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FIRE BOYS BANQUET

Chief Cauthen's Bunch of Fire Fighters Spread Supper, Furnish Music and Entertain Several Hundred of our Citizens

It was a spirit of patriotism and manifestation of mutual good will which marked the annual banquet of the fire boys to the business men of our little city Monday evening.

The fire boys had planned well and spared neither expense nor labor in their preparation and the event was their ample reward.

There were several hundred present and yet there was plenty to eat and drink for all and all did eat, drink and be merry. It is to be said to the credit of the fire boys that in none of their many entertainments and social events has there been served anything stronger than good punch, strong coffee or Merkel's own pure water to extinguish the flames of thirst and for this they have the commendation of our good people.

The program opened and concluded with music by an orchestra composed of Miss Lyska Pitzer, Messrs. S. S. Scheidler, Henry Rose, Claud Comegys and Duke Evans and the applause after each number showed the appreciation of those present. At the appointed time Rev. Geo. A. Crane, who acted as toastmaster invited the guests to take places at the long table which ran for the entire length of the long building and which was laden with chicken, ham, hamburger, salads, eggs, pickles, sandwiches, and in fact everything which could be bought and prepared. Rev. Crane made announcement for the fire boys and called upon T. A. Johnson, cashier of the F. & M. Bank for a toast for the business men.

Mr. Johnson, though taken by surprise, proved equal for the occasion and made a few minutes speech full of good will for his fellow business men and appreciation of the fire boys. He praised our business men for their success and progress through good and bad times in the history of our country and said that although we had suffered several short crops as a result of the drouth he believed that our business men would compare favorably with any town and country of our section and knew no class as a whole enjoyed better credit in the marts of commerce. He paid compliments to all of the various classes of business and profession and was specially commendatory of the legal profession, suspecting that Judge W. T. Potter would be called upon to respond. He told the story of the cheese, the cat and the knife and of Hans who upon test of his father to learn his vocation in life drank the whiskey, pocketed the dollar and walked off with the bible, showing that he would be a lawyer. He concluded with praise for our fire-fighters.

Response of Judge Potter.

Judge Potter explained that he had not been notified like Mr.

Johnson and thus given time for preparation but suspected his situation when "landed upon" by his banker friend. "The truth of that cheese and knife story," said the speaker, "is the banker got the cheese." He stated that it was a time for action rather than words and in view of the fact that he had been suffering physical pain in a desire to get to the table he would conclude speaking and begin eating.

During the supper the fire boys served coffee, water and punch for their guests and in other ways provided for their wants.

After Supper Minute Talks.

There was music during and after supper and when the long table was deserted Toastmaster Crane kept up the interest and enthusiasm by calling upon many of those present for short talks.

Mayor W. W. Wheeler when called to the floor took the opportunity to speak his appreciation of the music and the supper and to tell the fire boys that he had but a few weeks more in office and that he desired for them to call upon him for all of their wants at once and that he would now and always do all that he could for them and that he knew he spoke the sentiment of our council.

Dr. J. H. Warnick said that the event was a physical, social and intellectual treat, that he appreciated being a guest and that he was always ready to do his part for the fire boys.

Judge C. D. Mims stated that he could hardly speak before eating in public and never afterward, that he was too full for utterance but made signs to show that he was glad he lived in Merkel among such good, public-spirited and free-hearted people. He loved to mix and mingle with everybody on an every-day common-sense-basis of social equality.

J. E. Pitzer, who has served more than a quarter of a century as agent of our railroad paid our people the best compliment of the evening in stating that he never met and dealt with a people more honest and honorable. Such praise from a railroader, who is in position to know, was muchly appreciated and he received their applause.

John Elliott was the flowery orator for the occasion and many of his climaxes would do credit to many of our statesmen who grace the floors of our legislature. He praised everybody and everything and in most eloquent language.

The Merkel Mail, with the fire boys, business men, and musicians came in for praise at the hands of the toastmaster and one or two of the speakers, and while we feel unworthy of same we appreciate it all and it inspires us for better efforts.

Actions Louder Than Words.

At the conclusion of the pro-

gram Alex A. Wisdom, secretary of the department, arose to express for the fire boys their appreciation of many good things said about them, "but actions speak louder than words and while I pass my hat, show your faith by your works," and a neat little contribution was made to their funds.

Then the alarm was sounded and the fire boys made a run to a bonfire which had been made for the occasion. The work of Capt. Sinclair's company was disappointing for the nozzle boys made a fizzle, but the other was good and the experience impressed upon all the necessity of practice work.

Preacher is Fireman.

Rev. Geo. A. Crane who so entertainingly acted the part of toastmaster spoke for a few minutes at the conclusion of the program and expressed a desire to be of further service for our firemen and if possible would like to be enrolled as a member. He would attend all fires and do whatever he could at any and all times for the good of our town and considered the fire department one of the most important departments of our little municipality.

Department is New.

The interest, thoroughness of organization and success of our department is certainly commendable when we reflect that it was but little more than a year ago when B. C. Gaither called the little meeting in the old city quarters and the companies were organized. As a bucket brigade they won for themselves a special compliment from Chief J. J. Clinton of Abilene in controlling the fire which threatened the Geo. F. West building and property on Main street. We are glad that such service has not been necessary since the completion of our waterworks system but the condition of the department makes for a feeling of confidence among all of our property owners, and besides it is one of the factors which make for us a saving on insurance premiums.

Long may they live and may they continue their improvement in organization and work as well as their enjoyment of life and good things like the banquet while they live.

Officers Fire Department.

B. C. Gaither, President; Courtney Hunt, vice-president; Alex Wisdom, secretary and treasurer; George Cauthen, Chief; R. L. Bland, assistant chief; N. C. Sinclair, Foreman Hose Company No. 1; O. W. Williams, Foreman Hose Company No. 2; R. E. Dillard, Foreman Hook and Ladder Company No. 1; W. L. Burns, Foreman Engine Company No. 1.

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COLQUITT NEW TEXAS GOVERNOR

Austin, Jan. 17.—O. B. Colquitt is governor of Texas. According to the provisions of the Constitution the oath of office was administered by the Chief justice of the Supreme court, in this instance Judge Brown, himself a newly sworn in state official.

The proceedings went on with typical American simplicity. The retiring governor, Mr. Campbell made a brief address. Mr. Campbell spoke calmly and tolerantly and smiled in a friendly fashion on Colquitt when the latter ascended the stand to be formerly sworn in. Colquitt then delivered his inauguration address, a brief document.

OUR GOOD READERS '12 THE OLD & THE NEW '12

One thing, dead moral and certain hard times never touched our subscription for business continues to pick up and we are grateful. Every dollar paid us now—in the hand is worth about seven you might give us at some indefinite time in the future. We hope that all of our subscribers will get their figures ahead and help us to put our business on a cash basis—the only way.

Please understand that it is our policy to carry those of our town and our immediate country who would but cannot pay—all others must pay cash. We may have more confidence in this especially good looking country, it may be a notion but it is just that way. We ask that all come to see us, make some definite arrangements and let us know that you will continue to read our paper and pay us for it this fall.

We are going to insist upon payment of all others, for to be real honest and tell the truth, and all of our more than thousand readers know that this paper never tells a lie—we need the money. It takes cash to make the Buzz-Saw buzz.

