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SUNDAY ACCIDENT COST BOY LIMB

John Tasker, aged ten or eleven years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Tasker of Fourth and Pecan streets, was injured Sunday morning in the yards of the Texas & Pacific railroad here when he attempted to board a moving freight train. He fell under the wheels, which crushed down the side of his leg, mashing off the heel.

At a local hospital a short while later the left leg was amputated below the knee. At noon Monday the boy was reported to be resting nicely.

Dr. A. J. Pope, local surgeon for the Texas & Pacific, gave the boy first treatment and had him taken to the hospital. The boy's leg from the knee down was badly crushed by the moving wheels of the freight train, which had just taken water at the tank and was moving forward again.—Abilene Reporter.

TO W. O. W. MEET AT FORT WORTH

Many people from this section of the state visited Fort Worth the first of the week to attend the Woodman Convention.

From Merkel W. L. Burns and T. F. Compton represented the local camp, Mrs. J. F. Shaffer is in Fort Worth to represent the Woodmen Circle. Stith Camp was represented by Jim Bridges while Dolf Coats carried with him the voice of the Blair community.

Has Duck Farm.

A deal was closed last week between Geo. Brown and B. Pilcher, both wheelwrights of this city, in which the latter became the owner of the Brown blacksmith shop.

Mr. Brown, we are informed, will now devote his time in watching the accumulation of ducks on his farm in the Stith community where he has a large lake covering about forty acres. Whether he expects to derive any financial benefit from his feathered tribe we cannot say. According to his own statement he has about ten acres of ducks. Our readers can figure on the proposition for themselves.

The sweet scent of wild flowers is contained in every bottle of our perfume. We handle only the best natural, refined, and delightful. Burroughs.

GERMAN VESSEL IS IN U. S. PORT

Newport News, Va., March 10.—The German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, another of the elusive German sea rovers which have been destroying commerce of the allies on the seven seas, slipped into port here early today, presumably eluding the British and French cruisers along the coast. It was in need of repairs, coal and provisions for her crew and had more than 300 prisoners taken from prizes.

Last night after dark the German ship appeared off Cape Henry, but did not enter until after daylight, when she passed quarantine and dropped her anchor at this port. All her officers preserved the strictest silence and her captain at once dispatched a message telling of his arrival and the condition of his ship to the German embassy at Washington. No sooner had the Prinz Eitel anchored than the 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 Eitel Friedrich.

Scarred by the red rust and salt of her months at sea, the German auxiliary was painted white on one side and black on the other. It was reported in marine circles that she had been chased to the three-mile limit by a British cruiser, but as the German captain had sealed the lips of his officers that was not confirmed.

To Preach Here Sunday

Rev. Owens formerly of Hamlin who has been called to preach at Merkel will be here Sunday. He is to occupy the pulpit of the Baptist church at 11 o'clock and again at the evening hour of services.

Rev. Owens expects his family to arrive next week. We welcome this good family to our midst.

H. S. Wilson Sick

H. S. "Dad" Wilson who has been very sick at his home near the Christian church is some better and is able to sit up most of the time.

"Dad" Wilson is one of the most popular characters in our town and even at his very mature old age has always been at his post as a prompt and efficient transfer man for the express company and public in general.

Visit Stevens' Store in Merkel.

MERKEL AND MERKEL COUNTRY ARE SURELY COMING BACK

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 statements 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, . . . \$3,757.23 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 Mail will come in for its part of criticism for having given free space to an article in last week's issue advertising some sort of a religious moving picture 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 christianity 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 proposition.

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.

Am renovating old cotton beds or making new ones; also, upholstering leather mattresses a specialty. Can make a 40-pound lint cotton mattress for \$5.00. Will call for your work in the morning and deliver in the afternoon. All work guaranteed. R. J. Bassette, Phone 215.

Sleepezy Mattresses.

You sleep one third of your life away, why not spend this time on a good bed. Bring us your old beds and have them made new. Also come and see our new beds before you buy elsewhere. Sleepezy Mattress Factory, Phone No. 227. Itpd

NO SERVICES IN MERKEL SUNDAY

According to a decree issued by City Health Officer W. M. Cranford all public meetings should not be held until after Sunday. This measure has been taken as an additional precaution against the spread of scarlet fever and smallpox and it was thought best to ask all churches to suspend all services during Sunday.

