

## HAMBY POSTOFFICE IS ROBBED OF \$300.00 BY TWO MASKED MEN

Robbers Told Assistant Postmaster They Wanted Horse Medicine; At the Store They Forced Him to Open the Safe.

Shortly after midnight Monday two men went to the home of Postmaster W. M. G. Mackechny at Hamby, nine miles northwest of Abilene, got his son Malcolm to go with them to the store and postoffice eighty yards away and forced him to open the safe at the points of guns, \$300 in money, of which \$200 belonged to the Government and the balance to Mr. Mackechny, was taken from the safe by the highwaymen.

Mr. Mackechny was away from home and during his absence his oldest son, Malcolm, had charge of the postoffice and store. When two men came to the Mackechny home between 12 and 1 o'clock Tuesday morning and asked young Mackechny to go with them to the store and sell them some medicine with which to doctor a sick horse, the young man readily consented, without once suspecting the supposed horse owners. The three walked to the store, eighty yards away, and young Mackechny unlocked the front door, the two men following him inside.

A kerosene lamp sat upon the counter, being frequently used at night to wait upon belated customers of the store. Mackechny struck a match and touched it to the wick. As he was fastening the chimney on the lamp, one of the strangers attracted his attention by a sharp word of command. Wheeling suddenly, the young man faced two masked men with six-shooters in their hands leveled at his head.

The safe stood only a few feet away. The masked robbers forced Mackechny, at the point of guns, to unlock the safe. It was an iron combination safe and yielded the robbers about \$300 in cash, mostly silver.

Having sacked their booty, the robbers then tied young Mackechny to a supporting post inside the building and departed by the door through which they came.

Struggling fiercely with the cords that bound him, the captive assistant postmaster was able, after several minutes of painful work, to free his limbs. Rushing to the telephone, he called up Abilene and tried to locate his father, the postmaster, who had come to Abilene to take the early morning train for Wichita Falls to visit his mother. Failing to locate his father, the young man then called up Sheriff J. T. Dodson and informed him of the robbery. This was at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning. A few minutes later Postmaster W. M. G. Mackechny was located at the Grace Hotel and told of the hold-up.—Abilene Reporter.

### To Enforce Pound Law.

Beginning Monday a more rigid enforcement of the pound law will go in effect. Ben Walters, marshal elect, will have charge of this work.

People who have stock should take note of this.

J. J. Stallings, Mayor.

### Land For Rent or Sale.

Land for rent or sale, write J. S. Burkhead, Abilene, Texas, or see Jno. B. Bell, Merkel, Texas. Land one mile of Merkel. 2513pd

## CITY AUDITORS ARE APPOINTED MONDAY

The City Council in its regular meeting Monday night, in addition to transacting the regular routine of business, appointed an auditing committee to audit the books of the various city officers.

The committee is composed of T. A. Johnson and S. D. Gaither, who were instructed to have their work completed in ample time to make report to the council at its next regular meeting in May.

## MAYOR STALLINGS FAVORS CLEAN-UP

Mayor Stallings in a card to the Merkel voters in this issue of the Mail expresses his thanks for their support and makes a few suggestions which if carried out will be better for Merkel and every person within the confines of our town.

Mayor Stallings favors a clean-up and paint campaign and asks the people to co-operate with him in these matters. Ordinarily every man is willing to lend his words to such suggestions as Mr. Stallings has made but more action is needed on the part of individuals to help all city officials in carrying out their ideas for improvement. If the Mayor sets a day for a general clean-up then this day should be respected and in this way the citizenship will respect the position which any man finds somewhat difficult to fill to the satisfaction of his constituents.

Co-operation should be our watchword and progress our aim. The election is over and personalities should be displaced with friendly feeling toward all.

## TRENT TO HAVE NEW NEWSPAPER

Simultaneously with this issue there should appear from the city of Trent a newspaper printed and published by W. E. Caperton, formerly manager of the Blackwell Bulletin.

In last week's issue of the Bulletin the management informed its readers of the change in location of the Blackwell printing plant and stated their issue this week would be published at Trent.

### J. D. Boring on Streets.

J. D. Boring, who has been seriously ill following a dangerous operation at Fort Worth recently, was seen on the street Tuesday.

Mr. Boring was highly elated over the fact that he was again able to be out and meet his friends and was even more greatly pleased to get back to Merkel after the extended illness he has suffered.

## THE SPRING CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN SHOULD BE INAUGURATED---NEEDED

Town Needs a Thorough Renovating and Painting. More Trees and Grass Would Help Wonderfully.

Every citizen knows that Merkel is considered one of the best West Texas towns. This is not said boastfully but with much sincerity, with ample proof to back up our assertions. Nevertheless, our little city needs a serum of anti-germ killer thrown into our midst in the shape of a general clean-up campaign, a paint week and many other things requisite to a more beautiful city.

The Mail hereby petitions the City Council to set aside a day for a general clean-up in Merkel and that those in authority take such steps as are necessary to make this campaign a success. A half holiday should be declared if needed to complete the work. Other than a good clean-up our town is badly in need of a paint campaign. Not many days ago a Merkel lady remarked that there were not half a dozen houses in the town but what needed a new coat of paint. There was more truth than poetry in her assertion and already some are beginning to get the spring fever in a paint way.

Why not everybody co-operate for a Clean-Up Campaign that would be a Clean-Up Campaign and not a farce?

## TRENT VOTERS UNANIMOUSLY VOTE \$3,000.00 SCHOOL BONDS

Not a Dissenting Vote Was Cast Against the Issue at Trent Saturday.

The Trent voters did themselves the honor of voting \$3,000.00 additional School Bonds Saturday, April 3, without the appearance of a dissenting vote in the entire ballot.

The increased issue will be used to improve the Trent High School Building and arrange better seating facilities. In the report of the election handed us from Trent was also a list of winnings made by the Trent boys and girls in the County contests at Buffalo Gap Saturday, March 27, in which it seems that it was all Trent. In fact, the representatives of the Trent High School won practically everything in all the contests.

## TEACHERS' ASSN MEETS APRIL 9TH

The second annual meeting of the Central West Texas Teachers' Association will meet in Abilene, Texas, April 9 and 10. The first session will be held on Friday afternoon, April 9. It will be a meeting of County Superintendents. Supt. L. T. Cunningham will be chairman of this section. State Supt. W. F. Doughty will be present at this meeting and will deliver an address on "Recent School Legislation."

Friday evening, April 9, Dr. R. S. Hyer, president of the Southern Methodist University, will deliver an address. His subject will be "The Teacher."

Saturday morning's session will comprise talks on topics of general interest by members of the Association and a lecture by Mr. E. E. Davis of the Extension Department of the University of Texas.

Saturday afternoon a business session will be held, following which Dr. S. R. Cates of Abilene will deliver his popular lecture, "Bugs and Other Things."

Saturday evening the Fine Arts Department of Simmons College will render a program and the concluding address of the Association will be delivered by Dr. Kealer, Dean of Baylor University.

## DR. DAVIS IS TO LEAVE MERKEL

Dr. S. L. Davis, dentist with office on Edwards street, will leave Merkel the latter part of this week for Carthage where he will spend the summer with relatives in a complete vacation.

The practice Dr. Davis has been taken over by Dr. O. F. McMaster and his associate Dr. Gilliland.