The following are our renewals and new subscribers since last week, and we claim that is going some for just a common country rag:

C P Warren, E M Overshiner, Esq. and Miss Pearl Shelly, Abilene; E C Counts, Honolulu, Hawaii; D H Glover, Rt. 1, Noodle; C Jones, Aetna, Tenn; Miss Adrain Witt, Hamlin; W R Provine, Mountain Park, Okla; Mrs E A Oulline, Willis; J R Cunningham, Temple, Okla; Rev A J Leach, Abilene; H E Counts, El Paso; B M Williams, Paris, Tenn; A J Wisdom, Pottsville (by A A Wisdom); Prof C C Shaver, Roscoe; C W Harkrider, Fort Worth; Rev W E Green, Tye; J M Pate, W W Simpson, Wm Snow, D E Snow, J B Jones, R I Bland, J C Tucker, G W Boyce, Victor Harris, W L Tally, I H Yates, Miss Agnes Hall, J W Deskin, city and rural routes.

Dye, H. C. Burroughs, L. G. Gazzaway, Eugene Hargrove, J. D. Gaither, Charley Russell, Alvie Sherman, Ocie Burns.

A HALF INCH RAIN FALLS WEDNESDAY

Another of the slow, drizzling rains—the kind that soaks into mother earth and is stored there to give life and growth to our crops in the coming season fell on the Merkel country Wednesday. The rain began about six o'clock and with little intermission continued until about noon, a total of about one-half of an inch falling, according to reports.

The rain reporter used the telephone system to talk to a number of our farmers and each and all expressed much satisfaction. It was their belief that the rainfall was sufficient for all present needs and would be a boon to wheat and oats in our country.

In fact, thus far the weather has been ideal since the severe cold spell. The ground has been in good shape for plowing and the pretty weather has made it ideal for this work and of course good for the stock.

Local grain dealers are figuring on many more oats being sown the last of this month and are making their preparations for seed oats accordingly.

Benjamin Jenkins Dead.

The announcement of the death of Benjamin Jenkins which occurred at the home of the family Saturday morning came to the many friends of the family almost at the same time as the news of his illness. The deceased was taken sick but a few days before with a severe cold and pneumonia which developed was the cause of the death.

Benjamin Jenkins was one of our best citizens and his death is mourned by our entire country. He had lived in this section for a long time, probably a quarter of a century, residing at Dora and then moving to Merkel where he later purchased the home property just south of our city. He had been a member of the Methodist church since boyhood, was a consistent christian and a good citizen. An old timer friend in speaking of him said: "Ben Jenkins was one of the best men I ever knew." He was a kind neighbor, a faithful friend, a true and loving husband and father. While for his family and loved ones the loss is hard to bear and they realize that his place can not be filled they as well know that he has gained that eternal rest which is a reward for the life he had lived and bow in humble submission.

He leaves a devoted wife and nine children: Mrs. Jno. Bryson, Noodle; T. C. Jenkins, Dora; Mrs. Jasper McCoy, Miss Maud Jenkins, Mrs. Elbert Dean and Claude, Vera, Teddy and Ruth who live at home.

The burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery Saturday afternoon, Rev. A. M. Martin officiating.

The Mail joins in the universal sorrow for the loss of this good man.

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Rust & McCauley Drug Company, L. Brown, Manager

OUR WEEKLY SERMONETTE

In the hope to make our paper of more interest to the majority of our religious readers and of some force for the promotion of our moral as well as material interests the Mail invited these contributions from our local ministers. Their cheerful acceptance enables us to promise this as a regular feature for our many readers during the new year.

"The Lingerers."

Genesis 19:16—"He lingered."

Lot, of whom these words were first spoken, was a dweller in the wicked city of Sodom by choice, which city was doomed by the fiat of the Almighty to a terrible destruction.

But Lot had been very highly favored by God in that he had been warned of the impending destruction. Angel messengers had been sent to lead him forth from the doomed city. He knew he must leave, the city or be destroyed with it. He intended to leave it, he was just about to take his departure, but with some natural and pardonable attachment to the place which had long been his home and loth to leave the substance that he had gathered together there, we are told that "he lingered"—halted awhile, protracted his stay, delayed in the very face of danger that he knew to be impending.

In this man Lot I believe we have the counterpart of many a modern hearer of the gospel. There are not many of the people in this part of the country at least, who do not know that the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men—not many, if any, who do not feel that the penalty against sin and wrong doing ought to be inflicted in their own case as well as in the case of others. There are not many who do not know something of the way of escape from the penalty of sin, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. And I doubt not that most all people have resolved in their heart at sometime, I will follow that way. But strong as their resolution was, they halted, they did not follow the Savior, they did not flee from danger.

I am constrained to believe that there are many like Lot in our own town and no doubt attend our churches from Sabbath to Sabbath, some at least of this class. To such I desire to appeal in this sermon, and will you look upon me less as a preacher following his calling, and regard me as a personal friend talking to you as a "lingering one" in familiar tones, and yet at the same time "with earnest tones and grave" to you

whom Jesus came to save, because I fear you may be letting this world's empty glory cost you your eternal happiness. I have some where read that Satan offered a reward to the evil spirit who should suggest the best plan for keeping individuals from accepting the gospel. Then up spoke one and said "I will go forth and tell them that there is no God, no heaven, no hell, no hereafter." "That will not do," said Satan, "for they will not believe it." Said another, "I will go forth and tell them that the bible is not true, that they may live on as they choose, for there is no punishment for sin." But Satan said "Men are not such fools as that."

Thus plan after plan was suggested, but Satan said "that will not do." Finally an evil spirit, with face more cunning and malignant than any other, said, "Your majesty, I will go to the world and tell them there is a God, who loves them; a Savior who died to save them; that they must repent of their sins or be punished; that they must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, but," he continued, "I will tell them that there is time enough yet, that tomorrow will do as well as today and get them to put off repentance until it is too late."

When he had finished there went up from Satan and his host one triumphant shout. "That is the plan," joyfully exclaimed Satan. "You will succeed, for if we can only persuade men to delay salvation they will never be saved." And Satan always works right along that line. Procrastination has been his chief weapon. Just "linger" is his plea, there is plenty of time yet.

Realizing the awful danger of "lingering" I would warn you, my dear people, that none of you may be taken unawares.

Besides I seem to hear the voice of God saying to me as to his servant of old, "O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the portion of Merkel's people who shall read this sermon that thou hear the word at my mouth and warn them from me."

"When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, thou shalt surely die,' if thou dost not speak to

warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his wickedness, but his blood will I require at thy hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the wicked of his way, to turn from it; if he does not turn from his way he shall die in his iniquity, but thou hast delivered thy soul.

"Say unto them, as I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye, from your evil ways; for why will ye die?"

Let me emphasize that I believe God would have every christian to do all in his power to help warn the wicked.

And as God is my helper I do not intend that the loss of the soul of any man, woman or child in my congregation shall be chargeable to me, because I failed to warn them of the danger of "lingering."

Is not this matter, my friend, of the most vital importance to you? It concerns your soul, your true self; it deals with your destiny, your impending, your eternal destiny. And yet you "linger."

You know there is a deathless spirit within you. You are conscious that you will live forever, either in happiness or in woe. Do you think you should put off your preparation for the future? If I knew some one were about to defraud you out of your estate, or you were about to lose your property, I think you would thank me for warning you and urging you to bestir yourself.

