

At a local hospital a short while for her crew and had more than later the left leg was amputated 300 prisoners taken from prizes. below the knee. At noon Mon- Last night after dark the Gerday the boy was reported to be man ship appeared off Cape Henry, but did not enter until resting nicely.

Dr. A. J. Pope, local surgeon after daylight, when she passed for the Texas & Pacific, gave quarantine and dropped her anthe boy first treatment and had chor at this port. All her officers him taken to the hospital. The preserved the strictest silence boy's leg from the knee down and her captain at once diswas badly crushed by the mov- patched a message telling of his ing wheels of the freight train, arrival and the condition of his which had just taken water at ship to the German embassy at the tank and was moving for- Washington. No sooner had the hard again. - Abilene Reporter. Prinz Eithel anchored than the

Many people from this section of the state visited Fort Worth German auxiliray was painted the first of the week to attend white on one side and black on the Woodman Convention.

From Merkel W. L. Burns and marine circles that she had been T. F. Compton represented the chased to the three-mile limit by local camp, Mrs. J. F. Shaffer is a British cruiser, but as the Gerin Fort Worth to represent the man captain had sealed the lips Woodmen Circle. Stith Camp of his officers that was not conwas represented by Jim Bridges firmed. while Dolf Coats carried with him the voice of the Blair community.

Has Duck Farm.

A deal was closed last week at Merkel will be here Sunday. between Geo. Brown and B. He is to occupy the pu pit of the Pilcher, both wheelwrights of Babtist church at 11 o'clock and this city, in which the latter be- again at the evening hour of sercame the owner of the Brown vices. blacksmith shop.

Mr. Brown, we are informed, to arrive next week. We welwill now devote his time in watch. come this good family to our ing the accumulation of ducks on | midst. his farm in the Stith community where he has a large lake covering about forty acres. Whether H. S. "Dad" Wilson who has he expects to derive any financial been very sick at his home near benefit from his feathered tribe the Christian church is some betwe cannot say. According to ter and is able to sit up most of his own statement he has about the time. ten acres of ducks. Our readers "Dad" Wilson is one of the can figure on the proposition for most popular characters in our themselves.

The sweet scent of wild flowers his post as a prompt and efficient is contained in every bottle of transfer man for the express com our perfume. We handle only pany and public in general. the best natural, refined, and delightful. Burroughs.

MERKEL AND MERKEL COUNTRY ARE SURELY COMING

Comparative Bank Statements made with That of 1914 Shows Decrease in loans Increase in Cash and Deposits.

The conditions of business and finances in a town and country are reflected by the conditions and statemens of the banks which represent the business and financial interests of their customers and citizenship. The Mail has combined and condensed the statements of our banks made at the present time and at a similar season one year ago showing the exact and absolute figures to the dollar which tell our story and show the improvement of our town and country better than words.

THE FACTS

	1914	1915
Loans	\$217,523.65	\$215,499.05
Cash and Exchange	129,170.96	212,928.19
Deposits	278,894.64	366,520.93

THE INTERESTING FACTS

Increase in deposits 1914 over 1913, \$87,626.29 or 31 per cent. Increase in cash 1914 over 1913, 83,757.23 or 64 per cent. Decrease in loans 1914 over 1913, ... 2,024 50 or 1 per cent.

THE "CREATION" CONGLOMERATION

Innocent bystanders often get hurt and no doubt the the Mail will come in for its part of criticism for having given free space to an article in last weeks issue advertising some sort of a religious moving pictures entitled "Creation" to be shown here at the Cozy theater.

Incidentally the management of the theater has been asked in a petition not to allow his house to be used for the purpose of showing these pictures which were advertised as non-sectarian and free to the public. This petition placed Manager Groene in a very peculiar position, he had already contracted to allow his moving picture house to be used for showing "Creation" and the management of the picture insisted that he stand by his contract in the face of payment already having been made for the house expenses. As we see it Manager Groene could not have refused these people the use of his place after having contracted and accepted payment for same.

Now in the face of this petition the management of the Mail has been asked to reproduce the petition in the Mail and to publish a reply to same.

We have seen fit to refuse to do both believing that it is not best to be instrumental in further agitating this religious question. Personally the writer is inclined to think Pastor Russell is wrong in his belief but we will not so far forget ourselves as to say his teachings are immoral and not in accordance with the bible for we do not know. Neither can we say in return to the petition charge that it carries in it libelous charges. The petition may be true and we do not care to publish a contradiction to it saying it is libelous and on the other hand we cannot publish the petition for a like reason. We are not posted enough on the bible to know whether Pastor Russell's work is destructive to christanity or not and not having seen the motion pictures we can not say that they would endanger the moral welfare of our community. There you have the substance of the propsition.

As the matter now stands, it seems to the Mail like this picture is going to be shown here. If this be true it has been advertised as no other like attraction has ever been advertised in Merkel. People who at first thought little of this picture in connection with Pastor Russell's belief are now wondering what all this means and what there is about the picture that makes it dangerous to the moral welfare of our community. Right here we wish to say that this is one of the best ways to advertise a proposition thoroughly, that is, to excite unusual curiosity in a persons mind for seeing something new and novel. Personally we would not have crossed the street a week ago to see this but now we wonder what there is to it that has caused all this excitement, and naturally we want to see if the picture is what it is claimed to be.

The management of the "Creation" photo-drama asks the Mail to announce in an unbiased way that the show will be given as advertised, the first picture being shown at the Cozy Theater, probably beginning Monday, or as soon after as the quarantine restrictions are lifted on public meetings.

Renovating Mattresses.

lint cotton mattress for \$5.00 new. J. Bassette, Phone 215.

Sleepezy Matresses.

specialty. Can make a 40 pound old beds and have them made a continuance of this.

Will call for your work in the Also come and see our new morning and deliver in the after- beds before you buy elsewhere. Phone No. 227.

