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OUR CITY ELECTION

Judge C. D. Mims Elected Mayor and W. N. Hall Marshal.

THREE ALDERMEN SELECTED

A Heavy Vote Was Polled as Result of the Interest Manifested in Marshal's Race Which Was a Close Contest.

A total of 197 votes was polled in our city election which was held Tuesday and although there was much interest manifested in the race for the marshal's office there was no excitement and the day was very quiet and peaceful.

Judge C. D. Mims was elected without opposition or seeking the honors to the office of mayor and will for the next two years head our city administration. R. A. McClain was elected secretary and H. C. Burroughs was re-elected treasurer, the latter being the only one of the candidates to receive the entire vote.

The race of most interest was for marshal and was close between W. N. Hall and Eugene Hargrove, the former winning by nineteen votes. There were three aldermen to be selected and J. P. Sharp, J. O. Hamilton and G. H. Adams received the highest number of votes of the five candidates.

The following is the vote for the entire ticket:

For Mayor—Judge C. D. Mims 191.

For Aldermen—J. P. Sharp 151, J. O. Hamilton 122, G. H. Adams 121, J. N. Shelton 93, Lanier Brown 69.

For Treasurer—H. C. Burroughs 197.

For Secretary—R. A. McClain 194.

For Marshal—W. N. Hall 94, Gene Hargrove 75, T. F. Dubose 5, L. A. Freeman 6, T. H. Christopher 15.

Notice to Public.

I take this method of notifying the public that hunting and trespassing otherwise on my premises is positively forbidden and anyone so doing will be prosecuted to the full extent of law. 2tpd Vol Martin.

Afraid of an Auto.

It is almost an everyday occurrence and yet one of the most humorous sights to see a man driving along some country road and become frightened at an automobile and the horse take no notice of the benzine buggy.

One day last week B. C. Gaither, L. H. King, Dr. W. V. Cranford, and Skinny Evans driving a big Rambler and going at a lively clip through the beautiful Jim Ned valley near Buffalo Gap noticed some trouble up the road. About three miles ahead of them they saw a man who looked like a young balloon go out over the dash board and holding onto one of the lines crawl under a barbed wire fence. Expecting that the man would make trouble they quickened their speed and rolled up slowly to the scene of the trouble. The old farm horse was grazing along the roadside paying no attention whatever to the approach of the machine and

with his face as red as a turkey gobblers snoot, eyes as big as saucers and hair on the end the owner was squatted on the ground and holding the docile steed.

It was Chief Gaither who first recognized the scared citizen and saluted, "Hello Rex." It was Rex Dillard and we will not say what he said for this is too nice a paper.

Rain and Hail did Good.

Beginning shortly after 6 o'clock Friday afternoon and lasting intermittently for about one hour, a hard rain and hail fell over Abilene and vicinity. The total precipitation up to 8:30 last night amounted to exactly thirteen hundredths of one inch, according to a report received from the local U. S. weather bureau.

The hail which fell was not exceedingly large but it came down rather fast for a few minutes. However, it is not believed that it was sufficient to cause noticeable damage.

Several farmers living near Abilene stated that in their opinion the rain and hail would result in much more good than harm and that another like one Friday would come in handy. The farmers, however, do not want the rain to come down so fast.—Abilene Morning News.

Accepts Position at Dallas.

J. A. Milliken, for the past several months connected with the Pacific Express company at this place as assistant agent, left on the second eastbound train yesterday for Dallas to assume duties with the same company in a similar position.

Mr. Milliken has been a faithful employe of the company at this place for some time and has made many friends for the company by reason of his kind dealings with the public. Though disliking to leave he goes to the new position at an increase in salary. J. M. Wright succeeds him.—Abilene Morning News.

Fishing Party.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. James Cauthen, Grandma Cauthen, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McRee, all spent the day Wednesday fishing on Sweetwater creek. A good time was reported to have been had and plenty of fish and other good things to eat.—Trent Tribune.

A Card of Thanks.

We, the undersigned, take this method of thanking and extending our heartfelt thanks to those who so patiently administered and extended sympathy to us in our sad hour of bereavement of our darling companion and daughter. And shall ever hold the good people of Merkel and surrounding country in grateful remembrance. Elbert Dean, Mrs. B. Jenkins.

Business Notice

The business men and firms of Merkel will close at 7 p. m., each day, except Saturday, from April 1 to Sept. 1. Customers will please take notice.

Eyes tested. Glasses fitted correctly. Prices reasonable. Rust & McCuley.



Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Editor

At the business meeting of the Epworth league held at the Methodist church Saturday night there were present one hundred and twenty-five. Twenty-nine new members were received at the meeting and during the month of March while the campaign for new members was on between the whites and yellows ninety-nine new members were received. The contest closed Saturday night the whites winning by one point.

