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SCHOOL PROGRESS RECOGNIZED

While on a visit to our city the past week, J. F. McDonald, State Supervisor of Public High Schools, made the following statement in regard to the condition of our local school system:

"I find that the school has made decided progress in the length of time, increase in teaching, added equipment for library and laboratories, improve written work for pupils both in lower grades and high school, organization of athletics and improved organization of the school. The school needs further equipments for the library, especially for the lower grades and all reference work for history, science and engineering in the high school, an additional teacher and the installation of some form of vocational instruction. In carrying out these improvements and in building up the length of term to nine months improved high school, the school is in need of additional funds. If the people and trustees of the school district will avail themselves of the advantage granted by law and decision of the supreme court to the effect that the trustees of the independent district can appoint an assessor, collector and board of equalization and raise the values of the school district higher for school purposes than for State and County purposes sufficient funds can be realized."

"Making foregoing improvements and such other as is necessary to insure the progress of school. This plan has been widely and successfully adopted by the State by other independent school districts. The State Department of Education will cooperate in every way possible with the trustees and people in advancing the progress of the Merkel public schools. It is the policy of the department to aid schools to install vocational instruction, especially where their term has been thoroughly established for nine months public free school and where the school is organized along progressive lines as the Merkel school is now being organized. The outlook for this school is splendid, and if the people will continue their active and hearty co-operation, Merkel will soon have one of the best high schools in the State."

NOTICE.

Parents Or Guardians Desiring the Transfer of Their Children to Merkel Public School.

Parents or guardians desiring to transfer their children to the Merkel Public School for the next scholastic year must attend to the matter before August 1. If you desire and will call at public school building, I will attend to the matter for you. Each child transferred will receive four months public school for the year 1917 and 1918.

Respectfully,
R. M. Parker, Supt.

Splendid Advice

The reputable firm of cotton buyers of Atkinson and Lowery, New Orleans, vitally interested in the cotton production of this country, give the following sound advice to the farmers:

Now is the golden opportunity for the planters of the entire South to break forever the shackles of the one-crop idea by diversification, planting a large acreage in food stuffs and the absolute necessities of life. We are warned by what has happened in Europe that unless the agricultural section of our country amply supply not only our own needs but the needs of the people who are allied with us in this great war, a successful conclusion will be long drawn out, and to-day, what are necessities on the tables of the poor will become in a few months luxuries

on the tables of the rich.

Plant a minimum amount of cotton and every acre that can be cultivated in grain or something to feed the hungry, for we must realize that with our ports probably blockaded to some extent, with the merchant marine of the world being steadily diminished by submarine warfare, it will take months or years to replace the lost tonnage and our exports of cotton must necessarily be restricted to the most urgent needs of a few Nations that we can now export cotton to, and it would leave the American mills the burden of an over-production in cotton which they could not take care of with the number of spindles now running.

Washington, D. C. Apr. 15.
The Merkel Mail,
Merkel, Texas.

Gentlemen:—

Will you pardon my suggesting that, if you have not already done so, you call special attention of the farmers to the communication of President Wilson of April 10, viz: "That by planting and increasing the production in every way possible, every farmer will perform a labor of patriotism for which he will be recognized as a soldier of the commissary, adding his share to the food supply of the people."

While I believe that the farmers of our country do more than their part anyway, will you kindly permit me to suggest that you urge the people to plant every acre and available plot of ground, and intensify cultivate same, and thus initiate a movement to raise and conserve during the present season the maximum crop of cereals, forage, vegetables and other staples.

With very kind regards and wishes, I beg to remain,
Sincerely yours,
Thomas L. Blanton.

SHILOH.

Shiloh, Tex., April 17.—Rev. Will Bennett of Spur preached for us Friday and Saturday night and Sunday.

Our Sunday school is moving along nicely. Attendance last week was about seventy-five.

Prayer meeting is also moving along nicely. Rev. Grover Tyner of Abilene conducted services Sunday night.

Rev. Will Bennett of Spur visited his sister, Mrs. H. Grayson a few days the past week.

Rev. Grover Tyner of Abilene spent Sunday here with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson and daughter, Vennie, were Abilene visitors Monday.

Miss Alice Brown visited the Misses Green's Sunday.

Misses Lydia and Nina Beavers spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Hays Wheatly.

Mrs. Sam Grayson, who has been real sick is improving we are glad to report.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler and children of Merkel attended services here Sunday and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago.

We have re-seated the church house with new benches.

Arden Jones and family of near Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. McCright several days last week and this week.

Several from here attended the party at Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barnes of the Golan community Friday night.

Mrs. Beavers and children visited Mrs. S. L. Grayson and children Monday afternoon.

Ford Smith's Overland turned over in the eastern part of the city the other night. No one was hurt.

C. P. Suber moved from Merkel to the community.

\$1.00

The subscription price to the Merkel Mail is only \$1.00 for twelve months—a whole year. If your neighbor does not take the Mail insist on him to subscribe now. We can save you money on subscriptions to other papers and would be glad to serve you. Come to see us.

CLASSIFIED ADS

All ads in this department will be 1 cent per word for each time

FOR RENT—House on South Side, close in. S.F. Haynes, 64tp

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Practically new two-speed twin motorcycle. Riley Horton, Noodle, Texas. 64tp

FOR SERVICE—At my barn, Bay draft stallion, black points, 5 yrs. old, weight 1600 pounds. Arthur Cranston. 23Mar.Stpd

BREEDING NOTICE—I am standing my horse and jack at Hellums Wagon Yard, same old price of \$10.00, and will use all care in breeding, but will not be responsible for accidents. I need and will appreciate your business. G. R. Gazzaway, office in Boyce Building. 64tp

FOR SALE—Second hand Ford, new Ford, Second hand Maxwell, all in good condition; Terms, 2 buggies, 1 rubber tire practically new; other used some. Mc Donald & Warren. 20tc.

LOST—Crank handle for Kritt Car between Merkel and Sand Burr. T. W. Highsmith, Merkel. Finder please leave with the Merkel Mail.

TOMATO PLANTS—For Sale 10 cents a doz.; 75 cents a 100. Phone 49. Dr. Pae. 64tc.

