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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Commencement Sermon Delivered at the Methodist Church.

THE EPITOME OF COLLEGE LIFE

At Night Judge W. T. Potter Delivered Lecture on Education Which Was Highly Interesting and Instructive.

The commencement sermon of the Merkel high school was delivered at the Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. C. Taggart, pastor of the Baptist church at this place. After reading the eighth chapter of Proverbs he took for his subject, "The Epitome of College Life," suggesting that the high school class was included as beneficiaries of what he might have to say. In fact the Mail reporter feels that every one present could hardly fail to get valuable lessons from his address. The young graduates who gave the very best attention to what he had to say were the very ideal soil in which to sow such seeds of higher thinking and practical living. What a rare opportunity was this to have their ambitions directed upward.

Judge Potter's lecture at the Methodist church Sunday night on education was listened to by a crowded house. It is not necessary to say that it was rich in thought and words for the people of the Merkel country are already well acquainted with his ability as a speaker on any subject. Richard Baxter could never say any better things nor Brummond present them better. Mr. Potter was a teacher for a long time himself and is well acquainted with the punctuation mark. He knows that a period comes just before people get sleepy. His speeches are all broad enough to be interesting, deep enough to flow smoothly and not long enough to become dull.

Wednesday night the graduating class occupied the stage. Miss Winnie Warren, Salutatorian; Miss Fannie Burroughs, Valedictorian.

The program consisted of essays and music all of which was exceptionally high grade as to material and rendition.

The class was composed of Pet Sears, Winnie Warren, Frank and Annie Smith, Ola Pope, Ina Wheeler, Inice Moon and Fannie Burroughs.

A Letter From Crowell Texas.

I will tell you about our country. I think it is a fine one. Nice prospects for good crops. We had good rain last Saturday.

My father visited our home place back in Taylor county and was pleased with the prospects of good crops there.

We have a fine school in our town which goes on for three weeks. I enjoy going to school here.

I will close and if this is printed I will call again sometime.

Myrtle Cook.

Columbia—the best graphophone and records made. Both disc and cylinder for sale at the Elite.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the Merkel Mail Printing Company of Merkel will be held at the office of said company in the town of Merkel, Texas, Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, June 14, 1911, for the purpose of electing officers and a board of directors and the transaction of any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

J. G. Jackson, President.
Merkel, Texas, May 11, 1911.

HEAVY VOTE IN THE SCHOOL ELECTION

The election of four new members of the school board Saturday was participated in by an unusual number of votes. The idea that schools could be run just as well without a superintendent and a great deal less expense was held by some of our good citizens. This idea seemed to have enough support to encourage them to put a ticket out made up of men who favored that system. The opposition to that system or rather a ticket that endorsed the present system was made up of the old board. The fight was made in a quiet but aggressive way with the very best of feeling by both sides. The old board was elected by a vote of two and one-half to one. We hope it will be the disposition of the minority to make it unanimous and go to work for a good school next session.

The returns show the following results: Total vote 197, Tom Coggiu 131, J. S. Swann 141, I. S. Allen 139, J. H. Warnick 141, G. M. Williams 50, W. L. Diltz 60, J. T. Dennis 55, J. N. Teaff 69.

Mrs. Alexander Dies Suddenly.

Mrs. Louisa Alexander, seventy nine years of age died very suddenly at the home of her son, W. H. Alexander in the Stith community last Saturday morning.

The deceased had been ill a few weeks previous but was apparently in good health, refusing to let any of the family sit up with her when she retired Friday evening stating that she would rest better. About four o'clock in the morning she arose and falling aroused Mr. and Mrs. Alexander who came to her assistance but their tender efforts were of no avail and in just a moment for so she expired presumably of heart failure.

Mrs. Louisa Alexander was a good christian woman, a member of the Baptist church for 62 years and she was loved and revered by all her acquaintances. She has made her home with her son here for more than a quarter of a century and in her sudden death he has the sincere sympathy of all of our people.

The burial took place in the Stith cemetery Sunday and services were conducted by Rev. Ed McDonald.

The Elite can furnish you with any kind of fancy cream for special occasions. The very best cream and any style you want.

Red top cane expected Monday at G. M. Sharp's.

SUNDAY AT NOODLE

The Sabbath Was a Great Day for The Religious People.

CHILDREN'S DAY AND DINNER

Church House Was Filled to Overflowing Morning and Afternoon and There Was a Good Dinner for All.

Sunday, devoted to the exercises of the children at the Methodist church was a religious and social treat for the good people of the Noodle community and a number of others who were in attendance.

The exercises were opened with a march and drill in which more than a half hundred participated, and in all several hundred in attendance. The address of the day was delivered by Rev. R. O. Bailey on Sunday school work and the program rendered by the children consisted of flag drills, songs recitations, etc.

At the noon hour a long table was made by arrangement of two rows of benches and on this was spread almost everything real good to eat, chicken, fried, boiled and barbecued roasts, cakes, pies, etc., the home cooking of the ladies and was here our reporter and the rest of the great throng showed their greatest appreciation.

The address of welcome in the morning was delivered by Master Delbert Polly and the following were among those who took part in the program: Modell Bicknell, May Sosebee, Novella Ely, Zelma Bicknell, Walter Bryson, Elva Bicknell, Kirby, Jack, Sallie and Mabel Goode, Tracy, Beulah and Bertha Ely, Ollie and Ernest Sosebee, Ola Fogleman, Deila, Hattie, Doll and Willis Herring, Myrtle, Aline, Evelyn, Ina Fay and Alma Barbee, Lucile and Bessie Lee Beane, Garland Glover, Charlie Hones, Wesley and Charlie Ely, Elva and Melvin Russell, Claud and Tom Rosson, Lily and Johnnie Sears and possibly others whose names we failed to learn.