Miss Evelyn Williams entertained a number of the younger set Friday evening with a chafing dish party. Music was enjoyed as was a number of social games. The guests were Misses Fannie Burroughs, Elma Sheppard, Mattie Paylor, Dethel Jenkins, Maggie Roberts, Pet Sears, Eunice Nisbitt, Josephine Medlen, Lyska Pitzer. Messrs Rufford Evans, Robert Medlen, Robert Hicks, Parker Sharp, Low Barnett, Tyre Sublett, Otis Barnett, Jesse Ferguson, Merle Alsobrook. After the game delicious fudge and salted peanuts were prepared and served.

Miss Josephine Medlen entertained Sunday with a well appointed dinner. Miss Medlen assisted her sister in serving and entertaining the dinner guests. The list included Misses Laura Winter of Hodges, Fannie Burroughs, Jessie Sutphen, Eunice Nisbitt. Messrs. Taylor Jennings, Rufford Evans, Roy Bradley of Noodle, Otis Barnett, Jinks Winter of Hodges, Robert Medlen, Miss Bessie Medlen and the hostess.

Zenobia Club.

The Zenobia Club was entertained by Mrs. Frank Johnson Friday. Their next program will be given Friday April 14 at the home of Miss Allie Jennings.

Lesson Subject, China. Pages 275-336.

Roll call. Current events. Streets and slopes of Canton 275-284—Mrs. G. H. Adams. Chinese barbers and fortune tellers 284-288—Mrs. T. A. Johnson.

Five story Pagoda and restaurants 289-295—Mrs. H. C. Burroughs.

Population and architecture of Canton 296-299—Mrs. Frank Johnson.

Chinese coolies and physicians 299-305—Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Chinese women 305-308—Mrs. Otho Williams.

Sampans and flower boats 309-314—Mrs. Courtney Hunt.

Chinese antiquity and her contrast with other nations 314-321—Mrs. R. A. Martin.

Place of execution in Canton 321-326—Mrs. Frank Johnson.

Examination ground and contest 326-332—Miss Evelyn Williams.

The great wall of China 332-335—Mrs. G. F. West.

Leader, Miss Allie Jennings.

Misses Jewel and Zora Coggin

were the hostesses Friday evening to a number of friends at the opera house when they entertained with dancing. Music was furnished for the evening by string instruments. The out-of-town guests were Misses Honeycut and Wiles of Abilene. Messrs. K. Leggett, C. C. Whitten, Frank Weaver of Abilene. The home guests included Misses Annie T. Daniels, Jessie O'Brian and the hostesses, Messrs. Lester Magness, Ernest Faucett, Dr. Davis. Mesdames and Messrs. J. P. C. Hunt, L. D. Gaither, Lanier Brown, Homer Magness, N. C. Sinclair.

Promptly at 7:30 p. m. Monday April 3 a crowd met at Mrs. Frank Hamm's and from there they went to the residence of W. M. Jenkins where they surprised his daughter, Miss Dethel, it being her birthday. Conversation and music made the time pass only too rapidly for the young folks said they never had a better time in their life. The personnel of the surprise party were Misses Elma Sheppard, Eunice Nisbitt, Gene Rister, Mattie Paylor, Jessie Sutphen, Messrs. Otis Barnett, Rufford Evans, Merle Alsobrook, Parker Sharp, Ollie Cordell, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Bankhead.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject, What is done for us in regeneration.

Leader, Tracy Barlow. Roll call with scripture verses. Scripture reading, John 3:1-16 Song, "We Praise Thee Oh God."

Prayer. Paper, What regeheration means—G. C. Douglas.

Song. Show that regeneration is of the heart—Miss Dollie Teaff.

Are children of christian parents themselves christians—Miss Mattie Murphy.

What must the sinner do?—Miss Ethel Roberts.

Announcements and collection. Closing exercises.

League Program.

Leader, Miss Ona Johnson. Subject, A good servant and a bad master.

Song, Hymnal No. 1.

Prayer. Song, Hymnal No. 19.

Scripture lesson, James 3:6-10; Col. 4:6.

Prayer by leader.

Idle Speech, Era—Simpson Christopher.

Soul Culture and Human Speech—Miss Ollie Kirtley.

Discussion of Topic—Miss Lizzie May Freeman.

Lord's Prayer in concert. Miscellaneous. Song.

The many friends of Miss Agnes Hall will rejoice to know she is much better. That an operation was not necessary. She is under the care of an oculist in Waco where she is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. T. Clifton.

De Verle Johnson celebrated his twelfth birthday Sunday. Robert Nisbitt and Charles Barker were the dinner guests.

Miss Laura Winters of Hodges was the guest of friends here last week.