It is hoped that the quarantine restrictions can be lifted during the first part of next week. But until then all meetings are forbidden including the operation of 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 it 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 getting such a big feature to come to our town. I have nothing but praise for "Creation" and for the management of the same.

L. A. Baron, Mgr.

The above was handed the Mail for publication by management of the photo drama "Creation".

St. Patric's Day March 17th.

Is the one day of the year when all nations of the world unite to honor the memory of Ireland's Patron Saint. We will give a green silk shamrock with a clay pipe as a souvenir to each of our friends and customers on Wednesday 17th. Mrs. E. M. Rust Drug Store.

Arrested Friday

Deputy Sheriff W. H. Laney arrested one M. T. White the latter part of last week and lodged him in jail at Abilene on failure of the defendant to make convict bond for fine assessed against him on charge of beating or whipping his wife.

The trouble occurred in this city and his wife and children were assisted by Merkel people in getting funds for railroad fare to St. Louis, where the parents of Mrs. White live.

Announces for Alderman

We are authorized to announce to the voters of Merkel the name of C. P. Stevens as candidate for the office of City Alderman subject to the action of the City election of April 6th.

Mr. Stevens is well and favorable 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 Trespassers.

To any and all who are interested in having refuse matter of any description dumped on the Mathews Estate property in the east part of Merkel I desire to make repeated notice that any such persons, firms or corporations will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law in event of a continuance of this.

Clyde Mathews. Itpd.

High Test Phone Batteries for sale by the Crown Hardware Company. 12:2

REV. BILLINGSLEY PREACHED HERE

Evangelist Price Billingsley of Tennessee preached at the north side Christain Church Sunday night. He was accompanied here from Abilene by many members of the Abilene church all of whom returned Sunday night to their respective homes.

This is the first time in about five years that Eld. Billingsley has visited Merkel and his sermon here Sunday night was an exact counterpart of the many excellent ones he has delivered on former visits to Merkel. His solution of "Why Men Do Not Become Christians" 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 CLOSED IN CITY

Precautionary methods were taken the first of the week by the Merkel School Board and the City Authorities in closing the public schools during the week and all other public meetings and picture shows.

This was done to guard against the spread of scarlet fever and smallpox. Only a few of either cases were reported at the time the closing decree was issued but public popular sentiment justified the action on the part of the school and city officials.

Real Estate Transaction

A deal was culminated last week between T. A. Johnson, cashier of the F. & M. Bank, and M. D. Angus, drayman, by which Mr. Angus becomes the owner of the T. A. Johnson home and the Buick touring car of Mr. Johnson's and Mr. Johnson takes the Angus home for his consideration.

In the trade each party seemed the winner. Mr. Angus takes a beautiful cottage and in addition a practically new touring car and Mr. Johnson gets one of the best homes in the city.

W. O. W.

Merkel Camp No. 719 meets second and fourth Friday nights of each month.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ben O. Schmidt were visiting the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Payne this week.

SNOW IS A RARE MARCH VISITOR

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 snow.

This amount was registered by the Mail rain gauge from the melted snow. Estimates were made of the snow being from four to six inches. The first figures are likely more correct. Old timers say this kind of weather is very unusual and has only occurred 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

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

Some Ways to Kill a Church.

Few people, if arranged in court, would plead guilty to the charge of killing their preachers. Yet many a pulpit is red with blood of a murdered minister. Multitudes of church members not only kill the minister's influence and ambition, but also kill him mentally, morally and physically. It is from this point of view that some one has written the following rules, guaranteeing that if carefully followed they will kill any preacher on 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 doesn't visit you once or twice a month.

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 does fail to kill him they will break him from preaching and force him to leave town.

—Baptist 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 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

Special for a Few Days.

Now is the time to buy your groceries.
Bouquet Flour, per 100.....**3.90**
Meal.....**80c**
10 lb. bucket Jewel Lard.....**95c**
10 lb. bucket Cottolene.....**\$1.30**
25 lb. sack sugar.....**\$1.65**
Pure Mebane Cotton Seed, per bushel.....**\$1.50**
12 bx. Search Light Matches **40c**
25 lb. box choice Peaches.....**\$2.00**
Arbuckle Coffee, per lb.....**20c**
Cooking Oil, per gallon.....**75c**
Five Gallons Oil.....**40c**
Come and get them. They are here for you. Walter Clark.

