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PROGRAM SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE

Following is the program for the Sunday School Institute to be conducted at the Methodist church in Merkel March 18 and 19, by Rev. R. B. Bonner, Conference Sunday School Secretary of The Northwest Texas Conference. The following live topics will be discussed by live Sunday School Workers. Select from these topics those you are most interested in and be ready to ask questions and to help discuss them.

Opening Session.

10:00—Special Prayer Service for our Sunday School Work.

The Importance of the Sunday School and its Place in our Church Work—R. B. Bailey.

How to Build up and Maintain the Sunday School—A. M. Martin.

Modern Sunday School Plans; Such as May be Used in Your School—R. B. Bonner.

Material Equipment. That, that is necessary to the best work—Miss Love Hawkins.

Moral and religious benefits—R. B. Bonner.

Can a modern, up to date school be carried on in the country and small towns?—M. H. Hudson.

General Discussion.

Afternoon Session.

2:00—Special prayer service for the adult class movement.

The adult class movement. (1) What means to our work. (2) How to organize and conduct.

(a) Young men's classes. (b) Business men's classes. (c) Women's classes—R. B. Bonner.

Special days and how to use them. (1) Children's. (2) Decision. (3) Promotion. (4) Rally—H. C. Williams.

General discussion.

Sunday school dynamo.—A. M. Martin.

Teachers. (1) Their qualifications. (2) General equipment. R. B. Bonner.

The urgent need of teachers and how to supply them.

The teacher. (1) Preparing the lesson. (2) Teaching the class. B. W. Hudgins.

General discussion.

Prayer and praise service. Address—Our young men and how to reach them—R. B. Bonner.

Second Day—Morning Service.

9:30—Special prayer service for officers and teachers.

Opening exercises of Sunday school.

Teachers training department.—R. B. Bonner.

The home department.—R. B. Bailey.

General discussion.

The teacher's meeting. (1) Its benefits. (2) Its difficulties. (3) How to hold them.—Miss E. Love Hawkins.

Sermon.—R. B. Bonner.

Afternoon Session.

2:30—Special prayer service for pastors and superintendents.

The pastor and his place in the school—M. H. Hudson.

The superintendent. His qualifications and his work.—R. B. Bonner.

The secretary. His office and

its importance—B. W. Hudgins.

Other necessary officers and their work—R. B. Bonner.

General discussion.

The official council. (1) Of whom composed. (2) Their work.

Conventions. Duty and benefits of attending.

General discussion.

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MERKEL CITIZENS SEE ROOSEVELT

There was a good little crowd of our citizens who assembled at the depot Tuesday afternoon to get a glimpse of Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt as he passed through on his special. It was only a glimpse, too for the fast special slowed up but very little for the city in clover but the popular citizen was on the rear platform and waved at the crowd. The special stopped at Abilene for a few minutes where Mr. Roosevelt made a short speech to several thousand who had gathered to hear him. It was our pleasure to hear Mr. Roosevelt at St. Joseph, Mo., during his campaign when he was a running mate with Mr. McKinley and if we ever meet him again we are going to tell him what he missed by not stopping at Merkel for a few days. Come to Merkel.

Prohibition Meeting.

The friends of State wide Prohibition in each precinct of the county are urged to send representatives to a meeting to be held at Abilene, in the Twenty-five Thousand club rooms on Saturday, March 25, 1911, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of completing organization for the adoption of the state wide amendment. Let every precinct be represented.

A. H. Kirby, Chairman.

Merkel Chickens, 65 Cents.

J. L. Tucker was among the visitors to our office Wednesday. He is secretary of the Taylor County Farmers Union and as well a premium chicken raiser. He brought to town ten chickens which he sold to one of our local produce dealers at ten cents per pound. The chickens averaged over six pounds each and netted the owner nearly 65 cents apiece. They were the Barred Plymouth Rocks.

Notice, Farmers Union.

The Taylor County Farmers Union will meet at Ovalo Thursday and Friday, April 6 and 7. All locals are requested to have delegates present.

W. A. Campbell, Pres.

J. L. Tucker, Sec.

CITY AFFAIRS

Editor Merkel Mail:—I submit this article for publication which I hope will serve to answer the questions that have been asked so many times. These questions are:

"What became of the \$25,000 voted to put in the system of waterworks?"

"And now we have that system how will we maintain it?"

Answering the first question will say before the present administration closes we will publish a statement showing that every dollar of the money, and even more, was economically spent, which I hope will put to sweet rest the idea of graft on the part of the city council, for if any member of the board ever received as much as the value of a new hat from any of the contracts it is more than I have heard.

Answering the second will say the plant has been operated to meet all demands so far and all expenses paid to date, and I feel safe in saying that it will continue to run sufficient to fill every requirement for which it was installed.

Those who think the waterworks system is an additional expense can apply to their insurance agent for insurance rates whether under direct protection or not and see the effect the system has had. As to the installation of the waterworks system it required a majority vote of the tax payers to authorize the city council to act. In making selections for contracts for making your water system the very best of everything was secured. The system as installed is pronounced by experts as one among the best in Texas.

As to the administration of your city's affairs I take pleasure in stating that your council has taken each proposition as presented and acted on them economically and in a way that your city's script is at par and can be kept that way. With this the close of my second term as your mayor I take pleasure in turning back to you your town as a modern little city set on a hill.

I hope that in the coming city election our people will lay aside all prejudice and personal interests and come together and elect only such men to office as will act fairly and impartially in all matters that pertain to our city's interests. During my several years experience in public life I have never worked with a more conscientious and deserving set of men than those composing your city council. If the proper thing is done in the coming election other good men will be put on the board of aldermen which will mend the broken link caused by the retirement of a majority of the old board, and the work will then be picked up and carried on without friction. But to the reverse things could become serious or in other words we should elect men who are friendly to what has been done and are willing to hold Merkel up to its present high standard.

Thanking my many friends for past favors I am, very truly,
W. W. Wheeler.

When selecting the flour for our new store we were determined to have the best flour we could buy. We figured with more than a dozen mills. We had sample sacks sent to us for trial. We decided on and bought Light Crust flour from the Burrus Milling Company Fort Worth, Tex., because we thought it the best flour to be had. We pay more for this flour than any extra high patent flour brought to Merkel. Try one sack and you'll use no other. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

R. H. Collins received four cars of mixed cattle this week, shipped from the east and will put them on grass in the Merkel country.

G. W. Johnson was among the visitors to Fort Worth this week.

MERKEL COUNTRY ALFALFA FIELDS

It is the belief of many of our farmers that there are a number of farms in the Merkel country which will grow alfalfa successfully and the experiments thus far have increased the interest in this new crop.