NO SERVICES IN MERKEL SUNDAY

er and smallpox and it was respective homes. thought best to ask all churches Thisisthe firsttime in about five Sunday.

picture shows.

Creation Photo Drama.

The St. Anne Opera House, St. Anne, Ill.

December 28th, 1914, I have been showing the "Creation" in my house and have found it to be the greatest feature I have ever shown. I was at first misinformed and am told that if I would allow is to be shown that it would ruin my business and all the churches would be against me, but I have had more church going people in my theater since I began to show "Creation" than ever before, and they enjoyed every minute of the show and complimented me on taken the first of the week by getting such a big feature to the Merkel School Board and the come to our town. I have noth- City Authorities in closing the ing but praise for "Creation" and public schools during the week for the management of the same. and all other public meetings and

The above was handed the Mail of the photo drama "Creation".

St. Patric's Day March 17th.

honor the memory of Ireland's school and city officials. Patron Saint. We will give a green eilk shamrock with a clay pipe as a souvenir to each of our nesdry 17th. Mrs. E. M. Rust cashier of the F. & M. Bank, and Drug Store.

Arrested Friday

him in jail at Abilene on failure In the trade each party seemed of the defendant to make convict the winner. Mr. Angus takes bond for fine assessed against a beauteful cottage and in addihim on charge of beating or tion a practially new touring car whipping his wife.

The trouble occurred in this best homes in the city. city and his wife and children were assisted by Merkel people in getting funds for railroad fare of Mrs. White live.

Announces for Alderman

We are authorized to announce to the voters of Merkel the name | were visiting the latters parents of C. P. Stevens as candidate for Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Payne this the office of City Alderman sub- week. ject to the action of the City election of April 6th.

able known and needs no introduction from the Mail He will no doubt make an excellent official and we commend him and his claims to the voters of Merkel for their consideration.

Notice to Tresspassers.

To any and all who are interested in having refuse matter of snow. any description dumped on the This amount was registered by Mathews Estate property in the the Mail rain guage from the east part of Merkel I desire to melted snow. Estimates were make repeated notice that any made of the snow being from Am renovating old cotton beds You sleep one third of your life such persons, firms or corpora- four to six inches. The first figor making new ones; also, up- away, why not spend this time tions will be prosecuted to the ures are likely more correct. Old holstering feather mattresses a on a good bed. Bring us your full extent of the law in event of timers say this kind of weather

Clyde Mathews.

High Test 'Phone Batteries noon. All work guaranteed. R. Sleepezy Matress Factory, for sale by the Crown Hardware Company.

REV. BILLINGSLEY PREACHED HERE

According to a decree issued Evangilist Price Billingsley by City Health Officer W. M. of Tennessee preached at the Cranford all public meetings north side Christain Church Sunshould not be held until after night. He was accompanied here Sunday. This measure has been from Abilene by many members taken as an additional precation of the Abilene church all of whom against the spread of scarlet fev- returned Sunday night to their

to suspend all services during years that Eld. Billingsley has visited Merkel and his sermon It is hoped that the quarantine here Sunday night was an exact restrictions can be lifted during counterpart of the many excelthe first part of next week. But lent ones he has delivered on until then all meetings are for- former visits to Merkel. His sobidden including the operation of lution of "Why Men Do Not Become Christains" was fitting to the multitudes whom he referred to. To say his sermon was a good one would hardly do justice to the discourse.

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

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Precautionary methods were L. A. Baron, Mgr. picture shows.

This was done to guard against for publication by management the spread of scarlet fever and smallpox. Only a few of either cases were reported at the time the closing decree was issued but Is the one day of the year when public popular sentiment justified all nations of the world unite to the action on the part of the

Real Estate Transaction

A deal was culminated last friends and customers on Wed. week between T. A. Johnson, M. D. Angus, drayman, by which Mr. Angus becomes the owner of the T. A. Johnson home and the Deputy Sheriff W. H. Laney Buick touring car of Mr. Johnarrested one M. T. White the lat- son's and Mr Johnson takes the ter part of last week and lodged Angus home for his consideration

and Mr. Johnson gets one of the

W. U. W.

Merkel Camp No. 719 meets to St. Louis, where the parents second and fourth Friday nights of each month.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ben O. Schmidt

ion of April 6th. Mr. Stevens is well and favor- SNOW IS A RARE

Snow that started falling here Monday afternoon continued through most of the evening and gave the Merkel country in all one third of an inch of rainfall in

is very unusual and has only oc-1tpd. cured in March for a very few times during their memory.

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

LIVING AT HOME STAYING THERE ALSO

Much has been said about spending your dollars with home merchants. To send your dollar to the Mail Order house you had just as well kiss that 100 cents good bye. Ask yourself how much of it will return to Merkel for continued circulation.

Many people believe this and patronize home industry but there are people who forget this important and necessary rule in regard to their home banks. If you have money, you do yourself as well as the town an injustice if you keep it on deposit in an out of town bank.

There are more ways than one that a person can patronize home industry. What money you spend, see that Merkel merchants get it. What money you have as a reserve should be placed in a Merkel bank.

CONDENSED STATEMENT

of Condition of

Farmers State BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

As Reported March 4, 1915

RESOURCES

Interest Guaranty Fund	1,080.19 102,822.43
Real Estate	2,938.00
Banking House and Fixtures	14,000.00
Overdrafts	None
Loans	\$108,052.08

\$228,892,70

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	4,024.29
DEPOSITS	189,868.41

\$228,892.70

The above Statement is correct. R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier.

With total resources nearly a quarter of a million dollars, we are in better condition than ever to handle the business of the people of this community.

With a high cash reserve, no borrowed money, we ask that you let us serve you.

We now have the largest line of deposits in Merkel-no County, State, City funds nor due to Banks among our deposits.