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 2½ miles east of Noodle. S. H. Meeks. 26tf

Breeders Notice.

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

Jewel Costephens

God in his wisdom has transplanted our Jewel. What is our loss is heaven's gain.

Jewel was born near Mulberry Canyon December 1, 1889 and died Wednesday, March 3, 1915. She leaves a mother, father, two sisters and five brothers to mourn her absence. She was a pupil of the Methodist Sunday school and delighted to sing the songs learned there. Just before death took her she sang in a sweet, trembling 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 lost us for so short a time. A Loving Friend.

Card of Thanks

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

Mr. and Mr. J. E. Costephens.

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, 2928 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, 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

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. The worst cases, no matter of 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

J. T. WARREN, Pres.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

No. 7481



Safety

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	\$ 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.

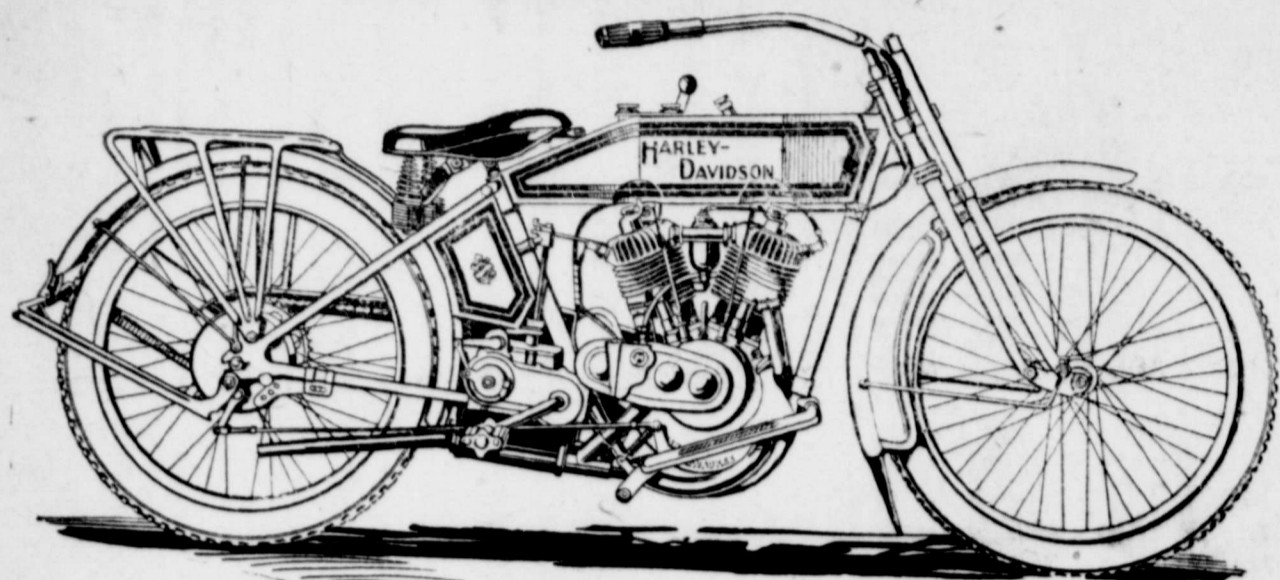
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Ask For Your Votes

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 . . . \$2.50

A \$5.00 Florsheim Shoe, \$4.50

\$1.00 OVERALLS for . . . 85c

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

\$15 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

The Star Store

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 gasoline 10 cents. H. M. Rose.

Mrs. James Doan and daughters 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. Adkisson.

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

Misses Lena 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. Burroughs.

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. 12:2

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 at Trent the first of the week 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. 12:2

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

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 store.

H. M. Warren and Geo. McDonald returned the latter part of last week from Fort Worth and Dallas where they attended to business matters.

Light up a Burroughs cigar, take one puff, and you will agree that it is the best yet in the cigar line of Merkel.

Car Blacksmith Coal just arrived. Crown Hardware Co.