FOR SALE
3 gasoline stoves, each \$10.00
1 gasoline stove 5.00
1 sideboard 5.00
1 book case 5.00
1 kitchen cabinet 7.50
1 dresser 5.00
2 center tables 1.50
1 center table 2.50
1 rocker 2.50
1 rocker 3.50
3 cotton mattresses, each 2.50
1 leather davenport 10.00
1 lawn mower 3.00
1 refrigerator 5.00
1 electric fan, 10-inch 5.00
50 feet garden hose 2.50
1tp Mrs. J. W. Daniel.

Notice.

Dr. Daly of Abilene will be in Merkel April 28th. Practice confined to the Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat and fitting of glasses. Office at the Commercial Hotel.

WANTED—Plain sewing and ironing. Phone 238. Mrs. Ernest Tyler. 13tc3p

BREEDER'S NOTICE—Full blood registered poland china boar at home of W. E. Adams, Route 2. 13tc4pd

ELECTRICITY FOR OUR NEIGHBOR

The Trent people are now jubilant over the securing of an extension to the electric line from Merkel. Electricity for its various purposes will be available for the citizens of that progressive little city, the same as is enjoyed by Merkel or Abilene.

DENTAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning on April 10th, I will give a 20 per cent discount from the regular prices on all Dental work, done in my Merkel office, during the months of April and May—terms cash. I am in Trent every Tuesday.
O.F. McMaster, Dentist.

Mr. W. E. Britain was in Fort Worth the past week on business.

The "Fall of a Nation" was attended with quite a good deal of interest. Large crowds attended the performances. It was a particularly timely feature. The opening performance was attended by a number of young ladies, artistically dressed in patriotic attire, and as many young men, in military uniforms, ready to draw the sword in defense of their country. The young ladies were Misses Sadie and Annie Collins, Nettie Day, Lottie Butman and Loren Dry. The young men were Roy Adams, H. B. Strode, J. O. Bishop, T. C. Pickle and Clyde Garrett. Leel and Harry Merritt were flag bearers. The scene was unique, and was ended upon very high.

HOME GUARD ORGANIZATION

Notice Home Guards.

A meeting of the home guards will be held at the Tabernacle at 8 o'clock Friday (tonight). Let every member of the guard be sure to attend, rain or shine, and all others who expect to become members or who are interested in the organization are requested to attend this meeting.

This will be an important meeting.

The Merkel Home Guards are coming to the front. A call was made last Monday and a number responded. At the meeting Tuesday evening a larger number was present. It is believed that practically every able bodied man in the city will line up with the boys and take the training.

There is no National or State obligations involved. It is believed by some that the Home Guards merely drafted one into the army, but such is not the case. Their purpose is only to give a few minutes to training once or twice a week, so that in event it ever became necessary for any of the members to go to the front, they would not go wholly unprepared, and those remaining would be prepared as a body to protect our homes from a possible invasion.

Who can tell in a time like this what a day may bring forth? While very few look with seriousness upon the present conflict as it bears directly upon our own nation, yet so miraculously have been the changes, that even in a day the status of affairs might so be changed that every able bodied man would be required to shoulder arms for the defense of his country.

If we are forced into this killing game, then let us know the art and go into it for all it is worth. If the world's civilization is such that war must prevail, then let us arise and fight like men. We know that patriotism is not dead, that every red-blooded American will draw the sword in defense of his country, but we fear that we are overconfident in our ability to avoid getting in a tight place. We had better be ready and never needed, than to be needed and find ourselves totally unequipped.

U. S. Department of Labor, Immigration Service.
Big Springs, Tex., Apr. 16.
The Mail,
Merkel, Texas.

Gentlemen:—
The United States Government asks your co-operation in securing the names of experienced ship carpenters that could be reached through your publication. These men are desired to assist organizing and training men for shipping board. With this in view it is asked that you give the matter publicity with as little delay as possible, requesting applicants to forward their names and address to M. Hunter Jones, Immigration Service, Big Springs, Texas.

Very respectfully,
M. H. Jones,
Inspector in Charge.

The daily press reports shows one continuous gain for the arms of the allies. It seems that the Germans are being beaten back by the French and English at terrific loss. It even now appears that the end of the long and desperate struggle is in sight.

Reports from Paris under date of April 18 shows that the Germans lose 12 miles of ground and 30,000 men to the French.

Reports from Paris under date of April 17 signify that the Germans lost about 100,000 men killed, captured and wounded.

Every day report from the front only goes further to show the great necessity of raising all the grain that can be raised in this country. Flour is higher than it has ever been in the recollection of most men and is going higher. The millions at the front must be fed. After all our real battles must be fought out in the fields. When this terrible war is over, millions upon millions of hungry men and women will be crying for bread from our hands. Can we withhold the sustenance of life, even from a conquered enemy?

We would not judge Germany as any enemy. We must charge this unholy war to Prussian militarism, and not to the German people. They themselves are slaves to the system that binds them heart and soul, and doubtless most of them long for a freedom from this woeful bondage.

News Notes of the Fort Worth El Paso Highway.

The following letter was forwarded last week to the Vice President and Directors of our association: "At the request of our President, Judge S. A. Penix, of Big Springs, I am issuing a call for our regular semi-annual meeting, which will be held at Mineral Wells on the 19th, 20th, and 21st, of June. It is probable that on these same dates, The Texas Good Roads Association regular mid-summer meeting will be held in Mineral Wells, as they are anxious to hold a joint meeting with us at that time.

It is necessary that our association have a strong delegation at this meeting, and the officers of our organization are urged to push road construction in their respective counties, so that a good report may be made by all counties.

Please notify all the officers of the local units in your counties of the Texas Good Roads Association of this meeting, also, any others whom you think might be interested in attending this important meeting, which will probably overshadow any meeting of similar character ever held in Texas."

Very truly yours,
W. B. Starr, Secretary.

Little Reeves Girl Dead.

On Tuesday, March 27, Edith Pearl, the little five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Reeves of Blackwell was burned to death. Mrs. Reeves stepped out of the house and left her gasoline iron to generate, she heard Edith Pearl scream and on rushing back found her in flames. She lived only two hours. The iron did not explode but the supposition was that she had gotten some gasoline on her clothing out of an open bottle, that was found and on entering the room where the iron was it became a blaze. She was buried in Blackwell. Mrs. Reeves hands were badly burned. The grief stricken parents are now touring south Texas until Mrs. Reeves regains her strength.

Six cars from Trent attended the funeral.