We offer you the advantages of a Guaranty Fund Bank-Safety First.

> J. S. SWANN, President JOHN SEARS, Vice President R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier B. C. MOORE, Assistant Cashier

charge of killing their preachers. loss is beaven's gain. earth. Read them and see if you are killing your preacher.

1. Stay away from church, especially on bad days when you think the crowd will be small.

2. Stay away from the Wednesday night service because you know there will only be a handful present.

3. When you get sick, don't let him know it, and then abuse him for not coming to see you.

4. Never invite him or his family out to dine in your home. They never enjoy a social hour.

5. Pay just as little as you can on his salary and then grumble about that. This makes him feel good.

6. Never give him anything except what you promised. This might make him think you appreciate him.

7. Always have some fool excuse when he wants you to do a little work. That's what you pay him for.

8. Never offer to take him out in your auto or lend him your horse or buggy. This would be too kind.

9. Never call at his home but raise old Billy Cain because he does'nt visit you once or twice

10. Don't ever offer to help him in any way for he might think you were butting in.

11. Act as coldly and indifferent toward him as you can and he will think you are dignified.

If these doses fail to kill him they will break him from preaching and force him to leave town. -Babtist Standard.

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 plood 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

	Special fo	r a Few Days	S .
	Now is the	time to bu	y your
gr	oceries.		
Bo	uquet Flour,	per 100	3.90
Me	al		800
10	lb. bucket J	ewel Lard	950
10	lb. bucket C	ottolene	\$1.30
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25	lb. box choic	e Peaches	. \$2.00
A	buckle Coffe	e, per lb	200
Co	oking Oil, pe	r gallon.	750
Fi	ve Gallons O	il	400
	Come and ge	t them. T	hey are
he	re for you.	Walter (Clark.
	Note that the property of the last	1	

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. 19t5pd

Breeders Notice.

I am standing the Britain jack at my place 21/2 miles east of Noodle, S. H. Meeks. 26tf

Breeders Notice.

Am standing a registered Jersey Bull at my place 6 miles southwest of Merkel.

John Hughes.

Jewel Costephens

Few people, if arranged in God in his wisdom has transcourt, would plead guilty to the planted our Jewel. What is our

Yet many a pulpit is red with Jewel was born near Mulberry blood of a murdered minister. Canyon December 1, 1889 and Multidues of church members died Wednesday, March 3, 1915. not only kill the minister's in. She leaves a mother, father, two fluence and ambition, but also sisters and five brothers to mourn kill him mentally, morally and her absence. She was a pupil of physically. It is from this point the Methodist Sunday school and of view that some one has writ- delighted to sing the songs learn. ten the following rules, guaran. ed there. Just before death took teeing that if carefully followed ther she sang in a sweet, tremthey will kill any preacher on bling voice, the following words: "Silent night, Holy night.

All is calm, all is bright; 'Round you, virgin mother and child, Holy infant so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.'

She was buried in Rose Hill cemetery Wednesday afternoon. Loving hands covered the little mound with beautiful flowers, fit emblems of the little life so sweetly lent us for so short a A Loving Friend.

Card Of Thanks

We wish to thank the many good people of Merkel who offer. ed their services and symyathies during our late bereavement. Especially do we wish to express our thanks to the doctors and nurse who worked so faithfully to prolongue or save the life of our daughter.

Mr. and Mr . J E. Costephens.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kid. ney 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 troub. les 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.

Advertised Letters

Anderson, Mrs. Callie Big Wells, Batalla Nauman, August Wilder, Bob Wheeler, Mary Diaz. Pedro. •

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office March 20th. H C. Williams, P. M.

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, Brushly, La. For sale by all dealers.

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 s'clock p. m.

J. J. Stallinge, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

For City Secretary-G. W. JOHNSON For Aldermen-

C. P. STEVENS Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure. J. T. WARREN, Pres.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

No. 7481



Service

Capital & Surplus \$50,000.00

STATEMENT

Close of Business

MARCH 4th, 1915

RESOURCES

Loans	\$107,446.97	
Overdrafts	None	
U. S. Bonds-Par	9,250.00	
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,000.00	
Five per cent Redemption Fund	312.50	
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00	
Real Estate	6,500.00	
CASH AND EXCHANGE	110,105.76	
Total	\$238,215.23	

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	S 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	30,312.71
Circulation	6,250.00
Cashiers Checks	None
Borrowed Money	None
DEPOSITS	176,652.52
Total	\$238 215 23

We invite accounts upon the basis of a continuous record of ten years' successful Banking in Merkel. We have the means, the ability and the disposition to take care of all good accounts.

Member Bank of Regional Reserve System

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren Ed. S. Hughes

G. F. West

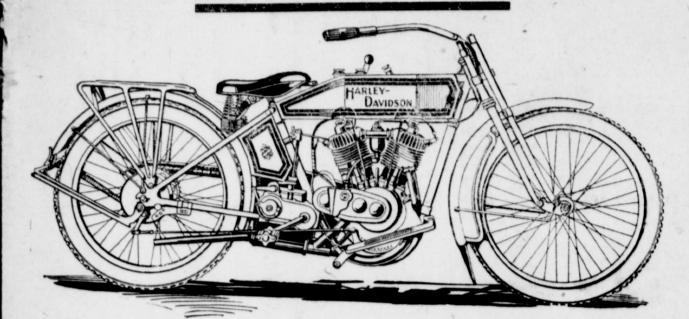
C. P. Warren **Henry James**

Ben T. Merritt

Thos. Johnson

Ask For Your Votes

Help Some Friend Get This 3-Speed Motorcycle ABSOLUTELY FREE



We will give votes with each \$1.00 CASH PURCHASE and Each \$1.00 Cleaning and Pressing

See Our CASH PRICES Lasting Until MARCH 20th \$3.00 Hat for . . .

