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## SATURDAY ON STREET

Merkel Filled With Farmers and Families of Merkel Country.

## CROWD BUT LITTLE BUSINESS

The Grocery and Grain Merchants Report a Good Business but Sales of Other Stores Were Few and of Very Little Volume.

There was a good crowd and lots of good cheer but very little business in our little city last Saturday. The grocery and grain merchants did the great volume of all of it for our farmers are buying little but the necessary supplies. The dry goods stores however registered no complaints for there was some trading and but little more is expected until the arrival of new goods and the spring business opens up. The day as a whole was very satisfactory and demonstrated to any observer that our people are practicing the strictest economy which in hand with the thorough work in progress will in the event of a successful crop make for the greatest progress and prosperity.

Mayor of Caps Here.

Among the distinguished citizens met by our street reporter was just Jack Cotton, who is an old-timer in this part of the world and enjoys a reputation of being the mayor of Caps as well as a successful stock farmer. He reported that part of his town had been moved but otherwise conditions were good in his vicinity. His neighbors had plenty of oats and wheat and were charging him from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per month for grazing his brood mares and mule colts. He believes after an experience of 20 or 25 years this is the best country in the world for stock farming and recommends good mule and horse colts as well as pigs to the newcomers.

Other Men We Met.

D. Rayter Thompson reported luck with everybody in his community but himself. They have wheat and oats in good shape and the season in the Noodle soil makes plowing a genuine pleasure for even a man who eats onions and drinks buttermilk for dinner.

W. A. Terry was down from Trent and gave us a dollar with the saddening request that we stop his paper for the present. He said that he had no good reason or excuse for this action outside of the fact that money was not growing on mesquite trees around Trent now. It will grow on cotton and maize stalks however later on.

N. Harrison of Blair was here talking about a severe case of la-grippe and cold from which he had been suffering and a friend suggested a good old remedy, viz: rock and rye. He said: "you know I bought my last whiskey about 15 years ago and kept it in the kitchen. I felt so bad every morning when I went to make a fire that I never failed to take a dose until it was all gone and then I got better. I can't keep it."

J. N. Shelton was mingling with his horny-handed friends and making himself acquainted again for he looks like somebody else and about 40 years younger

## CLEAN-UP PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the city council of the city of Merkel in regular session assembled on Feb. 6, 1911, did by resolution adopted, so request.

Now, therefore, I, W. W. Wheeler, mayor of said city, do hereby designate and proclaim Friday, March 10, and Saturday, March 11, 1911, as general clean-up days for the city of Merkel, and do most earnestly request all citizens residing within said city to gather up and sack or box on these days all manner of non-burnable trash or rubbish upon or about their premises and place at some convenient place accessible to wagons, that the city may have same removed.

Herein fail not but act promptly and thoroughly, proving yourselves worthy and desirable citizens.

W. W. Wheeler, Mayor.

The Civic Improvement League, the several ladies' organizations and all good citizens of Merkel, men, women and children are urged to lend their assistance in this systematic effort to clean up our little city. The merchants are urged by the city government and the ladies to give special attention to the streets and alleys in the vicinity of their places of business to the end that this part of our city may appear more attractive.

The beautification of our little city is one great and good result of this kind of co-operative effort but it is not the most beneficial result by far. The improvement of the conditions which make for better health is the greater consideration and if any doubt this improvement we have but to refer them to our city health officer and the records.

Then let us all make special efforts to the end that this clean-up campaign may surpass the success of any attempted heretofore.

wearing the derby hat presented to him recently.

J. S. Swann said his farm was in good shape, especially since he was working none of it himself. He cultivates only the land in the pasture but has a good crop of wild rye. This is two to three inches high, as pretty as if sown and stock running on same without any feed are in good shape and fattening.

S. P. Martin lost his tax receipt and check book and will appreciate its return by the finder.

W. E. Petty reported the singing at his home Friday night an enjoyable affair and made the interview very entertaining for us by punctuating the conversation with a dollar for subscription.

The whole bunch was in from the Canyon and bought a lot of cheroots but had very little to say—that is that amounted to anything.

A Human Dip.

Capt. J. T. Tucker, S. W. Browning, Capt. J. H. Oliver, W. B. Farmer, et als, were discussing some uncomplimentary word they had received from R. A. Miller, a former comrade but now an exile at Lindale, Texas. Capt. Tucker was doing all of the talking and said: "I think we should have a human dip at Fort Worth. Unless this is done Bob Miller and maybe others will be coming back out here in a few months and infected with that east Texas malaria, chills, fever, fleas, ticks, chiggers, hookworms and no telling what else. I tell you, gentlemen, something should be done to protect our people and country from such imposition."

The best of cold drinks and always ice cold. The Elite.

## SUSPEND REVIVAL TILL NEXT SUNDAY

The revival at the Methodist church continued until Wednesday with good interest and large attendance, but was suspended until Sunday on account of the rain and mud.

Rev. Martin says there will be three service Sunday as follows: 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. there will be preaching. Morning subject, "Iron Shoes for Rocky Roads," evening subject, "Rejecting Life." Young people's meeting at 3:30 p. m. led by Miss Hawkins, which will be an evangelistic service. All the young people of the town are invited to attend.

There have been from fifteen to twenty conversions so far in the revival, besides a number have been renewed and strengthened in faith and quite a number have expressed a desire to become christians. Rev. Martin and Crane have been doing faithful and earnest work, as have, also, a number of the lay members and request the co-operation of every one interested in the salvation of the people of Merkel. The continuation of the meeting next week will depend upon the interest manifested.

## A HALF INCH RAIN FALLS WEDNESDAY

It rains in this country. These few words may be beyond the comprehension and

understanding of those who live in other parts of the world which are still suffering from the drouth but they convey correctly the fact that so far as our country is concerned the backbone, ribs, legs, head and tail of the drouth have been broken and shattered.

In fact the winter season thus far has been ideal for our farmers and they have been making hay while the sun was shining. There was plenty of moisture for sowing and growing wheat and oats and for plowing. As a result there are hundreds of acres of the prettiest fields of the waving green in all directions from our town and you will notice that the stock grazing on same are sleek and fat. And there are thousands of acres which were in readiness to receive the rain of Wednesday. In fact most all of the land is broken and ready for planting and since the rain of Wednesday local grain merchants have done a rushing business on the one item of seed oats. There will be many fields sown to this grain this and next week and certainly the prospects are flattering for a good crop.

One old-timer sitting in a local grocery Wednesday watching the downpour said: "I am going to sow 50 instead of 30 acres as I planned for this reminds me of the February of 1906 when I 'mudded' my oats in. They grew waist-high and I could throw my hat out across them and it could not go to the ground."

"I remember that month and year very well," said another farmer in the crowd, "for I made sixty bales of cotton single-handed."

Oh well, here's hoping.

## NEW MERKEL FIRM

The Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co. to Open About the First.

CAPITAL STOCK, \$20,000.00

Company Will Have Ample Cash and Capital to Supply Legitimate Wants of Worthy Farmers and is Boon for Our City.

The Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company is the style of a new enterprise which will be opened in our little city about the first of next month and as the name implies the stock will consist of general merchandise.

The new firm starts business with a capitalization of \$20,000 and with ample cash to supply the wants of worthy farmers of our trade territory and this is the object for which the enterprise was organized. The new firm will occupy the Neely brick buildings opposite the First National Bank, at least one of the most desirable locations in the city for such an enterprise.