Before going to Carthage Dr. Davis will look after business matters in other parts of the state and will be joined by Mrs. Davis at their old home on his arrival there.

### Conference Meeting.

The first Quarterly Conference of the Buffalo Gap circuit convened Saturday, April 3, at the home of W. A. Thornton of Route 4.

M. C. Wilson presided at the meeting. W. A. Thornton was elected secretary for the ensuing year. Advisory committee W. A. Thornton, Baley and S. M. Hodges. Examining committee F. M. York, J. P. Sibley and W. A. Thornton. The pastor's report was received and accepted and assessment made of \$400.00 for pastor's salary. Buffalo Gap was selected as the next meeting place.

## STALLINGS IS MAYOR, WALTERS MARSHAL; BURROUGHS TREASURER

Heavy Vote is Polled. Hamilton and Boyce Elected Aldermen, Johnson Secretary

## WALTERS THANKS MERKEL VOTERS

Ben Walters, successful candidate for City Marshal in the City Election of Tuesday, requests that voters of Merkel accept his sincere thanks for the magnificent vote they gave him.

Mr. Walters states that it will be his constant endeavor to discharge the duties of the office to the best of his ability, not catering to individual influences but acting as he believes best for all concerned and the general welfare of the town.

## DRIVE TO THE RIGHT YOUR SAFETY FIRST

In all probability there are few towns in the State where the streets are congested on Saturdays and other busy days like Merkel has and an absolute disregard prevails about driving customs.

Here, the writer wishes to state that from the time we were able to reach up and touch the handle bars of a cotton planter our young ideas were taught that it was correct at all times to drive to the right. This rule was respected along the country lanes of the west fifteen years ago far better than it is respected on the streets of Merkel at the present time. Whether our people are going backward in this respect or they have just forgotten some of that "old time raising," we can't say, but for the sake of safety we suggest that our city authorities take some steps to have the rule of safety first or drive to the right respected in Merkel at all times, more especially on Saturdays when the streets are crowded and auto drivers are so promiscuous. On last Saturday several autos came near colliding with vehicles and pedestrians.

## IS BUILDING NEW BUNGALOW HOME

Within a short time the home of G. E. Comegys, now being erected on the lots where his former home which was destroyed by fire stood, will be ready for occupancy.

Workmen are making fast progress on the building which now has the aspect of being one of the most modern dwellings in our city.

### Farmers Look Here

Pure and improved Kafir and Milo seed, Kafir standard black capped white seed, Red top dwarf maize \$1.00 per bu., F. O. B. Floydada, Texas. See W. B. Robertson and W. E. Petty for references at Merkel. Earl Rainer, Floydada, Texas.

### 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. 2614pd

The election Tuesday seemed to be a "Rally 'round the flag boys" with J. J. Stallings, Ben Walters and H. C. Burroughs et al to-wit, J. O. Hamilton and Geo. Boyce.

The entire vote polled amounted to two hundred and thirty-seven, of which G. W. Johnson, who had no opponent, received all but four.

In the hotly contested race for City Marshal where greatest interest centered, Ben Walters developed such a speed that he is still running, his majority over his three opponents being 56. Mayor Stallings was re-elected to the tune of 161 against 72 for his opponent Mr. Belt. H. C. Burroughs again captured the office of Treasurer while Geo. W. Boyce headed the Alderman ticket with 105 votes. J. O. Hamilton was also elected with a vote of 90.

### T. B. Garoutte Dead.

Theodore B. Garoutte way born May 10, 1827, at Burlington, N. J., and died at the family home, three miles north of Merkel, April 2, 1915, age 87 years, 10 months and 16 days. Married to Miss Mary A. Allen at Fulton, Ohio, August 27, 1847. In 1889 Bro. Garoutte moved to Taylor county, Texas, and for more than a quarter of a century has made this county home. In his young manhood he was converted and joined the Methodist church. In the death of Bro. Garoutte one of the oldest of our citizens has passed from us.

A familiar face will be seen no more on earth. Another one of the old land marks of our community has gone from us. The silver cord has been broken and another old friend has slipped away.

Bro. Garoutte was active up to a few days before his death. He was able to attend to his business affairs with as much care as the average man at 50 years of age. He held the distinction of being the oldest member of the Odd Fellow fraternity in the State. He joined this order in the State of Ohio in 1851.

Three children survive, Mrs. Vaughan of California and Misses Ollie and Dora Garoutte.

The funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the presence of the family and a large company of friends. From the home the remains were followed by a long procession to the Merkel cemetery where the Odd Fellow fraternity performed the last sad rites according to their order in the presence of a large concourse of people.

May the Sunshine of God's Grace bring light, comfort and strength to the sorrowing loved ones. A Friend.

### Monday Clean-Up Day

Monday is designated as a work day in Rose Hill cemetery. All parties having loved ones buried there are requested to meet at the cemetery Monday with rakes, hoes and such implements and assist in beautifying the grounds.

### W. O. W.

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

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

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MERKEL, TEXAS

### RAIN AMOUNTED TO .40 OF INCH

A light rain Wednesday morning amounted to four-tenths of an inch.

This slight precipitation will greatly facilitate planting owing to the ideal warm sunshine that followed the shower and it now looks like spring has come to stay.

#### A Healing Salve for Burns, Chapped Hands and Sore Nipples

As a healing salve for burns, sores, sore nipples and chapped hands Chamberlain's Salve is most excellent. It allays the pain of a burn almost instantly, and unless the injury is very severe, heals the parts without leaving a scar. Price 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

#### To My Friends

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the Merkel voters for the support in the election Tuesday. As I did not ask a single person to vote for me, I cannot find words to express my appreciation of the valued compliment and I more especially thank the good ladies for their kind words and good wishes.

To those who voted against me I do not consider you my enemies, it was only a matter of choice and I now ask the cooperation of one and all to assist me in making Merkel a clean and better town. With small effort on the part of each individual we can make the town more attractive by cleaning up and burning trash and painting buildings.

Very respectfully,  
J. J. Stallings.

#### For Constipation.

Mr. L. H. Farnham, a prominent druggist of Spirit Lake, Iowa, says: "Chamberlain's Tablets are certainly the best thing on the market for constipation." Give these tablets a trial. You are certain to find them agreeable and pleasant in effect. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

#### Mrs. Mary E. Case Dead.

Mrs. Mary E. Case, age 61 years twenty-seven days, died at the home of her son Eli Case of Rt. 1 Tuesday morning of this week. The aged lady had been making her home with her son and had a wide spread acquaintance and a host of friends.

The deceased is survived by two children, Eli Case and Mrs. Mrs. Effie Patton, both of the Stith community and were with their mother at the time of her death. Interment took place at Hillsboro, Wednesday of this week, this being the old home of the family. The remains were accompanied by both Mr. Case and his sister Mrs. Patton on the Texas & Pacific east bound passenger No. 22 Tuesday night.