The work of the following committee made possible the brilliant success of the entertainment and exercises: Mrs. F. F. Wheeler, Mrs. W. U. Beane, Mrs. John Sears, Miss Lou Sears and Miss Lucile Beane.

CHILDRENS DAY AT METHODIST CHURCH

Following committee were appointed for children's day at the Methodist church May 21:

Decoration—Mesdames J. W. Jennings, M. Armstrong, R. A. Martin, W. T. Potter, H. O. Williams.

Publicity—Rev. A. M. Martin, B. W. Hudgins, Leslie McNeese.

Program—Miss Love Hawkins, Rufus McNeese, Miss Josie Lowrey, Miss Ola Pope, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Sparkman, Miss Duncan Browning, Mrs. O. W. Williams.

Music—Miss Mackey, W. T. Potter, T. A. Johnson, Miss Fannie Burroughs, Miss Allie Jennings.

Rally at Shiloh.

J. W. Oliver a reader and friend of our paper informs us that arrangements have been made for a prohibition speaking and rally by the Shiloh club Friday night when Judge C. D. Mims of Merkel will address the citizens of that community. The Shiloh club was organized a couple of weeks ago and now has about fifty members. The club has also arranged for an address by Presiding Elder Barnes for the near future.

MOTHERS' DAY AT METHODIST CHURCH

Mothers' Day will be observed at the Methodist church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

You are cordially invited to attend both services. Let every mother who can possibly do so be present. Every one will receive a flower at the church door.

Morning Service, "Our Mothers."

Piano prelude.

Hymn, Nearer My God to Thee.

Prayer—Rev. J. T. L. Annis.

Duet, My Mothers Hands—

Jackey and Mary Jennings.

Scripture lesson—Pastor.

Offertory—Miss Burroughs.

Hymn, Write a Letter to Your Mother.

Address, Honor thy Father

and thy Mother—Miss Hawkins.

Solo, Meet Mother in the Skies

—Stella Martin.

Solo, Tell Mother I'll be There

—Miss Mackey.

Address, The father's and

mother's responsibility in training

their children—Prof. B. W.

Hudgins.

Quartet, The Tramp's Prayer—

Misses Moon, Potter, West and

Largent.

Prayer—Pastor.

Hymn, All hail the power of

Jesus name.

Evening Service, "Our Homes"

Doxology.

Hymn, Trusting in the Lord.

Prayer—H. C. Williams.

Scripture lesson—Pastor.

Duet, Will and Leno Largent.

Address, The preservation of

the purity and sanctity of our

homes—Judge Potter.

Hymn, Home, sweet home.

Sermon, The worst foe of our

homes—Pastor.

Solo, The drunkard's child—

Miss Potter.

Prayer—Rev. Annis.

Hymn, America.

A. M. Martin, Pastor.

Intermediate League Program.

Obedience the Test of Love—

John xiv; 15.

Hymn, "His Way with Thee."

Prayer, by president.

Minutes and roll call.

Exposition of the lesson, by

president.

Story, by Vera Young.

Hymn, "Give me thy Heart."

A two-ended story, by Marion

McDuff.

Brief Bible drill.

Hymn, "America."

Benediction.

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JUAREZ FIGHT OVER

Diaz Stronghold Falls Into Hands of Rebels After Bloody Conflict.

ABOUT 20 AMERICANS KILLED

Tri-Color of Madero Flutters Over Ancient City in Place of Gray Eagle of Mexico; Provisional Capital Established.

El Paso, May 10—Ciudad Juarez has fallen. The insurgents captured the city between ten and eleven o'clock and federals immediately evacuated, marching in the direction of Bauche, twelve miles away. The tri-colored flag of the insurrection, without the eagle of Mexico, is floating from the top of the municipal water tower in Juarez, a sign to the rebels all around that city has fallen after two day and nights of as destructive fighting as any city in recent years has been subjected to. At ten thirty o'clock, thirty minutes after the old church had been taken and the tail had been emptied its unfortunates, firing was still going on in parts of Juarez but it was believed to be by people who had not learned of the turn of events.

Col. Garibaldi, as soon as the rebels captured the down-town buildings this afternoon, began destroying all intoxicants for fear the conquering heroes would celebrate their victory too strenuously. The rebels got one cannon in position to fire on the barracks at noon. The defenders, only a small group of volunteers who refused to surrender, were shooting from the barracks only occasionally. The first cannon shot tore a great hole in the structure and others quickly made it untenable.

The groans of the wounded could be heard all about the town, although both they and the bodies of the dead had been mostly removed by afternoon. Gen. Orozco ordered his men to give every possible help to the wounded on both sides. He shook hands with the federal officers who were prisoners, telling them how bravely they had fought. Col. Puebloito, of the federal army, told the Associated Press correspondent that Col. Tamborel was dead.

The rebel artillery tore four big holes in the barracks and it was surrendered at 12:45, the victory then being complete, and the only firing being far away in the hills to the south.

Revised estimates placed the death list among the rebels at 200 and the federals 300. About 20 Americans fighting with Madero were killed.