The management of the store will be in the hands of Courtney Hunt who is at present in the eastern markets buying goods. He needs no introduction to Merkel country citizens and his demonstrated ability in merchandising makes us predict for the new enterprise a brilliant success. In the past Merkel merchants have coped with much larger towns in supplying the wants of the farmers of our trade territory and the opening of this large establishment insures that we will keep our reputation. It is certain that the enterprise will be one of much value to our little city and country.

Merkel Makes Men Money.

A young man who went to work for J. W. Watson at Troy, Texas, for \$13.00 per month is now manager of the H. O. Wooten Grocery Company at Abilene but Merkel played the stepping stone for his rapid success and remarkable accomplishment.

C. W. Bacon organized and conducted the store of Bacon & Watson at Merkel and the enterprise was a success from the beginning. Business was always good, cash and credit, and either of these men will give cheerful testimony to the honesty of the farmers who till our soil. This story is recalled to our memory this week by the visit to our city of J. W. Watson of Troy. He is out looking after some interests and said to us: "This is a good country and I like Merkel and this section. I have some friends here and have made some money."

Miss Winnie Sandlin and Brown Aiken were the guests of Miss Nina Gamble Sunday at her home in View. After dinner they joined a crowd that went kodaking and mountain climbing.

Miss Cecil Wilson of Abilene visited Misses Duncan Browning and Virginia Mackey Sunday.

Miss Lulu Lednum has returned from Abilene where she attended the Bible Institute.

Smoke with the Elite.

# Pure Texas Red Rust-proof Seed Oats

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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.

### Parental Restraint.

"For I have told him that I will judge his house forever, for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not. And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering forever."—I. Sam. 3: 13-14.

God has given us a complete system of salvation to meet all the demands of man in all the relations of life. He has also given us such instructions as will enable us to determine a correct course of action as citizens, as members of the church and as members of the family.

The duties of parents and children are made perfectly plain in the teachings of God's word.

God has invested the parent with authority to govern and control their children. And God shows that he will hold the parent responsible as to how they make use of that authority.

God said concerning Abraham "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him. And they shall keep my way to do justice and judgment, that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he has spoken of him."

God here declares that Abraham would recognize the obligation resting upon him as parent and that he would restrain his family from wrong doing. Abraham would see to it that his children were obedient to the law of God and they did not go with the multitude to do evil. And God said because of his faithfulness in this particular he should become a great and mighty nation. What a striking contrast between Abraham and that of Eli, as we shall presently see.

Let me call your attention to another text of scripture.

"And these words that I command thee this day shall be in thy heart and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children.

Thou shalt talk of them when when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou riseth up."

These words show that it is the duty of parents to teach their children the word of God and that no opportunity for making a good impression is to be neglected, whether it be in doors or out.

Joshua also recognized this authority and speaks not only for himself but for his family. He says, "As for me and my house we will serve." He had his children under such perfect control that he knew that they would do what he wanted them to do.

The duty which is specially emphasized in the text is that of restraining our children from evil. There are a great many parents that do not seem to realize that they are responsible to a great extent for the conduct of their children.

Solomon says, "Correct thy son and he shall give delight unto thy soul." This text makes the duty of parents so plain that there is no chance to dodge. It specifies their duty and gives a promise conditioned upon the performance of the duty.

We have another class of texts that teach the duty of children to their parents. The fifth com-

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mandment says "Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long—." This is the first commandment with promise.

Now, how can a child honor its parents? Well, in the first place they can honor their parents by obedience—doing what their parents want them to do. Secondly, by being truthful and honest. It is an honor to any parent to raise a child that won't lie, and that will not take that which does not belong to him. Then you can honor your parents by staying away from those places where you would be ashamed for your parents to see you.

Another text of scripture says, "Children obey your parents in the Lord for this is right." This text proves the obligation children are under to regard the authority of their parents.

But it may be asked just here "How long does parental authority continue?"

It appears that with the Jews it continued as long as the parents lived, but so far as we are concerned I may say that as parents our authority should continue as long as our children remain under our roof.

We cannot doubt that Eli was a goon man. He had been a Priest in Israel for 40 years; he was now 90: his eyes had become dim with age and he was tottering on the verge of eternity and yet such was the type of his piety that he never murmured.

He never complained at the judgments of God but nevertheless we cannot entirely free him from blame. It is evident that he made a fearful mistake. His sons were desperately wicked. It does not follow that because the children are wicked that the parents are sinful for there are parents, no doubt, who do all they can to restrain their children from sin and yet do not succeed.

About twenty years before the death of Eli and his sons there came a prophet, a man of God to Eli with words of warning, and said, " \* \* \* And this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die, both of them."

In this statement God revoked the blessing he had previously pronounced upon Eli's house and declared that misfortune and an early death should be the portion of his succeeding generations.

Now God's time had fully come for war was raging with the Philistines and the battle was fierce; and the children of Israel were defeated, and there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army and came to Shilo, "With tidings from the field of battle, and Eli

the aged Priest was waiting with bated breath and trembling heart, fearing for the Ark of God."

The messenger breaks the news to the city and a great cry goes up, and when Eli heard it he said, "What means that cry? and when he was told what had happened, he fell from his seat and broke his neck." Now why did this awful calamity come upon Eli? The answer is given in the text. "Because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not." Did you hear that? Oh! may the Lord help us parents and children to learn the lesson.

How different is this history from that of Abraham? and his posterity? In the outset a blessing was pronounced upon each, but now how different. A crown of glory flashes from the brow of the one, while eternal infamy shrouds the other.

Why this great difference? Because Abraham commanded his children and his household after him; while Eli's sons "made themselves vile, and he restrained them not." The sins of these boys not only brought ruin upon themselves but involved their dear old father and all Israel. One fence break will lead a whole herd of cattle into mischief and one bad boy will lead a dozen boys into trouble. Because one father or mother allows their children to break down the wall of protection which God has thrown around them, lawless spirit spreads until the entire community is demoralized by the fault. If you have a neighbor that will not control their children it is all the more difficult for you to control yours. And especially if that neighbor is wealthy and of high standing. It is simply in the power of a man of wealth and high social standing to determine the moral type of the community in which he lives.

I wish you to note that all the trouble that came upon Eli's house was attributed to Eli. He was held personally responsible for the actions of his sons. Those in authority will have a great deal to answer for if they fail to do their duty.

If there is any first duty that we owe our children it is that of restraining them, keeping them as far as possible from the commission of sin and wrong doing. My readers we are in great danger of repeating the sin of Eli.

There are two extremes that parents should seek to avoid. Severity on the one hand and leniency on the other. And the one may prove as fatal as the other, but the tendency is to the latter. Leniency is the common

fault of parents at this age of the world. Thousands of children are being ruined today for want of parental restraint, and parents are committing sin thereby because God has made it the specific duty of parents to command their children to do right and avoid the wrong. Solomon says "The rod of reproof giveth wisdom but a child left to itself bringeth its mother to shame."

There is another text which says "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." But some parents' say no, let them sow their wild oats, turn them loose for a time, it will be all right later on when they get settled down. Where did they get that? Not from God's word. God says train it in the way you would have it to go and in after years it will not depart from it. Now my message is only to those who want to know the truth, those who want to escape with their children from the city of destruction.

I don't know anything more that I could write to impress you with the importance of this subject. There is no telling the misery and woe awaiting the children of parents who neglect to discharge their parental duty.