But if your estate be worth preserving, or your health, how much more your soul? Does not your reason agree that our Savior was right in saying "Seek ye first the kingdom of God?" You know we should, above everything else, be reconciled to God. Do I not hear you say, "Yes, I ought to escape from sin and be reconciled to God?" But still you linger, linger, linger.

What is it you are waiting for? Is it some sin or pleasure you will not give up? What one is worth as much as your soul? Is it ignorance of the way of life? If so should you not be searching the scripture? Are you promising yourself a more favorable opportunity? Are you thinking that it will be easier when you advance in years?

What an awful mistake. "The aged sin will not turn, His heart is so hard he can not mourn. Much harder than a flinty rock, He will not turn, though Jesus knocks."

And yet someone will read this who is "lingering" until advanc-

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Total.....	\$47,133.09

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$15,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	2,165.00
Bills Payable.....	3,000.00
Rediscounts.....	None
Cashiers Checks.....	494.31
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R. O. Anderson, Cashier.
B. C. Moore, Asst. Cash.

ed in years to accept Jesus Christ. Oh, so many things cause people to "linger," but what a grave mistake.

May you surrender to our Savior now. Even one day from now may be too late. Let me remind the "lingerer" that while he "lingers" he endangers the lives of others. I believe Lot's lingering caused the death of his sons-in-law, the ruin of his daughters and the loss of his wife. But time and space will prevent the expansion of these thoughts.

Let me impress upon your mind however, that while you linger you may hold your own son or daughter, your neighbor or associate out of the kingdom of God.

Oh, undecided man, how terrible to have to feel that the loss of your wife was on your head.

Oh, hesitating wife, how fearful to have upon you the respon-

sibility of your husband's lost soul. Oh, lingering parents, how heart-rending to feel some day that if I had only taken a decided stand for Christ, then my children might have been saved, but now the loss of their souls is due to my procrastination. And yet, alas, it may be so.

God forbid that you shall continue to "linger."

A. M. Martin.

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Mrs. J. B. Gambrell Dead.

Dallas, Jan. 15.—Mrs. J. B. Gambrell, one of the most widely known Baptist women in the southern states, passed away at the Baptist Memorial sanitarium, Dallas, 11:30 Sunday morning.

Fever Sores.

Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely, but should be kept in healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by Rust & McCauley Co.

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No "Back to Old Alabam" for Me.

Merkel Mail.—By request I write some of my experience while visiting in Ala. I spent two months in and around Birmingham, "The Smokey City of the South." It has grown considerably larger since my leaving some few years ago, and is much "smokier."

But I still think we have the grandest state in the union. Our past three years have been hard on us, but I prefer the druths to the wash-outs and overflows, which are numerous in the east. Of the two months I was away we only had two pretty Sundays. As for health we have all the states bested. I visited in many homes, only one of the many, but what someone of the family was sick. We have the finest country yet for farming. That is the happiest life we can live. I was raised in a small town and city, and have visited the city since leaving. I say give me the good old West Texas farm. While on my trip I visited both in the city, town and country, but none equaled Taylor county, Texas. The people of Texas have the best name of any other state, for their generosity and friendliness. I was proud to say I was from Texas, if I wasn't a native born. Mrs. John S. Hughes.

CURED OF DIABETES.

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Revival.

"The value of and how secured" will be subjects discussed by the pastor at the Methodist church Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Every member of the church is earnestly requested to be present and bring your friends. Everybody is cordially invited to hear these great themes discussed. Revival meeting will begin Jan. 29. A. M. Martin, pastor.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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Mayor W. W. Wheeler was a visitor to Trent Wednesday.

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W. R. Bigham returned home this week from a business trip west and was a visitor to Abilene Wednesday.

FOR SALE.—For good secured note a team of good mules. See E. W. Perminter, Merkel. 172c

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Read the advertisements in this issue for they were gotten up for your benefit and may be worth something to you.

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W. M. Jenkins pays the highest prices for chickens, turkeys and eggs. if

A few choice young registered Hereford bulls for sale. C. M. Largent, Merkel, Texas. 5tpc

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Behrens of Abilene were visitors in our little city one day this week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen.

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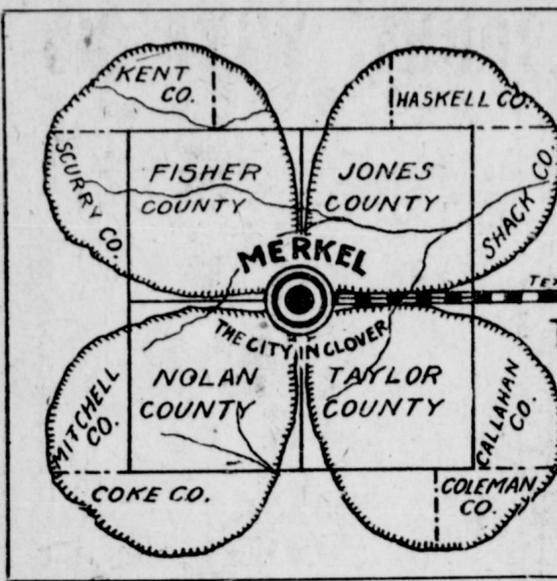
G. B. Brown came down from Roscoe Wednesday to spend a while at home and with his friends. He reports a good rain in the vicinity of Eskota.

A. L. Hogue shipped one car of his fat cattle to the Ft. Worth market this week. He has two more cars which he will ship a couple of weeks later.

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THE HUNTINGDON PLAN.

Huntingdon, Tennessee, is a small town, probably less than Merkel, and their success with a waterworks plant makes a recital of their plans of interest for our people at this time, for the success and extension of our little system means much to the progress of our town to say nothing of the protection of our property.

At Huntingdon the municipality was confronted with the same proposition as that which puzzles our aldermen—the maintenance and extension of the system. It was but a business proposition and an account of their plans certainly impresses one as being very plain and practical.

The first consideration was of course to build up a list of regular consumers of the city's product and then a regular, dependable and satisfactory service, for with this, once a consumer always a consumer. The minimum was reduced to the lowest possible figure to enable the small user to pay only his just proportion and at a price which made the service preferable to any private source. The rates were reasonable with all others, business houses and residences, and then as an inducement to get them started the city would pay all the cost of tapping the mains and laying the pipe to the property of the individual or business house. The piping only in this job was paid by the customer and for this amount the city would credit his account to pay for water at the regular rates. When he had used that amount of course he then continued the use of the water and paid the regular rates.

The liberal proposition of the council to start the customer in the use of the water is the point which impressed us and it seems to us that it is a good one. The first cost of procuring the water probably keeps many from becoming regular users. The rates of our city system are certainly reasonable enough for the large user and cheaper than any windmill if we figure interest on the investment, maintenance, repairs, etc., but the situation with the majority of our citizens is they have the latter and in view of the expense of tapping the mains they will continue their private plant until worn out. Otherwise they would use city water and if satisfactory they would make disposition of their private outfit and this could be put to good use to pump water for our farmers for domestic purposes, stock and irrigation. Then, if possible the minimum should be reduced to provide water for a small family without stock, garden or shrubbery for much less than the present rate figures for the year.

At least the idea appeared to us practical, a good business suggestion and we simply relate the same for what it is worth to our aldermen and citizens who are studying this problem. There is a way and all of our business houses and the most of our residences within the district should be connected with the system.