The five acres sown on the Warren farm east of our city made good during the past dry year and is looking very promising. T. J. Coggin made some observations on a recent trip to the Panhandle and came home convinced that he has some land especially adapted for this valuable crop and began preparations for sowing eight or ten acres at his home place. J. W. Daniel bought 100 pounds of seed recently and will try five acres. C. L. McNeese who has made a success of almost everything undertaken on his place south of the city says that he will plant a small patch. Frank Sears will sow a big field on his place on the Clear Fork this fall, and there will probably be many others. The Merkel country soil will grow almost every other crop and why not alfalfa?

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject for Sunday March 19, "The Holy Spirit and Our Morality."

Leader, Miss Eva Cash.

Opening by leader.

Roll call, answering with scripture verses.

Scripture reading by leader.

1 Peter 1:2-23.

Prayer.

The New Birth—Ethridge Dockery.

Solo—Miss Ova Teaff.

What the New Birth Means—Miss Irene Swann.

The Grace of God—Mrs. E. Hall.

Male Quartette.

God's Grace Freely Given—Miss Dovie Teaff.

Collection.

Song.

Benediction.

Try us on your grocery orders this month. Our groceries are all new and fresh, and your order will have our prompt attention. Phone 176. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

\$300,000 FIRE AT FORT WORTH SHOW

Fort Worth, March 14.—About one thousand head of livestock were burned to death this morning in a fire which swept all mule and horse barns on the south side of Exchange avenue from the new Exchange building on Marine creek to the packing house of Swift & Company. The hog and sheep sheds just west of Swift & Company's plant was also swept clean by flames.

At this time it is impossible to accurately place the fire loss but a conservative estimate places it at between \$275,000 and \$300,000, in all likelihood nearer the latter figure. The exact loss cannot be correctly estimated until night as much fine stock were turned loose to make their escape, and are unaccounted for.

The damage was not confined to buildings and cattle. Four men were badly burned while attempting to throw open the doors of burning sheds in order to permit the stock to escape. One of the badly injured was Howard L. E. Walton, connected with the Fort Worth stock exchange. The names of the others have not been learned. The origin of the fire is not definitely known.

Senior League Program.

Subject, A Good Soldier. 2 Tim., 2:3-4; 1 Tim., 1:17-19; 6-12.

Leader, Miss Mary Plummer. The Magnitude of a Soldier's Life—Frank Smith.

Reading, Thy Soul on Guard—Eunice Nisbitt.

The Only Thing Needful in a Good Soldier—J. Provine.

Solo—Robert Nisbitt.

Results of this Personal Attachment—Miss E. Hawkins.

Instrumental solo—Jackie Jennings.

A War Story—W. T. Potter.

Presbyterian Church.

There will be services at the Presbyterian church as follows: 11 a. m. the discourse will be on Gospel Repentance. 7:45 p. m. The First Question God Ever Asked Man. Everybody cordially invited to attend these services. Geo. A. Crane, Pastor.

John Elliott P. H. & W. D.

Special attention given to chronic cases of wind mills and pumps. All calls, day or night, given prompt attention. Office phone 4 residence 59.

Bank Notice.

The banks of Merkel from April 1st to September 1st will open at 9 a. m. and close at 3 p. m. F. & M. National Bank. First National Bank.

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If you haven't already visited our millinery department you have missed a treat. Millinery was never prettier than this season and we are making this department the pride of our store. We have a large and well selected stock at most attractive prices. We have added several new numbers to our stock this week—some this spring's most exclusive models, some elaborately trimmed, others of most simplicity of style with little ornamentation. Both small and large hats are in vogue and in a variety of styles to suit any taste. Every woman and girl in Merkel and vicinity is cordially invited to visit these departments this week. : : : :



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OUR WEEKLY SERMONETTE

Found Out.

"Be sure your sin will find you out."—Num. 32:23.

No man can escape from his own sin. Every sin we commit will find us out and make us pay. No man ever committed a single sin that he did not pay for it in some way. There never has been a sin committed on this earth that paid. The most stupendous folly of which a man can be guilty is for him to think that he can ever gain anything by doing wrong. Whether you hurt any one else by your own wrong doing or not, you are bound to hurt yourself. There are doubtless many readers who contemplate doing some wrong act. Very likely your being in this place is simply a step toward that sin you have in mind. I want to say to you, "Be sure your sin will find you out." You can't escape it. You are bound to suffer by that sin. It is pretty sure that if a man puts his hand

in the fire he will be burned. It is absolutely sure that if a man sins he will suffer for it, suffer for each individual sin he commits. You may escape the law but you cannot escape the consequences of your own sins. No man can hide where his sins will not find him. Let me point out some of the ways in which a man's sins find him out:

Men's sins find them out in the execution of human laws. The execution of law in human society is necessarily imperfect, and yet it is astonishing how surely men who break the laws are sooner or later brought to book. A man may successfully elude the meshes of the law for days or months, or years, but he is all the time weaving a net that will almost certainly entrap him at last. It is a marvelous thing how crime comes to light; how a man's sin finds him out and exposes him to the contempt of the whole world.

Men's sins find them out in their own bodies. When a man does not pay the penalty of his sin before human courts, he pays it in a court where there is no possibility of bribery, the court of physical retribution for moral offenses. Not only do certain diseases follow in the train of certain sins, but in a general way there is the most intimate connection between morality and health. All sins have physical consequences. The suffering consequent upon some sins is not so immediate or so marked as the physical suffering consequent upon a few well-known vices, but it is none the less true that every sin has physical consequences, the man who sins will suffer for it in his body. His sin is bound to find him out. Scarcely a week passes that some one does not come to me suffering some great physical evil that is simply the consequence of his own sin. Man if you are contemplating sin, just stop and think of this a moment, "Be sure your sin will find you out!" If no where else, in that body of yours.

There is another place in which our sins find us out, and this is more important by far than its finding us out in the execution of human laws, or its finding us out in our bodies. Sin finds us out in our characters. For every sin you commit you will suffer in character. You can't tell a lie but your moral blood is poisoned by it and your moral constitution undermined. Every sin breeds a moral ulcer. Do you think you can cheat a man in business and not suffer in your character more than he suffers in his pocket? Do you think that you can wrong an employe in his wages, and you not suffer immeasurably more in what you become, than he suffers in what he gets? Do you think you can wrong a man regarding his wife, and not have a death-dealing cancer in your character? Can you read an impure book or tell an obscene story or gaze upon an indelicate picture, or listen to an unclean play, and not breed a stinking distemper in your own moral nature? Do you think you can violate those laws of purity that God has written in

His Word, and on your heart, and in your body, and not reap disgusting tumors in your own character? Wherever else the law may seem to fail, here it absolutely never fails. A man's sin, a woman's sin, always finds them out in their characters.

Again, your sins will find you out in your own conscience. From whoever else you can hide your sin, you cannot hide it from yourself. And you are so constructed in the mercy of God, that to know you are a sinner means self condemnation and agony. No physical torments match the torments of an accusing conscience. An accusing conscience means hell on earth. No earthly prosperity, no human love, no mirth nor music, nor revelry, nor fun, nor intoxication, can dispel its clouds, nor assuage the agony of its ever-gnawing tooth.

