

## BURGLAR STEALS 34 CTS AT TRENT

A man giving his name as J. E. Bryant is in jail at Abilene awaiting indictment for burglary of the confectionary store of J. C. Hamner of Trent Tuesday morning of this week.

Information of the burglary was first discovered by Mr. Reeves who was passing the Hamner place when he was attracted by the ringing of the cash register, he watched and saw a man wearing a dark suit and white hat emerge from the place and steal away in the darkness. Mr. Reeves promptly notified Mr. Hamner and Deputy Sheriff Joe Brown and a search was instituted at once.

After searching through the business portion of the town and not finding their man, Messrs. Brown and Hamner drove to the Gravel Pit west of Trent hoping to find the man there waiting to catch a passing train, but they found him fast asleep in the first car they reached on the spur at the Gravel Pit. A search of the party revealed that he had on his person a purse containing some Lincoln pennies and buffalo nickles taken from the Hamner Confectionary and identified by Mr. Hamner as a collection of his.

No other monies were taken as Mr. Hamner took all the other cash from the register on closing the establishment the previous evening.

The man then confessed to breaking into the place and told of having taken some candies to eat. He gave as his reason for turning thief as caused by his inability to secure work and his financially depressed condition, he also told Mr. Hamner that he found a paper in the purse and thinking it might be a check he left it on the counter as he did not want to harm anyone further than to get something to eat. On returning to the place Mr. Hamner found a check for \$13.50 in the place described by Bryant.

Sheriff Brown left for Abilene with the prisoner immediately following his arrest.

## ESTIMATED CROP IS 17,500 BALES

The 1915-16 cotton season for Merkel is fast assuming the semblance of olden days on our streets and the price of the fleecy staple is far more acceptable than the opening price at the beginning of last years season.

Cotton during much of this week has been going at better than nine cents and many people seem to think the prices of the near future will probably advance to a much better mark.

From various parts of the country reports of acreage and conditions have been coming to us until we are tempted to place an estimate on the cotton crop for this year as being at least 17,500 bales. This decrease over the crop of last year is due to the reduction of acreage over the entire Merkel country.

Soon after the beginning of the season of last year we printed an estimate of 20,000 bales for the Merkel country and our town's receipts exceeded that amount by nearly 4,000 bales and while we do not look for our estimate to be raised that much this year it seems reasonably sure that 17,500 mark will be attained.

Plenty bran and cow feed at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

## TO OPEN ELECTRIC SERVICE SEPT. 3

The Brown Independent Gin Co., were making preparations Thursday evening of this week to start their new electrically equipped gin, and proposed to electrically gin a bale of cotton immediately after the ceremonies commemorating the connection of the 24-hour service from Abilene.

The plant is equipped with the Williams Cleaner and New Whitt Electric packer and one of the most desirable features about this new gin is the fact that it will have no whistle. The only way the general public will know of them being out of cotton is to hear a silence from that direction, which fact should be highly interesting to the people in that section of the city.

## 24-HOUR ELECTRIC SERVICE IS HERE

The policy of watchful waiting is a desirable trait of American people, more especially is the citizenship of Merkel in general endowed with this sterling principle.

But their faithfulness is now awarded in one way and the long looked for continuous electric service is at the disposal of our people. The Hi-Line from Abilene was connected up Thursday morning and immediate preparations were made for the christening event and electric demonstration.

## PRESBYTERIANS ADD 25 TO CHURCH ROLL

During the last two Sundays the additions to the Presbyterian Church has numbered twenty-five and the increase in general attendance of the Sunday School has been greatly augmented.

A report of the comparative increases in membership and attendance of last Sunday over Sunday one year ago should have appeared in this weeks issue but our failure to get accurate records from all the congregations prohibited the comparative statement.

### Leaves for California

Rob Beasley left last week for Calexico, Calif., where he will visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Beasley and from there he will sight see in Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco Salt Lake and at other points before returning home.

During most of the time Mr. Beasley is away he will spend it with his parents in the lower part of the Imperial Valley at Calexico, the town which suffered greatest from the California earthquake several months ago.

### No Hunting or Fishing

All parties caught hunting or fishing on either of my places will be prosecuted. One is 4 miles north-west of Merkel and the other is near Noodle on the river.

C. J. Douglass. 3t2pd.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the people of Merkel for their kindness to us at the death of our son and brother.

L. W. Pribble and family.

Plenty bran and cow feed at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

## CONDITION OF ROADS LEADING TO THE DIVIDE COUNTRY GROWS INTOLERABLE

Divide Farmers Prefer Merkel as a Trading Point But Cannot Reach Our Town With Heavy Loads of Farm Products. Are Forced to go to Sweetwater.

Hyrum Phillips one of the most successful farmers of the Divide community was in town Wednesday with his family and while in the city was asked what he thought of the conditions of the roads leading to the divide as having an effect of -Merkel cotton and grain going to Sweetwater and in answer said in part:

"Practically every farmer of the divide had rather trade at Merkel than at Sweetwater but conditions of the late have forced us away from your town, while I myself have been unable to bring much of my products here for sale when I would have been glad to do so if the roads leading to Merkel would have been in good condition. In going to Sweetwater we have good roads and thousands of bushels of grain have gone that should have come to Merkel this year and loads and loads of cotton will go there this fall for no other reason than the farmers cannot pull the loads into this place when they have good roads into Sweetwater. In working the roads from the Divide to Merkel I feel that many farmers of that section would be willing to aid financially in working the roads to Merkel if we could but only get the proper co-operation. The worst road, and the most logical one to repair is what is known as the Sand Route. If this road was properly worked even then Merkel could expect to derive more business from the Divide country and it would be better to devote time to this route than to work the Red Hill route from the reason that wet weather makes it impossible for heavy loads to be pulled up that steep grade even if the road is in fair condition. In conclusion I feel reasonably sure that farmers of the Divide will assist in working this missing link between Merkel and the Divide Trade and will personally assist in raising of funds for this purpose and to show that I prefer coming to Merkel instead of going to Sweetwater I will give \$10.00 toward immediate action on this specific proposition. We people of the Divide are ready to co-operate when the people of Merkel and Nubia will meet us."

The Mail has fought for good roads every time such has ever come up and we are still for them and to take advantage of what we should we suggest that the Merchants of this city meet immediately and raise funds for this purpose. The Mail is willing to meet Mr. Phillips on half way ground and to give \$10.00 toward working the road to the Divide.

## MISS CHAMBLESS OVER HUNDRED IS PIANO WINNER JOIN M. E. CHURCH

Miss Altha Chambless was winner of the first prize given by the Anchor Mercantile last week.

The total vote for Miss Chambless was 34,140,055. The next nearest opponent was Mrs. Houston Robertson, nee Miss Hogg who won second prize in the contest with a total vote of 28,072,045. The second prize was a ladies \$25.00 gold watch. Other prize winners in the contest were Miss Grace Garvin, Miss Essie Doan, Miss Dixie Duncan, Miss Cora Hayes, and Miss Stella Goode.

### Wagon and Trading Yard

Stop at the Boney Wagon Yard when in town and see me for trades in mules and horses. And also standing a jersey bull. S. S. Brandon Mgr., old Boney Wagonyard. 3t2pd

### For Sale

My Blacksmith shop and dwelling house at Nubia. B. H. Riney 3t4pd

## TO PREACH TO THE YOUNGER PEOPLE

Rev. L. B. Owen, pastor of the Baptist church will deliver a special sermon Sunday at eleven o'clock to which he especially invites the young people to be present to hear.

Rev. Owen states that often sermons are allowed to follow the same channel and for this reason at times fail to especially interest the young people and for this reason he will devote Sunday morning services especially to a sermon for the young man and young lady.

During the last two Sundays there have been twenty three additions to the church according to a report given, thirteen were by baptism and ten by letter.

## WORK GOING ON NEW SCHOOL BLDG.

Work on the new Public School Building is being rushed by the contractors Dalton & Wafford with all possible speed and while it will be impossible to open the Merkel school term at the usual date, weather conditions alone will be the only thing to keep them from having the building ready for occupation in time for much school work to be done before the holidays.

Delays of various nature have materially hindered the progress on the new building but all these obstacles seem to have been gotten out of the way now and every thing is moving along nicely.

## TO OPEN SUPPLY ROOM HERE TODAY

The Merkel Auto Co., of which H. M. Warren is manager will open for business today in the corner building opposite the Farmers State Bank.

Mr. Warren states that a complete line and supplies for automobiles will be carried as well as special repairs for Ford cars. The company will act as local agents for the Ford and Chalmers automobiles and will carry a complete line of electrical supplies and light fixtures for retail trade.

### Loses Speech

G. W. Johnson returned from Sweetwater the first of the week suffering greatly with a throat trouble and up until Thursday morning had not been able to speak in an audible tone of voice.

