

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## THE CAKE CONTEST

Event Was a Brilliant Success and Profitable for Our Library.

### OVER 100 CAKES ENTERED

The Judges and All in Attendance Say Merkel Ladies Are Champion Cake Bakers of the World; Prizes Awarded.

The cake baking contest which was an enterprise launched in our city last week by Mr. H. J. Lake, special advertising representative of the makers of Cottolene and the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company was a brilliant success.

The event was arranged to advertise "Cottolene" and "Light Crust" flour and to make a profit for our public library. It accomplished all of this and more, for a profit of nearly \$70.00 was realized and entertainment and pleasure was the experience of all who attended or participated. In the short time the advertising solicitors had to work and give away samples of the two products two hundred cakes were pledged. The rain Saturday made it impossible for the ladies at Trent and other points to make their entries but at that 124 cakes were entered, displayed and later sold at auction for the library.

Those assembled at the store Saturday night for the awarding of the prizes and auction were addressed by Mr. T. A. Johnson who spoke for the ladies of the library and Judge C. D. Mims acted as auctioneer for the occasion. The following are the prizes awarded:

First prize, Miss Eva Williams. Second prize, Miss. Ada Woodrum.

Third prize, Mrs. M. McConnell. Fourth prize, Miss Lyska Pitzer.

There were at least one hundred cakes which deserve mention which space forbids but two entries were novel and attracted much attention. One cake made to represent the store of the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery company was made and entered by Miss Anna Jobe. Another cake made by Mrs. Forest Whitley, represented a sack of flour labeled "Light Crust" and on the sack was a pail of cottolene with the words, "Use One-Third Less."

Special medals are to be mailed from Chicago to the winners of the first and second prizes and the ladies and all request us to express in our columns their appreciation of the interest and assistance of all who made possible the success of the event.

Music was furnished and cake and coffee were served by the store for all visitors.

#### Card of Appreciation.

This is to express to the good ladies of Merkel and the Merkel country our personal appreciation of their liberal response to our request for cakes in the recent contest. This action and their assistance made possible the success of the contest and we are grateful for same. It is an encouragement for us in our efforts to make a store worthy of such friendship and assistance.

Courtney Hunt, Mgr.  
The Merkel Store.

#### Good Home at a Bargain.

We can sell a six-room house, well and windmill, wash house, garden, shed, pretty yard and shade trees, a most desirable home place on corner lots, east front in desirable part of town, worth \$1600 for \$1250; \$250 cash, balance easy monthly, quarter or annual payments. This is a bargain and if you want a home cheap get busy. King and Jackson.

Exclusive agents for the John Deere, Standard and Avery lines of plow goods. When in need of a planter or cultivator call on us. We have the goods and are prepared to take care of your wants. Anchor Hardware Company.

## REGULAR MEETING OF OUR FIRE BOYS

The regular meeting of the local fire department was held at the hall Monday night and besides the regular routine of business, the election of officers and a farewell feast spread for Chief G. M. Cauthen who retires from his office to answer the call to his farm north of the city made the meeting one of interest and entertainment.

The following officers were elected: W. F. (Bill) Evans, chief; N. C. Sinclair, assistant chief; B. C. Gaither, president; J. P. Sharp, vice-president; Jno. D. Gaither, secretary and treasurer; Frank Ferrier, foreman Hose Co. No. 1; Harvey Warren, foreman Hose Co. No. 2; B. F. Cox, foreman Hook and Ladder Co; W. L. Burns, foreman Chemical Engine Co.

#### Experiment With Alfalfa.

T. J. Coggin and Frank Sears have received a good little shipment of alfalfa seed, which they secreted in our little city the first of the week in an effort to avoid the Mail reporter. It was their desire to make the experiment and unless successful never let us know but we are not thus to be baffled. Both of these old-timers have places which promise to grow this crop successfully and they will give it a full and fair trial. Mr. Coggin returned last week from a visit to Oklahoma and St. Louis. He shipped a few cars of his steers to the latter market from Oklahoma and was impressed with all of the Oklahoma country. He said: "In looking at those fine fat hogs on alfalfa fields I was seized with a desire to get off the train and graze a little myself. Most all of the country through which I traveled has good prospects but none to beat the Merkel country. We have the prettiest wheat and oats I saw between here and Missouri."

#### Harvesting Binders.

If you are thinking of buying a binder for the coming season let us figure with you as we are expecting a car to arrive in the next few days and would like to give you our figures and terms. Anchor Hardware Company.

T. N. Kelso a good farmer of the Stith neighborhood was seen on the streets this week.

## MIDLAND MAN SAYS CONDITIONS IDEAL

A. S. Hawkins, esq., of Midland, ex-state senator and former citizen of Abilene, is among the attorneys practicing before the current term of United States court. Mr. Hawkins is interested in the case of Tucker versus the Texas & Pacific Railway Co., as an attorney for the plaintiff.

Speaking of the conditions in central west and west Texas, and the outlook for crops, Mr. Hawkins said:

"I have never seen the country in better shape. There is not a section from Abilene to the Midland country but is in the best possible shape. I look for big grain and cotton crops this year and believe Texas as a whole will see for the next few years such prosperity as she has never known."

Mr. Hawkins says the rainfall has been just right for western Texas and that ranges are in excellent condition.—Abilene Reporter.

#### A Letter From Taylor.

Taylor, Texas, April 8.—Dear Editor: The Mail has just reached me and it is like a letter from home. I see you have elected Judge Mims Mayor and I think he will make a good one. I am very glad that you have had good rains and I think that country is in excellent shape. I have a fine business here and think this is a good country, lots of cotton up and corn knee-high and oats finest I have seen in years. The people missed the greatest thing ever when they voted down the road bonds in the Merkel and Trent country.

I went nine miles in the country yesterday to hold a German funeral and they had piked roads all the way. I made the drive out there in an hour and thirty minutes and back in one hour and fifteen minutes and it was a surprise to a Merkel man what good roads are, although we have pretty good roads there. I had a large car weighing 2150 pounds, a large corpse and a person on the hearse with me. Had it not been piked roads it would have taken me all day and as it was I was gone out of the city four hours.

It is a very hard question in my mind whether I want to leave the Merkel country and follow my business so I guess I will have to stay until Trent gets large enough to go there and put in an exclusive line. I see Fred Gentry every few days. He lives in Temple and is doing fine. This city has fifty-five miles of piked roads leading into it. Give my regards to all the boys and tell Jim Swann I would like to hear that old laugh. Your old friend, Irvin C. Hale.

Ausin Fitts with his smiling countenance and wearing a front which is evidence that he has been enjoying the best of health and some prosperity is in our city this week after an absence of several months. Mr. Fitts has as many friends as acquaintances in the Merkel country and they are all glad to see him.

#### Story of a Lost Watch.

It was nine years ago when H. N. Mashburn was plowing in a field near Caps that he lost a small gold watch and it was last week that this same watch was plowed up by Mr. Porter. When first uncovered and wound up it began running but soon stopped and it was later brought to Mr. Scheidler who made known the owner and history of the time piece and with a little work put the same in first-class running order again. It is almost impossible to lose anything in the Merkel country. Come to Merkel.