Then our system should be extended to take in more territory, to get more business, to protect

more property, to save more insurance—to make a better town.

One sincere wish of the Mail is that 1911 will mark the passing of the last old dark, dingy and out-of-date old-style awning. A modern awning adds 50 per cent to the outside appearance of a place of business and by giving much more light for the inside makes place more attractive for your customers. It is an investment and not an unnecessary expense. Then uniformity in this improvement will greatly add to the attractiveness of our little city. Do this, then tap our water mains and we will give you a certificate showing that you are a good citizen provided your subscription figures are paid one year in advance.

Everyone to his own way of thinking, but we believe the best thing the legislature can do is just to pass a law letting newspapers swap their space for railroad mileage and then go home. We exchange with our farmers for wood, pigs, roasting ears, beans, peas, cabbage, hay, feed and everything else and why not with the railroads for mileage. We do not care though, for we can walk or stay at home. This is an independent rag.

The banquet of the fire boys made us feel good all over for all of our people, a representative gathering were in the best of humor and of one mind—all for the good of Merkel. That is the proper spirit and the only one which makes possible any progress in municipal improvement. Let us all get together and then we will all go forward.

One of our readers here Saturday, who lives about 25 miles from our little town was interviewed by our reporter and asked why he came here to buy his grain and groceries. He said: "I have saved enough on this load to pay me well for the trip. I can buy groceries, grain, feed-stuff and everything else in Merkel cheaper. This is the best place to trade."

The Mail has received many compliments for our "Sermonettes," and of course all of the praise is to be given to our local ministers who are doing the work. All of the denominations are represented by very able men and their harmonious work is sure to promote our moral interests. Merkel is a good town but always getting better.

The Merkel fire department is composed of energetic, ambitious and willing material. They are all strong and capable, and just one thing will make them rank up with the best in the state—practice. It makes perfect and we would like to see our boys make a creditable showing at the state convention at Ballinger in May. Let's get busy.

Merkel offers special attraction for the citizen who desires to have his family enjoy the best of school, church and social advantages and yet live economically. And now is the opportune time to buy property and make yourself at home in the city in clover. You are welcome.

If you have not the dollar to subscribe for our paper, write us an order on the 1911 bumper crop. These orders signed by our farmers are good as gold in this newspaper shop: all others pay cash.

Our local nurserymen can supply you with any shade trees to be desired and now is the time to place your order and make arrangements for the improvement of your place. Plant shade trees.

NO. 366 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Farmers State Bank

at Trent, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 7th day of January, 1911, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 20th day of January, 1911:

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$21,428.36
Loans, real estate	529.30
Overdrafts	1,076.45
Bonds and Stocks	210.00
Real Estate (banking house)	3,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,130.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents, net	\$6,247.81
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	8,305.45—14,552.26
Cash Items	651.80
Currency	1,380.00
Specie	833.30—2,865.10
Other Resources as follows:	
Bills of Exchange (Gotton)	564.65
Interest Depositors Guaranty Fund	265.97
Total	\$47,133.09

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	2,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	165.00
Individual Deposits subject to check	26,473.78
Cashier's checks	494.31
Bills Payable and Rediscouts	3,070.00
Total	\$47,133.09

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, J. S. Swann as president, and R. O. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
J. S. Swann, president.
R. O. Anderson, cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 19th day of January, A. D. 1911. WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
(SEAL) W. W. Wheeler, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
I. C. Hale, { Directors
B. C. Moore }

Land For Sale at a Bargain.

On account of my health I am not able to farm or raise stock and will sell my land at a bargain. I also have some good horse stock to sell. Apply to or write Jas. Baker, Trent, Texas. 174t

Hosey Lee and Odis Burns, both employees of the Texas & Pacific Telephone Company returned from Abilene the first of the week where they had been attending to business.

Don't fail to hear "A Tea Party of Ye Olden Times" Friday night Jan. 27.

GINNERS NOTICE.

The gins of Merkel will run Saturday, January 21st. 21
Merkel Gins.

NO. 7481 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

THE Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank AT MERKEL

at the state of Texas, at the close of business on January 7, 1911:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 62,831.63
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	842.44
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	6,250.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	200.00
Furniture, and fixtures	2,800.00
Due from Nat. Banks (not reserve agt)	14,325.31
Due from approved reserve agents	61,564.51
Checks and other cash items	290.97
Notes of other National Banks	9,595.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	250.00
CASH MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	\$17,446.25
Legal Tender Notes	1,500.00—21,946.25
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	312.50
Total	\$181,381.31

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,878.59
National Bank Notes outstanding	6,250.00
Due to state and private banks and banker	598.39
Dividends unpaid	50.00
Individual Deposits subject check	126,504.60
Cashier's Checks outstanding	537.02
Notes and bills rediscounted	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	None
Reserved for taxes	562.71
Total	\$181,381.31

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:
I, T. A. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
T. A. JOHNSON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of January, 1911.
H. C. Williams,
(SEAL) Notary Public
Correct—Attest:
J. T. Warren, { Directors
G. F. West, }
J. T. Howard, }

No. 354

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of First State Bank, Trent, Texas

at the close of business on the 7th day of January, 1911, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 20th day of January, 1911.

RESOURCES	
Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$11,370.16
Loans, real estate	1,428.36
Overdrafts	829.61
Furniture and fixtures	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	\$13,776.27
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	871.36—14,947.83
Cash Items	48.55
Currency	2,595.00
Specie	585.45—3,229.00
Bills of exchange (cotton)	671.83
Interest depositors guaranty fund	227.50
Total	\$33,778.98

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Surplus fund	2,000.00
Undivided profits, net	1,080.27
Individual deposits, subject to check	30,709.61
Cashier's checks	49.10
Total	\$33,778.98

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We J. T. Warren as president and L. E. Adrian as cashier of said bank, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. T. Warren, President.
L. E. Adrian, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 13th day of Jan., A. D., 1911. WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
(SEAL) E. D. Teuton, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
T. J. Williamson { Directors
W. A. Abbott, }

CLASSIFIED ADS

FARM for rent. S. F. Haynes. 1f

FOR RENT.—A good farm with plenty of pasture and good improvements. Apply to A. C. Boney, Merkel, Texas, Box 291. 5tf

FOR SALE CHEAP.—300 egg incubator and brooder. Homer Rainbolt. 20t3

FOR SALE.—Pigs at \$2.50 each. Sam Butman. 20t2

FOR SALE.—Some fine shoats and full blood Poland China Gilts. J. S. Touchstone, Rt. 1, Merkel. 16t4

Our customer says he has never found such a remedy as Reo-tone, for piles, and never expect to be without it. Another says, it did him more good than all other remedies he ever tried, and still another, says he has tried every thing he ever heard of, but none of them was equal to Reo-tone. If it helps others, it will help you. Try it. Sold only by Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

OUR SUBSCRIPTION BARGAINS

\$1.75--Merkel Mail and Abilene Semi-Weekly Reporter--\$1.75

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The Merkel Mail and the Dallas Semi-Weekly News, both one year... **\$1.75**

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The Farm and Ranch is a Texas paper for Texas farmers and should be read by every progressive tiller of the soil or stockman, and you should include Holland's Magazine for the ladies. We offer the following

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and.....	_____	_____

Name..... P. O.

