

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## SCHOOL DAYS HERE

Merkel's System of Public Schools  
Started Monday Morning.

## MORE THAN 400 ENROLLED

Supt. Krigbaum, Faculty, The Board and Our  
Patriotic Patrons are Pleased With  
Prospects for New Term.

The good old Golden Rule days are again with us in Merkel and our system of public schools opened for the new term Monday morning under the most favorable conditions and prospects. More than 400 were enrolled the opening day and considering the fact that there is a good cotton crop and no labor the enrollment will go above 600. There were 550 enrolled as scholastics in this district and there will be at least more than 50 "overs and unders" who will enjoy the privileges.

The Merkel system of public schools already enjoys a most enviable reputation in educational circles and the leadership of Supt. Krigbaum with the same assistance of a strong faculty and our good people promises still greater improvement. Already plans have been made and our course of study so revised and arranged that we are promised affiliation with the universities of the state, so that graduates here may enter there without examination or loss of a year or more in studies which they must make.

### A Good School Rally.

There was a rally of the school board, teachers, pupils and parents at the tabernacle Friday night which was of great interest and benefit. Addresses were made by Supt. Johnson of Sweetwater, Supt. White of Abilene, Supt. Krigbaum of our local schools and Pres. I. S. Allen, T. A. Johnson and others. Our schools have ever been a special pride of our people and the faculty is promised greater co-operation this year.

The Mail is elated over the prospects and offers its columns at any and all times during the term and between terms for the benefit of the system and urges the interest of every parent or citizen.

### See Us for Loans on Land.

Do not delay. See us now, if you want a loan. A mortgage loan is the best loan you can get on land for the companies will always be as good to you as individuals. When conditions are hard they will always carry over the principal. We have never had but one foreclosure during our eight or ten years of operation and that was a case when the man moved away to Illinois and the company could not get him to do anything. Our people will treat you right. Apply now. The rate is only eight per cent.

E. B. Bynum & Co.

Jack Walker who is attending school at Simmons college in Abilene visited homefolks Saturday and Sunday.

Homer Easterwood left Sunday for his home at Slaton after a visit to his mother, Mrs. J. A. Woodard and other friends.

## "WE HAVE COME BACK"

It is with genuine pleasure that I resume my work as editor of the Merkel Mail and in the very beginning am going to ask for the assistance of all of our old friends and readers and hope to add several hundred to this list during this fall.

There is a pleasure and fascination about newspaper work for me and it is a duty of every good citizen to give his moral and financial support to his home paper which represents his town and country and our mutual interests. Our individual prosperity is going to be gauged by the progress and development of our country as a whole, and the greatest good is accomplished where there is co-operation. It is team work that counts and let us all pull together.

There is little money in the newspaper business and while this plant is operated upon a business-like basis the desire to realize dividends has not been the inspiration of this writer nor the ambition of the enterprising stockholders who contributed their money for our organization. It is our hope to make a better paper to make more money to build a better plant to put out a better paper for a better country. There it is in a nutshell.

The Mail will, as ever, be found on the right side of all moral questions, the progressive side of all propositions for material advancement and just any side of politics. We are first going to try and make our paper one of interest and do not hope nor expect to have you agree with us on everything we write. That is not our idea for we just want to get you to thinking. You can say what you think and a discussion of any issue results in our own enlightenment.

If you are a friend and reader you may have the privilege of kicking and cussing and telling us how to run it until the expiration of your paid-in-advance subscription and then you may have these privileges extended by a renewal but if you do not contribute anything to our support you have nothing to say about how we run our business. We love everybody but a man of reason and good common sense better than anybody.

In conclusion, give me your support and I will give my best efforts to publish a paper worthy of same.

Yours sincerely

JNO. G. JACKSON

## HAIL'S DESTRUCTION

Section Near Claytonville Suffers  
Damage Monday Afternoon.

## POLK SECTION IS STRIPPED

F. M. Polk, an old Man With Many Friends  
in Merkel Country Suffers Loss  
of Entire Cotton Crop.

A hail storm and heavy down-pour of rain Monday afternoon did great damage to a small strip of country east of Claytonville, 16 miles north of Sweetwater. The territory in which crops were entirely destroyed or greatly damaged was but a mile or so in width and not more than three miles in length.

The writer was in this territory Tuesday, the morning after the hail and the sight was one to move the heart of anyone much less a chicken-hearted citizen like this editor. There was old man F. M. Polk who has suffered most all kinds of misfortunes in the last few years and then, with a prospect of at least fifty bales of cotton his only hope for this season was blasted. He may gather a few bales off the ground but a bale will more than cover what he will gather from that remaining on the stalk which the day before was laden with matured cotton and promising bolls.

In the road we could see birds which had been killed and holes were in the sand, as if someone had made them with the end of a broom handle so great was the force of the hail stones. One man, Mr. McCain with about 100 acres in cotton had the stalk stripped of every lock of cotton, every boll, every leaf and every limb and most all of this was carried by the water into the road and the branches nearby. Mr. Petty, Mr. Aldrich and a number of others were heavy losers. W. F. Pendleton who owns the Polk section which promised 150 bales of cotton off 300 acres had his estimate reduced to less than fifty by the storm.

The Mail sincerely sympathizes with the losers, especially those who have labored during the season to produce their crop, those dependent upon same to meet their obligations and for a living until another harvest and we are willing to co-operate in any movement which may be of assistance to them during a time of need.

The farmers and renters are not objects of charity and the affected district is way out of our territory but any effort on the part of a paper or committee of Sweetwater, Roby or Rotan will get our help and the help of our good liberal people.

### 8 Per Cent Loans on Land.

Do you want to borrow on your land this season? If so, see us at once. Our rate and terms are the same that they have been during the eight or ten years we have been lending. We advise you to apply early and avoid the rush. E. B. Bynum & Co.

Mrs. G. M. Wright and little son of Abilene were guests of Mrs. Courtney Hunt for a few days this week.

## GINS ARE SINGING COTTON IS MOVING

Cotton is coming in fast, if we consider the fact that there is no extra help to gather the crop, and unless pickers come in from other sections of the country many farmers in Taylor and Jones are going to be late in getting the fleecy staple gathered.

Up to 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon Abilene had received 1,343 bales.—Abilene Reporter.

### Anson Cotton Receipts.

Thursday, Sept. 14, 1911 at 11 o'clock a. m. Weighed at yard 1182. Stored at yard 62. On streets 21. Last Saturday there were 175 bought on the streets.—Anson Enterprise.

This past Saturday was another busy day for Merkel and the receipts and prices paid by our enterprising buyers still sustained our reputation of being the biggest and best cotton market in this part of the country. A total of 225 bales were weighed at our yards on that day, making for the season 2,380 bales.

There is a reason: You can get more for your cotton and buy goods for less at Merkel.

Come to Merkel to buy and sell.

Mrs. Claud Comegys and little daughter, Mrs. Fred Groene and little son have returned from a visit to Stanton.

### More Money, Better Health.

Scott Smelser has no cotton but is very much interested in the crops of others. He is worried for fear that they will not get it gathered before it suffers some damage from bad weather and he has put on a sack and is helping. He said that he was just picking for his health and getting 80 cents per hundred but believed that if he could get \$1.00 he would have better health.

## 100,000 BUSHEL WHEAT ESTIMATE

W. L. Lilly, manager of the Star Milling Company, estimates a 100,000 bushel wheat crop for Taylor county this year. He bases this prediction on his season's receipts to date, 73,000 bushels.

"Local wheat is still coming in," he said, "at a rate of about a thousand bushels a week. We have received the most wheat, the local product, since 1908, when our receipts amounted to 85,000 bushels. In that year, however, our trade territory extended over the entire county and north on the Wichita Valley. I expect this year's receipts in wagon wheat to reach 80,000 bushels.

