

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## MERKEL GARAGE NEW ENTERPRISE

The newest enterprise and one to fill a place on the want list of the little city in clover is a garage being erected on the property of the Merkel Electric Company by W. E. Britain and J. G. Jackson. In the past several attempts to establish such an enterprise have failed but it is the hope of Mr. Britain who will be manager of the place to make it a permanent proposition to accommodate the needs of local and transient autoists.

In the establishment, building and operation of his electric light plant he has demonstrated his ability as a mechanic and successful business manager. He will do all kinds of repair work and carry a small line of automobile accessories, sell oil, gas, etc.

The Mail wishes for this, like all other home enterprises, a success and suggests the support of all patriotic citizens.

### Upward Bound.

We believe that if this paper ever dies it is going straight to some good newspaper heaven just because we are liked by the preachers and good women. If you ever hear a man kicking at the Mail it is a safe bet that his wife and pastor are our good friends and we are going to stay on the side of the women and preachers. Rev. S. J. Vaughan, now presiding elder of the Gatesville district wrote us thusly:

"Dear Editor and Friend: I send you \$1.00 to pay my subscription. I appreciate the aggressive tone of your paper and, as I see it, you have the best weekly newspaper I have any acquaintance with."

It is all because we have the best country, the best people and the best friends. Come to Merkel.

### Runaway Accident.

Low Barnett was the victim of an accident Sunday morning, sustaining a very badly bruised shoulder. He was driving in his buggy when the horse became frightened and he was thrown to the ground with the above results. His injuries were treated and he was removed to his home southeast of town.

### For Sale.

I have for sale one almost new Bush and Lane Piano, one survey and harness, one rubber tire trap, one hack, one domestic sewing machine and one good large sized gentle family horse.

It C. W. Harris.

J. S. Swann, I. S. Allen, R. L. Krigbaum, H. C. Williams and R. L. Adcock were in Abilene yesterday to hear the speaking by the State Superintendent Talley who wished to speak to the school trustees of Taylor county.

We have just received this week some new things in our Millinery Department. See us for the newest and best things in Millinery. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

## PRINTING A PAPER

The printing of even a country weekly newspaper is no small task—if it is to represent all interests and communities fairly and impartially and give the local news of our town and country.

There is a lot of labor from Monday morning when the first "copy" is turned in until Thursday afternoon when the finished product has your name stamped on it and is turned over to the postoffice for delivery to your mail box.

It is our ambition to have a good paper, in fact we will have no other kind and we know that it is necessary to have good material, good workmen, some system and then the co-operation of our friends. In the organization of our force we believe we have these necessities and we want you to get acquainted with the inside of our print shop.

The most important department of a paper is the business office, for there the "ghost must walk" and pay the salaries of the printers. The Mail has a good force and it takes a good little pay-roll to go round. This department is in charge of Mr. Ben T. Merritt, recently of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank but with an experience from "devil" up in the printing office. He knows the printing business and is amply qualified to hold this position.

Then, in place of importance, comes our subscribers, advertisers, country correspondents and friends who write and tell us articles and items of interest for our columns and use our space to advertise their goods. It is our desire to get and keep in closer touch with all who will give us their co-operation in making a paper worthy of the good country we represent and we want to give our assistance to all merchants who will do honest and legitimate advertising and that is the only kind that pays.

Last, but not least our working force on the inside of the print shop plays a most important part for no volume of business is worth while, profitable nor satisfactory unless it is executed properly and promptly. At the head of this department we have Mr. Henry T. Merritt with an experience of a life-time in the business and seven years in this plant. He knows our regular trade and is able to take care of any new business in advertising or job work. He has with him Messrs. Charles A. Fryar and Tracy Barlow, each of several years experience.

The editorial department is the smallest job for we simply get others to do the work. We are going to ask our correspondents, society editor and friends to write articles of local interest and then we will do the rest.

We write this to try and interest you in YOUR paper and get YOUR help. Give us your assistance and your patronage.

## RECEIPTS HEAVY SALES ARE LIGHT

The above tells the story of the cotton market, so far as our little city is concerned.

The cotton continues to roll in by wagons from the country but the most of the farmers are holding in hopes of a higher market. The receipts up to noon Thursday at Tittle's yard totaled 3,725 bales and while we are not given figures for publication it is the belief that the receipts at the other yard will almost suffice to make the total past the 4,000 mark. This even number is a safe bet by the time our paper is in the mails and on the routes.

The local buyers have been paying the highest prices possible for the past week but the average yesterday morning was from 9.75 to 9.95, the latter being the highest recorded at the yard.

### 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.

### Notice

I warn all persons not to buy a note or notes given to T. J. Cross by me. E. W. Perminter. 6t4pd

F. A. Sanders, family and Miss Ruth Merritt visited friends and relatives in Abilene a few days last week.

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.

## '11 OUR GOOD READERS '12 The Old and The New '12

The Mail has no automobiles to give away, no bowie knives and sixshooters for premiums, no contest of any kind but we are still doing business in the subscription department of our little print shop.

There may be many faults of our home people but we always write of the virtues and there is one characteristic of the citizens of Merkel and the Merkel country—that of loyalty to local interest. They sometimes pull each other's hair and scrap among themselves but they are together for Merkel all of the time. It is the proper spirit and we are going to do our levellest best to run a paper worthy of such support. Every dollar on subscription makes it easier work for us.

The following are the new subscribers and renewals since our last issue:

R. L. Bradshaw, Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co., H. M. Rose, Dr. J. A. Adkisson, W. O. Boney, Dr. M. Armstrong, City. R. O. Anderson, Trent., W. W. Foster, Elk City, Okla., J. D. Beasley, Route 2., Miss Winnie Warren, Waco, Texas, F. R. Ervin, Route 3., Mrs. Geo. D. Henck, Belmont, Cal., R. L. McLean, Route 3., Rev. S. J. Vaughn, Gatesville, Texas.

## PHOTOGRAPHERS MEET AT MERKEL

The second annual convention of the West Texas Professional Photographers' Association is in session in our little city this week.

The attendance does not equal that of last year, but the meeting is one of work and interest. Among those in attendance are the best in this part of the state, those who give serious study to the work and the meeting and exchanging of ideas, demonstration of new improvements makes for the benefit of the membership of the association and those who take an active interest in the work.

Our little city appreciates the second visit of this association and next week we will endeavor to give a condensed report of the minutes.