P. S.: DO IT NOW. Box..... Route.....

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. G. O. Hargroves returned from an extended visit to some point east the first of the week where she has been visiting relatives.

TURNIPS, TURNIPS for sale at my house, phone 238. Price 75 cents per bushel. C. L. McNeess. 13c2

There is increased happiness and a fine boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Powell since last Friday.

Anyone wanting carpenter work done or fence building phone A. V. Dye. Work reasonable and satisfaction guaranteed. 4tpd

Miss Leta Calloway of Nubia was in this city Monday and left that evening for Colorado, Texas, to visit at the home of R. O. Wheeler and family.

D. H. Glover recently moved from route 4 to route one out of Noodle and came in this week, renewed his paper and ordered the change of address.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Taylor have moved to Corpus Christi for the former's health. Benard Crane has a good position at that point with Swift & Company and we wish them improved health and prosperity.

Few of the ordinary ailments are as annoying as piles; hence the demand for a reliable remedy. Rectone gives prompt relief and quickly overcomes the distressing condition. Its action facilitated by the ease with which it may be applied to the interior of the rectum, as well as external ly. Sold only by Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

While you wait your Go-Cart wheels can be re-tired. 10-inch wheel 35c. Makes your cart as good as new.

Picture framing neatly done. We expect our new line of picture moulding in the next few days. Bring in your picture and let us figure with you.

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Watch Repairing

We do not do it ourselves but we have it done by an expert and back up his work by our guarantee. The cost to you is the same you would pay elsewhere. Bring your watch and jewelry repairing to us and we will guarantee a square deal.

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Latest equipment for scientifically fitting glasses. If we fit your eyes perfectly that is what you want. If we do not fit them you are not out a cent.

RUST & M'CAULEY

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Come to the opera house Friday night, Jan. 27.

Mrs. Twyman Collins left for Trent the first of the week to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Leamon.

Bring your butter, eggs and chickens to W. M. Jenkins on Edwards street. 4t

Mrs. S. A. Browning of Trent returned to her home Monday evening after a short visit in the city with Mrs. T. A. Johnson.

Anyone having sows or gilts to breed please see A. V. Dye's Poland China male. 4tpd

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hutchinson of this city spent several days this week in Trent visiting their sons, W. D. and Charley Hutchinson.

Remember, when you are going to buy a remedy for yourself or family, get it in the Nyal Line because everything in the line, is personally guaranteed by us and without any Red Tape, you simply get your money back, if not satisfied. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

R. B. Grider who resides on a place of J. E. Costephens in the Canyon was among our visitors the past week and we regretted to learn of the illness of his girl and hope for news of her recovery.

One of the most valuable remedies for the relief of nervous disorders is Nyal's compound Celery Nervine. It tones up the system, improves the appetite, and aids digestion, and all sufferers from nervous troubles, should try this preparation. Sold only by Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

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OUR GREAT ANNUAL SALE OF
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Is now in progress and is an opportunity for the ladies of the Merkel country to make a great saving in their purchases of these goods. We have many special offerings and if you can not visit our store let us know your wants and we will submit samples and prices.



Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Editor

Last Friday evening an informal dance was given at the Crenshaw hall. Mexican music was furnished. The honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Shurgart, Mrs. Carl Williams, Misses Bessie Doughthet, H. A. Bunton, May Snell, Messrs James Showers, Dud Hubbard, Dr. K. N. Hodges—all of Sweetwater. The home personnel, Misses Jewel and Zora Coggin, Annie T. Daniels, Jessie O'Briant, Olga Sheppard, Mrs. J. C. Hamm, Messrs Dee Grimes, Dem Rust, Lester Magness, Ernest Faucett, C. Hunt, Will Walker, Dr. S. L. Davis, Messrs and Mesdames Lanier Brown, L. D. Gaither, Claud Comegys, Homer Magnes.

Miss Nora Hampton was the charming hostess Thursday evening, Jan. 12, 1911 at her home on S. Oak street. Progressive 42 was interspersed with music. The guests were Misses Lizzie Mae Freemon, Sophia and Lillian Howard, Mae Derstine, Lucy Beene, Mrs. Rosy Newberry, Messrs Wesley Derstine, Lytton Howard, Robert Hampton, Thomas, Dr. George Miller. Refreshments were served.

Mrs Fred Groene celebrated her birthday Jan. 15 at her home on Runnels street. A six course dinner was served for Mr. and Mrs. Claud Comegys, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Magnes, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groene, Miss Olga Sheppard and Mr. Ollie Cordell. Master George assisted with the serving. May Mrs. Groene have many happy returns of the day.

The XX Club will meet Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with Mrs. W. H. Dickson on Oak St. The lesson is Henry the Eighth, act one. Scenes two, three and four will be conducted by Mrs. L. H. King. All members are requested to be present.

The Zenobia Club meets with Mrs. G. H. Adams on Elm street this afternoon at 3:30. The lesson for the afternoon is Japan with Mrs. Adams leader.

The young ladies of the First Baptist church met Thursday afternoon, Jan. 19 to organize a circle. A full account of the meeting will be given next week.

The W. H. Mission Society will give "A Tea Party of Ye Olden Times" at the opera house Friday night Jan. 27. Admission 25cts. Children under 12 years, 15 cts.

Mrs. E. L. Woodroof and children left Sunday morning to go to Mineral Wells. Mr. Woodroof will meet them in Weatherford and accompany them to the Wells where they will stay for several weeks.

Homer Job left Thursday for Rogers to accept a position.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Southside Christian church will meet next Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. W. H. Dickson. Important business. Let each member come and bring some one else.

The ladies of the W. H. Mission society of the Methodist church are busy making arrangements for a tea. Time and place will be announced in this issue of the paper.

Sam Swafford of Lees, Texas, came in Tuesday morning to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford north of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson have returned from Ovalo where they have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Edmison.

J. H. Redfern, advertising agent of the Abilene Southern visited Merkel friends the first of the week.

Miss Maxie Banner has returned from a very delightful visit to friends in Trent and Sweetwater.

Miss Zora Coggin returned home Friday from a visit with friends at Fort Worth.

Miss Melissa Johnson of Gustine is the guest of her friends, Prof. and Mrs. Routh.

Misses Bera Stallings, Sophia Howard and Lucy Beene were at Blair Sunday.

Will Woodroof returned home Sunday from a business trip to Waxahachie.

W. F. Bates, president of the Odessa bank visited Merkel Sunday.

Mrs. S. L. Gambel is quite sick at her home on Runnels st.

W. H. Dickson transacted business in Abilene Thursday.

Rufus Grifham of Hamlin was a Merkel visitor Sunday.

L. Sparkman left Monday for points north and east.

J. T. Warren was in Abilene on business Thursday.

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was of the unconquerable, never-say-die kind, the kind that you need most when you have a bad cold, cough or lung disease. Suppose troches, cough syrups, cod liver oil or doctors have all failed, don't lose heart or hope. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. Satisfaction guaranteed when used for any throat or lung trouble. It has saved thousands of hopeless sufferers. It masters stubborn colds, obstinate coughs, hemorrhages, lagrippe, croup, asthma, hay fever and whooping cough and is the most safe and certain remedy for all bronchial affections. 50c. \$1.00. Trial bottle free at H. C. Burroughs.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel Tex. for week ending Jan. 21, 1911:

Gibson & Nash
If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Feb. 4, 1911.