But there is another place where your sin will find you out, i. e., in your own children. That is one of the most awful things about sin, its curse falls not only upon us, but upon our



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RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Total Loans\$ 70,324.48	Capital Stock.....\$ 25,000.00
U. S. Bonds..... 6,250.00	Surplus & profits, net. 23,667.44
Premium on Bonds..... 200.00	Circulation..... 6,250.00
Furniture and fixtures 2,800.00	Bills payable..... None
5 Percent redemp. fund 312.50	Rediscounts..... None
Cash..... 90,604.06	Other borrowed money None
Total.....\$170,491.04	Deposits..... 115,573.50
	Total.....\$170,491.04

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children also. God does visit the iniquity of the fathers upon the children. You may complain about that as much as you like, but it is an unquestionable fact, and a wise man doesn't think so much of what he would like to have true, as of what really is true. There is no question that our sins find us out in our children. Let a man be a drinking man, for example. He may not be a very hard drinker, but there is almost sure to be a curse upon his children. It is more, than likely that some of his sons will be drunkards. Take the liquor dealer. His sin is almost sure to find him out in his children. A friend of mine of very wide experience says he has never known a man in the liquor business where the curse sooner or later did not strike into his own home. Take the Sabbath breaker. Nowadays a great many christians are careless about the Lord's day. They go out riding, or go to the park, or go bicycling, or play golf. Let them look out. Their sin will find them out in their own children. Their children will go further than they do. They will disregard the day altogether; they will likely turn out infidels and all that is bad. The sin of the adulterer will find him out in his own children. Let him take heed regarding his own daughter. Oh, men and women, who are contemplating some sinful act, beware, lest you bring a curse upon your own household. It looks attractive now. It seems as if it would pay, but it won't. "Be sure your sin will find you out"

There is one more place where your sin will find you out—your sin will find you out in eternity. This present life is not all. There is a future life, and our acts and their consequences will follow us into it. If your sin does not find you out here it will there. You may be absolutely sure of that. We shall in eternity reap the consequences of every sin we sowed in time. It sometimes seems to go on here to the end unwhipped of justice. Men defraud their employees, they rob the widow and the orphan, they condemn other men and their families to beggary that they may increase their already enormous wealth, and no one seems to call them to account. It will not always be so. God will call them to account, strict account, and a few thousands, or hundreds of thousands or millions of their illgotten wealth given to charity will not blind the eyes of a Holy God. Men despise God, laugh at His Word, and trample under foot His Son, and God still lets them

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Many a Merkel Reader Will Feel Grateful for this Information.

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live. He does not seem to call them to account. But it will not always be so. "Be sure your sin will find you out." The principle of our text is sure. All history is a confirmation of, and commentary on, this point of the Word of God. Every man's experience is a confirmation of it. You cannot sin without suffering for it. Your sins will find you out in the workings of human society, or in your own body, or in your characters, or in your conscience, or in your children, or in eternity, or in altogether. Is there a man here contemplating sin? I beg of you don't do it. You will regret it; you will suffer; you will pay an awful price. Your sin will find you out.

But many of us have sinned already, and our sins are finding us out already. What shall we do? Fly to Christ. I have preached law to you this week. Now, a word of Gospel. There is but one way of escape from the penalties of the law; that is in the grace of the Gospel. Our sins were after us like a blood hound, just ready to spring at us, but Christ jumped between us and our sin and the sin struck him instead of us. Fly to Christ. He calls, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Come—come at once. A. M. Martin.

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

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen is in Abilene this week.

W. R. Walker is in Fort Worth at the Fat Stock Show.

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

Mrs. C. M. McCauley and children are in Abilene this week.

Car Texas Red Rust-Proof seed oats at G. M. Sharp's Grain Store.

Mrs. Ida Ryan of Marshall is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Alice Templeton.

Go to the City Barber Shop for first-class work. West & Evans, Proprietors.

Miss Fannie Pearl Moore is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Ernest Kunze, in Fort Worth.

Don't fail to see W. M. Jenkins on Edwards street for cheap goods and best prices for your produce.

Constable R. C. Young has moved to the Cauthen farm northwest of our city where he will make a crop this year.

We will pay you the highest market price for your produce. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

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

Sam Butman was a visitor to Abilene Monday and spent the entire day very pleasantly dividing time between the street cars and moving picture shows.

Bring us your butter, eggs and chickens. We will pay you the highest market price at all times. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Burt Provine of El Capitan, N. M., was recently married and the bride and groom were recent visitors to our city, guests of his brothers, Sam and J. M. Provine.

If you have trouble in getting rid of your cold you may know that you are not treating it properly. There is no reason why a cold should hang on for weeks and it will not if you take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. L. D. Gaither and Mrs. N. C. Sinclair were among the visitors to the Stockmen's Convention this week.

WANTED.—All the chickens, butter and eggs in the Merkel country. We will always pay you the top prices. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Kale Talks.

March 13.—We are all funny over the prospects of a crop. Nearly all of us are planting some corn.

Clarence Simmon's wife is sick this week.

Mrs. H. F. Richards returned from her sister's, where she had been attending the bedside of her little nephew.

Leonard Morrison is in Abilene this week.

Floyd Compton was at Mr. Bradys Saturday.

Miss Gladys Foster returned to her home in Trent this week.

A Farmer Boy.

Compere Happenings.

March 13.—As I haven't seen any items from this place in some time I will write a few.

Our school is progressing fine. Wheat and oats are doing well. Preaching was well attended here Sunday.

There was quiet a crowd from here that attended the literary society at Noodle Friday night.

Messrs. Joe Adkins, Charley and Percy Childers and families are visiting in Mitchell county this week.

Prof. Hutto went to Abilene Friday to his father-in-law's who is reported to be very sick.

John Williams was in Merkel Saturday.

E. C. Spurgin and family visited relatives in Anson Thursday.

Miss Emma Mashburn is visiting in Anson.

Clarence Foster made a business trip to Merkel Friday.

Roman Palmer and Gene Spurgin were at Noodle Sunday.

Farming Kid.

Noodle Dots.

March 15—A cool norther is blowing at this writing.

Some of the farmers have planted feed.

Estell Church was a caller at the home of W. W. Beene Sunday.

J. E. Jones' team ran away with him Friday. There was no damage done.

C. L. Deutschman is attending the W. O. W. convention at Mineral Wells this week.

There will be singing at the Noodle church Sunday.

Rev. Sullivan filled his regular appointment here Sunday. He was assisted by Rev. England.

Blue Rose.

Shiloh Clippings.

March 15—We are having some real cool weather.

There is some sickness in our community at present.

W. L. Boyd and wife spent Sunday afternoon with the family of Mr. Prather.

Miss Mary Green is visiting relatives in Abilene.

