

## FORMER MERKEL MAN KILLS SELF

P. Nobles of Ft. Worth, formerly of this place, killed himself Thursday afternoon in an out-house at the home of his son, Joe Nobles 2312 Twenty-fifth street Ft. Worth.

The only eye witness to the tragedy was little Yetta Nobles, the six-year-old granddaughter of the aged man. The little child ran to the house telling her mother that grandfather had killed himself. When Mrs. Joe Nobles reached his side her father-in-law was dead.

At the time of his death Mr. Nobles had reached the age of 70 and had been in bad health for sometime. This is attributed to have caused his actions. Surviving the aged man are two sons and four daughters, Joe and Dee Nobles, Misses Tina and Eda Nobles, Mesdames C. Sherman of Fort Worth and Will Hutchison of this city.

### Purchases New Autos

Two purchases of automobiles by Merkel parties were omitted from our reports last week.

One, a five passenger Studebaker touring car, by G F West and the other a five passenger touring car by Thos Douglass.

## CONSOLIDATION OF DRY GOOD STOCKS

Workmen have been busy during the past few days unpacking and arranging fixtures and goods for the Woodroof Bros., Dry Goods Co., successors to the W. D. Woodroof Company.

The return of E. L. Woodroof from Waxahachie, a week ago marked the beginning of the arrival of new furniture and goods for the Merkel establishment and the owners expect to have the entire stock arranged and displayed within the next few days.

E. L. Woodroof senior member of the firm, states he is very glad to return to Merkel and expects to make his permanent home here now. He will occupy his residence two blocks west of the Methodist church, which his brother, W. D. Woodroof has occupied for the past few months. W. D. Woodroof having purchased what is known as the C. L. Barker home on Oak street and is moving into the home today.

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

## GOOD COLLECTION FOR ORPHAN HOME

Rev. J. B. Owen, pastor of the Baptist church, reports a collection of \$300.25 on Sunday to be given to the Buckner Orphan Home.

Rev. R. C. Pender, of Abilene, who represents the Home, was in the pulpit of the Merkel church Sunday and delivered a strong sermon and was instrumental in raising the above collection which is remarkably good for this great cause.

### Cotton Seed For Sale

See Bob Martin for high grade cotton seed, grown by A. M. Ferguson, Sherman, Texas.

2644pd

Good hard wheat flour at \$3.60 per 100 cwt. Hamblet & Rogers.

## MONEY LOST IS FOUND NEXT DAY

A guest in the home of E. Hall on Oak street discovered a shortage of about \$20.00 Tuesday and reported same to City Marshal W. N. Hall. Suspicion was directed at one Ernest Walker, a small boy, who is a familiar sight on the streets of Merkel.

Ernest was placed under arrest and locked in the city bastille for several hours, he was later released as no positive evidence could be found to justify holding him for a longer time. Soon after his release or about the time of it, members of the Mail office force were informed of the lost money having been found in the Hall home, it was supposed to have been misplaced by the owner.

## MERKEL PATRONS OF STYLE SHOW

Those going from Merkel Tuesday evening to Abilene to attend the style show of that city constituted a large crowd who enjoyed the evening.

Those going from here were Messrs and Mesdames A. J. Leighty, Austin Boyd, O. M. Sharp, L. J. Renfro, Mesdames M. D. Angus, H. C. Burroughs, John Sears, A. C. Roe, Misses Ona Hamblett, Elma Sheppard, Fannie Moore, France Burroughs, Lou Sears, Evaline Williams, Pet and Mavis Sears, Maude Jenkins, Zula Huffaker, Zelma Fletcher and Lillian Mc-Lendon, Halls and Eufee Copert, Mamie Moore and Messrs Luther Grimes, Ralph Bigham, Geo. Woodrum, Roy Sheppard and "Chief" Ferrier.

## MERKEL COTTON NEARING TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND

Merkel cotton receipts have long ago passed the 20,000 bale mark, and now it stands at 22,729 bales actual count of the number of bales weighed in the two Merkel yards.

Few people thought the cotton receipts of our town would ever reach 22,500 bales, but now that it has been passed and the receipts will probably equal, if not pass the record made in 1906, when Merkel received over 24,000 bales. Abilene receipts Wednesday of this week amounted to 20,288 bales.

## IS COMMENDED ON MERKEL POULTRY

Last week H. M. Rose made sale of six chickens from his poultry yards to parties in South Texas, and this week received a letter from the purchasers complimenting Mr. Rose on the selections he had made. The letter in substance stated that the birds arrived O. K. and stood the trip fine, and the purchaser stated they were beauties and much better than any they had seen in the city of Houston.

There is a moral to this fact. It clearly demonstrates the adaptability of the Merkel country for the successful raising of poultry and not only does Merkel raise the best cattle in the southern part of the United States, but our poultry breeders are there when it comes to competing with other southern towns for prize winning chickens of all breeds.

## FIRE BOYS DO EXCELLENT WORK SAVING BARNES HOME FROM FLAMES

Wind Fanned Flames Over Entire Structure but Firemen Were Successful in Checking Them Before Home was Ruined. One Member Was Slightly Injured.

What looked like a real destruction from flames occurred Wednesday, when the J. S. Barnes home, north of the Baptist church caught fire at 10:45 a. m.

At the time the fire broke out, none of the family was at home and the flames had spread from a partition wall on the south portion of the house, throughout the roof of the entire structure and was making fast headway at getting a hold on the entire lower part of the house. Only for good work on the part of the fire department the home would have been entirely ruined. Two streams of high pressure water was soon playing over the burning structure, and within a few minutes time the flames were completely extinguished. Practically the entire roof of the six room house was ruined and one partition wall, the outer walls and much of the ceiling being in fair shape.

Firemen and outsiders arriving early removed much of the house furnishings and only a small part of the furniture was damaged from fire or water.

The first accident to happen to any member of the Department lately occurred just as the first stream of water was being directed on the roof of the building. A stream of water under pressure, accidentally struck Dee Grimes, proprietor of the Grimes Drug Store and a member of the department, and all but rendered him unconscious for a short time. The water striking him in the left ear with full force. Other members assisted him from the roof of the building, and he was brought to town in an auto, where an examination showed that the ear was not injured to any dangerous extent. A gauge on the pressure carried during the fire registered 120 pounds to the inch, which was sufficient to tear shingles from the roof of the burning house.

Chief Ferrier stated that the loss on the home was fully covered by insurance, and complimented the department on its excellent work, even though it was hard for them to get his orders from the fact that many outsiders at the fire were trying to direct the work of putting out the flames and there, by made the work of regular members more difficult.

### STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC.,

OF MERKEL MAIL published WEEKLY at Merkel, Texas, required by the Act of August 24, 1912. Editor and Manager, Homer L. Easterwood, Merkel, Texas. Publisher, Henry T. Merritt, Merkel, Texas.