A \$5.00 Florsheim Shoe, \$4.50 \$1.00 OVERALLS for

See our Men and Boys' Work Shoes Cheaper Than Ever ---- A New Lot Just Received

5 Scotch Suits for Easter \$15

We have the ED V. PRICE & CO. and A. E. ANDERSON & CO. Samples---The Best on Earth.

See Us For Everything for Men and Boys

Motorcycle on display at the Star Store-See us

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Misses Clara and Mamie Moore visited friends in Abilene Sunday W .G. McGarr of Galveston School tablets and school supplies at C. P. Stevens.

Miss May Collins of Stith visited friends here Saturday.

Miss Cora Hunter of Nubia vis ited friends here Wednesday.

For real vacation pleasure make headquarters at the Burroughs fountain.

Now is the time to get your Oval Picture Frames. Ask hotel business of Abilene. "MACK" about them he can save you money.

Seed cats at G. M. Sharp's.

Miss Essie Doan of Nubia is visiting relatives here this week.

the best cotton seed. Mason & in east Texas for a short time Scott will cull them out for you looking after business matters. at 10 cents per bushel.

candies at C. P. Stevens, store

Mrs. E. C. Perry of Inkum is here visiting her mother Mrs. S. F. Annis.

See us for Blacksmith Coal. Crown Hardware Co. 12:2

Remember the \$400.00 piano is

now on display at The Anchor. Mrs. S. F. Annis has re-

turned home from a six months. stay in Abilene.

son of Abilene are the guests of hear Evangelist Billingsley Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly Misses Sadie and Annie Collins preach at the north side Christian GROVE'S TASTELESS chill To this week.

When you paint figure with the man who knows and we will be Stevens. glad to offer our suggestions. Burroughs.

came in the first of the week to visit his sisters Mesdames H. F. Groene and J. C. Comegys.

Oval Picture Frames with the of Chicago. Mr. Cary was the photos. Prices right. See "MACK" Lombardi & Young owners of

W. R. Walker returned Tuesday evening from Ft. Worth. going there Sunday night on business in connection with his

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

Mesers Twyman and John Colline who accompanied a shipment of cattle to Ft. Worth a Every man should plant only few days ago expect to remain Brush this through faded, lifeless locks and they become dark,

'MACK" has got plenty Oval Miss Alta Foster of Carter, Ok- Picture Frames with the convex la. is visiting her aunt Mrs. S. F. glass. Sizes 14X20. See them.

W. C. Nichols of Gainesville Children will find all kinds of was called to the bedside of his even color, that beautiful dark shade of father. Capt. Josiah Nichols, Tuesday, who is very ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. M.

at Stevens' etore.

Letha Wright, Miss Cooper Mr. and Mrs. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Hale all of Abilene were visitors here Sunday evening, coming over on the Tex-Misses Fannie and Ethel John- as & Pacific Passenger No. 3 to

Bring all your eggs to C. P.

Like all modern drugstores our store handles only the best to be had. Meet your friends at Bir-

O W. Williams, manager of the Merkel Lumber Co. here, reconvex glass for your enlarged head of the company of Carey various retail lumber yards throughout the south. The Merkel yard was closed Wednesday morning in honor of the aged man.

SAGE AND SULPHUR DARKENS GRAY HAIR

glossy, youthful.

Hair that loses its color and lustre, or when it fades, turns gray, dull and lifehair. Our grandmother made up a mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur to keep her locks dark and beautiful, and thousands of women and men who value that hair which is so attractive, use only this old-time recipe.

Nowadays we get this famous mixture by asking at any drug store for a 50 cent bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," which darkens the Chocolate and peanut candies can possibly tell it has been applied. Besides, it takes off dandruff, stops scalp itching and falling hair. You just dampen a sponge or 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 brings back the gloss and lustre and gives it an appearance of

alaria.enriches the blood, and builds up the sys-m. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Sterling P. Miller visited friends in Abilene the past week.

Mrs. J. R. Ingram is in Abilene at the Alexander Sanitarium

The only way to make a hit with her is to take her a box of our fresh chocolates. Burroughs Miss Kate Henderson visited relatives in Trent Sunday.

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

Mrs. James Doan and daugh. ters of Nubia visited relatives here Friday.

Trade your old furniture for new. "MACK".

John King is here from San Antonio visiting his parents Dr. and Mrs. J. M. C. King.

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

Miss Sallie Orr is in Beaumont visiting her sister Mrs. J. A. Ad-

3 pound can Kraut 9 cents at C. P. Stevens' store. Misses Lens Beck and Annie

Steed of Baird were guests of Miss Jewel Pate.

House cleaning time is here and you can trade your old furniture for new. See "MACK".

There is always something new at our fountain-something to tempt and please. Durroughs.

Oscar Pate a popular tonsorial artist of Sweetwater spent Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs Jno. Pate.

Buy your garden seed from G M. Sharp.

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

Miss Elna Daniels is visiting Miss Olga Hightower of Sweetwater this week.

When you need 'Phone batteries call and see us. Crown Hardware Co. 12t2

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis of Abilene spent the week-end with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs R. A. Ellis.

Oval Picture Frames with the convex glass. Size 14X20. Prices from \$1.50 to 2.50 complete, See 'MACK".

Have your cotton seed culled and cleaned, increase the yield and improve the quality.

Scott & Mason.

Mrs. Twyman Collins was ceived a message Monday telling at Trent the first of the week Just received a shipment of him of the death of W. P. Cary visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Leamon.

> When in town make your headquarters at Burroughs and when in the country phone your wants to us and we will give you the best service possible.

T. R. Lassiter, our Commissioner, was in Abilene the first week helping his associates straighten out county matters for another month.

Blacksmith Coal-lots of it. Crown Hardware Co.

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

Mrs. G. M. Williams is visiting her daughter Miss Eather and son Charlie, who are attending school in Abilene, this week.