Our car of new Furniture will be on display next week. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

## OLD TIMER MAKES A BIG LAND DEAL

A deal consummated at El Paso this week was one of the largest in which a local citizen or local real estate was interested in some time.

T. J. Coggin of Merkel disposed of his ranch of ten sections north of Eskota to a land and cattle company of the west for 60,000 acres of land and 1500 head of cattle, all of the property located about 35 miles south of Douglas, Arizona and about 12 miles south of the national boundary line.

The full consideration of the deal is not known but the local citizen received \$90,000 for his Merkel country ranch or about \$15.00 per acre. Much of this is good agricultural land and may be put on the market next year.

It is the idea of the Merkel citizen unless he receives a tempting offer to operate his newly acquired property.

### Money to Loan on Land.

If you contemplate borrowing money on your land this year, remember that our rate is only eight per cent. You could not expect a cheaper rate than that. Our terms are as reasonable as you would wish. See us at once. E. B. Bynum & Co.

Dr. J. A. Fussell of Cisco was a Merkel visitor Sunday.



# STOVES - STOVES

25 PER CENT DISCOUNT ON OUR COOK STOVES

We find that we are overloaded on stoves and for the next 60 days are going to make the above reductions on them. These are the old reliable Charter Oak stoves that have stood the test for the past fifty years and the best the market affords anywhere. So if you are contemplating buying a stove it will pay you well to come at once and make your selection. NO FAKE, BUT FACTS

## Anchor Hardware Co.

### NOLAN COUNTY FAIR OCTOBER 4, 5 AND 6

The annual fair of the Nolan County Fair Association will be held in Roscoe Oct. 4, 5 and 6. Several hundred dollars in premiums will be given in first, second and third prizes on agricultural and horticultural products, poultry, and all kinds of live stock.

This fair is designed to be of especial benefit to the farming and live stock interests in this section, and every person interested in these lines of industry is cordially invited to come and enter whatever products you choose. The management of this community fair wants the co-operation of every person in this part of West Texas and will consider it a favor if you enter something or if you attend.

It is expected that one of the most interesting departments will

be the ladies' display, and the ladies everywhere are invited to take part in the competition for prizes in this department.

In addition to the prizes offered several purses, ranging as high as \$100, will be given on horse races of various kinds. Information will be given about the races in the catalogue.

For further information write the secretary of Nolan County Fair Association, Roscoe, Texas, for a free catalogue that will give a list of prizes offered, rules, etc.

#### A Fierce Night Alarm

is the hoarse, startling cough of a child, suddenly attacked by croup. Often it aroused Lewis Chamblin, of Manchester, O., [R.R. No. 2] for their four children were greatly subject to croup. "Some times in severe attacks," he wrote "we were afraid they would die, but since we proved what a certain remedy Dr. King New Discovery is, we have no fear. We rely on it for croup and for coughs, cold or any throat or lung trouble." So do thousands of others. So may you. Asthma, hay fever, lagrippe, whooping cough, hemorrhages fly before it. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### RINGLING BROS. AT ABILENE SEPT. 30

Announcement is made that Ringling Bros. World's Greatest Shows will give two performances in Abilene Sept. 30.

As in past years Merkel will send its percentage of the surrounding country to swell the throngs. This is the greatest of American circuses in every sense of the word and an event not to be overlooked by the lovers of wholesome amusement.

For many years the Ringling Brothers have maintained the most popular as well as the best show. This year they are more than ever giving their patron's their money's worth.

In the menagerie is found Tiny Tom Tinker, the smallest elephant ever seen in America. In all there are forty elephants and 1,200 other wild beasts, comprising the rarest of zoological specimens. The morning parade is the greatest street spectacle ever devised for circus purposes. There are three miles of it and every mile a mile of wonders.

#### Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.  
Sold by druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

#### Colt Show in October.

Edgar Wheeler, owner of "Tempest," French coach stallion announces his colt show for the 2nd Saturday in October, to be held at the Exchange livery stable in Merkel. A first prize of \$10.00 will be given for the best all-purpose colt and a second prize of \$5.00 for the next best. The judging will begin at two o'clock and all lovers of horseflesh are invited to attend.

"I have a world of confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for I have used it with perfect success" writes Mrs. M. I. Basford, Poolesville, Md. For sale by all dealers.

### STATEMENT FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

OF MERKEL

At Close of Business September 1, 1911

#### RESOURCES

Loans	\$ 93,059.75
U. S. Bonds	6,250.00
Premium on Bonds	200.00
Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures	4,400.00
Five per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
CASH	68,365.21
Total	\$172,587.46

#### LIABILITIES

Capital paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	24,164.81
Circulation	6,250.00
Due Other Banks	None
Bills Payable	None
Rediscouts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
Dividends unpaid	50.00
Cashier's checks	63.50
Individual Deposits Subject to Check	117,059.15
Total	\$172,587.46

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J. T. WARREN G. F. WEST C. P. WARREN HENRY JAMES  
ED. S. HUGHES J. T. HOWARD T. A. JOHNSON

### BUY FROM OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM BUY FROM YOU

We are buying our share of your cotton and have always paid you the very highest market price. We try to help you and in turn will appreciate a liberal share of your grocery business. We know we pay you the highest prices possible and sell you groceries as cheap as you can buy them anywhere in or out of Merkel—quality considered. We do not sell goods of questionable quality. We are trying to be Merkel's Reliable Grocers—to be depended upon for accommodations for those who accommodate us and to sell groceries of the best quality. Give us a chance at your next order

**B. C. GAITHER & SONS**  
The Reliable Grocers

#### Preacher Drowns at Vera.

Rev. C. C. McCormack, a Methodist minister, formerly in charge of the Caps circuit, was drowned at Vera, Knox county, Friday afternoon, according to advices received here yesterday.

Rev. McCormack was in charge of the Caps circuit about four or five years ago. He left and presumably returned to Fort Worth, where he took a course in Fort Worth Polytechnic college. His many friends will remember him as being an able, thorough young pastor.—Abilene News.

#### Best Treatment for a Burn.

If for no other reason, Chamberlain's Salve should be kept in every household on account of its great value in the treatment of burns. It allays the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a severe one, heals the parts without leaving a scar. This salve is also unequalled for chapped hands, sore nipples and diseases of the skin. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

A toy given with each tablet or pencil purchased at the Elite.

#### Attacks School Principal.

A severe attack on school principal, Chas. B. Allen of Slyvania, Ga., is thus told by him. "For more than three years," he writes, "I suffered indescribable torture from rheumatism, liver and stomach trouble and diseased kidneys. All remedies failed till I used Electric Bitters, but four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me completely." Such results are common. Thousands bless them for curing stomach trouble, female complaints, kidney disorders, biliousness and for new health and vigor. Try them. Only 50c at H.C. Burroughs.

#### To The Public.

After a two months absence from the city, combining both business and a muchly enjoyed vacation, I am again at my office over Hogue-Hamilton Dry Goods Company, ready for business, and shall be pleased to serve my old clientele as well as any new ones who may desire my services.  
W. T. Potter,  
Attorney-at-law.

Pipes Brothers will save you money on groceries. tf



# CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

## THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

FOR SEPTEMBER FIRST NINETEEN HUNDRED AND ELEVEN

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$ 93,868.13	Capital Stock.....	\$ 50,000.00
U. S. Bonds at Par.....	12,500.00	Profits.....	2,602.82
Banking House and fixtures	14,000.00	Circulation.....	12,500.00
Cash and Exchange.....	75,291.19	Deposits.....	130,556.50
Total.....	\$195,659.32	Total.....	\$195,659.32

### To the Farmers of The Merkel Country

Your attention is called to the strong financial condition of the Southern National Bank as shown by this statement.