**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

## Special Price Saturday on Embroidery

One lot 6 to 7 inches wide, 12½ to 15c values, special	10c	One lot 45 inches wide, 50c values special	45c
One lot 18 inches wide, 15c to 18c values, special	12½c	One lot 45 inches wide, 65c values special	50c
One lot 27 inches wide, 25c to 30c values, special	20c	One lot 45 inches wide, 75c values special	60c

COME AND SEE

## J. P. SHARP

#### Ex-Ranger Dies.

A. J. Hill, ex-ranger, Confederate veteran and one of the oldest citizens of the entire Merkel country, died at his home in South Merkel at 3:55 a. m. Monday from a severe attack of pneumonia. At the time of his death Mr. Hill was 74 years of age and would have reached the 75 mile stone had he lived until June 5.

Mr. Hill was born in Arkansas, moved with his parents to Louisiana when quite small and came to Texas with them when he was eight years old, the family residing in Fannin county, taking up their home in what was then almost an uncivilized country when the depredations of the Indians were frequent occurrences. At the age of 18 he moved to Erath county where he was married. Soon after his marriage he became a member of the noted Texas Ranger forces under Capt. Whitesides, who was killed in a cyclone at Cisco, Texas, several years ago. The duties of Mr. Hill as a member of the Ranger force carried him over the greater part of western part of Texas, from the northern line of what was the Indian Territory to the Rio Grande river.

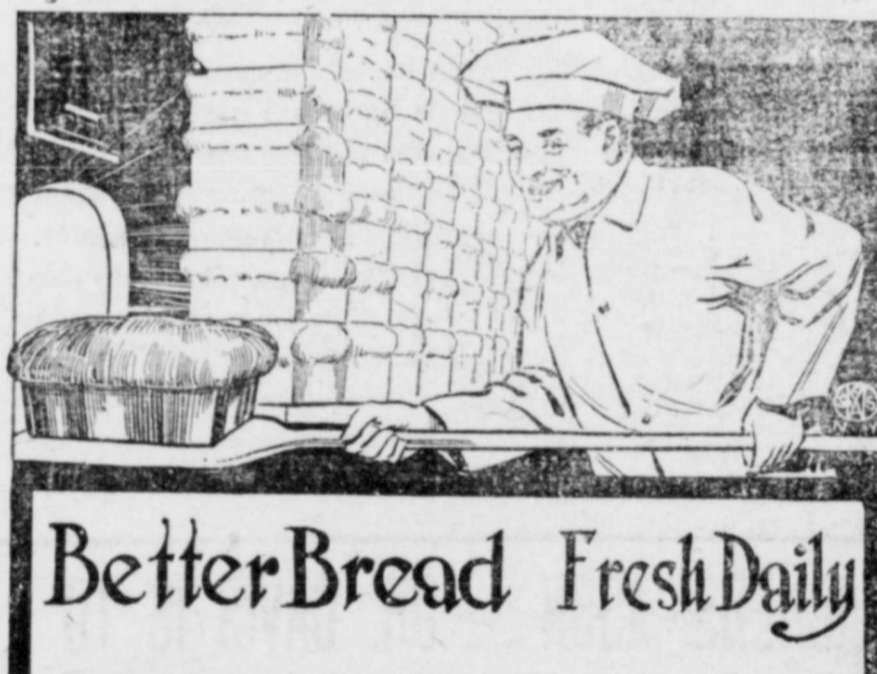
Surviving Mr. Hill is a wife and six children. The children, Mrs. J. E. Costephens by a first marriage, Messrs. John and W. C. Hill of Golan, Emery Hill of Sylvester, Ben Hill of El Paso and Geo. Hill of this place by his later marriage. He was a member of the Methodist church and a man held high in the esteem of all who knew him. Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday evening at 4:15 with burial immediately afterward in Rose Hill cemetery, Rev. W. P. Garvin conducting the services.

#### Rheumatic Pains Relieved.

Why suffer from rheumatism when relief may be had at so small a cost? Mrs. Elmer Hatch, Peru, Ind. writes: "I have been subject to attacks of rheumatism for years. Chamberlain's Liniment always relieves me immediately, and I take pleasure in recommending it to others."

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

### Like Home - Made Bread ---Only Better



If you have never tried it you can never appreciate how really good Quentin's Bread can be made. It is not holey, mealy, dry and puffed up like coarse bread that you buy from inefficient bakers with incompetent equipment. Ours is like the sweet, good, home-made bread with crisp crust, moist and close in texture and substantial and wholesome. We say it's better than home-made bread because our perfect equipment goes farther toward perfect baking than is possible with your kitchen range that is not gauged in uniformity of heat for baking bread alone.

Order a Loaf of Quentin's Bread To-Day

### Quentin's Home Bakery

Phone 76

#### Tomato and Potato Plants.

Dwarf champion and McGee tomatoes, the two best varieties for windy countries \$1.50 for 500 or \$2.50 per 1,000 delivered, ready now. Dooley yam potato slip \$2.00 per 1,000 delivered. Potato slips ready for delivery April 15. Order early. McClung & Suttle, Milano, Texas.

#### A Cure for Sour Stomach.

Mrs. Wm. M. Thompson, of Battle Creek, Mich., writes: "I have been troubled with indigestion, sour stomach and bad breath. After taking two bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets I am well. These tablets are splendid—none better." For sale by all dealers.

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### Have you Catarrh?

Is nasal breathing impaired? Does your throat get husky or clogged?

Modern science proves that these symptoms result from run-down health. Snuff and vapors are irritating and useless. The oil-fool in Scott's Emulsion will enrich and enliven the blood, aid nutrition and assist nature to check the inflammation and heal the sensitive membranes.

Shun Alcoholic mixtures and insist upon SCOTT'S.

**GROUP** stopped in 20 minutes sure with Dr. Shoop's Group Remedy. One test will surely prove. No vomiting, no distress. A safe and pleasing group—5c. Druggists



### The Telephone "S. O. S." Saved the Farm

"One day last fall my wife and I started for a drive, leaving the house deserted. A short while after we'd passed Jones' place, Mrs. Jones saw smoke coming from our roof. "She ran to the telephone—Got Mrs. Reed who operates the switchboard located in her home. Mrs. Reed called all the nearby people on the line (two long rings—the emergency signal,) and they put the fire out with little damage."

A Telephone on the Farm connected with the Bell System is a protection and safe-guard in all emergencies.  
Southwestern Tel. & Tel. Co. 4-R-14.

#### Card of Thanks.

To the many good people and friends in Merkel who tendered and rendered their assistance to us in the recent illness and death of our beloved husband and father, A. J. Hill, we wish to thank from the depths of our hearts, and may God's richest blessings ever be theirs.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. A. J. Hill and Children.

#### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and attention during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother, Mrs. W. F. Hamblet. Especially do we wish to express our appreciation to Dr. Foster. W. F. Hamblet and family.

#### Breeders Notice.

"I am standing the Britain jack at my place 2½ miles east of Noodle. S. H. Meeks. 26tf

### BIG SHOW HERE SATURDAY

The Royal Program for Saturday presents the best special program exhibited here for many months.

In addition to a Keystone, which features Charlie Chaplin in his "Musical Career" there is a two reel Kaybee "The Hateful God" followed by a three reel feature of army life "Lieutenant Rose in Sealed Orders." No advance in prices. (adv)

#### Buy's Grocery Interest

E. L. Rogers, junior member of the firm of Hamblet & Rogers, purchased the interest of W. F. Hamblet in the above firm and now controls the entire business. The consumation of the deal was made the first of the week and Mr. Roger promptly took charge of the affairs of the store.