H. W. Derstine, P. M.

All druggists sell Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniment, 25c, 50c and \$1 bottles. Guaranteed to heal without leaving a blemish, or money refunded.

CHURCH NOTICES

[We will be glad to make any announcements of services, special programs or other items where no revenue is to be received, free of charge. Notices of entertainments for revenue or charging admission, at half the regular price.—Editor.]

At The Baptist Church.

Sunday school 10 a. m.; preaching 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunbeam Band 3 p.m.; Junior Union 4 p.m.; Senior Union 6 p.m.; Ladies Aid on Monday 3 p.m.; prayermeeting Wednesday 7:15 p.m.; choir practice Friday 7:30 p.m. We cordially invite the public. W. C. Taggart, Pastor.

At The Presbyterian Church.

Preaching every Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Y.P.S.C.E. 6:30 p.m.; prayermeeting Thursday 7:30 p.m.; Ladies Missionary Society Monday 4 p.m. after each 3rd Sunday; regular session meetings on Thursday 7:30 p.m. on or before the first full moon in the month. Geo. A. Crane, Pastor.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject for Sunday Jan. 22, "Do Duties Never Conflict." Leader, Lytton Howard. Scripture reading, Acts 4:13-22. Sentence prayers.

Hymn.
Higher and Lower Duties.—Miss Clara Saffle.

Duties that are practical versus duties that are not theoretical.—Miss Dollie Teaff.

Discovering our duty through prayer.—Miss Fanny Swann.

Quartette.—Rev. W. C. Taggart, J. T. Howard, J. R. Barnett and J. S. Swann.

Settling questions by doing the nearest duty.—Clyde Garrett.

Duty and Selfishness.—Robert Hicks.

Prayer by Vice President.

Report of committees.

Collection. Song. Adjournment.

Junior B. Y. P. U. Sunday, Jan. 22.

Leader—Lillie Dean.

Sword drill.

Prayer.

Roll call.

Song 335.

Our four studies for this month

—Leader.

Scripture reading, Acts. 6; 1-10—Gladys Bell.

Tell the story of Stephen, the first Christian Martyr—Marion McGee.

Questions to be answered by Juniors: Why were deacons elected? What were the duties of these deacons? Tell about Stephen's work. Tell about Stephen's arrest. Tell about Stephen's defense. Tell about Stephen's death. Name one fruit of Stephen's death.

Song, 252.

Benediction.

Junior League.

Christ as a boy.

Leader Roxie Moon.

Song.

Prayer.

Scripture, 11:14-20,

Quartette, Leno Largent, Zora West, Mertis Saffle, Dorothy Lee Potter.

Story of the life of Christ up to twelve years of age.—John Warnick.

Song.

Ought we try to live like Jesus? —Fay Allen.

Why should we try to live like Jesus.—Bessie Touchstone.

Song.

Collection.

Benediction.

A Sprained Ankle.

As a rule a man will feel well satisfied if he can hobble around on crutches in two or three weeks after spraining his ankle, and it is often two or three months before he is fully recovered. This is an unnecessary loss of time, as by applying Chamberlain's Liniment, as directed, a cure may as a rule be effected in less than one week's time, and in many cases within three days. Sold by Rust & McCauley Co.

Business Meeting.

The Philo Sunday school class No. 10 of the Methodist church held a business meeting at the home of their teacher, Miss Bertha Harris, six miles from this city. This was one of the most enjoyable occasions of the Philo class since its organization. Assembling at the home of Oscar Young about 6:30 we went on our way rejoicing.

After arriving we were ushered to the parlor by our teacher and the house was soon called to order by the president. The business was attended to and we proceeded with the studying of our lesson for Sunday. Refreshments were served and after singing a few songs we left for our homes.

Those present were Misses Ruth Merritt, Minnie and Almada Harris, Messrs Paul Ritch, Noel Moore, Carl Lowery, Geo. Smith, Shirley King, Oscar Youg and Frank L. Hunter.

One present.

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Buzz-Saw in Hawaii.

Honolulu, Hawaii, Jan. 3.—The Merkel Mail: Your note read. Am sorry but just at this particular time am unable to send you a letter but will in the near future.

I get the Mail regularly and will assure you I appreciate it so much that I read everything in it, even to the medicine advertisements.

Let it keep coming. Its a good paper and always tells all the news of the "City in Clover" and surroundings.

Enclosed find money order for \$1.00. Very respectfully,

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is the one who always wears a frown, is cross and disagreeable, and is short and sharp in his answers. Nine cases out of ten it's not the poor fellow's fault, it's his liver and digestion that make him feel so miserable, he can't help being disagreeable. Are you in danger of getting into that condition? Then start at once taking Ballard's Herbine for your liver—the safe, sure and reliable vegetable regulator. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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LIST OF PROPERTIES TO EXCHANGE

No. 25 \$15,000 stock of dry goods, clothing and shoes that will trade for land in West Texas, but land must be priced right.

No. 28 \$3500 stock general merchandise and store building \$1000 in good country location to trade for good small farm. Get busy if you want this little deal.

No. 31 \$6,500 stock of dry goods and groceries, about 1/2 dry goods. \$10,000 equity in the building which shows an 8 per cent rental income on its valuation of \$17,500, will trade for good land worth the money asked for it. This stock of goods and building is located in a large city in north Texas.

No. 32 \$5,000 stock of groceries located in central north Texas city to exchange for farm in Taylor or Jones county. Land must be good and priced right.

No. 33 Seven registered horses, price \$6,800 trade as part partment on good farm.

No. 34 \$3,000 stock of drugs in good railroad town in Hopkins county, to trade for small farm.

No. 35 \$45,000 stock dry goods, groceries and drugs, together with \$19,000 good city property, to trade for good farm. Might pay or assume some difference.

No. 36 10,500-acre impr. ranch, fenced, grass, water and timber, 22 miles S.W. Rock Springs, county site Edwards county, Texas; price \$3.50 per acre bonus; \$10,000 due the state in 36 years at 3 per cent. Trade for any good property.

No. 37 \$6,000 stock of groceries, \$12,500 stock of implements, wagons and buggies, 2 new brick buildings 30x100 ft. in best business part of good city in north Texas; want a little money and balance good land. Growing old and poor health cause of my client wanting to make deal.

No. 38 \$6,000 stock of drugs located in good black land town in Texas, population 3,000, good crops, lands in this section selling from \$50 to \$125 per acre; will trade this stock of drugs for good land or good revenue-bearing city property.

No. 40 Wanted to buy 320 acres of raw land in Taylor, Jones, Nolan or Fisher county; must be good first-class

agricultural land in every respect and a bargain. Will pay the cash. Would take an improved place if the price is right, but don't care much about improvements as I only want it as an investment.

No. 41 160 acres of land in Knox Co., Texas, about 12 miles north of Mundy, Texas; all raw land, price \$15 per acre bonus; only debt against this land is \$1 to the state in 30 years at 3 per cent annual interest. Will trade this land for dwelling in Merkel, but prefer place with few acres so can raise chickens. Property must be priced right and clear of debt. Will not give any difference but will make an even trade.

No. 42 \$20,000 stock of general merchandise in a dandy west Texas town, mostly dry goods, and brick building, all clear of debt, to trade for good land at right price. Would trade stock and rent building.