Mr. Johnson had been having some trouble recently with his throat but the attack that derived him of his speech was very sudden and severe.

### Birth Announcement Received

Thomas Henry has come to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Crouch. Born Aug. 26th, 1915.

The above announcement was received the early part of this week by Merkel friends announcing the first born of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Crouch of Douglas, Ariz.

### Moves Here From Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Roarh and family of Abilene have moved to Merkel, occupying the Dr. Warnick residence they recently purchased.

T. L. Grimes who has been occupying the Warnick home will reside hereafter on Elm street.

Fresh meal at G. M. Sharps.

## TWO NEGROES ARE BURNED AT STAKE

Sulphur Springs, Aug. 19.—Two negroes, King and Joe Richmond, one of whom had been shot and killed during a battle with officers, were burned at the stake in Buford's Park here about 5 o'clock this afternoon by a mob of several hundred men and boys. The burning was the culmination of an all-day search that began early this morning following the killing of Deputy Sheriff Nathan A. Flippin and the wounding of Sheriff J. B. Butler.

Officers early today went to a settlement about nine miles south of here to arrest King Richmond on a minor charge. The negro resisted arrest and, with his brother, taking the officers by surprise, shot Deputy Flippin in the forehead, killing him instantly. Both then directed their fire at Sheriff Butler. He was shot in the forehead and arm and then beaten into insensibility. He was struck over the head with heavy pistols and his skull fractured. The negroes then made their escape.

Word of the killing soon spread and practically all men and boys of Hopkins county were in arms searching the the bottoms for the negroes. Officers and posses from other counties also joined in the search.

The fugitives were located in the woods about eight miles south of here this afternoon and surrounded by the officers and armed posse in that section. A pitched battle followed, in which one of the negroes was killed and the other seriously wounded. Officers were in the minority in the crowd that had surrounded the negroes and they were unable to cope with the mob spirit that developed.

Reports from the bedside of Sheriff Butler tonight are to the effect that he has a fighting chance to recover.

## MILITIA FORMED AT KINGSVILLE

Kingsville, August 30.—Citizens here today completed the organization of a full company of militia for protection against the Mexican raiders.

All of the members of the company have been armed and are ready to fight the Mexicans the moment they cross the border line into the state. The Citizens propose that the raiders shall commit no more depredations on property, and endanger lives.

### Kharkov Wheat for Sale

All who have contracted for the extra fine Kharkov wheat will please arrange to get same at once. Will have about 100 bu. more to dispose of at \$1.50 per bushels. This is genuine Kharkov wheat under number of 1583 from the Department of Agriculture at Washington. H. D. Simpson, Trent, Texas. 3t2pd

### Insured Mail Service

Effective Sept. 1st, fourth class mail may be insured against loss in any amount up to \$100.00, the rate ranging from 3 cents insurance on a package worth \$5.00 to 25 cents a package worth \$100.00.

Tell your husband to look at Woodroof's new fall suits. The noted Hart-Shaffner & Marx line.

See J. A. Duckett's 5 and 10 cents counters for bargains.



If you want a Dependable Connection, where Safety is the First Consideration, open an account with this Bank  
 Every member of our force wants to do something for you **Call on us**  
**GUARANTY FUND BANK**

## Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas

### MERKEL LADY TELLS OF GULF STORM

Merkel, Route 4, Aug. 31, Editor of the Mail:

I am glad to say that our experiences during the Galveston storm would not by any stretch of imagination make a "Thriller" nor could its exclusive publication possibly constitute a "scoop." Inexcusable though it be to come through such a scene of danger and death and bring for our own experience only the common place. Still it is a fact that we had no harrowing experiences and no hair breadth escapes.

"Why did you not leave"? So many friends have asked me. We arrived in Galveston on Saturday and to leave on Monday was not in our plans and besides I placed but little more credence in the forecast of a storm than I do in the prophecies of rain in west Texas that seldom ever materialize. And again, there was the Gulf, it is not very easy to leave that. To watch it on such a "rampage" was a fascination, a chance that would perhaps not come again. That illimitable stretch of trembling water, the roaring waves as they dashed high above the seawall, the spray that flew from their crest like rain, made a picture whose grandeur will not be forgotten. Many people left who regarded the warning more seriously than we did. A party left the hotel some time after midnight Sunday night and our landlady packed a suit case in readiness for a flight to the postoffice in whose trustworthiness she seemed to have special faith. With daylight however people seemed to rest easier, the morning was cloudy but pleasant and I sat on the edge of the sea wall and wrote cards and letters and watched men who were trying to tow some large logs that had drifted in and were being pounded by the heavy waves against the piles on which the Murdock Bathhouse stood. It was like watching a battle between pigmies and giants, so utterly would the big waves overwhelm them, but they finally succeeded in drifting some of them out from the building.

About ten o'clock I went to the Rosenberg Library and read awhile and during the time I was there rain began falling, taking advantage of a slackened spell in the rain about 12 o'clock I caught a car and went back to the hotel where my husband was asleep. By this time the water in the Gulf was higher than it was in the morning but the wind was not blowing as hard as it often blows here in a "norther." Soon after 4 o'clock the waves were coming higher and the street cars had stopped running, some parties at our hotel had already taken advantage of the warning

however and made their way from the city. No response could be gotten from the central power station as to what was the trouble with the cars. A man came along with an open wagon drawn by one horse and offered to take some of the people to the depot but it was pouring rain and the people refused to take advantage of his offer. About this time the police patrol came by taking people from the beach, carrying them to the Library where they spent the night. By five o'clock it could easily be seen that the storm was rapidly becoming worse and when the police patrol came our way the next time we gladly took a proffered ride down town to the Tremont hotel, one of the buildings that had withstood the 1900 storm. Chatting groups soon filled the lobby of the hotel and many people, mostly women, hurrying along the streets were blown down. Water began to rise over the sidewalks and soon was pouring over the marble floor of the lobby, as we started up the stairs the electric lights dimmed and instantly went out. The crowds were quit and philosophical and apparently had faith that the Tremont could stand the storm and there was but little noticeable excitement during the night, even when fire broke out nearby and added a still greater menace of tragedy. Most of the people gathered on the lower floors and the air became stale, nearby a woman fainted and also a man whose wife was at home in some part of the city with a one day old baby, he having come to town to get some medicine and was unable to get home.

The water gradually rose until it was three feet deep in the lobby of the hotel and the few people who came in were soaking wet. Awhile before day some one said the water had fallen four inches but there was no appreciable lessening of the wind. At daylight the wind was still blowing a gale and rain was still falling. Once the wind lessened and the rain let up for a few minutes, men began to wade out through the water and bring in bottles of milk for the babies or anything else they could find. We had no supper and my husband started out on a foraging expedition, in spite of his new shoes. He got a box of shredded wheat for bread and some tins of sardines and deviled ham and sitting on the floor we enjoyed the morning meal in company with the landlady of our former hotel and a little stenographer from Dallas, a pocket knife and a borrowed spoon constituted our silverware.

It was late in the afternoon of Tuesday before we could leave the hotel and we saw autos half buried in the streets with sand and it is unnecessary to describe the wreckage for the story of it has been in all the papers. On

**Firestone**  
**Non-Skid Tires**

The great bulk and mighty grip of the Firestone Non-Skid tread is a vital test of the holding power behind it. The exclusive way this extra power of body is built-in to support the extra tread explains why Firestone service gives—  
**Most Miles per Dollar**

G. F. WEST CO.

going back to town Wednesday we found people raking the mud from their places of business and barrels of all sorts of vegetables soaked and souring everywhere on the sidewalks, all sorts of pretty things in the show windows everywhere were ruined. "Ise not er givine ter do hard wok but Ise er goin ter have my own price foh it," said a passing black, and that seemed to be the attitude of many. The wrecked Casino stretched across the street to the door of the hotel in which we were stopping and on Wednesday a group of workmen in a very leisurely and desultory manner threw the wreckage to one side and shoveled the sand from the street car tracks, alternating their labor with periods of resting and talking and at five o'clock dropped their shovels and left. This last act was under obedience to the rules of the union, but it seemed to be an unexcusable waste of time. We decided to leave the city Friday and went to the wharf where people were filling the boats as fast as they came in from Texas City. Flying rumors said that if we went we would be held up at Texas City for a Kings ransom (more or less) before an auto would take us to some other point. Finally a man, who had a friend, whose cousin's uncle had come from Texas City, said a train was running from that point so we took the next boat. The water for miles was apparently covered with oil from the large storage tanks that had been wrecked at Texas City, and as we came up the bay, we could see many vessels far out on the land, one large English freight

steamer was on the beach close to the waters edge.

Leaving Texas City we passed through a country of stench and desolation. Drowned horses, cattle, hogs and chickens, household goods of all descriptions, wrecks and parts of houses were all along the railroad as far as we could see on either side. So ended our experience in Galveston.