#### A TEXAS WONDER.

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

#### Operation for Appendicitis.

Mrs. Rush Bufford was operated on for appendicitis at an Abilene Sanitarium Tuesday night. Later reports give her condition as satisfactory. Mrs. Bufford was accompanied to Abilene by her husband, and her mother Mrs. S. H. L. Swoffard.

#### Serious Operation Performed.

Gains Weir who was operated on for appendicitis at a sanitarium in Abilene several days ago is resting well considering of the operation he underwent.

Attendants state, that with proper care and plenty of time he will recover though his case was one of the most delicate they have managed.

#### 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.

#### Cotton Seed For Sale.

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

26:4pd

#### Advertised Letters

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office April 17.

Davidson, Mr.  
Stegner, Mrs. Corda

H. C. Williams, P. O.

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

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Personal confidence is the basis of business credit. Possibly ninety-nine per cent of the business transactions of the world are made upon confidence. From the earliest time there has been some method of exchange between individuals and communities. Various means have been adopted by which the producer of a certain commodity could trade or barter for the surplus product of another person. This was the beginning of the great system now denominated business. Originally all monies were made from certain metals or commodities with an intrinsic value equal to the face value stamped thereon. Today such money is used only in making change or for the smallest transactions. The business of the world is conducted upon paper which represents the confidence of the business world in the government, corporation or individual issuing the paper. Therefore the greatest asset a man, corporation or government can have is the absolute confidence of the people with whom they have business relations.

For over ten years this bank has been serving the business interests of this community and today we have the absolute confidence of the public, as may be judged by the very large volume of business that is being transacted daily through us.

A genuine public service, a service to all the people is what we try to render. You are welcome here at all times. Our officers are approachable—there are no formalities. Call on us frequently.

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Ben T. Merritt Thos. Johnson

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Ruby Jones is visiting relatives in Roscoe.

Mutt and Jeff are at home in "Mack's" furniture window.

Mrs. A. F. Huber of Noodle visited friends here Monday.

Get pure Sudan Seed at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Mrs. Ben Hill of Abilene is here visiting relatives.

Men's balbrigan underwear 15c per garment at J. A. Ducketts.

Mutt and Jeff are at home in "Mack's" furniture window.

Mrs. J. S. Barnes is in Trent visiting her daughter Mrs. Jno. Childress.

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

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blair were in Sweetwater Wednesday visiting.

A complete line of FIRESTONE auto casings and inner tubes at G. F. West Co.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham of Trent were among the Merkel visitor Wednesday.

Have you seen the new lot of hats at J. A. Ducketts at half price.

Misses Maude, Myrtle and Emma Nally of Trent were shopping here Wednesday.

**Use Nyals Blood Remedy. It's guaranteed. Sold by Grimes Drug Store.**

Miss Vinnie Heizer left Monday for Westbrook where she will visit relatives.

A nice, clean stock of groceries. Stanley-Ayres.

The celebrated FIRESTONE automobile tires. Sold by G. F. West Co.

Don't fail to see the new goods arriving almost daily at J. A. Ducketts. The price is the thing.

Mrs. Will Scarborough of Wichita Fall in here visiting her father W. F. Hamblet and family.

Absolutely new car furniture got here Tuesday—at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Miss Gail McCarty of Sweetwater was the guest of Mrs. W. H. Dickson Sunday.

Pangman's Ice cream, the best cream sold in Texas. The Elite Confectionery.

Miss Carrie Session of Brady visited Miss Lorena Dry the first of the week.

Stop at the Stanley-Ayres wagon yard for good accommodations and get your groceries from Stanley-Ayres Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fryar of Abilene spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

If you can afford a Ford you cannot afford to be without FIRESTONE tires. G. F. West Co.

Miss Gertude Thornton of Dallas was enroute to Sweetwater Sunday to visit her sister Mrs. A. L. Hogue.

**Everybody should take a blood tonic this time of year. Use Nyals. It is best. Grimes Drug Store.**

Mrs. Hurley Boden who has been visiting her mother Mrs. Ada Walker left Wednesday for her home at San Angelo.

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.

Mrs. Latrobe Vaughn of Elsinore, Cal. came in Sunday to attend the enternment of her father the late T. B. Garoutte.

Miss Susie Hill of Blackwell came in last week to visit her uncle, B. P. Bradley and other relatives. From here Miss Hill will visit relatives in Hamlin before returning home.

## The Price is the Thing

EXAMINE OUR STOCK AND COMPARE OUR PRICES

We are selling lots of Merchandise for less than it cost to manufacture

### Note some of my prices

Canvas Gloves, 6 pair for only.....	25c
Matches, Best Grade, 2 boxes for.....	5c
2-in-1 Jet Oil and Baby Elite Shoe Polish, our price only.....	5c
Men's Hats, worth up to 3.00, going at.....	50c
Men's Caps, your choice of 50c to 1.25, now.....	25c
Williams' Shaving Soap, others' price 10c, our price.....	5c
Two Good Ink Tablets, only.....	5c
Ladies' Waist 25c to.....	\$1.25
Children's School Dresses, 1.00 values.....	50c
Ladies' and Misses' Middies, worth 1.00, only.....	50c
Men's Blue Chambray Shirts.....	25c
1.00 Alarm Clocks, our price.....	65c
Garden Seed, 3 papers only.....	5c

Don't forget that we have a big stock of Millinery and can save you from 25 to 50 per cent on Ladies' and Children's Hats. If you don't trade here we both lose money.

Remember, The Price is The Thing

## J. A. DUCKETT

Last Door North of Crown Hardware Co. Merkel, Texas

## 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.

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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Misses Beulah Burkett, Maude Jinkens, Elva Payne and Zula Huffaker were in Abilene Friday.

**People who use Nyals Blood Remedy are never bothered with skin diseases of any kind. Sold at Grimes Drug Store.**

Come to "Mack's" and see the newly arrived furniture.

Seeded Ribbon Cane Seed at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Miss Virginia Hamblet came in Friday evening from Water-valley, Miss. where she has been the past eight months.

Why not trade where the Price is the Thing? J. A. Duckett.

Texas is some state. Pangman's ice cream is the best in Texas, sold at the Elite Confectionery.

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

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Walker, Miss Susie Penn and Mr. Lawrence of Ft. Worth motored to Abilene Saturday.

Seeded Ribbon Cane Seed at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

The people have found out that J. A. Duckett sells it for less.

Mrs. Walter Massey and sister Miss Myrtle Sipes of Trent were here Wednesday visiting friends and shopping.

Mebane and Lone Star Cotton Seed at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

**Use Nyals Blood Remedy. It's Guaranteed. Sold by Grimes Drug Store.**

Have you seen those beautiful waists at J. A. Duckett, 25 cents to two dollars.

Get pure Sudan Seed at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Allen and child of San Angelo visited relatives here and attended the enternment of the formers grandfather the late T. B. Garoutte.

Mebane and Lone Star Cotton Seed at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Backson-dale of Mingus were eastern guests of Messrs. and Mesdames E. P. McMillen, R. L. Bland and T. L. Grimes.

Don't fail to see the Bargains at J. A. Duckett. The Price is the Thing.

Will Streamer, formerly of this city, but now of Austin returned here Saturday to attend the funeral services of his grandfather, T. B. Garoutte, who was buried Sunday.