John Strange Dead.

John Strange who was once a citizen of Merkel died Friday at the home of Mr. Dodd in west Merkel. He had for some time a complication of catarrh with other trouble and had been to Arizona and other places in the west hoping to be benefited by a change of climate. About two weeks ago he returned to Merkel to take treatment under one of our doctors but too late. He had been married about twelve months. The burial was held near Eskota.

The Mail extends sympathy to his widow and relatives.

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Blair News.

The program was nicely carried out at the literary Friday night.

Bro. Masters preached to a large audience Sunday night.

Mrs. Susie Madry of Butman visited relatives here Saturday.

Mrs. Sallie Tacket went to Trent Saturday where she will visit a few days before returning to her home at Dublin.

Miss Velma Clark was at the Sunday school rally at Butman Sunday.

D. H. Long left Monday for Sweetwater to transact business.

Jake Reeves went to Sweetwater Saturday.

Mrs. Mae Horton and children visited relatives at Butman last week.

Top White was here Sunday night.

Will Campbell went to Sweetwater Tuesday over the Santa Fe.

Nubia Dots.

May 9.—The farmers are making good use of this fine weather plowing cotton.

Gertrude and Nela Stanly visited Sallie Toombs Saturday and Sunday.

George Hunter and sister Hattie, Grover and Fanny Blair attended church at Butman Sunday evening.

Jonas Deavenport and family visited Brown Deavenport and family Saturday.

Grandpa Walker is very feeble at this writing.

Hosea Davenport and Bertha Stanley attended church at Butman Sunday.

Luther Franks called at A. L. Stanley's Sunday.

K. Blackburn and wife visited J. S. Blair and family Sunday.

Lecil White of Merkel passed through Nubia Sunday.

Doyle Blair who has been sick

for the past week is better.

There will be preaching here Saturday and Sunday. Nemo.

The farmers have been very busy this week chopping cotton. Miss Fannie Blair visited Miss Hattie Hunter Sunday.

Ernest Moore was here on business Monday.

Miss Della Sutphen and sister Miss Lochie who have been visiting here for sometime went to Merkel Friday where they will visit friends and relatives before returning to their home at Ranger.

Ernest Moore and Ira Thornton visited at Mr. Whisenhunt's Sunday.

Several of our people attended the rally at Butman Sunday.

Sam Butman and son, Louis went to Merkel Monday.

Mrs. Moore visited friends here Monday.

Mrs. Percell was in Nubia Monday.

Miss Grace Wood who has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. D. L. Boyd left Sunday for Abilene where she will visit relatives before going to her home in Edom.

Mrs. George Adkens and children went to Nubia Wednesday.

Claud Hamner attended prayer meeting Sunday night.

Tobatha Dobs.

Noodle Notes.

May 8.—We are having some fine weather.

Some of the farmers are chopping cotton.

Noodle school closed last Friday. They had dinner on the ground and at night had an ice cream supper.

Mr. and Mrs. William Horn of Hodges were visiting relatives and friends in this community Saturday and Sunday.

The children's day Sunday was a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Fine Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Bland of of Merkel attended the children's day here Sunday. Blue Rose.

Compere Happenings.

May 9—Rev. Lee of Tye filled his appointment here Sunday.

Most of our farmers are thru planting and some are plowing cotton.

Oscar and Bessie Saffles of Caps who have been the guests of relatives and friends here returned home Sunday.

Misses Ida and Mollie Peterson of Shiloh and Miss Era Brady of Kale visited here Saturday.

Noodle and Johnsongrass met at this place in a debate Friday night with the subject of woman suffrage, Noodle affirmed and were winners.

Will Haney happened to a very painful accident last Tuesday, he was thrown from his wagon and dislocated his shoulder.

A Mexican child died on the Touchstone farm Sunday and was buried here Monday.

Jake Foster entertained with a party Saturday night.

Mrs. Maxwell and daughter are visiting in Callahan county.

Will Palmer and wife are visiting near Brush this week.

Farming Kid.

No Slavery to Work.

Deskins, Va.—Mrs. Mary A. Vandyke, in a letter from Deskins, says: "I had serious female troubles, lasting 40 days at a time. I was so weak I could hardly walk, so I tried Cardui. Soon I was better. Now I am well." If you suffer from any form of womanly pain of weakness take Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui will lift you out of the misery and weariness caused by womanly weakness, and help you to see the bright side of life. Try it. Your druggist sells it.

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Stock Pasturing in Texas.

There were several car loads of cattle shipped to Texas recently from neighboring states to be fattened on the Texas range for northern markets. This is the first time in many years that cattle from other states have had to seek the Texas pastures and is evidence of the prosperous conditions of this state and our ability to take care of the stock of other states.

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Miss Alpha Garrett of Abilene was visiting home folks Saturday and Sunday.

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Mr. McFarland is at the home of T. E. Paylor under treatment of a Merkel doctor.

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

Mrs. SoRelle (nee) Miss Lillie Allyn was visiting her sister, Mrs. C. V. Bigham of this place last week.

Fresh vegetables can be had every day in the week at Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company. Phone 170.

Rev. T. N. Lowrey left Saturday for Cisco to hold a protracted meeting. He will be gone several weeks doing evangelistic work.

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

Why get hot? Buy you an oil or gasoline stove of the Anchor Hardware Co. and keep every thing pleasant for the summer months.

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.

Miss Lou Sears who has been visiting at the ranch home of her brother John Sears returned this week to her home at Whitewright.