Warren Farmers Institute will meet Friday night at the Warren school house. Everybody, including men, women and children are urged to attend. The general theme for discussion is the raising of grain and feed stuffs.

There is still some question about whether the earth moves around the sun in an exact orbit the same distance every month in the year, or whether it is some millions miles nearer in December than in July. The Mail will appreciate some different authorities on the subject.

Statement of Condition

Farmers State BANK

Merkel, Texas

At Close of Business March 5, 1917

RESOURCES

Loans	\$255,245.56
Banking House	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	2,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,950.00
Interest in Gty. Fund	2,717.44
Cash and Exchange	87,275.43
Total	\$361,188.43

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	29,942.03
Deposits	284,246.40
Certificate of deposit for money borrowed	12,000.00
Total	\$361,188.43

The above statement is correct.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

Commence Business January, 1912

Safety—Service—Satisfaction

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TRENT.

Trent, Tex., April 9.—Ernest Massey, who has been "ranching" at Lubbock, came in to visit home folks Saturday.

Royce Dowdy and Fred Pribble, who are attending school at Thorp Springs, are here visiting their parents.

Buford Mangum, who is attending the Stamford college came in to see his father Saturday until Monday.

Alex Williamson and father who are in Mineral Wells are improving.

Winsboro Beckham was in Abilene with friends Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Jo Hill visited friends in Loraine Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lola Harkins and Alma Kate Duke spent the week end in Roscoe.

Miss Blonda Edwards of Mt. Pleasant, Ark., who was en route to see her brother at Tullia, stopped over a few days with her uncle, C. T. Beckham and family.

Mrs. Geo. Gafford is on the sick list this week.

A very enjoyable time was had in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Steadman Friday night.

Miss Leah Wagon of Brownwood and father, of May, were visiting friends here the past week.

A. C. Terry, who has been real sick the past five weeks is reported better.

Mr. McLaughlin is very sick, suffering from some form of kidney trouble.

W. A. Terry, who has been with his son A. C. returned to his home in Meridian Friday night.

Misses Alva Lee Estep and Geta Beckham entertained with linen and miscellaneous showers respectfully Friday and Saturday in honor of Miss Jennie Vieve McRee, who received many pretty and useful gifts.

Three cars from here attended the "Fall of a Nation" Monday night at Merkel.

Miss Eason of Rotan visited

her aunt, Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Leamon entertained the teachers and the seniors Sunday.

J. R. Dorset of Brownwood was visiting friends here Sunday and Monday.

CASTLE PEAK.

Castle Peak, Tex., April 17.—The wind is still blowing the same old gale. The sand is still blowing the same old way, and that is not all, it blows every day.

The Castle Peak school was out last Friday. We are glad to say that we have had an extra good school this year and we thank Mr. T. F. Davis for the interest he has taken in the school and the good he has done the children.

Mrs. Irene Barnes visited Mr. and Mrs. Elma Barnes Monday.

Mr. Elmer Barnes found six rattlesnakes near the foot of Castle Peak Monday.

We suppose they were getting together to make war on us.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones spent the first of the week with Mr. Jones' parents. His sister was married while they were there.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

OF NORWEGIAN COD LIVER OIL

usually stops a stubborn cough or chest cold when ordinary specifics fail.

It helps strengthen the lungs and throat—adds energy to the blood—and gives the system the force to help resist disease.

Use SCOTT'S Refuse Substitutes

Scott & Bowne, Springfield, N. J.

CONFIDENCE IN THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKING SYSTEM

☐ Played an important part in the recovery of business from the adverse conditions following the outbreak of the European war, and is still helping to keep business on an even keel.

☐ This system, with its immense resources, is a tower of strength to the banks which are members of it, and will assist them in any financial requirements which they may be called to meet.

☐ By depositing your money with us you receive the protection and the new facilities which our membership in the system enables us to offer you.

Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

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HENRY JAMES, Vice President
THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier
HOMER L. EASTERWOOD, Asst. Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

See J. A. Woodard for land loans or fire insurance. tf

Cleburne Rose, who has been very low with pneumonia, rapidly recovering.

Prompt service always rendered by Sublett, the jeweler, at the Merkel Drug Co. 16tf

Mrs. Sam Winter, near Hodges, is real sick. The children have all come home to be at the bedside. She has been in bad health for a year or two.

Pure red top sorghum seed, free from Johnson grass, at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Mrs. L. D. Gaither after visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Crawford, returned Monday night to her home in Sanderson.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
TELE-LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ramsey of Eldorado are with their sister Mrs. E. M. Rust, who is seriously ill.

See J. A. Woodard for land loans or fire insurance. tf

Geo. A. Smith, after a second protracted stay at Alexander Sanitarium is again at his home in North Merkel. George has been a sufferer for many weeks but his condition seems very favorable now for the recovery of his usual health.

Farmers Institute.
The Farmers Institute will be held at the tabernacle Saturday, April 21, 1:30 p.m., in Merkel.
G. W. Boyce, Sec. Pro. Tem.

E. Clyde Garrett left the past week for Genoa, Italy, where he expects to do reporting work. He promised to let us hear from him occasionally. Evidently he does not think our local trouble will be sufficiently interesting, and he preferred to get "where there was something doing."

See J. A. Woodard for land loans or fire insurance. tf

RIGHT EFFORT AND SERVICE WE PLEDGE YOU

The Brown Dry Goods Co.

Wants the public to understand that there will never be any let-up to serve aright the customers that come within the walls of their store

Our Spot Cash Way is Your Gain

It is the faithful watch dog around your affairs, and we pledge you a true service to the ditch.

You Lose no Time Over Prices

As we firmly believe in one price, and it being our earnest work to sell every article at a small margin we have left no place for the Jewing habit. We hammer the price before the pencil places the figures on the goods that they must be sold for. If No. 1. butter is 25c per pound what would you think of a fellow trying to Jew you to 20c?

This firm does not believe in big profits and never will be guilty of the practice

WE ARE A ONE-PRICE SPOT-CASH STORE No Trouble to Show Goods

See our men's \$1.00 work Pant See our \$2.50 men's work shoe
See our \$1.40 boys' wash suit See our shoes for women at \$2.50 to \$5

Our men's suits are great at \$6.75 to \$20—are made by best men tailors of America

Ladies, come see our Silk Dresses at \$8.75, and skirts at \$3 to \$7.50 are unmatched

NEW GOODS EVERY WEEK :: Yours to Serve

The Brown Dry Goods Co.