Church was well attended Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Dora Pumroy visited Miss Maura Bryant Sunday.

Miss Dee Hale was a guest of Miss Florence Code Sunday.

There was a musical entertainment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vines Friday.

Mr. Stone who left west Texas over a year ago has returned and says that the west looks better to him than it ever did.

Elmer Pumroy, Misses Irene Green and Pearl Barnes dined with the Misses Dyess Sunday.

Happy Hoolagau.

Plenty of Oats at Sharp's the grain man.

News From Nubla.

March 15—Farmers have their land prepared and are planting feed.

There will be church at this place Sunday conducted by Bro. Bailey.

Our Sunday school and prayer meetings are doing well.

Mrs. Nettie Stanley visited in Merkel Wednesday.

Mrs. Alice Davenport spent Wednesday with Mrs. Jewel Davenport.

Mrs. Dollie Latimer, Misses Bula and Monta Whitsett, Bill Cogburn, wife and children will start for Fort Worth Thursday to attend the Fat Stock Show.

Mrs. Ellen Hogan and Miss Anna Stanley spent Wednesday night with Mrs. Maud Hogan.

Church was well attended at this place Sunday and a good sermon was enjoyed.

Luther Franks and Ernest Costephens spent Sunday evening at the home of A. T. Stanley.

Mrs. Hensler has been on the sick list but is improving.

Miss Audie Reynolds spent Wednesday with Mrs. Mary Blackburn.

Mrs. J. S. Blair returned home Saturday from Waco where she has been visiting her brother and reports a pleasant stay.

F. M. Dudley spent part of Tuesday at the home of J. S. Blair. Rose Bud.

March 15—Mrs. J. S. Blair is back from Bruceville.

Quite a crowd attended church Sunday and at night.

W. L. Blair and family visited his father Sunday.

Mrs. John Davenport visited her son at Butman Monday night.

Grover Blair and sister Fannie attended the debate at Butman Friday night.

Luther Franks and Ernest Costephens attended church here Sunday night.

Mrs. Emma Campbell and daughter Cora went to Merkel last week.

Bro. Bailey will fill his regular appointment here Sunday.

Brown Eyes.

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Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel Tex. for week ending Mar. 18, 1911:

Beauchamp, J. W.

Growns, P. F.

Parker, Dr. F. P.

Wervort, W. G.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Apr. 1, 1911.

H. W. Derstine, P. M.

A Neighbor of Yours

as well as yourself is liable at any time to have rheumatism. We're all liable to have cuts or burns, bruises or scalds, crick in the back, neck or side—some kind of an ache or pain. Then heed this advice and tell your neighbors—Ballard's snow Liniment relieves all aches and pains and heals all wounds. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

If you are nervous and can't rest at night, run down, blood thin, you need Nyals Celery Nervine—only at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Letter from Lindale.

March 11.—Dear Mail: I have just finished reading the Mail and as it gives me a longing for Merkel and the Merkel folks and thinking that some of my old box-warming friends would like to hear from me I will give them a few lines through the Mail. We get the Mail regularly ever Saturday and read every thing it.

I am sure glad that the prospects for a good crop are so promising out there.

I am getting real home-sick to see Merkel and the Merkel people, but I will have to remain here until the fruit crop is gathered.

It was feared at one time that the fruit crop was killed, but it is not hurt much in this section. The late fruit that the bloom had fully opened was killed but there was not many of them. If there is no more cold weather and the trees will hold their fruit there will be a big crop of peaches shipped from Lindale. There were 500 cars of peaches shipped from this place last year and the orchard men think that there will be three-fourths as many this year if nothing happens to the crop. I count on getting 7,000 or 8,000 bushels off of my orchard if nothing happens to the tree to destroy the fruit, and blackberries, if nothing happens to them, I can give every boy and girl in Merkel a job picking blackberries. I have 14 acres in blackberries and they have just begun to bloom and it is a beautiful sight to look over them.

This is a pretty good poor man's country as most of the land is poor and there are plenty of dogs and I have heard dogs are indication of poverty (I have two) but the people have lots of good things to eat and the dogs are all fat and the women good looking.

The most of the farmers are still plowing a long in the stumps with one mule and if you ask why he don't grub them out he will tell you that he wants them to rot out as they are good fertilizers but I notice that he will burn every one out that he can. It don't take labor to burn them, but they are just a fine set of people all the same and I can prove it by Jim Swann. They all know Jim down here.

I see from the Mail that the city candidates are getting busy. The names of all I have noticed are my friends and as I cannot be there to vote for any of them I authorize you to vote for all of them for me.

As it costs money to set type I will close. R. A. Miller.

P. S. I will not be home before August.

For Diseases of the Skin.

Nearly all diseases of the skin such as eczema, tetter, salt rheum and barbers itch are characterized by an intense itching and smarting, which often makes life a burden and disturbs sleep and rest. Quick relief may be had by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It always the smarting almost instantly. Lots of cases have been cured by its use. For sale by all dealers.

Merkel Man Honored.

All of the visitors and delegates to the Odd Fellows and Rebekah conventions at Waco have returned and W. L. Blair reported to us that J. F. Shaffer of our city was elected district deputy.

Have you visited the millinery parlor of the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company? They have without a doubt the largest and prettiest stock of millinery ever shown in Merkel. Be sure and see them before you buy your hat. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

REAL ESTATE

Now, what do you think of this: One hundred acres, 50 in cultivation, 20 more good, dark sandy loam, 9 miles of Merkel, 4 miles View City, handsome two-story house, 7 rooms, two wells, windmill, etc., for \$25,000. This is the best on our list this week. The improvements cost \$1500 and the first man with \$1,000 cash will get the place and good terms on the balance. If it looks good to you get busy.

SOME GOOD ONES

On the following all that we ask is you look and then abide by your own judgment. We know they are bargains and will make the buyer a good profit this year. Now is not the best time to sell but it is the best time to buy and we can deliver the goods. If you make the deal now you get the rents for this year.

One of the best improved farms in the Merkel country, well located, 6 miles of Merkel, 140 acres, 100 in cultivation, no better soil anywhere, all level good land. The owner has another opportunity and will sell for spot cash for \$26.50 per acre. He refused a few years ago \$35.00 for this land and if you do not buy it before April 1 he will not talk to you for less than that figure.

Here is a genuine good bargain and one for a man of small means. The owner is a professional man and will sell 100 acres, well improved, 60 acres in cotton, 10 in feed and you get the rents for \$22.-50 per acre. He does not owe a dollar on this property and will sell for \$750 cash and give liberal terms on the balance. Let us show you.

We have a good nine-section ranch in Reagan county to sell for \$7.50 per acre.

WE DO ALL KINDS OF NOTARY WORK

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Meals served regularly, three times daily, only 25 cents. Short orders any hour of day. The best of service at reasonable prices and we solicit your patronage.