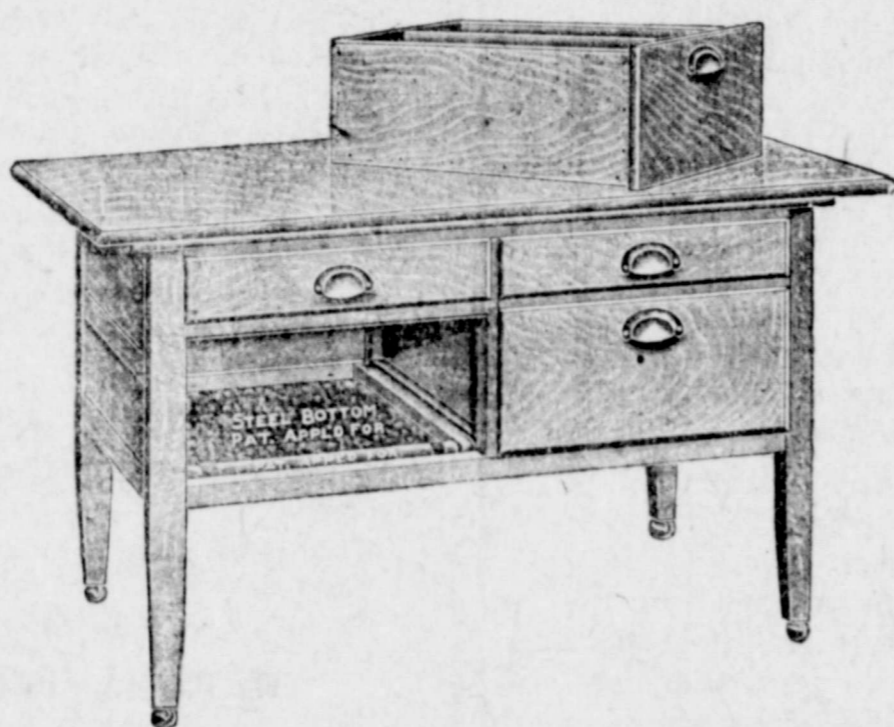
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G. M. Cauthen has turned his marshal's badge and gun over to W. N. Hall and moved to the farm to enjoy a quiet life.

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.

See W. H. Laney at butcher shop for good milch cow. 3t

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The citizens of Stith organized a prohibition club last Friday night with 20 members. Dr. Hendrix was elected chairman and F.S. Mundy secretary. They are to meet every second and fourth Friday nights and will have speaking at each meeting.

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

Miss Leona Tucker who has been teaching at Inkum the past session is at home with her parents in Merkel.

Remember we are exclusive agents for the Eclipse and Standard windmills. Anchor Hardware Company.

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Marion French who has been visiting in Merkel several days returned to his home at Alvin Monday but will stop at Dallas to attend the state convention of postmasters which meets Tuesday.

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The Elite.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

See the Anchor Hardware Co. for the Blue Flame coal oil stove.

Alex Harris, wife and daughter returned to Stanton Monday after a weeks stay in Merkel.

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Judge C. D. Mims returned from Arlington Saturday where he has been on legal business.

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Mr. McFarland of Brownwood has been in Merkel this week at the bedside of his brother who is seriously ill at T. E. Paylors.

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Joe Winter of Shiloh has returned from Fort Worth and Dallas where he had been to accompany his nephew a son of Mrs. Green who had one of his eyes removed. It had been injured by accident and to save the other it was necessary that it be taken out.

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SOFTNESS OF VOICE.

There are some people in the world whose voices afford constant music. There are others that are so unfortunately pitched that they grate upon the ears as an unfriendly sound.

It is rarely expected to find music in the voice of a man. He sometimes develops vocal beauty and immediately seeks the operatic stage for recognition. The voices of our women, on the contrary, we always expect to be beautiful.

The laughter of some women gurgles forth like a gently flowing brook over its gravel strewn course. It is a pleasure to listen to such voice. There is a bewitching melody in it.

On the other hand some of our women have forgotten the art of speech. They no longer indulge in the softly modulated sentences of our grandmother's day. Their voices, on the least provocation, become shrill and strident.

There are some women who in the quiet of their homes add to the comfort of the family because their voices are so sweetly sympathetic. When a woman of such a voice sings a lullaby to her little one passersby pause in the street to listen, for no song is sweeter than this song of motherhood. Technically not, perhaps, but to the baby it is the only song that can bring quiet and rest and sleep with it.

Such women even in moments of excitement never become disturbed, their voices are always soft and low and are filled with sympathetic tenderness.

They use the telephone and the exchange girls sigh gratefully. It is such a relief to get away from the stentorian demands of the masculine subscriber and to listen to the harmonies of a cultured woman's voice.

Unfortunately, all of our women are not so gifted. By some nervous potency, which cannot be defined, they permit the upper register to assert itself when an extra effort is demanded. They forget their natural voice and for it substitute a strident tone which affronts the ear. It is not their fault. It is their misfortune. The voice when so raised penetrates. It can be heard in the family block and the neighbors wonder at it. It should be remembered that softness of speech is the gift which all should cultivate. It is the gift of culture. Nothing persuades so insistently nor appeals with so much sincerity as a softly modulated voice, which tinkles in the ear like the distant echo of a silver bell. Nothing irritates and offends so much as the voice of a man or woman that is elevated beyond its natural key.