#### OWNERS.

Homer L. Easterwood, - - - - - Merkel, Texas  
John A. Woodard, - - - - - Merkel, Texas  
George L. Miller, - - - - - Merkel, Texas

HOMER L. EASTERWOOD.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of March, 1915.

R. O. ANDERSON,  
(SEAL) Notary Public, Tawlor County, Texas.  
My commission expires June, 1915.

## MERKEL MAN IS PROMOTED TO MGR.

O. W. Williams, heretofore manager of the Merkel Lumber Co., at this place, has received information from the Carey, Lombardi-Young Co., owners of the Merkel Company, to the effect that he had been advanced to the position of district manager of the company's yards in West Texas.

The new duties of Mr. Williams places him in management of the yards at Sweetwater, Ballinger, Abilene and Merkel. He was called to Ballinger the first of the week to look after matters for his company and will visit the above three towns continually in the discharge of his duties. West Texas headquarters of the

### Burroughs For Treasurer.

We are authorized to announce to our readers this week the name of H. C. Burroughs for the office of City Treasurer for re-election.

Mr. Burroughs has served the city in this capacity since the town was incorporated with the exception of one year, and has made a very efficient officer during his term of service. We ask our readers to give Mr. Burroughs claims careful consideration.

### New Arrivals.

Latest fabrics in dress silks—Ladies house dresses—opuns and kimonas at Harkrider's.

Carey, Lombardi-Young Co., will be made at Merkel and all business of the company in this section of the State will be done through the Merkel office.

## BURTON FLETCHER DIES OF WOUNDS

Burton Fletcher, aged 20 years, was found dead at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon on the family ranch 14 miles southeast of Abilene, with a gunshot wound in the left breast over the heart.

The body was found by the boy's father, Lo T. Fletcher. It was lying within a few feet of a barbed wire fence, with the gun, a 12-gauge shot-gun, lying between the body and the fence. The shot from the gun had entered the left breast and evidently caused instant death.—Abilene Reporter.

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

## SHOT TWICE THRU NECK, MAN LIVES

Miguel Gutierrez, Mexican, was shot twice in the neck early Sunday morning at a Mexican dance hall in this city. One bullet went entirely through the neck and stopped just under the skin on the opposite side, while the other entered at almost the same place and lodged somewhere in the neck.

Monday morning Gutierrez was reported to be resting well under the circumstances. The fact that the bullets missed both the jugular vein and the spinal column is regarded as a miracle.—Abilene Reporter.

Try a sack of Clover Leaf bran with shorts in it. Bob Martin Gro. Co.

## FIREMEN'S SHOW TONITE FRIDAY, MARCH 26

Mrs. Wiggs, of the Cabbage Patch, in five reels at the Royal Theatre is the show the Fireboys will give at the Royal tonight.

This is a farce comedy, reported to be a scream almost throughout. The Fireboys have set their prices for this attraction at 10c and 25c, and will get the entire proceeds of the show. Everybody should attend and help the Fireboys out. The first show starts at 7:45. Promptly at 7:35 members of the Fire Department will give a free exhibition run from the station to the business section of town. Spectators should keep to the sidewalks when the alarm is sounded for this demonstration.

## ALL MERKEL GINS BUSY SATURDAY

Friday and Saturday of last week will probably go down in history as the biggest gin days of the town for the 20th day of March or any later day.

During both days something like two hundred bales of cotton were brought here to be ginned. Much if not all of the cotton being late boll cotton and many farmers were unable to get their cotton ginned, some selling to the ginners and returning home. Saturday, the biggest day of the closing part of our gin season, registered over 100 bales of ginned cotton for the day. One gin during the day bought thirty bales of cotton, which they ginned the first of the week.

Visit Stevens' Store in Merkel.

## EDMUND V. WHITE GOES TO DENTON

Edmund V. White, better known to Merkel people and former school kids of the Merkel Public Schools as "E. V.," has again been promoted and now assumes the position as Dean of the College of Industrial Arts at Denton, Texas.

This appointment is only one of several gradual advanced appointments Mr. White has received since his connection with the Merkel schools and his father's farm down on Salt Branch, about four miles north-east of town. At that time Mr. White was what he now terms himself as being a big strapping boy who so clumsily recited the old story of "The Boy Stood on the Burning Deck."

The many friends of this well known educator will be glad to know of his continued advancement. Mr. White succeeds Prof. Banks as Dean of the Denton College.

### County Health Officer Here.

Dr. Audevee Cash of Abilene, county health officer was in Merkel Wednesday on his way to the country to look after affairs of his position.

While in Merkel he was the guest of W. R. Walker of the Walker Cottage.

## MERKEL BOY SAW BEACHEY KILLED

Guy Hamilton came in Monday night from San Francisco to spend a day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hamilton of this city, leaving Tuesday night for Sulphur, Okla., where he is making his home at the present.

Mr. Hamilton was a witness to the tragic death of Lincoln Beachey and stood only about two hundred yards from the spot where Beachey and his machine struck the bay of San Francisco. Spectators, according to Mr. Hamilton, were almost in a panic for a few seconds just before Beachey struck the water. Some people turned their heads, others covered their faces when they saw that Beachey was falling. Estimates of the speed with which Beachey struck the water are conflicting, according to Mr. Hamilton, estimates being made that the machine and its pilot were hurled through space at a rate of from 150 to 400 miles per hour, the force of the monoplane striking the bay threw water on a nearby government transport on which Lincoln Beachey's brother stood and watched his kin crushed and buried beneath the waves.

Mr. Hamilton stated that Beachey and his machine did not seem to alter their downward course whatever when Beachey tried to bring the monoplane into a flying position, the light wings crumpled like tissue paper and a tumbling motion followed until the machine and rider struck the water.

### Stock For Sale.

I have some good work horses and mules for sale for cash or good notes, also some high grade Durham bull calves. J. D. Jones, Nubia, Texas. 2644pd

### Money To Loan.

Limited amount of money to loan on good farm or farm land in Merkel country. First come first served. Write to Reese F. Rogers, box 223, Merkel, Texas.

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ESTABLISHED 1912

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E. C. MOORE, Assistant Cashier

MERKEL, TEXAS

## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN TO?

Saturday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock Walter Clark, proprietor and owner of one of the most prosperous grocery stores in Merkel, handed the keys of the establishment to Henry Frazier clerk of the business asking Mr. Frazier at the time to see about locking up as he would likely not be back at closing time.

Mr. Frazier in a talk with our reporter stated that this was not unusual as Mr. Clark had previously had him close the store on evenings when he would not be there but Mr. Clark's absence was prolonged, he did not return home Sunday, and Monday still found him away from his home and business. Mr. Frazier when seen at the store Monday morning was taking invoice of the stock assisted by Oscar Walker, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Clark, and stated Mr. Clark had left Merkel without stating his destination, only leaving a letter or note to his wife in which he asked her to take their home and the grocery business as he was gone for good. Immediate friends of the family are at loss as to what caused Mr. Clark's actions in leaving his home and business and about all that they know of his departure is that he left Merkel in his Ford automobile presumably headed west and was supposed to have taken about \$3000.00 in cash with him, this report however is unconfirmed.