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

Seymour's best flour at Stevens

Donald returned the latter part those whom I cannot see I will of last week from Fort Worth have a supply at the store and and Dallas where they attended will be pleased for every one to to business matters.

Light up a Burroughs cigar, that it is the best yet in the cigar get one. Mrs. E. M. Rust. tf line of Merkel.

Car Blacksmith Coal just arrived. Crown Hardware Co.

Seymour's best flour at G. M.

WOODROOF'S

New Spring Dresses

And Millinery



LADIES' DRESSES

Faille Silks and Silks \$15.00

> Crepe de Chine \$18.50

Palm Beach Drssses Something New \$10.00 to \$12.00

Ladies' Suits

Red Fern Brand \$16.50 to \$25.00

Fluffy Ruffle Petticoats in Silks, Prices \$3.50 to \$5.00

ELZEE AND FISK HATS FOR LADIES

Don't fail to visit our place. See the most varied display of new wearing apparel

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Hunter-Hogan

On Friday afternoon February 26 the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stanley on Austin street was the scene of a pretty wedding when their sister Mrs. Ellen Stan ley Hogan became the bride of Jno. W. Hunter, Rev. C. A. Garvin read the beautiful marriage service. Miss Zella Stanley, a sister of the bride, and Earnest Moore were the attendants. Only a few of the immediate members of the two families were present to witness the marriage. Mr and Mrs. Hunter and their wedding party left immediately for the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs A. L. Stanley at Nubia where a 6 o'clock dinner was served in their honor. On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hunter, parents of the groom served dinner in their honor. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter are at home near Nubia where they are receiving the congratulations and best wishes of their many friends.

Methodist Baraca Class.

The Baraca class was royally entertained at the home of Rev. Garvin's March 5th by the Philathia class. There was nothing more needed in the way of enter- sweet girl." Affable Widow-"Yes,. tainments, everybody reported an enjoyable evening. The number present was exceedingly large but "More the Merrier,"

We had several visitors Sunday of whom we were glad to have with us and ask them back again and anyone else who desires to visit us.

be present at the business meet- word has become associated with the ing Friday evening March 12 at the class room. Press Reporter.

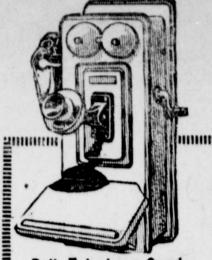
ed Saturday evening at her home that policy is contrary to modern ideas is said to be actuated by sentiment, on Oak street with a joint birth- which is often a charitable way of day party for her little daughter saying that he is too slow for the Frances and her little son Mast- age in which he lives. The woman er Robert who celebrated their whining man, forever seeking an ear rated for his heart and hand too ap-8 and 10 birthdays respectively, into which to pour his troubles, is said A number of kindergarten games to be blinded by sentiment, and the were enjoyed by the little guests timent. who were little Misses Maurine The chief objectors to sentiment be-Angus, Mary Rogers Elizabeth long to the cult of common sense. It Gaither, Lena Bond, Vannie of the misguided business man and Hamblet, Ona Faye Rose and the overindulgent mother. To them Johnnie Sears. Master Quay the conduct of such persons is inex-Hamblet, Carlton Dennis, Brook plicable. Instead of analyzing it they dismiss it as being beneath the notice Browning, Dick Mims, Jno. D. of their ideas of a normally consti-Gaither, Jr. George Groene, and tuted mind. In fact, some advocates Gaston Bond. Mrs. Hamm serv- of reason especially those who have ed hot chocolate and cake.

The Filedis class met at the that they become sentimental about it. home of Mrs. W. A. Scott Saturday evening at 3 o'clock. Old is more happily constituted. It realbusiness was first discussed, then izes that there is a place for sentinew business was called for. It and that there is no sharp line bewas decided to have a party in tween the two. Most sensible persons the near future. Plans were admit that affection plays a large then discussed as to how to help build up the Berean class. It sentiment meets a need sense is was decided that each Filedis obliged to recognize it. Whatever force girl was to make a date with a boy to take him to Sunday school a strong part in government, busithe next Sunday. Refrashments ness and recreation. But those who were served. The class adjourned to meet with Miss Carroll Rister March 20 at 3 o'clock.

The Twentieth Century Club met with Mrs. R. A. Martin Saturday afternoon at her home on Travis Street. Eight member answered to roll. Kathleen Norris and her book "Mother" were Southwest Africa the caracul skin indiscussed by the club. Delightful refreshments were served. Mrs. Parten will be next hostess. into German Southwest Africa from

The Ladies Aid Society will will hold their social session at the home of Mrs. E. Hall on Mon- having recently recommended a trial day March 15. The Ladies of of caracul sheep in Great Britain, an the Methodist and Presbyterian in Scotland, and good results are Societies are cordially invited to stated to have been obtained. attend. Miss Blanche Walker will favor us with some experi- Natal and other parts of South Afmental details of life and customs rica, where, however, little attenof the "Orientale."





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MIX SENTIMENT AND SENSE

Place is Found for Both in the Life That Is Well and Wisely Ordered.

Few, indeed, are the persons who All the members are urged to like to be called sentimental. The idea of fickleness and weakness, and is often applied to simpering women and ethereal ideas, says the Indianapolis News. The man who clings to Mrs. Jno. C. Hamm entertain- the business policy of his father when who pe's her son until he becomes a

grown away from the tender emotions of youth, adhere so firmly to their doctrine and its universal application

Fortunately, the extremes in both cases are rare. The bulk of humanity ment and a place for common sense, part in the world of affairs, and affection is largely sentiment. When tradition has is sentiment, and common sense admits that tradition plays lean toward sentiment must also be aware that tradition is little less than the accumulated fruit of common sense.