This article is already much longer than I meant for it to be and still it is just a little sketch with endless eliminations, for necessarily in a place where so much was happening there were many incidents both humorous and pathetic. In many ways and at various times during the storm we were peculiarly fortunate for which I am truly thankful to the God of the sunshine and the storm.

Mrs. B. N. Billingsley,  
 Route 4.

Messrs. Smith Grey and son-in-law, Mr. King arrived here Saturday from Deport having made the trip through the country in wagons and advised us that they experienced muddy roads over the entire route. Mr Gray will return to Deport at present and Mr. King will remain here in charge of Merkel property the former has purchased.

Wednesday was Trent Day in Abilene, a large part of the citizenship of the town being called there either as witnesses or otherwise connected with court matters.

**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.

### J. H. Counts Died Suddenly

Joel H. Counts, age 70 years six months and eight days, and for the past eighteen years one of the most prominent citizens of Merkel died very suddenly Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock at a ranch house three miles south of Roscoe where he had been for some time looking after some stock he had in that section.

Mr. Counts had been to Roscoe the afternoon prior to his death and transacted business as usual, he suffered a short faint Monday night just before he retired but on reviving seemed to be normal and little was known of approaching death from heart failure until the end had come.

Born in Missouri, he moved to Texas when a small boy and was married at the age of 24 years. He lived in Brown and Erath counties until his residence here, and reared a family of nine children who survive him in addition to his present wife, the mother of the last four children named below:

R. E. Counts of this city; H. H. Counts of Yuma, Ariz; Mrs. W. A. Daugherty, Knoxville, Tenn; Mrs. Mary Gass, Ringgold, Texas; Mrs. W. T. Randell, Anson, Texas; Mrs. T. E. Maxwell, Seattle, Wash; Mrs. Victor Harris of this city; H. E. Counts of Arizona and Earnest C. Counts of Seattle, Wash.

The deceased had been a member of the Baptist church for over fifty years. Funeral services were conducted at 3:30 at the home of Mrs. Victor Harris of this city on Wednesday afternoon by Rev. L. B. Owen and burial was given the body immediately afterward in Rose Hill Cemetery.

### HEAVY MEAT EATERS HAVE SLOW KIDNEYS

Eat less meat if you feel Backachy or have bladder trouble—Take glass of Salts.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which excites the kidneys, they become overworked from the strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poisons from the blood, then we get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, stop eating meat and get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast and in a few days your kidneys will 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 the kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.

**Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure.**  
 The worst cases, no matter how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

### BUYS TRENT STORE FROM R. H. REAVES

G. E. Comegys proprietor of the Star Store at this place and also owner of the Star Store at Clyde closed a deal with R. H. Reaves of Trent this week in which Mr. Comegys and son J. C. Comegys became the owners of the Reaves stock of General Merchandise of Trent.

The new acquisition of our Merkel merchants will also be known as the Star Store and will be under the management of Hayden Turner who is now in charge of the business. Assisting Mr. Turner will also be W. C. Ayres also of this city and Miss Geta Beckham of Trent.

### IT IS ALL FREE TO THE MERKEL FARMERS

We have gone to the expense of advertising our labor exchange to cotton pickers who come to Merkel and when the farmers of the Merkel country are in need of any farm assistance of any kind they should phone us their wants. We will endeavor to find jobs for any person wanting work in the Merkel country if work is to be found and there will be absolutely no charges for our services.

If you are in need of a hand or hands just phone us and if you see any person wanting work send them to us and we will do our best to get them a job. E. Rogers Grocer.

### 10 Cent Cotton

Wanted on Pianos, Organs, Singer Sewing Machines and old notes.

E. D. Coats. 3tf

### Advertised Letters.

Barrow, Whit  
 Burwick, Jim  
 Lewis, William  
 Madison, J. E.  
 Prestidge, Suvilla  
 Reeder, Audrey  
 Williams, Fasma  
 Washburn, Mamie

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Sept. 11th.

H. C. Williams, P. M.  
 Merkel, Texas.

### Card of Thanks

Those who so kindly lended their assistance during any illness on in the burial of our husband and father have our love and deepest appreciation. Mrs. J. M. C. King and children.

### Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

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

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Banner of Colorado were here Sunday visiting the formers parents. The following Monday Mrs. Banner left for Abilene to visit her father Mr. Moore before returning to her home.



# New Milliner Parlor

Announcement to My Customers and Ladies of The Merkel Country

My new Fall Minninery Showing will be on full display, in connection with the J. P. Sharp Store, by to-morrow and you are invited and requested to call and inspect my line at the earliest possible date.

## Miss Lizzie Mae Freemon

MILLINER, at J. P. SPARP'S

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. A. Duckett sells it for less.  
Mrs. F. A. Polly of Noodle visited Mrs. R. D. Tyler Monday.  
Cretonne collars cuffs at Woodroof Bros.  
Miss Maude Burgess of Abilene visited Miss Callie Lou Owen this week.  
Fine brown sugar for making preserves and sweet pickles. Bob Martin Grocery Co.  
Mrs. George West visited her sister, Mrs. B. A. Cox, in Abilene Sunday.  
Mrs. Jno. Daniels of near Pecos visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniels this week.  
Save money by buying your cotton sack Duck from J. A. Duckett.

Mrs. J. D. Pannel of Comanche visited Mrs. J. L. Banner the past week.  
New cretonne, a beautiful dress material at Woodroof's store.

Miss Louise Schmidt of Abilene visited Mrs. W. H. Dickson and other friends here this week.

Fine brown sugar for making preserves and sweet pickles. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Miss Leah Wagnon of Brownwood visited Miss Maxie Banner the past week.

Wool taffeta, new shades and designs for ladies fall dresses at Woodroof Bros.

Miss Annie Sutton of Bonham has returned to her home after visiting Mrs. Templeton.

Mrs. W. E. Weed is in Abilene this week visiting the family of J. T. Weed.

J. A. Duckett will save you money. He says the Price is The Thing.

Miss Maud Burgees of Abilene returned to her home Wednesday after a short visit with Miss Callie Lou Owen.

Mrs. R. E. Smothers of El Paso came in the first of the week to visit her uncle, J. W. Teaff of Route 1.

Cotton scales at J. A. Duckett's at bargain place.

Miss Gladys Coggin returned to her home in El Paso Wednesday after visiting Mrs. O. W. Williams and other friends here.

Misses Dorothy and Kathleen Allen of Honey Grove who have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. Alice Templeton, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Holcomb and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson for a few days the first of the week.

Miss Claire Tate of Abilene visited Mrs. W. H. Dickson the first of the week.

### Program for Week of Sept. 6-11

#### COZY AIR DOME

**Monday, Sept. 6th.**  
"Old Peg Leg's Will"  
2 part Bison  
"Taking the Measure"  
Nestor Comedy, 5 and 10 c

**Tuesday, Sep. 7th.**  
"For the Commonwealth," a Who Pays Master Picture. Complete in 3 Parts  
5 and 10c  
Shows at 7:40 and 8:45

**Wednesday, Sep. 8th.**  
"In Jungle Wilds," a 2 Part Bison  
"The Fox Trot Craze," Sterling Comedy  
5 and 10c

**Thursday, Sept. 9th.**  
"Wm. J. Burns, the Greatest Living Detective" in the Celebrated "Philadelphia \$5,000,000.00 Counterfeit Mystery."  
A World Film in 5 Parts  
5 and 10c  
Shows at 7:40 and 8:45

**Friday, Sept. 10th.**  
"The Heart of Lincoln," 3 Part Gold Seal Special. 5 and 10c

**Saturday, Sep. 11th**  
Good Universal Program  
4 Reels 5 and 10c  
Shows 7:40 and 8:45

#### THE COZY

### NOTICE FARMERS

We will commence Ginning Friday September 3rd. Bring us your cotton. Satisfaction Guaranteed. NOT HOW FAST, BUT HOW GOOD. Brown Independent Gin Co. The New Gin.

Messrs J. B. Cooper and T. A. Patillo of Murfreesboro, Tenn., are here for a short visit with J. B. Ford and family of the Stith community. Mr. Cooper is related to Mr. Ford and on his return home from a visit to the Panama Pacific Exposition decided to pay this section of the country a visit and spend a short time with Mr. Ford whom he had not seen in several years.

Mrs. W. A. Scott left for Abilene Wednesday where the family will make their home during the coming winter. Mr. Scott will retain his business connection here however and will be in the city most of the time, only moving his family away in order to have full advantages of a nine months school.

T. S. Caton, banker of Detroit has been here this week looking over the Merkel country in quest of desirable farm property

Mrs. H. S. Osburn of Abilene returned to her home Monday having spent several days here visiting her brother, T. E. Nordike of the Home Bakery.