Something for the children on Saturday April 10 I will give 2 ice cream cones for a nickel. Bring the children and give them a treat and try one yourself. Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Mrs. W. L. Cash of Hamlin returned to her home Sunday after a short visit with her sister, Mrs. C. P. Stevens, of this place. Mrs. Cash was accompanied here by her aunt Mrs. Blocker of Henderson county who also returned to her home Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Provine returning from Alvin last week where they have been visiting for the past few months. On their way home they stopped at Meridian to visit their daughter Mrs. Vernon Sutphen.

Your money back on goods not satisfactory at J. A. Duckett.

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J. A. Duckett is still selling two boxes of matches for 5 cents. The Price is the Thing.

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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.

**THE WILLARD-JOHNSON FIGHT.**

The Reporter has found it rather a hard job to get up very much enthusiasm over the Willard-Johnson fight. In the first place we are strictly opposed to prize fighting and if we had our way about it there never would be another fight in the world. In the second place we don't believe in a white man fighting a negro. Race prejudice is engendered over such matches that can have but one outcome—that of adding fuel to the fire that already burns in the hearts of most people. Naturally we wanted the white man to win, but the mere fact that Willard was willing to fight a negro took all of the enthusiasm out of us. There ought never to be another prize fight staged, but if there must be such exhibitions it seems to us that white men ought to fight white men and negroes fight negroes. We venture the assertion that three men out of every five in the United States had murder in their hearts on Monday. The white man was wishing that Johnson would get his neck broken and the negroes were wishing that Johnson would kill Willard, of course very quietly. Civilization has had another deep black disgraceful blot placed upon her.—Abilene Reporter.

You are right about all of it except the enthusiasm. We cannot see how any person can keep from becoming enthused over the prospects of having a white man of as clean a record as is Jess Willard walloping the life out of a "biggited negro who time and again insulted the white race, more especially white women." When you speak of enthusiasm, then enthusiasm was our second name for a month prior to this memorable day.

Gov. Ferguson shows he is the real "people's" governor by removing one of the board of managers of the San Antonio Insane hospital because said member refused to vote to remove the superintendent to make room for one of the governor's friends. This action makes places for two new men. Of course the governor who looks closely after the "people's" interest must needs get rid of all the state appointed officials who are not his political friends in order to have places for those who are his friends.—Bonham Mews.

The editor of the News can make more noise than a burro in a tin shed when he thinks he has found something worth while. We believe that the News will find Gov. Ferguson had other motives than just wanting to get his friends into office when he removed the above mentioned personage. A little more investigation of the governor's actions is in order and in every way fair to our executive.

When parents storm at their children in correcting them, the children quickly form the habit of storming at each other and it becomes a house of tumult. After the habit is established nothing but storming will reach the children, but if in the beginning parents correct their children in a quiet, firm and dignified manner, storming will never be necessary, and the children will grow up into quiet, gentle and dignified young men and young women. Of course, this does not apply to you, but watch the families of your neighbors and you will find that this is true.—Exchange.

We didn't write this, but it sounds like good logic.

A few daubs of paint here and there about your house "kinder" makes things look better. Try a dose.

Henry Ford, the automobile manufactured, was engineer in an electric light plant in Detroit. Charlie Murphy the baseball millionaire, was a reporter on the Cincinnati Enquirer. Thomas H. Ince the motion picture magnate was a comic opera comedian glad to get \$50 a week. Charlie Weoham owner of the Chicago Federal baseball team and a string of restaurants, was a waiter in a quick lunch room.—Midland Reporter.

A young man says if I had lived then I might have done as well. It was 15 years ago.—Snyder Signal.

Tell your young man to get out of the way as he is undoubtedly an obstruction to those around him. Times fifteen years ago were no better than they are now if we figure correctly. Chances for advancement are just as good now as they were fifteen, fifty or a hundred years past, and those who are making failures now would have mused up their life here on mother earth just as bad had they started out when Henry Ford or Thomas Edison did.

A man is credited with saying he owned a very smart dog. So smart that when this man would get out his fishing tackle to go fishing the dog would run out behind the barn and begin digging worms. "Lay down, Fido."

If anything said in this paper offends and we are unable to settle the matter in a peaceable way, we refer all complainants to Jess Willard who will do our heavy work from hereafter.

The Fannin County Favorite wants to know if the San Francisco man who advertised for five-hundred fleas wouldn't be satisfied with the seven year itch.

A bill has just been introduced in the Minnesota Legislature to prevent elopements. They are even trying to legislate romance out of life.

The baseball germ is beginning to wiggle about in the average man's system. There are several fully developed cases in Merkel already.

It is said that Gen. Obregon is an inventor; but he did not invent the Mexican revolution, and whoever did, did not copyright it.

Those Terre Haute vote-sellers will have to find other vocations; the courts have cruelly interfered with their operations.

California has been so busy with the exposition that the yellow peril has been almost forgotten.

It is easy for a woman with a long tongue to make short work of another woman's reputation.

Good luck and bad habits, according to sound philosophy, are seldom on speaking terms.

It is not starving China but suffering China. Japan has a foothold and will never let go.

In all probability Jack Johnson has replaced the "Golden Smiie" with a "Grin of Disgust"

"It builds up," says a beer advertisement. Uh-huh. Makes 'em top heavy. Exchange.

It is easy to take the spring fever. Try a dose of Clean-up Campaign, it's a sure cure.

Reliable citizens should take warning of the opening season for fake fish stories.

Be sure you are right then go ahead. Also drive to the right.

The percentage column will soon put the war news on the bum.

Have you cleaned up yet? We mean around the house.

It feels more like baseball every day.

Good old summer time—nearly here.

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There are many recommenders of Doan's Kidney Pills in this vicinity. Here is a list of users who have publicly endorsed Doan's.

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  - Mrs. Nan Thompson, Thornton St.
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  - H. W. Derstine.
  - D. J. Dodd.
  - J. W. Bland.
  - Mrs. Ada Walker.
  - B. J. Rhodes.
  - Mrs. H. D. Wilson.
  - E. W. Dennis, N. Main St.
  - Mrs. T. J. King, Kent Street.

**Mrs. W. F. Hamblet Dead.**

Mrs. W. F. Hamblet, wife of W. F. Hamblet of this city, died at the family home Friday at 12:30 from pneumonia, her condition having grown alarming only a few hours preceding her death, which was a great shock to the numerous friends of the family.

Mrs. Hamblet had been sick for several days prior to her death but her condition was not considered dangerous, the first alarming symptoms having shown shortly after the deceased asked that her eldest daughter, Miss Virginia Hamblet be requested to return from Watervalley, Miss., Miss Hamblet arriving here only an hour or so before her mother's death.

The deceased was born in Watervalley, Miss., December 1, 1868; joined the Methodist church in early childhood and was ever a constant church worker throughout her life. She was married in 1890 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, of Watervalley to W. F. Hamblet and to this union there was born six children, three daughters and three sons, Misses Virginia and Venona Hamblet, Roger, Loring and Master Quay, and their baby daughter, Vannie. She is also survived by a husband and two brothers, E. L. and Ernest Rogers.