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Industry That is Likely to Be Stimulated as a Result of the European War.

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JEMIMA AND BILLY

By KATHRYN HOWARD

'Poor Jemima," sighed the Brunette, 'she certainly does seem to have bad luck.'



What is the matter now?" asked the Blonde, giving half her attention to the Brunette's remark and half to the question whether it would be safe to eat oysters so early in the sea-

"She has lost her latest," alliter atively replied the Brunette. has departed and she is now alone.'

"What a pity," remarked the Girl With the Auburn Hair. "Yes, it is a pity," agreed the Bru-

nette, "and she had marked Billy for her own. I don't understand it." The Girl With the Auburn Hair laughed.

"But Billy did," she announced. "Understand what?" questioned the

"That Jemima had marked him for her own," replied the Girl With the Auburn Hair. "That is the reason he

But he was devoted to Jemima," objected the Brunette. "I would have fancied him a willing victim."

"At your age, too," almost sneered the Girl With the Auburn Hair. "Don't you know that a man is never a willing victim-he always likes to victimize, and if he can't do that he just won't play

"The trouble about poor Jemima was that she took it for granted that Billy was willing, not to marry her, but that she would marry him, for a girl of Jemima's temperament always marries somebody-and there's both a distinction and a difference. Now she had decided that Billy was an eligible party-he is handsome and clever and agreeable, and is, in fact, everything that is desirable in a husband. He liked Jemima very much, and if she had not let him see that she intended to select him from the world of men to love, honor and obey her for the rest of their days, she might have been wearing a solitaire now-instead of playing solitaire. But she assumed a proprietary manner, gave Billy the impression that she depended upon him and didn't have another admirer in the world and took him to task when he did not do just what pleased

"Billy is the sort of a man who likes to think that he is taking the initiative, and the glory of winning instead of being won, appeals to him. But poor Jemima didn't realize that and she made the siege that she inaugu-

"I have an idea that Billy woke up one fine morning with the realization that Jemima had designs upon his life and liberty, and that he wouldn't give up that liberty for a million dollars. If she hadn't shown him the game she was playing he might have been clamoring for her to make him a prisoner, but, alas, she was too candid, and the liberty-loving Billy decided that to run away was the only safe thing to do. So he ran and he has been so busy with engagements with other girls and has flitted and fluttered about like a dizzy whirling dervish just to show to himself and others that he is still in full possession of that liberty which had been seriously threatened."

The Blonde sighed, as the Girl With the Auburn Hair paused to give some

attention to her chicken salad. "It is a pity that women can never, never be candid and show their true feelings," she remarked.

"Isn't it?" agreed the Brunette. "We are blamed for being deceitful, yet if we are not always acting we never suc-

Yes, subterfuge becomes our second nature, said the Girl With the Auburn Hair, "but, after all, if it pleases a man to think that he is the great arbiter of fate, it doesn't really do us any harm. In fact, if to fulfill the mission laid down for us by one George Bernard Shaw, of being the pursuers instead of the pursued, requires a little art and finesse we should enjoy it more. After all, we don't respect the man who is captured by obvious methods; we call him gullible, and simple, and pass along to the difficult man.

"But this doesn't make it any easier for Jemima," said the Blonde, "and she really feels very sorry because she has lost Billy."

"But she'll get over it," cheeringly prophesied the Brunette. "She will grieve for Billy a little while and then she will realize that there are other Billies in the world and perhaps this experience will teach her to be more subtle."

"Let us hope so," said the Girl With the Auburn Hair, and she prepared to pay the check and the Lunch club adjourned.

The Next Step.

"I am tremendously interested in this votes-for-women proposition," said Mr. Meekton.

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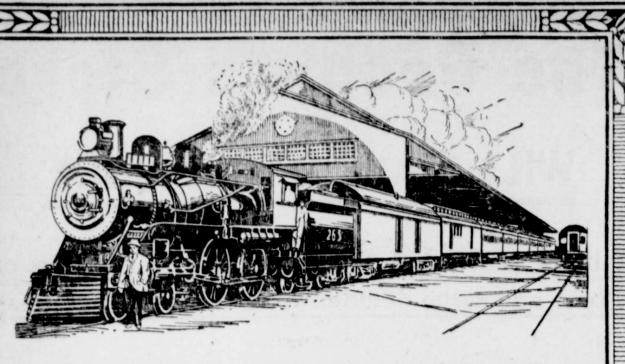
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L. E. Adrian, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of March A. D., 1915.

E. D. Teuton, (SEAL) Notary Public Taylor County, Texas. Correct-Attest: G. F. West J. T. Warren L.E. Adrian Directors

A young working class mother was Verheard proposing Creek extension AND KIDNEYS HURT

grave." "I don't see much in that," Take a glass of Salts to flush Kidneys if Bladder bothers you-Drink lots of water.

Eating meat regularly eventually poduces kidney trouble in some form or other, says a well-known authority, because the uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked: get sluggish; clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly backache and misery in the kidney region; rheumatic twinwell 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. ges, severe headaches, acid stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, sladder and urinary irritation.

The moment your back hurts or kidbothers you, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water native of Novia Scotia. Haliburton before breakfast for a few days and your in "Sam Slick," gives the following kidneys will then act fine. This famous account of its origin: "'Pray, sir, salts is made from the acid of grapes gaid one of my fellow passengers, 'car and lemon juice, combined with lithia, you tell me why the Nova Scotians and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity; also to neutralize the scids in the urine so it no longer in tates, thus ending bladder disorders

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GAVE FRESH EGGS AS TIPS

But He Wouldn't Have His Nails Manicured When the Price Was Low.

A man who attracted attention by reason of the generous size of the heck on his suit, and carrying a rosevood case, entered the barber shop of the Vanderbilt, and, after selecting an operator, carefully deposited his oox near a hat rack, says the New York Times. Having been released rom the chair, he strolled about the coom, putting on his collar and neckie the while, and finally said to Miss Mae Lewis, the head artist of the manicure department, that he would ike his nails treated.