ANOTHER BIG RAIN

Merkel Country Gets Thorough Soaking Sunday Night.

FINE FOR WHEAT AND OATS

The Farmers Who Come to Town are Wearing Great Big Grins and Say Conditions Were Never Better for a Bumper Crop.

It is certain that our section of the country has been showered this season with blessing by the rain gods, as if in an effort to make up for the shortcomings of the last two years. In the beginning we were giving the best winter season that we have had for several years and since the rains have come at the most opportune time, when they would do the most good for our people.

This early and promising season was the cause of the acreage to wheat and oats being the largest ever sown in the Merkel country and the big rain which came Sunday night makes the most conservative of our farmers feel certain that we will harvest a good grain crop this summer. The majority state that the present season insures a fair yield and that another good rain at the proper time will make a bumper crop.

The same prospects abound for our general crops and all of the land in theMerkel country is now ready for planting as soon as the ground and weather will permit. A large number of our farmers already have a good part of their crops planted.

In short, our soil was never in a better state of cultivation and the season is all that could be desired.

The rain Sunday night measured one and one-half inches.

Cake Baking Contest.

Mr. H. J. Lake of Chicago and special advertising agent of cotolene is in our city this week and with the assistance of the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company has arranged a cake baking contest which is exciting much interest among the ladies of our town and country. The rules of the contest are given in full in the page advertisement in this issue and all ladies are invited to compete for the list of special prizes which are to be given. The contest is to result in a contribution to the public library and is worthy of your patronage. Read the advertisement.

Good Home at a Bargain.

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EASTER TIDINGS

For Those Who are Interested in Easter Wearables

Easter marks the advent of spring as well as the demand for goods for spring-time wearing and we have just the items you so much desire for your spring costume, everything new and the very best of merchandise, and commencing,

APRIL 8, FOR EIGHT BIG DAYS

We offer some Easter Specials for Easter shoppers at prices that will admit no competition on new seasonable merchandise of like quality. Every department of our store will contribute its part to this great special event and you will find here the newest in Dress Goods, Trimmings, Millinery, Shoes, Fine Hart-Schaffner and Marx Clothing, a Swell Line of Ladies and Gents' Furnishings, Etc., Etc.

We invite your careful inspection of this great Easter Special for we know we can save you money. Space in this issue forbids us to give prices but we ask you to read our big circular, come to our store, see our goods and learn our prices. :: :: :: :: ::

WOODROOF BROTHERS

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Kale Talks.

April 3.—Everybody rejoicing over the rain which fell Sunday night, feed is looking well, grass is coming out.

It is expected that lots of cotton will be planted this week and next.

Prayer meeting was scarcely attended Sunday night.

The dance at Dolph Shephard's was attended by some Kale couples. Farmer Boy.

Noodle Dots.

April 4—Rev. Bailey filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday. A large crowd in attendance.

Charlie Chriswell has opened a blacksmith shop. Noodle now has two shops.

Charlie Jones was a caller at the home of T. E. Goode Sunday.

The surrounding schools met at the Horn bridge on the Clear Fork Friday and spent an enjoyable day picnicing.

The literary society is progressing nicely and still meets each Friday night.

Dock Calloway was a caller at the home of Mr. Green Sunday.

The rain that fell here Monday morning was greatly appreciated.

Prof. Henson and Otto Sosebee made a trip to Stamford last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris of Stith

visited their daughter, Mrs. Sam Cannon, last week. Blue Rose

Compere Happenings.

April 4—The farmers are very much elated over the fine rain which fell here Sunday night.

Messrs. John and E. C. Shannon, J. M. Spurgin and R. S. Palmer have gone to the river fishing.

Harvey Warren and family of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. Edd Spurgin Sunday.

Roman Palmer and Walter Spurgin went to Bush Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Shannon visited in Merkel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Childers and sister, Miss Ollie, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Foster.

Uncle Jake Foster has eleven acres of cotton planted and says he is going to finish planting as soon as it gets dry enough to get in the field. Farming Kid.

Nubia Dots.

April 5—The farmers are rejoicing over the fine rain which fell Sunday night.

Ulysseses Richie had the misfortune of getting his shoulder broke Saturday by falling out of a tree.

Mrs. K. Blackburn and daughter, Sallie were shopping in Merkel last week.

John Toombs, Fannie and Clara Campbell and John Smiley attended church at Castle Peak Sunday.

George Hunter and sister, Miss Hattie, were the guests of Will and Miss Jewel Toombs Sunday.

Harry Riney was a caller at the home of J. S. Blair Sunday. W. J. Dowdy, wife and baby and Mrs. W. L. Blair went to Merkel Friday.

J. B. Hughes was a visitor to Merkel Tuesday.

Grover Blair and Ernest Boyd were in Merkel Saturday.