WHEN IN TOWN COME TO SEE US

DRAUGHON'S PRACTICAL *Business College*
More BANKERS Indorse DRAUGHON'S Colleges than indorse all other business colleges COMBINED.

Positions Guaranteed. National reputation. Address either Abilene, Texas or Sweetwater, Texas.

Advertising a Church.

It was race day at the Lafayette county fair and the Missouri rural elect flocked into Higginsville. They gathered some odd-hundred strong in the grandstand and waited for the programmes to be distributed. When these were given out the good folk turned pages casually then halted in surprise. Opposite the race list was this advertisement: "After the races don't forget that the Higginsville church, Higginsville, Mo., has a wide-awake Sunday school, to which the whole county is invited. Classes for everybody. The preaching services are not so bad. H. W. Hunter, minister." Gracious! Up-to-date, that H. W. Hunter! yes up-to-date, indeed. Higginsville looks on him as a few hours ahead of the date. The town awoke one morning to find on every door-knob a tag whereon was printed

an urgent invitation to attend Bible school at the up-to-date man's church.

The baseball fans, gathering on Saturday to see the local team wallop the champions of the county, were handed cards with their score boards with this legend on them: "If you want to make a strike that will count in making a home run, find out the rules of the game (of life). The young men's class which meets every Sunday, is trying its best to make the Book of Rules (Bible) interesting and enjoyable. Strike one by coming next Sunday. We will try to make a hit. Play ball. Clyde Foulds, captain; Billy Webb, scorekeeper; H. W. Hunter umpire. Is it any wonder that Higginsville is a community of enthusiastic church-goers? Advertising pays. The Rev. Mr. Hunter was born in Ireland thirty-two years ago.—Leslie's Weekly.

Rheumatism--You Suffer with Rheumatism

If you do, it is your own fault and not ours, because we have relief for you. Prescription No. 5440 does away with all pains of rheumatism. Over 100 cases cured by using this. It never fails, you should try a bottle—50c. Sold and made only by

RUST & MCCAULEY DRUG COMPANY

Report of the Condition of THE FARMERS STATE BANK OF TRENT at the Close of Business

TUESDAY, MARCH SEVEN, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND ELEVEN

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$28,347.65	Capital Stock.....	\$15,000.00
Overdrafts.....	None	Surplus and Profits Earned.....	2,804.35
Interest Depositors Guaranty Fund.....	265.97	Borrowed Money.....	None
Banking House.....	3,500.00	Individual Deposits Subject to Check.....	34,401.34
Furniture and Fixtures.....	2,100.00	Cashiers Check.....	88.60
Stocks and Bonds.....	372.97		
Cash and Exchange.....	17,707.70		
Total.....	\$52,294.29	Total.....	\$52,294.29
		Individual Deposits March 1, 1911.....	\$34,401.34
		Individual Deposits March 1, 1910.....	26,081.01
		Increase.....	\$ 8,320.33

We respectfully call your attention to the increase in our deposits over last year. Notwithstanding the drouth which prevailed over this section last year, our bank has made a steady growth. There's a reason. Your deposits are protected in this Bank by **The Guaranty Fund of the State of Texas.**

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J. S. SWANN, President
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Last Friday night a crowd of jolly young folks gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rister in south Merkel and spent a few very pleasant hours. All present reported the best time of their lives, and hope that Mr. and Mrs. Rister will entertain again soon. We failed to get the names of all present.

The Baracas held their regular semi monthly business meeting Friday night. Good attendance. Next time we wish for all you Baracas to be present and share these pleasures with us. Come.

Brown Aiken of Sweetwater was a pleasant caller here Sunday.

Dr. W. E. Brown is at home from an extended trip through out southern Texas.

Frank Hamm left for Boise City, Idaho, Wednesday night. Will be gone several weeks.

Mere Wishing Never Brings Success.

To make a success in the cure of kidney, bladder or rheumatic trouble take Hall's Texas Wonder. It gives quick and permanent relief. Write for testimonials, Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggist.

Arthur and John Sears, J. S. Bond, J. S. Swan, Mayor Wheeler and many others were among the first to buy tickets for the Horse and Cow Show at the Panther City.

Phone 170. The new store for your wants in Dry Goods and Groceries. Your orders will have prompt attention. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Duke Evans left this week for Fort Worth where he will look for a job in the large print shops. He is a good boy and will make good.

We are requested to announce that Rev. A. M. Martin will preach at Salt Branch on the fourth Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock instead of next Sunday on account of the Sunday school institute.

When you have rheumatism in your foot or instep apply Chamberlain's Liniment and you will get quick relief. It costs but a quarter. Why suffer? For sale by all dealers.

See our line of slippers before you buy. We have the newest things in Patent, Suades, Velvets and Satins. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

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Piles cured without a knife. Rectone does the work—only at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. Homer Magness is visiting at Fort Worth this week and attending the convention.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Car Corn just arrived at G. M. Sharp's Grain Store.

D. L. Boyd the Nubia merchant was in our city Saturday.

Nyals Liver Stimulator cures the liver. Rust & McCauley.

J. B. Foster was in since our last issue to renew for his paper.

Unloading a car chops and bran at G. M. Sharp's Grain Store.

W. M. Jenkins left Monday for Fort Worth on business and pleasure bent.

J. M. Brown was among the many who bought tickets for the fat stock show.

H. R. Randolph was in town Saturday and reported that his grain crop was very promising.

Nyals Headache Wafers cure neuralgia. Rust & McCauley

Miss Mundy has returned from Waco where she represented the Stith Rebekahs at the state convention.

Come to W. M. Jenkins on Edwards street for cheap goods and high prices for produce. tf

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Mr. and Mrs. John C. Hamm and family left Thursday for Boise, Idaho, where they will make their future home. Merkel regrets to lose this good family and the wishes of their many friends will go with them to their new northwestern home. The Mail will go too.

We have arranged with Jno. Castles of Abilene to do our repair work on jewelry, watches and all work will have careful attention if left with us.

Rust & McCauley

W. H. Craig was among his Merkel friends Monday. He expressed pleasure at the good looking prospects of our country and reported that business was picking up at Cisco.

Eyes tested. Glasses fitted correctly. Prices reasonable.

Rust & McCauley

OUR FRATERNITIES

Merkel Lodge I. O. O. F. No. 355, meets each Tuesday night in the Odd Fellows hall. R. C. Hampton, N. G., John Banner, Secretary.

Merkel Rebekah Lodge No. 14, meets each 1st and 3rd Thursday nights in Odd Fellows hall. Mrs. Rosa Newberry, N. G., James Shaffer, Secretary.

Merkel Lodge A. F. & A. M. meets Saturday night on or before the first full moon of each month in the Masonic hall. W. B. Farmer, W. M., Henry Hicks, Secretary.

Eastern Star meets in the Masonic hall the first Monday night after regular meeting of A. F. & A. M. Mrs. H. T. Merritt, W. M., Mrs. G. H. Adams, Secretary.