"But," he said, "I must warn you hat I do not give cash for tips; I give only eggs."

"Eggs!" gasped Miss Lewis. "Surely," repeated the visitor, "real, resh, newly laid eggs. You do not know what a treasure such a thing is n New York. I always bring a case of them when I come in from the country. Look!"

He brought over the rosewood case and opened it. On top, sure enough, was a layer of eggs.

"I never travel without them," went on the stranger. "This case I have had made especially for carrying hem. Now, having seen how highly value these eggs, would you consider an egg a substitute for a tip?"

"You don't have to tip," replied the manicurist, scornfully. "I'll be willing to fix your hands for the regular price.

"And what is that?"

He was told. "Fifty cents!" he echoed. "Why. I should never think of having my nails done where they charge less than a dollar. Good-day.'

And he put on his coat and hat, grabbed up the case and walked out, leaving everybody wondering.

LEARN MIGRATION OF MOTHS

Department of Agriculture Systematic in Its War on the Pest of the Farmer.

Unusual methods are being followed by the department of agriculture in its attempt to control the spread of army-worm moths in the United States. The plan, which embraces a close study of the habits of the insect, is one which requires the assistance of every person in the eastern and central states. The entomoloon the 4th day of March, 1915, published in paper printed and published at Merkel, state of gists are catching the moths, coloring one wing of each and then liberating them in order to determine in what direction they emigrate, and how quickly and how far they spread. Agents at Portsmouth, Va., are staining one wing of each specimen red; those at Charlottesville, Va., black or yellow, and those at Hagerstown, Md., violet. The moths are then allowed to follow their natural course, and the success of the experiment is left to the advices returned to the bureau of entomology by the people at large .-Popular Mechanics.

Differentiating Dirigibles.

The London crowd which gapes cheerfully at the army airship maneuvering over the city always asks itself whether it is looking at a friendly vessel or a Zeppelin. It is apparently ignorant of the difference of design, and so free from "nerves" that the doubt does not disturb it. Probably if a Zeppelin really did come the average Londoner would crowd up for a good place to see the bomb dropping. The instinct for a front seat seems to be stronger than that of self-preservation. The Schutte-Lanz airship is not unlike an ordinary nonrigid airship in the shape of the balloon. It is not cylindrical, but whale shaped, like a submarine. But in construction it is like a Zeppelin, with a rigid aluminum framework. It is evidently considered a successful type, for Germany has been building as many of the Schutte-Lanz type as of the Zeppelin. The name is a compound of the names of designer and builder. The inventor was Schutte, and Lanz is the name of the firm that constructs them.

Working for Others.

A former Philadelphia newspaper man, who has been working on the papers in New York of late, returned to the city a few days ago as the press agent of a big musical show. Accompanied by his wife he secured quarters at one of the most expensive hostelries of the city, and obligingly placed his initials upon the divers and sundry meal checks the waiters and bar boys proffered. Just as he received his bill for the first week an old acquaintance hailed him.

"Hello, Sheppard," he cried. "What are you doing back here?"

"Ten minutes ago I would have said I was working for Hammerstein," replied the press agent. "but now I see I am working for the --- hotel?"

Famous Jewel Long Forgotten. A famous jewel, presented by a

London broker in 1789 to the president of Dartmouth college and designed to be worn by him on occasions of state, has been found in the vaults of Parkhurst Hall, where it has lain forgotten for many years. President Nichols may resume the old custom of wearing it on state occasions.

More to Be Feared. "Don't you get tired of finding

"No," replied the patient man of responsibilities. "I suppose people have a right to discover faults. What I object to is the man who assumes that faults exist and never troubles himself to investigate."

Missses Lettye and Beulah Jones were guests at a birthday Noodle Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rap Green, Joe ers. Green and sister Miss Nancy spent Friday night at Anson.

Mrs. Tyner was shopping in

Trent Thursday. Charlie Jones spent Saturday

with friends at Noodle. er attended services at Noodle, weather gets favorable. Sunday.

Tom Winters was a Trent visitor Friday.

G. W. Scott and family spent ters Addison and Demere. Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Beavers.

Uuncle Terrell Winters spent Sunday afternoon with ye scribe and family. We greatly enjoy Uncle Terrells company and are always glad to see him coming.

Since reading the last week's issue of the Mail we feel a greater desire than ever before to want to discuss, or see discussed. the landlord and tenant question. We might say a few words on that subject now, if we knew the editor would allow us that privi-

are taking more interest in send- a cold. If you will inquire into the sale by all dealers. ing in news items, and we are glad of the fact as we enjoy read- will find that Chamberlain's Cough ing the news from different com- Remedy stands high in the estimanioh munities. We always turn to of people who use it. It is prompt and the correspondents page first pleasant and safe to take, which are when the Merkel Mail is brought

Well we have a fine snow on the ground this Tuesday morning and it does not feel a bit like snow cream.

careful.

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 aud smarting, which often makes life a burden and disturbs cross, fretful and sickly all the time sleep and rest. Quick relief may be To rid the little body of these parasites had by applying Chamberlains Salve. WHITES CREAM VERMIFUGE is an It allays the itching and smarting al- approve remedy. When the worms ber of young people last Saturmost instantly. Many cases have been have been driven out the child grows day night. cured by its use. For sale by all strong, healthy and robust. Price 25c

BLAIR

dinner given by Miss Barbee of oats but Oh, you peaches and in each month.

Farmer John Hughes is load- Sunday. this week for the market. That ited relatives near Hawley. coming this way.

Mr Slapes stopped at Jim preach every fourth Sudday. Moores with his new thresher Onnis Jones and Johnnie Walk- and is now to do the work when very good.