Now in conclusion, let me ask, what shall we do? Prove recreant to the high trust committed to us and like Eli fail to restrain our children and let them go down to their graves dishonored and unwept? Or shall we restrain them from evil and train them up in the principles of truth and righteousness.

Shall we like Abraham lead them in the way of the Lord and by our fidelity to duty bring upon ourselves and our children the favor of God?

Readers, the issue is with you, and it is for you to decide the matter. If we fail the time will come when they will break our hearts and bring our gray hairs with sorrow to the grave and they may die and be lost forever.

But if we meet the issue in the fear of God and do all we can to train them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord we may hope for unbroken family circles in the city of our God.

R. S. Heizer.

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### COMING OF SPRING.

While we look with gladness on the budding trees and watch the wonderful transformation nature is working in the woods, we must fully realize the danger of this first flush of spring.

Unless there is return of cold weather the fruit trees will soon be in blossom. Cold weather will come later and do much damage.

We are always anxious for the coming of spring, but at the proper time and not in the last days of January or the first of February.

The winter days are, however, fading strangely fast. Day after day has slipped into the silent past—days deeply fraught with interest and incident. The past winter has been one of unusual happenings. It has been a season filled with joys and woes, hopes and fears. There have been sensational tragedies, tragedies on land and sea.

It has been the custom to look for sin in the summer time. The devil usually walks in the shadow of a parasol. In winter the common and accepted belief has been that the blood is cool and passion does not exercise its influence for evil as during the hot months of summer.

The past winter has established the contrary theory, for there have been more tragic happenings during the past four months than the country has ever seen. The old year went out with the sensational killing of two of the world's famous aviators and the new year was born with the earth trembling and islands sinking beneath the waves, to be lost like the mysterious land of Atlantis, forever.

We come to the belief that with each change of season there is a brighter prospect for all humanity, and now that the spring is hurrying forward we feel a spirit of inspiration.

The newspaper offices will soon be flooded with poems on spring. Women folk will begin to haunt the millinery shops looking for Easter bonnets. The show windows will take on an artistic air and the latest importations in garments and gowns will be displayed.

It will mark the awakening of a new world and the dark and dismal days of winter will be forgotten.

It is natural that every one should feel hopeful in the spring of the year. There are signs of new life on every hand. The sombre trees put on their vestments of virgin green and never, in days to follow, will such tint be seen upon the shrubs and vines.

The coming of spring brings new hopes as well, for while the tragic record of the past winter will be fresh in our minds, we can not believe that it will be continued in the new season.—Commercial Appeal.

In offering \$10,000 in gold prizes to the farmers of Texas for the best yields of corn and cotton secured this year, the Texas Industrial Congress has inaugurated a campaign for better cultural methods that has never before been equaled in any state in the Union.

### LIFE.

If I but give  
To someone each day, and every day I live,  
Some cheering aid,  
My own content will see 'tis all repaid.

If I but greet  
With cordial smile, each day, friends I meet,  
Perhaps it may  
Cheer some poor soul that's desolate today

If I but cheer  
Some struggling brother, every day, each year,  
Perhaps thro' me  
Someone may rise from want and poverty.

And if I say  
A cheering word to those who want, each day,  
Someone again  
May take new heart. My life will not have been in vain.

So if I do  
The little things God intended me to do,  
Then pass away;  
My record past will shine from day to day.

—Jack Dunaway in Farm and Ranch.

### THIS IS A BULLY OLD WORLD.

Oh, life is a wonder and death is a blunder! It's good to be living and strong. It's fine to be chaffing and joking and laughing and chortling a tra-la-la song! It's great to be working like blitzen and jerking your living from out of the soil! It's gay to be earning real money and spurning the thought of life without toil. Most all the repining and grunting and whining is done by the loafers, you'll note; the toilers and tillers old industry's pillars, no time to complaining devote; they skirmish and rustle; they hum and they hustle, and put up their hay in the sun; they mow and they garner and don't give a darn or a whoop for the indolent one. Such fellows are useful; they're worth a caboose full of men who have nothing to do but grunt all together concerning the weather, the crops and the government, too. I tell you, dear chappie, if you would be happy, you'll have to get busy and work; there isn't much pleasure for people of leisure, there isn't much use for a shirk. The man who is lazy drives busy men crazy, and over the transom he's hurled; but things keep a coming to folks who are humming, and this is a bully old world.—Walt Mason.

### THE LITTLE THINGS.

After all, it is the little things that count, the little everyday things that make up the sum of what makes life worth living. The kindly word from the chance friend, the kiss with real love in it from the one we care for, the smile of a little kid we have made happy, the word of praise for the effect we have made, whether we did anything or not, the glow of the sunshine, the moonlight over the trees, all the lovely things that surround us, if we but see them,—these are the things that make for joy.

Why, then, are we so chary of the small deeds that bring sunshine into our own lives? Why do we neglect the kindly word, the kindly letter, the smile, the friendly act which cost so little and mean so much?

It isn't because we don't want to be kind. No, it is sometimes over work and sometimes a feeling that we can do so little. Thus we let slip the golden opportunity.

We ought to sing the song of little things, the small deeds of kindness, the gentle word, the smile of good cheer. These make up the life of joy. These are gifts of ours to bestow, better than gifts which cost more in money and are not half so rich in love.—Ex.

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We have a plan whereby any farmer boy will be enabled to start in the hog business with pure bred hogs without a cent of cost. The plan is simple and successful and offers an excellent opportunity for any boy on the farm who wants to earn money of his own. Only a few boys in each county will be given an opportunity, and the ones who reply early will be the lucky ones. For full particulars address

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The Mail learns with much regret and sorrow of the serious illness of Terrell Winters at his home in the Noodle country. The exact nature of his illness is not reported to us but his condition has caused the gravest fears of physician and friends the past week or ten days. We hope for better news.

### Worn Out

That's the way you feel about the lungs when you have a hacking cough. It's foolishness to let it go on and trust to luck to get over it, when Ballard's Horebound Syrup will stop the cough and heal the lungs. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

J. S. Bond made a visit to Fisher county this week, witnessing a rabbit round-up and buying a car of big steers.

As a household remedy for cuts, burns, bruises, piles, pain and soreness of all kinds, Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniment, 25c size, has no equal. If not satisfactory, money refunded. For sale by all druggists.

### A Shaking Up

may all be very well so far as the trusts are concerned, but not when it comes to chills and fever and malaria. Quit the quinine and take a real cure—Ballard's Herbine. Contains no harmful and is as certain as taxes. If it doesn't cure, you get your money back. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

The summer house of the Walker Cottage has been reconstructed the past week and unless there is a change of weather the proprietor promises to enjoy his nocturnal slumbers in the open, as in the good old summer time. Pleasant dreams.

### IF YOU KNEW

the merits of Hall's Texas Wonder, you would never suffer from Kidney, Bladder or Rheumatic trouble. \$1.00 per bottle is 60 days treatment, seldom one bottle fails to cure. Send for testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by Druggist.

Demonstrating double disc records, free for owners of phonographs—only pay for express. The Elite.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bell have gone to Dallas.

All kinds of fresh fruits and nuts at the Elite.

Mrs. A. H. Thornton is reported quite sick this week.

The only high grade candies, always fresh. The Elite.

Mrs. W. A. Moon is reported very low with pneumonia.

Mrs. E. M. Rust was in Baird and Cisco last week.

The little girl of Geo. Brown is reported much better this week.

A boy of S. B. Abercrombie is reported very sick with whooping cough and pneumonia.