NOODLE

Noodle, April 17.—The small rain of last week was enjoyed by all, if it wasn't as much as was needed, but it made us remember that it rains in West Texas once in a while.

Miss Stella Goode of this place left Friday morning for Oklahoma, where she will spend the summer with her aunt.

The Noodle school boys played the Stith boys in a game of baseball last Friday, the Noodle boys losing the game.

Miss Beulah Jones of Sinclair is visiting relatives and friends in Noodle this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ely and children spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ely.

Miss Eason of Rotan spent last week with her uncle, E. L. Eason of this place.

Misses Ina Fay and Alma Barbee of Merkel spent Saturday night and Sunday with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thompson of Swan's Chapel visited relations at Noodle Saturday and Sunday.

The baseball game of Monday evening was enjoyed by a number of people. We are sorry to say that Noodle lost another game.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Horton, Miss Louise Tweedy, Mr. Ernest Horton and family and Mr. J. Fogleman spent last Sunday with Mr. Lee Williams of this place.

Mrs. E. J. Newsom of Abilene is visiting this week with her H. N. Newsom and daughter, Mrs. T. E. Goode.

Miss Bernice Rainbolt of near Merkel was here Monday, where she is teaching a class in music.

SPECIAL

Pump electrically, eliminate the unsightly looks of wind mill, takes care of garden and lawn, whether the wind blows or not. See the outfit in our show window.

Special inducements, Merkel Power Company.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund money if PZO 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.

LOCAL NEWS

Big car of Baker Boy flour at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

D. W. Ashley of Compere was in Merkel on business Saturday.

See Sublett, the jeweler, for your clock and watch repairing.

Mrs. Frank Powell of Anson, and her sister, Mrs. D. W. Ashley of Compere, were in Merkel shop-

Finley Martin and son, Hubert, of near Trent, were in Merkel on business last Saturday.

See J. A. Woodard for land loans or fire insurance.

ping a few days ago. This goes to show the best bargains and the highest class of merchandise are carried in this city.

John Byrum and son, Clarence of Stith were in Merkel Saturday on business.

Mrs. Connie Beall of Lovington, N. M. visited old friends in Merkel a few days during the past week, being most of the time the guest of Miss Mary Reed. From here Mrs. Beall went to Dallas where she will meet her brother, H. S. Magness and other relatives.

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PRACTICAL
Business College
ABILENE, TEXAS

Only well-known Business College in West Texas. Thousands of firms nearer our Employment Department than any other. Money-back contract guarantees position. Catalogue FREE



STYLISH SPRING CLOTHES FOR MEN

You are now due to come in and buy your new spring clothes ---so you can drop off your dreary winter garments---heavy in weight and heavy in color.

Bright springtime demands bright clothes. All we get out of life anyway is the joy of living. Then as new clothes delight you come in and buy them. Wear them and the songs of the birds of springtime will sound sweeter and you will be happier.

Wearing good new clothes will also help you succeed. Looking prosperous brings prosperity. It will pay you to wear better clothes; it will pay you to buy them from us.

Just received car of Flour and Feed—that good old Marechal Neil Flour—and some rich mill-run bran. See us. Make your dollars go farther by seeing us before you buy.

Lace and Embroidery Bargains

See our display of laces and embroideries at prices far below the market value. You'll miss an exceptional bargain if you fail to see this assortment. A few lace curtains left at half price

SATURDAY SPECIALS

4 pkgs. cocoanut	25c	10 cans No. 2 black berries	\$1.00
5 pkgs. 1-pound soda	25c	7 pounds bulk coffee	\$1.00
1 35c can coffee	25c	3-lb bucket steel-cut coffee with cup and saucer	85c
3 pounds Bermuda onions ...	25c		
10 cans No. 3 pie peaches ..	\$1.00		

Hats and Shirts Specials

On display in our gents' furnishings department are some values in hats and shirts that should interest every hat and shirt buyer in this country. \$2.50 to \$3 hats 89c and up. \$1 to \$1.50 shirts 39c and up. See them.

THE STAR STORE

Mrs. W. C. Dickerson has just returned from Abilene where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. Her sister, Miss Fannie Cardwell, accompanied her. They are now at the Collins House until Mrs. Dickerson gathers enough strength to be carried to her home, about two miles north of the city.

Miss Callie Lou Owens is visiting her brother in Sweetwater.

In view of the fact that I have never charged the prices that the good people of Merkel have been paying for dentistry, and also appreciating the fact that every thing else is high, I will maintain my old prices, which are much lower than you have been accustomed to paying—so when in need of dental work, call and see me.

Dr. C. J. Sherrill
Over Farmers State Bank. 6t3c

HOW TO SAVE MONEY

While the patriotic cry is now heard in the land, and the high cost of living is digging deep into your pocketbooks, why buy new clothes? You can have your old ones mended, cleaned and pressed to look as good as new.

MRS. C. L. CASH
Star Store Tailor Shop
Merkel, Tex.

Parten's Great Under-Price Sale on All New Goods

Select your goods while our stock is brand new, before it is picked over, to be in keeping with the call of spring. Our patterns are choice, we carry the best quality and our prices are right, even far below the prices that would have to be charged if bought at present wholesale quotations. Why wait longer to make your purchases? Goods cannot be sold cheaper. Even now we are receiving new spring goods daily, bought months ago

LADIES SLIPPERS	
One lot Ladies \$3.50 Slippers, now going at.....	\$2.50
One lot Baby Dolls, all sizes.....	\$2.25
One lot \$2.50 for	\$1.95
One lot \$4.00 for	\$3.45
One lot \$4.75 for	\$4.25
TENNIS SLIPPERS	
One lot \$1.00 values.....	75c
One lot \$1.00 values	89c
One lot \$1.25 values	\$1.00

STAPLES	
Pepperell Sheeting, 9-4	33c
Best grade Gingham, fast colors	11½c
Best grade Percale, fast colors	11½c
Best grade Curtain scrim	10c
One lot Galitae, 35c value	23c
Cotton Poplins, all colors, 50c values.....	33c
Best grade canvas	1½c
Sheer White Linen, 42 inch	33c
One lot of Dimity, white	10c