Master John D. Gaither, Jr., is in Abilene visiting at the home of S. S. Harris for a few days.

## PROHIBITION RALLY AT THE TABERNACLE

Abilene, April 12.—Prof. B. W. Hudgins, Merkel: If nothing happens I will be in Merkel Saturday to organize the prohibition forces of that precinct. You will kindly give what publicity you can to this fact and select a place for us to meet. Advise the people that the meeting will be at 2 o'clock Saturday. Yours, W. C. Lasley, Co. Chm.

#### Pleasantly Surprised

W. T. Sears, a wealthy citizen of Whitewright but a good friend of our country is among the visitors here this week at the ranch home of his son John Sears north of Merkel. Mr. Sears in speaking in ear-shot of our reporter said: "I am always interested in the Merkel country and read the Merkel paper sent me by my son as close as any paper which comes to my home with possibly the exception of Home and State and while I was expecting to find everything looking good I am surprised. The drouth from which you suffered hurt almost our entire state and some sections have not yet received sufficient rainfall. You have plenty of season and a good looking country."

#### Methodist Church Sunday.

Rev. S. A. Barnes, presiding elder will preach at the Methodist church at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday, April 16. All are cordially invited.

#### Fifteen Years in Merkel

I have sold windmills. Ten foot Eclipse, Standard, Leader and Star at \$35.00. No more. No less. See me when you want a windmill, pump or pipe. I can save you money. John Elliott

Exclusive agents for Standard and Eclipse windmills. Always carry the goods in stock and are prepared to take care of the wind mill trade. Have an expert plumber in charge and guarantee all work satisfactory. Let us know your wants and we will do the rest. Anchor Hdw. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Rankin Gazzaway are visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gazzaway.

Miss Zella Stanley of Nubia was trading with our business men Tuesday.

## GIRL TAKES OWN LIFE

Miss Mamie Farquhar Daughter of Sambo Farmer Takes Poison.

### CAUSE FOR ACT NOT KNOWN

Testimony Fails to Furnish Clue as to Reason of Suicide; Left Note to Parents, Asking God to Forgive Act.

"March 10, 1911—This is the last day that I can live on earth. I hope God will forgive me of this act I am about to commit. Kiss little Jewell for me. I hope to meet you all in heaven. Good-bye mamma, one and all.

"P. S. Bury me at once. I remain a loving friend. Mamie."

Abilene, April 11.—The foregoing is a copy of the last communication of Miss Mamie Farquhar, the eighteen year old daughter of J. T. Farquhar, living three miles south of Sambo. Between nine and ten o'clock this morning Miss Farquhar took poison. She was found by her father and brother in a dying condition. An empty strychnine bottle and a dipper of water were near the bed on which she lay. A note was found under her breast.

Her brother hastened to the nearest telephone to summon a doctor, but she was dead before he could get to the phone. Justice Keeble was notified and repaired to the scene of the tragedy at once in an automobile, where he held an inquest. After examining the members of the family and viewing the body he rendered the following verdict: "I find that deceased Mamie Farquhar came to her death from strychnine poison administered by herself with suicidal intent."

The testimony of her father was as follows: "I am the father of Mamie Farquhar, deceased. She was seventeen or eighteen years old. This morning between 8 and 9 o'clock all of my family were away from the house except Mamie and my little five year old daughter, who was playing in the yard. My son J. B. went to the house and found Mamie unconscious on the bed. He called to me and I came at once. She was not dead when I got there but died shortly afterwards. I found a bottle on the floor which contained strychnine. I had had the strychnine in the house last year to kill prairie dogs. She had evidently taken some of it. I know of no reason for her action. She had not been despondent and had had no trouble that any of us knew of. She was in good health and of sound mind. This morning she told her sister Gether that she was going to poison herself. I found the note under her breast."

The deceased leaves a father, mother and nine brothers and sisters. She was a member of the Iberis Baptist church. She will be buried this afternoon as she had requested.

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

Homer Easterwood has returned to Sweetwater where he has accepted a position.



# Your Drug Trade is What We Want

We offer you courteous treatment, Pure Drugs and Reasonable Prices. We will appreciate a share of your Drug trade and give your wants our personal attention. We handle hundreds of articles you would not expect to find in a Drug Store. Tell us your wants.

## RUST & McCAULEY DRUG COMPANY

### Southwestern Buys T. P.

Abilene April 3.—The Southwestern Telephone & Telegraph company has just purchased the local exchanges and toll lines of the Texas & Pacific company, taking over the local exchanges at Merkel, Sweetwater, Roscoe Colorado and Westbrook. The toll lines have also been taken over between Roscoe and Snyder and Colorado and Snyder.

The material is on hand for placing the underground cables in Abilene and work will be started at once. The arrival of this material was delayed on account of a wreck.

Forty-two new telephones were yesterday added to the already large list of rural subscribers of this telephone. A large group of farmers who were waiting for telephones yesterday afternoon was photographed, each with an instrument in his hand.

### How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry on any obligations made by his firm. Walding, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

### Merkel Farmers Sure.

"All Taylor county is particularly favored, from a grain and cotton crop outlook, but no section has anything on Merkel," says H. M. Rainbolt, who passed through Abilene today enroute to points east.

"I have lived in this country a good many yeas, but in all my experience out here I have never seen conditions more flourishing. Its a safe bet right now that grain and cotton will produce heavier yields than in 1908, when we made bumper crops. We were in excellent shape until yesterday, but last night's rain, which

was the right sort and just enough, absolutely assured us wheat and oats in the greatest plenty.

Large acreages of oats and wheat are planted over the entire Merkel country. I have sixty acres in small grain and its looking elegant. Figuring on making a million or so this year."—Abilene Reporter.

### For Constipation.

Mr. L. H. Farnham, a prominent druggist of Spirit Lake, Iowa, says: "Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver tablets are certainly the best thing on the market for constipation." Give these tablets a trial. You are certain to find them agreeable and pleasant in effect. Price 25 cents. Samples free. For sale by all dealers.

### Death of H. J. Townsend.

As the News goes to press this morning the sorrowful word is received of the death of H. J. Townsend, father of B. F. Townsend and Mrs. Tandy Irvin, at one a. m. Mr. Townsend was aged sixty-seven years and had for some weeks been critically ill, even at the portals of death, more than once. At these times he rallied slightly, and about a week ago was conveyed from Tye, to the home of his daughter in Abilene, that he might be watched over by his loved ones.

The funeral will take place this morning at 9:30, from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin, South Seventh and Jeanette streets, and interment will take place at Caps cemetery.—Abilene News.

### A Healing Salve for Burns, Chapped Hands and Sore Lips.

As a healing salve for burns, sores, sore nipples and chapped hands Chamberlain's Salve is most excellent. It allays the pain of a burn almost instantly, and unless the injury is very severe, heals the parts without leaving a scar. Price 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

The road commissioners of Upshur county held a meeting recently and decided to establish a permanent road gang, equipped with road building machinery and under competent supervision. A campaign for good roads will be carried on in that county.