J. R. Pee was in to renew his subscription to the Mail and Dallas News this week.

Mrs. Claud Comegys and baby were quite sick the first of the week but are reported convalescent.

We have opened a mule and horse barn on Front street. We will buy and sell mules and horses and also will handle feed stuffs. Jones & Warnick. 114

Mrs. Katie Bland who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. L. H. King, is with her brother, H. L. Ewing, at Hamlin where he is principal of the schools.

We have no rents to pay, we buy for cash and sell for cash. We can save you money if you will let us. Kent Street Grain and Grocery Co. 1012

S. T. Anderson left Sunday for the bedside of a sister at Chilli-cothe who is reported very low and not expected to live. The prayers of his friends are for her recovery.

Lewis H. King this week sold his horse to R. L. Bland for a consideration of \$175.00. Let it be not forgotten that this is a Merkel country grown animal and but three years old.

V. B. Walters closed a deal this week whereby he exchanged a brick building and residence with J. C. Hamm of our city for some good land in east Texas, the consideration of which was \$6,500.

Feed oats, seed oats, chops, corn, bran, shorts, cotton seed meal, meal and hulls mixed, alfalfa hay, prairie hay. Buy where your money gets the most. Kent Street Grain and Grocery Company. 1012

A. H. Thornton has accepted a regular position at the postoffice, taking the place of Frank Johnson. The latter has no definite plan for the future but his friends hope that he will remain in our little city.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Russell who has been so seriously sick is reported much improved and out of immediate danger, thanks to the skill of physician and care of his grandmother, Grandma Woodrum.

The best flour is none too good for the cash buyer. Mountain Peak, extra high patent; Happy Day, high patent, at Kent Street Grain and Grocery Co. 1012

There was a wreck Monday afternoon of a freight train at a point just beyond Mulberry. There was the usual crowd of the curious to assemble and just through curiosity for no one gave credence to a rumor that a car load of Budweiser was scattered over the right of way for a mile or so. We did not go at all.

## Money in Mules.

In my childhood days the "Tennessee mule driver" was a well-known character in Alabama, my native state. The Alabama planters were too busy growing cotton with negro labor to pay much attention to raising livestock and the consequence was that they paid a constant tribute to the Tennesseans who supplied them with work stock.

Taking into consideration the care required and the feed consumed, there is no more profitable branch of the livestock industry than that of raising mules. There is an unlimited demand for them at splendid prices, and from present indications the market will not be overstocked for many years to come. American mules are being shipped to South Africa now and thousands of them could be sold there, if we had them to spare.

Almost any farmer could have one or two young mules to market each year and the man who has a little surplus pasture land might have three or four to sell each year, without his expense account being much larger than it is without them. The price of mules has risen with other farm products until now it is no uncommon thing to hear of a good span of mules selling for \$400 or \$500. Compare the cost of producing a three-year-old mule with that of growing three, or even two bales, of cotton and I think the mule will have a considerable credit in his favor. And there is a cash market for mules at prices which have fluctuated less within the past few years than have the prices of corn, wheat and cotton.

In common with other livestock, mules consume hay and grain which are grown on the farm and thus yield the farmer a double profit. And the mule is an economical feeder which does well on rough pasture land and which will thrive on a generous amount of roughness with a small supply of grain.

Of course, it takes some work, care and attention to produce a good mule, and the more of those three things you bestow on it the better the animal will be. But it takes work to produce almost anything worth having.—Farm & Ranch.

## Arrested

a cough that has been hanging on for over two months by taking Ballars's Horehound Syrup. If you have a cough, don't wait—stop it at once with this wonderful remedy. Splendid for coughs, cold on chest, influenza, bronchitis and pulmonary troubles. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

## YOUR WATCH

Get all the tiny little wheels and pinions separated, clean them all up as bright as new then put them all together again—that watch of yours is going to run. It can't help it. It may need attention again in about a year. It is always better too soon than too late. Maybe you knew this before but somehow people will attend to everything but their watches. Let me tell you about it.

## Scheidler, Opposite Postoffice

### 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

Sheppard & Russell shipped a car of mixed cattle to the Fort Worth market Monday.

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

There is hell in Old Mexico.

Or, in other words, there is war which is its equivalent according to antique authority but life in the glorious Merkel country is just as sweet and peaceful as ever. It rained again this week, wheat and oats are that much better and our subscription business is holding its own.

The Mail is the paper the people read and the following are among our new and renewals for the week: E. D. Massey, Trent; Miss Della Crane, Santa Cruz, Cal; D. F. Daniel, Wharton; O. S. Adams, Jefferson; M. D. Usery, Austin; Mrs. Burnie Dowdy, Vernon; J. S. Lemond, Tye; A. H. Thornton, W. D. McDonald, Mrs. Nan Thompson, Mrs. West Edwards, R. N. Lancaster, R. L. McLean, J. R. Pee, J. E. Pitzer, S. T. Anderson, city and rural routes.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE.—Some fine shoats and full blood Poland China Glts. J. S. Touchstone, Rt. 1, Merkel. 164t

FOR SALE—Good work or saddle horses. See W. H. Laney at City Meat Market. 114

FOR SALE—Roll top desk and Smith-Premier standard typewriter for half price. G. W. Boyce. 2-4t

## T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND  
Train No. 8, leaves Merkel. 9:02 a.m.  
Train No. 4 " " " 11:29 a.m.  
Train No. 6 " " " 11:18 p.m.

WEST BOUND  
Train No. 5, leaves Merkel. 5:31 a.m.  
Train No. 7 " " " 5:11 p.m.  
Train No. 3 " " " 6:46 p.m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

## DRY! DRY! DRY!!!

Dry? Dry as dust! of course it is. Dry don't express it near, Why people now, at funerals, Can't even shed a tear; The wells are dry, the cisterns, too, And water in a pot, If you but try to boil the stuff, Would rattle just like shot. The air is full of blinding dust, The earth is full of gloom; We have to bathe in sunshine now, And rinse off with a broom; We fry our coffee, bake our tea, Beer powders are the rage; And this will be in history, The Non-Aquatic age.

The rivers now are dusty lanes, There are no lakes at all; The Gulf of Mexico will be A prairie by next fall, And water drops the diamonds Beyond all human price— And what—oh, what will be the cost Of one small piece of ice?

It will not rain again, of course It has forgotten how, The forests are just dry brush-heaps, The ground too hard to plow, And ere another year is past Dry up it seems we must; Then let us crumble down, And blow away in dust. —Leslie's Weekly.

Come to the Merkel country. Plenty of rain and wheat, oats and our women simply beautiful.

## What You Want How You Want It When You Want It

For anything in the line of printing come to us and we'll guarantee you satisfactory work at prices that are right

## Rounding Up Rabbits.

Exit the old-time cowboys and their roundups and enter the new style round-up.

The Rotan Rabbit Round-up Club up in Fisher county takes all medals. A pen was built and made ready and in two hauls 340 big, long-eared jack rabbits were taken alive. The same sports made three trips for the cotton tails with the following results: first drive, 667; second, 867; third, 324, and all of which is verified and the straight goods.

The idea is a good one and should be put into action in our own community. It is great sport and then to get rid of the rabbits is worth considerable to our country. Let's organize a rabbit club. Join now.

## A Card of Thanks.

We desire by the means of the press to extend to our many friends our profound gratitude and appreciation of the courtesies and kind assistance rendered and the sympathy and condolence extended us in our bereavement on the death of our husband and father, C. N. Wilson.