SILKS	
One lot of striped shirt waist, Silk	98c
One lot \$1.50 Shirt Waists for	\$1.35
All \$1.35 and \$1.25 Silks, stripes and solids, to go for	\$1.16
All \$1.50 Silks in fancy stripes, plaids and solid colors, dark colors and light, per yard.....	\$1.35
Fancy stripes and plaids, former price \$2.00, now at per yard	\$1.75
VOILE AND SUITINGS	
Striped Voile in all colors, worth 75c, per yard.....	50c
Fancy striped Suiting for skirts, dresses and suits, from 33c to	69c

MEN'S PANTS	
One lot Khaki, \$2.00	\$1.50
One lot worth \$1.50	\$1.15
One lot worth \$2.50	\$1.95
One lot dress Pants \$3.00	\$2.45
One lot dress Pants, \$3.50	\$2.95
One lot dress Pants \$4.00	\$3.45
One lot dress Pants \$4.50	\$3.85
One lot dress Pants \$6.00	\$4.95
One lot Palm Beach	\$1.15
One lot Palm Beach	\$1.95
One lot Palm Beach	\$2.50
One lot Palm Beach	\$2.95
One lot Cool Cloth	\$3.45

MEN'S SUITS	
One lot all wool Blue Serge.....	\$13.85
One lot all wool Worsted	\$11.95
One lot Palm Beach, worth \$10.50 at ..	\$8.48
BOYS' SUITS	
One lot Blue Serge, while they last ..	5.45
One lot odd sizes	\$1.95
One lot odd sizes	\$2.95
A nice assortment of boys Palm Beach Suits	\$2.50

MEN'S OXFORDS	
One lot Kangaroo \$7.00 at.....	\$5.98
One lot Kangaroo \$6.50 at.....	\$5.75
One lot Glaz Kangaroo \$6.00 at.....	\$4.98
One lot colored Kid	\$5.98
One lot now going at.....	\$3.45
BOYS' OXFORDS	
\$2.50 values for	\$1.95
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One lot 25c value	15c
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See our children's wash suits, all sizes, two to seven years, unusually pretty patterns and styles, at

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Ask to see our New Models in ladies' waists. Many new and exclusive designs in georgette crepes, crepe de chine and silks, priced..... \$1.00 TO \$7.50

We are showing an attractive line of ladies' dresses at \$8.50 to \$25.00

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Men and Young Men

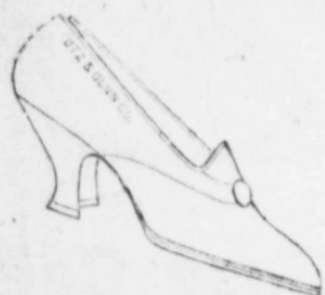
Dress Up --- Spring is Here

We have the clothes—as fine and fashionable as ever graced the figure of any man or young man who is particular about the cut and fit of his suit.

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Two excellent numbers in young men's Belted Suits. Just come in and look, as 'tis no trouble to show you

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New spring boots in white and many popular combinations

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Is the announcement that the Munsingwear line now includes men's loose-fitting athletic suits in light weight woven fabrics of finest quality. We have an attractive variety of these new summer underwear comforts—a sure fit for every size man.

Men's Oxfords

For Spring and Summer



Our stock of men's shoes insure every customer satisfaction. There is no question as to the superiority of style and the serviceable qualities of our shoes. You will find in our stock the well known lines, C. S. Marshall & Co., E. T. Wright & Co. and Beacon shoes, with all the new leathers and styles, prices

\$3.50 and up to \$7.50

The Anchor Mercantile Company

Sale Continues With Good Results

Our prices all being cut down has caused a steady flow of pleased customers through the entire week.

Our goods are rapidly going out, don't wait until they are all gone. We can't possibly buy the merchandise now at prices we are selling them.

J. P. SHARP

Patriotism reached a high mark in Abilene last Friday afternoon, when the whole city turned out in gala attire and pulled off a parade nearly a mile long. Prominent in line were the old soldiers, with eyebrows moist from memories of similar occasions of over half a century ago, the remnant of a mighty and valorous host. Out of the large concourse, in line, were the nurses, business men, students and negroes, the last named bringing up the rear. It was success from start to finish, a day to be remembered by those who felt the influence of the occasion.

A large crowd attended from Merkel. Following the parade a number of addresses were made.

Of interest to the friends of the bride here was the wedding of Miss Margie Saffle to Robert Howe Sunday, April 15, the wedding ceremony taking place at about seven in the evening in the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Saffel, Plainview, Texas.

For several years the Saffle family were residents of Merkel, and since their removal, Miss Margie, as a frequent visitor here, still retains her hold on a number of friends. Their best wishes for happiness through future years are extended.

Mr. and Mrs. Howe went at once to their country home near Plainview.

Mrs. W. J. Largent of this place, a sister of the bride, was present for the marriage, and upon her return home, was accompanied by Miss Murtice Saffle.

The "Little Girl Next Door," played at the Cozy last week, gave an insight into the vice conditions of our large cities that every father and mother should know about. It was clearly shown that no girl is safe from the emissaries of these hell pits. What happened to the "Little Girl Next Door" can happen to your daughter as well.

Mrs. Tom Rudd of Arlington came in Tuesday afternoon for a visit with her sister, Mrs. E. M. Rust.

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Evening Up.

He—Why do you dwell so constantly on my bad traits? She—To preserve a proper equilibrium. You yourself are likely to keep me reminded of the few good ones you possess.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

He Learned the Lesson.

"Tommy, you should not fight with that Jimson boy."
"I know it, ma."
"That's right."
"But I didn't know it before I hit him."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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Miss Evelyn Williams, Editor

Lewis -Rape Wedding.

A. B. Lewis and Miss. Mary Rape were married at the home of Rev. Bullock, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The young couple left for their home in the Merkel community.

Butman-Jones Wedding

Will F. Butman and Miss Leola Jones of the Nubia community were married in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones on Sunday, April the 15. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Butman took the west bound train for a short bridal tour to western points, after which they will live in a new home built on the Butman farm for their occupancy.

In this marriage two prominent families are connected and there are many friends to extend them glad wishes for future happiness.

Howell-McRee Wedding.

Mr. Ideal Howell, formally of Trent, but now of Fort Worth, and Miss Jennie Vieve McRee were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McRee, three miles west of Trent. The bride wore a mustard colored suit and hat to match the colors, rose and gold were carried out. Miss Geta Beckham presided at the punch bowl.