### 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

### Merkel Prices Better

Last week's issue of the Mail carried an advertisement from produce dealers asking for a car load of chickens. The prices quoted were: hens 11 cents per pound, old roosters 5 cents per pound and good ducks 10 cents per pound.

Under the same date the Colorado Record carried a similar advertisement the prices offered were: hens 10 cents per pound, old roosters 4 cents per pound and good ducks 9 cents.

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



### YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE MISSING

if you are not having the Sweetwater Laundry do up your shirt waists and skirts. Ladies who appreciate and enjoy the delightful sensation of knowing that their garments are as clean as thorough washing can make them—and laundred in an immaculate manner—and should send their washable clothes to us.

SWEETWATER STEAM LAUNDRY  
M. B. BELL, Agent, Merkel.  
Phone No. 133

### Hints for Housewives

The smoky appearance of milk bottles or glasses washed in very hot water, without removing the milk with cold water, is due to the fact that the heat hardens the element in milk called protein, and causes it to stick to the sides of the vessel according to Miss Cornelia Simpson Assistant State Agent in Home Demonstration Work, in cooperation with the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

"As soon as the milk buckets, pans, pitchers, bottles or strainers are empty," states Miss Simpson, rinse them with cold or luke warm water. This little precaution, with soapy warm water and clean dishclothes or brushes, in the case of bottles or wire strainers, followed by scalding and airing, will keep milk vessels in a sanitary condition.

Tin buckets with seams, cracked crocks and pitchers, afford hiding places for millions of bacteria which spoil milk. All receptacles should be kept as clean as possible.

### 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

### Ford Automobile Sales.

H. M. Warren, local distributor for the Ford motor cars reports the following sales during the last week. T. L. Stevens of Trent, Parten Dry Goods Co., of this city, Frank P. Hamm, James Patterson, Clyde Sears, S. S. Brandon, D. C. Herring and Dr. M. Armstrong.

### 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

### Notice.

Teacher of violin, mandolin and ensemble. Thos. C. Herrington, Trent, Texas. 19t2pd

Robbin Red Breast meal. Best on earth at G. M. Sharp's.

## Eight Thousand Miles Without Trouble

Here is some real evidence from a man who knows. Having tried all kinds of products, he chooses the "Made in Texas" products, distinguished by the Red-Star-Green-T emblem.



### Stamford Motor Company

Stamford, Texas 2/25/14.

The Texas Company,  
Stamford, Texas.

Gentlemen:-

The more I have to do with Texaco Motor Oil the more I become convinced of its superiority over other oils. Last year we sold about one hundred cars and tried all the leading brands of Lubricating oils and Gasoline but finally centered on TEXACO. It's good enough for us.

I have in mind one car in particular which has used Texaco Motor Oil and Texaco Auto Gasoline exclusively. This car has been in use seventeen months and has traveled 8000 miles. Yesterday we took the spark plugs out for the first time just to see what condition they were in, finding them remarkably clean, they were replaced without any cleaning. The condition of this motor more than anything else prompts me to write this letter. Most of this car's service has been slow running, which all Automobile people know to be harder on a motor than the country roads.

If all the TEXACO products come up to the high standard set by MOTOR OIL and AUTO GASOLINE you should have no trouble in winning the trade.

Yours truly,

*H. M. Warren*

All Texaco products are manufactured at the same high standard. They are available for you in your own town. Order from our agent.

The Texas Company  
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### About Farm Matters

By R. R. Claridge.

The promoters of the big sweet potato curing deal, are shipping out of their processing warehouse at Longview. The process seems to evaporate enough water to make the sweets hold up indefinitely; but judging by the way they taste, they do not lose a mite of their sweetness.

There are 20,000 acres of wheat sown in the Terrel section as against practically none last season. Most of this acreage was planted by large land owners and if the deal turns out well, will let you know. A great many farmers in portions of the state where little or no wheat has hitherto been grown, have the idea of planting wheat, and next season will no doubt get to it on the ground.

Generally speaking, I do not sympathize with lobbying; but I really feel that we all would be justified in writing our state legislators and asking them to provide for hog cholera vaccine at a price that people can afford to pay. Cholera is costing the country millions of dollars a year and there have come to be several centers of infection in Texas and Louisiana, which are a constant menace to the swine industry of the state. In fact, it is not too much to that the danger from cholera is the most discouraging handicap with which the industry is weighted at this time.

That's right; eggs will be getting cheaper right along. There will be a lot of young hens to lay next winter when eggs are high. My Irish aside, "they say" there are things which may be done

that will encourage hens to lay when eggs are high.

### 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.—adv

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

G. M. Sharp has the Diamond D. Syrup.

### Gains Weir Very Sick

Gains Weir who has been very sick at his parents home in South Merkel during the last two weeks with mumps, was taken ill Tuesday with what was thought to be appendicitis.

A thorough examination was made Wednesday afternoon and an operation will not be necessary.

### 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 kidney and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

### Advertised Letters

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office April 3rd.  
Bozer, M. C.  
Meyatt, Mrs. C. E.  
Smith, Mrs. J. C.  
Snider, Tullie.  
H. C. Williams, P. M.

### TRUTH TRIUMPHS

Merkel Citizens Testify for the Public Benefit.

A truthful statement of a Merkel citizen, given in his own words, should convince the most skeptical about the merits of Doan's Kidney Pills. If you suffer from backache, nervousness, sleeplessness, urinary disorders or any form of kidney ills use a tested kidney medicine.

A Merkel citizen tells of Doan's Kidney Pills.  
Could you demand more convincing proof of merit?

W. G. Cypert, preacher, Merkel, says: "For a long time I suffered from pains in the small of my back and in my side. My kidneys were weak and I had to get up often at night. Several boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, which I got from the Rust & McCauley Drug Co., quickly cured me. Others of my family, including the baby, were cured of kidney troubles by Doan's Kidney Pills."

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

### FINAL GINNERS NOTICE

Gin days for Merkel will be as follows: Saturday March 13 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,  
Guitar Gin Company  
McDonald & Stith, GINNERS.  
Hamm & Douglass, GINNERS.

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

J. T. WARREN, Pres.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

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Reserve  
System

Capital & Surplus \$50,000.00

We have on hand a supply of small booklets explaining briefly the workings of the new Banking Laws or the Federal Reserve System. Many people do not understand the details of the remarkable piece of legislation, and we shall be pleased to have you call for one of the books. They are free.

### Join the Pocket Savings Through

No admission fee, no dues to pay, no rules to observe. Simply call at the bank and receive free a pocket coin container. Slip it into your pocket and drop a coin into it now and then—every day if you can, register the amount as you go along and you will be surprised how quickly small coin multiplies. The containers are free. You don't have to open an account to secure one.