Merkel Camp W. O. W. No. 719 meets 2nd and 4th Friday nights in the Woodmen hall. Rev. Geo. A. Crane, C. C., Seth Hamilton, Clerk.

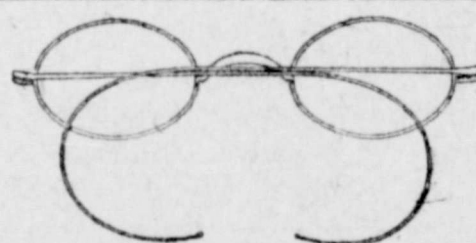
Merkel Grove W. O. W. Circle No. 563 meets each 1st and 3rd Friday afternoon in the Woodmen hall. Miss Etta Burns, Guardian, Miss Pearl Rawling, Clerk.

CLASSIFIED ADS

EGGS—Pure Rhode Island Red (the Reed strain) \$1.50 and \$1.00 per setting of 15, first and second pens, respectively. R. A. Ellis, Merkel, Texas. tf

FOR SALE—Young jersey bull, full blood and good young work pony. I. H. Yates, Merkel. 1412

WANTED.—Pair of little blockey mules suitable for delivery team. See Ice man, Merkel. It



Good glasses will protect the eyes and headache will vanish, your health will improve. W. M. Scarborough, Oph. D., and graduate Optician. Phone 149



TWO SWEETS
RODGERS BAKERY

D. O. Huddleston was in our city Tuesday after a very close call in his recent illness of pneumonia. He stated that he was very weak but otherwise feeling good and his friends feel good that he is recovering.

Have you visited our millinery parlor yet? Miss O'Briant will take pleasure in showing you the new hats whether you are ready to buy or not. It is no trouble for us to show hats. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

John Sicklesmith, Greensboro, Pa., has three children and like most children take cold. "We have tried several kinds of cough medicine," he says, but have never found any yet that did them as much good as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." For sale by all dealers.

You may not want a wind mill now. You may never want one. But if you do I can save you money. The best 10-ft. wind mill is \$35.00. 8-ft. wind mill is \$30.00. 8-ft. steel mill \$25.00. John Elliott.

H. E. Counts is taking in the Fat Stock Show and incidentally telling visitors about the Merkel country.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mail makes but a modest charge of \$2.50 for municipal announcements and it is the proper way to present your name to our people. You know it is the paper the people read.

For City Marshal
T. F. DUBOSE
W. N. HALL
L. A. FREEMAN
EUGENE A. HARGROVE
T. H. CHRISTOPHER

For City Treasurer
H. CLARK BURROUGHS

For Alderman
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Miss Agnes Hall was the charming young hostess Saturday afternoon from 4 to 8 to a number of young friends honoring Misses Genevieve Rust and Dorothy Lee Potter. The diversions for the afternoon were the initial contest peanut race and progressive 42. In the peanut race Misses Bessie Touchstone and Dorothy Lee Potter tied for honors, in the cut Miss Dorothy Lee Potter was given the sack of peanuts. Punch and nabiscoos were served to the following: Misses Dorothy Lee Potter, Genevieve Rust, Eva Walters, Hattie Bell, Ruth Merritt, Bessie Touchstone, Faye Allen, Roxie Moon, Mary and Jackie Jennings, Carol Rister.

Miss Clara Saffle was at home to several couples of the younger set Friday, March 10. Various games, music and etc., furnished amusement for a most pleasant evening. Those present were Misses Dethel Jenkins, Maggie Roberts, Elma Sheppard, Eunice Nibbitt, Josephine Medlin, Lyska Pitzer, Leno Largent, Fannie Burroughs, Clara Saffle, Margie Saffle, Mertice Saffle, Zora West. Messrs. Parker Sharp, Tire Sublett, James West, Otis Barnett, Robert Medling, Duke Evans, Choc Jones, Rufford Evans and John West.

The Misses Ferguson royally entertained their friends Saturday evening. Conversation games and music made the few hours seem as so many minutes. Those who participated in the pleasures of the evening were Misses Minta Maxey, Lillian Highsmith of Noodle, Dethel Jenkins, Clara and Fannie Pearl Moore, Ezma Allday, Minnie and Maude Ferguson. Messrs. Alfred Ely, Rufus and Leslie McNeese, Tiry Sublett, Parker Sharp, Ollie Cordell, Quinton Hendrick, Jesse Ferguson.

Mrs. C. E. Bradley entertained the Intermediate League Friday afternoon from 5 to 7:30 at her home. Music and out-door games were greatly enjoyed by the young crowd present for a large number had accepted the hospitality of this lovely hostess knowing that an enjoyable time was in store for her guests. A two-course luncheon was served consisting of salad and pickles; punch and cake.

Members of the XX Century Club please take notice. The regular club meeting has been deferred from the 18th until the 25th inst.

Mrs. H. C. Burroughs left Saturday for Fort Worth to visit Mrs. H. L. Rudmose. She will visit in Arlington, Dallas and other points before returning.

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.; prayer meeting 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.; prayer meeting 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.

Program Junior B. Y. P. U.

Leader, Valeta Utley.
Song.
Scripture reading Eph. 6:8—Gladys Coggin.
Paul the missionary—Leader.
Paul a missionary at Damascus—Wille Swann.
Paul a missionary at Jerusalem—Ray Hamm.
Paul a missionary at Antioch—Lillie Dean.
Papers:
Paul's first missionary journey—Alix Barlow.
Paul's second missionary journey—Winnie Sharp.
Paul's third missionary journey—Zera Picklesimer.
Sword drill—Juniors.
Business, let all committees be prepared to report Sunday.
Discussion.

Miss Annie T. Daniel is visiting Mrs. Joe Elliott in Arlington and Mrs. Walter Whitfield in Dallas. She will meet her father in Fort Worth for the Fat Stock Show.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Bigham are visiting Mrs. Bighams parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Allyn, in Eskota.

The ladies of the Christian Aid are packing a box for their room at the Old People's Home in Dallas.

The Zenobia Club will meet Friday at the home of Mr. T. A. Johnson with Mrs. Johnson leader.

See the "Belles of Blackville" at the opera house March 24. Beneficial library.

Mr and Mrs. J. T. Hunt left Tuesday for Abilene accompanied by Mrs. J. P. C. Hunt.

Mammy Sykes and family will help entertain you at the opera house, March 24. Popular prices.

A Good Example

"I am a good example," writes Mrs. R. L. Bell, of McAlester, Okla., "of what Cardui will do for suffering women.