G. E. Comegys is in Dallas this week making fall and winter purchases for his gents furnishing store at this place.

Mrs. W. H. SoRelle left Wednesday for Durant to visit her daughter Mrs. Mackey.

Mrs. John Little of Cisco was here Tuesday and Wednesday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis and son E. M. of Abilene were here Sunday visiting the formers Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ellis.

### NO TIME WASTED

Prompt Action is Pleasing Many Merkel Citizens.

Get down to the cause of everything. Bad backs are frequently caused by weak kidneys. Help the kidneys to get rid of kidney backache.

Doan's Kidney Pills are for the kidneys only. No time wasted trying to cure other troubles.

Merkel people endorse their merit. T. J. King, Kent St., Merkel, says: "I didn't know that my kidneys were causing my back to ache until a neighbor told me to use Doan's Kidney Pills, saying that my kidneys were the cause of the complaint. My back ached nearly all the time and even when lying down, it bothered me. I used Doan's Kidney Pills and the discomfort left. Two boxes cured me."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. King had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. 2712

J. D. Boring returned from Fort Worth the first of the week where he has been for some time. His condition is much improved from what it was when he went away.

Misses Myrtis Huffaker and Maude Jinkens were guests of Mrs. Jno. Bryson near Noodle the first of the week.

Mrs. Lester Ellis and little son of Abilene were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ellis the latter part of last week.

Mrs. A. M. McCright was in Abilene Wednesday visiting relatives.

### A WORD FOR MOTHERS

It is a grave mistake for mothers to neglect their aches and pains and suffer in silence—this only leads to chronic sickness and often shortens life.

If your work is tiring; if your nerves are excitable; if you feel languid, weary or depressed, you should know that Scott's Emulsion overcomes just such conditions.

It possesses in concentrated form the very elements to invigorate the blood, strengthen the tissues, nourish the nerves and build strength.

Scott's is strengthening thousands of mothers—and will help you. No alcohol. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The Price is the Thing. J. A. Duckett.

Miss Mattie Paylor is in the city the guest of friends.

Buy your groceries at G. M. Sharps.

C. A. Mattingley was among the county court visitors Monday

For sewing see C. B. Smith or phone 244. Nov. 1

Arthur Browning of Dallas was in the city the first of the week.

Corn and Corn chops at G. M. Sharps.

Owen Edwards of Midland is here visiting his brother Wesley Edwards.

Miss Verna Hogon was in Abilene the first of the week visiting friends.

Eat Bryan's hamburgers and get them next door to the City Meat Market. Pd

O. M. Coggin of El Paso came in Sunday afternoon for a short business stay.

H. D. Simpson of Trent and sister, Mrs. N. E. Kellow were in the city Monday.

Mrs. R. B. Smother of El Paso came in the first of the week to visit her uncle J. W. Teaff.

Penny & Son will receive their big casing Vulcanizer in a few days. Bring in your casing and they will do you a first class job of repairing. In the Coats building. It

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cozart left Tuesday for Amarillo where they will be for several months.

Mrs. C. E. Whittaker was in Abilene the first of the week visiting her sister Mrs. Fred Wood.

Mrs. H. M. Morris of Wayland who has been here visiting her sister Mrs. W. V. Cranford has returned to her home.

Miss Mamie Moore returned Monday from a two weeks visit with her aunt Mrs. R. E. Kunze of Fort Worth.

If you have a fine watch or clock that needs repair take it to L. H. Penny he can fix it. Striking watches and chronographs a specialty. In the Coats Building. It

Mrs. L. H. Burfiend of Big Springs came in last week to visit her mother, Mrs. L. M. Burfiend of route 3.

Mrs. W. R. Walker of Abilene was in the city the first of the week. She was accompanied home by Miss Sussie Penn.

Miss Gladys Coggin returned to her home at El Paso Tuesday afternoon, having spent several weeks here with friends.

Mrs. M. E. Armstrong of Fort Worth who has been here for sometime visiting the family of Dr. Armstrong returned to her home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eoff left Monday for Winters, Coleman and Temple where they will visit relatives during the next six or seven weeks.

Fresh car Seymour Flour at G. M. Sharps.

W. L. Harkrider has been spending most of this week in Abilene as a member of the grand jury now in session with Judge Blanton's court.

Mrs. C. R. Osborn returned to Abilene Monday after a weeks stay with her cousin Mrs. John Boden who accompanied Mrs. Osborn on her return to Abilene.

R. B. and A. G. King of Melissa returned to their home Monday morning, having been called here to attend the funeral of their brother Dr. J. M. C. King.

We have already received three or four shipments of lady's new fall suits and also a beautiful line of childrens wash and serge dresses. W. L. Harkrider.

# FALL OF 1915

WE can hardly realize that another Fall is close to hand. Grain and cotton has been selling all the year; in fact, our books have never been clear of these two accounts this year. While the cotton crop does not promise all that it should, the good rain will doubtless make the yield satisfactory. Even without more rain we see wonderful possibilities for this country.

There are some aspects of the commercial and industrial situation that are not just as we would have them, yet we feel that we have before us at least one full year of prosperity and progress.

## We Want To Be OF SERVICE

TO the people of this community and while the collecting season will soon be here, we are in position to make loans freely and we invite our friends and the public to call on us. We have ample facilities for caring for your affairs in such a way as will prove mutually satisfactory and profitable. Deposit your cotton tickets with us and if you need funds before you sell, call on us.

We are thankful to our old customers who have been so loyal to this Bank through all the years, and we invite new accounts, assuring satisfactory service.

## F. & M. National Bank

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier



**MERKEL**  
 GOOD HOMES, GOOD SCHOOLS,  
 GOOD CHURCHES, GOOD PEOPLE,  
 THE CITY TO LIVE IN,  
 THE CITY TO INVEST IN

THE MERKEL COUNTRY,  
 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,  
 GOOD HEALTH FOR THE OLD MAN,  
 EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POOR MAN,  
 INVESTMENTS FOR THE RICH MAN,  
 PROSPERITY FOR ALL.

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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.

### GOV. CAMPBELL IN DEFENSE OF HIS TAX RATES.

In so far as Governor Campbell sought to prove, in his speech at Sherman, that he practiced economy during the four years he was the Chief Executive of this State, The News is in perfect agreement with him. Like his predecessors and like his immediate successor, he practiced economy with passionate earnestness, and to the degree that becomes parsimony. It is largely because parsimony has so long been the policy of Governors of Texas that Governor Ferguson has found it necessary to approve appropriations which require an unprecedentedly high tax rate for the time being. Governor Campbell would have it both ways. He would prove both that he was more economical than any of his predecessors and than any of his successors, and also that he was, if not more generous, at least as generous in his treatment of all the State institutions as his predecessors and successors. Both propositions can not be true to the degree that he would have it appear, they are in conflict. His claim to pre-eminence as an economist can be granted only by invalidating his claim to superlative generosity in his treatment of the State institutions.

It is the second of these contradictory claims that The News finds itself unable to admit. Instead of being generous in his treatment of all the State institutions, he was niggardly with some of them. Instead of keeping all the State's property in a thorough state of repair, he suffered the deterioration which was far advanced when he became Governor to continue. As an instance of the first-named kind, the case of the Blind Institute at Austin may be cited. That the buildings of this institution were in an advanced state of decay, that they had become literally firetraps, indeed, was as notoriously a fact at the time Governor Campbell was Governor as it was at the time Governor Colquitt was Governor. Nevertheless, neither he nor Governor Colquitt did anything to take the State's blind wards out of those firetraps, but, on the contrary, each rather confirmed their danger by increasing the State's investment in wasteful repairs. The sensible, the economical and the patriotic thing to do was to take the blind wards of the State out of those firetraps at the earliest possible moment. It has remained for Governor Ferguson to do this, and it is partly because he has had the courage which his predecessors lacked that the expenditures for the first year of his Administration are so much heavier than during any of the years of Governor Campbell's Administration. To give but a single other instance of like kind, Governor Campbell vetoed appropriations for buildings at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, provision for which has since been made and becomes nominally a charge against the record of a successor, whereas in reality and in justice some part of these expenditures is chargeable to the Administration of Governor Campbell. —Dallas News.

The above portion of a lengthy editorial in the Dallas News of Tuesday is calculated, and no doubt will be one extremely hard for Ex-Governor Campbell to refute.

### AFFIANCED.

There was once a young lady who asked a druggist for 15 cents worth of spirits of aromatic kimona, and another who asked for a dime worth of puncture of iodine and another who when sent town for powdered borax asked for powdered bullets, but the Merkel young lady who was telling how she scrambled the chicken beats them all.

### PASTED PARAGRAPHS

#### PREMATURE.

The Chadbys have a little son.  
 They haven't named him yet, you know,  
 Although they have decided on  
 The college to which he shall go.  
 —Birmingham Age-Herald.