The farmer who deposits his cotton checks in this bank is the one who is entitled to a loan when his cotton money is gone.

We invite you to start an account with us and thereby establish relations that will entitle you to future accommodations. We expect to take care of the legitimate needs of every farmer customer on our books.

Bring us your checks on other banks for deposit or to be cashed. Bring us your valuable papers to be taken care of in a fire-proof vault, free of charge.

Ask favors of us whether you keep an account here or not.

JOHN SEARS, President. C. L. BARKER, Active Vice-Pres.  
T. J. COGGIN, Vice-Pres. J. E. FAUCETT, Cashier

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Pipes Brothers will appreciate your business. tf

Clif Perry and O. D. Paine were business visitors to Abilene last week.

Fresh chocolates, both bulk and package at the Elite.

Mrs. Jeff Daniels was in Abilene last week visiting relatives and friends.

Bring your clothes to Kent St. Tailor Shop, first class work and reasonable prices. J. E. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Arnold and children left last week for Santo where they will make their future home.

That line of Alfred Benjamin Clothing is now ready for your inspection at Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Mrs. E. L. Turner and little son E. L. Jr., left Sunday for an extended visit to home folks at Bo-marton.

We buy our goods right in large quantities and sell them right in small quantities. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

R. E. Edmison and son Guy were in the city last week from Ovalo making the trip in Mr. Edmison's Speedwell car.

For bowel complaint in children always give Chamberlains Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy and castor oil. It is certain to effect a cure and when reduced with water and sweetened is pleasant to take. No physician can prescribe a better remedy. For sale by all dealers.

H. L. Propst was in from his farm Monday and like most of our farmers anxious about getting out the fleecy staple. He has 25 bales open on his place.

We carry the largest stock of dry goods and groceries in Merkel and sell at wholesale and retail. We solicit and will appreciate your business. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Mrs. Kelly, wife of Jack Kelly a fireman on the Wichita Valley railroad committed suicide last Saturday at their home in Stamford. She left a note to her husband, the contents of which have not been made public.

STRAYED—From my place one mile east of Nubia about Sept. 5th, one brown mare, about 12 years old, about 14 hands high. Any information leading to her recovery will be rewarded. D. L. Boyd, 15-2t Nubia, Texas.

WANTED—500 cotton pickers by Merkel country farmers. Will pay 80c to \$1.00 per hundred. Come at once.

### NO. 7481 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

#### Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank AT MERKEL

in the state of Texas, at the close of business Sept. 1, 1911:

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$ 89,207.73
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	3,852.02
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	6,250.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds.....	200.00
Furniture, and fixtures.....	2,800.00
Other real estate owned.....	1,800.00
Due from Nat. Banks (not reserve agt).....	909.14
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies, and savings banks.....	128.83
Due from approved reserve agents.....	45,796.82
Checks and other cash items.....	1,151.42
Notes of other National Banks.....	7,395.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	324.00
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie.....	12,600.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....	312.50
Total.....	\$172,587.46
LIABILITIES:	
Capital Stock paid in.....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund.....	20,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	4,164.81
National Bank Notes outstanding.....	6,250.00
Due to other National Banks.....	None
Due to state and private banks and bankers.....	None
Due to Trust Companies & Savings banks.....	None
Due to approved reserve agents.....	None
Dividends unpaid.....	50.00
Individual Deposits subject check.....	117,059.15
Time certificates of deposit.....	None
Cashiers Checks outstanding.....	63.50
Notes and bills rediscounted.....	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed.....	None
Total.....	\$172,587.46

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:  
I, T. A. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
T. A. JOHNSON, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of September, 1911. H. C. Williams, Notary Public  
[SEAL]  
Correct—Attest: J. T. Warren, G. F. West, J. T. Howard, Directors

It is not our ambition to sell all the goods sold in Merkel. There are several good houses, but when you do buy why not size up the situation and buy from a house that tries to help YOU, the TOWN and the COUNTRY. Some merchants have no one's interest at heart but their own. They will not buy your products but ask you to buy their goods. We can buy a little of most anything the farmer has to sell and can sell you anything you want to buy in the dry goods and grocery line. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

A telegram received by Mr. Lyles of the Stith community last week from his son-in-law A. Stamps of Prairie Grove, Ark., formerly an attorney here conveyed the sad news of the death of his little daughter Virginia.

Good crops and prices have forced us to keep a car of White Crest flour and Northern meal on the road sailing this way at the rate of 75 miles a hour. We want your chickens and eggs. Hamblet & Rogers.

Mrs. Dr. Dingle of Trent who has been visiting friends in Merkel returned to her home Monday.

Leslie McNees attended the fair and big barbecue at Pecos last week, and also had an eye on the country as a prospector. He says the irrigated portion of that country looks good.

Pipes Brothers are exclusive agents for the famous "American Lady" flour, the best flour you can buy. Try a sack. We guarantee satisfaction. tf

Frank Sosebe who has been visiting his father J. A. Sosebe at Noodle for the past week has returned to Fort Worth where he will resume his work with Stripling Dry Goods Co.

Lots of houses can sell you a cheaper flour, but none can sell you better than Light Crust. BEWARE! Cheaper prices; Cheaper stuff. If you want the best, buy Light Crust. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Will Hutcheson and family of Trent have been visiting at the home of his father D. C. Hutcheson. They returned home Sunday.

**CALUMET**  
BAKING POWDER

SEE how much better it makes the baking  
SEE how much more uniform in quality  
SEE how pure—how good  
SEE how economical—and  
SEE that you get Calumet

At your Grocer's

NOT MADE BY THE TRUST  
**CALUMET**  
BAKING POWDER  
CALUMET BAKING POWDER CO.  
CHICAGO

### NO. 10052 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Southern National Bank

at Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Sept. 1, 1911:

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts.....	\$ 92,889.16
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	978.97
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	12,500.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	14,000.00
Due from Nat. Banks (not reserve agt).....	4,221.88
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies and savings banks.....	1,395.69
Due from approved reserve agents.....	17,820.32
Checks and other cash items.....	2,575.22
Bills of Exchange on cotton.....	26,439.08
Notes of other National banks.....	6,329.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	76.00
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie.....	\$8,798.00
Legal-tender notes.....	9,020.00—15 518.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....	625.00
Total.....	\$195,659.32
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	2,602.82
National Bank notes outstanding.....	12,500.00
Due to other National banks.....	454.11
Individual Deposits sub. to check.....	125,825.30
Demand certificates of deposit.....	1,700.00
Cashiers checks outstanding.....	2,577.09
Total.....	\$195,659.32

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:  
I, J. E. Faucett, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
J. E. FAUCETT, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of September, 1911.  
[SEAL] W. W. Wheeler, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest: John Sears, C. L. Barker, M. Armstrong, Directors

We can now show you the prettiest ladies' skirts, dresses, coats and millinery of any house in Taylor county. We extend to every lady and girl in Merkel and the Merkel country a hearty invitation to visit our store and especially these departments during this and next week. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

W. R. Bigham has returned from an extended business trip to El Paso and old Mexico where he and J. P. Robertson of El Paso closed a deal with the Terrazas estate for 20,000 head of cattle ranging in Chihuahua and Sonora.

When the bowels feel uncomfortable and you miss the exhilarating feeling that always follows a copious morning operation, a dose of Herbine will set you right in a couple of hours. If taken at bedtime you get its beneficial effect after breakfast next day. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Miss Sue Cochran of Belton is visiting in our city, a guest of her sister Mrs. T. P. Williams at Abilene and Mrs. W. S. Smelser of Merkel. The Abilene lady was surprised to see the amount of cotton coming in and praised our country.