This is an old established National Bank under the strict supervision of the government. We are a stockholder in the Federal Reserve Bank which, with our other strong connections, gives us splendid facilities for holding the Banking business of this community.

Call and see us.

Thos. Johnson, Cashier

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss May Collins of Suth, visited friends here Saturday.

Peacemaker, the flower of flours. Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Miss Eleanor Daniels of Sweetwater visited homefolks Sunday.

A few bottles of meat preserver on hand yet at Hamblet & Rogers.

Miss Mary Reese visited friends here Saturday.

We will have more of those pretty wash silk shirt waists next week. W. L. Harkrider.

Mrs. M. E. Baccus is at home from Cisco where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Carl Brabbins.

When you think of Oil Stoves, think of NEW PERFECTION. Sold by G. F. West Company.

M. D. Angus and Judge C. D. Mims were among the Abilene style show visitors Tuesday.

We will be glad to buy your eggs and butter. Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Mrs. Wm. Isenhouser and children of Putnam are visiting her sister Mrs. Lake Renfro.

Try a sack of Robin Red Breast corn meal. Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Mrs. F. A. Polly of Noodle was shopping in our city Saturday.

Do not fail to see our new dress skirts, they are the latest styles. W. L. Harkrider.

Commissioner T. F. Lassiter was in Abilene Monday looking after county matters.

We want your grocery business. G. F. WEST COMPANY "Quality made us famous."

Mrs. A. J. Leighty was in Abilene Tuesday visiting friends and relatives.

Now is the time to plant trees. See E. D. Coats for peach trees and shade trees as long as they last at \$1.00 per dozen.

Window shades, wall paper, canvas and paint. Behrens McMillen Furniture Co.

J. B. Annis of Colorado visited his mother, Mrs. S. F. Annis, Sunday.

Another big shipment of boys guaranteed all-wool spring suits at \$5.00, first received. W. L. Harkrider.

Mrs. L. D. Gaither and mother Mrs. W. V. Cranford were in Abilene Tuesday the guest of friends.

If high quality, low prices and honest dealings are what you want, we can serve you.

G. F. WEST COMPANY "Quality made us famous."

Miss France Burroughs returned home Saturday after an extended visit in Dallas, Fort Worth, Arlington, San Angelo, Sweetwater and other points.

Bring us your eggs and butter. Hamblet & Rogers.

L. Brown of Arlington, formerly a pill-roller of our town, but who is now a full fledged drummer, calling on the drug trade throughout the state was in Merkel Sunday shaking hands with his many old time friends.

## Men Wanted

If you are not already a member of some other Sunday School, we want you to become a member of

The Business Men's Class  
at the  
Presbyterian Church

every Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

Our Motto—

"The King's Business Requires Haste."

Pres. R. L. Bland  
Sec. Raymond Touchstone  
Teacher H. E. Bullock  
Asst. Teacher Henry West  
Jno. D. Gaither, Press Reporter

### Free Literature Describing The Great California Exposition

Write at once to this Bureau for literature descriptive of the great Panama-Pacific International Exposition, which opened in San Francisco Feb. 20, and the great Panama-California Exposition now open at San Diego.

This Bureau is prepared to supply complete information in regard to rail road rates, hotel accommodations, interesting side trips and reliable, authentic, unbiased information about any section of the great Pacific Coast country.

Send us twenty cents in stamps and we will send you book describing the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, book describing the Panama-California Exposition, a map of California and a sample copy of SUNSET MAGAZINE, the great Pacific Coast national magazine, containing beautiful pictures of the Exposition. The regular price of the magazine is twenty cents per copy. Address

SUNSET MAGAZINE SERVICE BUREAU, San Francisco, California

T. L. Grimes, local agent for the Maxwell automobile brought a new demonstrating car in from Abilene the first of the week.

White Rabbit Easter Egg Dye powder, paper and tablets. All colors of the rainbow for 5 cents at Mrs. E. M. Rust's.

Matthew Looney of Dallas, who has been here for some time visiting the families of M. S. Wiman and G. F. West and enjoying a vacation for his health was in Tye last week visiting relatives there. Mr. Looney states he will likely make Merkel his home as the altitude is much better and West Texas suits him as a place for a home more than the eastern part of the state does.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Counts are at home from a months visit in El Paso with their daughter, Mrs. Edgar Maxwell.

#### It Cost You Nothing to Look.

I have just gotten in some new work on pillow tops and pennants, some pictures of Merkel people. Come in and we will gladly show you and explain. The work is good. You will be pleased. Come and see and bring your cards if you have one. Mrs. E. M. Rust.

#### Butchers Notice.

Beginning now we will not take orders for delivery of meats after 6:30 each afternoon with exceptions of Saturdays.

Our market will remain open until 7 o'clock each evening, but deliveries will be stopped at 6:30. W. H. Laney, Market.

#### Piano For Sale.

One practically new \$400 Hoffmann mahogany piano for sale at a bargain. Phone, write or call at Merkel Mail office for further particulars.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Joe Beal of Van Zandt county is in the Nubia country this week visiting his brother, B. N. Beal.

Time to buy that NEW PERFECTION oil stove. G. F. West Company.

Mrs. E. C. Perry of Inkum, spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. S. F. Annis the latter part of last week.

Our spot cash prices are as low as the lowest. Hamblet & Rogers.

Mrs. John Pate returned from San Antonio Friday afternoon where she attended the Rebecca Grand Lodge as representative from Merkel.

Fresh vegetables every day in the week.

G. F. WEST COMPANY "Quality made us famous."

Miss Winnie Warren of Baylor University was at home with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren, from Friday to Sunday.

Fresh vegetables three times a week at Hamblet & Rogers.

Miss Albertine Winter, who has been in school at Simmons college returned there Monday after a weeks stay with her parents of route 2.

We are showing the best made line of children's dresses that we could procure. Not cheap looking, yet the prices are in reach of all, 60c., 90c., \$1.25. W. L. Harkrider.

If cooking is too hot, You should forget not.

That G. F. West Company has the celebrated NEW PERFECTION oil stove.

Grand Jurymen H. E. Farmer from Nubia, and Ed Massey from Trent, were called to Abilene Monday morning to assist in their work for the district court.

Chocolate and peanut candies at Stevens store.

Miss Gladys Bell who has been in Dallas for several months visiting her brother Alvin Bell and family returned home Sunday afternoon.

I want to sell you your groceries. G. M. Sharp.

R. C. Sawyer of Hillsboro, on his way to Floydada and other points west, stopped off here Wednesday to visit the families of W. D. and E. L. Woodroof.

We want your business. Hamblet & Rogers.

Bring all your eggs to C. P. Stevens.

H. F. Wheeler of Colorado, better known to many old time Merkelites as "Uncle Henry" came in Wednesday to visit the families of Edgar and U. B. Wheeler of the river country.

We handle a full line of fresh vegetables.