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Miss Agnes Hall was the charming young hostess Saturday afternoon from 4 to 8 to a number of young friends honoring Misses Genevieve Rust and Dorothy Lee Potter. The diversions for the afternoon were the initial contest peanut race and progressive 42. In the peanut race Misses Bessie Touchstone and Dorothy Lee Potter tied for honors, in the cut Miss Dorothy Lee Potter was given the sack of peanuts. Punch and nabiscoes were served to the following: Misses Dorothy Lee Potter, Genevieve Rust, Eva Walters, Hattie Bell, Ruth Merritt, Bessie Touchstone, Faye Allen, Roxie Moon, Mary and Jackie Jennings, Carol Rieter.

Miss Clara Saffle was at home to several couples of the younger set Friday, March 10. Various games, music and etc., furnished amusement for a most pleasant evening. Those present were Misses Dethel Jenkins, Maggie Roberts, Elma Sheppard, Eunice Nibbitt, Josephine Medlin, Lyska Pitzer, Leno Largent, Fannie Burroughs, Clara Saffle, Margie Saffle, Mertice Saffle, Zora West. Messrs. Parker Sharp, Tire Sublett, James West, Otis Barnett, Robert Medling, Duke Evans, Choc Jones, Rufford Evans and John West.

The Misses Ferguson royally entertained their friends Saturday evening. Conversation games and music made the few hours seem as so many minutes. Those who participated in the pleasures of the evening were Misses Minta Maxey, Lillian Highsmith of Noodle, Dethel Jenkins, Clara and Fannie Pearl Moore, Ezma Allday, Minnie and Maude Ferguson. Messrs. Alfred Ely, Rufus and Leslie McNeese, Tiry Sublett, Parker Sharp, Ollie Cordell, Quinton Hendrick, Jesse Ferguson.

Mrs. C. E. Bradley entertained the Intermediate League Friday afternoon from 5 to 7:30 at her home. Music and out-door games were greatly enjoyed by the young crowd present for a large number had accepted the hospitality of this lovely hostess knowing that an enjoyable time was in store for her guests. A two-course luncheon was served consisting of salad and pickles; punch and cake.

Members of the XX Century Club please take notice. The regular club meeting has been deferred from the 18th until the 25th inst.

Mrs. H. C. Burroughs left Saturday for Fort Worth to visit Mrs. H. L. Rudmose. She will visit in Arlington, Dallas and other points before returning.

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.

Program Junior B. Y. P. U.

Leader, Valeta Utley.
Song.
Scripture reading Eph. 6:8—Gladys Coggin.
Paul the missionary—Leader.
Paul a missionary at Damascus—Wille Swann.
Paul a missionary at Jerusalem—Ray Hamm.
Paul a missionary at Antioch—Lillie Dean.
Papers:
Paul's first missionary journey—Alix Barlow.
Paul's second missionary journey—Winnie Sharp.
Paul's third missionary journey—Zera Picklesimer.
Sword drill—Juniors.
Business, let all committees be prepared to report Sunday.
Discussion.

Miss Annie T. Daniel is visiting Mrs. Joe Elliott in Arlington and Mrs. Walter Whitfield in Dallas. She will meet her father in Fort Worth for the Fat Stock Show.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Bigham are visiting Mrs. Bighams parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Allyn, in Eskota.

The ladies of the Christian Aid are packing a box for their room at the Old People's Home in Dallas.

The Zenobia Club will meet Friday at the home of Mr. T. A. Johnson with Mrs. Johnson leader.

See the "Belles of Blackville" at the opera house March 24. Benefi library.

Mr and Mrs. J. T. Hunt left Tuesday for Abilene accompanied by Mrs. J. P. C. Hunt.

Mammy Sykes and family will help entertain you at the opera house, March 24. Popular prices.

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NO. 5661

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The First National Bank

at Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, March 7, 1911:

RESOURCES	
Loans and discount	\$129,339.28
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	8,328.21
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	600.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	29,841.71
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	15,000.00
Other real estate owned	8,442.13
Due from Nat. Banks (not reserve agt)	304.41
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies, and savings banks	4,505.41
Due from approved reserve agents	23,150.74
Checks and other cash items	439.47
Notes of other National banks	105.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	114.00
Lawful Money Reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$7,223.00
Legal-tender notes	2,518.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	2,500.00
Total	\$267,708.36

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	8,896.55
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	442.75
National Bank notes outstanding	50,000.00
Due to other National banks	10,111.10
Due to State and Private Bankers	2,407.18
Due to approved reserve agents	286.09
Individual Deposits sub. to check	\$7,955.25
Demand certificates of deposit	1,700.00
Cashiers checks outstanding	231.56
Notes and bills rediscounted	787.88
Bills Payable, including Certificates of Deposit for Money Borrowed	25,000.00
Total	\$267,708.36

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, ss:
I, J. E. Faucett, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. E. Faucett, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of March, 1911.
[SEAL] L. H. King, Notary Public.
CORRECT-ATTEST:
C. L. Barker, }
M. Armstrong, } Directors
T. J. Coggin }

Don't Break Down

Severe strains on the vital organs, like strains on machinery, cause breakdowns. You can't over-tax stomach, liver, kidneys, bowels or nerves without serious danger to yourself. If you are weak or rundown, or under strain of any kind, take Electric Bitters the matchless, tonic medicine. Mrs J. E. Van de Sande, of Kirkland, Ill., writes: "That I did not break down, while enduring a most severe strain, for three months, is due wholly to Electric Bitters." Use them and enjoy health and strength. Satisfaction positively guaranteed. 50c at H. C. Burroughs.

Election Notice.

Acting under and by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of the city of Merkel, Texas, it is ordained and notice is here given that an election will be held at the city hall in the city of Merkel, Texas, on Tuesday the 4th day of April, 1911, as the law directs. At which election the following city officers shall be elected for said city: A mayor, two aldermen for a full term of two years, one aldermen for a term of one year to fill the term of H. L. Propst resigned, a treasurer, secretary and marshal, each for a term of two years.

It is further ordered that J. J. Stallings be and is hereby appointed presiding officer at said election.

Given under my hand and seal at Merkel, Texas, this 2nd day of March, 1911.

W. W. Wheeler, Mayor,
Merkel, Texas.

Race Suicide

is not nearly the menace to increase in population that deaths among infants are. Eight out of ten of these deaths are directly or indirectly caused by bowel troubles. McGee's Baby Elixir cures diarrhoea, dysentery, sour stomach and all infant ailments of this nature. Just the thing for teething babies. Price 25c and 50c per bottle sold by H. C. Burroughs.

NO. 7481

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank

in the state of Texas, at the close of business March 7, 1911:

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$69,639.32
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	685.16
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)	6,752.09
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies and savings banks	29.00
Due from approved reserve agents	62,733.42
Checks and other cash items	117.20
Notes of other National Banks	2,455.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	250.00
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	\$13,767.35
Legal Tender Notes	4,500.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	312.50
Total	\$170,491.04

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	3,967.44
National Bank Notes outstanding	6,250.00
Due to state and private banks and bankers	4,232.69
Individual Deposits subject check	\$11,288.21
Cashiers Checks outstanding	52.70
Notes and bills rediscounted	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	None
Liabilities other than those above stated	None
Total	\$170,491.04

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 March, 1911.
[SEAL] H. C. Williams, Notary Public
Correct-Attest:
J. T. Warren, }
G. F. West, } Directors
J. T. Howard }

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"All thought I'd lose my leg," writes J. A. Swenson, of Watertown, Wis. "Ten years of eczema that 15 doctors could not cure, had at last laid me up. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured it sound and well." Infallible for skin eruptions, eczema, salt rheum, boils, fever sores, burns, scalds, cuts and piles. 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

Call Meeting of Confederates.