We are now ready to show you the largest stock of Millinery and Ladies' Ready-to-Wear in Taylor county, EXCEPTING NONE. Come give us a look, we will convince you our statement is true. Merkel Dry Good and Grocery Company.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Try Pipes Brothers with your next grocery bill. tf

Miss Lola Jones was visiting little Miss Madeline Adkisson last week from Abilene.

Old hats made new at Kent St. Tailor Shop. The only Hatter in town. J. E. Martin. tf

John Daniel is in Dallas on a business and pleasure visit where he will be for sometime.

Mr. McMinnis of Fort Worth was among the prospectors here this week looking for a farm.

Fresh bakers bread at all times at the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

H. E. Farmer of the Canyon was in last week to pay us some subscription and to send a paper back to Sunny Tennessee.

I am running a delivery wagon and solicit part of your hauling. See or phone me at West Texas Hdw. Co. H. C. Reid. 2t

E. V. Ellis renewed Saturday for his paper and another for his son who is in El Paso.

Phone 170 your dry goods and grocery order and you will get prompt delivery. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams, Mrs. J. W. Jennings and Rev. A. M. Martin attended the Sunday School Convention at Abilene last week.

Nice line of evaporated fruit just received to go with White Crest flour. Call or phone us. Hamblet & Rogers.

L. D. Linn and family of Dora moved into town last week so as to give the children the advantages of our public school system.

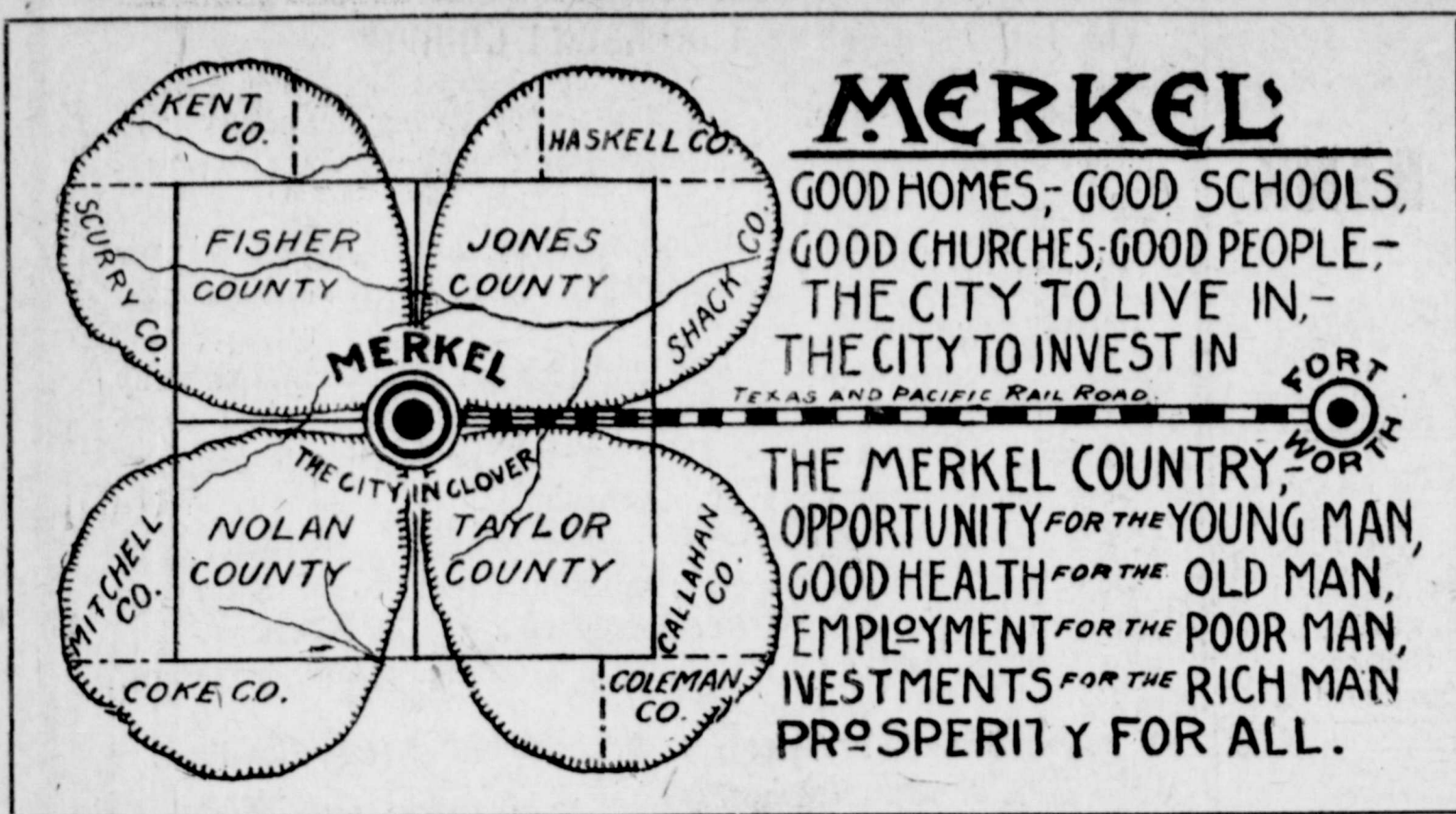
Yellow complexion, pimples and disfiguring blemishes on the face or body can be gotten rid of by doctoring the liver, which is torpid. Herbine is a powerful liver correctant. It purifies the system, stimulates the vital organs and puts the body in a fine vigorous condition. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Mrs. B. C. Gaither returned home Monday from a visit to her sister Mrs. Swenson at Abilene. Mrs. Gaither's mother accompanied her to Abilene and is now a guest at the Swenson home.

If you are from Missouri come and let Pipes Bros. "show you" that they sell groceries cheaper.

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### COURAGE.

In the struggle for mastery and success, the courageous man is found where the conflict is the fiercest. The weakling and easily discouraged, who never overcome obstacles, and therefore never achieve success is always found where there is the least resistance. It is the man who has for his shibboleth, "I will," that leads the procession.

Why should life insurance men be discouraged? We are engaged in a business that is one of the mighty factors in this century's civilization. It has become a part of the warp and woof of our present day civilization. The growth of the business has been far and away beyond the most sanguine hopes of those engaged in the business a quarter of a century ago. While the past quarter of a century has been one of wonderful progress in industrial lines, it is doubtful if any line has gone forward with such wonderful strides as has the business of life insurance.

There was a time when the life insurance agent was placed in the same category as the book agent and the lightning rod agent. In the old days it was thought necessary to resort to what is now termed "hot air" methods, in order to interest the public in life insurance. There were good men in the business in those days, men who recognized the possibilities of the business and had confidence in its ultimate standing among the people, but these men were in the minority. We owe those men a great debt of gratitude for the pioneer work they did. It was these men who blazed the way for the present day success of the business. These men had to overcome many things that the present day agent seldom meets. They had to overcome the religious convictions of the masses, that the insuring of one's life was betting against Providence. And let it be said that a man's religious and political prejudices are the hardest to overcome. Instead of having to convince a prospect that the company could do what it guaranteed to do, we can now point to what the companies have done, which is not only easier, but more convincing.—John S. Poindexter.

### STRIKE THE HEAD OF EVIL.

Evil, once manfully fronted, ceases to be evil; there is a generous battle hope in place of dead, passive misery; the evil itself has become a kind of good.—T. Carlyle.