> ance and Billy Moore of Compere day. are visiting the formers daugh-

in east Texas and Kentucky is a nice time. visiting his daughter Mrs. S. F. Provine.

Blair school under the manage- at home. ment of Prof. Clark and Miss Swift. The Board is planning nicely. for another term.

To the Housewife

health of yourself and children. and liver off and on for the past five likely to lead to serious diseases. A as represented. They are mild in their We notice the correspondents diphtheria or scarlet fever when it has factory. I value them highly. For merits of the various remedies that are recommended for coughs and colds you qualities especially to be desired when a medicine is intended for children. For sale by all dealers.

To the Farmers of the Merkel Country

Gentlemen: We have installed spring time to us. Come up Mr. an up-to-date Cotton Seed Culler Editor and correspondents and in Merkel for the purpose of cull- Sunday. seed for planting. Bring in your Saturday with the formers per-Ed. note-Fire away, only be cotton seed and have them ents at Carpenters Gap. & Mason, Merkel, Texas.

> Children who have worms are pale, per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

> > \$9.73

MULBERRY

We have the largest snow on Rev. York of San Angelo the ground this morning that has filled his appointment here Sunfallen here for many moons. It day. He will preach here the is certainly fine on wheat and first Saturday night and Sunday

plums I am thinking you are gon Ollie Higgins of Salt Branch attended Sunday School here

ing out a car lof threshed maize Mr. Eanes and Bud Foust vis-

sounds better than for it to be Rev. Reed of Abilene preached here Sunday evening. He will

Health in this community is

Rev. Sibley of the Warren com-Mrs. W. N. Moore Miss Clar- munity was a visitor here Sun-

Quite a number of the young people of this community went to Chas. Williams who has been Tye Saturday night. All report

Misses Stella and Lillie Watts who have been attending school Interest is still growing in the at Merkel are spending this week

The school here is progressing

For the Stomach and Liver.

I. N. Stuart, West Webster, N. Y., Madam if your husband is like most writes:"I have used Chamberlain's men he expects you to look after the Tablets for disorders of the stomach Coughs and colds are the most common years, and it affords me pleasure to of the minor ailments and are most state that I have found them to be just child is mucs more likely to contract action and the results have been satis-

NOODLE

Mrs. Eason of Roby is here visiting her son E. L. Eason and

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Beene of Blackwell is visiting the formers parents Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beene. Rev. Gaddis filled his regular

appointment at the M. E. Church lets all play snow ball and eat ing and improving the cotton Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Witt spent

> culled and cleaned. We will cull Mr and Mrs. W. C. Thompson them for 10 cents per bushel. It Mrs. A. C. Sosebee were called is to the farmers interest to in- to the bedside of their mother, vestigate this proposition. Scott Mrs. Dock Thompson of Sinclair Saturday. Mrs. Thompson is reported very low at this writing.

The "Flinch and 42" party given at the home of Mrs. Newsom was enjoyed by a large num-

Rev. W. K. Horn of Abilene preached at the Horn school house Saturday night and Sun-

Grandma Newsom returned home last Friday from Abilene where she has been visiting for the past two weeks.

Miss Myrtle Barbee celebrated her eighteenth birthday last Sunday by giving a dinner to Misses Beaulah and Bertha Ely, Lettye and Beaulah Jones, Maggie Horton and Mabel Goode. Messrs Henry and Jake Eason, Clearance Eoff, Sam Seago and Homer Herring.

Clearance Eoff spent a few day in Merkel the past week.

Little Lila Fay Sosebee is very

Little Nora Eason is with pneumonia.

Mr and Mrs. Chas. Seago of Shiloh spent Sunday with Misses Arminta and Rosa Wheeler.

Miss Emma Green of Hamlin is spending this week with her brother R. W. Green.

W. J. Bicknell was in Merkel

Monday. There has been several around suffering from the mumps.

Recomends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

"I take pleasure in recommending Chamberlains Cough Remepy to my and Mrs. G. W. Scott. custamers because I have confidence in it. I find that they are pleased with it aed call for it when again in need of such a medicine, "writes J. W. Sexon, Montevallo, Mo. For sale by all

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SHILOH

Rev. G. W. Scott filled his appointment at Newman Saturday and Sunday.

Tom Winters was an Abilene visitor Saturday.

J. D. Barnes spent Saturday night with his daughter, Mrs. Chas. Williams of Anson. Miss Cora Scott of Trent spent

Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Ben Bond moved Tuesday to

Bud Browns farm north of Shiloh where he intends to batch this year. J. H. Grayson killed four nice

hogs Tuesday of this week. Johnie McDonald spent Satur-

day night at Merkel. Grandma Bennet left last Tues H. M. Rose for 10 cent gaso- day for Lagerton, Haskell county quite awhile with her daughter munity Sunday.

Mrs. Grayson. We learned to W. M. Hays is attending our midst and were sorry to see Mesdames W. B. Robertson

the death of Grandma Boyd of W. L. Barker and family at-Trent, Her family has our tended church at Stith Sunday. heartfelt sympathy.

SALT BRANCH

There are several this community on the sick list this week. J. L. Barker and son Wili were in Abitene Friday and Saturday on business.

Auston Robertson was in Abilene Sunday visiting his sister Saturday April 2 and 3 which who was operated on,

W. E Petty was in Abilene Sunday.

Manly and Joe Stone attended singing here Sunday.

S. Robertson of Merkel was visiting relatives in this com-

love Grandma while she was in court in Abilene this week. and W. E. Petty were in the Mt. We are sorry indeed to hear of Pleasant community Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barker spent Toursday afternoon with friends in the Stith community.

FINAL GINNERS NOTICE

Gin days for Merkel will be as follows: Saturday March and Saturday March 20. No more gin days until Friday and will be our last gin days of this season. All farmers will please take notice of these days: Respectfully,

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