Obsequies were held at

**Grocery Announcement**

To the Patrons of the Hamblet & Rogers Grocery Co.:

I wish to announce that I have purchased the interest of W. F. Hamblet and hereafter will operate the business on a strictly cash basis. Buying for cash and selling for cash at the lowest prices possible under good business methods.

To those who have heretofore extended us a share of their patronage—I will appreciate a continuance of your business and invite the patronage of new customers, offering the best service possible from years of experience in this line. Respectfully

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I am selling millions of bottles of Dodson's Liver Tone to people who have found that this pleasant, vegetable, liver medicine takes the place of dangerous calomel. Buy one bottle on my sound, reliable guarantee. Ask your druggist about me.

Calomel makes you sick; you lose a day's work. Calomel is quicksilver and it salivates; calomel injures your liver. If you are bilious; feel lazy, sluggish and all knocked out, if your bowels are constipated and your head aches or stomach is sour, just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone instead of using sickening, salivating calomel. Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working, your headache and dizziness gone, your stomach will be sweet and bowels regular. You will feel like working. You'll be cheerful; full of energy, vigor and ambition.

the family home on Oak street at 2 o'clock Saturday evening, Rev. W. P. Garvin, pastor of the Methodist church, conducting the services. Interment was given the remains immediately after-

ward in Rose Hill Cemetery. The Mail extends the deepest of sympathies to the members of the bereaved family, for the loss of a mother to a home must indeed be sad.

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Miss Sophia Howard treated the children in her room at the southside school building at her home Friday evening with a easter hunt. Several hundred pretty eggs had been concealed on the lawn at the Howard home. An informal easter program was given. About sixty children were present. Several children from Miss Willie Valentine room were present and enjoyed the hunt. Master Henry Story received the prize for finding the most eggs.

Mrs. M. H. Morris and the pupils in her room at the south side school enjoyed an easter egg hunt Friday evening.

Mrs. Tolbert Robertson and the pupils in her room at southside school building had a most enjoyable easter egg hunt and luncheon Friday afternoon.

"Mrs. Elizabeth Grider Porter requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Jessie, to Dr. Theodore de Medicis Sajous on Wednesday evening, the twenty-first of April at half past seven o'clock at the Second Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia. At home after the 15th of October, 2043 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Penn."

The above invitation has been received by Merkel friends. The bride to be and her parents made this their home for several years. Miss Porter endeared herself to a wide circle of friends by her charming traits of character and winsome ways. Dr. Sajous is to be congratulated. Friends here extend best wishes.

### Dean-Cogburn

Miss Katie Dean and Floyd Cogburn of the Nubia community were married Sunday afternoon by Rev. H. E. Bullock.

### New Book for Library

The Public Library has recently added twelve volumes of latest fiction. The following are some of them: Thos. Dixon's latest book "The Victim", "The Turmoil" by Booth Tarkington "The Honorable Percival" by the author of Mrs. Wiggs, "The Witch" by Mary Johnson, "The Lone Star Ranger" a story of early Texas days along the Rio Grande and "The Patrol of the Son Dance" Ralph Connor. In a few days we will have "Who Goes There?" Chambers story of the present day war, and other best sellers. There books are all among the best fictions and worth your time to read.

### Methodist Baraca

The Easter lesson was interesting and is an important fact. If the event for which that day

is celebrated for was not true christain religion would be in vain.

Mr. Johnson taught the large class of twenty as Mr. Morris was not physically able to come before the class. Mr. Johnson gave some practical applications to the lesson and good advise for young men.

Each member is expected to be present at the class room Friday April 9 for new officers are to be elected. Press Reporter.

### Brotherhood Program.

The music part of this program is not ready hence is omitted.

"The influence of parents or guardian in determining the attitude of the home toward the secular school." Discussion led by Prof. H. M. Morris.

"The influence of parents or guardian in determining the attitude of the home toward Sunday school." Discussion led by H. C. Williams.

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## ROYAL FIGHT AT TRENT THURSDAY

Word reached here yesterday afternoon of a battle royal at Trent in which there was no bad fighting, only a general mix-up that ended when Deputy Sheriff Joe Brown brought his silent cannon into play. At this point interest lagged in the melee and soon things were normal in Trent. Reports that reached here were confusing to an extent but are informed by good authority that the fight was of little consequence. Participants were brought to Merkel late yesterday evening and the usual revenue for fighting assessed against them.

### Whispering Galleries.

Famous whispering galleries are those in the capitol of Washington and in Gloucester cathedral, England. In the former, persons standing 65 feet apart may distinctly hear each other speaking in whispers, and in the latter, the gallery, which is octagonal in form, conveys a whisper across the nave, a distance of 75 feet.—Pathfinder.

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.

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Take a glass of Salts if your Back hurts or Bladder bothers you—Drink more water.

If you must have your meat every day, eat it, but flush your kidneys with salts occasionally, says a noted authority who tells us that meat forms uric acid which almost paralyzes the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken, then you suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sours, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

To neutralize these irritating acids, to cleanse the kidneys and flush off the body's urinous waste get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

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# ZUDORA

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### ON THE LINE OF DEATH

WHAT THE FIGHTERS IN EUROPE ARE SUFFERING.

Correspondent at the Front Tells of Conditions That Prevail in the Trenches—Desolation Marks Path of War.

At the end of the village the road climbed again from the ravine and emerged on open fields. A wall of timber, dark and impenetrable as the woods round an old chateau, rose at the farther end of these fields—the road cutting through it like a tunnel—and on the brow of the ravine, commanding the road and the little plain, was a line of trenches. Here evidently they had fought.

We walked on down the road. Below the northern horizon, where they were fighting now along the line of the Aisne, rolled the sullen thunder of artillery, as it had been rolling since daylight, writes Arthur Ruhl in Collier's Weekly. And the autumn wind, cold with the week of equinoctial rain, puffing out of thickets and across ravines, brought, every now and then, the horrible odor of death.

Ahead, to the right, one caught the glint of French infantry's red trousers. A man was lying there, face downward, on the field. Then across the open space appeared another—and another—they were scattered all over that field, bright as the red poppies which were growing in the stubble and as still.

They were in various positions. One lay on his back, with one knee raised like a man day-dreaming and looking up at the sky. Another was stretched stiff with both hands clenched over his chest. One lay in the ditch close beside us, his head jammed into the muddy bank just as he had dived there in falling; another gripped a cup in one hand and a spoon in the other, as if, perhaps, he might have tried to feed himself in the long hours after the battle rolled on and left them there.

All these were French, but just at the edge of the thick timber was a heap—one could scarcely say of Germans, so utterly did the gray sodden faces and sodden gray uniforms merge into anonymity. A squad of French soldiers appeared at a turn in the road. Two officers rode beside them, and they were just moving off across the fields carrying shovels instead of rifles. Looking after them, beyond the belt of timber, one could see other parties like theirs on the distant slopes to the left, and here and there smoke. Two more French soldiers appeared pushing a wheelbarrow filled with cast-off arms. With the boyish good nature which never seems to desert these little men in red and blue, they stopped and offered us a few clips of German cartridges. They were burying their own men, they said, burning the Germans. The dead had been lying here for nearly a fortnight now while the battle line rolled northward, clear across France. . . . Through the coquettish little towns along the Marne, through the champagne country and the country just west of it, where we now were—everywhere were deserted, perhaps demolished, villages; the silent countryside with dead horses, bits of broken shell, mangled bicycles or artillery wagons along the road; and the tainted autumn wind.