Mrs. C. N. Wilson and family. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Barnett.

## Big Sale at Sweetwater.

The attention of readers who do some of their trading at Sweetwater is directed to the advertisement of the Sweetwater Dry Goods Company. They are reliable merchants and will make good what they have say. Give them a call.

B. C. Gaither & Sons use a half page of our space this week to tell you about their car of Red Rust-proof seed oats, feed-stuff and groceries. They have always made good title to their claim of selling reliable groceries and their enterprise exhibited in this timely advertisement is commendable. Give them a share of your business and be sure to sow some more oats.

FOR SALE.—A stylish trap, good as new and will sell to responsible party on fall time. Stf Mrs. E. M. Rust

## Fire Boys Farewell.

A special called meeting of the fire boys and a very enjoyable little lunch last Friday evening was the farewell to their friend, fellow fireman and secretary Alex Wisdom who left this week for his home at Pottsville. The fire boys elected J. Duskin Gaither to the office made vacant and there were congratulations for both the old and new officer.

## Judson's Birthplace.

Baptists will be interested to learn that the birthplace of Adoniram Judson in Malden, Mass., has come into the possession of the American Baptist Foreign Mission society and has been refitted and refurbished and will be used hereafter as a house for Baptist foreign missionaries at home in America for rest and recovery of health. This house was built as a parsonage for the Congregational church in Malden when William Emerson, Ralph Waldo Emerson's father, was pastor of the church, and was occupied by Doctor Judson's father while he was pastor of the same church. For many years it has been private property, and it is gratifying to know that this historic house is to be preserved.—Boston Watchman.

## Spirit Drops in on Friend.

Mr. Andrew Lang, the eminent essayist and critic, relates a curious circumstance which recently happened in a little Scottish town. A man was dying, when he suddenly said, as if recognizing some person, "Eh, ye'll be frae the Whey Pat?" He then expired. On inquiry it was found that a man had died, coincidentally, at the rural tavern, the Whey Pat, a few miles distant. Apparently, after his death he had looked in on his friend, who was also about to enter the spirit land.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Groene's Art Store. Open 8 to 6; and 8 to 10 on Saturdays.

R. E. Edmison was up from Ovalo several days this week.

S. W. Lovelady of Fort Worth was here this week on business.

Mrs. Will Woodroof and son are home from their visit to relatives in Bellevue.

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

W. M. Jenkins this week purchased 20 acres of land lying a mile east of the city limits of Abilene.

Rev. T. N. Lowery left this week for Belton near where he will begin a protracted meeting.

J. A. Bell has moved to Dallas where he will make his future home. The wishes of his friends go with him.

G. F. West is having installed this week wagon scales on Front street at a point in front of his grocery and grain business.

Dr. Cox's Painless Blister, price 50c. Guaranteed to blister without pain or money refunded. For sale by all druggists. \$

Hal Darden left Tuesday night for Stanton in answer to a message announcing the precarious illness of his brother Tol Darden.

Hogue-Hamilton Co. are receiving their new spring goods and invite you to call and see same. Read their advertisement in this issue.

The regular services will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday. Morning subject, "The Image of God," and all are cordially invited.

Mrs. John Ensminger of Mulberry Canyon attended the Bible Institute in Abilene last week. Enroute home she visited her friends Mt. and Mrs. J. T. Tucker.

Lenville Huddleston whose illness called his father to Kentucky last week has almost recovered since his return home and he has the congratulations of the friends of himself and family.

Can wear your Barrett day and night, If stuck with Scheidler's "stick 'em tight" Costs a dime, can do no better, Leave it when you mail your letter. Opposite P. O. 101f

Prof. M. D. Ussery will leave this week to accept a position in the management of a magazine publishing house and business at Austin. He will be joined later by his wife and they will make that city their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hamm have sold their residence in our city to W. R. Bigham and will probably locate somewhere in the northwest. Mr. Hamm will leave in a week or so on a prospecting trip and Mrs. Hamm will spend the time in a visit to friends at Anson. It is with much regret that we are to lose this good family and the good wishes of their many friends will go with them to their new home.

Mrs. J. M. Bryson and Mrs. Tom Jenkins who have been so very low at the home of Mrs. B. Jenkins have improved sufficiently to permit their removal this week to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jenkins. Mrs. Bryson has been suffering with internal bleeding and Mrs. Jenkins has been very low with a stomach trouble. Their friends hope for their early and complete recovery.

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# Special Offerings for February

at the Abilene Dry Goods Company to superinduce early buying. Thousands of dollars worth of New Goods are already being received and marked special to open the season. Many thousands of items are marked at cut prices, very much under value. Economical buyers can find it to their interest to visit this store where every item you buy is guaranteed to be the lowest, and where too, if you are not satisfied you can get your money back.



Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Editor

For a Clean Up Day.

Dr. W. M. Brumby state health officer, in his final report of the Texas State Board of Health, gives the following parting injunction to Texas towns and cities.

"A good, thorough cleaning of Texas cities in early spring will not only make it easier to keep Texas clean, but will be conducive to good health.

"March 11 has been set aside as official clean up day, and every city and town of any size in Texas is expected to take part in this state-wide spring cleaning. In many towns the mayor of the town appoints committees assigning them different localities on streets and the plan of having a thorough spring cleaning of our cities and towns is a preventive of disease during the summer months that follow as well as a standing advertisement for the community."—Dallas News.

This comes under the work of the Civic Improvement League and will receive attention in the Zenobia Club soon. Let our motto be "A cleaner and more beautiful Merkel."

Lesson For The XX Club.

Act II. Scenes 3 and 4 King Henry VIII. Quotations from lesson.

1. Is Annes pity for the Queen genuine? Does she apprehend the the real grounds of the Queen's misery? Is Anne sincere in her protestations about pomps.

2. Estimate the character of the old Lady. What is the station?

3. What honors does the King bestow upon Anne? What is the dramatic effect of the advancement of her?

4. How does Katherine begin her appeal (sc-4) to the King at the opening of the trial? What allusion does she make to the legality of the marriage?

5. What is the dramatic action accompanying the speech, "Lord Cardinal to you I speak.?"

6. What point in Wolsey's career is marked by the Queen's denunciation of him?

7. How does Katherine characterize her reply to her? To what pitch does it stir her?

8. How does she leave the court?

9. What does the King say in exoneration of Wolsey? How was the King led to question the validity of his marriage with Katherine? Interpret the King's speech with which the scene closes.

The Mexican situation has received the attention of our people who have friends in Mexico or on the border, one good lady has written to her husband to come in home before he gets his head knocked off. For she does not want him to come in some morning headless. In a letter from

Henry Counts of El Paso to his mother, Mrs. J. H. Counts under date of Feb. 7, he says: "The excitement is running high this a. m. in El Paso. As the insurgents are just south of Ciudad Juarez and will take it sometime today. They say most every one over there had come to El Paso during the night, this a. m. at 5:30 we heard a cannon go off over there and there is no doubt but what there will be something doing some time today. The insurgents have burned all the bridges south of Juarez and cut telegraph wires so as to keep the Federal troops from coming in from the south."

Little Miss Madylen Adkisson entertained her young friends Saturday evening from 6 to 8 with a tacky party. Promptly at the hour stated the guests were welcomed by their hostess. Those in costume were little Misses Ima Sheppard, Ruth Wheeler, Ruth Howard, Florence Holmes, Agnes Lassiter, Gladys and Lucille Bell, Dorothy Lee Potter, Madylen and Marie Adkisson, Ethel and Kittie Lou Jenkins, Son Potter and Ray Adkisson. Ima Sheppard was given the prize for the tackiest costume. Refreshments were served.