Some pretty wise people have lived ahead of our times. Some of them left great "pointers," if we will but accept and use them. Take Carlyle for example.

What is evil? Anything that retards progress. Laziness is an evil; lying is an evil; drunkenness is an evil; ignorance is an evil; debt is an evil; extravagance is an evil; pessimism is an evil; deceit is an evil; fear is an evil—and there are others. Manfully front 'em, says Carlyle, and make the evils a kind of good.

Every victory we win over evil gives us

## MERKEL

GOOD HOMES; GOOD SCHOOLS,  
GOOD CHURCHES; GOOD PEOPLE;—  
THE CITY TO LIVE IN,—  
THE CITY TO INVEST IN

THE MERKEL COUNTRY,  
OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,  
GOOD HEALTH FOR THE OLD MAN,  
EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POOR MAN,  
INVESTMENTS FOR THE RICH MAN,  
PROSPERITY FOR ALL.

"generous battle-hope in the place of passive misery."

Remember, that it takes a ceaseless fight to "get there" in any line of business. We must beat down the evils that choke our way to success. Eternal pegging will do it.

### WEST TEXAS DRY FARMING CONGRESS.

The annual session of the West Texas Dry Farming Congress will meet in Abilene on Sept. 27 and 28, and the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and the citizens of that city are making extensive preparations for the entertainment of the delegates.

No other subject is of more interest to this state than Dry Farming. In dry years it is the salvation of the country and in wet years a larger yield may be obtained by employing the dry farming methods. Practically every county in Central West Texas and the Panhandle is assured of representation at the Congress and a successful and instructive session is expected.

### GOOD FOR JOHNSON AND TAYLOR.

Johnson county needs good roads. The county pays out as much each year on road tax as a special tax would cost to float \$500,000 worth of bonds. It is estimated that a tax rate of 16 cents on the \$100 will take care of a \$500,000 bond issue. The road tax in Johnson county is now 15 cents thereby costing only one cent more to pave our roads. Besides all the money would remain in the county, being paid out to the farmers for work on the road, they in turn paying it to the merchants for dry goods and groceries. There could be no better investment.—Venus Times.

In the teachings of the so-called "dry farming" methods, which have been demonstrated to so successful an issue in the semi-arid regions of the United States that they are no longer regarded as theoretical, but rather as the ascertained facts of science, in large portions of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Utah and other western states where the rainfall average is from 12 to 19 inches. The principles underlying these methods are to be thoroughly discussed at the Dry Farming Congress at Abilene, Sept. 27-28. It should be well worth the while of every West Texas farmer to put himself in touch with this movement and learn all he can about it. We have the advantage of a larger average rainfall than the section where this system is in successful use.

The farms of the country are the source from which nine-tenths of the wealth of the country comes. As the productive power of the farms is increased and the certainty of crop yields is enhanced just in that proportion not alone does the farmer prosper, but every other man and line of business. From this incontestable fact it is apparent that the business men of the country should attend such meetings as the Central West Texas Dry Farming Congress to be held at Abilene Sept. 27-28, get in touch with the movement and give their aid and encouragement.

We read almost every day of the death of some aviator and wonder if the money would be such an incentive for them to risk their lives in the air if they knew of the opportunities in the Merkel country. If you have no feathers on you, you were not made to fly and this is the best part of terra firma.

A good road is a lasting monument to the genius and progressiveness of a nation. Imperial Rome fell centuries ago and her temples have crumbled into dust. Only her good roads survive.

If you are writing to the old folks back at home or anybody happens to ask you tell them the Merkel country has come back and we are here to stay.

## REAL ESTATE BUSINESS

ON THE

SQUARE

This is where you will always find my little business. I am not so awful goody-goody good—just about like most of the common herd—for most men are honest. If I were not so naturally inclined I would still do business on the square for it is the only way to succeed. If I told any of my prospectors a lie I could not make them believe it only until they found me out, and then that would be the last of our business but I believe in a fair, square deal and am going to always give and ask for that kind of treatment. I may make mistakes just like all mortals but so far as I know I am going to be right.

In the following propositions I know that I am right and please take what I have to tell you for 100 cents on the \$1.00 for when you come out to look I will show you and deliver the goods just like I promise to do here.

### Good Farms at Bargains.

SNAP FOR QUICK MONEY: 400 acres 10 miles southeast of Merkel, 3 miles of View City; 100 in cultivation, 100 more good tillable land, balance all good grass; no mountain or bad breaks; one good 3-room house and two good 2-room rent houses, well of water and surface tank, fenced and cross-fenced; R. F. D. service and one-half mile to school. Price, \$5,250; \$2,650 cash and terms on balance, if bought before Oct. 15, 1912.

SECTION NORTH OF MERKEL: 640 acres, improved, 12 miles north of Merkel, 2 miles west of Noodle; about 300 in cultivation; all but 40 acres first-class farming land; three sets of improvements, two wells and windmills; 400 acres of this land lies in a beautiful cove and when properly improved will make one of the prettiest and most profitable valley farms along Noodle creek. This is offered by a bank for just the amount of notes against it. Price \$22.50 per acre; \$5,000 cash and terms on balance.

LAMAR VALLEY FARM: 320 acres of land 2 1-2 miles southwest of Merkel, 230 acres in cultivation, balance except 10 acres good; good house of 7 rooms, 2 halls, 2 porches, 9 gables; well in yard and cistern in back hall; barn, buggy house, chicken house, sheds, lots, etc; 2 good orchards, good tank, public road on north and west; telephone and rural mail service. The most of this is valley land and has produced good crops every year. It is one of the best farms in West Texas. Write to any farmer in this country about this place for I have it to sell exclusively and it is one of best bargains on my list. Price \$40.00 per acre; one-half cash and balance 1 to 10 years, 8 per cent interest.

1128 ACRES NORTH OF MERKEL: A tract of land in the Clear Fork valley, Noodle creek through place and the most of land richest level valley soil; 400 acres in cultivation and would make an ideal stock farm. There are three or four tenant houses on the tract and it is offered at a bargain figure simply to enable three joint owners to divide their interests. Price, \$30,000; \$10,000 cash and terms on balance.

GOOD FARM NEAR MERKEL: 160 acres 2 1-2 miles southeast of Merkel; 80 acres in cultivation, all good except small branch through place, 6-room house, two galleries; well and windmill; cistern on public road, dark mesquite loam; good little orchard. Price \$4,000; one-half cash balance 1 to 5 years, 8 per cent. This is a rare bargain.

200 ACRES CHEAP: 6 1-2 miles south of Merkel, 1-2 mile west of Mt. Pleasant; 150 acres in cultivation; 25 of balance good; 4-room house, good water; two good tanks, on public road, R. F. D. and telephone service; red and gray sandy loam. Owner has two places and this is for sale at \$25.00 per acre; \$2,000 cash and balance on terms.

AN IDEAL HOME: 125 acres 2 miles north of Merkel on Pike road; 85 acres in cultivation, all first-class land; new \$1,000 house, well and windmill; barn and storm house; R. F. D. and telephone, close to Merkel northside school building; a most desirable place. Owner has two farms and one must be sold. Price, \$37.50 per acre; \$1,500 cash and terms on balance.

160 ACRES NEAR TRENT: 2 miles west of Trent; all good except creek through land; 70 acres in cultivation and 30 more ready for plow; 2-room house and inexhaustible supply of good water; well and windmill; orchard and good garden; hog pasture; barn, lots, etc. R. F. D. and telephone. Refused \$35.00 per acre for this land 3 years ago and now offers it for \$20.00 per acre; \$1,000 cash and terms on balance. There is no better bargain in Texas.