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

Leader—Floyd Dean.  
Scripture reading, Rev. 21.  
Prayer.  
Song.  
Paper—Evils in our Town—Jno. King.  
Reading—Murtice Saffle.  
Song.  
Paper—Two things the B. Y. P. U. can do to remedy these evils—Gene Rister.  
Reception of new members.  
Song.  
Offering.  
Benediction.

Mrs. V. Martin left Tuesday morning for Altus, Okla., where she will spend several weeks visiting her daughter.

## CAMPBELL BROS. CIRCUS COMING

The Nebraska City Press has the following commendation of the Campbell Bros., show:

The progress of this circus has been watched with interest by all Nebraskans, as this circus is a home state institution having made its home at Fairbury for the last twenty-five years, and having grown from a small wagon show to one of the largest standard shows of the country.

The parade yesterday was very creditable, three brass bands and a steam calliope contributing to the noise, and the men and women in beautiful costumes riding beautiful horses was a very attractive feature.

The several open dens containing lions, Asiatic yak, sacred ox from India, etc., were also very interesting as were also the large herd of elephants.

The menagerie of the show is a very creditable exhibition of wild animals. The Royal Bengal Tigers from India constitute the leading feature, but the lions and many other rare and interesting animals are also to be found in this traveling Zoo.

The big show was good from start to finish. The big troupe of elephants performed wonderfully and are the best animal act seen here for years. A troupe of cowboys gave a very interesting act of rough riding and fancy lariat throwing and twirling, and the four High Schooled horses are also very good.

Campbell Brothers have a good show; they are gentlemen in every sense of the word, allow no crooked work of any kind around the circus "lot" and they will be welcomed back.

### Good Enough for Anybody.

We are always glad to see people get out and look for something better when they get to thinking they are not satisfied here and the trip will usually do them good. We have in mind a score who spent their money with the railroad companies this year going to other sections and who returned well satisfied but the experience of J. M. Garrett prompted this article. He originally hailed from old Limestone county and recently got to thinking he would do better back there. He made up his mind and then made a trip to locate himself. He returned and announced to his good lady that "the Merkel country was good enough for him." It is good enough for anybody and right now we offer the best opportunities in the state. Come to Merkel.

### 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.

J. H. Wilbourn left yesterday for his home in Ballinger after attending the Photographers Association at this place.



## ALL MEN ARE GREAT

or small according to their individuality in clothes as well as everything else. Wear clothes made individually for you, not for just anybody that can wear them.

### 3 Reasons Why You Should Wear Tailor-Made Clothes

1. You are guaranteed a fit. 2. You can get a fit in any style or any kind of goods you want. 3. You can get any price suit you want, from \$15.00 to \$45.00, and are assured of the very best workmanship all the time. See Lamm & Company's famous line at

**W. A. FRANKLIN'S CITY TAILOR SHOP**

#### White Church Items.

Oct. 3—Cotton picking is the order of the day in our community.

Miss Emmie Brown visited relatives in Abilene last week.

J. E. Costephens transacted business in Merkel Wednesday. Luther Franks visited in Jones county Sunday.

Several of the young folks played 42 at Mr. Watford's Wednesday night.

Misses Emmie Brown, Ada and Jewell Franks visited Misses Mary Lee and Jewell Hicks Sunday afternoon.

Luther Franks and Dexter Juniper were pleasant callers at Mr. Watford's Tuesday evening. Quite a crowd from Butman at-

tended the baptizing at this place Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Burrus visited at J. H. Ensminger Sunday.

Clide Pannell was at Mr. Watford's Sunday.

Some of the folks of our community attended preaching at Center Point Sunday.

Dent Cozart and Miss Theresa Watford visited at J. A. Dulin's Sunday.

W. M. Snow transacted business in Merkel Monday.

Nearly everybody in our community attended the show in Abilene Saturday.

Better close as news is scarce and "Lost Chicken" picked cotton today.

Lost Chicken.

## OUR CORRESPONDENCE

### Salt Branch News.

Oct. 4—Rev. Martin of Merkel filled his regular appointment here Sunday afternoon.

S. W. Taylor and family were guests of R. D. Allen and family Sunday.

J. W. Teaff and family were visiting relatives near Tye Sunday.

Will Higgins and family were visiting Joe Higgins and family of the Warren community Sunday.

Little Misses Irene and Jesse Marie Golightly were visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harris Sunday.

Misses Ida Taylor and Annie Higgins were guests of Misses Cora and Alma Hays Sunday.

Mrs. Maud Lyles was visiting Mrs. Hardy Saturday afternoon. Holland Teaff left Friday night for Waco to attend school.

Arthur McMurray is attending school at Merkel.

Misses Oma Taylor and Lillie Smith were visiting Miss Lyda Beavers Sunday.

Mrs. Taylor was visiting Mrs. Hays one day last week.

Several of the Salt Branch people gathered at the home of W. M. Hays' Tuesday and gathered his cotton.

Several from this place attended the circus at Abilene Saturday.

Charles Higgins and family were visiting at Mr. Barkers Sunday.

H. C. Floyd's children picked cotton for Mr. Teaff last week.

Van Childress is cutting feed for Wesley Hardy this week.

Burley Taylor was visiting at Warren Sunday.

Jess Higgins and Miss Minnie Barker took their many friends by surprise by going to Abilene Saturday and getting married. We wish for them a long and happy life.

Mrs. Nona Allen went down to Comanche last week to see her brother Lester Wheat, who was seriously hurt by a train accident.

Best wishes to the Mail and its many readers.

#### Blue-Eyed Girl.

#### Noodle Dots.

Oct. 2.—Health is good and everybody is busy picking cotton. Mr. Witt and wife were at Noodle Sunday.

Mr. Roy Meeks and Miss Sue Cook were happily married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Beene Sunday at ten o'clock. We extend congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life.

Quite a number of the Noodle people attended the show at Abilene.

Rev. R. O. Bailey preached at the Methodist church Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

There was a large crowd at the singing at Noodle Sunday afternoon.

Will Thompson was a pleasant caller at the home of Miss Lela Herring Sunday afternoon.

Misses Stella Goode and Letty Jones visited Misses Lucile and Bessylea Beene Sunday.

Miss Hattie Herring visited Miss Bertha Ely Sunday.

Mr. Medlen of Anson was in our community Sunday.