The members of the Merkel Camp, No. 79 U. C. V. are hereby called to meet at the city hall on Saturday, March 18, at 2 p. m.

This will be an important meeting as the officers of the camp are to be chosen for the ensuing year, delegates to the state and general reunions will be selected. This will also be the occasion for payments of dues to the camp and it is urged that every member, if possible, be in attendance.

All Confederates are invited to meet with the camp on this occasion.

A. A. Baker, Commander,
W. H. Hawkins, Adjutant.

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of good health should prevent sickness instead of letting themselves get sick and then try to cure it. So long as you keep your liver, bowels and stomach in a healthy and active condition you won't get sick. Ballard's Herbine relieves constipation, inactive liver and all stomach and bowel trouble. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Notice, Delinquents.

This is to give notice to those owning property on which city taxes for the past one to three years have not been paid that unless paid before April 1, the same will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. If you would save this additional cost call and settle at my office.
G. M. Cauthen, Collector.

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NO. 368

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Farmers State Bank

at Trent, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 7th day of March, 1911, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 17th day of March, 1911:

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., person-1 or collateral	\$27,538.15
Loans, real estate	809.50
Overdrafts	None
Bonds and Stocks	372.97
Real Estate (banking house)	3,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,100.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents, net	\$10,978.32
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	3,002.85
Cash Items	265.08
Currency	2,375.00
Specie	1,098.45
Other Resources as follows:	
Interest Depositors Guaranty Fund	265.97
Total	\$52,294.29

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	2,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	804.35
Individual Deposits subject to check	34,401.34
Cashier's checks	88.60
Total	\$52,294.29

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 13th day of March, A. D. 1911. WITN SS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
[SEAL] W. W. Wheeler, Notary Public.
Correct-Attest:
R. O. Anderson }
B. C. Moore } Directors
J. C. Moore }

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Bids For Sinking Fund.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Merkel will receive up until noon March 20th bids for the use of the waterworks sinking fund of the city. All bids are to be sealed and left with Jno. D. Gaither, city secretary. The right is reserved by the city to reject any and all bids.
Jno. D. Gaither, Secretary.

J. A. Woodard and S. A. Curtis were in Abilene on business Monday and listened for several hours to a very clever gentleman who was explaining the latest improved and short cut rules in mathematics from an elevated position on the street corner. They also bought a supply of the books.

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Total	\$170,491.04

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	3,967.44
National Bank Notes outstanding	6,250.00
Due to state and private banks and bankers	4,232.69
Individual Deposits subject check	111,288.21
Cashiers Checks outstanding	52.70
Notes and bills rediscounted	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	None
Liabilities other than those above stated	None
Total	\$170,491.04

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 March, 1911.
H. C. Williams, Notary Public.
(SEAL) Correct—Attest:
J. T. Warren, }
G. F. West, } Directors
J. T. Howard }

It Saved His Leg.

"All thought I'd lose my leg," writes J. A. Swenson, of Watertown, Wis. "Ten years of eczema that 15 doctors could not cure, had at last laid me up. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured it sound and well." Infalible for skin eruptions, eczema, salt rheum, boils, fever sores, burns, scalds, cuts and piles. 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

Call Meeting of Confederates.

The members of the Merkel Camp, No. 79 U. C. V. are hereby called to meet at the city hall on Saturday, March 18, at 2 p. m.

This will be an important meeting as the officers of the camp are to be chosen for the ensuing year, delegates to the state and general reunions will be selected. This will also be the occasion for payments of dues to the camp and it is urged that every member, if possible, be in attendance.

All Confederates are invited to meet with the camp on this occasion.

A. A. Baker, Commander,
W. H. Hawkins, Adjutant.

Lovers

of good health should prevent sickness instead of letting themselves get sick and then try to cure it. So long as you keep your liver, bowels and stomach in a healthy and active condition you won't get sick. Ballard's Herbine relieves constipation, inactive liver and all stomach and bowel trouble. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Notice, Delinquents.

This is to give notice to those owning property on which city taxes for the past one to three years have not been paid that unless paid before April 1, the same will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. If you would save this additional cost call and settle at my office.
G. M. Cauthen, Collector.

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

NO. 368
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
The Farmers State Bank

at Trent, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 7th day of March, 1911, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 17th day of March, 1911:

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$27,538.15
Loans, real estate	509.50
Overdrafts	None
Bonds and Stocks	372.97
Real Estate (banking house)	3,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,100.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents, net	\$10,978.32
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	3,002.85
Cash Items	265.08
Currency	2,375.00
Specie	1,086.45
Other Resources as follows:	
Interest Depositors Guaranty Fund	265.97
Total	\$52,294.29

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	2,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	804.35
Individual Deposits subject to check	34,401.94
Cashier's checks	88.80
Total	\$52,294.29

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 13th day of March, A. D. 1911. WITN SS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
(SEAL) W. W. Wheeler, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
R. O. Anderson }
B. C. Moore } Directors
J. C. Moore }

A Swollen Jaw

is not pretty nor pleasant. Whether it's caused by neuralgia, toothache or accident. Ballard's Snow Liniment will reduce the swelling and relieve the pain. The great and sure cure for rheumatism, cuts, burns, bruises, scalds—any and all aches and pains. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Bids for Sinking Fund.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Merkel will receive up until noon March 20th bids for the use of the waterworks sinking fund of the city. All bids are to be sealed and left with Jno. D. Gaither, city secretary. The right is reserved by the city to reject any and all bids.
Jno. D. Gaither, Secretary.

J. A. Woodard and S. A. Curtis were in Abilene on business Monday and listened for several hours to a very clever gentleman who was explaining the latest improved and short cut rules in mathematics from an elevated position on the street corner. They also bought a supply of the books.

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.

Homer D. Wade, commercial secretary, publicist and otherwise ardent advocate and exponent of the interests of Stamford passed through our city one day last week and stopped at our sanctum long enough to leave his card.

Do you know that of all the minor ailments colds are by far the most dangerous? It is not the cold itself that you need to fear, but the serious diseases that it often leads to. Most of these are known as germ diseases. Pneumonia and consumption are among them. Why not take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and cure your cold while you can. For sale by all dealers.

The postoffice and Merkel Mail buildings are among those of our business houses which have received treatment at the hands of the painters and we are looking much better now.

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.