G. F. WEST COMPANY "Quality made us famous."

Messrs H. M. Rainbolt and T. F. Compton returned last week from San Antonio where they went as representatives of the Merkel I. O. O. F., to attend the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows. They were accompanied by Jno. Hill of the Golan community, who represented the lodge from his community.

# COZY THEATRE

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TELEPHONE No. 61

If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

**MORE CHEESE; LESS TALK.**

The Reporter editor don't know what a cheese factory looks like, but he has been told that Abilene needs one — Abilene Reporter.

Nearly every family in Ozona has a cheese factory but they are used principally in the manufacture of butter for our flapjacks and cream for our strawberries. Abilene is evidently a back number town. — Ozona Stockman.

Where the trouble comes in is: That some "fippy" editor has suggested that we need a LIMBURGER cheese factory. Now, do you think we are a back number, because we haven't that kind? — Abilene Reporter.

Another industry that would do well in Carbon would be a canning plant. This is one enterprise that could be made to pay good dividends here and it would be worth thousands of dollars every year to the farmers of this section. A sufficient acreage of truck would be pledged in no time to run a canning plant several months in the year and Carbon trade territory has the soil to supply it. — Carbon News.

Any kind of a factory is good for a town. The editor of the Merkel Mail, our esteemed neighbor, has sought to disparage the establishment of a cheese factory here, saying that he would prefer to see us get a limburger cheese institution. Well, it might be the means of keeping "undesirables" out of the city, at least those that don't like cheese. We venture to say that our honored neighbor would receive a cheese factory proposition with open arms. But, we don't see why Carbon should not get the canning factory; it would be a great asset. — Abilene Reporter.

The editor of the Abilene Reporter in the above is taking a few fancy shots. In addition to trying to create an aroma in his own home town, he is now trying supplement the smell, "so to speak," and stir up a stink that will keep undesirables out of Abilene. Well, from the way his paper has been carrying items of the late concerning such undesirables, we think it is a good move and wish to offer our help in any way that will be of benefit to his city.

**THE WEST TEXAS NORMAL**

The senate has passed the house bill which provided for the establishment of a normal in Central West Texas, so amended however as to provide for the establishment of three new normals in the state, one in Central West Texas, one in East Texas, and one in South Texas. The measure has now gone to a conference committee of the two houses and it is thought that the lower house will concur in the senate amendments and pass the bill. If the governor approves the same, then there will be a lively fight among competing towns for the location of these normals. The governor, the lieutenant governor, and the attorney general are named as a locating board. We would respectfully suggest that Roscoe would be an ideal location for one of these schools. It has the best water in Central West Texas and plenty of it. The country is beautiful and the climate fine. Why not get ready to present our claims in the event the bill becomes a law? — Roscoe Times

Say Bro. Ed., you overlooked a good bet at Abilene. If we looked at it like you do we would be saying that Merkel offers a good field, which it does but we do not let our enthusiasm offset our better judgement. Logically Abilene is about the best town in this section of the state for this normal with Merkel as a second choice.

**THE FIGHT AS IT IS.**

Austria really started the muss; Servia stuck, and then the fuss. Germany then began the fight, While Belgium came up with her mite. England said we'll back you up; France was pitted against the Krupp; Russia picked the Sauer-krauts, Japan decided to help her out, Turkey slipped and wet her feet, Her answer was the Allied Fleet. Greece looks on, afraid to slip; Italy can't tell who will whip. Canada called out her fighting men, To help the mother country win. Bulgaria is ready, but cannot say Who will likely win the day. In Mexico, they are fighting yet; We almost overlooked this bet. In U. S. A., people take a pride In being on neither fighting side. In this respect our hopes are mutual That Uncle Sam will continue neutral.

**CLEAN UP AND PAINT UP.**

A spirit of cleaning up the town and painting seems to have struck Merkel in light stages of this disease. In addition to this trouble some resident improvement is going on and plans and specifications are being made for new buildings.

This spirit of painting is a good one and can be greatly supplemented by a general clean-up inauguration. Our Mayor might have something to say in regard to a general clean-up day.

An easy way to make a prospective bad man out of a mischievous boy is to look him up on some flimsy charge. It only serves to harden the boy and make him susceptible to deeds done then only through spite. A man without a son probably can never understand the boys side of it like the man who has parental affection.

The Memphis Commercial is howling like a hit dog over the investigation of the tenant condition in Texas and Oklahoma. Who told the Appeal that Tennessee was ahead of the Lone Star State.

The big fiesta of spring styles was opened at 7:30 p. m. in Abilene Tuesday with a degree of success not very unusual to our sister city. Some show to say the least of it.

Two things alike—trusting a chicken-hearted man to make an excuse and wondering if your wife will want a new spring bonnet. No need to be disappointed.

Ice for breakfast, sunshine for dinner and a norther for supper time. That's the way we have been having them for the last month.

Prezemysl has fallen after a seven month's siege. It always was a wonder to us how it ever stood with the name it has.

Because truth lies at the bottom of all things is given as the reason of why some people never dig down after it much.

States of U. S. A., wanting prohibition would do well to emulate Russia and Germany. They got rid of it in a hurry.

Conditions in Mexico are like an unlucky 42 player. Things run bad for a while and then suddenly get worse.

Nutrality is our second name. If Americans want to live in Mexico and be shot that's their business.

The unencumbered entry of Spring will be as welcome as the flowers in May.

A good step in the proper direction—our new lay of compulsory education.

These made-in-Germany submarines speak for themselves.

Everything is growing now even to the days.

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SOMETHING WORTH WHILE

## Quentin's New Home Bakery and Confectionery

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**Now Open For Your Approval**

Improved Iceless Fountain Just Installed. Nothing has been left undone to make our place complete in every respect. Our endeavor will be to keep it so at all times.

**Refresh Yourself at Quentin's**  
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Take a glass of Salts before breakfast if your Back hurts or Bladder bothers you.

The American men and women must guard constantly against Kidney trouble, because we eat too much and all our food is rich. Our blood is filled with uric acid which the kidneys strive to filter out, they weaken from overwork, become sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog and the result is kidney trouble, bladder weakness and a general decline in health. When your kidneys feel like lumps of lead; your back hurts or the urine is cloudy; full of sediment or you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night; if you suffer with sick headache or dizzy, nervous spells, acid stomach, or you have rheumatism when the weather is bad, get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate clogged kidneys; to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder disorders. Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water beverage, and belongs in every home, because nobody can make a mistake by having a good kidney flushing any time.

**Renovating Mattresses**

Renovating old cotton beds or making new ones; also, upholstering feather mattresses a specialty. Can make a 40 pound long list 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 214.

**Readers Notice**

I will stand my registered Poland China hog at my place this season. J. K. Higgins, Route 1.

**For the Stomach and Liver.**

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

# GLEN

My Hamiltonian Horse and Two Good Jacks

## Paul and John

will be stood at my barn this season, 2 1/2 miles southwest of Trent. All these animals have reputations throughout the Merkel country. Glen is known as the James horse.