Teach the children the value of gentleness of speech before it is too late.—Commercial Appeal.

We don't know what the union will do about the ladies doing the painting act in Fort Worth but imagine they will just look on and not give them any jaw. The contractors certainly cannot claim that they are apprentices for some of them have been painting for 50 years that we know of.

HOW YOU CAN HELP.

- Help to make the city better,
 - Help to make the city clean;
 - Don't be just a constant fretter—
 - Add some beauty to the scene.
 - You may not, indeed, be able
 - To erect a gleaming dome,
 - But clean up around your stable,
 - Beautify your little home.
 - Help to make the town attractive,
 - Help to stop the ones who sneer;
 - It will pay you to be active,
 - Since your interests are here.
 - Would your back yard stand inspection?
 - What about that vacant lot?
 - Rubbish helps to spread infection,
 - Neatness brings cheerful thought.
 - Help to make the city fairer,
 - You can do it if you try
 - And you'll be a profit sharer,
 - In the splendid by and by.
 - Don't forget while you're grumbling
 - That you might do something more—
 - Let there be no future stumbling
 - Over obstructions at your door.
 - Help to make the town more splendid,
 - Do the part you have to do;
 - There is much that might be mended
 - Through a little aid from you.
 - Help decrease dirt that's blowing,
 - Help to purify the breeze;
 - When it happens to be snowing
 - Clean your sidewalk, if you please.
- S.E. Kiser in Chicago Herald.

Among the changes made in the school law which takes effect June 10, 1911, agriculture is added to the list of subjects in which teachers are required to be examined and school law is omitted. Also second grade county certificates may be issued but once to the same person although the holder may build to a higher grade by taking examinations in additional branches. Life certificates from other states are recognized under certain restrictions. The regulations for the issuance of certificates are more simple and uniform than before. The dropping of the school law from the list is an exceedingly wise change. If the school teacher is thorough in the arts and sciences and fully understands the methods and management of schools he ought not to be required to run the risk of losing his mental equilibrium by trying to figure out what a legislature may mean in many cases when they try to make or change a school law. Leave that for the lawyers and school boards.

ARE YOU A CROAKER?

Are you a frog? Don't answer at once. Think it over first. Are you of the opinion that all men are bad? Do you believe the ill you hear spoken of your neighbor and do you repeat it? Are you willing to pass along any bit of scandal that come to your ears? Do you mention the fact that the town is going to the bow wow? Are the laws mostly bad and do you say so? Do you tell your neighbors how much better you could conduct a business of which you are ignorant than the man who owns it? Are you always willing to tell your troubles.

Then back to the puddle from which thou camest thou croaking frog! Back to the slimy, fetid drain ditch and thy native element. Nobody loves a frog. The world can spare you and you won't be missed.—Ex.

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Prohibition Rally Day.

Our state chairman, Hon. T.H. Ball, has decided that May 14 should be all over Texas a prohibition rally day. The governor has issued a proclamation naming it Mother's day and since the mothers of Texas are the greatest sufferers from the evils of the open saloon, we have decided that it would be especially appropriate to make it the banner day for our cause.

It is our desire and we call on every pastor in Taylor county in connection with such program as each local church may think proper, to preach a prohibition sermon in the morning, take up a collection for statewide prohibition campaign expenses, and at some central place in the afternoon, or night in all towns that will justify it, have a prohibition rally to be addressed by some strong speaker or speakers. In this way, we hope to accomplish much good for the cause of prohibition.

The pastors of the Abilene churches have agreed to preach a sermon on prohibition in the morning and all meet at a central point on Sunday for a general rally and we call upon all pastors in Taylor county to carry out this program on May 14 in so far as it is possible for them to do so.

W. C. Lasley, Co. Chm.

Milch Cows.

We have some good milch cows to sell cheap for cash or exchange for fat beef cattle. See Wesley Edwards or Claud Bigham.

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Saturday Evening Post at Mc-Clains Drug Store.

Resolutions of Respect.

We your committee appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of our departed sister Patterson, beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to sever the ties of friendship, love and truth that bound us to sister Ruth, be it resolved

First, that Nubia Rebekah Lodge has lost a true and faithful member, one who has endeared herself to us by her many virtues,

Second, that we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this dark hour,

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent the bereaved family one sent the Merkel Mail for publication and spread on the minutes of our lodge.

Do not tell me that our loved ones
Lose their earthly memory quite
When they sing among the angels
In the heavenly manison bright.

For I know that we shall know them
Though heavenly robes they wear
We shall know those gone before us
We shall know our loved ones three.

Fraternally submitted,
Mrs. Alice Deavenport,
Mrs. Ollie Barnes,
Mrs. Cattie Deavenport.

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Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Editor

Mrs. L. Sparkman was hostess Saturday afternoon to the teachers and a few special friends. The house was most artistically decorated with beautiful cut roses in vases and bowls. In the hall red were given preference, in the parlor white ones were used in profusion while in the dining room pink ones added charm to the arrangement of china and cut glass. Each guest came to represent a book. At the appointed hour the following books were admitted: Tanglewood Tales, Hard Cash, The Lesser Light, The Flower of the Dust, Black Beauty, The Brass Bowl, The Rosary, The Little Brown Jug of Kildare, The Rose in the Ring, Red Letter Days, The Water Witch, The Light that Failed, (2) Lavender and Old Lace. After the books had been identified each guest was given the task of identifying the names of some of our most prominent authors, the name being suggested by some article or objects. At the conclusion a delicious ice course was served to Misses Medlen, Hawkins, Nisbett, Valentine, Kirtley, Murphy, Mackey, Browning, Long, Bean, Penn, Jennings, Mesdames Robinson and Hibbett.