Perhaps the Chadbys are like us  
 In being almost wholly bent  
 On bringing up the little cuss  
 So he can be the president.  
 —Youngstown Telegram.

Or maybe they are using time  
 Out of the precious hours of life  
 In trying to find someone with  
 A daughter fit to be his wife.  
 —Houston Post.

Or yet again the reason why  
 They haven't named the bloke  
 Is that they're picking out the brand  
 Of cigarettes he'll smoke.  
 —Commercial Appeal.

No doubt the Chadbys would select  
 Percy, for the youngsters name.  
 Only, they are afraid he wouldn't fit  
 A gold headed walking cane.

#### JUDGE CORLEY A WONDER.

Those who listened to the address of Judge Quentin D. Corley of Dallas at the Tabernacle here a short time ago were well paid for their time.

Judge Corley is a wonder of vim-vigor and vitality, having overcome physical difficulties that would force 999 men out of a thousand to the curb for alms. He is truly a wonder.

Texas is the greatest cattle-raising State in the Union, but it seems that Ohio has it beaten in the breeding of "all-purpose" animals. Witness this advertisement which appeared in the Cincinnati Enquirer a few days ago:

FOR SALE:—One yearling shorthorn bull and two milch cows, each giving 4 gallons of milk a day.—Alva St. John, Cedarville, Ohio.  
 Can you beat it?—Dallas Journal.  
 Not today.—Fannin County Favorite.  
 Neither can we, but we pass it up to the Abilene Reporter.

If Billy Sunday does as much in Dallas as Dr. McIntosh did in Merkel, then Billy will have to go some. Billy only got 10,000 converts in Philadelphia but if he hits it up to the tune McIntosh set he will have a record in Dallas of 17,500.

Out of ninety two cases filed for district court, thirty-five were divorce cases.—Taylor County Vidette.

There would be less family troubles in your midst if your good people moved to Merkel.

Newspapers are crying out about the German financial condition but the exchange on German money speaks differently, how about John Bull though.

We now arise in the words of the Memphis Commercial Appeal to the raincrow by saying, "Shoo along ol' bird, yu done wo' out yo' welcome".

If the English pound keeps dropping in value it will get on a par with Taylor county cotton where it should have been years ago.

The Commercial Appeal says the Texas Rangers want the range narrowed down, as the Mexs are getting too alfired previous.

Between the war times and tropical storms we haven't been scratched but if the boll weevils get too close it will time to call a halt.

Do you make your dollars in Merkel? That so? Well, suppose you spend them at the same place.

Bryan said to Wilson, "God Bless You" and Villa used a different paraphrase entirely.

The rain crow hasn't slighted us in the least for over two years.

Just two days old?

## TWO LETTERS

COTE PIANO MANUFACTURING CO.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

August, 23rd, 1915.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Information has reached us that some one has stated that Mr. E. D. Coats, of Merkel, Texas, does not buy his pianos from us direct. This statement is made to correct that false report.

Mr. E. D. Coats buys his pianos from the Cote Piano Mfg. Co. and has for years. He is one of our old time honored customers, and buys his pianos as close as any dealer in the country, and he gets the best instruments that we manufacture. We appreciate his patronage and do for him all that is in our power. Any statement by any of his competitors or anyone else to the contrary, is false and is not worthy of the consideration of business people, nor those who LOVE THE TRUTH.

The writer has been the Western Manager embracing a territory of 14 middle Western States for a number of years, he is an old time Texan, he knows Mr. Coats personally and is glad to make this statement.

Respectfully

EA-JM

COTE PIANO MFG. CO.

By E. Armstrong, Manager

WESSELL, NICKEL & GROSS

NEW YORK

August 23, 1915

Mr. E. D. Coats, Merkel, Texas.

Dear Sir: Your favor of the 19th inst. received. The Pianos "Hoffman" and "Warner" are instruments not known to us and we presume them to be stencils. We feel convinced that the salesman misrepresented the facts, for we make no Actions for stencil pianos nor for cheap instruments; in fact our prices are prohibitive for such purpose.

Your letter gives us no information as to the source of these pianos. If you will advise us by whom and where they are made we will make a full investigation.

Our Actions have stamped on them our trade-mark on Main Rail in front near Bass Bracket, as illustrated on our letter head and on back of envelope containing this correspondence. We remain,

Yours truly,

Dict. M.

WESSELL, NICKEL & GROSS

M. A. Cleapel.

## TO THE MERKEL PUBLIC

I have two reasons for having the above letters published. First, is to let the purchasing public know that I buy from manufacturers direct and that I handle a high-grade piano at a reasonable profit. And second, to show the public that they are being misled by salesmen claiming to sell the Wessell, Nickel & Gross action in Hoffman and Warner pianos.

The first letter is evidence that I buy direct from the manufacturers, and the second letter shows that the purchase of the Hoffman and Warner pianos is like buying a 21-jewel Elgin movement and getting an Ingersol. I purchase good pianos from reliable factories, I do not pay rent on my building, I have no expense of traveling salesmen and can, and will, meet any honest competition and can afford to sell good pianos from \$50.00 to \$75.00 cheaper than you can buy them off of wagons. So when you are in the market for a good piano at a live-and-let-live price call and see me or write me. I have scores of satisfied customers and you will be one if you buy of me.

Yours for a square deal

## E. D. COATS, THE PIANO MAN

### NOTICE FARMERS

We will commence Ginning Friday September 3rd. Bring us your cotton. Satisfaction guaranteed. NOT HOW FAST, BUT HOW GOOD. Brown Independent Gin Co. The New Gin.

### Chamberlain's Liniment

If you are ever troubled with aches, pains or soreness of the muscles, you will appreciate the good qualities of Chamberlain's Liniment. Many sufferers from rheumatism and sciatica have used it with the best results. It is especially valuable for lumbago and lame back. For sale by all dealers.

### Resolutions of Respect

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M.

Whereas, our brother, W. C. Wilson, of the Augusta Lodge No. 93, Augusta, Texas, while living in our midst, was removed from among us and transplanted to the Celestial Lodge above, where the Grand Master of the Universe presides;

Therefore be it resolved by Merkel lodge A. F. & A. M. that by the death of this brother, sorrow has been brought us and to

the members of his family.

Be it further resolved that these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our lodge, a copy delivered to the family of the deceased, a copy sent to his lodge for their record and a copy furnished the local paper for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Harris  
 H. L. Easterwood  
 D. Grimes  
 Committee.

Merkel, Texas,  
 Aug. 30, 1915.

### Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy

"I advised the 'boys' when they enlisted for the Spanish war to take Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with them, and have received many thanks for the advice given," writes J. H. Houghland, Eldon, Iowa. "No person whether traveling or at home should be without this great remedy." For sale by all dealers.

### Notice

Located at my old stands weighing cotton and wagons also buying seed. With accurate weights and highest market price for seed I ask a continuance of your patronage.

G. R. Gazzaway

## HOW "TIZ" HELPS SORE, TIRED FEET

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

Good-bye corns, calluses, bunions and raw spots. No more shoe tightness, no more limping with pain or drawing up your face in agony. "TIZ" is magical, acts right off. "TIZ" draws out all the poisonous exudations which puff up the feet. Use "TIZ" and forget your foot misery. Ah! how comfortable your feet feel. Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" now at any druggist or department store. Don't suffer. Have good feet, glad feet, feet that never swell, never hurt, never get tired. A year's foot comfort guaranteed or money refunded.



### 2nd Hand Lumber for Sale

I am tearing down the Hamm Lumber sheds and will have a large amount of good second hand lumber for sale at a bargain. See me now if interested. Jno. C. Hamm. 2783pd.

Ladies laced trimmed corset covers only 5 cents at J. A. Ducketts.



# Our Big Annual Fall Opening Sale

**BEGINS SATURDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 4 AND WILL EASILY ECLYPSE ANY PREVIOUS ADVANCED SHOWING OF FALL AND WINTER DRY GOODS IN MERKEL**

Every department of our entire Big Double Store is replete to overflowing with the season's Latest Modes and comprises without doubt the greatest variety of beautiful weaves, patterns and styles that were ever shown in as many sumptuous colorings. From front to rear, and from rear to front, covering every inch of available display space, we have arranged the most gorgeous array of real bargains the human eye ever witnessed or the human heart ever longed for. We have scoured the northern and eastern markets and have picked "The Diamonds from the Ruff" and have assembled them in one magnificent heap as an illumination for the enlightenment, pleasure and profit of the scores of customers that have through past experience become dependent upon us for the best, newest and cheapest wearing apparel the world produces, and without an attempt at self flattery, we are sure this confidence has not been misplaced, as it is our one constant aim to sell the best goods for a less price than it can be had for elsewhere. But for the lack of time we would quote you 1000 or more prices in this "ad" that would convince you beyond possible doubt that not one word of the above is in the least an exaggeration. If you will honor us with a call on our opening day or any subsequent one thereafter we will **Show You all the better**

**Our Ladies' Ready-to-Wear** is replete with hand-some surprises for every lady, miss or child wishing a house dress, school dress, knock-about dress, silk dress, coat suit, coat sweater-of-the-new-kind or a skirt, all at the most reasonable price—even an unreasonable shopper might desire. All-wool navy or black \$5.00 new style skirt for only \$3.50. This is only one price, the rest are as reasonable as this

**Our Dress Goods Department** is the biggest show ever, comprising all that is both new and handsome in woolens, silks and cottons at prices the most sanguinary shopper will be pleasantly surprised at. We shall be pleased to prove every assertion. Come, let us show you.