Fannie Blair visited Sallie Toombs Sunday.

Bud Walker of near Clyde visited his father last week.

There will be preaching at this place Saturday evening at 3 o'clock and Sunday at 11 o'clock. Brown Eyes.

Don't fail to attend the cake baking contest at the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company Saturday afternoon and night. Anyone can enter the contest free, more than \$100.00 worth of prizes will be awarded. Cake and Golden Gate coffee will be served all. Everybody invited.

Mrs. E. W. Holt of Duncan, Okla., arrived this week to attend her mother, Mrs. J. E. McGaughey, and we are pleased to report that the latter is much improved.

Mrs. J. D. McKinney of the Tye community visited this week at the home of Bob Popham in the Merkel country.

Read the Mail. 1.00 a year.



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Our trimming force is working day and night in order to turn out their orders on time. Place your order early if you want your hat for Easter. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

The closing exercises of the Stith public school will be held tonight. An interesting program has been arranged and several of the young people of Merkel will attend.

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Car cotton seed at Sharp's Grain Store.

See our beautiful line of Easter candies. The Elite.

See those new skirts and dresses that just came in at the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Mr. Walters, one of our ac- comodating butchers, was a busi- ness visitor in Abilene Tuesday.

We are now serving the best ice cream. The Elite.

Plenty of corn at Sharp's Grain Store.

You can buy fresh vegetables every day in the week at Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Vol Martin was a visitor to the capitol of Taylor county this week.

Telephone us your orders for ice cream and get the best.

The Elite.

Take your eggs and chickens to the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company for better prices.

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

See our large shipment of new watches just received.

Rust & McCauley.

We have some good land at cash price to trade for black land near Cleburne same way. King & Jackson

Read the advertising in this and all other issues of the Mail for our business people are mak- ing bids for your patronage.

You should see the new Inger- soll "Junior and Midget" watch- es, something new and good time-keepers at Rust & McCau- ley's.

Mrs. R. E. McCamant of Abi- lene was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smelser Sat- urday and Sunday.

Try us this month on your grocery orders. Your orders will have our prompt and careful at- tention. Phone 170. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

If you have any land or desir- able city property for sale list it at your lowest price with us and we will find the buyer. King & Jackson.

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

Rust & McCauley

Miss Fannie Pearl Moore who went to Fort Worth several weeks ago to visit her aunt, Mrs. Ernest Kunze, has entered a business college in that city.

Bring us your chickens and eggs for the highest market price. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Try the famous Upper Ten flour at Sharp's Grain Store.

We have got the best list of lands in this section and can save any prospector money. No pros- pector can buy any property cheaper than we can sell it.

King & Jackson.

Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Lini- ment does not burn or blister, re- lieves pain quickly and flies will not bother the wound. For sale by all druggists.

Hundreds of satisfied customers are using Light Crust flour, when you once use a sack you'll have no other. Try one next time. Every sack guaranteed by Mer- kel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Now is the time to list your lands with us for sale. Give us full, fair and honest description with lowest price and we will do the rest. King & Jackson.

A good three-room house and lot and half within two blocks of business center for less than it cost to build the house. It will rent. Price, \$400. King & Jack- son.

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

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CANDIDATES SPEAK

Men Who Would be Marshal of City Talk to Mass Meeting.

FAIR, FRIENDLY AND FUNNY

Small Circular, a Misnomer With No Known Origin Frames up the Affray and Citizens and Candidates Cheerfully Respond.

It was just a few small circulars scattered on our streets on the eve of our city election, announcing a public speaking at the opera house and leaving a faint suspicion that there might be something doing in city politics which were responsible for the mass meeting Monday night.

The circulars mentioned that the candidates had prepared set speeches specially for the occasion and while this was evidently untrue with the exception of one all of the candidates for the marshal's office accepted the challenge goodnaturedly and were present and presented their claims for support.

The meeting was called to order by John Elliott who told all that he knew about the purposes of the meeting and in the twenty minutes time which he consumed he discussed all of the questions which are agitating the minds of our people from cleaning up the back alleys to the referendum, recall and reciprocity. He advocated a reduction in all of the salaries of the officers and intimated that the honor of serving the beautiful city in clover was sufficient compensation for the best efforts of our patriotic people. He was for Joe Bailey and in favor of a war with Mexico or somebody else just to have something doing. He advocated a reduction in the monthly minimum rate of our waterworks plant and thought that the city should tap the mains free of charge. He outlined the policy of the new administration and gave his ideas of running the city free gratis and in a witty and humorous manner to the amusement of those who were present.

There were more than one hundred present and the candidates for the office of city marshal each made speeches and received vociferous applause.

It was all full of fun, fair and friendly and enjoyed by all present.