Miss Allie Glover who has been quite sick is reported convalescent.

As news is scarce I will ring off. White Dove.

Read the Mail. 1.00 a year



#### OFFICERS

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T. A. JOHNSON, Cashier  
J. T. HOWARD, Asst. Cashier

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS  
\$50,000.00

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## OLDEST BANK IN MERKEL

Years of successful Banking in this country enables us to give to our customers the very best of service, not only in the cotton season when they all have money, but the entire year through. Money to loan on approved notes. We invite new accounts.

#### Trent Items.

Sept. 30—Mrs. Tom Browning of Trent is reported quite sick.

Mrs. E. A. Click who has been real sick, is some better.

J. W. Curtis left for Sweetwater Tuesday.

P. L. Frederickson of Shiloh was a visitor to Abilene Sunday.

Edd Frederickson left for his new home Los Angeles, Cal., Tuesday evening. We hope he will not get homesick in the land of "Fruit, Flowers and Sunshine"

#### Never Out of Work.

The busiest little things ever made are Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar coated globe of health that changes weakness into strength, languor into energy, brain-fag into mental power; curing constipation, headache, chills, dyspepsia, malaria. Only 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

#### Saved His Mother's Life.

"Four doctors had given me up to die," writes Mrs. Laura Gaines of Avoca, La., "and my children and all my friends were looking for me to die, when my son insisted that I use Electric Bitters. I did so, and they have done me a world of good. I will always praise them." Electric Bitters is a priceless blessing to women troubled with fainting and dizzy spells, backache, weakness, debility, constipation or kidney disorders. Use them and gain new health, strength and vigor. They're guaranteed to satisfy or money refunded. Only 50c at H. C. Burroughs.

One-half of our population went to Abilene Saturday to take in the show. All of them report a good time but the performance did not come up to the expectations of the oldest of those in attendance.



## Good Coffee

At last they are satisfied! This young housewife searched the town high and low for the right kind of coffee.

That coffee with the rich coffee

fragrance, with the delicate tang that makes coffee a joy to drink and sends hubby away in the morning with the feeling that he has had a good breakfast, and all is right with the world.

We sell it. We had your tastes in mind when we bought it. Our blending is perfect. A trial order will make you a constant user. Call in and let us tell you all about it—or phone your trial order at once.

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

## The Original Air-Tight HEATER

You cannot possibly get full heating value from fuel if you do not use the celebrated Wilson Hot Blast Heater. The patent down-draft, which is perfected only in the Wilson, not only lessens consumption of fuel but burns into actual heat all gases generated. This combination of economy and efficiency makes the



### WILSON

HOT BLAST  
Down-Draft

### HEATER

the most satisfactory heater sold

When you are in the market for a good heating stove come in and look at ours. We have a good line and will take pleasure in showing you through. We will make it to your interest to see our stock before you buy. So don't forget to come in. Also remember the prices we are making you on cook stoves are less than wholesale prices. And remember it's a Garland—the best made

**WEST TEXAS HARDWARE CO**

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

Everything is new and in style at Harkrider's.

Fresh chocolates, both bulk and package at the Elite.

Elder W. G. Cypert has returned from Christovel where he has been holding a meeting.

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

Frank Johnson was attending to business matters in Abilene the first of this week.

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

Mrs. Anna Bowers and sister of Trent spent Monday in our city visiting friends.

See our Ladies Tailor-made Blue Serge Suits at \$10.00 to \$12.50. W. L. Harkrider.

T. G. Williams, a real estate man of Haskell was in our little city Wednesday closing a deal.

Charlie Lofton and Mr. Forester have accepted positions in the grocery store of Gaither & Sons.

Editor Long of the Trent Tribune was a pleasant caller at these sanctums Tuesday.

Misses Mary Lee and Jewel Hicks were in the city Saturday visiting with Merkel friends.

Pipes Bros. are reducing their prices on syrups for the next ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rollins visited friends in Abilene one day this week.

New Tailor-Made Suits for the ladies who care for the correct styles and good quality at Harkrider's.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw were visiting the latter's sister Mrs. Dan Overstreet of Hawley Sunday.

Miss Cleo Wilson Bowler, teacher of piano and theory. Technic work a specialty. Studio south-side school. Phone No. 237. 2t

Rev. C. S. Williams returned to his home in Abilene Monday. He filled his regular appointment at Center Point Sunday.

If our Cadet hose do not give you satisfaction return them and get your money.

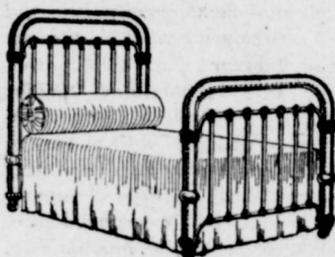
W. L. Harkrider.

Miss Bertha Harris left Tuesday for Dallas where she goes to visit her brother Arthur and attend the fair. She will be away for a month or more.

Lame back is one of the most common forms of muscular rheumatism. A few applications of Chamberlain's Liniment will give relief. For sale by all dealers.

# \$8

BED AND SLATS



# \$8

BED AND SLATS

This large 2-inch Continuous Pillow Iron Bed for \$8.00

This large massive 2-inch post Iron Bed is finished in several coats of best white enamel or vernis Martin finish. Full size 4.6 by 6.4. Slats with each bed. No extra charge for vernis Martin Finish.

## BEHRENS-McMILLEN FURNITURE CO.

W. D. Perry of Mansfield formerly of Roscoe was here the first of the week and just about had a deal closed with one of the real estate men when a reporter was talking to him. He said he used to own property here and wanted to move back and make this his future home, that he liked this section of the country fine. We think he is exactly right about this country and welcome him to the city in clover.

Messrs. Wesley Edwards and Arthur Sears recently purchased 350 cows north-east of Baird. Mr. Edwards accompanied by Ed Teaff and others have gone after the cattle and are expected to return the latter part of this week and place them on the ranch of Arthur Sears near this place.

The Merkel merchants are making a fall campaign for more business and you can do no better than to have them figure on your fall supplies. Cheaper rents and less expense enables them to make better prices than the stores in larger cities. Trade at Merkel.

The Mail office has just finished the year book for the Twentieth Century Club. The arrangement and composition is a credit to the club and we made our best efforts to have the printing in harmony with the general excellence of the quality.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren and Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw went to Hawley in the former's auto Wednesday to visit relatives. Mrs. Bradshaw has a sister and brother-in-law in Hawley who are reported very sick.