Will handle all stock carefully and guarantee living colts but will not be responsible for any accidents.

**SEASON \$10.00**

## H. D. Simpson

Trent, Texas, Route 1

**Rowden Cotton Seed for Sale.**

I have about 100 bushels of genuine Rowden cotton seed for sale; 60 cents per bushel. Phone or see me. Joe K. Higgins, Route 1 1913pd

Orders amounting to \$3.00 will be delivered. C. P. Stevens' Store.

**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. 1915pd

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## The Talk on the Streets of Trent Last Saturday

# The People's Store of Trent

They sure have the Newest,  
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The Ladies' Talk to One Another: "I AM SURE THE PEOPLE'S STORE CAN SAVE ANYONE MONEY."

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NOTICE THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

The latest Crepe with Lace effect, 15c anywhere, here only **10c**  
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Baby Doll Slippers, very snappy, just newly arrived, all sizes' comes in Patent or Gun Metal. **SAVE 25 PER CENT.** Buy them at  
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Trent, Texas

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**Now Open to the Public**

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Our advent into business in Merkel is not made with the intention of getting the entire furniture trade but we will greatly appreciate a share of your patronage

**OUR MOTTO--Is fair dealings to everyone, prices as low as are consistent with good business methods, and courtesy to all our customers.**

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PHONE 5-4

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### TRENT NEWS ITEMS

(Home Destroyed By Fire.)

Last Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock the home of Mrs. P. B. Causaux about two miles from Trent was destroyed by fire. Nothing was saved and there was no insurance on the home, whatever. She had \$60.00 in money in the house of which \$20.00 was in gold and was found after the fire. The good people of this community are responding liberally to her relief.

Messrs Geo. H. Levathan of Little Rock, Ark., and brother Stanley of Wichita Falls, are visiting their uncle C. T. Beckham and family this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd, a girl, on the 18th inst.

There is lots of sickness in the Trent community. J. T. Williamson has been sick for some time, but is much improved during the last few days.

Rev. W. H. Hammor filled his regular appointment here Sunday and Sunday night.

The merchants of our little burg are all doing a very good business and the farmers are taking advantage of the weather and most of them have their land ready for planting.

John Howell, our rural mail carrier has been confined to his home with mumps for several days.

Sam Jones, better known as "Tater", has just returned from a business trip to his old home in East Texas. He says it is raining too much down there.

Mrs. Bess Gafford Keltz of Vernon, visited her parents and other relatives at this place, returning to her home Tuesday.

Arkansawyer.

#### For Diseases of the Skin.

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

### SHILOH

Rev. Horn filled his appointment at Shiloh Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Goode and Horton of Noodle, attended services at Shiloh Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Grayson spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Williams, near Anson.

J. H. Grayson and W. B. Beavers spent Friday night in Merkel.

Misses Albertine Winters and Edith Mayberry, who spent the past week with homefolks, returned to Abilene Monday to enter Simmons college for the spring term.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago took dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Woods, near the Grayson school house.

Misses Essie and Vivian Hale were guests of Miss Edith Mayberry Sunday.

Rev. G. W. Scott filled his appointment at the Shiloh school house Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Cunningham of Anson, superintendent of Jones county school, visited the Grayson school Wednesday of last week.

Some of the young people of Shiloh attended the lecture by Miss Blanche Walker at Noodle, Sunday night.

Several men of this community are working the road today, (Monday). We think that a step in the right direction as some of the roads in this section of the country are in very bad shape.

Miss Lyda Beavers spent Thursday with Miss Edith Mayberry, near Grayson school house.

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

### BUTMAN

At this writing we are having some boisterous weather which does not conform with our idea of "halcyon days."

There was singing at Mr. Rineys Sunday night.

With the exception of some improper conduct the Literary at Nubia, Saturday night was very good. It will meet again Friday night week, and proper conduct will be assured it is stated.

Last Tuesday week, the 16, Oscar Whitman was summoned home by telephone to attend the funeral obsequies of his father who committed suicide at his home in Temple.

Sunday school was well attended at Butman Sunday.

Several of the young people from here attended singing at Dora Sunday afternoon.

Some of the farmers are planting and some have already planted corn; while other more conservative, are waiting for old Boreas to cease his raging and for an inauguration of the ceremonies attendants upon the adoption of spring.

We have occasion to feel ultragrateful toward, and under obligation to generous nature, who, by the way, is just now busily employed with her silent ubiquitous pencil, etching the woodland scenes, as is her annual custom, with rural beauty and spring-time gorgeousness. She is the unselfish benefactor who scatters omni-present beauty beatific.

Let us all join in praise and accord her our encomiums. Nature if the mind of God, his handiwork. It is the consummation of Gods desire that humanity might not lapse into languor and lassitude.

We are sorry to report that Herles Matthews has moved from our midst to Merkel, but as we lose him, he will gain many friends at Merkel to fill our places.

Several from this community were in Merkel with cotton Saturday.

Geo. Anderson and Mr. Lewis are talking of planting broom corn this year. The spirit of diversification must be drawing upon them. We hope it is.

Mr. Cargill formerly of Oklahoma is now making his home at his sons Zack Cargill, Jr., having come in from Oklahoma last week.

Come on, you cheerful correspondents and lets hear from you.

Recomends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

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

### COMPERE

A great deal of sickness in and around Compere.

Rev. Tucker of Tye preached his farewell sermon at Compere Sunday.

Mr. Shaw of Abilene was a visitor in Compere Sunday.

Sam Tarvin has moved to Hamlin.

Messrs. Shannon, Clent, Tarvin made a business trip to Merkel Saturday. Rev. Tucker accompanied them to Merkel on his way back to Tye.

Miss Anna Mable Moore has gone to the Canyon to spend two weeks with Mrs. Demere.

One of our school boys ran away from home and got married to a Miss Daniel.

Quite an interesting program was rendered at the school house Friday night. All present report a nice and enjoyable time.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 30 cents.

### NOODEL

Mrs. W. C. Thompson has been quite ill, but is able to be up now.

Mrs. A. H. Barbee of Paducah, is here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church are the proud parents of a 10 pound girl which made its arrival Thursday morning, March 18. Colonel says. "You may talk about your pretty girls, but he has the prettiest one of all."

Joe Callaway has returned to his home after being away for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson has returned to their home at Paducah.

The singing given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ely last Saturday night was enjoyed by a number of young people.

D. C. Herring purchased a Ford car last week from Dr. Armstrong.

Wesley Ely, who has been attending Simmons college at Abilene spent a few days of last week with homefolks.

Miss Josephine Medlin of Compere and Miss Mary Reece of Horn spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Bertha Ely.

Misses Arminta and Rosa Wheeler gave a dinner Sunday to a few of their friends. Those present were Misses Willie Hardy, Allene Myrtle and Evelyn Barbee. Messrs Luther and Arthurn Rogers, Clarence Eoff and Bruce Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church of Merkel were the guests of the formers brother C. P. Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Wren Cousin of Neinda, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wheeler Saturday and Sunday.