#### An Oriental Meal.

There was nothing in the meal that looked or even tasted like an American dish. The meat, folded up into small squares, was cooked in oriental ways, unknown to American cookery, while the little rice concoctions, rolled up in grapevine leaves, were as delicious as spinach, and the tiny summer squash, filled with an appetizing stuffing, made a pleasing dish. Pastry, cheese and sweets were also different from the customary American delicacies, and, lastly, the great Turkish pipe, with its long smoke-cooling tube filled with Persian tobacco, replaced the American cigar. The bill of fare, written in Arabic, backward, as is the custom with that language, looked like a stenographer's notebook.—National Magazine.

#### Hare Lip Hereditary.

William F. Blades of the Eugenics Record office, Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., is making a special study of hare lip and cleft palate, in which he is carrying on breeding experiments with several hare lip strains of Boston terriers. He finds that both hare lip and cleft palate are highly hereditary in both man and animal, but he has been unable to determine in what way they are inherited. Mr. Blades finds great difficulty in getting reliable statistics, owing to the fact that many persons do their best to conceal slight cases of hare lip and cleft palate, especially if these have been partially or completely remedied by operation.

#### Now Live Fifteen Years Longer.

The average length of life in the United States is 15 years greater now than it was 35 years ago, according to a statement made by Dr. Victor C. Vaughn of the University of Michigan, president of the American Medical association, in an address before the City club at St. Louis.

Crime he characterized as a disease, due to heredity and environment, and the way to eradicate crime was to treat it as a disease and to disinfect its breeding places.

Doctor Vaughn said the death rate from tuberculosis had decreased 54 per cent since 1880.

### TIME'S CHANGES IN ATCHISON

City's Parlor Walls Form a Complete, Comprehensive History of Art, Fully Illustrated.

In a town the size of Atchison it is not necessary to join an art study class to learn the history of art; it is written on the walls of the houses in the town. When an engraving of "Washington Crossing the Delaware" hangs on the wall, and a chromo of a woman with a shawl over her head stares over her left shoulder as though she were making a wish on the new moon, the house is ruled from kitchen to parlor by "mother," and she is between sixty and seventy years of age, and believes in the "old masters."

When Madonnas holding fat babies are on the parlor walls, and highly thin women in red robes tooting bright yellow horns which they hold to their mouths with wooden fingers, the lady of the house adores sacred art and knows how to pronounce Fra Angelico, Bordenhouse, Raphael and the rest. When there is a picture on the wall of a weak-looking boy hanging on the neck of a motherly looking woman, while father and children look on, visitors at the house recognize the art that was born during the Chicago world's fair, and when "Breaking Home Ties" became the rage.

A little later period in the art history of the town is represented by pictures on the parlor walls of a fine, healthy looking young man wearing a monk's habit, with the cowl slipping off from his thick hair. People posted in "art" know that is a picture of Hosea.

When there are pen-and-ink sketches of square-jawed men and tall, bony young women in very low-neck evening dresses the rage of Gibson pictures (now about extinct) is represented.

When there are water-color pictures of girls with pink cheeks, lips puckered up as though ready to be kissed, and colored pictures of a chubby little girl, under which is written "Innocence," with a scattering of funny pictures of gaily colored English ladies and gentlemen climbing in and out of busses, "modern art" is displayed and the presiding genius of the house is a bride, and those pictures were wedding gifts.—Atchison Globe.

#### Animal Actors.

The impression is created by an occasional moving picture of wild animal life that the beasts, in order to force them into poses for the camera, are cruelly treated. Nothing, however, it is said, is farther from the truth. Careful investigation has shown that force is seldom employed and wherever it has been used the film resulting has been unsatisfactory. Ernest A. Dench, a London naturalist, who has made an extensive investigation of this phase of the movie industry, declares that the dumb actors are given every consideration. The thrills experienced by the spectator are the result, in a majority of instances, of the very innocent expedient of placing a piece of meat at a strategic point. The animal leaps for it and the cinematograph records every motion of the leap. The spectator, of course, sees nothing of the meat and concludes that cruelty alone could produce the picture thrown on the screen. "The animals," he concludes, "really have a much easier time than those that appear in trick acts on the stage."

#### Woman Puts Him Wise.

"You talk about disillusionments and breakfast jackets and curl papers," said the man, hanging over the railing of one of the bridges across the bridge path in Central park, "but I defy any woman to look worse than most of her sex do on horseback. And it's all on account of that hideous fashion of hairdressing. What woman is attractive with her hair braided into a tight, wiry braid and turned under or up on top with a string of ribbon, the whole topped by a mannish derby?" His companion, a woman, laughed. "Stupid, don't you know they can't possibly keep their hair up in any other way? The jolting of the horse loosens the coils and one by one the hairpins are strewn along the path until the hair is all tumbled down. Would you rather see a bevy of March winds or Dianas let loose in the park?" "They'd be prettier and you'd tell a man from a woman without straining your eyes, at least," said he.—New York Times.

#### Protecting Wild Beasts.

Protected refuges where the denizens of the wild may dwell and multiply are rapidly increasing in number. The Rockefeller Foundation has purchased a tract of 85,000 acres in Louisiana and placed it under the direction of state authorities. The state already controls a refuge with an area of 13,000 acres, and Mrs. Russell Sage bought and donated Marsh island for the same purpose. In Michigan, it is planned to set aside 200,000 acres as a refuge, while Ohio expects to dedicate 24,000 acres to the service. Illinois is preparing to extend its protected area by new purchases, and in other states of the middle West and the South similar projects are on foot.

#### To Prevent Saw Edges on Collars.

It is well known that the modern mechanical laundry methods are very hard on linen, and collars or cuffs soon have a rough edge which irritates the skin, even though the roughness is scarcely visible to the eye. This can be avoided by running over the edge a small rod having a suitable groove near one end, so as to flatten down the rough edge. A neat Paris device embodies this idea and also another useful one, for the pointed end of the rod serves as a buttonhole opener.

### PARTED BY FATE

By GENE SHEAR.

"He's the very nicest man I know!" mourned the girl with the yellow hair. "And I keep on treating him as though he belonged in the back yard of civilization! It's awful!"

"Are you talking backward?" inquired the girl in the green suit.

"If it keeps on," proceeded the girl with the yellow hair, "I think I shall lose my mind! Some jinx is mixing up my fate—some enemy has hoodwinked me! I tell you, the instant I met Alfred I had a sort of shock. Something told me that here was the man I had been waiting for all my life!"

"I should think so," breathed her friend. "He gets a salary of \$10,000, didn't you say?"

"It was Alfred's personality," indignantly asserted the yellow-haired girl. "I hope you realize I am not mercenary enough to be influenced by anything his cousin may have told me! I could see by his expression that he was a wonderful man. And his silk socks and his tie matched perfectly. I think you can tell so much by those little individualities! Don't you?"

"But listen! Just when I had it all fixed to ride in the same auto with him his cousin called him away to ride in hers to the beach picnic. And then, when I was about to sit beside him at the campfire, one of the men called him away to carry wood, and before he got back Arty Manners had flopped down in his place—and all I could do was give him a sad smile across the blaze. Even that was spoiled, because just as he caught my eye somebody dropped a plate of sandwiches on his head in passing, and nothing annoys a man like being mussed up that way."