Remember Friday and Saturday are the last days of our Fall Opening Sale. Be sure and visit our store on these two days. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Frank Smith and sister, Miss Annie, left Sunday for Stamford to enter college.

Read the big ad of the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company in this issue.

John H. Morrow of Abilene was here on business one day this week.

Miss Maggie Roberts has accepted a position as cashier with the firm of Woodroof Bros.

LIGHT CRUST FLOUR IS BETTER. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Shaver of Ballinger are in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain.

Miss Mabel Carter has returned from Abilene where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Try a sack of American Lady flour at Pipes Bros. You will be delighted. Every sack is sold with a positive guarantee.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Curb who have been quite sick for several weeks are reported much better.

Read the advertising in this issue of the Mail and take advantage of the opportunities offered by our business people. They mean business and will save you money.

Biliousness is due to a disordered condition of the stomach. Chamberlain's Tablets are essentially a stomach medicine, intended especially to act on that organ; to cleanse it, strengthen it, tone and invigorate it, to regulate the liver and to banish biliousness positively and effectually. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. R. A. Ayres of Abilene is in our city this week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ayres, to be joined later in the week by her husband. This good couple recently lost their little baby boy by a very sudden death. It was a hard blow and they have many friends in our country who sympathize with them in their loss.

Walter Leach was in our city from Abilene this week and stated that his father Rev. A. J. Leach and family were moving to Hermleigh, Texas. This good family left Merkel several months ago for Abilene where they have resided until this time. The Mail will follow them and tell them the news of their past home territory.

The Mail tenders congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Perkins upon the arrival at their Canyon home Sunday night of a very beautiful young lady. Good luck to all of them and a long and happy life in the delightful Merkel country! Come to Merkel.

We are prepared to serve you right in men and boy's suits. Kirschbaum's is the best. Every suit guaranteed to be all-wool. Hand-tailored. Will retain their perfect shape and fast colors.

W. L. Harkrider.

J. E. McDonald, wife and son Dennis have moved to Stamford where the latter will enter school. They say they will move back to the city in clover when the school term is out.

One of our leading cattlemen, Arthur Sears, returned from Fort Worth Wednesday where he had been with two cars of steers which he shipped from Trent.

If you want the best candy made go to H. C. Burroughs.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

S. C. Keith was a business visitor to Abilene this week.

White Pearl onion sets at Hamblet & Rogers.

J. A. Hamner spent Sunday with relatives in Trent.

Hughes fine fresh candies at H. C. Burroughs.

Olly Sharp passed through our city Monday from San Angelo enroute to Dallas.

Walk-over shoes wear good, feel good and are good at Harkrider's.

H. C. Burroughs has just received a fresh line of the Hughes famous candies.

Mrs. W. Parten and children returned Monday from Sweetwater where she has been visiting her sister Mrs. G. W. Black.

We are showing the correct styles and new colors in children and Misses Long coats.

W. L. Harkrider.

Miss Reba Britton has returned to her home in Cisco after a pleasant visit in our city with Miss Inice Moon.

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

Mrs. Arthur Sears went to Abilene Tuesday to visit Miss Zora Coggin who is in a sanitarium at that place.

Don't fail to see Pipes Bros. when you need groceries. Your business with them will be a pleasure. Try them and see.

T. J. Coggin has returned from Fort Worth and Dallas where he has been for the past several days attending to business.

A timely suggestion sometimes saves trouble. See our ladies tailor-made suits and long coats before supplying your wants.

W. L. Harkrider.

Miss Kittie Pipes, one of Merkel's most charming young ladies, left Sunday for Dublin and other points where she will visit friends and relatives for a few weeks.

Rev. I. W. Archer of Abilene was in our city a few hours Tuesday leaving on the second west-bound train for Loraine to be in attendance on the Baptist Association which meets at that place this week.

The best plaster. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Liniment and bound over the affected parts is superior to a plaster and costs only one tenth as much. For sale by all dealers.

# REAL ESTATE

"The man who goes out of this world without leaving his family a bit of earth to stand on does not die, he absconds"  
Rev. DeWitt Talmage.

The above, from the pen of a noted divine is a good text for a long sermon on matters of material progress. I have not the time, space nor money, to say nothing of brains, to write the sermon but we pass it up to you for your own consideration.

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.

**128 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; 3-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 Comper 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.

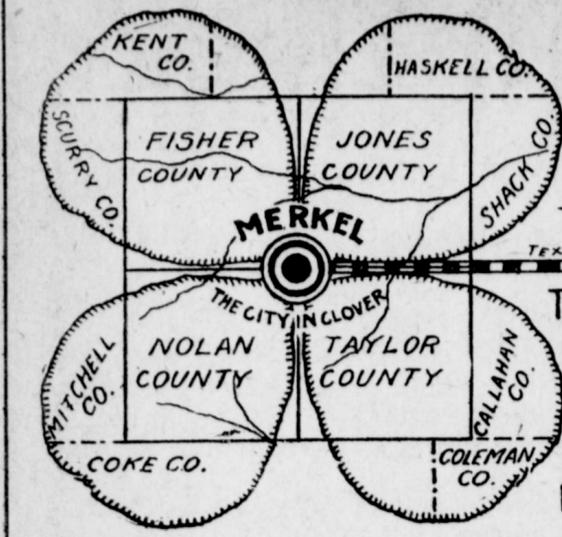
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GOOD HOMES, GOOD SCHOOLS,  
GOOD CHURCHES, GOOD PEOPLE,  
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OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,  
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### BEDOQUIN IS SMALL EATER

He is Active and Martial, Yet He Subsists Easily on Very Little Food.

The Bedouins are a most alert and military race, and yet it is an undoubted fact that the quantity of food usually consumed by the greater part of them does not exceed six ounces a day. Six or seven dates soaked in melted butter serve a man a whole day, and he esteems himself happy when he can add a small quantity of coarse flour or a little ball of rice.

In 1779 an Englishman describes the Russian grenadiers as follows: "They are the finest body of men I ever saw. Not a man is under six feet high. Their allowance consists of eight pounds of black bread, four pounds of oil, and one pound of salt per man for eight days." In 1854, when the Russians surprised the world by standing against the attack of the Allies, on the bloody battlefield of Alma, were found dead Russians with their provisions in their knapsacks, and these provisions were "black bread crumbs in oil."