Miss Dethel Jenkins was the charming young hostess to a few friends at her home on Oak street Thursday evening, Feb. 2. Music and "42" were greatly enjoyed by Misses Fannie Pearl Moore, Euphia Cypert, Clara Moore, Inez Sharp Ezma Allday, Maggie Roberts, Maude and Minnie Ferguson. Messrs. Ollie Cordell, Alex Wisdom, Tyre Sublett, Jessie Ferguson, Parker and Roscoe Sharp.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject for Sunday, Feb. 12, "Repentance." Leader, Willie Joe Largent.

Song No. 500.  
Prayer.

Hymn.  
Scripture reading, 2 Sam. 12:1-14.

Duet.—Miss Ova Teaff and Robert Hicks.  
Necessity of repentance.—Floyd Dean.

What repentance consists.—Miss Fannie Swann.

Prayer.  
Song.

How are we saved?—Miss Ina Wheeler.

Open discussion.

Closing exercises.

The personnel of the crowd who attended the Bible Institute at Abilene Ladies Day were Misses Ova and Dollie Teaff, Lillian Howard, Miss Lednum, Miss Whitley, Mrs. J. T. Warren, Mrs. W. A. Scott, Mrs. C. E. Whitaker, Rev. W. C. Taggart and Master Ed Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Comegys, Miss Olga Sheppard, Mrs. J. P. C. Hunt and R. O. Anderson went down to Abilene Tuesday evening to see "The man on the box." They enjoyed the play also the drive home in the Comegys car.

## 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.

Northside Church of Christ.

Bible study every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; Communion services Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock; Prayer meeting every Friday evening at 7:30. Preaching 1st Sunday in each month. Every body cordially invited to attend these services. Elder Geo. W. Cypert.

Methodist Church Services.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Intermediate and Junior Leagues at 2:30 p. m.; Senior League 6:30 p. m.; Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m., followed by Teacher Training Class meeting; Choir practice Saturday 7:15 p. m.; Woman's Home Mission Society meets first and third Mondays at 2:30 p. m.; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society meets second Monday at 2:30 p. m. You are cordially invited. Strangers are welcome. A. M. Martin, Pastor.

Junior B. Y. P. U. Program.

Leader.—Valeta Utley.  
Song No. 41.  
Prayer.—Will Merritt.  
Scripture reading, Acts 26:13-20.

Paul as we first see him.—By Leader.

The central thought in the study.—Marie McGee.

Short Talks:

1. Paul the Persecutor.—Ruth Howard.

2. Paul going to Damascus.—Lillie Dean.

3. Paul sees Jesus.—Emma Thompson.

4. Paul surrenders to Jesus.—Annie Collins.

5. Paul baptized.—Louis Swann.

6. Paul's life work.—Lula Sharp.

Duet.—Beulah Garrett and Amy Gunn.

The XX Club met at 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The lesson was conducted by Mrs. M. Armstrong who brought out many interesting points. The next leader will be Miss Virginia Mackey.

We are glad to report that Charm the little son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs who met with a serious accident about ten days ago, much improved. He is getting very good use of himself again.

"The Belles of Blackville" will be at the Opera House in March benefit Merkel Public Library.

## After The Grippe

"I am much pleased, to be able to write and thank you for what Cardui has done for me," writes Mrs. Sarah J. Gilliland, of Siler City, N. C.

"Last February, I had the Grippe, which left me in bad shape. Before that, I had been bothered with female trouble, for ten years, and nothing seemed to cure it.

"At last, I began to take Cardui. I have taken only three bottles, but it has done me more good than all the doctors or than any other medicine I ever took."

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### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

#### Butman Community.

Zelma Snow and sister Miss Hester were in our community last week.

Bro. Archer filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Dave Pannel and family spent Sunday with Mr. Snow and family.

H. B. Grider, R. N. White, J. A. Dulin and E. E. Patterson were in Merkel Saturday.

D. D. Coats and family visited friends and relatives in Merkel last week.

Miss Mary Grider and Miss Ludie Dulin were the guests of Misses Pannels Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Morgan of Center Point is spending this week with E. E. Patterson and family.

There will be a debate week from Friday night.

The Misses Franks were in our community last week.

Sunday school at Butman every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Prayer meeting every Sunday night. Farmer Girl.

#### Shiloh Clippings.

The farmers are still making hay while the sun shines.

We are glad to report Terrel Winters improving very fast and we hope to see him out soon.

Sunday school was not attended very largely Sunday.

Mrs. Atlas Phillips reported much better. She has been very ill with pneumonia.

There will be preaching at Shiloh Sunday by Rev. Gentry.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Boyett has been very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Williams of Hamlin visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carr, Sunday.

Miss Eva Hightower visited friends and relatives in Anson this week.

We are sorry to say that Mrs. J. A. Armstrong is not much better.

The Grayson school is progressing nicely.

Mrs. J. H. Grayson visited her daughter, Mrs. Wheeler last Sunday.

Some of the Shiloh people attended the literary at Noodle Saturday night.

Miss Pearl Barnes is visiting her sister at Hamlin this week.

I was very glad to see so many communities represented on our page last week and I will quit to give room to my neighbor Miss Noodle. Happy Hoolagan.

#### Salt Branch Items.

Sunday school was well attend-

## SAY, DON'T TELL YOUR WIFE

But bring the old baby buggy or go-cart to us and let us put new tires on the wheels. **MAKE YOUR CART GOOD AS NEW.**

She will also appreciate a new piece of Furniture or Rug. It will make home happier and dreams more pleasant with one of our springs.

### LEGGETT'S PATENT NOISELESS SPRING-BEDS



## BEHRENS-M'MILLEN FURNITURE CO.

FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING

### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

#### From Nubla.

Supt. E. V. White of Abilene visited the school here Friday.

Miss Hattie Hunter came home Friday from Fort Worth where she has been visiting her sister for the past month.

Claude Hannah of Alabama visited at Mr. Blair's last week.

The infant babe of Jim Toombs and wife was buried at Merkel Tuesday.

Miss Jessie Sutphen of Nolan visited her cousin, Della Sutphen, here Saturday and Sunday.

J. S. Blair and daughter, Fannie, attended the conference at Trent Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Sallie Strickland of Merkel is visiting at this place.

Miss Hattie Hunter spent Monday night with Fannie Blair.

Brown Eyes.

#### Dora Items.

Dear Mr. Editor: As I haven't anything much to do this morning will send you the happenings at this little village.

The singing given by Miss Maude Hanks Sunday was an enjoyable affair.

John Bloxom was a pleasant caller at Mrs. Love's last Sunday.

Lott Haley entertained a number of young folks last Monday night in honor of Misses Ivy and Myrtle Rhodes, who are going to Buffalo Gap where they will make their future home. We regret to part with these girls and hope they will like their new home fine.

John Bloxom and Rev. Charley Kent moved L. C. Jenkins to Merkel Monday.

Miss Vena Cook who has been quite sick is reported better.

J. U. Montgomery has three real sick children.

Little Louis Cook has been real sick is just a little better.

Walter Howell and Manor Hanks returned from Abilene, Baird, Cisco, Merkel and Sweetwater where they had hoped to find work.

Claude Leim gave a party last Saturday night.

Claude Leim happened to an accident of getting his eye hurt while burning brush.