W. L. Barbee returned last Friday from Fort Worth, where he has been with a car load of cattle.

Elder Price Bankhead preached at the Church of Christ last Sunday afternoon.

T. E. Goode and daughter Miss Stella returned last week from Fort Worth and other points.

Mrs. Eason returned to her home at Roby last week.

Misses Juanita Thompson and Maude Ferguson visited in Merkel the latter part of last week. Miss Maude spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks and Miss Juanita went from Merkel to Anson to visit her parents.

### ROUTE 3

Health of this community is very good at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brabbins of Cisco are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. M. E. Baccus.

A. H. Barnes is expecting to put up a garage soon as he was engaged in repairing cars Sunday.

The little school teacher of Castle Peak is wearing a great smile this week as Tom Toombs purchased a new vehicle Saturday.

Mrs. A. H. Barnes was shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones visited the latter's grandmother, Mrs. F. M. Cordill of Merkel, Saturday and Sunday who was very ill but is improving.

The farmers of this community are progressing nicely now as they are having some beautiful days with the exception of the wind and sand. A. H. Barnes plowed Monday with a false face on to keep the sand out of his eyes.

There will be all day singing and dinner on the ground at the Mt. Pleasant church Sunday. We are expecting some good singing and to see many hearts revived with good music as they have not heard any in so long.

We are very glad indeed to know spring is so near us again. We can see from the nature of the trees that it is almost here once more. The farmers are not losing any daylight now for they are going to have to hurry to make connections with their regular planting time.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

### Missionary Society.

The social meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. T. L. Grimes, Monday, March 22. Mesdames Mims and Cobb assisted Mrs. Grimes. Twelve ladies bravely faced the wind and sand to enjoy the hospitality of these delightful hostesses.

The following program was rendered:

Scripture reading—Mrs. Cobb. Prayer.

Song.

Adolescent at home—Mrs. J. L. Harris.

A message to mothers—Mrs. G. H. Adams.

Song.

General discussion of child's welfare and mothers problem.

An interesting discussion was introduced by Mrs. Armstrong.

The members were given slips of paper with a number on one end and a letter on the other. These had to be matched, the letters when collected and properly grouped formed the names of famous missionaries. Then we were told to take the letters contained in "Missionary Society" and write a cablegram from the missionary whose name we held.

Mesdames Garvin, Mims, Armstrong, Adams and Burroughs, deserve honorable mention for their "cablegrams."

Dainty refreshments were served.

Music furnished by Mrs. Mims phonograph was enjoyed by all. At a late hour the guests reluctantly took their departure.

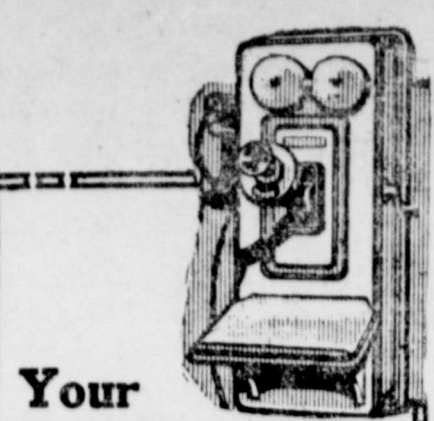
Press Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel entertained with a St. Patrick party Wednesday at their home on Oak street. The house was decorated with Shamrock. The chandeliers were draped with green. Irish potatoes formed candle-sticks for green candles, Shamrock souvenirs were presents at the table where the guests enjoyed several games of 500. The players were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Leighty, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sharp, Mrs. Jao. C. Hamm, Mrs. E. M. Rust, Mrs. Devenport Gaither, Misses Mabel Collins, Elma Sheppard, Ona Hamblet, Evalyn Williams, Annis Burnett, Genevieve Rust, Messrs Homer Easterwood, Ennis Grimes, Ernest Rogers, J. C. Mason, Dee and Luther Grimes, Luke Woodroof. Mrs. Sterling P. Miller assisted her mother in serving decorative refreshments: "Shamrock cakes, green jello, whipped cream, fruit salad and tea. Misses Overshiner, Barrett and Sprege were house guests.

The Baptist Fidelis class met Saturday afternoon with Miss Carroll Rister at her home on Oak street. Ten members answered to roll call. The social half hour was delightfully spent. The visitors were Mesdames Jno. Sears and W. H. Sorelle. Members present were Misses Lulu Sharp, Irene Swann, Winnie Warren, Mesdames Earl Lassiter, James West, W. A. Scott and the hostess and her mother, Mrs. G. A. Rister. Mrs. A. C. Rose who was hostess for the 20th Century Club and Miss Rister combined their crowds and served delightful refreshments.

A delightful evening was spent with Miss Florence Holmes, Monday of this week. Games were enjoyed until a late hour when the host served delicious refreshments to Misses Vera Jenkins, Ruth Wheeler, Grace Garvin, Anna Grace Hale, Ida Meeks, Agnes Lassiter, Wilma Smith, Ora Bryson, Edith Brown, Ruth Howard, Eunice Bullock, Ruby Cauthen and the hostess.

Fresh car Bell of Vernon flour. G. M. Sharp.



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Constitutes a partnership that should work out uncommonly good results, since City shops are brought conveniently close to the country customer, and city people may obtain from the country the various products of the farm.

#### BELL TELEPHONE SERVICE

provides the means for placing the orders, and delivery can be made at your door by Parcels Post promptly, and at slight cost.



### Baptist Ladies Aid.

Program for March 29.

Hymn—"Jesus Will Reign."

Prayer—Mrs. Hamm.

Bible Study—Mrs. Swann.

Power and Witness—Mrs. Ensminger.

Organization—Mrs. E. Hall.

Home Mission Task—Mrs. Sharp.

Home Board—Mrs. J. T. Warren.

The South and the Emigrants—Mrs. Meeks.

Call to Baptist—Mrs. Whitaker.

A Christain Experience—Mrs. Jobe.

Hymn—"Onward Christain Soldier."

Prayer for Missionary—Mrs. Causeaux.

Mrs. A. C. Rose entertained the 20th Century Club at her home on Oak street Saturday afternoon. The study of Austria-Hungary was a very interesting topic, under the leadership of Mrs. G. H. Adams. Mrs. Parten will be the next hostess.

Mrs. M. D. Angus will be the hostess for the Presbyterian Class of Willing Helpers, Sunday, April 4. Let all the ladies study lessons 1 and 2, in the Teachers Training course and come prepared with a good lesson.

The Baraca Class entertainment, scheduled to be held tonight at the home of Mrs. H. C. Burroughs has been postponed by order of the president of the class.

I have a hollow wire lighting system consisting of four lamps and a good tank, all in fine working order. I will sell at a bargain. I also have some extra show cases that I wish to sell. Any one in need of either will save money by figuring with me. Mrs. E. M. Rust.