Dr. Hamlin, who has resided more than twenty years in Constantinople, says the Turkish porters in that city eat bread made from flour scarcely bolted, fruits, curdled milk, of which they are very fond, rice cooked with some other vegetables, and about twice a week a little meat at dinner, which they eat soon after sunset. They never drink any sort of distilled or fermented liquor. Onions and garlic are largely consumed by the Turks.

### More Than Enough Is Too Much.

To maintain health, a mature man or woman needs just enough food to repair the waste and supply energy and body heat. The habitual consumption of more food than is necessary for these purposes is the prime cause of stomach troubles, rheumatism and disorders of the kidneys. If troubled with indigestion, revise your diet, let reason and not appetite control, and take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be all right again. For sale by all dealers.

### Proof of Age.

"Mrs. Billerock is getting old—I know it."

"What now?"

"She says that the stores don't have as good bargains now as formerly."

Wormy children are unhappy, puny and sickly. They can't be otherwise while worms eat away their strength and vitality. A few doses of **WHITE'S OREOAM VERMIFUGE** performs a marvelous transformation. Cheerfulness, strength and the rosy bloom of health speedily return. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### An Illustration.

"The sweet and sour are strangely mingled in life."

"Yes, indeed. Take a bad crowd, for example, where you're in a pickle because you're in a jam."

Neuralgia of the face, shoulder, hands or feet requires a powerful remedy that will penetrate the flesh. **BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT** possesses that power. Rubbed in where the pain is felt is all that is necessary to relieve suffering and restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### Sheep Saved Battalion.

A sheep saved a battalion of French soldiers from a cold night in the mountains and perhaps from a more serious disaster in the neighborhood of Mentone.

A battalion of an Alpine regiment had started from Sospel, a plateau in the hills above Mentone, where there are picturesque golf links, and was lost in a heavy fog.

Nobody had a compass, and knowing the dangers of the mountain the officer in charge of the battalion gave orders to his men to halt and make the best of things until the fog lifted. But a stray sheep saved the situation. With vivid recollection of the grass of the Sospel golf links the sheep was hurrying down the mountain side and plunged right through the battalion.

The soldiers followed, and they arrived at Sospel an hour later.

When your food does not digest well and you feel "blue," tired and discouraged, you should use a little **HERBINE** at bedtime. It opens the bowels, purifies the system and restores a fine feeling of health and energy. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### Ignorant City Folks.

City Niece (reprovingly)—Uncle Wayback, why do you pour your coffee into the saucer before drinking it?

Uncle Wayback—To cool it. The more air surface you give it, the quicker it cools. Guess these 'ere city schools don't teach much science, do they?—New York Weekly.

When the chest feels on fire and the throat burns, you have indigestion and you need **HERBINE** to get rid of the disagreeable feeling. It drives out badly digested food, strengthens the stomach and purifies the bowels. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### A Kid's Interpretation.

Caller—So your sister and her fiance are very close mouthed over their engagement?

Little Ethel—Close mouthed? You ought to see them together!

You are not experimenting on yourself when you take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a cold as that preparation has won its great reputation and extensive sale by its remarkable cure of colds, and can always be depended upon. It is equally valuable for adults and children and may be given to young children with implicit confidence as it contains no harmful drug. Sold by all dealers.

### Don't Want 'Em Back.

An economical young man who was much bored by the requests of fickle young women to return their photographs decided upon desperate measures to put a stop to the unnecessary expenditure of time and postage.

He announced his intention of starting a Venus collection to contain the pictures of the 100 most beautiful women in the world, and now the girls never ask for their pictures.

Stop coughing! you rack the lungs and worry the body. **BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP** checks irritation, heals the lungs and restores comfortable breathing. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Read the Mail—\$1.00 a year.

### A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity of the kinneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.



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### Abilene Steam Laundry

H. M. WARREN, Agent

Baskets shipped Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, returned Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Work called for and delivered promptly or received at the City Barber shop. I will appreciate your patronage.

H. M. WARREN

Phone 48 In City Barber Shop

## Electric Bitters

Succeed when everything else fails. In nervous prostration and female weakness 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.

# WHEN YOU'RE READY TO THINK

WHEN you're ready to think about new clothes for Fall, we're ready to show you the kind of clothes you ought to think about: clothes that are so good that if you think about them before you buy, you don't need to think about them afterward.

Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes are so well-made, of all-wool fabrics; so carefully shrunk; so perfectly tailored; they fit so well, and are in such perfect style, they keep good looking for a long time. Any man who wears these clothes need not give much thought as to whether or not he's well dressed.

We'd like to show you the new weaves this season; new patterns and colorings in gray, browns, blue-grays; the dressy blue serges in plain and self-stripe weaves; tweeds, cheviots, worsteds, the best things from the best markets in the world.

We'd like to have you see the new models in suits; the Shape-maker especially for young men; the Varsity, the new English sack, made with soft-roll lapels; the coat without padding. The new overcoat models—English box coat, Raglan slip-on, adjustable collar ulsterette. Look at them now; buy when you're ready.

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

# Woodroof Brothers

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

H. W. Derstine attended court in Abilene this week.

W. P. Thurmond of Sweetwater visited his sister, Mrs. G. E. Comegys.

Just received a big lot of Hughes famous chocolates.

H. C. Burroughs.

Mesdames R. E. Bowles, J. A. Adkisson and Miss Sallie Orr were visiting Abilene yesterday.

See Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company for better prices on Dry Goods and Millinery.

C. P. Warren of Abilene was in our little city yesterday the guest of his son, Banker J. T. Warren.

Mrs. F. E. Allyn of Eskota visited her daughter, Mrs. Claud Gham Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Grace Ingleman of St. Louis is the guest of her cousin H. F. Groene and family this week.

Everybody likes our new button boots. We have them for the little folks, larger folks, and sometimes grandmother wants a pair. W. L. Harkrider.

Miss Margie Saffle and little sister Katherine returned from Caps Wednesday evening where they spent several days visiting friends and relatives.

Say! Did you know that we have the largest stock of groceries in Merkel? If you don't, and see what we have and our prices before you buy. Hamblet & Rogers.

Grandmother Clements who been here visiting Hardy and family left Wednesday or Snyder where she goes to visit her daughter.

R. McLean is one of our best of cattle, votes and drinks right all the time and keeps subscription paid in advance. as in renewing this week.