No. 44 Good flour mill located in good town in good black land portion of north Texas. This is a 300 barrel custom mill and paid 14 per cent this year. This mill is clear of debt and would trade for good land. Price \$10,000.

No. 45 320 acres of land located 6 miles due north of Big Springs in Howard county, Texas. 100 acres in cultivation, all first-class agricultural land, soil is red and black sandy loam, 4-room house, barn, sheds, plank lots and correls, soil just will shed on plows, well and windmill and water is fine, only 2 or 3 mesquite trees on the entire tract, good earth pool, place is all fenced and cross fenced, straight public road leads from this land into Big Springs which is a good town and market. Price \$30 per acre bonus. There is 98 cents that goes to the state in 30 odd years at 3 per cent annual interest, then there is a small debt of \$1360 against this land that there is good long time to pay it in at 8 per cent annual interest. This will bear inspection. Will trade this for dry goods or dry goods and groceries.

No. 46 797 acres of land located 10 miles due west of Anson in Jones county, Texas, 375 acres in cultivation, 600 acres tillable land, balance good grazing, soil is red and black sand, 3 sets of good improvements, 5 wells of water, windmill over one well and an everlasting earth pool, convenient to school; place fenced and cross fenced. Price \$30 per acre. Encumbered for \$4,000. Will trade

for good stock of general merchandise or good revenue-bearing city property, no junk considered.

No. 47 484 acres and 160 acres, making 644 acres of land; the 160 acres located in two miles of 484 acres and the 644 acres are located west and northwest of Fluvanna, Texas, a nice little banking town in Scurry county and at the present time the terminal of the Roscoe, Snyder & Pacific railroad. This land is in 3 1/2 miles and 4 miles of this little town. It is all first-class black waxy soil and is clear of breaks and gullies and is highly improved. On the two tracts of land there are 450 acres in cultivation and all the balance could be put in for it is fine. One \$1500 modern residence, with barn, cistern and fine earth pool; one \$500 residence with small barn and well and pump. Land is all fenced and cross fenced and has public road on east and north. This is one of the prettiest tracts of land I ever saw and I have been in the real estate business 11 years. It is clear of debt save \$1 on the acre that runs thirty odd years at 3 per cent annual interest. Price \$30 per acre. Will trade either place or all of it for stock of dry goods or dry goods and groceries. Will not take any city property. This is something good and worth considering.

A Snap For Quick Sale

No. 48 320 acres of land located nine miles southwest of Merkel and 3 miles southwest of Blair on Santa Fe railroad; 120 acres in high state of cultivation, 200 acres good agricultural land, balance good grazing land, plenty of wood, 3-room house, cistern and 3 earth pools, one that is everlasting, place is fenced and cross fenced, public road on east, 1 1/2 miles to good school and church, fine farm and stock farm; soil is red sandy mesquite land with clay foundation. Price for quick sale \$4,200; half cash, balance easy terms. This is a real, true, genuine bargain.

This is only a partial list of the properties that I have for exchange and if you are interested in any of these properties my advice would be for you to come to see me at once and we can in all probability fit you up with something that I have in my office if we can not get together on any of these propositions. I can match any deal you have. Try me for results.

Our Anson Letter.

Marriage license the past week were as follows: B. A. Patterson and Miss Nellie Emerson. J. M. Sandlin and Mrs. Mattie Buison, J. F. Dulap and Miss Bessie Middleton.

In District court the following cases were disposed of:

J. G. Conns vs. W. W. Green et al, continued.

Sid C. Castles, administrator, vs. R. L. Penick, Judge Thomas enters disqualifications.

Leona Ethridge vs. I. H. Ethridge, divorce continued to fifth week.

Mattie Salater vs. T. H. Salater, divorce, continued for the term.

E. Hart vs. Pearl Hart, dismissed.

Bessie Jackson Coker vs. N. T. Coker, divorce, granted.

Mrs. Ida Mier vs. Gustav Mier, divorce continued.

Mattie Jones vs. Vess Jones, divorce, granted.

Joe Wagley vs. Zeppie Wagley, divorce, granted.

Bessie Stewart vs. Oscar Stewart, divorce, continued.

Cordia Sears vs. C. C. Sears, divorce, continued.

Emma Schriener vs. August Schriener, divorce, continued.

Rosie Lee Dunkin vs. J. R. Dunkin, divorce, granted.

O. V. Wites vs. F. O. Wites, divorce, granted.

W. S. Powell vs. Kate Powell, divorce, set for fifth week.

State of Texas vs. W. T. Maxwell, murder, trial last week resulted in a hung jury, standing nine to three for acquittal.

State of Texas vs. J. E. Debbs, forgery, note lost, and the case dismissed.

State of Texas vs. Mark Ashley, murder, transferred to Benjamin, and case set for March 28, 1911.

State of Texas vs. W. L. Addington, horsetheft, case turned to jury Monday evening and still out.

O. W. Finley vs. J. E. Debbs, dismissed.

Holland vs. Welty, et al, dismissed.

J. M. Williams let the contract for a 35x65 one story brick building last week to be erected on the lots immediately south of the Carlsen-Powell Grocery Co., and work began on same the 10th, to be completed by March 1, and will be occupied by A. G. Gray Saddle and Harness Co., and the Goolsby Jewellery Company.

Judge H. A. Martin, judge of the 30th Judicial District, of Wichita Falls, is presiding for Judge Thomas this week, and hearing all cases in which Judge Thomas is disqualified.

Quite a number of attorneys are in Anson this week from Haskell, Abilene, Merkel, Sweetwater, Hamlin and Stamford, attending court and looking after their interests in different ways. Judge Coombs of Benjamin has gone into the practice of law in partnership with W. R. Chapman.

Cured of a Severe Attack of Bronchitis by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"On October 18th, last, my little three year old daughter contracted a severe cold which resulted in bronchitis," says Mrs. G. W. Gibson, Lexington, Ky. "She lost the power of speech completely and was a very sick child. Fortunately we had a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house and gave it to her according to the printed directions. On the second day she was a great deal better, and on the fifth day, October 23rd, she was entirely well of her cold and bronchitis, which I attribute to this splendid medicine. I recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy unreservedly as I have found it the surest, safest and quickest cure for colds, both for children and adults, of any I have ever used." For sale by Rust & McCauley Co.

LEWIS H. KING, Merkel, Texas

A New Grain Store

I have opened business in the building north of Hogue-Hamilton Company where I will sell you the best grain for the lowest possible figures, cash and invite a share of your grain business.

L. M. Sharp Grain Store

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Nubia Dots.

Jan. 17.—R. L. Deavenport visited his parents Saturday and Sunday.

Grover Blair visited Mrs. Clark Sunday.

Elza Starley and wife went to Merkel Saturday.

A large crowd attended church here Sunday.

Jno. L. and Montie Blair have been quite sick.

Dr. Gwinn left for Cottonwood Monday where he will make his future home.

Quite a number of young people attended Sunday school at Riney Sunday.

Prayer meeting here every Sunday night. Brown Eyes.

News from the Divide.

Jan. 17.—Owing to the death of Mr. Jenkins of Merkel, Miss Maud Jenkins' father, there is no school this week.

Mrs. Sam Jenkins went to Merkel Saturday.

Little Inez Love has been very low with pneumonia but is better now.