Saturday evening May 6 at her home on Elm street Miss Ruth Merritt honored her guest Miss Blanche Garrett of Springtown. Miss Kittie Pipes assisted in receiving and entertaining the guests. At the door each one was presented with a small bag of beans and were told they would win an extra bean for each error of speech they corrected but would lose one for each error they made. We promised not to give results in the contest. Vocal and instrumental music was enjoyed, then came the nut contest and the sad fate that fell to the lot of Miss Kittie Pipes and Grady Collins, who were unlucky in their guesses. They were blindfolded and seated on the floor to feed each other crushed crackers from a spoon. Cracked nuts and fruits were served to Misses Pipes, Jenkins, Roberts, Collins, the honoree and hostess; Messrs. Sublett, Collins, Dean, Jones, Ferguson, Hicks and Merritt.

Last Thursday evening Miss Bera Stallings had a few friends in to make candy and play games. They had a royally good time.

Saturday evening Miss Nisbett captain of the yellow ribbon division of the Epworth League, and her company most royally entertained Miss Love Hawkins, captain of the white ribbon division, and her company at the Methodist church. After the business affairs of the session were over a splendid program was given. Reading, Miss Mur-

tree Saffles; Duet, Misses Moon and Potter; Reading, Miss Genevieve Rust; Male quartet, Medlen, Hicks, Swann and McNees; Reading, Miss Eunice Nisbett. Ice cream was served to about 150 members and guests.

Saturday afternoon a number of pupils from Miss Plummer's room met at the home of little Miss Lucile Sutphen and went in a body to Miss Plummer's rooms and showered her with fruit and flowers. The little band of showerers were Misses Berry, Douglas, Tracy, Collins, Jenkins, Adkisson, Christopher, Sutphen, Russell; Masters Dennis, Banner and Musick.

Mrs. C. L. Barker assisted by Miss Lednum tendered a high noon dinner Saturday to the teachers and class friends of Miss Clementine Barker. A well appointed dinner was served to Misses E. Love Hawkins, Bessie Medlen, Faye Lowrey, Leota Coats, Irene Swann and the members of the family.

A few couple of young people enjoyed an auto drive Sunday afternoon. At 6 o'clock they spread a most tempting lunch, picnic style, at Warren's tank, after which they came back to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hogue's where they were served "easter lillies" cream and angel food. A punctured tire marred the pleasure for a short time, also gave Miss Mamie Rister a sudden fright but the ready wit and good humor of the crowd was quickly restored. Those in the party were Misses Gertrude and Lula Thornton, Mathis, Rister; Messrs Creighton, Hargrove, Ellis and Suits of Snyder.

Sunday May 7 Oscar Pate was the host to a dinner party. A well appointed dinner was served to Misses McDonald, Burroughs, Sheppard, Pitzer, Sutphen, Nisbett; Messrs. Ottis and Low Barnett, Evans, Ferguson, Jones and the host. After dinner they went to Miss Nisbett's and made kodak pictures. In this they were joined by Misses Mann of Stamford, Saffles, Lowrey, Rister, Medlen, Paylor; Messrs. West, Largent, Adams, Medlen.

Miss Gene Rister entertained a few friends Friday evening. They played progressive 42. The best time ever was reported. Those present were Misses Sheppard, Jenkins, Nisbett, Sutphen, Roberts, Merritt, Pipes, Rister and the hostess; Messrs. Jones, Merritt, Pate, Lowe and Ottis Barnett, Jennings, Sharp.

Thursday evening May 4th the young lady members of the graduating class met with Miss Winnie Warren and spent a most enjoyable evening making candy and sherbet. The personnel of the class: Misses Moon, Burroughs, Wheeler, Smith, Warren, Sears, Pope.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Miss Annie T. and John left Wednesday morning for Mineral Wells.

Tacky Party.

Miss Lillian Howard entertained her friends Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Woodroof. The decorative scheme was cut roses—cream roses in the dining room, pink in the living room and red in the parlor. Each had come in their tackiest costume. They played 42 and snap, also took a wonder trip with a dear old uncle as he viewed the sights in New York city. The dining room attracted the attention of all for there was the red stick candy, pop corn balls, nabieos and best of all the punch bowl full of lemonade. By one vote Miss Lucy Bean won the ladies prize, a beautiful (?) pair of gray cotton hose. Mr. Edwards captured the lovely red neck tie. Those present in costume were Misses Teaff, Mathis, Hardy, Swann, Saffles, Murphy, Kirtley, Bean, Howard, Jennings; Messrs. Ferrier, Hicks, Ellis, Ferrier, Touchstone, Edwards, Swann, Honeycut, Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Woodroof.

The pupils of the grammar school gave their friends a treat Tuesday evening at the opera house. The class prophecy, "Who's who in 1930" was read from an illustrated book by Wilbur Whitaker. Instrumental trio, Misses Johnson, Medlen and Swafford; Instrumental solo, Miss Carol Rister; Instrumental duet, Misses Burroughs, Johnson; Instrumental solo, Miss Inice Moon; Voice solo, Miss Leno Largent, Miss Mackey pianist. The class were then presented diplomas by Judge Potter in a few and well chosen words, making glad the hearts of 59 happy girls and boys who will next year enter the high school, where we trust they will win laurels. The class song closed the exercises for the evening.