**Our Staple Department** is as usual—the biggest thing in town in both quality and price. A look will be profitable to you.

We buy NOTIONS in quantities that command low prices. We sell them likewise.

The newest NOVELTIES are here—the thing you want at staple prices. Allow us to show you.

## OUR MILLINERY

MISS GOLDEN EMMETTE, THE ARTIST



Miss Emmette, who has charge of our Millinery Department and who also is from Missouri, will be glad to SHOW YOU—show you that her hats' superior style and quality is the direct result of her many years of experience in cities and all sizes of towns as trimmer and buyer for the best stores and principality to her great natural designing ability, love and close study of the millinery business.

We know that your every whim will be appeased and you will get the hat that suits you best if you visit our millinery department. Our prices are lower than ever before.

**BIGGEST STOCK TO SELECT FROM**

## Shoes for The Whole Family

- Men and Boys' Clothing
- Men and Boys' Hats and Caps
- Men and Boys' Underwear
- Work Clothing and
- Furnishings

Comprising every feature of style and quality that the best manufacturers of the world produce are here in too numerous varieties for detailed mention in this "ad" but it will give us the greatest satisfaction to show you in what degree we can please you in

**Quality  
Style  
Price**

We are prepared to save you more money than in the history of our business.

COME, TAKE A LOOK

Ladies \$1.00 house dresses only..... 75c	Yard-wide Bleached Domestic only..... 5c	Ladies \$17.50 all-wool Serge tailored suits only..... \$12.50	Ladies' \$5.00 all-wool Serge Skirts, new make, only..... \$3.50	7 Spools Best Sewing Thread only..... 25c	10c value and Torchon Laces only..... 5c
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Buy early and get a whole season's service of the garments you buy, **THINK THIS OVER.** Our goods will wear a whole season and still look good. Remember the Date—Come early—Free Souvenir with every purchase of \$1.00 or more

**Parten Dry Goods Co.** Merkel's Spot-Cash, One-Price Store  
Where you Save Money on Your Purchases

## LADY TELLS OF HER STORM EXPERIENCE

The following letter from Mrs. Minnie Cross formerly of Merkel to Mrs. T. J. Cross of this city gives some idea of the suffering and exciting times the recent tropical storm gave people who were caught in its path.

Austin, Texas.

Aug. 18, 1915.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cross,  
Merkel, Texas.

My Dear Folks:

I know I should have written sooner, but have been trying to get "soul and body" together ever since I came home.

We had a fine trip down, went through Bastrop, Smithville, Weimar, Schulerberg, Richmond, Eagle Lake and Houston. The country was the prettiest I ever saw. Rice fields, orange groves, fig orchards, miles upon miles of the smoothest, levellest country I ever saw; stocked with fine horses and the fattest cattle on earth. We had a splendid place to camp, went in the gulf every morning and every afternoon. The children would build houses, hunt shells, wade, paddle and have a grand time generally. We went to the U. S. Camp where 10,000 soldiers were camped and it was a sight. We went to the docks and saw the ships come in and go out, load and unload all of which was interesting to us all.

But when news came that the storm was coming it took us a very few minutes to hike it. It began to come up Sunday afternoon at about two o'clock, but we being strangers there, thought it was just high tide. At about dark the waves were higher, but we never thought of it. At eleven o'clock it began to sprinkle and we woke up to get ready for a rain and noticed it a little higher, at daylight it was touching

the top of the sea wall and we began to investigate and found out that the reports were that the worse would come at 75 miles an hour between 11 and 10 o'clock. We woke up the kids fixed a hurried breakfast, packed and started. At about seven o'clock, when we left, the waves were coming over the sea wall and across the causeway. The wind was blowing at 45 miles an hour. We drove in a blinding rain all the way to Houston and on to Hempstead. The car would be blown from side to side. Dark overtook us and we were seven miles from any town so we stopped in a negro church. All night we sat up expecting every minute the church to go. The wind blew at 90 miles an hour for 14 hours. At about 2 in the morning I found a piece of wrapping paper and pencil and wrote "I am Elizabeth Cross of Austin, Texas, age 10 years daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cross. I have two little sisters, Susie and Lou Etta. Please wire my uncle Mr. W. R. Moord of Georgetown" and pinned it on her underbody. I wrote the same thing for each of the others and pinned it on them. I did the same thing and put it in my stocking and had Chas. to put his in his purse. For we knew that if that church went we would be dashed to pieces in that 90 mile rain. The trees fell all around us, the leaves and limbs flew fast. The storm got worse at about eight in the morning and I tied a rope around E. for we knew she could never stand it; but the little church stood and we through God's mercy were spared. We stayed there Monday night, Tuesday, Tuesday night and up until two o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Lived mostly on water-melons. We started on Wednesday afternoon and pulled trees out of the road, built bridges, etc. We had to go all over Texas to get home on account of roads. It certainly was terrible, arrived here Friday afternoon at about

six o'clock safe and sound, tired, hungry and dirty.

I enjoyed the few days stay down there but I never want to see it again. The papers say that they gave warning, black flags etc., but they certainly did not. We were riding around sight seeing etc., and there were none out. They received official notice Friday but it was kept a secret until they had to let it out. It was just as bad as 1900 but they don't want to ruin Galveston so they say. Not as many lives were lost for people got out, but just as much damage if not more to property.

We all had enough, were glad to get back and are now beginning to think about school.

Love from us all. I am sleepy so will fly up.

Goodnight and pleasant dreams.  
Lovingly Minnie.

## Nothing New in Texas

Even to Cool Days in August

Cool days in August  
are like

Cigars from Grimes Drug Store  
Try Them

You'll feel Better with Every Puff  
"That's a-Nuf"

## DARKEN GRAY HAIR, LOOK YOUNG, PRETTY

Grandma's recipe of Sage Tea and Sulphur darkens so naturally that nobody can tell.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome. Nowadays, by asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," you will get a large bottle of this famous old recipe for about 50 cents.

Don't stay gray! Try it! No one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy.



## IF MEN DID THE WASHING

You would soon see them quitting the job for an easier one. We do family washing so well and so reasonably that it doesn't pay to have it done at home. Have us send for your things next week and you will save money as well as all the annoyance of home washing. SWEETWATER STEAM LAUNDRY M. B. BELL, Agent, Merkel. Phone No. 133

Summer goods almost given away at J. A. Ducketts.

## Card of Thanks

I wish to thank the many friends who so liberally assisted me in the recent piano contest at the Anchor Mercantile Co. Even though I did not win the piano, your kindness will ever be remembered.

Mrs. Mae Robertson.

## Good for Biliousness

"I took two of Chamberlain's Tablets last night, and I feel fifty per cent better than I have for weeks, says J. J. Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness." For sale by all dealers.

## NOTICE FARMERS

We will commence Ginning Friday September 3rd. Bring us your cotton. Satisfaction guaranteed. NOT HOW FAST, BUT HOW GOOD. Brown Independent Gin Co. The New Gin.

## 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.

## How He Began.

"I understand you began your life as a newsboy," observed the friend admiringly. "No," replied the millionaire. "Some one has been fooling you? I began life as an infant."—New York Times.

To Drive Out Malaria And Build Up The System Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents



## FREE PORTS BUILDERS OF COMMERCE

CONGRESS SHOULD GIVE THEM  
PREFERENCE IN APPRO-  
PRIATIONS.

By Peter Radford.

This nation is now entering upon an era of marine development. The wreckage of European commerce has drifted to our shores and the world war is making unprecedented demands for the products of farm and factory. In transportation facilities on land we lead the world but our port facilities are inadequate, and our flag is seldom seen in foreign ports. If our government would only divert the energy we have displayed in conquering the railroads to mastering the commerce of the sea, a foreign bottom would be unknown on the ocean's highways.

This article will be confined to a discussion of our ports for the products of the farm must pass over our wharfs before reaching the water. We have in this nation 51 ports, of which 41 are on the Atlantic and 10 are on the Pacific Coast. The Sixty-second Congress appropriated over \$51,000,000 for improving our Rivers and Harbors and private enterprise levies a toll of approximately \$50,000,000 annually in wharfage and charges for which no tangible service is rendered. The latter item should be lifted off the backs of the farmer of this nation and this can be done by Congress directing its appropriations to ports that are free where vessels can tie up to a wharf and discharge her cargo free of any fee or charge.