125 ACRES AT SACRIFICE: 10 miles northeast of Merkel, right at Compere school and church; 60 acres in cultivation, 20 more tillable; 3-room house, shed, barn; not such a good looker but best little farm in community; good well of water; sold for \$31.00 per acre two years ago. Price now, if sold by Oct. 1, \$18.00 per acre; \$1,500 cash and balance 5 or 10 years. This is a little snap for somebody.

## J.G. JACKSON

Office Next to Postoffice at Merkel



## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Have you ever traded with Pipes Brothers?

Rev. A. A. Baker is in Amarillo this week attending court.

Carload of new Furniture at Behrens-McMillen next week.

W. R. Hampton of Slaton is here this week attending to business.

Mrs. Bessie Holt is the guest of her mother Mrs. J. D. McGaughey.

Don't fail to see our new furniture. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

U. S. Deputy Marshal Peavy was here on business Tuesday and shaking hands with old friends.

Little Miss Ellen Bell of Baird has returned home after a pleasant visit at the home of W. T. Berry.

S. F. Haynes received this week from north Texas five negro men who will help him gather his cotton crop.

Worth Cordill, an old resident of Merkel is in the city from Tucson, Ariz., visiting his father and old friends.

EVERYTHING NEW—Silverware, cut glass, jewelry, diamonds, odd manicure and cuticle pieces, brass ware and copper, the latest creations in this new and popular ware. Come to see us. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Miss Eula Johnson stopped over in Merkel to visit friends and relatives while on her way to Silverton from her home in Abilene.

Miss Pearl Rawlings has been visiting in Trent this week and returned home Tuesday accompanied by her sister Mrs. Dan Wlins.

The B.O.O.M. meeting which to have been on the third day night did not meet on account of the school rally. They meet on the fifth Friday night and all members are urged to be present.

As usually treated, a sprained ankle will disable a man for three or four weeks but by applying Chamberlain's Liniment freely as soon as the injury is received, and observing the directions with each bottle, a cure can be effected in from two to four days. For sale by all dealers.

Miss Mabel Carter was operated on this week for appendicitis at the Alexander sanitarium at Abilene, which was successful, and is resting as well as could be expected.

We have the swellest line of men's clothing ever brought to Merkel, Alfred Benjamin make. All good dressers should see this line before buying. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Dr. J. H. Barnett was visiting the family of his father S. B. Barnett and other relatives this week. Dr. Barnett is an old resident of Merkel and formerly a partner of Dr. M. Armstrong. He now resides at DeLeon.

We own a full car of sugar, \$2.00 per hundred pound cheaper than it can be bought today. We sell you sugar and other groceries as cheap, or cheaper than any house in Taylor county. Try us for better prices on both dry goods and groceries. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Mrs. S. A. Pettit of Arkansas, mother of P. Pettit came in Wednesday to spend the winter with him.



ONE reason for giving this store the title above is that it shows you very clearly just what kind of a store it is. There's no better way to make clear, in a very few words, that this store is a quality center, headquarters for good merchandise than to call it the home of Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes. We're ready to show you now the latest new styles in these goods; the fall stock is in; a fine display of best clothes.

Smart fashions for young men; the Shape-maker, Varsity and English model in suits; the new Raglan slip-on, the new English boxcoat, and the new adjustable collar ulsterettes.

Grays, browns, blues, blue-grays; an immense variety of patterns

Suits \$18.00 and up. Overcoats \$16.50 and up.

## Millinery and Ready-to-Wear

THE style and fashion displayed in this department is an attractive feature of our store and our prices so reasonable are irresistible for those who desire to be properly dressed. Our assortment enables us to suit your taste and fit your purse. Come in to see us and let us show you.



**WOODROOF BROTHERS**



Miss Josie Sanders went over to Merkel this morning to attend a meeting of the faculty of the public school tonight. She has been employed as one of the teachers in the school work in the school. Miss Sanders has been very successful in her school work in the past and she will doubtless render the Merkel patrons entire satisfaction. The school board there is fortunate in securing her services.—Sweetwater Reporter.

Dr. J. O. Crenshaw of Fort Worth is here on business.



FOR SALE—320 acres, good improvements, near White Church, \$25 per acre. See Mrs. C. G. James. 2tpd

FOR SALE—Poland China pigs, cheap if sold at once. H. M. Rainbolt. tf

WANTED—500 cotton pickers by Merkel country farmers. Will pay 80c to \$1.00 per hundred. Come at once.

Swellings of the flesh caused by inflammation, cold, fractures of the bone, toothache, neuralgia or rheumatism can be relieved by applying Ballard's Snow Liniment. It should be well rubbed in over the part affected. Its great healing and penetrating power eases the pain, reduces swelling and restores natural conditions. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Why pay 10 or 15 cents for oil when you can get the best at Pipes Bros. for 8 cents. Buy it, try it and if you don't say it's the best we pay your money back.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Several couples of young people enjoyed a pleasant hour on the lawn and porch at the Dickson home Saturday evening after church. Those present were Misses Elma Sheppard, Virginia and Veona Hamblet, Eunice Nisbett, Jessie Sutphen; Messrs. Robert Hicks, Carl Evans, Parker Sharp, Taylor Jennings, Otis Barnett and Homer Easterwood.

The members of the G.F.F.C. met with Miss Winnie Warren Monday afternoon. While the workings of this club are not told we can say one thing—each member is an artist when it comes to needle work. The members present were Misses Pauline Johnson, Faye Lowrey, Mattie Paylor, Annie Smith, Fannie Burroughs, Mary Gunn, Ona Hamblet, Jessie Sutphen. Apricot sherbet was served.

Mr. W. F. Patterson and Miss Kathrine Mathis left Wednesday afternoon for Sweetwater where they were happily married. After ceremony they left on the south bound train for San Angelo and other points for a short trip. The bride is one of Merkel's most lovable girls and is the youngest sister of Mrs. H. C. Burroughs. The groom is well known and highly esteemed by all who know him. Their many friends extend congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life.

Mesdames Vernon Sutphen of Meridian, George Gale of Edna and Marion French of Alvin have returned to their respective homes after a delightful visit with their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Provine.

Mrs. C. H. Hale has returned to her home in Huckabay after visiting her sister Mrs. L. B. Pipes on Elm street for several days.

Miss Lizzie Calvert is quite sick at her home in South Merkel compelling her absence from the W. L. Harkrider clothing house.

Miss Orta Long of Brady the primary teacher at the north side school is again in the school room.

Miss Rubie Jones has accepted a position with the popular dry goods house of Woodroof Bros.

Mrs. Walter Norton of Lubbock visited Mrs. C. D. Mims and other friends for a few days.

Mrs. W. D. Pipes has returned from Dublin after visiting relatives a couple of weeks.

Miss E. Love Hawkins of Huntingdon, Tenn., is in Merkel for the school term.

Miss Sallie Orr and mother are visiting relatives here this week from Putnam.

Don't fail to see our new furniture. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Miss Mattie Murphy of Abilene is back in her place at the south side school.

S. Johnson, one of Trent's merchants, was in the city Tuesday on business.

Miss Ova Teaff left Wednesday for Abilene to enter Simmons college.

Mrs. Britton of Cisco is visiting W. A. Moon and daughters this week.

Carload of new Furniture at Behrens-McMillen next week.



## COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

### Shiloh Clippings.

Sept. 16—Still gathering cotton out here but hands are scarce.

There was quite a large attendance at church Sunday. Rev. W. K. Horn preached.

Terrel Winters and Rev. Gentry attended the funeral of Sister Boaz at Merkel Sunday. Sister Boaz was a member of the Shiloh Baptist church. We sympathize with the bereaved ones.

Oscar Dyle came near losing a horse Tuesday. It ate something that was not good for it.