### Mother And Teacher.

Teacher, spar my boy.  
Tech not that hick'ry switch;  
He didn't aim to annoy,  
And I want stand for sich,  
You can put him on a stool,  
Or slap him on the hand;  
But to get a licking in school  
Is somethin' I won't stand.  
I know he is mischevous,  
An' sometimes pretty bad;  
But they aint nothing very grievous  
In throwing a paper wad;  
Besides that Johnny Brown,  
The boy he throw'd it at  
Is always runnin' round,  
And grabbin' Billie's hat.  
Now Jim, don't you remember,  
'Bout fifteen yairs ago  
One day, it was December,  
And the ground was kivered with snow

You said: "No matter why,  
A boy breaks up a rule,  
I'll never be the guy,  
To lick a kid at school."  
Them was the words you said,  
To me on our way home,  
"You've got a level head;  
So leave the boy alone,  
You always wuz the best  
To keep a promise to me  
Let's set a spell and rest.  
Out under that old tree."  
With apologies to author of Woodman Spare That Tree. The above was written by little Miss Clementine Barker in our public school.

### Mere Wishing Never Brings Success.

To make a succes 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.

Beeville is to have new \$75,000 court house and a \$30,000 sewer system. Work on the court house is now under way and the sewer system will be begun within a few days.

Constipation brings many ailments in its train and is the primary cause of much sickness. Keep your bowels regular madam, and you will escape many of the ailments to which women are subject. Constipation is a very simple thing, but like many simple things, it may lead to serious consequences. Nature often needs a little assistance and when Chamberlain's Tablets are given at the first indication, much distress and suffering may be avoided. Sold by all dealers.

Fort Bend county has just issued \$500,000 in bonds for road improvement and the work of constructing good roads in that county is to begin immediately.

When a medicine must be given to young children it must be pleasant to take. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is made from loaf sugar, and the roots used in its preparation give it a flavor similar to maple syrup, making it pleasant to take. It has no superior for colds, croup and whooping cough. For sale by all dealers.

Hitchcock has enlarged their fruit packing house, making the new building 180 feet long with a shipping and packing capacity of from 20,000 to 25,000 bunches of vegetables per day.

"Our baby cries for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. T. B. Kendrick, Rasaca, Ga. "It is the best cough remedy on the market for colds, and croup." For sale by all dealers.

Clarkeville is preparing to issue bonds to the amount of \$300,000 for the improvement of public highways in Red River county.



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**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

See our beautiful line of Easter candies. The Elite.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Burton of Stith were in our city Monday.

See our large shipment of new watches just received. Rust & McCauley.

Miss Sybil Jones of Truby is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Tom Darsey.

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

W. J. Campbell and daughter, Miss Fannie, of Nubia were shopping in Merkel Monday.

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

T. S. Wasson of the Noodle community was here on business Monday.

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

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

Henry Young was in from his farm out near Warren school-house the first of the week.

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

Dennis McDonald has returned home after a pleasant visit to Lamesa.

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

Rev. A. M. Martin and H. C. Williams have returned from Anson where they have been in attendance on district conference.

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

Jim Boaz, a stockman of the Noodle community, shipped two cars of cattle to the Fort Worth market Monday.

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.

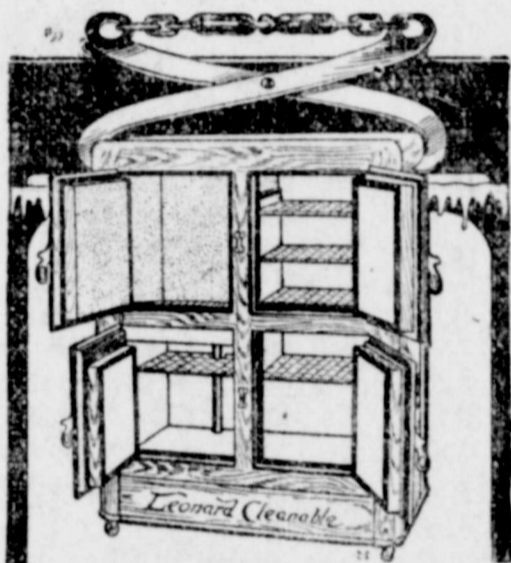
Now is the time to buy your Easter hat. Come now and avoid the Easter rush. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Miss Leona Tucker and the Misses Dudley of Inkum were visiting the former's sister Miss Grace Tucker, Saturday and Sunday.

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

**FREE Book on Selection and Care of Refrigerators**

There are so many frauds that are sold for refrigerators that you must look out or you will pay out your good money for something that will be a damage to you.



That is why so many soon have a second-hand refrigerator for sale. You seldom see a LEONARDS CLEANABLE for sale after once used. There is a reason. They cost no more than other kinds and will cut your ice bill just half. That is why they are the cheapest to buy. Come see them.

Tell us your furniture, floor covering and window shade wants, we can supply you. PRICES ARE RIGHT AND QUALITY RIGHT

**Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co**

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

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

Mrs. J. T. Warren has returned from her visit to El Paso, Ark.

J. H. Hunter has returned to Odessa after a visit to relatives here.

C. D. Mims, J. W. Daniel and W. A. Scott were business visitors to Abilene since our last issue.

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

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Rice have returned from Abilene where Mr. Rice has been attending the Christian college.

J. L. Hunter and daughter, Mrs. Balch, have moved to Fort Worth. We regret very much to lose this good family.

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

Otto Carter, a former citizen of this place, but now of Sweetwater, passed through our city the latter part of last week.

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Edwards, who have been the guests of the former's mother, Mrs. West Edwards, have returned to their home at Midland.

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.

Otho Williams is in Houston this week where he went to attend the Lumbermen's Convention. G. H. Adams is looking after his business at the lumber yard while he is away.

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

Misses Madge Newberry and Bessie Saffle have returned to their home at Caps after a pleasant visit with Mrs. Rosie Newberry.

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

Mrs. J. B. Garrett is visiting her son, Seth Garrett, in Abilene.

**EVER WATCHFUL.**

A Little Care Will Save Many Merkel Readers Future Trouble.

Watch the kidney secretions See that they have the amber hue of health The discharges not excessive or infrequent Contain no "brick-dust like" sediment Doan's Kidney Pills will do this for you They watch the kidneys and cure them when they're sick G W Cox, farmer, Merkel, Texas says: "For twenty-five years I was a constant sufferer from a dull, grinding ache in my back which often became so bad that I was laid up for several days Spells of dizziness came over me and at such times I could hardly see The secretions from my kidneys were also irregular in passage and caused much annoyance Nothing did me any good until I procured Doan's Kidney Pills at Rust & McCauley's Drug Store They relieved me promptly and my back has not bothered me in two months"

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

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

Rev. W. F. Fry and Dr. C. T. Ball of Abilene were in our city Sunday evening and made very interesting talks to the B. Y. P. U. which were enjoyed by the union.

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



**TWO SWEETS RODGERS BAKERY**

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.

T. J. Galloway has returned to his home in Fort Worth. He has been the guest of S. A. Derstine at his home west of the city. Mr. Galloway has been prospecting in the Toyah country.