Miss Lillian Howard served a 6 o'clock dinner Monday to Misses Kirtley, Murphy, Teaff. In the evening Messrs. Ellis, Franklin, Honeycut, Howard enjoyed the chafing dish refreshments, candy and pop corn and delicious sherbet. An enjoyable evening was spent in music and conversation.

This clipping from an Oklahoma paper will be of interest to the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Leeman, who lived here several years ago. May this young lad even excel the wonderful Mozart who commenced his music at the age of four years.

A Duncan Prodigy.

Col. Sydney Suggs, in the Ardmoreite, has the following to say of a musical prodigy in Duncan. The colonel did not tell half about the little fellow and there is no doubt that in the future the child will be known as a musical wonder. Col. Suggs says: Oklahoma is not content to lead the world of industry but it leads in musical prodigies as well. The town of Duncan claims the distinction of having the most wonderful little musician in the state. He is George Berry Leeman, aged three and a half

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Not Sorry for Blunder.

"If my friends hadn't blundered in thinking I was a doomed victim of consumption. I might not be alive now," writes D. T. Sanders, of Barrodsburg, Ky., "but for years they saw every attempt to cure a lung racking cough fail. At last I tried Dr. King's New Discovery. The effect was wonderful. It soon stopped the cough and I am now in better health than I have had for years." This wonderful life-saver is an unrivaled remedy for coughs, colds, la grippe, asthma, croup, hemorrhages, whooping cough or weak lungs. 50c, \$1.00 Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

The flag of 28 nations floated from vessels taking cargo at Galveston last year carrying \$173,132,105 worth of merchandise to foreign countries. The United Kingdom took the largest supply—Germany second, France third.

Shall Women Vote?

If they did, millions would vote Dr. King's New Life Pills the true remedy for women. For banishing dull fagged feelings, backache or headache, constipation, dispelling colds, imparting appetite and toning up the system, they're unequalled. Easy, safe, sure. 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

Uncle Sam is cleaning house this spring. He has measured up our carpets, rugs, linoleum, etc., and finds we have 47,420 square miles of carpeting which is sufficient to cover the entire state of New York. We have all varieties of carpets from the finest velvet to the cheapest fibres.

A Smile

is a pretty hard thing to accomplish when you're blue, bilious and out of sorts. There is a sure cure for all kinds of stomach and liver complaints—constipation and dyspepsia. Ballard's Herbine is mild, yet absolutely effective in all cases. Price 50 cents per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed J. Leeman. The little fellow is scarcely large enough to sit on the piano stool, but with his little feet swinging from the stool he plays the most difficult pieces of music with the greatest ease. There are 100 pieces in all that he plays and he gives that musical touch to the keys that belongs to the natural musician and which cannot be learned by the person who plays mechanically. The parents of the little boy will take him to Oklahoma City to see the wonderful Victor Herbert who will be in that city in a short time.

G. I. Dorman and son Lucien of Dallas transacted business in Merkel Saturday. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dickson over Sunday.

Miss Margaret Tandy of Abilene is the guest of Misses Jessie Sutphen and Fannie Burroughs.

Miss Mamie Mann of Stamford is the guest of Misses Fannie Burroughs and Fay Lowrey.

J. Harold Dorman of Dallas was a guest in the Dickson home Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Laura Winters is here from Hodges the guest of Miss Jessie Sutphen.

W. T. Berry is at home from California where he has been for the past eight months.

Mrs. T. H. Largent and little son Joe Sutphen visited Mrs. J. P. Sutphen this week.

Miss Blanch Garrett of Springtown is spending the week with Miss Ruth Merritt.

Miss Bessie Hall of Sweetwater is visiting Miss Fannie Burroughs.

L. Sparkman is at home from an extended trip over Texas.

Miss Ollie Kate Harris visited Merkel friends last week.

Big Lace and Embroidery Special FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ONLY

We just received this week out of New York an immense line of Laces, Embroideries, Flouncing, Allovers and Bandings, we believe the prettiest line of this goods ever brought to Merkel. In order to advertise our line we will make some extra special prices for Friday and Saturday only. Remember these prices are good for Friday and Saturday only and you will have to come on one of these days to get the prices quoted below

One table Val and Torchon laces worth 8½, 10 and 12½c special Friday and Saturday only.....**5c**
 One table laces and embroideries with insertions to match, worth 12½, 15 and 20c, special Friday and Saturday only.....**9c**
 One table embroidery and bandings worth 25 to 35 and 40c, special Friday and Saturday only.....**18c**

One table of allovers, embroideries and flouncings extra width, worth 50 to 65 and 75c, special Friday and Saturday only.....**39c**
 42 inch embroidery flouncing worth \$2.00 to \$2.50 special Friday and Saturday.....**\$1.50**
 18 inch Baby Irish allovers worth \$2.50 special Friday and Saturday only.....**\$1.75**

We will make special prices on all Flouncings, Allovers, Bandings, Laces and Embroideries Friday and Saturday. The prices quoted above are extra special prices for the value of goods quoted. It will pay you to come to our store on one of these days if you expect to buy anything in this line of goods this summer, as these are no doubt the best prices that will be made. You can't afford to miss this exceptional opportunity.

Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Our cream and drinks are the best. Try them and be convinced
The Elite.