Miss Florence Cade visited the Misses Hale Sunday.

Mrs. Grayson has a very bad wound on her foot which is causing her quite a lot of pain.

Mrs. Gentry came down with Brother Gentry Saturday and stayed over till Monday.

Saturday was conference day at Shiloh and quite a lot of business was attended to. Brother Gentry was called to serve as pastor for another year.

Miss Mira Bryant and Mr. Ernest Sellars of Shiloh were united in marriage Tuesday night. Both were Shiloh people and were highly esteemed by all. We wish for them much joy and happiness through life.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Williams are entertaining a six pound boy since Monday.

Mrs. Williams visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Williams Tuesday.

Little Urner Vines has been quite sick this week but is some better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Duetschman of Noodle attended church here Sunday.

Joe Winters and family visited Mrs. Green Sunday.

A number of Shiloh people attended singing at Hebron Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Goode and Doughty of Noodle were at Shiloh Sunday.

A number of Noodle boys came over to church at Shiloh Sunday. Happy Hoolagan.

### White Church Items.

Sept. 19—Cotton picking is all the go now in our community.

P. B. Franks transacted business in Merkel Friday.

Frank Demere and wife visited his father Sunday.

Mr. Hutchins was in Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. Noel and son, Jack, transacted business in Merkel Saturday.

Kiah Spears was a pleasant caller at B. L. Dulins Sunday.

Tom Purlom and Zelmer Snow attended the baptizing at Nubia Sunday.

Wiley Burrus attended preaching at Nubia Saturday night.

Lee White and Miss Alda Snow attended preaching at this place Sunday night.

Clifton Pettit was a pleasant caller at J. R. Brown's Sunday.

Wiley Burrus and Miss Addie Dulin attended the baptizing at Nubia Sunday.

Miss Pearl Baccus of Castle Peak visited Miss Ethel Noel Sunday.

Several of the Center Point boys attended preaching at this place Sunday night.

Mr. West and family attended the baptizing at Nubia.

Come again Lost Chick we may meet some time.

Lost Chicken.

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

### Salt Branch News.

Sept. 20—Rev. Y. F. Walker of Roscoe preached here Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Allen was a guest of Miss Ida Taylor Sunday.

Miss Olive Teaff was the guest of Misses Lillie and Lois Smith Sunday.

Houston Robertson took dinner with Burley Taylor Sunday.

Bob Allen and wife attended church at Merkel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Mobley are the proud parents of a fine girl born Saturday.

Mr. Taylor and family are going to camp out and pick cotton for Mr. Swafford this week.

Austin Robertson and Miss Oma Taylor were guests of Misses Cora and Alma Hays Sunday.

Several of the Saltites went to Merkel Saturday.

Ralph Golightly and family were visiting D. H. Glover of Noodle Sunday.

J. W. Hardy and daughters, Misses Willie and Mollie, were visiting at Sweetwater Sunday.

Miss Lura Taylor was visiting Misses Maggie and Mary Allen Sunday.

Mrs. Floyd was visiting Mrs. Beavers Wednesday evening.

J. W. Hardy transacted business in Abilene Friday.

We are glad to report that Miss Alma Hays is better at this writing. Hope she will soon recover.

There was no prayer meeting Sunday night on account of so much sickness in the community.

Willis Taylor took dinner with Carl Smith Sunday.

Mrs. Teaff and little daughter, Winnie Myrie, were visiting at the home of Mrs. Beavers Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Hattie Hardy was shopping in Merkel Tuesday morning.

Best wishes to the Mail and its many readers.

Blue-eyed Girl.

Our car of new Furniture will be on display next week. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

### Obituary.

Sister Hettie Buford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Buford, died Sept. 15 at three o'clock in the afternoon after being sick for ten days with slow fever.

It is sad indeed to part with one so young and full of hope. She was nearly twenty-one years old and had been a faithful member of the Church of Christ since she was twelve years old.

And to add to our sorrow she was to have been married to L. R. Robbins of Broadhead, Ky.

He had secured the consent of brother and sister Buford and time set for the marriage Dec. 25, 1911. Mr. Robbins comes well recommended as a worthy christian gentleman.

We deeply sympathize with brother and sister Buford and brother Robbins in their great misfortune. While we mourn for sister Hettie we do not mourn as those that have no hope for we believe that when Jesus comes he will bring her with him.

W. G. Cypert.

### Digestion and Assimilation.

It is not the quantity of food taken but the amount digested and assimilated that gives strength and vitality to the system. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets invigorate the stomach and liver and enable them to perform their functions naturally. For sale by all dealers.

Read the Mail. 1.00 a year.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST IN DISTRICT COURT

At half past ten o'clock Saturday night the jury in district court in the case of the First National Bank of Merkel versus Coke W. Harkrider, suit on note, returned its findings, favoring the defendant.

### Easterwood Jury Returns.

The jury in the case of Easterwood versus Newton et al returned a verdict for the plaintiff Friday afternoon at six o'clock after having been out since Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock, about seventy-five hours. The case was one of the most complicated and hardest fought ever tried here. The property involved is located one mile south of Trent, in this county, and is valued at \$8,000. The questions at issue were whether or not a guardian could sue his ward and divest the legal title and whether or not the purchaser of an after-acquired title could be protected as an innocent purchaser. Easterwood, the plaintiff is twenty years of age. When he was four years old he was sued by H. J. and T. J. Easterwood, his guardians. The case has lain dormant for sixteen years. The plaintiff recently brought suit to set aside the judgment rendered in 1895 against him and to recover the land. Dallas Scarborough and H. N. Hickman represented the plaintiff and Hardwicke and Kirby and Davidson the various defendants.

### Davis Case Transferred Here.

The witnesses attached are in the Davis case of Fisher county, who is one of the defendants in a series of alleged cattle theft cases. The original case against Davis was dismissed. Recently, however he was re-indicted and the case transferred to Abilene.

Non-jury cases on the civil docket will be up for hearing Monday. The cases of Claud Caldwell, Cecil Henderson and H. E. Hetty have been set for trial September 25.

### Good for Biliousness.

"I took two of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets last night, and I feel fifty per cent better than I have for weeks, says J. J. Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness." For sale by all dealers. Samples free.

We believe that every housewife wants the best flour to be had. Many have already found out that Light Crust is the best, but there is a few who have never tried our flour. We say to you if you are a user or not a user of Light Crust, try one sack and if it is not a better flour than you have been using or a better flour than these cheap so called extra high patent flour come to our store and get your money and keep the flour. We make this strong but we have the confidence in our flour to stand the test. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

### Kills a Murderer.

A merciless murderer is appeased 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.

**WANTED—500 cotton pickers by Merkel country farmers. Will pay 80c to \$1.00 per hundred. Come at once.**

## "Cardui Cured Me"

For nearly ten years, at different times, Mrs. Mary Jinks of Treadway, Tenn., suffered with womanly troubles. She says: "At last, I took down and thought I would die. I could not sleep. I couldn't eat. I had pains all over. The doctors gave me up. I read that Cardui had helped so many, and I began to take it, and it cured me. Cardui saved my life! Now, I can do anything."

## TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

If you are weak, tired, worn-out, or suffer from any of the pains peculiar to weak women, such as headache, backache, dragging-down feelings, pains in arm, side, hip or limbs, and other symptoms of womanly trouble, you should try Cardui, the woman's tonic. Prepared from perfectly harmless, vegetable ingredients, Cardui is the best remedy for you to use, as it can do you nothing but good. It contains no dangerous drugs. It has no bad after-effects. Ask your druggist. He sells and recommends Cardui.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. J 54

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County Supt. E. V. White was in the city last week visiting relatives and in attendance of the school rally held at the tabernacle Friday night.