Rev. J. J. Johnson, the Methodist pastor, performed the ceremony. They will make their home in Fort Worth, where Mr. Howell is an employee of the T. & P. Railway Company.

EVERY ONE CAN HELP IN SWAT THE FLY CAMPAIGN

EVERY one should exert himself and help in these anti-fly campaigns. Start by keeping flies out of the homes. Inspect every nook and corner in the house and make it a point to see that everything is clean. The kitchen should be kept scrupulously clean, and the result will be fewer flies and less disease.



This inspection should take place once a week. Every Sunday morning English ships are carefully examined by the captains and other officers. If this were done in every household there would be better health for all.

There should be an organization against these insects, and this could be accomplished if people would inform their neighbors of the danger of houseflies. It is also essential that children should know the danger of flies and how to guard against it. Children should be taught by their teachers the importance of a clean school. Much illness will be prevented, doctors' bills will be reduced, the health of all improved, if homes are kept sweet and clean.

Do it now!
Delays are dangerous!
Swat that fly!

+ Preparedness is the big word of the country today.
+ Are you prepared for the fly invasion? There's an old saw that "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure."
+ Here are some ways to prepare for the fly campaign:
+ Garbage.—This is food waste only. Always keep it in a metal can with a tight cover. Do not let flies get into it.
+ Rubbish.—This includes ashes, bottles, tin cans, junk and house sweepings. Always keep it in boxes or barrels of average size.
+ Waste Paper.—This should be kept from rubbish. Always keep it dry. Put it in burlap bags or tie it up in bundles. If kept in the basement it should never be near the furnace nor under the stairs.
+ Vacant Lots.—The owners of vacant lots are responsible for keeping them clean. Do not throw your rubbish or garbage in these lots. It is not good citizenship and is a menace to your health. Try to get them cleaned up and see if you can put in a garden.

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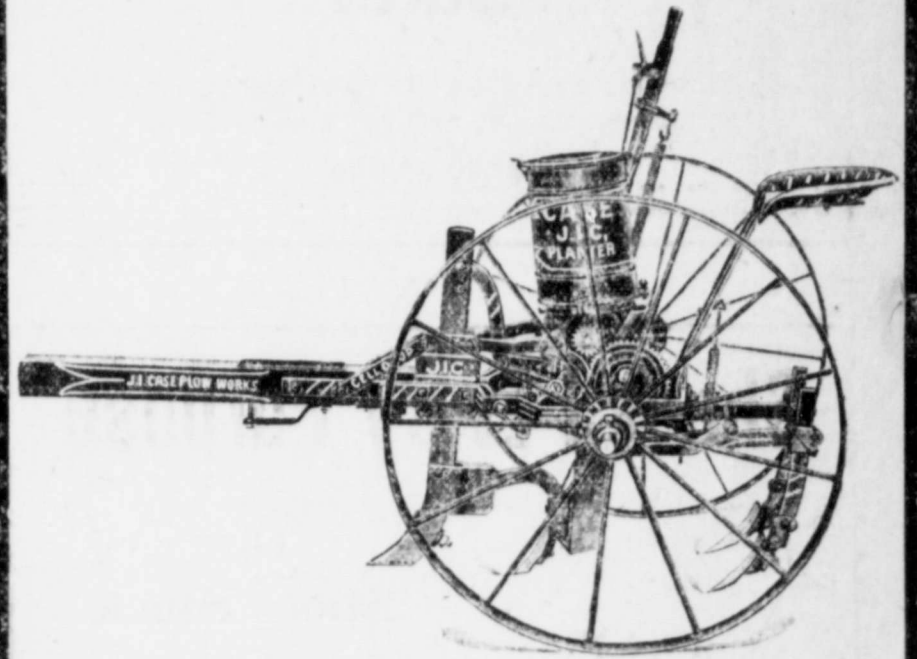
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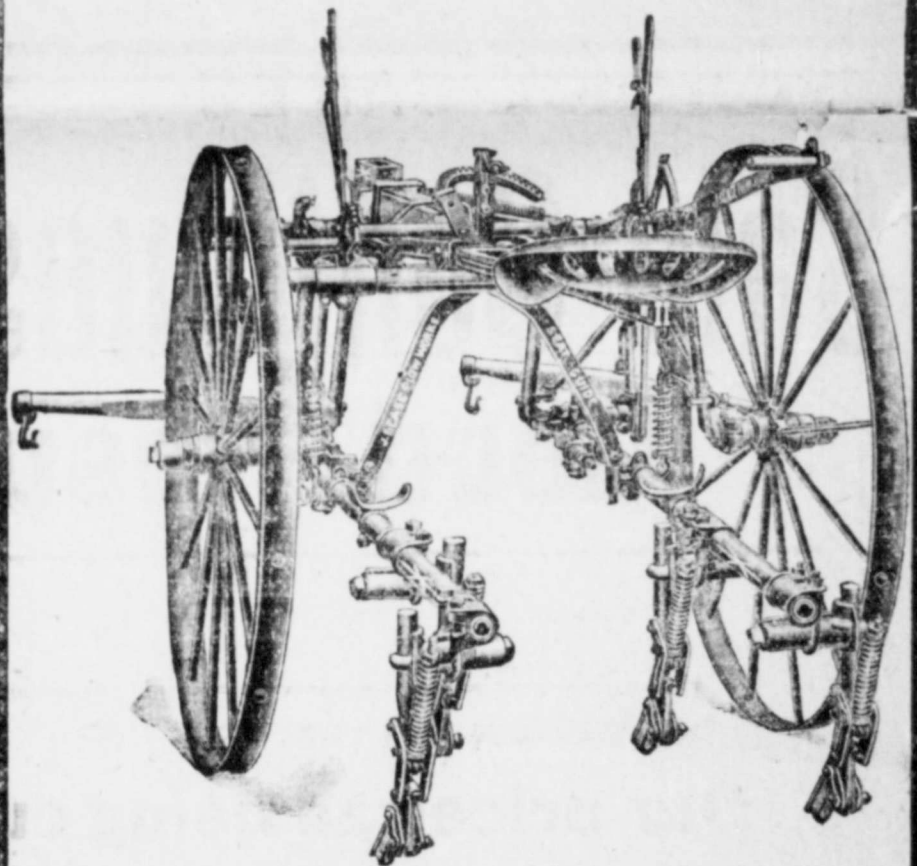
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Too Polite. "This is my coming out," remarked the facetious burglar, whose sentence had expired. "Permit me to wish you many happy returns," said the prison keeper gallantly.—New York Mail.