When you are undecided about what to cook for dinner phone 170, Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company. We have fresh vegetables every day as well as a fine line of staple and fancy groceries.

The new model Ingersoll-Trenton jeweled watch for \$5.00 is the best time-piece for the money on the market.

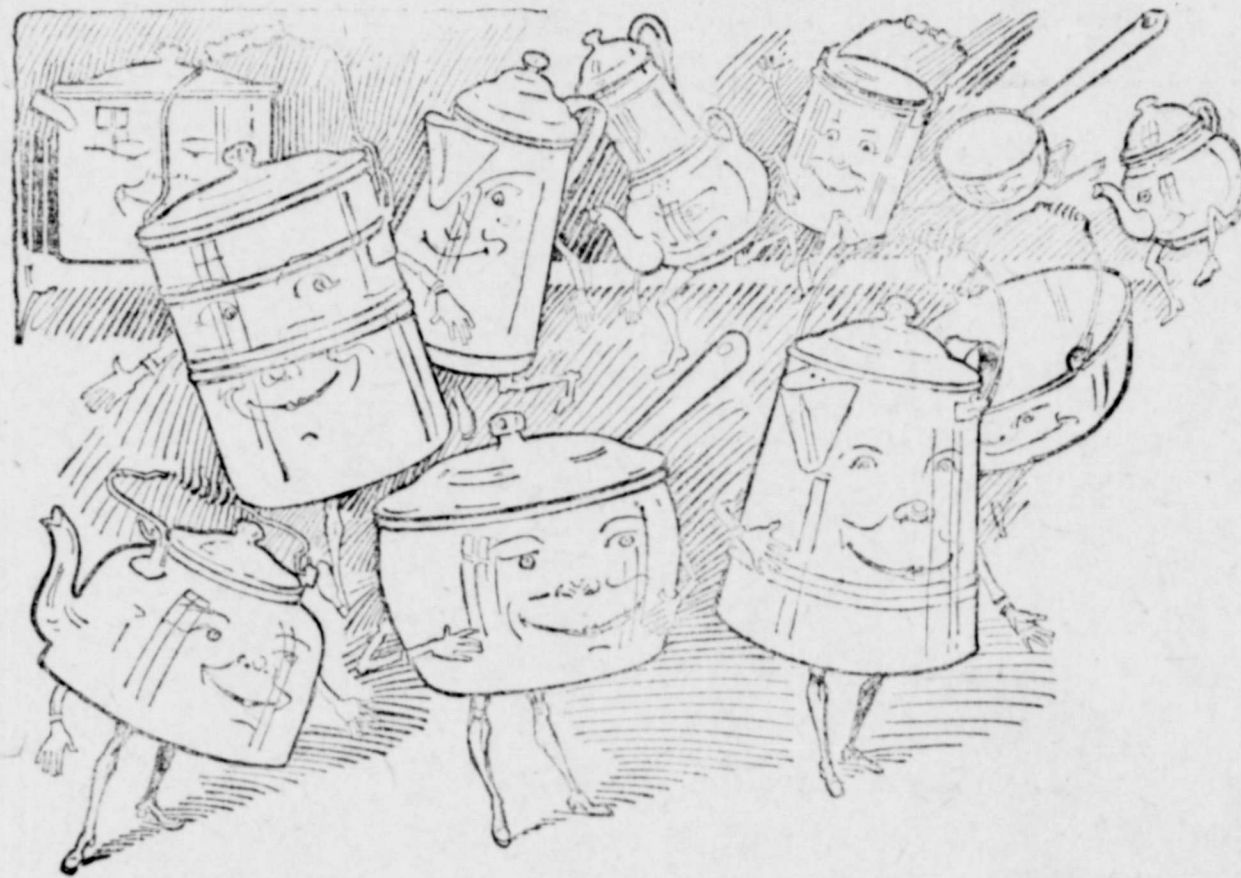
Rust & McCauley.

Mrs. Y. K. Walker of Roscoe who was the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. E. Hall, for a few days returned to her home Monday.

Now is the time to buy your Easter hat. Come now and avoid the Easter rush. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Special Sale to Introduce New Goods

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C. H. Williams, one of our good friends and readers will leave tomorrow for an extended visit to his old home, relatives and friends back in Tennessee and Kentucky. Mr. Williams has been living in the Merkel country for nearly a quarter of a century and it has been six years since he has visited his old home.

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.

See us for the new things in Millinery. Our millinery is right and our prices lower. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Jno. Russell reports that the big rain Sunday night got his oat and maize field so muddy that he can do nothing with it.

Visit our millinery parlor for the correct things in Easter millinery. We show the top notch in quality and bottom notch in price. 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.