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

**Reaching the Top**

in any calling of life, demands a vigorous body and a keen brain but Electric Bitters is the greatest health builder the world has ever known It compels perfect action of stomach, liver, kidneys, bowels, purifies and enriches the blood, tones and invigorates the whole system and enables you to stand the wear and tear of your daily work "After months of suffering from kidney trouble," writes W. M. Sherman, of Cushing, Me., "three bottles of Electric Bitters made me feel like a new man" 50c at H C Burroughs

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.

W. A. Simpson, an enterprising farmer of the Stith community was in our little city Thursday. He stated that he had seventy-five acres in wheat and that it was looking fine.

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.

B. W. Davenport and wife are entertaining a new son at their home in the Canyon.



# CLOSING-OUT-TO-QUIT SALE

The entire Morgan Weaver Co. stock of Hardware, Wagons, Buggies, Implements, etc., are being sold below cost and at these low prices we are willing to accept **GOOD SECURED NOTES, FALL MATURITY.** The sale will close May 1 and now is your chance to buy at the greatest saving ever offered the farmers of this section. We are making prices never before heard of in west Texas.

**MORGAN WEAVER COMPANY ABILENE TEXAS**

## OUR CORRESPONDENCE

### Compere Happenings.

April 11—Prayer meeting was well attended Sunday evening.

Miss Emma May Mashburn who has been visiting at Anson has returned home.

Prof. J. B. Shannon and family of Tye are visiting relatives here this week.

The party Monday night at Mr. and Mrs. Earl Foster's was well attended and all report a nice time.

Roman Palmer attended the concert at Tye Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adkins were in Merkel Monday.

It is too wet to work in the fields at present and the farmers are getting a lay off for a few days. Farming Kid.

### Nubia Dots.

April 11—We are having some very cold and rainy weather.

Born to Brown Deavenport and wife last week a boy.

F. A. Whitley of Merkel was in Nubia one day last week.

Quite a crowd enjoyed a birthday supper at the home of Mr. Whisenhunt Saturday night.

Jim Moore and family visited H. R. Randolph Sunday.

F. E. Combs and family visited Watt Blair Sunday.

Quite a crowd attended the singing at the home of W. J. Campbell Sunday night.

Mrs. Jonas Deavenport and two children of Big Spring are visiting John Deavenport and family.

Bonnie Matthas and Amber Neighbors attended Sunday school at Riney Sunday.

R. L. Deavenport wife and children visited his father Sunday.

J. S. Blair and wife went to Merkel Monday.

Mr. Knox of Durant, Okla., is visiting A. W. Hunter.

There will be an egg hunt at the church Saturday. Also Easter services Sunday at 11 and 3 o'clock. Dinner on the ground. Everybody invited to come and bring well filled baskets. Brown Eyes.

### Shiloh Clippings.

April 11—Since the rain crops are beginning to look like we will have to begin weeding soon. There is quite a lot of sickness in our community at present.

Mrs. Jim Carr is quite sick.

There was preaching at Shiloh Saturday, Saturday night and Sunday. A large crowd was in attendance to hear the sermons

delivered by our pastor, Rev. Gentry.

Mr. Pumroy has a sick child at his home

There was an entertainment at Mr. Bryants Wednesday night. A most enjoyable affair.

Miss Noby Sanders and the Misses Greens took dinner with Miss Blanche James Sunday.

There was a candy breaking at Mr. Climmings Monday night which was very much enjoyed by all who attended.

Ideal Howell has returned from near Seymour where he went to get some stock.

Miss Mattie Jones spent Sunday with Miss Eva Hightower.

I. F. Truitt and family from near Anson visited J. D. Barnes and family this week.

Joe Dyess made a business trip to Anson Saturday.

Henry Truitt of Anson visited in our midst this week.

Happy Hooligan.

### Butman Community.

April 11—Rufus Deavenport and family were visiting in Nubia Sunday.

Mr. Pannels family is sick with measles.

Mr. Snow and son Zelma were visiting at Mr. Pannels Sunday.

Luther Franks and sister, Ada were in Tye last week.

George Darciston and family visited at the home of R. N. White Sunday.

Ross Hamilton of Eskota spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. Pannel.

Hardy Watford and sister, Threasa. Bayant Dulin, Willie and Addie Dulin attended the concert at Derrington last Friday night and report a delightful time.

J. A. Dulin and family were the guests of R. B. Grider Sunday.

There will be a debate at Butman schoolhouse Friday night. Every one has a special invitation to come and bring some one with you.

Sunday school every Sunday morning. Prayer meeting every Sunday night. Farmer Girl.

A very interesting communication was received from Nubia but was too late for publication.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Campbell were visitors to our city this week from the Mt. Pleasant community.

Buying Victor shades is true economy. The great service makes the price small. Sold by Behren-McMillen Furniture Co.

W. H. Neely a citizen of Was-tella is in our city on business.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Mebane planting seed. S. F. Haynes.

MILCH COWS.—Some choice milch cows for sale, all fresh. A. L. Clemons at Jones & Warnick's mule barn. 4tf

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 RENT—First house south from railroad pumphouse, five rooms, east front, good water, dug well, crib, shed, chicken house, lot, chicken fence, fine wheat patch with chicken fence. \$3.00 per month. Dr. Joseph H. Warnick.tf

WANTED—Man and team now and some hands later on to help me on my farm north of Merkel. S. H. L. Swafford 14t2

BREEDER'S NOTICE.—A good jack, draft stallion and an all purpose horse will make the season at the old Tracy ranch. Clyde Hines. 13 4t pd

Victor shades are satisfactory. They wear well and look well. Sold by Behren-McMillen Furniture Company.

Ben Wheeler and two daughters, of Stith, were trading with the Merkel merchants Saturday.

Miss Mary Stimpson and father, S. W. Stimpson, were visiting in Merkel Friday.

Mrs. Georgia Easterwood has returned from Dallas where she had been on a visit.

R. E. Edmison, a former citizen of this place but now of Ovalo, had business here this week.

Mrs. J. C. Hancock of the Warren community is visiting friends in Abilene.

J. H. Grayson and J. L. Bean were visitors to our city from Noodle Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Behrens returned to Abilene Wednesday after a pleasant visit in our city.

Mesdames S. A. Noel and A. M. Davidson were shopping in Merkel Wednesday.

J. C. Horton and daughter of Mulberry Flat were in town Monday trading with our merchants.

Misses Myrtle Noel and Jewel Franks were shopping in Merkel this week.

Mrs. W. T. Potter and Mrs. Doss Sheppard are visiting in Abilene.

Again We Say Subscribe for THIS PAPER.