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

WOODROOF'S New Spring Dresses

And Millinery



LADIES' DRESSES

Faille Silks and Silks \$15.00

Crepe de Chine \$18.50

Palm Beach Dresses 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

For Spring and Summer



Woodroof's Store

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Misses Clara and Mamie Moore visited friends in Abilene Sunday School tablets and school supplies at C. P. Stevens.

Miss May Collins of Stith visited friends here Saturday.

Miss Cora Hunter of Nubia visited friends here Wednesday.

For real vacation pleasure make headquarters at the Burroughs fountain.

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

Seed oats at G. M. Sharp's.

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

Every man should plant only the best cotton seed. Mason & Scott will cull them out for you at 10 cents per bushel.

Miss Alta Foster of Carter, Okla. is visiting her aunt Mrs. S. F. Annis.

Children will find all kinds of 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 returned home from a six months stay in Abilene.

Misses Fannie and Ethel Johnson of Abilene are the guests of Misses Sadie and Annie Collins this week.

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

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

Just received a shipment of Oval Picture Frames with the convex glass for your enlarged photos. Prices right. See "MACK"

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

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

Messrs Twyman and John Collins who accompanied a shipment of cattle to Ft. Worth a few days ago expect to remain in east Texas for a short time looking after business matters.

"MACK" has got plenty Oval Picture Frames with the convex glass. Sizes 14X20. See them.

W. C. Nichols of Gainesville was called to the bedside of his father, Capt. Josiah Nichols, Tuesday, who is very ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. M. C. King.

Chocolate and peanut candies at Stevens' store.

Misses Susie and Easter Creath, 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 Texas & Pacific Passenger No. 3 to hear Evangelist Billingsley preach at the north side Christian church.

Bring all your eggs to C. P. Stevens.

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

O. W. Williams, manager of the Merkel Lumber Co. here, received a message Monday telling him of the death of W. P. Cary of Chicago. Mr. Cary was the head of the company of Carey Lombardi & Young owners of 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

Brush this through faded, lifeless locks and they become dark, glossy, youthful.

Hair that loses its color and lustre, or when it fades, turns gray, dull and lifeless, is caused by a lack of sulphur in the hair. 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 even color, that beautiful dark shade of hair which is so attractive, use only this old-time recipe.

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FOR SALE—Horse and buggy. Horse is safe for family us. See Mrs. S. J. Freeman Route 4.



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 Stanley 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 entertainments, 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.

All the members are urged to be present at the business meeting Friday evening March 12 at the class room. Press Reporter.

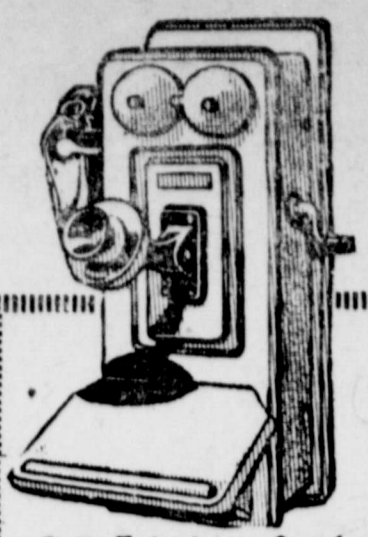
Mrs. Jno. C. Hamm entertained Saturday evening at her home on Oak street with a joint birthday party for her little daughter Frances and her little son Master Robert who celebrated their 8 and 10 birthdays respectively. A number of kindergarten games were enjoyed by the little guests who were little Misses Maurine Angus, Mary Rogers Elizabeth Gaither, Lena Bond, Vannie Hamblet, Ona Faye Rose and Johnnie Sears. Master Quay Hamblet, Carlton Dennis, Brook Browning, Dick Mims, Jno. D. Gaither, Jr. George Groene, and Gaston Bond. Mrs. Hamm served hot chocolate and cake.

The Filedis class met at the home of Mrs. W. A. Scott Saturday evening at 3 o'clock. Old business was first discussed, then new business was called for. It was decided to have a party in the near future. Plans were then discussed as to how to help build up the Berean class. It was decided that each Filedis girl was to make a date with a boy to take him to Sunday school the next Sunday. Refreshments 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 discussed by the club. Delightful refreshments were served. Mrs. Parten will be next hostess.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold their social session at the home of Mrs. E. Hall on Monday March 15. The Ladies of the Methodist and Presbyterian Societies are cordially invited to attend. Miss Blanche Walker will favor us with some experimental details of life and customs of the "Orientals."