The singing given by Miss Mammie Price last Sunday night was well attended and enjoyed by all. Miss Corene McGee is confined

to her bed with pneumonia.

Fred Slater and family left last Monday for Missouri where they will henceforth reside.

Will Oliver is in bed with erysipelas.

Miss Ivy Rhodes is acting as post mistress

Sunday is preaching day at Dora. Everybody invited.

Mrs. Lofton and son Charley of Kansas are visiting Mrs. J. M. Bryan of this community.

The Sunday school at Dora is progressing nicely. More in attendance every Sunday.

Brown Eyes.

Mount Pleasant Community.

Jan. 17.—Ernest Humphries is down with fever.

Bad colds are common.

Our farmers are busy preparing for a crop.

Mrs. George Moore spent Thursday with Mrs. Oliver Boden.

Mrs. Deskin visited Mrs. Humphries Saturday eve.

Attendance was small at Sunday school Sunday.

Came Near Choking to Death.

A little boy, the son of Chris. D. Peterson, a well known resident of the village of Jacksonville, Iowa, had a sudden and violent attack of croup. Much thick stringy phlegm came up after giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mr. Peterson says: "I think he would have choked to death had we not given him this remedy." For sale by Rust & McCauley Co.

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We start this great sale of Muslin Underwear, White Goods and Ladies' Shirt Waists SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 21 and we want every woman in Merkel and the Merkel country to visit our store during the sale, and if you don't want white goods we have everything that is carried in a first-class dry goods store to accommodate you with

White Goods

10c India linon on sale at ... 7½c
12½c India linon on sale at ... 10c
15c India linon on sale at ... 12½c
20c India linon on sale at ... 15c
25c fine plain flaxon ... 21c
35c fine fancy flaxon ... 28c
10c checked demity ... 8½c
15c cross-bared nainsook ... 12½c
25c pure linen, sale price ... 20c
35c pure linen, sale price ... 25c
50c pure linen, sale price ... 43c

CORSET COVERS

Corset covers with circular yoke, trimmed with vale lace and edge
25c grade ... 20c
35c grade for ... 29c

Corset covers, yoke back and front embroidered and lace insertion, 50c grade for ... 42c
75c corset covers for ... 65c
\$1.00 corset covers for ... 83c

LADIES' GOWNS

Ladies Gowns of good bleached muslin, cut full yoke, new and stylish, regular 75c value, priced for this sale at ... 59c

Ladies Gowns of good material, yoke of lace and embroidery insertion, hemstitched and tucked, elegant styles, \$1 grade, at ... 85c

Ladies Gowns in fine material, yoke of wide embroidery and lace insertion, \$1.25 grade, sale price ... 95c

Ladies Gowns made of fine material, stylish yoke fronts and sleeves, in the \$2.00 grade, priced in this sale for only ... \$1.69

Ladies Gowns of fine material, very stylish, the \$2.50 grade, in this sale for ... \$1.95

WOODROOF BROS.
ONE PRICE—THE LOWEST

Ladies Drawers

25c Ladies drawers, this sale 20c
35c Ladies drawers for ... 25c
50c Ladies drawers for ... 42c
75c Ladies drawers for ... 65c
\$1.00 Ladies drawers for ... 85c

LADIES SHIRT WAISTS

\$1.00 Ladies shirt waists, made in the new spring of 1911 styles, during this sale for ... 85c

\$1.50 Ladies waists, very stylish made, we offer at ... \$1.25

\$2.00 Ladies waists, new spring styles, special offering at ... \$1.65

\$2.50 Ladies shirt waists, in this sale for only ... \$2.15

\$3.50 Ladies shirt waists, in this sale for only ... \$2.95

Wedding at Eskota.

On Wednesday evening Mr. Tobe Paylor, one of our most popular young men was married to Miss Katherine George, a very charming young lady of Eskota.

The marriage ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. George at Eskota and one of the most estimable families in that section of the country. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. C. Moore of Cisco and a number of special friends of the family, bride and groom were present.

The groom in this happy event is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Paylor and though young his success in life has already been assured by the rapid manner in which he mastered telegraphy and was advanced to position of third trick operator at the local office. He has almost as many friends as acquaintances and with these the Mail joins in congratulations and welcoming his choice of a help-mate for life to our little city. May their happiness last through a long life and may good health and good fortune always be their lot.

The newly wedded couple will make their home at the residence of H. L. Propst in the south part of our little city.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Boyce have returned to their home after an extended and delightful visit to the coast country. Mr. Boyce stated that they had a good time but showed that he was glad to get back and see us again for he contributed a dollar to our prosperous subscription cash box. He told us something about good roads but that is a dead subject for the present. Ask the man.

At the First Baptist Church.

On the 29 day of this month Mr. H. L. Duke of Dallas will occupy the pulpit at the 11 o'clock hour. While he is no preacher yet he has a message for the hearts of men. Hear him. It will pay you.

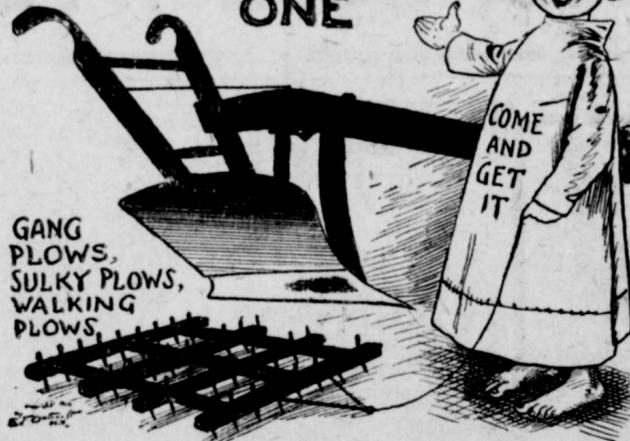
W. C. Taggart, Pastor.

Do you suffer from inflammatory, irritated and weakened conditions of the kidneys and bladder, frequency of urination, dropsy, swelling of the feet and ankles, pains in the back or a sluggish liver? If you do, we have a remedy that will relieve you, Nyals Stone Root Compound never fails to relieve

those who have these symptoms, and usually, one large bottle is sufficient. Sold only by Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

At the Presbyterian church next Sunday the pastor will preach at 11 a. m. on Humanity vs. Divinity. At 7:30 p. m. the subject: The Modern Dance. Everybody invited to attend.

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Program.

Y. P. S. C. E. at the Presbyterian church Sunday at 6:30 p. m.

Subject, "The law of prevailing prayer."

Leader, Mrs. Bland.

Song.

Scripture lesson Mark 11:20-25.

Prayer.

Song.

Scripture references.

Song.

Song.

Prayer—what is it?—Mr. Tom Douglas.

How often should one pray?—Miss Bertie Diltz.

Will God do for us what we can do for ourselves?—Pastor.

Quartet.

Sentence prayers.

Business.

Benediction.

A Boon to Womankind, is Nyals Vegetable Prescription. It is a skillful combination of pure vegetable remedies such as are used by many leading physicians who have made a specialty of the study and treatment of the diseases peculiar to women. If you suffer from weaknesses, painful and disordered menstruation, Leucorrhoea (Whites) Hysteria cramps, bearing down pains, your whole system is in need in just such a tonic as this Vegetable Prescription, Nyals. Beware of substitutes, and insist of having Nyals. Sold by Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

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