## Do It Now BUY A MERKEL FARM

Short crops and stringent times when values go down is necessarily a part of the history of any country and the two past years have made that chapter in the history of the Merkel country. On the other hand the fat years always follow the lean and the rich man who said that the way to make money was to buy when cheap and sell when high was a philosopher. We ask you to take and act on this homely advice. Our lands can now be bought at prices which are sure to go upward. We can sell you improved farms now for \$25.00 to \$35.00 per acre for which the owners refused three years ago \$10.00 to \$15.00 per acre above these values. They need the money and will sell part of their holdings to realize cash. They have too much land and not enough money. If you have the latter we can do business. Read the following:

FOUR SECTIONS of good agricultural land, 75 per cent tillable, in ten miles of Sweetwater; good 3-room house, barn, etc., 100 in cultivation, 5 separate pastures and abundant water in tanks and everlasting spring; 120 acres hog-proof, red sandy mesquite land, clear of rock or gravel, clay foundation; can be cut up and sold in 80 to 320-acre tracts. Price \$12.00 per acre spot cash.

267 ACRES, six miles of Merkel; 212 acres in cultivation, two sets of good improvements, good houses, wells, windmills, cisterns, barns, etc., close to school, church and country village, black waxy soil and all first-class land, level as the floor with the exception of five acres. Price \$26.00 per acre, and if sold right now will give the rents off 188 acres of cotton and 24 acres of feed. It takes all cash to buy this tract of land at this price.

100 ACRES of land six miles northeast of Merkel; 73 acres in cultivation, all of 100 good but five acres, 3-room house, shed, etc., 60 acres planted to cotton. Price \$2250; \$750 cash and terms on balance. You get the rents for this year.

100 ACRES southeast of Merkel; 50 in cultivation, 7-room 2-story house, good barn, first-class place with \$1500 worth of improvements. Price \$2500; \$1000 cash and terms on balance.

We have the best ranch proposition in west Texas and many other improved farms. Write us what you want and we will do the rest. Why pay rent when we can sell you a good home on the E-Z payment plan?

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that out door exercise is needed by the American people That's all very well, but how can people with the rheumatism follow that advice? The answer is very simple—use Ballard's Snow Liniment and the rheumatism will go; leaving you as spry as a colt Gives quick and permanent relief from rheumatism, neuralgia, lame back and all pains Sold by H C Burroughs

The railroads have put on an "Onion Special" running direct from Laredo to northern markets, where this toothsome vegetable is eagerly awaited, early Texas onions being a delicacy greatly enjoyed by the people of the north. The first shipment of

onions of the season was made from Laredo last week and train loads will be shipped daily from now on to the northern and eastern markets. During the season of 1910 Laredo shipped approximately 2,000 cars, according to the estimate of the Laredo board of trade, or two thirds of the onion crop of southwest Texas, while the shipments during the coming season are expected to reach at least 2,500 cars.

Caldwell county has voted a bond issue of \$50,000 for building macadam roads. This precinct has already voted \$50,000 for road building and twenty-four miles of macadam roads have been built recently.

Read the Mail. 1.00 a year.



# THERE ARE JUST THREE DAYS LEFT TO Pick Your Easter Hat



Every day you delay crowds the trimming room with the accumulations of orders that always occur at Easter. Remember that the selection should be made at your leisure, becomingness is the feature you want, so come in early. Up until Friday night of this week we can take care of your orders, but later you will have to pick from the large stock that is waiting for you and late comers, but we would much rather be able to make the little changes which we consider necessary to suit you. Our trimming force is working day and night to turn out their work on time but they can not do the impossible, so please do not place your orders Saturday expecting them to be turned out for Easter. We will take orders Saturday as usual, but to be turned out at a later date. We will make every effort possible to meet your desires.



Come to See Our Millinery Whether You Want to Buy or Not

## Ready-to-Wear Dresses for Easter

You can buy your Easter Dress from us and save yourself the worry and trouble of making. We have a big line of white and fancy dresses at popular prices. Can sell you a Dress Ready-Made as cheap as you can buy the goods and make it.

**SEE OUR LINE OF SKIRTS** We have the largest and prettiest stock of Ladies Skirts ever brought to Merkel—all new and new styles—and our prices are the **LOWEST**

## Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

R. Medlen of Stith has gone to Fort Worth on business.

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

C. D. Grissom of Haskell is in the city the guest of Courtney Hunt.

G. W. Wilson the Inkum merchant was trading with our merchants Wednesday.

J. H. McDonald has returned from Sweetwater where he has been for a few days.

Miss Maude Keith of Abilene was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen Saturday and Sunday.

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

Mrs. M. G. Erwin, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. F. H. Whitley, has returned to her home at Trent.

Charley Lofton has returned from Sweetwater where he has been visiting his uncle, Albert Elliott.

You should see the new Ingersoll "Junior and Midget" watches, something new and good time-keepers at Rust & McCaulley's.

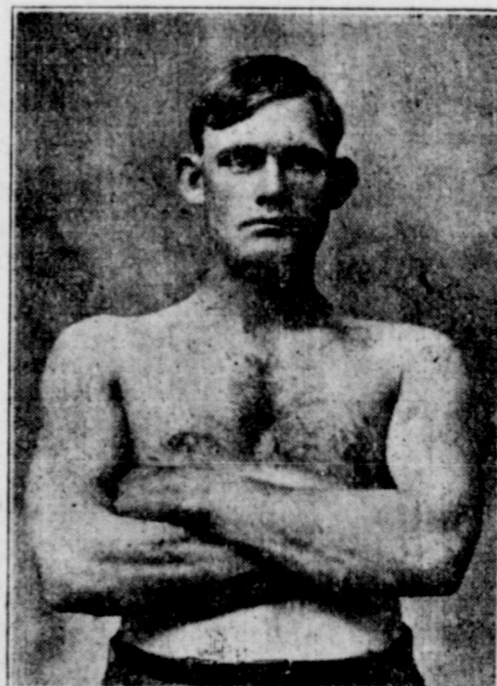
We have got the best list of lands in this section and can save any prospector money. No prospector can buy any property cheaper than we can sell it.

King & Jackson.

R. W. Green of Noodle has returned from Fort Worth where he had been on business.

## WRESTLING MATCH OPERA HOUSE Saturday Night April 15 8:30 O'CLOCK

# KEITH VS ADAMS



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### FOR MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF WEST TEXAS

### ADMISSION - 25c AND 35c

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Laura Cary is visiting friends and relatives near Ovalo.

A. J. Corder of Noodle attended to business in Merkel Wednesday.

E. C. Driver of Golan was a business visitor to Abilene one day this week.

A. J. Hartley was in the city last week and said that garden and feedstuff was doing fine.

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 making bids for your patronage.

Tracy Barlow has accepted a regular position on the Mail and will appreciate any and all assistance in his efforts to gather every week all of the personal and local items of interest for these columns.

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

At the meeting of the school board this week May 10 was set as the closing date for our schools this season. An order was passed for an election of three trustees which will be found in this issue of our paper.

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.

Arthur Witt is a business visitor in the city from Hamlin.



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Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Editor

Owing to illness in the family the younger set who were to have been dinner guests of Miss Lyska Pitzer April 9, met at her home in the afternoon and went out to home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald to spend the afternoon. Miss Isla McDonald served cake in honor of Miss Lyska's birthday. The crowd then came back to town and cut the birthday cake that Miss Lyska had baked for the occasion. The crowd included Misses Jessie Sutphen, Elma Sheppard, Eunice Nisbitt, Fannie Burroughs, Isla McDonald, Dethel Jenkins, Maggie Roberts and Lyska Pitzer. Messrs. Ottis Barnett, Jesse Ferguson, Merle Alsbrook, Parker Sharp, Tyre Sublett, Oscar Pate, Charley Jones and Rufford Evans.