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

W. O. W.

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

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

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

### LOCAL DRUGGIST MAKES A STATEMENT

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

H. C. BURROUGHS, Druggist



MULE FOR SALE:—Three years old, fifteen hand high. Cheap for cash. H. M. Warren.

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

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

FOR SALE—One Fuller & Johnson gasoline pump engine, 1 1/2 horse power; cheap for cash. Also two shoats for sale cheap. J. T. Coats. 5'4

FOR SALE—Thirty work mules. Part cash and balance good notes. Arthur Sears. 2612

FOR SALE—Good work mare for sale. Anchor Mercantile Co.

FOR SALE—I will sell my gray mules cheap, part cash and balance in good notes. C. L. McNeess.

Missouri Pearl Meal at C. P. Stevens' Store.

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### NOMORE FALLING HAIR NO MORE DANDRUFF

Nearly every one has dandruff, and must reconcile themselves to the idea of becoming completely bald or resort to the use of Newbro's Herpicide.

The manufacturers have absolute faith in Herpicide to remove all traces of dandruff. So perfect is this belief that all dealers are instructed to sell the preparation with a "money back" agreement.

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Used as directed, Newbro's Herpicide eradicates dandruff and prevents the hair from coming out. It stops itching of the scalp, which is so disagreeable.

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## COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

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

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

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

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

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

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After I began taking Cardui, I was greatly helped, and all three bottles relieved me entirely.

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Cardui is purely vegetable and gentle-acting. Its ingredients have a mild, tonic effect, on the womanly constitution.

Cardui makes for increased strength, improves the appetite, tones up the nervous system, and helps to make pale, sallow cheeks, fresh and rosy.

Cardui has helped more than a million weak women, during the past 50 years. It will surely do for you, what it has done for them. Try Cardui today.

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Listen to me! Take no more sickening, salivating calomel when bilious or constipated. Don't lose a day's work! Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with your bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are sluggish and "ail knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone on my guarantee.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful tonight and if it doesn't straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous by morning I want you to go back to the store and get your money.

Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it can not salivate or make you sick.

I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will keep your entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.

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

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

**Not Obstinate.**  
"Would you vote for prohibition?" "Of course I would," replied Senator Sorghum. "My constituents are strong for prohibition." "Does that fact influence your ideas?" "It does, so long as my constituents exert so much influence over my employment. I'd rather go thirsty than hungry."

Much of Hen's Labors Vain. Between the hen and consumer there is a waste of \$200,000,000 worth of eggs each year.

This was the testimony given at the attorney general's "egg trust" inquiry by William Mann of the law department of the New York Central railroad, who read a letter from the department of agriculture to support his claim.

According to these figures the American egg crop is worth \$700,000,000 a year, and \$30,000,000 is lost through breakage in transit.

The egg as the hen lays it is almost invariably a good egg, ran the evidence, but one out of every ten the hen lays for market is broken on the way there. Three of the remaining nine eggs are added before they reach the consumer, and 40 per cent of the eggs are good only for strong palates or tanning leather.

**Thinking of His Wife.**  
A colored man engaged in a short job in an Irvington house the other day expressed himself quite forcefully to the man of the house, the subject being the outlook for an increase in emigration from Europe to this country, perhaps next year, as a consequence of the great war. "I'm opposed," said the colored man, "to all this mess of people coming to this country."

"Why so? This country ought to be open to all the world, to everybody who wants to improve his condition."

"I don't think so, no sir. I don't like to see these foreigners coming in here taking work away from our wives."—Indianapolis News.

**Petrified Lizard's Tragedy.**  
Uncle John Brady exhibited a freak of nature in Yellville, Ark., recently. He located a bee tree on Tar Kila, near Pyatt, and the tree, which was dead, fell down.

He had a section of the tree, about six feet long, containing the bees and the honey, cut out, and a few inches below where the section was sawed off was found a large red-headed lizard, eight inches long, which had petrified.

The lizard was evidently in the tree when the bees took refuge there, and was unable to make its escape and died, after which petrification ensued.

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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.

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Common garden sage brewed into a heavy tea with sulphur and alcohol added, will turn gray, streaked and faded hair beautifully dark and luxuriant, remove every bit of dandruff, stop scalp itching and falling hair. Just a few applications will prove a revelation if your hair is fading, gray or dry, scraggly and thin. Mixing the Sage Tea and Sulphur recipe at home, though, is troublesome. An easier way is to get the ready-to-use tonic, costing about 50 cents a large bottle at drug stores, known as "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," thus avoiding a lot of fuss.

While wispy, gray, faded hair is not sinful, we all desire to retain our youthful appearance and attractiveness. By darkening your hair with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it does it so naturally, so evenly. 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 all gray hairs have disappeared, and, after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, glossy, soft and luxuriant.

Mrs. J. C. Calvert has moved a cottage to lots she recently purchased near the Methodist church and is having the place remodeled. After its completion Mrs. Calvert will make her home there.

**Notice to Poll Tax Payers.**

All persons who were assessed for Poll Tax in the year 1914 and not having paid same will do well to heed this notice and pay at once. Article 4783, Revised Statutes, provides that all delinquent Poll Tax payers are subject to three days duty on public roads. This law makes no provision for any, but includes city and country man alike. The county is at a great expense to assess these Poll Tax payers and collections must be required. Therefore, I am giving this notice to save embarrassment of any who do not desire to work on the public highway. The law requires me to furnish a complete list of all delinquent Poll Tax payers, which I am now preparing that the commissioners and road overseers may be able to execute the law referred to in above article. W. F. Dillard, Tax Collector, Taylor County.

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**TOO MANY CHILDREN**

are under-size, under-weight with pinched faces and poor blood; they do not complain but appetite lags, they have no ambition and do not progress.

Such children need the rich medicinal nourishment in Scott's Emulsion above everything else; its pure cod liver oil contains nature's own blood-forming, flesh-building fats which quickly show in rosy cheeks, better appetite, firm flesh and sturdy frames.

If your children are languid, tired when rising, catch cold easily or find their studies difficult, give them Scott's Emulsion; it supplies the very food elements that their systems lack.

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

**Notice.**

I will pay 12 cents per pound for good hens until Saturday, March 27. W. P. Duckett.

**Breeders Notice.**

Will stand my thoroughbred Jersey bull at \$1.00, 1 mile north of Merkel. R. H. Dean.

**Farm For Rent.**

40 acres off north end or my farm, six miles north of Merkel, near Stith, on 1-3 and 1-4 basis. Mrs. S. J. Freeman, Route 4. 26t2pd

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

**Baptist Ladies Aid.**

The Baptist Ladies Aid Society will serve dinner in Trent on election day, April 3rd, at 25 cents per meal. We especially invite the business men of the town to take dinner with us. Mrs. J. I. Leamon, Sec.

**Special For a Few Days.**

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