OLD TIMER SAYS OUR COUNTRY BEST

Uncle Frank Sears has just returned from a visit to a number of points in north-central Texas and came home believing more strongly than ever that we have the best country in the state. He said to our reporter: "We have better crops, seasons and prospects than any section I visited while on my trip. I did not see at any of them or anywhere enroute wheat and oats to compare with our crops and they have not the season with which we are blessed. I have been here twenty-one years and while satisfied all of that time we now have the best prospects I ever saw in this or any other country. We have the bottom season and our rains have come at times to make everything grow at its best. Our lands are in the best state of cultivation and are as good as those back east which are held for several times the value."

Uncle Frank is right and all that we would care to add to his remarks are the few words, viz: "Come to Merkel."

We have added extra help in our millinery parlor to handle the big Easter rush. Help us by placing your orders early and they will be turned out in order as they are placed. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

J. D. McKinney was in from his place near Tye Saturday and stated that hail did little if any damage, in fact it was a good thing and that everything was lovely out his way.

Don't fail to attend the Spring Opening and Easter Sale at the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company, begins Friday, April 7 and will continue until Easter.

Ingersoll's \$1.00 and \$1.50 watches for sale by Rust & McCauley.

We serve the best of cold drinks, always good and cold. The Elite.

Mrs. Ida Ryan left Monday to visit friends in Mineral Wells. Mrs. Ryan has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Alice Templeton, and her son, Lealie Ryan.

A shipment of Easter candies, novel and new, just received at the Elite.

New "I-T" watches, solid nickel case, guaranteed, \$5.00 and \$6.00 at Rust & McCauley's.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

The State of Texas: To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon W. D. Carpenter by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive 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; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 42nd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice's Court of Precinct No. 5, Taylor County, to be holden at Merkel in said Taylor County, on the 24th day of April 1911, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 8th day of March 1909, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 483, wherein The First National Bank of Merkel, Texas, a banking corporation having its domicile at Merkel, Texas, is Plaintiff, and L. N. Simmons and W. D. Carpenter are Defendants, and said petition alleging and declaring on the part of plaintiff in a suit on one certain promissory note executed by L. N. Simmons and W. D. Carpenter for the principal sum of \$114.00, bearing date of June 2nd 1908, due four months after date, providing for ten per cent interest after maturity, and providing for ten percent attorney fees, if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection.

Plaintiff alleges that said note is long past due, and though often requested, defendants and each of them have failed to pay same or any part thereof.

Plaintiff prays judgment against the defendants, L. N. Simmons and W. D. Carpenter, jointly and severally, for its said debt, interest, attorney fees and costs.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, N. D. Cobb Justice of the Peace for Precinct No. 5, Taylor County.

Given under my official signature, at office in Merkel, Texas, this the 29th day of March 1911.

N. D. Cobb Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5, Taylor County Texas.

Mrs. J. L. Hunter, Dead.

After an illness of several months Mrs. Sarah M. Hunter, wife of J. L. Hunter, died at her home in this city Saturday morning, April 1 at 9:20.

Mrs. Hunter was a kind neighbor, an affectionate and devoted wife and mother. At the age of eleven years she gave her young heart to her master and has ever been a true and consecrated member of the Methodist church. Home and family has ever been very dear to her. She was born in Little Rock, Ark., April 30, 1851. Her parents were Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Dupuy. She was the mother of nine children all of whom were present to attend and administer to her as the closing hour of her earth's pilgrimage drew near except Mrs. Ollie Bale who lives near Fort Worth. The children present were Ed and Jim of near Odessa, Joe of Snyder, Mrs. Laura Balch of Merkel, Harvey of Mart, Robert, Bishop and Frank of Fort Worth, Mrs. Jim Hunter and Mrs. Joe Hunter, a sister, Mrs. Wyche of Snyder and a brother, Mr. Jolly Dupuy were also at her bedside.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter moved to Taylor county from McClellan county eleven years ago, six years ago they moved to Merkel.

Sunday a large number of sorrowing friends followed her remains to the Rose Hill cemetery where her pastor, Rev. A. M. Martin, conducted the funeral services. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mrs. Elbert Dean, Dead.

Our little town and country was made sad Sunday by the news of the death of Mrs. Lurana Ethel Dean, wife of Elbert Dean.

Death came Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock after a lingering illness of about seven weeks and was the result of a complication of diseases which baffled the skill of our physicians and the tender and loving care of her family and many friends who ministered to her wants.

The deceased was the daughter of Mrs. B. Jenkins, of one of our most prominent pioneer families and was but the ten months bride of Elbert Dean, one of our most worthy and popular young countrymen. She was eighteen years of age at the time of her death and the peaceful end came at the home of her mother in the southern part of our city. She was a consecrated christian, a most exemplary character, model girl, wife and friend.