Robert Dalby and Drew Clark attended the box supper at Live Oak last Friday night.

Miss Hun Love spent the night with Mrs. Lula McKee last Friday.

With best regards I am lovingly yours. **Guess Who.**

Read the Mail. 1.00 a year.

ed Sunday.

Miss Lois Smith was the guest of Miss Olive Teaff Sunday.

Ralph Golightly and family, W. B. Beavers and family, were visiting at the home of Will Higgins Sunday.

There was a singing at Ellis Petty's Friday night.

W. B. Beavers and H. C. Floyd returned from Abilene Tuesday.

J. W. Teaff and family visited Garlan Teaff, who was seriously hurt last Saturday, at Tye Sunday.

Miss Lyda Beavers was a guest of Miss Henrietta Harris Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Taylor Saturday night, a girl.

Miss Molly Hardy was visiting Miss Gertrude Higgins Sunday.

#### The Best Hour of Life

is when you do some great deed or discover some wonderful fact. This hour came to J. R. Pitt, of Rocky Mt., N. C. when he was suffering intensely, as he says, "from the worst cold I ever had. I then proved to my great satisfaction, what a wonderful cold and cough cure Dr. King's New Discovery is. For after taking one bottle, I was entirely cured. You can't say anything too good of a medicine like that." Its the surest and best remedy for diseased lungs hemorrhages, La-Grippe, asthma, hay fever—any throat or lung trouble. 50c. \$1.00 Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

#### How Would This Suit You?

A small farm in Mulberry Canyon to trade for your interest in a larger one near Merkel. J. T. Warren. 12t

#### For That Terrible Itching.

Eczema, tetter and salt rheum keep their victims in perpetual torment. The application of Chamberlain's Salve will instantly allay this itching, and many cases have been cured by its use. For Sale by Rust & McCauley Co.

#### NOBODY SPARED

Kidney Troubles Attack Merkel Men and Women, Old and Young.

Kidney ills seize young and old. Come quickly with little warning. Children suffer in their early years—

Can't control the kidney secretions.

Girls are languid, nervous, suffer pain.

Women worry, can't do daily work.

Men have lame and aching backs.

The cure for man, woman or child.

Is to cure the cause—the kidneys.

Doan's kidney Pills cure sick kidneys.

Cure all forms of kidney suffering. The following testimony proves it.

J. C. Smith, cotton buyer, 701 Elm St., Abilene, Texas, says: "Being annoyed considerably by a weakness of my kidneys, and having heard Doan's Kidney Pills highly spoken of, I procured a box. In view of their results, I know them to be a good kidney remedy. My nephew who was staying with me at the time, also took Doan's Kidney Pills with benefit."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

#### Oh, You Persimmon Beer.

Paris, Tenn., Jan. 31.—A favorite beverage in this section forty years ago was persimmon beer, made from persimmons, and it is considered quite a treat by the older inhabitants. W. C. Newport, of the Coopersville section, an old-timer, has hauled up a large wagon load of the fruit and has converted it into a

barrel of beer. Citizens for many miles around are hurrying to the Newport home, where they are ever welcome, to secure the old-time beverage.

#### Reason Enthroned.

Because meats are so tasty they are consumed in great excess. This leads to stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. Revise your diet, let reason and not a pampered appetite control, then take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be well again. Try it. For sale at Rust & McCauley's drug store. Samples free.

#### Dallas Gets University.

Dallas, Feb. 4.—Dallas wins the Methodist university over Fort Worth. The site will be in Highland Park, one of the most beautiful and healthful sections of the city. Citizens of Dallas are planning a great demonstration as result of the victory.

#### Baby Hands

will get into mischief—often it means a burn or cut or scald. Apply Ballard's Snow Liniment just as soon as the accident happens, and the pain will be relieved while the wound will heal quickly and nicely. A sure cure for sprains, rheumatism and all pains. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 a bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

#### 16 Years for Drake.

Telephone advices from Eastland today stated that the jury in the case of Drake, charged with the murder of Carter, returned a verdict this morning giving the defendant sixteen years in the penitentiary. Drake received the verdict calmly. His attorneys will appeal if a motion for a new trial is overruled.

The case was tried before Judge Blanton and the testimony was sensational!—Abilene Reporter.

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

# Spring Goods Arriving

We have just received from the eastern markets a nice line of spring goods, and all staple lines have been filled in with the best that can be had.

A nice assortment of Dress Linen, India Linon, Parisian Foulards, etc. A full line Dress Gingham, Madras, Saten, prints, etc. New Laces, Embroideries and Allovers in various patterns and prices.

Early shipment of Shoes and Low Cuts now here.

Some of the swellest things in ladies' Slippers to be found in any market are now being shown by us.

All departments are full of new goods and will be sold at very low prices.

Full line of dependable Groceries always on hand, and we are giving special attention to town orders. Prompt delivery to any part of the city. Give this department a trial, we will please you.

## HOGUE-HAMILTON COMPANY

### CITY COUNCIL FOR CLEANUP CAMPAIGN

There was but little out of the regular routine of business and allowance of accounts transacted at the meeting of the city council held at the city hall Monday afternoon. In the allowance of the accounts the aldermen paid the last of the city waterworks bills.

The council passed a resolution authorizing the mayor to issue a proclamation for a clean-up campaign and the same can be found elsewhere in this issue of our paper. It is the sense of the council and desire of all that the several ladies' organizations and all good citizens lend their assistance in this work.

The council adjourned to meet again one day this week.

#### Life on Panama Canal

has had one frightful drawback—malaria trouble that has brought suffering and death to thousands. The germs cause chills, fever and ague, biliousness, jaundice, lassitude, weakness and general debility. But Electric Bitters never fail to destroy them and cure malaria troubles. "Three bottles completely cured me of a very severe attack of Malaria," writes Wm A. Fretwell, of Lucama, N. C. "and I've had good health ever since." Cure stomach, liver and kidney troubles, and prevent typhoid. 50c Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

#### Boys Run Away to Join Rebels.

Dalhart, Feb. 6.—The son of Chief of Police John Martin and another ten year old boy who ran away Saturday to join the revolutionist in Mexico were found Sunday.

A real Mexican caught them. Finding them asleep on the Rock Island tracks and thinking them dead he delivered a lusty kick at each youthful insurrecto. The youngsters sprang to their feet and viewing the swarthy countenance of a Spaniard burst into tears.

#### Stagers Skeptic.

That clean, nice, fragrant combsound like Bucklen's Arnica Salve will instantly relieve a bad burn, cut, scald, wound or piles, staggers skeptics. But great cures prove its a wonderful healer of the worst sores, ulcers, boils, felons, eczema, skin eruptions, as also chapped hands, sprains and corns. Try it 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

#### 100 Teams at Work on Road.

Judge Bledsoe and the County Commissioners have one hundred teams at work east of town and

good roads operations are in full blast in Precinct 1. Forces under foremanship of P. O. Forbus are grading on the Elmdale road. Three gangs are at work, one cording rock on the J. F. Handy place and two on the grade.

The work has been pushed from the city limits just over the Cedar creek bridge. Some extensive work must be done around this bridge. Judge Bledsoe hopes to have one hundred and twenty-five teams at work by next Saturday and the work will be opened in several districts at once.

The machinery for the work has been purchased and foreman Keller hopes to have his crusher, steam roller and other apparatus in active operation within a few days.

C. R. Thomas, the government engineer will remain in the city a week and possibly longer, until the work is systematically under way.—Abilene Reporter.