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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 season.

"She has just her latest," alliteratively replied the Brunette. "Billy has departed and she is now alone."

"What a pity," remarked the Girl With the Auburn Hair.

"Yes, it is a pity," agreed the Brunette, "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 Blonde.

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

"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 solitary 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 her."

"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 inaugurated for his heart and hand too apparent."

"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 succeed."

"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," cheerily 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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SHILOH

Rev. G. W. Scott filled his appointment at Shiloh Sunday.

Misses Lettye and Beulah Jones were guests at a birthday dinner given by Miss Barbee of Noodle Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rap Green, Joe 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.

Onnis Jones and Johnnie Walker attended services at Noodle Sunday.

Tom Winters was a Trent visitor Friday.

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

Uncle 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 privilege.

We notice the correspondents are taking more interest in sending in news items, and we are glad of the fact as we enjoy reading the news from different communities. We always turn to the correspondents page first when the Merkel Mail is brought to us.

Well we have a fine snow on the ground this Tuesday morning and it does not feel a bit like spring time to us. Come up Mr. Editor and correspondents and lets all play snow ball and eat snow cream.

Ed. note—Fire away, only be careful.

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BLAIR

We have the largest snow on the ground this morning that has fallen here for many moons. It is certainly fine on wheat and oats but Oh, you peaches and plums I am thinking you are gone.

Farmer John Hughes is loading out a car of threshed maize this week for the market. That sounds better than for it to be coming this way.

Mr Slapes stopped at Jim Moores with his new thresher and is now to do the work when weather gets favorable.

Mrs. W. N. Moore Miss Clarence and Billy Moore of Compere are visiting the formers daughters Addison and Demere.

Chas. Williams who has been in east Texas and Kentucky is visiting his daughter Mrs. S. F. Provine.

Interest is still growing in the Blair school under the management of Prof. Clark and Miss Swift. The Board is planning for another term.

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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MULBERRY

Rev. York of San Angelo filled his appointment here Sunday. He will preach here the first Saturday night and Sunday in each month.

Ollie Higgins of Salt Branch attended Sunday School here Sunday.

Mr. Eanes and Bud Foust visited relatives near Hawley.

Rev. Reed of Abilene preached here Sunday evening. He will preach every fourth Sunday.

Health in this community is very good.

Rev. Sibley of the Warren community was a visitor here Sunday.

Quite a number of the young people of this community went to Tye Saturday night. All report a nice time.

Misses Stella and Lillie Watts who have been attending school at Merkel are spending this week at home.

The school here is progressing nicely.

For the Stomach and Liver.

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NOODLE

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

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 Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Witt spent Saturday with the formers parents at Carpenters Gap.

Mr and Mrs. W. C. Thompson Mrs. A. C. Sosebee were called to the bedside of their mother, 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 number of young people last Saturday night.

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

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 Beulah and Bertha Ely, Lettye and Beulah 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 ill.

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.

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SHILOH

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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. and Mrs. G. W. Scott.

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 Saturday night at Merkel.

Grandma Bennet left last Tuesday for Lagerton, Haskell county to visit her niece after spending quite awhile with her daughter

Mrs. Grayson. We learned to love Grandma while she was in our midst and were sorry to see her go away.

We are sorry indeed to hear of the death of Grandma Boyd of Trent. Her family has our heartfelt sympathy.

SALT BRANCH

There are several this community on the sick list this week.

J. L. Barker and son Will were in Abilene Friday and Saturday on business.

Auston Robertson was in Abilene Sunday visiting his sister 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 community Sunday.

W. M. Hays is attending court in Abilene this week.

Mesdames W. B. Robertson and W. E. Petty were in the Mt. Pleasant community Thursday.

W. L. Barker and family attended church at Stith Sunday.

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

FINAL GINNERS NOTICE

Gin days for Merkel will be as follows: Saturday March 19 and Saturday March 20. No more gin days until Friday and Saturday April 2 and 3 which will be our last gin days of this season. All farmers will please take notice of these days: Respectfully, Gultar Gin Company McDonald & Stith, Ginnners. Hamm & Douglass, Ginnners.