A free port is progress. It takes out the unnecessary link in the chain of transactions in commerce which has for centuries laid a heavy hand upon commerce. No movement is so heavily laden with results or will more widely and equally distribute its benefits as that of a free port and none can be more easily and effectively secured.

## THE VITAL PROBLEM OF AGRICULTURE

By Peter Radford.

There is no escaping the market problem and the highest development of agriculture will not be attained until it is solved, for a market is as necessary for the producer as land on which to grow his crop.

Governmental and educational institutions have spent \$180,000,000 in the United States during the past ten years for improving soil production and improving seeds and plants, but very little attention and less money has been given to the marketing side of agriculture.

The problem is a monumental one and one which will never be solved until it gets within the grasp of a gigantic organization where master minds can concentrate the combined experience and wisdom of the age upon it. It is a problem which the farmers, merchants, bankers, editors and statesmen must unite in solving.

The Farmers' Union stands for all there is in farming from the most scientific methods of seed selection to the most systematic and profitable plans of marketing, but does not believe in promoting one to the neglect of the other. We consider the work of farm demonstrators valuable and we ask that governmental and commercial agencies seeking to help us, continue to give us their assistance and advice, but we believe that their influence should be extended to the marketing side of our farm problems also.

We cannot hope to develop manufacturing by over-production of the factory; we cannot build up mercantile enterprises by the merchants loading their shelves with surplus goods and no more can we develop agriculture by glutting the market with a surplus of products.

## DARIUS

The neigh of a horse made Darius King of Persia, the six contending powers for the throne agreeing among themselves that the one whose horse should neigh first should possess the kingdom. This ancient method of settling disputes among politicians could be revived with profit today. If our partisan factions and petty politicians could only settle their disputes by the neigh of a horse, the bark of a dog or the bray of a donkey, it would be a great blessing and would give our citizens a better opportunity to pursue the vocations of industry or from political strife.

Let those who pick political plums by raising rows and who flash swords dripping in the blood of industry understand that they cannot turn the public forum into a political arena and by a clash of personal aspirations still the hammer and stop the plow, and that their quarrels must be settled in the back alleys of civilization.

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On last Thursday Mrs. Leila Birchitt and children of Throckmorton left for their home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Pribble of this city and the families of J. W. Dowdy and Lee Pribble of Trent. Mrs. B. Lusk of Woodson was with them and attended the meeting at the Tabernacle while it was in progress.

W. C. and Jno. Hill from Sylvester and Golan were here Tuesday making preparations to go into the syrup business on a large scale, having about four acres of seeded ribbon cane to make up into syrup.

Mrs. W. L. Meeks who has been very low for the past three weeks has improved to the extent that her many friends are in hopes she will be up in a few days.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hudgens of Dallas, former residents of this city, are expected here today to visit old friends on their return home from Haskell where they have been spending much of the summer.

Misses Essie and Bessie Tucker of White Church were guests of Miss Dota Garoutte this week.

Miss Eva Williams returned home Tuesday night after a short visit in Meridian and Fort Worth.

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## WHY SHOULD WOMEN VOTE?

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF LEADING FARMERS.

Why should women vote? That is the question that is ringing from ocean to ocean and reverberating from the Canadian boundary to the Mexican border. It is the mission of a newspaper to give the news and the action of the Texas Farmers' Union in opposing woman's suffrage when that question was recently before the Texas legislature is significant as representing the attitude of the organized plowmen. We reproduce in part the argument presented by Hon. W. D. Lewis, president of the Texas Farmers' Union, in opposing the bill:

"It is gratifying to note that it is not the farmer's wife who is clamoring for the ballot. She is too busy trying to make happier homes, molding the minds of future citizens and sharing with her husband the cares of life to indulge in political gossip. The ballot will give her no relief from drudgery, give no assistance in clothing the children or bring to the home additional comforts, conveniences or opportunities in life. It is, as a rule, the city woman promoted to idleness by prosperity, who is leading the suffragette movement.

"From many standpoints, perhaps a woman has as much right to vote as a man. So has she as much right to plow as a man; she has as much right to work in a factory as a man; she has as much right to shoulder a musket as a man, but we would rather she would not do so from choice and we regret that necessity oftentimes compels her to earn a living by engaging in gainful occupations. We do not consider misfortune a qualification for suffrage or a business accident a reason for granting franchise. We are opposed to woman at the ballot box the same as we are opposed to woman in the field, in the factory or in the army and for the self-same reasons. We had rather see her plant flowers than sow wheat; gather bouquets than pick cotton and rear children than raise political issues, although she may have as much right to do one as the other.

Opposed to Unsexing Humanity.

"Sex qualification for suffrage may have its apparent inconsistencies. No general rule adjusts itself perfectly to all conditions. It is a favorite argument advanced by the proponents of woman's suffrage that many cultivated and noble women are far more capable of intelligently exercising sovereignty than a worthless negro, but the South never was anxious for negro suffrage, and while culture and refinement, and even morality, are desirable virtues, they are not the only qualifications for franchise.

"The primary, inherent and inseparable fitness for suffrage is supporting a family. The plow handle, the forge and the struggle for bread afford experience necessary to properly mark the ballot. Government is a great big business and civilization from the very beginning assigned woman the home and man the business affairs of life.

"There has been much freakish legislation enacted during the past decade that no doubt appeals to woman's love for the ridiculous, but to undertake to unsex the human race by law is the height of legislative folly and tragedy to mankind.

"We are opposed to the equal rights of woman—we want her to ever remain our superior. We consider woman's desire to seek man's level the yellow peril of Twentieth Century civilization.

"Woman is the medium through which angels whisper their messages to mankind; it is her hand that plants thoughts in the intellectual vineyard; it is through her heart that hope, love and sympathy overflow and bless mankind. Christ—the liberator of woman-kind—was satisfied to teach the lessons of life and He was a man. He chose to rule over human hearts and refused worldly power and men followed after Him, women washed His feet, little children climbed upon His knees and the Ruler of the universe said that in Him He was well pleased. Can woman find a higher calling?"

### THEMISTOCLES

When Themistocles was asked by his host at a dinner party to entertain the guests by playing the lute, he replied that he could not play the lute, but that he could make a small town a great city. We have in this nation many politicians who are good "lute-players," but they cannot make a small town a great city. We are over-run with orators who can play upon the passions of the people, but they can't put brick and mortar together. We need builders.

Let those who hunger and thirst for power understand that the high glory of a statesman is to construct, and that it is better for a man that he should build a public highway than that he should become Governor of a state, and that he start a plow than that he become the author of a law. The true test of statesmanship is the plow and the hammer, so let those who would govern, first build.

# New Fall Patterns

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## BANKERS URGED TO CO-OPERATE WITH FARMERS

SOUL MATERIAL HAS ENTERED THE BANK VAULTS OF THE NATION.

The Bank a Financial Power House to the Community.

By Peter Radford.

One of the greatest opportunities in the business life of the nation lies in practical co-operation of the country banks with the farmer in building agriculture and the adventure is laden with greater possibilities than any forward movement now before the American public.

A few bankers have loaned money to farmers at a low rate of interest, and oftentimes without compensation, to buy blooded livestock, build silos, fertilize the land, secure better seed, hold their products for a better market price, etc. The banker in contributing toward improving the grade of livestock; the quality of the seed and the fertility of the soil, plants in the agricultural life of the community a fountain of profit, that, like Tennyson's brook, runs on and on forever. Community Progress a Bank Asset.

The time was when money loaned on such a basis would severely test the sanity of the banker; such transactions would pain the directors like a blow in the face. A cashier who would dare to cast bread upon waters that did not return buttered side up in time for annual dividends would have to give way to a more capable man. This does not necessarily mean that the bankers are getting any better or that the milk of human kindness is being imbibed more freely by our financiers. It indicates that the bankers are getting wiser, becoming more able financiers and the banking industry more competent. The vision of the builder is crowding out the spirit of the pawnbroker. A light has been turned on a new world of investment and no usurer ever received as large returns on the investment as these progressive bankers, who made loans to uplift industry. The bankers have always been liberal city builders, but they are now building agriculture.

A Dollar With a Soul.

It is refreshing in this strenuous commercial life to find so many dollars with souls. When a dollar is approached to perform a task that does not directly yield the highest rate of interest, we usually hear the rustle of the eagle's wings as it soars upward; when a dollar is requested to return at the option of the borrower, it usually appeals to the Goddess of Liberty for its contractual rights; when a dollar is asked to expand in volume to suit the requirements of industry, it usually talks solemnly of its redeemer, but soul material has entered into the vaults of our banks and rate, time and volume have a new basis of reckoning in so far as the ability of some of the bankers permit them to co-operate in promoting the business of farming.