THE MOLER BARBER COLLEGE of Dallas, Texas wants to learn the barber trade. offer splendid inducements a short term completes. They free a beautiful catalogue ask all our readers to send

## Texas Farm Mortgages.

According to the Federal Census for 1910, we have 416,377 farms in Texas, and only 131,161 of these farms are owned by the farmers who operate them; we have 219,106 tenant farmers, 2,278 farms operated by managers and 63,832 farmers who partly own their farms.

There are only 32 per cent of the farmers of Texas who now own their farms, and in 1900 there were 38 per cent of our farmers who owned their farms, free from debt, showing a decrease of six per cent in the number of farmers who own their farms. In the absence of detailed reports, we can only speculate as to the causes that have led to this undesirable result.

We have opened up during the past decade 64,187 new farms and a portion of the increase in indebtedness will undoubtedly be found in this item. A large number of immigrant farmers have come to us and, as a rule, they buy farms and make only partial payments. The young farmer, starting out in life may be justified in buying a farm on credit, but certainly there is no good business reason why the Texas farmers who have been farming for years should be in debt or why a tenant farmer should not, in the course of time own his farm and if such results cannot be reasonably hoped for, then there is something wrong with our economic system.

Uncle Sam has given us facts and figures, but he leaves us to solve our own problems. When we consider that 352,545 farmers have rented or have mortgaged farms, we get a conception of the tremendous importance of the problem. The question would seem to justify thoughtful consideration at the hands of our foremost economists, if indeed it does not warrant the attention of the Legislature.

Next to the importance of a bountiful Providence in getting the farmer out of debt, is cheap money. No farmer can pay 10 or 12 per cent interest and prosper and no other line of industry can thrive under such a handicap. Texas should secure access to the cheap money markets of the world by removing such legislative restrictions as may exist and pass such laws as will encourage the flow of cheap money into Texas.

Don't trifle with a cold is good advice for prudent men and women. It may be vital in case of a child. There is nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs and colds in children. It is safe and sure. For sale by all dealers.

Read the Mail. 1.00 a year.



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.

Paul Cranford has accepted a position on the books at the Farmers & Merchants National Bank. Paul has had much experience in bank work in Abilene and Fort Worth and we wish for him continued success.

Judge Meek started work in Federal court at Abilene Wednesday of this week and both the civil and criminal dockets have several cases on them, rather heavy for this term.

H. D. Ratliff a traveling man of Fort Worth was in our city the first of the week on business for his firm.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A good organ. See N. Roberts. 29c2

FOUND—In Anchor Hardware Co's store some money. Owner by describing and paying for this notice may receive same.

T. & P. TIME TABLE.	
EAST BOUND	
Train No. 8, leaves Merkel	9:02 a.m.
Train No. 4 " "	12:04 p.m.
Train No. 6 " "	12:22 a.m.
WEST BOUND	
Train No. 5, leaves Merkel	4:18 a.m.
Train No. 7 " "	4:41 p.m.
Train No. 3 " "	6:01 p.m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

## WOULDN'T CHARGE FOR AID

But Good Samaritan Farmer Would Sell His Team to the Stalled Automobilist.

"Hi, there, mister," said Witherbee, to a passing farmer, as his car stuck in the mud. "What'll you charge me for the use of your team to pull this car out of the mud?"

"Why," returned the farmer, scratching his head in a puzzled sort of fashion, "I'm not the kind of a feller as would charge a sufferin' feller bein' anything at all for helpin' him out o' trouble."

"That's mighty nice of you," said Witherbee.

"No, sir," said the farmer. "My conscience wouldn't never rest if I done a thing like that. Jest couldn't look my wife or the parson in the face if I took pay for bein' a good Samaritan."

"By George!" said Witherbee, "it does my heart good to hear a man talk that way these days."

"Wa-al, it's been a rule o' mine ever since I was a boy," said the old man.

"I wish there were more people like you," said Witherbee.

"Pity there ain't," said the farmer; "but I don't take any pride to myself becuz of it. Giddap!"

"But I say," said Witherbee, "where are you going? You haven't helped me out of the mud yet?"

"Why," said the old man, "you hain't made me any offer."

"What for?" demanded Witherbee.

"For the team," said the farmer. "I can't charge ye nothin' for helpin' ye, but I'll sell ye the hosses for \$50 a head."—Harper's Bazar

Mrs. Robert Linn and little daughter Miss Geneva of Sweetwater were in Merkel Wednesday visiting the former's sister, Miss Josephine Sanders and sister-in-law, Mrs. Iva McCoy.

The following were among the attendants at the Sweetwater Baptist Association at Loraine this week: R. D. Allen and wife, J. T. Tucker, Walter Leach and S. W. Taylor.

Capt. J. H. Oliver left yesterday morning for some point near Malvin, Ark. where he has a contract of about \$20,000 to do some railroad building for the Rock Island Ry. Co.

Sheriff T. C. Weir was here one day last week attending to official business and shaking hands with friends.

Robert Hicks and Raymond Touchstone have accepted positions in the Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

Mrs. J. E. Martin and children left Monday for Dallas and Fort Worth on a visit to friends and relatives.

W. M. Jenkins is here this week shaking hands with friends.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Will appreciate a share of your trade. Kent St. Barbers. tf

It is rumored that the wind did blow one day this week.

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

With sorrow we report the serious illness of Mrs. J. C. Calvert.

Light Crust Flour is better. For sale only by Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Mrs. W. V. George of Big Springs is here visiting her daughter Mrs. Tobe Paylor.

Mrs. Ed Scott formerly of this place but now of Fort Worth is visiting friends here this week.

Our former townsman J. H. Rogers was in the city shaking hands with friends Wednesday.

Phone 170 for your wants in Dry Goods and Groceries and get better prices and better service. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Misses Carrie and Beatrice Tillinghast who have been in our city visiting the family of J. F. Shaffer returned to their home in Hico Wednesday.

Received this week a beautiful selection of dress goods in the new silk mixtures. Just what you ladies have been wanting. W. L. Harkrider.

Mrs. S. W. Shaver and children of Ballinger who have been here visiting the former's brothers W. E. and Montgomery Britain returned home Thursday.

Miss Ollie Kate Harris of Abilene was visiting in our city Tuesday, returning home at noon.