#### A Common Cold.

We claim that if catching cold could be avoided some of the most dangerous and fatal diseases would never be heard of. A cold often forms a culture bed for germs of infectious diseases. Consumption, pneumonia, diphtheria and scarlet fever, four of the most dangerous and fatal diseases of this class. The culture bed formed by the cold favors the development of the germs of these diseases that would not otherwise find lodgment. There is little danger, however, of any of these diseases being contracted when a good expectorant cough medicine like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is used. It cleans out these culture beds that favor the development of the germs of these diseases. That is why this remedy has proved so universally successful in preventing pneumonia. It not only cures your cold quickly, but minimizes the risk of contracting these dangerous diseases. For sale by Rust & McCauley Co.

#### Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel Tex. for week ending Feb. 11, 1911:

Evans, M. F.  
Davis, Gertrew  
Hall, Mies Gertrude  
Rutledge, Hardy

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Feb. 25, 1911.

H. W. Derstine, P. M.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Most Popular Because it is the Best.

"I have sold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the past eight years and find it to be one of the best selling medicines on the market. For babies and young children there is nothing better in the line of cough syrups," says Paul Allen, Plain Dealing, La. This remedy not only cures the coughs, colds and croup so common among young children, but it is pleasant and safe for them to take. For sale by Rust & McCauley Co.

#### Good For Jones.

J. A. Davis, who has just finished marketing his 1910 crop furnishes the following figures as to yield and receipts. The preparation and cultivation was done practically by one man, very



TWO SWEETS  
RODGERS BAKERY

little help except in gathering.

Mr. Davis planted 40 acres in cotton beginning May 19, from which he gathered a little more than 16 500-pound bales, selling the cotton at 14 cents and 14 1/2 per pound, from which he realized \$1,160.13. The cotton seed brought \$181.78, which totals \$1,341.91 for his cotton crop of the 40 acres, or \$33 54 per acre, for which land he paid \$30 per acre.

Mr. Davis also planted twenty acres of maize from which he gathered 4,000 binds, which at the market price of five cents per bundle would make the maize crop worth \$200 or a total of \$1,541 91 off the 60 acres and besides he raised quite a lot of farm and garden produce, which shows what can be done in Central West Texas, even with the limited rainfall of the past season. The cotton more than paid for the land on which it was raised.—Rotan Advance.

This is a most excellent showing and we are sure that the statement is correct. About the same conditions that prevail in Fisher county are found in Jones Wonder how many farmers in Jones county can make as good a showing for the dry year of 1910? We are certain that there are dozens of them—Jones is the banner county of Central West Texas.—Anson Reporter.

#### Struck a rich Mine.

S W Bends, of Coal City, Ala. says he struck a perfect mine of health in Dr King's New Life Pills for the cured him of liver and kidney trouble after 12 years of suffering they are the best pills on earth for constipation, malaria, headache, dyspepsia debility 25c at H. C. Burroughs

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

#### Charles N. Wilson, Dead.

In the midst of a most enjoyable visit with his daughter Mrs. J. R. Barnett in our little city death came like a thief in the night and claimed the life of Charles N. Wilson last Saturday morning.

On the afternoon before the visitor drove to town with Mr. Barnett, ate a hearty supper and at the usual hour went to his bed to retire in the best of spirit and humor and apparent good health. No word of complaint came from his lips and there was no suspicion of the sad event until he was found the next morning cold in death. His natural position as in slumber showed that he suffered no agony and in reality it was just that eternal sleep.

The deceased was a native of Texas but lately of Tulsa, Okla., and was 64 years of age at the time of his death. He was not at the time of his death a member of any church but had lived an exemplary and christian life. His remains were laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery Monday afternoon, Rev. W. C. Taggart having charge of the ceremonies.

Among those of the family who attended were Mrs. C. N. Wilson, wife; Miss Hester Wilson, daughter; Chas. T. Wilson, son, all of Tulsa and J. L. Wilson, another son of Beaumont.

The Mail joins in the sympathy felt by our people for Mrs. Barnett and the other bereaved.

#### Lame Shoulder.

This is a common form of muscular rheumatism. No internal treatment is needed. Apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely three times a day and a quick cure is certain. This liniment has proven especially valuable for muscular and chronic rheumatism. Sold by Rust & McCauley Co.

M. B. Tabors who accidentally shot and killed himself at Wichita Falls Sunday a week ago formerly lived in the Merkel country. He was a cousin of J. N. Teaff who informs us that he leaves a wife and seven children. The deceased was a member of the local lodge of Woodmen and carried a policy of \$1500 which will be paid to his widow.

Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniment does not burn or blister, relieves pain quickly and flies will not bother the wound. For sale by all druggists.

O. S. Adams visited homefolks and friends for a few days this week and will return to Jefferson to begin work next week. Oscar recently underwent an operation for mastoid at Texarkana in the Able sanitarium. The same was very successful and he has made rapid improvement. The Mail will go with him to Jefferson.

#### Citation by Publication

The State of Texas—To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED To summon C. E. Lea by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 42nd Judicial district; to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Abilene on the 4th Monday in February A. D. 1911, the same being the 27th day of February, A. D. 1911, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 14th day of January, A. D. 1911, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court, No. 2677, wherein Mrs. Jessie Lea is Plaintiff and C. E. Lea is Defendant and the cause of action being alleged as follows:

Now comes your petitioner, Mrs. Jessie Lea, hereinafter styled plaintiff, complaining of C. E. Lea, hereinafter styled defendant and represents to the court that she resided in Taylor County, state of Texas, and that defendant's residence is unknown to plaintiff, and for cause of action plaintiff represents and makes known to the court that she is a boni fide inhabitant of said State, and had resided in Taylor County, Texas, for a period of more than six months next preceeding the filing of this petition.

That plaintiff and defendant were lawfully married on the 31st day of July A. D. 1901, and that said marriage is now a legal, binding and subsisting marriage; that they lived together as husband and wife from said date up to the 7th day of March, A. D. 1907; that between said dates and during said time plaintiff was kind and affectionate to defendant, always mindful of her marriage contract and vows, making a faithful and dutiful wife, notwithstanding all of which, and without any just cause or excuse and without the consent or knowledge of plaintiff, defendant, did on the 7th day of March, A. D. 1907, wilfully and voluntarily abandon plaintiff with the intention and purpose of permanently abandoning plaintiff; has not seen defendant since said date and has not heard of him for several years; that since said 7th day of March plaintiff and defendant have not lived together as husband and wife, and that said abandonment and has been continuous from said 7th day of March, 1907 up to the present time, a period of more than three years preceeding the filing of this suit.

Wherefore, premises considered plaintiff prays the court that defendant be cited to appear and answer this petition, and that upon final hearing she have judgment of the court for divorce, cancelling and annulling said marriage contract, for costs of suit and for such other and further relief as she may show herself justly entitled.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at my office in Abilene, Texas, this 14th day of January, A. D. 1911.  
J. F. Fuller, Clerk District Court, Taylor Co., Texas.  
By D. J. Hill Jr., deputy.

Jess, son of N. B. Teaff who lives near Tye narrowly escaped death in an accident Saturday afternoon. He was riding on a handcar and in some manner fell in front of same when going at a high rate of speed. The handcar passed over his body, cutting a ugly gash in the head, breaking a leg, one or two ribs and his escape from instant death was almost miraculous.

A. L. Hogue shipped a couple of cars of very fat cattle to the Ft. Worth market Wednesday.