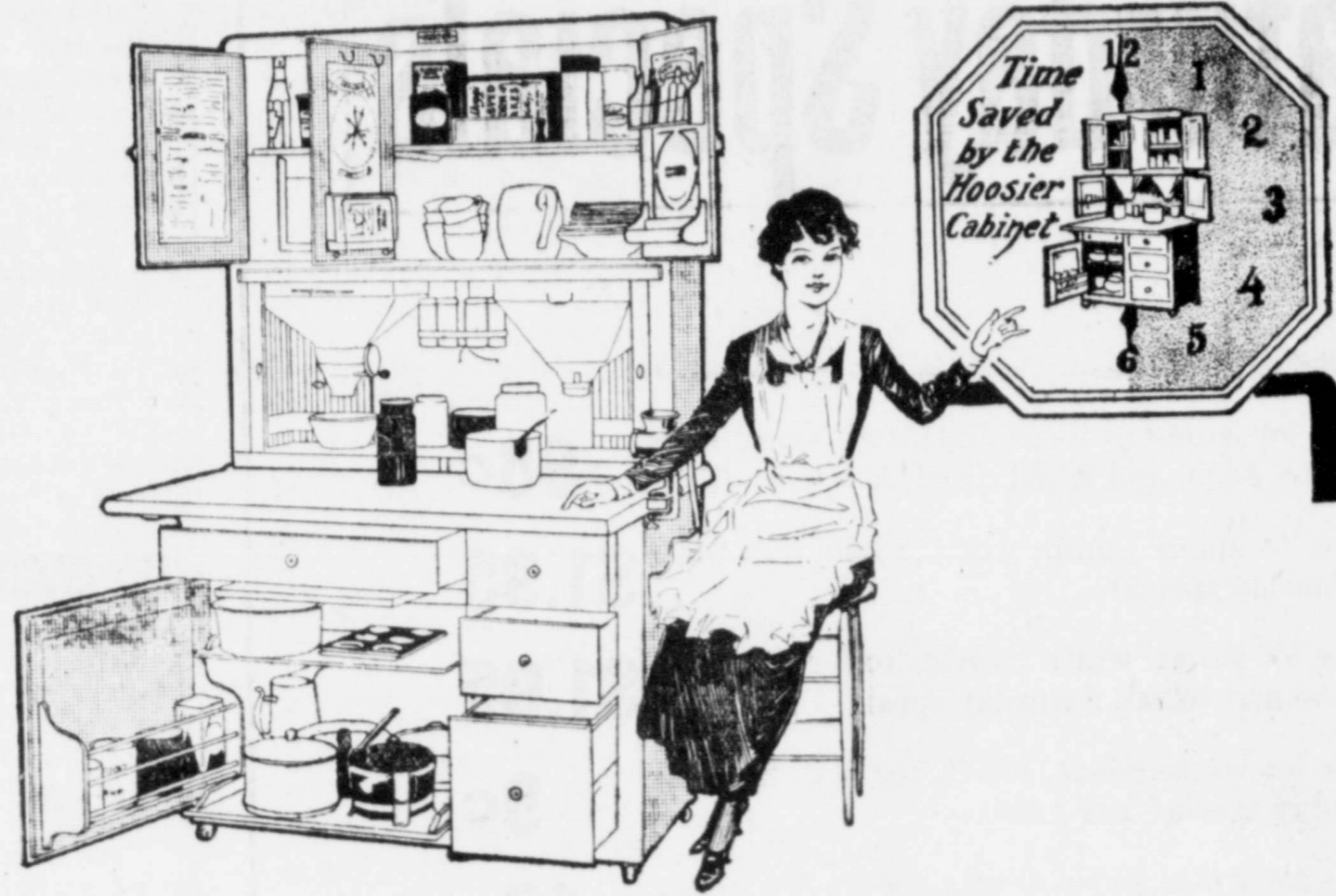
Well Qualified. "Are you good at figures?" asked the business man. "I ought to be," replied the woman who had applied for a position. "I used to be wardrobe mistress for a burlesque troupe."—Judge.

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THINK OF IT!

Flies and dirt double the amount of sickness among New York city's babies. This statement, made public by the department of social welfare of the New York Association For Improving the Condition of the Poor, is based on a two years' investigation in more than a thousand families.
Don't let that fly get away!
Kill him now!



Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!
The fly that lives
To fly away
Will live to breed
A million a day
Kill Flies NOW!

REALIZE YOUR DANGER. SWAT THE FLY!

If you were to walk into a room and then be told that in it there were 7,000,000 chances of catching a deadly disease, how long would you linger? The chances are 100 to 1 that you would get out as quickly as possible. According to scientists and doctors, a fly may carry as many as 7,000,000 germs on its feet. Typhoid and tube colosis are the most common of these germs.
Kill the murderous insect.

Kill the murderous fly!

When we dwell on the great war in Europe words fail us.

Yet statistics show that disease transmitted by the housefly kills more than armies!

Swat the fly!
Starve the fly!

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W. J. Dulin.

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

Whereas, it has pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in his infinite wisdom to remove from among us our dear brother, W. J. Dulin, and to transplant him as a member of that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides; Therefore, be it resolved by Merkel Lodge, A. F. and A. M. that, in the death of our brother, this lodge has lost a worthy member; one who lived and practiced the true principals of our order, and in his every day life was a living example of those great tentes, Faith, Hope and Charity; having faith in God, Hope in immortality and Charity toward all man kind; Ever ready to lend a hand to help a brother or friend, and give him advice that would aid in his reformation. We bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and leave in his hands the soul of our deceased brother.

Be it Further Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy delivered to the family of our deceased brother and a copy handed to the Merkel Mail, for publication; and that the members of this lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of April, A. D. 1917, A. L. 5917.

Thos. Johnson, W. W. Wheeler, N. D. Cobb, Committee.

A Card of Thanks.

In the wisdom of the Almighty it has pleased Him to take from our midst our beloved husband and father, and to our many friends who so kindly aided us in his last hours, we extend our thanks, and they will be remembered by us in the sweetest and most cherished corners of our hearts for their devotion to him whom we so greatly loved, he who was so dear to us, so loving, so kind and gentle. These friends made our most trying hours easier, and may God's blessings be upon them all.