Conner Adams who has been in the employ of a drug company at Texarkana returned home last week and entered our public schools Monday of this week.

Fresh walnuts, almonds, filberts and Brazil nuts at the Elite.

## Electric Bitters

Succeed when everything else fails. In nervous prostration and female weaknesses they are the supreme remedy, as thousands have testified. FOR KIDNEY, LIVER AND STOMACH TROUBLE it is the best medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter.







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## Special Showing of New Fall Styles in Women's Suits, Dresses and Millinery Saturday and Monday

We are now ready to show you the newest and prettiest line of Ladies' Coats, Suits, Dresses and Millinery ever shown in Merkel. Our Readw-to-Wear and Millinery Department surpasses in magnitude any kindred departments to be found in Taylor county, in fact these departments will compare favorably with city department stores where style is considered. We claim to show as new styles, as good tailoring as any city store and at prices much less. We are making a special effort to handle a higher grade line of merchandise ever carried in Merkel and are making special low prices on all lines to create a bigger demand and to show the superiority of our goods.

### New Fall Millinery

Fashion's Favorite Headwear for Early Autumn is the New Felt Hat. We are showing the new shades lately introduced, in both white and colors.

Prices \$1.50, \$2.50 to ..... \$3.50



### Tailored Suits and New Style Dresses

#### LADIES TAILORED SUITS

Garments that are not only correct in style and perfect in fit, but made in a manner that will insure long continued service. It is not possible in this space to give you a complete description of each and every garment, but when you come to the store you will see the best assortment ever shown in Merkel. Our suits fit perfectly, seldom requiring alterations.

Tailored Suits at \$10, \$15, \$20 to ..... \$35.00

#### NEW STYLE DRESSES

The new season's dresses are very attractive. You will see in our garment section a selection of the best models for fall and winter. New models in fall dresses in a range of prices from \$10 up to ..... \$25.00

We have an elegant line of evening dresses, Marquisette made over Messilen, in Pink, Blue, Corn and Nile Green. Prices from \$12.50 to ..... \$25.00



### ABILENE PRECINCT DOING GOOD WORK

The following item is from the financial statement of Treasurer J. W. Christopher:

Good roads bond money and interest. .... \$110,982.72  
Amount paid out. .... 39,238.10

Balance on hand. .... \$ 71,744.62

The success of the bond issue and the present and lasting benefits of the good roads enterprise in precinct one is already evident to the fair and unprejudiced one who has seen their work and knows the system. There has been no "graft" and there will be none. County Judge Bledsoe and the commissioners are building a system of highways which will last long years after we are gone and they will pay to the farmers using same dividends every year by saving them time and wear and tear on their harness and vehicles to say nothing of the work they save for the faithful teams. One good farmer of the Merkel country, one of the most bitter opponents of the bond issue here last year recently went over some of the roads in precinct one and here is what he said to us: "I felt like shooting you last year but I am the kind of fellow to admit the coin when you show me and I want to say that when it comes to an issue again I am going to do more for it than I did against it last year. I am willing to pay my part of that kind of a tax if a road does not come within a mile of my place. I did not know what it was and how they would do it. They are worth the money."

The following is from the Sunday Reporter:

The majority of good roads worker in Precinct No. 1, have been moved over to the Potosi road, where work is in full swing and progressing finely. This road when completed will be fourteen miles long the longest string of improved thoroughfare in the precinct. The old bridge over Cedar creek immediately east of the E. N. Kirby home is being repaired, that portion of the road for the time being having been closed to traffic. The survey is practically complete. Sub-grading has commenced. The laying of gravel will begin next week, at the latest, and the road workers are finding an abundance of fine gravel along the roadway. The right-of-way is also being widened to sixty feet, fences are straightened on survey lines and all corners are made on curves. In this connection, County Judge Bledsoe said the following Saturday:

"We are trying to build our turns in the road after the German pattern, which is modeled after the world over. This is done for a two-fold purpose; first, to assist in proper drainage, and to make construction easier, as well as to make travel easier for vehicles. The danger of an accident is also minimized."

The Elmdale road—the model of West Texas—will soon be completed. The new concrete and steel bridge over Lytle, north of the spillway, has been opened to traffic. The bridge over Rainey creek, several miles further east, which is made of concrete supports and floor, with three twenty foot spans, is completed.

"The Elmdale rock road," County Judge Bledsoe said, "will be there when you and I are gone. It will take a long time for traffic to wear away twelve inches of rock."



I have recently installed the latest type **Mediameter** for testing eyes and fitting glasses.

This instrument enables me to measure the defects of the eye, locate the trouble and put the **Right Lens in Your Possession**. Examinations Free. Mrs. E. M. Rust at Rust & McCauley's.

#### Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the postoffice at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Sept. 23, 1911

Clark, Theodore  
Conger, Mrs. M. E.  
Headrick, Mrs. Mattie  
Maxwell, Miss Clara  
Martin, J. J.  
Williams, Rev. C. S.  
Waters, Jim

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Oct. 7, 1911.

H. W. Derstine, P. M.

**WANTED—500 cotton pickers by Merkel country farmers. Will pay 80c to \$1.00 per hundred. Come at once.**

Read the Mail. 1.00 a year

#### Cotton Crop Will be Short.

San Antonio, Sept. 16—Due to the drouth, the Texas cotton crop will this year be the smallest for 10 years. Ed R. Kone, Commissioner of Agriculture, has issued the following statement:

"From information I have received from ginners, bankers and other reliable sources over the state, I am of the opinion that the Texas cotton crop this year will not be larger than that of 1909 and a great deal less than those of 1904, 1905 and 1908."

This means that Texas will produce about a 3,000,000 bale crop, where, under favorable conditions, the crop would be about 4,000,000 bales.

In view of the belief that the crop not only of Texas but of the South generally is short, Commissioner Kone has advised the farmers to hold their cotton for higher prices.

Mrs. Jno. A. Milliken and little daughter Gladys returned Thursday for their home in Dallas where Mr. Milliken is in the employ of the Wells-Fargo Express Company.

Mrs. J. A. Collins and daughter Annie left last night for Pulaski, Giles county, Tenn., where they will visit friends and relatives for some time.

Paul Cranford who has been traveling for several months over as many states is at home to visit with his mother, sister and father.

Rev. A. L. Jobe left yesterday for Elgin where he will begin a twenty-day meeting.

"I have a world of confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for I have used it with perfect success," writes Mrs. M. I. Basford, Poolesville, Md. For sale by all dealer.

### GOOD SHOWER ON MERKEL COUNTRY

Our country was blessed Wednesday afternoon and night with another good shower. Reports received at our office indicate the same was general and amounted to from one-half to an inch. No reports of damage have been made to us. The rain began slow and no cotton was beaten out. The rain will be of much benefit to the late feed crop now maturing and comes at a propitious time for those who have already sown their fall grain.

#### Mrs. Milliken Dead.

Mrs. Milliken, an aged lady died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Young Tuesday afternoon and the burial took place Wednesday in Rose Hill cemetery.

The deceased was one of the early settlers and her relatives who mourn her loss are among our most prominent citizens. She was a good woman and our entire community was grieved to learn of her death. She leaves a brother, R. E. Edmison, daughter, Mrs. R. C. Young, several sons, John A. of Dallas, Robert of Tennessee, Charles of Sweetwater and other relatives.

The Mail joins in the sympathy of our people for those most bereaved.

W. F. Pendleton of Farmersville was out this week looking after his interests in the Merkel country and is well pleased with our prospects. The hail storm in Fisher county, mentioned elsewhere, dealt him a heavy blow but he accepted the inevitable in a philosophical manner.