Ollie Cordell has returned from a few weeks visit with relatives and friends in north Texas and Oklahoma and has resumed his duties at the Groene Art Store.

J. H. Ensminger, Sam Butman and Jim Moore were in the city Thursday from the Canyon and boarded the first train for Abilene.

E. A. Costephens left yesterday on the delayed west bound train to attend the fair which is in progress at Roscoe.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

XX Club Questions for Oct. 21.

As You Like It. Act I; scene I.

- 1. Where is the scene laid?
2. What aspects of the general theme of the drama are depicted in the opening?
3. Are the distresses that Orlando suffers such as to lead one to expect a comedy or tragedy?
4. What are the functions of Adam in the play?
5. Who is Oliver? What impression have we of him?
6. Who was Robin Hood?
7. What is meant by the "golden world"?
8. What do you think of Oliver's speech to Charles just before he bids him farewell?
9. What is Rosalind's position with reference to her surroundings as shown here?
10. Note the irony of the proposed sport before the scene is over. What do we find?
11. What do you think of Le Beau?
12. What is Frederick's attitude toward Orlando?
13. What reconciliation is here foreshadowed?
14. Tell of the wrestling match and for what purpose does it serve?
15. Describe this love at first sight?
16. What does Le Beau's last talk to Orlando prepare us for?
17. What is meant by "smoke into the smother"?
18. Summarize the points of superiority that Orlando possesses by reason of gentle birth and breeding.
19. Is Shakespeare aristocratic in social feelings? Do you find in any of his plays a treatment of love between unequals?
20. Why is Rosalind banished?
21. What motive for it does Frederick assign?
22. Compare this friendship to other girl friendship we have studied?
23. Who proposes the flight to the Forest of Arden?
24. How does Rosalind describe herself in male attire? Compare this description with Portia's on the same theme. Mention other plays in which Shakespeare so disguises his heroines.
25. With what feeling does this act close?
Mrs. L. Sparkman, Leader.

The XX Century Club will hold its first meeting Oct. 7, at the home of Mrs. M. Armstrong. The following program will be given: Roll call, quotations from As You Like It. Payment of dues. Presidents greeting followed by the order of business. Let all the members be present at 3:30 p. m. Cor. Sec.

Thursday evening the members of the Ladies Bible Class met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Martin to elect officers and transact other business. The following officers were elected: Mrs. R. L. Krigbaum, President, Mrs. T. A. Johnson, Vice-President, Mrs. R. A. Martin, Secretary, Mrs. J. P. Sublett, Treasurer.

The president will appoint members to fill the devotional, social and membership committees. After the business period a surprise was in store for brother and sister Martin as a

surrey drove up to the gate and a steady stream of dainty viands found the way into the dining room. Nothing was forgotten. Meats, bread, pickles, salads, vegetables, cakes, sherbet and cream—a sure enough feast. Those who were present to enjoy the occasion will long remember the pleasures of the evening. They were Mesdames R. A. Martin, Williams, Jenkins, Provine, Jennings, Brown, Browning, Hamm, Miss Duncan Browning, Messrs. and Mesdames T. A. Johnson, George Boyce, R. L. Krigbaum and Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Martin.

The B.O.O.M. met last Friday evening in the I.O.O.F. hall. After an interesting business session Lytton Howard was initiated into the organization. A splendid program was rendered to a large attendance. Their next meeting will be held October fifth. There will be no special program as the club court will hold its regular business session. All members are requested to be present as many will be witnesses in the cases to be tried. Press Reporter.

The Baptist Philathea Class.

Were hostesses to the Baracas of the Baptist church Friday evening, Sept. 29, at the residence of G. A. Rister in South Merkel. The guests were asked to draw representatives of different songs—a great deal of laughter was caused by the rude sketches. Conundrums were then given to boys; the answers to the girls—by this means partners were secured for the floral contest. A sheet was then stretched to make a screen. A dim light was placed back of the sheet.

As the shadows of the passing girls appeared the boys were given chances to guess who they were. A successful guess provided partners for the dining room. A failure called for a forfeit which was afterwards sold.

Delicious punch was served to Misses Ina and Maggie Wheeler, Margie, Clara and Murtice Saffle, Eva Walters, Jessie Sutphen, Gene and Carol Rister, Messrs. Robert Hicks, Ben Merritt, Grady Collins, Britton Jobe, John King, Herman Barnett, Floyd Dean, Willie Joe Largent, Charles Lofton and Jake Walters.

The Rose Philathea Class met with their teacher Mrs. G. H. Adams Tuesday afternoon and elected officers: President, Miss Pauline Johnson; vice-president, Mattie Paylor; secretary, Eunice Nesbitt; treasurer, Ezma Allday. A number of subjects were up for consideration, special music and etc. Class members present were Misses Jessie Sutphen, Mattie Paylor, La Verna Swafford, Pauline Johnson, Elma Sheppard, Ezma Allday, Virginia and Ona Hamblett.

Mrs. Fred Bigham left Friday for El Paso, joining her husband on No. 7, as he passed through from Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. Bigham will spend the winter in El Paso where Mr. Bigham is engaged in the shipping business.

S. P. Miller who visited his sister Mrs. W.H. Dickson last week, has received his appointment from the U. S. N. Department, as an officer in the Recruiting Station at Dallas.

Mrs. C. C. Cheshire has returned to her home in Abilene after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Berry.

Meeks-Cook.

At 9:45 Sunday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Beene of Noodle. Mr. R. A. Meeks and Miss Mary Susan Cook were happily married, Rev. R. O. Bailey officiating. After the ceremony the bridal party went to church and then to the home of the groom's parents where a delicious dinner awaited them. Just a few relatives and special friends being present.

The bride was dressed in cream silk, looking very lovely while the groom wore a black serge suit.

Mr. and Mrs. Meeks are very popular, not only in that community but others. We wish for them a long, happy and prosperous life, and their pathway strewn with roses and that they will have no trouble to mar their pleasure and happiness. They will reside in the Noodle community.

B.O.O.M. Program Friday, Oct. 20.

Business.

Debate—Resolve that the Philippine Islands should be Released—Affirmative, Floyd Dean, Miller Elliott; Negative, Charlie Lofton, George Musick.

The Management of a Great Literary Society—Elbert Dean. Is the U. S. Declining? Bringing to Light Three Great Subjects—R. G. Collins.

League Program.

Topic—The Christian's Emancipation.

Leader—Lena McNeese.