Mrs. J. D. Boring and Children

Advertised Letters.

Ney, H. B. Neris, Florence. These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on May 2, H. G. Williams, Postmaster, Merkel, Texas.

The Standing of Contestants on April 16, 1917.

Table with 2 columns: Rank and Amount. 1. 192,820; 2. 56,660; 3. 303,315; 4. 12,500; 5. 4,000; 6. 2,085; 7. 516,840; 8. 38,510; 9. 8,150; 10. 213,000; 11. 5,160; 12. 2,005; 13. 2,000; 14. 2,960; 15. 61,490; 16. 20,095; 17. 352,555; 18. 542,055; 19. 2,000; 20. 196,875; 21. 5,255; 22. 34,330; 23. 16,735

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Will begin handling cream Saturday. Will pay market price. Bring us your cream. Corner Produce Co., Boyce building, Front street. 20-tfc

NOTICE.

Complaint has been made to me of parties placing garbage, such as cans, trash, etc., on or near the public highway, which is a violation of law, and will kindly request that the offense be discontinued at once. This is a filthy practice, and oftentimes causes teams to shy and run, endangering lives. A little thoughtfulness will correct the evil. If persisted in, arrests will follow.

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Saturday Specials

- One lot ladies' oxfords and shoes, small sizes, worth \$3.00 and \$3.50, Saturday special 98c
One lot ladies' pumps worth \$3.50 and \$4.00 Saturday special \$1.95
One lot ladies' white canvas oxfords, worth \$2.50 and \$3.00, Saturday special \$1.95
One lot white goods, worth 15c and 20c, Saturday special, per yard 9c
One lot white goods worth 25c & 35c, Saturday special, per yard 16c
One lot embroidery flouncing, values to \$1.00 Saturday special 50c
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E. E. Burroughs of Amarillo is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs. He will remain here a few days before returning to Amarillo.

Spring

Spring is looked upon by many as the most delightful season of the year, but this cannot be said of the rheumatic. The cold and damp weather brings on rheumatic pains which are any thing but pleasant. They can be relieved, however, by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. Obtainable everywhere.

Mrs. N. E. Sundlin, who has been away from Merkel about seven months visiting in Eastern Texas and Oklahoma, has returned to her home here.

Why Constipation Injures.

The bowels are the natural sewerage system of the body. When they become obstructed by constipation a part of the poisonous matter which they should carry off is absorbed into the system, making you feel dull and stupid, and interfering with the digestion and assimilation of food. This condition is quickly relieved by Chamberlain's Tablets. Obtainable everywhere.

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Mrs. Joe L. Harris
Pr. Ladies Home Mis. Society
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Prayer Meeting, Wednesday Evening.

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Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Prayer Service, Wednesday evening.

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H. Turner Leader S. S.
Preaching every third Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School every Sunday, 10 a. m.
Communion Service at 11:00.

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Mrs. J. S. Saddler Pres. Ladies Aid and Missionary Society
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Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Prayer Meet. Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Choir Practice Fri. 7:30 p.m.
Girls Gym. Tues. 7:30 p. m.
Boys Gym. Fri. 7:30 p. m.

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with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family pills for constipation.

Misses Nettie Day of Oran and Lottie Butman of Nubia are spending the week-end with Misses Sadie and Annie Collins.

P. H. Douglass of Salt Branch was in Merkel on business last Saturday, while here he placed a subscription with the Mail.

Safe Medicine for Children

"Is it safe?" is the first question to be considered when buying cough medicines for children. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has long been a favorite with mothers of young children as it contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult. It is pleasant to take, too, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to young children. This remedy is most effectual in relieving coughs, colds and croup. Obtainable everywhere.

SAND BURR ITEMS.

Sand Burr, Tex., Apr. 16.— Since our last writing we have had a nice little rain, something like three-fourths of an inch. All on the sand land can get crops up but will be a little difficult on the light lands.

Cotton planting is the order of the day.

Wheat and oats are recuperating after the rain.

E. F. and T. W. Vantress have maize nearly big enough to plow.

J. F. Winters made a business trip to Abilene Thursday.

Well we have our road graded and about 200 yards clayed at the Primitive Baptist church. We thank the good people who came from other roads to help in the claying of this sandy place and we also thank the ones that was too old for road duty. The cars can travel this road without any trouble now.

Mrs. N. M. Mayfield and mother, Mrs. Patterson, visited relatives at Throckmorton the past week.

J. I. Ford of Stith bought a load of oats from E. F. Vantress Saturday.

The Sand Burr school gave an entertainment Friday. They served cake and cream. Those that attended enjoyed themselves fine.

E. F. Vantress and wife entertained the young folks Friday night with a party. All report a good time. Mrs. H. C. West is having a well dug on her place. Mr. Rister is doing the work.

Rev. Silman did not fill his last appointment at Hope. We are sorry to know that his wife was operated on at Ballinger. We hope she is getting along nicely.

Our Sand Burr school will go on nearly another month.

Bill Perkins and wife visited at G. W. Thompson Sunday.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Dora Woodard is on the sick list this week.

E. M. Benson of Stith was in our midst Saturday.

Lawrence Vantress visited J. M. Sloan of Kale one day last week.

Insomnia.

Indigestion nearly always disturbs the sleep more or less, and is often the cause of insomnia. Eat a light supper with little if any meat, and no milk; also take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper and see if you do not rest much better. Obtainable everywhere.

Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Crenshaw, who were called to Merkel by the death of the father and grand father, J. D. Boring, returned Monday to their home in Fort Worth.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic

Take Grove's The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

T. A. McDonald Dead.

T. A. McDonald, aged 58, died at his home last Wednesday afternoon. He was born February 16, 1859. Burial was made at Gunter, Grayson county, Texas, two of his brothers accompanying his remains to that place. Mr. McDonald leaves a wife and several children to mourn his departure. He was a member of the Baptist church. The funeral services here were under the direction of Rev. Jesse Mercer, from near Trent.

To the bereaved one we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

WAR TIME HOG RATION.

Skim milk and prickly pears. We have tried this ration and find it good. We chop up the big stems and find hogs eat them with relish. We feed nothing else but pears and skim milk.

J. B. Walton.

The Merkel High School got "squelched" in the ball game last Friday, and their reporter is on the sick list. The Abilene High School rode out of town in great glee, the first time they have had such a privilege in a long time.

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