A literary program was given by the pupils and teachers of the Stith school last Friday evening. Miss Josie Lowrey the assistant teacher welcomed a float load of her Merkel friends who were the invited guests at the Medlen home where they were served a delicious lunch before returning to their homes. The personnel of the Merkel crowd: Misses Pet Sears, Ina Wheeler, Winnie Warren, Fannie Burroughs, Elma Sheppard, Eunice Nisbitt, Mattie Paylor, Jessie Sutphen, Ruby Jones, Ollie Kirtley, Mattie Murphy, Lelia Nisbitt, Bessie Medlen. Messrs. Jesse Ferguson, Merle Alsbrook, Robert Hicks, Rufford Evans, Ben Merritt, Robert Medlen and Ottis Barnett.

#### Twentieth Century Club.

Review of King Henry VIII for April 15.

1. Viewing the play as a whole. What is its great artistic defect? Is there a lack of any informing purpose.

2. Show how Wolsey's fall caused a change in his ideas of life and duty. Do you regard his repentance and purification as natural and logical?

3. How is contrast effected by the portrayal of Crammer in the last act.

4. How does the end of the play exhibit the transference of absolute power once wielded by Wolsey? In this respect does the play exhibit the true course of history.

5. What made it impossible for this play to present a life-like portrait of Anne Bullen? Does the portrait contain anything false?

Ladies of Library Association take this method of extending sincere thanks to each and every one who helped to make the cake baking contest a complete success Saturday evening. We are indebted to the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company for their co-operation, also to Mesdames E. M. Rust, N. C. Sinclair and E. P. McMillen assisted by Mr. Rodgers for their excellent and

conscientious work in awarding the prizes. The handsome sum of \$64.90 in cash was realized from the sale with \$4.30 to be collected making a grand total of \$69.20 which will be used to buy more new books.

Mrs. W. H. Dickson,  
Manager Merkel Public Library.

The Y. W. A. meets Thursday, April 13 with Miss Maxie Banner as hostess. The hour has been changed from three to four o'clock. All members are urged to be present as there will be a discussion concerning the work for this quarter.

The Southside Christian church ladies sent their free will offering to the Old Ladies Home in Dallas. These ladies have a room in the home. This time they sent the linens for the room.

The XXth Century club will meet Saturday, April 15, at 3:30. A full attendance should be present. Important business.

The Zenobia Club will meet with Miss Allie Jennings Friday April 14 at 3:00 p. m. Miss Jennings leader.

Besides the crowd named in another column who were guests of Miss Josie Lowrey at the closing of the Stith school Friday evening were Misses Virginia Hamblet, La Verna Swafford, Bera Stallings, Dethel Jenkins, Maggie Roberts, Minta Maxey, Fay Lowrey, Laura Winters of Hodges. Messrs. Ross Ferrier, Parker Sharp, Tyre Sublett.

Miss Edna Burhs returned home Wednesday from an extended visit to her sister in east Texas. Her sister returned home with her and will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Gough of Greenville are visiting their friend Mrs. E. Hall. They are favorable impressed with Merkel and may locate here.

Mrs. J. W. Jennings wishes to thank the Anchor Hardware Co., for her lovely carving set given in the cake contest.

Miss Katherine Mathis is at home from Waxahachie where she was the guest of Mrs. Ernest Woodroof.

Miss Jessie Sutphen is visiting her friend Miss Margaret Tandy in Abilene.

Mrs. E. Rodgers left last week for Carbon to visit her son, Albert Rodgers.

Mrs. N.C. Sinclair visited Mrs. R. O. Anderson in Trent last week.

The program of the Epworth League of the Methodist church was carried out Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Song and prayer followed by scripture reading and a short talk by the leader Rufus McNeess. Song, special—Misses Dorothy Lee Potter, Jackie Jennings, Zora West, Bessie Touchstone and Roxie Moon.

Address—T. A. Johnson.

Solo—Miss Mackey.  
Address—B. W. Hudgins.  
Solo—Miss Evelyn Williams.  
Prayer—Miss Love Hawkins.  
Song, "God be With You Till We Meet Again."  
Benediction.

#### Junior B. Y. P. U. Program.

Sunday April 16. Subject Luke.  
Leader, Annie Collins.  
Song, No. 281.  
Prayer, Will Merritt.  
Business meeting.  
Sword drill.  
Scripture reading Acts xvi; 9-15.

Luke the physician.—Dewey Dockery.

Luke the companion of Paul—Marion McGee.

Luke the writer—Bulah Garret  
Luke lives through Paul—Wilma Garrett.

Song No. 80.

Offering for home and foreign missions—Ruth Howard.

The best way to spend our time and money—Lula Sharp.  
Dismission.

#### League Program.

Subject, The Resurrection and missionary propaganda.

Leader, Miss Josie Lowrey.

Song, Hymnal, No. 84.

Prayer.

Song, Hymnal, No. 168.

Scripture lesson, Luke xxiv; 45-47; Acts xvi; 23.

Discussion of topic—Miss Lizzie May Freemon.

A sepulcher for a heart—Miss May Derstine.

Instrumental piece—Miss Fannie Burroughs.

The good a league does its members—Ira Shaffer.

Miscellaneous.  
Announcements.

Song.

Benediction.

#### Notice of Trustee Election.

In conformity with an order passed by the Board of Trustees of Merkel Independent School district on Monday, the 10th day of April, 1911, notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the city hall in Merkel, Texas, in the said Merkel Independent School district on Saturday, the 6th day of May, 1911, for the purpose of electing four trustees for said district.

J. J. Stallings is duly appointed manager of said election, which shall be held as nearly as possible in conformity with the general laws of the state of Texas.

T. J. Coggin, acting Pres.  
Joseph H. Warnick, Secy.  
4t Of the Board of Trustees.

#### Lost, Diamond Brooch.

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

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 Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

I. S. Allen left this week to spend several days at Dallas and Fort Worth on business matters.

## After The Grippe

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

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

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Cardui is your best friend, if you only knew it. Think of the thousands of ladies whom Cardui has helped! What could possibly prevent it from helping you?

Remember you cannot get the benefit of the Cardui ingredients in any other medicine, for they are not for sale in any drug store except in the Cardui bottle. Try Cardui.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free.

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### Dr. S. L. Davis

DENTIST

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MERKEL, TEXAS

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## GLASSES FITTED

The good roads movement has struck Hardin county and a bond issue of \$35,000 has just been voted and the work of building roads will begin at once.

Lame shoulder is nearly always due to rheumatism of the muscles, and quickly yields to the free application of Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all dealers.

A factory for the manufacture of bridge and road material is to be established at Gonzales at once by an Indiana firm.

In cases of rheumatism relief from pain makes sleep and rest possible. This may be obtained by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all dealers.