The interment took place in Rose Hill cemetery Monday.

The Mail joins in the universal grief.

Rev. Crane Resigned.

Rev. Geo. A. Crane has resigned the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at this place to accept a church at Santa Anna, Texas and will preach his farewell sermon next Sunday night, leaving for his new field of labor the next week. Rev. Crane is an able preacher, an ardent worker and his faithful service here with his pleasing personality has made for him many dear friends who will regret to lose him as a pastor and citizen. The Mail feels this regret very keenly and thus acknowledges the many favors we have received at his hands. We join with our citizens in wishing him continued success, happiness and prosperity.

News was received here this week of the death of Mrs. M. A. Booth, mother of Mrs. J. T. Warren, which occurred last Friday at El Paso, Ark. Mrs. Warren was visiting her at the time of her death. Our entire country sympathizes with Mrs. Warren in her sad bereavement.

Lost, Diamond Brooch.

The owner will pay \$2.50 reward for return of same to Merkel Mail office. Gold brooch set with small diamond.

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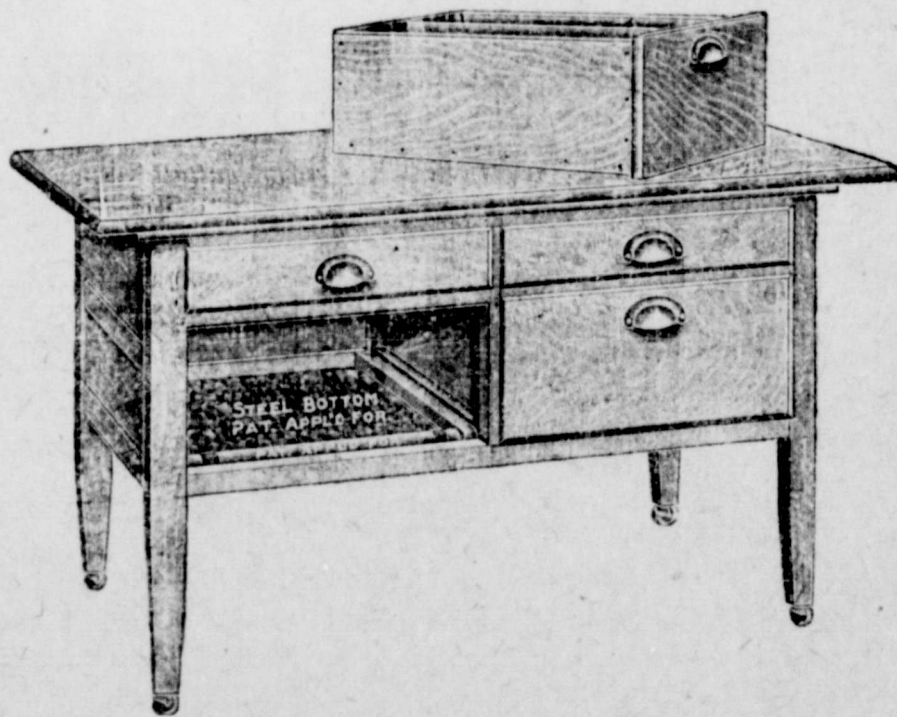
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The Ice Man is here—Refrigerators now in stock (Leonards Cleanable). Summer will soon be here, are you ready to let us figure with you on that new refrigerator? Now is the time. To-day.

Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co

The Merkel Dry Goods AND GROCERY COMPANY

Wish to announce to the Ladies of Merkel and vicinity that there will be a Cake Baking Contest held at their store **SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1911.** This Contest will be held for



the benefit of the Merkel Library Association. Every lady, old or young, in the city of Merkel should compete for one or more of the beautiful prizes to be given away. Remember it costs you **ABSOLUTELY NOTHING** to enter this Contest. Every careful housewife should know that **COTTOLENE** is more practical and economical than butter for shortening pastry dough. The best way to learn is to try for yourself. Therefore, H. J. Lake, representative of The N. K. Fairbank Co., Chicago, has arranged this Contest for Merkel.



Every lady purchasing a 10-pound pail of Cottolene this week will receive a handsome **BOUND COOK BOOK AND PIE PLATE FREE**

RULES OF CONTEST

COTTOLENE and Light Crust Flour only must be used. We will furnish flour free of charge to all who wish to enter this Contest. Use one-third less **COTTOLENE** than of any other shortening and add a little salt as it contains none. Bake any kind and as many cakes as you wish. Every lady is invited to enter this Contest. Bring your cakes to our store at **2:30 P. M. Saturday, April 8.** Cakes will be numbered and names removed as they are entered so no partiality will be shown. Three disinterested ladies will judge the cakes as to merits and not looks. After being judged the prize-winning cakes will be cut and served with coffee to those present. Music will be furnished and after all have partaken of the prize-winning cakes, the cakes not winning prizes will be auctioned off for the benefit of the Merkel Library Association. Prizes will be awarded and cakes auctioned off at 8:30 p.m.