Ray Allen is spending a week with John Calvert near Trent.

Fresh car of the famous Upper Ten flour at G. M. Sharp's Grain Store.

WANTED—Man with small family to do ranch work. C. M. Largent.

Sheriff Weir, sister and two boys attended the high school entertainment Wednesday night.

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

Mrs. Darr of Abilene is visiting her brother, J. T. Warren and attending the graduating exercises.

We have got a big stock of McCormick twine. Come in and let us fill your demands. West Texas Hardware Co.

See those new collars, belts barretts, bead and hand bags at the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

J. H. Whitehead once a citizen of Merkel but now of Claytonville was in Merkel Wednesday. The dollar he gave us was the price of the Mail for a year.

Car mixed Kaffir corn and bran at G. M. Sharp's Grain Store.

Come in and look at our copper nickle plated ware of which we have just received a new shipment. West Texas Hardware Company.

A. T. Sheppard has moved to the country.

Come and hear our new records. The Elite.

We are requested to announce that there will be all day singing at Mount Pleasant on the third Sunday in May. Dinner will be had on ground and everybody cordially invited. All singers are requested to bring books and well-filled baskets.

Sick headache results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by the use of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Try it. For sale by all dealers.

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.

Lieut. McCauley and wife and Dr. McCauley were in Merkel Tuesday.

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

J. M. Howell, a popular druggist of Greensburg, Ky., says, "We use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our own household and know it is excellent." For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. M. E. Tippet of Abilene is visiting Mrs. W. L. Harkrider.

G. M. Sharp will buy your good oat sacks.

When you don't know what to cook for dinner phone 170. We'll tell you, we have it, fresh vegetables every day in the week Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Is there anything in all this world that is of more importance to you than good digestion? Food must be eaten to sustain life and must be digested and converted into blood. When the digestion fails the whole body suffers. Chamberlain's Tablets are a national and reliable cure for indigestion. They increase the flow of bile, purify the blood, strengthen the stomach, and tone up the whole digestive apparatus to a natural and healthy action. For sale by all dealers.

CLASSIFIED ADS

LOST—Between m-house and Auley Sanders, a pair of Claus shears. Please return to R. A. Martin It

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. It

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

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

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

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INSURANCE Fire, Hail and Tornado

If you want good safe and sound insurance at a small cost, something that will protect you against fire, hail, lightning, tornado, etc., protection for your vacant buildings, live stock and crops, See E. D. Coats, with the underwriters of Fort Worth, Tex.

We received a lot more new hats and shapes in our millinery department this week, don't buy your hat until you have seen ours. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

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

We have got the finest line of granite ware that ever came to Merkel, the Bluebelle ware.
West Texas Hardware Co.

Senior League Program.

Sunday, May 14. Subject, Honoring our profession, a mark of worthy living.

Leader, Mrs. H. C. Williams.
 Song, No. 424.
 Sentence prayer.
 Scripture lesson Matt. vi;1-18, Eph. iv;1-3.

Address by leader.
 Song, No. 422.
 The christian profession—Mrs. J. W. Jennings.

Honoring our profession—Mrs. H. C. Burroughs.
 Instrumental music — Roxie Moon.

What is the supreme test of our loyalty to our profession—Mrs. W. T. Potter.

Is a man inconsistent if he knows to do good and will not do it?—Mrs. Newberry.

Song, No. 420.
 Announcements.
 Benediction.

Say don't you need a nice wash boiler. We have got the latest pattern something new made of heavy charcoal tin. West Texas Hardware Co.

Hail Storm Insurance.

Let me write you a policy that will insure your growing crops against damage by hail. Reliable company and reasonable rates.
21tf E. D. Coats.

Summer School.

Scholarship only \$15.00. Take no risks and write to the old reliable school that GUARANTEES every student a good position. Address, Draughton's Practial Business College, Abilene, Texas.

To Notaries.

Your name and \$3.00 will procure a \$1000 bond for two years. See Williams & Johnson.

Biliousness and Constipation.

For years I was troubled with biliousness and constipation, which made life miserable for me. My appetite failed me. I lost my usual force and vitality. Pepsin preparations and cathartics only made me worse. I do not know where I should have been today had I not tried Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. The tablets relieve the ill feeling at once, strengthen the digestive functions, purify the stomach, liver and blood, helping the system to do its work naturally.—Mrs. Rosa Potts, Birmingham, Ala. These tablets are for sale by all dealers.

The Comanche Chamber of Commerce has raised a bonus for the Odd Fellows home for widows and orphans. The matter will be presented to the grand lodge which meets in Dallas in May.

The End of the World

Should it come to-morrow would find fully 1-3 of the people suffering with rheumatism of either slight or serious nature. Nobody need suffer with rheumatism for Ballard's Snow Liniment drives away the trouble, relieves the pain instantly and leaves the users as well and supple as a two year old. Sold by H C Burroughs

The citizens of Denton have raised the necessary bonus required by the Denton Traction Co. for an extension which will connect the college of industrial arts with the business section and construction on the line will begin at once.

A Happy Father

is soon turned to a sad one if he has to walk the floor every night with a crying baby. McGee's Baby Elixir will make the child well,—soothe its nerves, induce healthy, normal slumber. Best for disordered bowels and sour stomach—all teething babies need it. Pleasant to take, sure, and safe. Contains no harmful drugs. Price 25 and 50 cents per bottle. Sold by H C Burroughs