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H. M. WARREN

Phone 48 In City Barber Shop

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\$1.00 bottle of Hall's Texas Wonder' a 60 days treatment, seldom fails to cure Kidney, Bladder or Rheumatic trouble. It gives quick and permanent relief. Write for testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggist.



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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 afterdate, 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.

Velasco will spend \$100,000 for repair of the jetty walls and other improvements of the Velasco harbor. This means the opening up of Velasco as a port and the inauguration of a steamship line to the north.

### 1-4 of Pound a Week

at least, is what a young baby ought to gain in weight Does yours? If not there's something wrong with its digestion Give it McGee's Baby Elixir and it will begin gaining at once cures stomach and bowel troubles, aids digestion, stops fretfulness, good for teething babies Price 25c and 50c Sold by H C Burroughs

The Gulf Live Stock Insurance Company, with a paid capital of \$100,000 and with main offices at Orange, has been chartered. The business of the company is the insurance of all kinds of live stock.

### Forced to Leave Home.

Every year a large number of poor suffers whose lungs are sore and racked with coughs are urged to go to another climate. But this is costly and not always sure where's a better way. Let Dr. King's New Discovery cure you at home "It cured me of lung trouble," writes W. R. Nelson, of Calamine, Ark., "when all else failed and I gained 47 pounds in weight Its surely the King of all cough and lung cures" Thousands owe their lives and health to it Its positively guaranteed for coughs, colds, La Grippe, asthma, croup—all throat and lung troubles 50c and \$1.00 Trial bottle free at H C Burroughs.

The commercial clubs of the state are cultivating close relations with the farmer. In many instances agriculture is the leader in club work. Securing immigration, increasing production, improving public highways and improving live stock has been a part of the work of clubs and many county fairs have been held where agricultural products have been exhibited with satisfactory results, but the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce has taken the lead in organizing the farmers of that section into an association for the marketing of their produce. The price is the thing. The commercial clubs that can open up a better market for the farm products have accomplished as much as if they had secured a factory for there is no prosperity like that of the farm and a commercial club can render no better service to a community than by co-operating with the farmers in marketing their produce.

### A Knocker

is a man who can't see good in any person or thing It is a habit caused by a disordered liver If you find that you are beginning to see things through blue spectacles, treat your liver to a good cleaning out process with Ballard's Herbine A sure cure for constipation, dyspepsia, indigestion, sick headache, biliousness, all liver, stomach and bowel troubles Sold by H C Burroughs

There is an epidemic of hotel building in Houston, and with the completion of their monster auditorium and convention hall with a seating capacity of 7,000, that city is preparing to launch a campaign for the purpose of bringing to Houston numerous conventions, state and national. Four new hotels are under construction, with all the way from fifty to three hundred rooms each, and there is an unusual amount of building and construction work going on in the Bayou City.

### It's the World's Best.

No one has every made a salve ointment or balm to compare with Bucklen's Arnica Salve It's the one perfect healer of cuts, corns, burns, bruises, sores, scalds, boils, ulcers, eczema, salt rheum For sore eyes, cold sores, chapped hands or sprains, its supreme Infalible for piles Only 25c at H C Burroughs

The Rotan commercial club and the city of Rotan have just completed the fencing in of several parks at that place. Rotan has a number of small parks which are nicely set with shade trees and though the town is a

comparatively new one, its parks are among the prettiest in the state. Park building is as necessary to the growth and development of a city as any other commercial or industrial enterprise and the citizens of Rotan are wisely securing the sites for their parks while the land is to be had at a reasonable price.

### The Circus

acrobat finds it is necessary at all times to keep his muscles and joints supple That is the reason that hundreds of them keep a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liment always on hand A sure cure for rheumatism, cuts, sprains sore throat, lame back, contracted muscles, corns, bunions and all pains Price 25c 50c and \$1 per bottle Sold by H C Burroughs

The Texas farmer has learned well the lessons of diversification. Our corn crop is making rapid gains on king cotton; we are raising our own wheat, oats and hay, and our vegetables supply the norther and eastern markets. We are not only diversifying our products but we are feeding it on the farm, fattening our stock and using it in raising another crop. The March Federal Crop Reporter shows 61,435,000 bushels of corn in the graineries of the Texas farmer on March 1 which is thirty-four per cent of the total output; we have 4,865,000 bushels of our oats on hand which is twenty per cent of the total output and we have 2,829,000 bushels of wheat which is fourteen per cent of the total yield. Our supply of cereals is sufficient to carry us through until the next crop, which adds to the independence of the Texas farmer. The proper disposition of a crop is as important as raising it and the above figures show that the Texas farmer is a close student of practical farming and is financially able to manage his affairs.

### Kills a Murderer.

A merciless murderer is appendicitis with many victims But Dr King's New Life Pills kill it by prevention They gently stimulate stomach, liver and bowels, preventing that clogging that invites appendicitis, curing constipation, headache, biliousness, chills 25c at H C Burroughs

The Stamford survey for the Stamford & Eastern Railway, a line that is to be constructed from Stamford to Fort Worth, has been completed. The engineer's report has been made and the moving spirits expect to begin work at the earliest possible moment. The new road will go through the finest unoccupied portion of Texas in addition to the great coal fields of Young and Stephenson counties, and it will bring Stamford in immediate touch with these immense coal fields, and will give her direct line to north Texas. Although Texas leads all other states in the union in railroad mileage, there are still large areas of the state without railroad facilities, and to give the state a railroad service equal to that of Illinois, would require approximately four times the present mileage.

Colorado has issued road bonds to the amount of \$30,000 which have been approved by the attorney general, and the building and improvement of roads in Mitchell county will be begun at once.

**HUNDREDS**

of Easter Buyers have thronged the

**Morgan Weaver Comp'ny**

Store at Abilene since the Big

**Closing-Out Sale**

started Sat. April 1 and still they

come to take the advantage of

Cut Prices in this Slaughter Sale

But you'll have to hurry for we

are closing out some lines every

day and other lines becoming badly broken

Don't wait get in line

We want you to get your share

**BUT HURRY HURRY**

Better be safe than sorry



# SUPERB MILLINERY FOR EASTER

Why delay purchasing your Easter Hat when we have the most beautiful line ever shown in Merkel. Remember this week closes our 20 per cent discount in this department and we are anxious for you to get the benefit of this GREAT DISCOUNT.

**Come where the Variety is Largest and Prices most Reasonable**

## OUR EASTER CLOTHING

We offer for your Easter wearing a Hart, Schaffner & Marx suit. If we could offer you any better we would, but the highth of perfection is reached in a Hart, Schaffner & Marx suit, made by the most skilled tailors obtainable, of ALL-WOOL fabrics, thoroughly sponged and shrunk before cutting, insures to you a suit that will not shrink, lose its shape nor fade. This great brand of clothing is offered you in a pleasing array of Patterns, Models and in New Spring Weaves and Colorings, all with the usual snap and style peculiar to this particular line of clothing that makes a well-dressed man of you, if you wear one of them for Easter.