COTTOLENE is Wholesome and Economical. Endorsed by physicians and cooking authorities. We suggest the following recipe for white cake: Two cups white sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup **COTTOLENE**, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sweet milk, $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, whites of six eggs beaten stiff, rolled in last, any flavoring. Bake in moderate oven. :: :: :: Remember this is but a suggestion.

THE FOLLOWING PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN

FIRST PRIZE

100 pounds Light Crust Flour, 3 pounds Golden Gate Coffee, 2 25c cans Dr. Price's Baking Powder, 8 cans Woodford Corn, 8 cans Palmetto Peaches, 3 cans Empson Asparagus Tips, 3 cans 3 pound Van Camps Tomatoes, 3 cans Pie Plums, 2 cans Petit Pois Peas, 2 cans Golf Beans, 2 bottles V. C. Catsup, 1 gallon bottle Elko Vinegar, 3 packages Saltine Flakes, 3 packages Sodaette, 2 packages Brown B. C. C. Sodas, 1 package Fig Newtons, 1 package Vanilla Wafers, 1 package Lemon Snaps, 1 box Perfettos.

SECOND PRIZE

50 pounds Light Crust Flour, 2 pounds Golden Gate Coffee, 1 can Dr. Price's Baking Powder, 6 cans Woodford Corn, 3 cans Empson Asparagus Tips, 6 cans Palmetto Peaches, 2 cans 3 pound Van Camps Tomatoes, 3 cans Pie Plums, 2 cans Golf Beans, 1 bottle Van Camps Catsup, 1 gallon bottle Elko Vinegar, 2 packages Saltine Flakes, 2 cans Petit Pois Peas, 2 packages Sodaette, 2 packages Brown B. C. C. Sodas, 1 box Perfettos, 1 package Fig Newtons, 1 package Vanilla Wafers, 1 package Lemon Snaps.

THIRD PRIZE

50 pounds Light Crust Flour, 2 pounds Golden Gate Coffee, 1 25c can Dr. Price's Baking Powder, 6 cans Woodford Corn, 3 cans Empson Asparagus Tips, 6 cans Palmetto Peaches, 2 cans 3 pound Van Camps Tomatoes, 3 cans Pie Plums, 2 cans Petit Pois Peas, 2 cans Golf Beans, 1 bottle Van Camps Catsup, 1 gallon bottle Elko Vinegar, 1 package Saltine Flakes, 2 packages Sodaette, 1 package Brown B. C. C. Sodas, 1 box Perfettos, 1 package Fig Newtons, 1 package Vanilla Wafers, 1 packages Lemon Snaps.

FOURTH PRIZE

50 pounds Light Crust Flour, 2 pounds Golden Gate Coffee, 1 can Dr. Price's Baking Powder, 6 cans Woodford Corn, 3 cans Empson Asparagus Tips, 6 Palmetto Peaches, 2 cans 3 pound Van Camps Tomatoes, 3 cans Pie Plums, 2 cans Petit Pois Peas, 2 cans Golf Beans, 1 bottle Van Camps Catsup, 1 gallon bottle Elko Vinegar, 1 package Saltine Flakes, 1 package Sodaettes, 1 package Brown B. C. C. Sodas, 1 box Perfetto, 1 package Fig Newtons, 1 package Vanilla Wafers, 1 package Lemon Snaps.

SPECIAL PRIZES

- 5th Prize. Groene's Studio, O. A. Cordell, Mgr., offer 1 dozen \$10.00 photos to young lady of 18 or over baking best cake.
- 6th Prize. Anchor Hardware Co., will give one \$6.00 carving set to lady entering greatest number of cakes.
- 7th Prize. Behrens McMillen Furniture Co., will give one \$4.50 Mission Porch Swing to lady baking best plain pound cake.
- 8th Prize. The First National Bank will give one \$2.50 account to the youngest girl baking cake without help.
- 9th Prize. S. S. Scheidler will give one \$4.00 ring, any choice, to girl under 18 baking best cake.
- 10th. Armstrong Drug Co., will give one \$6.00 Sterling Silver Mounted Lucky Curve Fountain Pen to girl over 18 baking largest cake.
- 11th. Merkel Mail Printing Co., will give one year subscription and 50 visiting cards to lady baking best chocolate layer cake.

Remember **COTTOLENE** and Light Crust Flour only must be used. : Come and bring your friends.
PRIZES WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT OUR STORE SATURDAY

Our Spring Opening and Easter Sale Begins April 7