God Almighty's Noblemen.

These bankers are God Almighty's noblemen. Heaven lent earth the spirit of these men and the angels will help them roll in place the cornerstones of empires. They are not philanthropists; they are wise bankers. The spirit of the builder has given them a new vision, and wisdom has visited upon them business foresight.

The cackle of the hen, the low of kine and the rustle of growing crops echo in every bank vault in the nation and the shrewd banker knows that he can more effectively increase his deposits by putting blue blood in the veins of livestock; quality in the yield of the soil and value into agricultural products, than by business handshakes, overdrafts and gaudy calendars.

Taking the community into partnership with the bank, opening up a ledger account with progress, making thrift and enterprise stockholders and the prosperity of the country an asset to the bank, put behind it stability far more desirable than a letterhead bearing the names of all the distinguished citizens of the community. The bank is the financial power house of the community and blessed is the locality that has an up-to-date banker.

### POLITICAL PRAYER MEETINGS

It is a sad day for Christianity when the church bells call the communicants together for a political prayer meeting. Such gatherings mark the high tide of religious political fanaticism, put bitterness into the lives of men; fan the flames of class hatred and destroy Christian influence in the community. The spirit actuating such meetings is anarchistic, un-Christian and dangerous to both church and state.

The success of the nation is in the hands of the farmer.

Work for the best and the best will rise up and reward you.

Tenant farming is just one thing after another without a pay day.



# SOCIETY

MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Miss Margaret Sumpf of San Antonio was the charming honoree of a morning porch party given by Mrs. Jno. W. Briggs Tuesday at her home on Rose street. Pretty Garland of Autumn, wild flowers and rugs favored an attractive setting for the five tables of progressive 42. At the conclusion of several very fascinating games an ice cream course was served to Misses Winnie Warren, Maude Martin, Jess Sutphen, France Burroughs, Ruth Mims, Claire Tate of Abilene, Eva Walters, Mary Garland, Eva Holland of Waxahachie, Mabel Collins, Wi Leeman of Duncan, Okla., Elma Sheppard, Margaret Sumpf of San Antonio, Libbie Patton of Scott, N. M., Louise Schmid of Abilene, Carrol Rister, Agnes Hall, Mattie Paylor of Yoakum, Faye Allen of Denton, Mesdames Ed Young of Lampasas and C. V. Bigham.

On Monday evening Miss Elma Sheppard honored Miss Libbie Patton of Scott, N. M., with a box party at the Cozy Air dome. The party was entertained at the Elite with a watermelon feast after the pictures. Those who enjoyed the hospitality of Miss Sheppard were Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mrs. O. M. Sharp, Misses Maude Martin, Libbie Patton, Claire Tate of Abilene, Wi Leeman of Duncan, Okla., Margaret Sumpf, France Burroughs, Eva Holland of Waxahachie, Louis Schmid of Abilene, Flora Francis Anderson, Masters Jack Anderson and Deyo Hunt of Haskell.

Mrs. Ed Young of Lampasas entertained a dinner party Monday at the residence of her mother, Mrs. W. R. Bigham, on Locust St. A perfectly appointed dinner was served. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Briggs and guest, Miss Margaret Sumpf of San Antonio, Mrs. W. R. Dickinson and house guests, Misses Claire Tate and Louise Schmid of Abilene, Mrs. Claude Bigham and little daughter, Alice, and Mr. C. H. Hogue of near Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Jud Sheppard entertained Tuesday evening at their home on Oak street in honor of their niece Miss Wi Leeman of Duncan, Okla. A number of games of Bunco afforded pleasure for Misses Elma Sheppard, Claire Tate, Margaret Sumpf, France Burroughs, Bessie Touchstone, Eva Holland, Wi Leeman, Messrs. Emmet Grimes, Dee Grimes, Luther Woodruff, Jno. West, Billie Woodroof, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Briggs. The serving of iced watermelon came at the conclusion of the games.

On Saturday afternoon from two o'clock to seven Miss Beulah Garrett entertained her Sunday school class of the Baptist church at her home. After an hour or more spent in outdoor games, the hostess served cream and cake to the following lads and lassies: Haley Owen, Perry Lewis, Billie and Paul Stone, Lillie May Spencer, Nellie Sharp, Floy Abercrombie, Bell Walker, Ray and Iris Garrett.

A crowd of young people went to Salt Branch Saturday evening to attend church. Those going were Miss Callie Lou Owen and guest, Miss Maud Burgess of Abilene, Misses Dixie and Ruth Howard, Monie and Laura Stone, Wilma and Beulah Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Stone and Barney Garrett.

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### SALT BRANCH

Everybody is rejoicing now since they have received such a nice rain this week.

Cotton picking is on hand again. R. B. Wells has out three bales which I believe is the most that has been in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Allen have returned home from a visit in Fisher and Nolan counties.

Misses Lida and Nina Beavers have been the guests of a few friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jones from Albany was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robertson and other relatives this week.

Mrs. T. J. Collins and children visited friends here this week.

Sunday school and preaching was well attended Sunday. Our meeting closed with four conversions and two additions to the church. Our old pastor, A. J. Leach was doing the preaching. We want to say he did some mighty good preaching and we extend to him a hearty welcome back any time.

Rev. Scott of Trent was visiting in our community Saturday and Sunday.

Olen Griffith from Haskell is visiting Mr. Hays and family.

Mrs. Houston Robertson and Miss Cora Hays of this community happened to be lucky at the contest at the Anchor Mercantile Saturday, both received a nice watch apiece.

A jolly crowd from Merkel came to church Saturday night. We extend them an invitation any time to come back. Those coming were Beulah and Wilma Garrett, Ruth and Dixie Howard,

Daura Monia Stone, Messrs. Barney Garrett and Joe Stone.

Mr. Petty from Clyde was visiting here this week. Everyone enjoys Mr. Petty coming for they know he will bring something to eat.

### NOTICE FARMERS

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### SHILOH

Rev. Horn preached at Shiloh Sunday.

There was a family reunion at J. H. Graysons Sunday. All their children and grandchildren were present. Others present were Rev. and Mrs. Horn of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wheeler of Colorado and uncle Terrell Winters of this place.

Mrs. Pearl Duprey left Sunday night for Arizona after a two weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson.

Some of our young people attended services at the Grayson school house Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mabel Goode of Noodle attended services at Shiloh Sunday.

Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy of Noodle attended services here Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Rutledge entertained the young people here Saturday night with an ice cream supper.

Mrs. Maynard and children and Mr. Calahan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gowdy of Golan.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry from near Sweetwater creek were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Beavers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Phillips moved last week to Trent where Mr Phillips will work at the gin at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winters and sister McRunnels were guests of Mrs. P. Green Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Scott were visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson Sunday.

Quite a few from here attended the Association at Prairie View.

J. H. Grayson and son, Roger, and J. W. Tyner had their grain threshed last week.

Misses Lyda and Nina Beavers attended the meeting at Salt Branch last week. They report a most enjoyable time with friends there.

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Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal guarantee that it will clean your sluggish liver better than nasty calomel; it won't make you sick and you can eat anything you want without being salivated. Your druggist guarantees that each spoonful will start your liver, clean your bowels and straighten you up by morning or you get your money back. Children gladly take Dodson's Liver Tone because it is pleasant tasting and doesn't gripe or cramp or make them sick. 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.

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### Miss Burkett's Music Class.

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## THE MOSART

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The Only Cafe

in the city that delivers the "Goods." It's a pleasure to us to please you.

Dining Room for Ladies

Clipped Rags by a New Process  
Consult Homer M. Byrd, who writes that clipped rags, which many years, heretofore, have been made by hand in Yorkshire, are now proposed to be made by a new process, whereby they can be turned out by machinery at the rate of sixty to seventy per hour, and a syndicate is reported to contemplate starting a rags-making industry in some town nearer to the center of the West Riding of Yorkshire.

### Acute indigestion

"I was annoyed for over a year by attacks of acute indigestion followed by constipation," writes Mrs. M. J. Gallagher, Geneva, N. Y. "I tried everything that was recommended to me for this complaint but nothing did me much good until about four months ago I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and procured a bottle of them. From our druggist, I soon realized that I had gotten the right thing for they helped me at once. Since taking two bottles of them I can eat heartily without any bad effects." Sold by all dealers.

### A Circular Tour.

Mary had a little ring, 'twas given her by Joe, and everywhere that Mary went that ring was sure to go. She took the ring with her one day, when she went out to tea, where she might show it to the girls, who numbered twenty-three. And when the girls all saw the ring they made a great ado, exclaiming with one voice: "Has it at last got round to you?"

### Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications as they cannot reach only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but a condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by Catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.