Instrumental Solo—Bessie Touchstone.

Song—No. 72.

Responsive reading, Ps. 103.

Prayer.

Song 116.

Scripture reading, Rom. 6:6-22

Prayer by leader.

Talks.

What we prefer to slavery—Tennie Pope.

What is Sin?—Geo. Smith.

Paper—What does Sin Pay?—Ona Johnson.

Paper—How may we gain deliverance from Sin?—Ulysses McNeese.

What will Association with Christ do for us?—Miss Smith.

Scripture references.

Vocal Duett—Eunice Nisbett and Roxie Moon.

Miscellaneous.

Rally Day.

Sunday School Rally Day program to be rendered at the Methodist church Sunday, Oct. 8, 1911: Piano Solo—Miss Laura Jennings.

Hymn—"Tru Hearted, Whole Hearted."

Prayer—H. C. Williams.

Hymn—"Scattering Precious Seed."

Address—The Value of the Sunday School—Prof. R. L. Krigbaum.

Music by Philathea Class.

Address—Parental Responsibility to the School—T. A. Johnson.

Duet—"I Love Him"—Misses Mims and Potter.

Address—The Sunday School Teacher—Rev. A. M. Martin.

Music by Baraca class.

Address—Advantages of an Organized Class—Misses E. Love Hawkins.

Hymn—"I Love to Tell the Story."

For Chapped Hands.

Chapped skin whether on the hands or face may be cured in one night by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It is also unequalled for sore nipples, burns and scalds. For sale by all dealers.

Be Happy!

Happy the girl, or woman, who has never suffered from any of the diseases of womanhood! Or, if she has been a sufferer, happy is she if she has learned of the wonderful benefits of Cardui, the woman's tonic!

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The petals surround a cup nearly a wide, the margin of which bears stamens. The cup of the Rafflesia lined with a fleshy disk, the upper face of which is covered with projections like miniature cows' horns. The cup when free from its contents will hold about twelve pints. The flower weighs about fifteen pounds and is very thick, the petals being three-quarters of an inch.—Scientific American.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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Samuel Birch, of Beetown, Wis., had a most narrow escape from losing his leg, as no doctor could heal the frightful sore that developed, but at last Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured it completely. Its the greatest healer of ulcers, burns, boils, eczema, scalds, cuts, corns, cold-sores, bruises and piles on earth. Try it. 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

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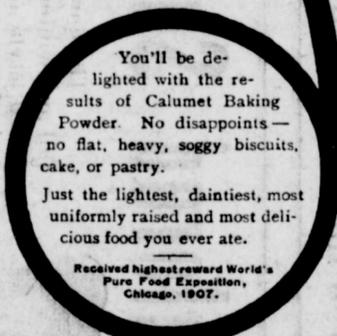
The appalling death rate from kidney disease is due in most cases to the fact that the little kidney troubles are usually neglected until they become serious. The slight symptoms give place to chronic disorders and the sufferer goes gradually into the grasp of diabetes, dropsy, Bright's disease, gravel or some other form of kidney complaint.

If you suffer backache, headache, dizzy spells; if the kidney secretions are irregular of passage and unnatural in appearance, do not delay. Help the kidneys at once. Doan's Kidney Pills are especially for kidney disorders—they cure where others fail. Over one hundred thousand people have recommended them. Here is one of many cases in this vicinity.

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and yet sleepless Hiram Scrauton of Clay City, Ill., coughed and coughed. He was in the mountains on the advice of five doctors, who said he had consumption, but found no help in the climate, and started home. Hearing of Dr. King's New Discovery, he began to use it. "I believe it saved my life," he writes, "for it made a new man of me, so that I can now do good work again." For all lung diseases, coughs, colds, la grippe, asthma, croup, whooping cough, hay fever, hemorrhages, hoarseness or quinsy its the best known remedy. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by B. C. Burroughs.

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# MAN KILLED BY AUTO

Abilene Shoemaker is Victim of An Automobile Accident Saturday.

## JEFF COWDEN DROVE CAR

Mr. Matheson Lived Only Short Time, Never Regained Consciousness; Inquest is Held Before H. Bob Keeble.

Abilene, Oct. 1.—J. J. Matheson, aged 72 years, a pioneer shoemaker of this city, is dead as result of an automobile accident at the corner of North Third and Pine streets at half past eight o'clock Saturday morning.

Mr. Matheson was struck by an automobile driven by Jeff D. Cowden. The accident occurred near the postoffice corner in the midst of a dense circus day crowd. Indications adduced from the testimony at the inquest are that the occurrence was unavoidable.

The testimony of witnesses and of Mr. Cowden himself shows that the latter was driving north on Pine street in his car and that Mr. Matheson was walking across the street, going west. Mr. Cowden stated that he did not see Mr. Matheson in time to avoid a collision on account of a high board wagon passing in front of him, and that when he first sighted the old man they were not more than eight feet apart. He said he turned quickly to the right, doing everything in his power to avert the accident. The left fender of his car struck Mr. Matheson in the body, knocking him backward. His head struck the pavement, causing as the doctors said, a rupture in the base of the brain, from the effects of which internal injury he bled from the mouth, nose and ears. There was also a jagged scalp wound two inches above the right ear, and his right shoulder was crushed.

The first parties to reach the scene found the victim unconsciousness and dying. He was carried to the postoffice lawn where, surrounded by hundreds of people, he died in about thirty minutes, without regaining consciousness. Doctors S. C. Gage, J. D. Magee and A. V. Cash were called.

Charles Matheson, a son of J. J. Matheson, who had arrived Saturday morning from Thurber to visit his father and attend Ringling Brothers circus, arrived on the scene a few minutes before his father breathed his last. He had not seen his father prior to that time that morning. His grief was affecting.

Mr. Matheson's body was removed to the Laughter undertaking establishment. At a late hour Saturday funeral arrangements had not been made, being held up pending advices from the dead man's children, who have been wired of the tragedy.

The inquest was held Saturday afternoon before Justice of the Peace Keeble at which the testimony of several witnesses, and of Mr. Cowden was taken. At the hearing Mr. Cowden seemed laboring under great mental distress.

"I loved the old man," he said, "and would have rather died than seen this happen."

At the hearing he reiterated his statement that he was not driving faster than three or four miles an hour, also that he did everything in his power to prevent the tragedy. He was represented by W. J. Cunningham.

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