**\$10.00 to \$25.00**

## DRESS GOODS SPECIALS

For your Easter Dress we have just the fabric, weave, coloring and pattern that will suit you, and the trimmings you want to give it the desired effect. No place else have you seen such a pleasing array of fine Dress Goods and Dress Goods Accessories as greet you here. All New Spring Shades and Weaves, and the prices are right, too. We invite you to compare the Newness, Quality and Finish of our goods, together with our prices, and we leave the decision of Merit with you. Visit our store and see these goods. We also have a swell line of Fancy and Plain Lawns.

**Prices 5c to 25c**

# WOODROOF BROTHERS

The infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. Sam W. Taylor who live in the Salt Branch community died Sunday afternoon and the burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery Monday afternoon, Rev. J. W. Saffle officiating. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of all our people.

A card received this week from Dr. M. Armstrong who has been at Dallas assisting in the treatment of Ira Armstrong and taking a course with some specialists brings the information that he will return home tomorrow.

Remember when you want a windmill we have the exclusive agency for the best to be found, the Eclipse and Standard.

Anchor Hardware Company.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wiman who have been visiting the family of M. S. Wiman left yesterday morning for Fort Worth where they will make their home.

Rev. A. M. Martin left Monday night for Austin where he goes to assist Rev. James S. Pennybacker in a meeting.

Mrs. Bessie Billings and daughter, Little Miss Beatrice, were among the visitors from Trent Wednesday.

Mesdames J. C. Howard and V. M. Hillburn of Trent were visiting and shopping here this week.

Little Miss Dagma Rawlings was a visitor from Trent the first of the week.

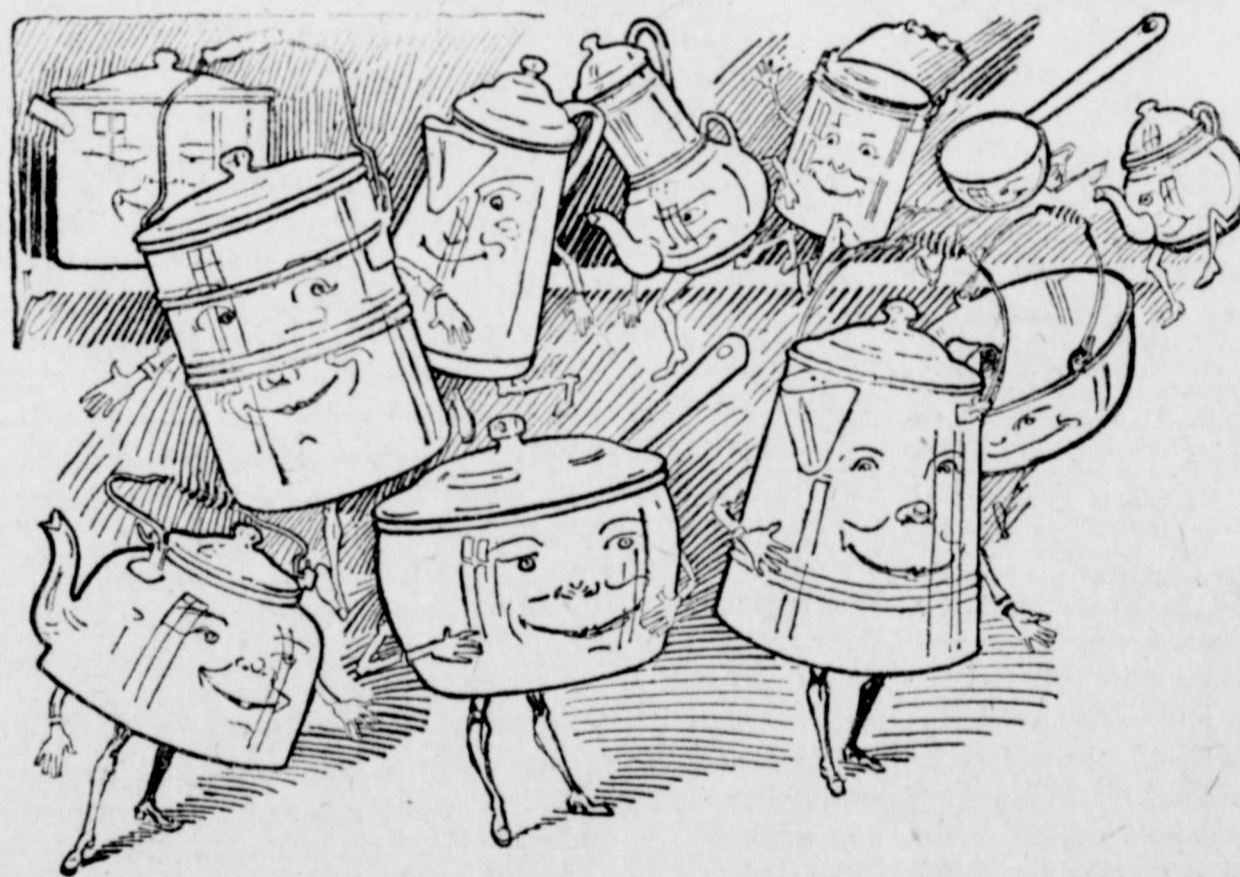
Misses Maggie Smith and Jimmie Gilbert were in our city from Trent Wednesday.

W. M. McDuff has returned from Oklahoma where he has been for the past few months.

J. A. Hamner made a visit to Trent Wednesday.

## Special Sale to Introduce New Goods

**THIS IS FOR SATURDAY ONLY**



## BLUEBELLE WARE

The blending of the rich colors of the Bluebelle produces a marvelous attractive effect—the thin white lining semi-transparent is of most excellent quality. But one other (Thistle) moderate priced, white lined ware compares in ease of sale or length of service with Bluebelle Ware. Owing to the bad weather last week we have decided to give you another opportunity to get some of these goods next Saturday at reduced price of 25 percent discount. One day only. Come and see them.

**WEST TEXAS HARDWARE CO.**

W. J. Harris of Boyd was here last week visiting at the home of Geo. F. Harris in the Stith country and looking at our section. He states that his father may come out here this fall and he hopes that he will. He admits that this is the prettiest country in the U. S. A.

B. D. Pressley and Mack Herod two former Merkel men who this year answered the call of the rural district and joined the back-to-the-farm brigade were in recently to get the Mail and some other reading matter. It is reported that Pressley bought him a new mail box.

Just received a shipment of buggy harness. Let us rig you out in a good set for the coming summer season.

Anchor Hardware Company.

Misses Spears and Alldridge two young ladies of the Center Point community were in the city Wednesday.

I have a fine Duroc-Jersey male hog and all breeders are asked to see him before breeding. 2t R. L. Bland.

D. P. Carr a citizen of Paducah is visiting out in the Shiloh country where he has a sick daughter.

W. E. Adams and D. O. Hudleston were among those who contributed to our subscription cash box Saturday.

J. W. Daniel left Sunday night for Dallas where he will remain on business matters for several days.

Mrs. J. L. McClain was shopping in Merkel Wednesday. She lives out in the Nubia country.

The Misses Ridenbach of Mt. Pleasant were visitors to the city since our last issue.