"He did call to see me before he went back to New York—and arrived when our living room was full of some ancient relatives, whom we



"I Think I Shall Lose My Mind."

have to be nice to because they own a mine that may pan out well some day—and my total conversation with him consisted of 'Why, how do you do!' and 'Good night!' The rest of the time Uncle Benjamin was explaining to him how to get 80 bushels of potatoes from an acre instead of 40. Alfred is in the wholesale dry goods business, and, of course, was intensely interested in the potatoes.

"He sent me a ten-pound box of candy on my birthday, and I wrote him a perfectly beautiful letter, which he never answered. That was because he never got it. That monogrammed expression of thanks is probably stuck in a mail chute somewhere or is being kept as a perfect example to be used in somebody's next compendium on 'How to Write Elegant Letters.'"

"I know he never got it because the next time he was in Chicago on a business trip he phoned me, and I cleared the matter up. He forgave me at once and asked me to come down for dinner and the theater—and I had already promised Arty Manners, who is absolutely ridiculous as a possible life partner, but very insistent on one's keeping engagements. And it was Alfred's only evening in town! And he couldn't come out for afternoon tea because he had business until five o'clock!"

"A month later Alfred was again in Chicago. He had taken the precaution to write that he was coming and to reserve the afternoon and evening of my time. The morning of that day I fell off the stepladder and sprained my ankle so badly that I was in bed for a week. I couldn't even go to the phone to talk to him! He struck Chicago on his return trip and phoned, asking me to dinner, and I accepted. That afternoon we got a telegram saying that grandmother had died, and we left on the five o'clock train. Why, it's enough to make any man think I was sitting up nights planning how to avoid him!"

The yellow-haired girl beat her hands upon her brow. "Oh!" she moaned. "It's unspeakable! I'm chairman of the banquet given by our college club Thursday night, and unless I die I've got to go! Oh, Alfred, Alfred!"

"Ha! ha!" said her unsympathetic friend. "Excuse me for laughing at anything so sad—but I guess this is when Alfred tears your memory from his heart!"—Chicago Daily News.

# Woodroof Bros'. Great Consolidation Sale Will Close Saturday, April 10th

This has been the greatest success of any sale ever held in Merkel. Our store has been crowded with eager shoppers every minute since the opening of this event. Every person has been greatly pleased with bargains offered. If you fail to avail yourself of the prices we are extending, then you do yourself an injustice.

**OUR GREAT CONSOLIDATION SALE ABSOLUTELY CLOSSES SATURDAY, SO DO NOT NEGLECT THE GREATEST SPRING SELLING CAMPAIGN YET OFFERED IN MERKEL**

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## WOODROOF BROTHERS The Quality Store

### BLAIR

There is a good deal of sickness in this part of the country just now.

Vera Provine is reported on the sick list. Emmet Morris has been out of school since Thursday account of sickness.

The young man that was crippled by falling in the well is improving slowly.

W. L. Meeks sold his farm to R. J. Meeks and has bought land from E. Barnes and is building a new home on the road near Campbell school house.

Born the past week to Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Meeks a girl, to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tittle a boy.

It was announced Sunday there would be an all day service with dinner on the ground at the Blair Baptist church the third Sunday in April. Everybody come and bring dinner with you and there will be plenty.

S. F. Provine was elected school trustee Saturday to succeed E. B. Rains.

### How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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### SHILOH

Rev. Wells of Anson preached at Shiloh Saturday night and Sunday. He will preach at the Shiloh school house each night during the week.

Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy of Noodle attended services at Shiloh Saturday night and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seago.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilner Grayson were Merkel visitors Saturday.

Measrs. Arthur Rogers and Dewey Hayhurst of the Noodle community attended services at Shiloh Saturday night.

Mr. Jones gave his pupils an Easter egg hunt Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

There was a box supper at the

Shiloh school house Friday night.

Miss Leola Coats, teacher of the Shiloh school, and her pupils enjoyed an Easter egg hunt Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson were shopping in Merkel Monday.

Terrell Winters and J. H. Grayson attended the Masonic lodge at Merkel Saturday night.

Mrs. Beavers and daughter, Miss Lida, visited Mrs. Will Walker near Sweetwater creek Friday afternoon.

Sam Seago and Henry Eason of Noodle attended the Easter egg hunt at the Grayson school house Friday afternoon.

There was a party at Roger Grayson's Saturday night.

Nothing so Good for a Cough or Cold

When you have a cold you want the best medicine obtainable so as to get rid of it with the least possible delay. There are many who consider Chamberlain's Cough Remedy unsurpassed. Mrs. J. Boroff, Elida, Ohio, says: "Ever since my daughter Ruth was cured of a severe cold and cough by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy two years ago, I have felt kindly disposed toward the manufacturers of that preparation. I know of nothing so quick to relieve a cough or cure a cold." For sale by all dealers.

### SALT BRANCH

Most everybody is planting cotton and feed in this community. Grain is looking fine.

W. L. Barker and T. C. Allen were in Abilene one day this week on business.

Sollie Wood of near Loraine is here visiting friends and relatives.

P. A. Stone and family of Merkel were visiting C. A. Higgins and family Saturday and Sunday.

There was a baseball team organized at Salt Branch Saturday. Haywood Busby was elected captain.

W. B. Robertson and wife spent Sunday with relatives in the Mt. Pleasant community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. West of near Merkel spent Sunday with W. M. Hays and family.

There will be no singing here Sunday on account of the convention at Abilene.

### Stomach Trouble Cured

Mrs. H. G. Cleveland, Arnold, Pa., writes, "For sometime I suffered from stomach trouble. I would have sour stomach and feel bloated after eating. Nothing benefited me until I got Chamberlain's Tablets. After taking two bottles of them I was cured." For sale by all dealers.

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### NOODLE

Health of the community is good at this writing; only a few have the mumps but they are not causing anyone to suffer very much.

Measmes Eoff and Brannon are visiting relatives and friends in Roscoe this week.

Miss Maude Ferguson, the primary teacher, gave her pupils an Easter egg hunt last Friday afternoon. Each little fellow reports quite an enjoyable time.

A. J. Barbee of Paducah is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Green entertained the young people last Friday evening.

The Easter egg hunt given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ely Sunday afternoon was enjoyed by a number of young folks. There was a prize to be given to the couples that found the golden egg and also to the ones that found the largest number of eggs. The first prize was given to Miss Zelma Bicknell and Floyd Grayson for finding the golden egg, which was a chocolate cake. The second prize was given to Miss Bamma Winter and Odell Herring for finding the largest number of eggs, which was a coconut cake. The cakes were cut and passed to all present.

T. L. Wood attended the teachers' association at Abilene the latter part of last week.

There was quite a number of people from here who were Merkel visitors Saturday.

A number of young people enjoyed a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wasson last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ely of Stith were visiting; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ely Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Blanch Walker of Abilene delivered an interesting lecture at the M. E. church Sunday evening.

T. E. Goode and Walter Witt were elected trustees last Saturday for the coming new term.

Wm. Winter went to Anson Saturday.

Dewey Hayhurst of Wichita Falls is back in our community again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Sadler were visiting their son, L. L. Saddler, the first of the week.

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