

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## KILLING AT ABILENE

Charlie Matheson Killed in Home of Well Known Female Character.

### MRS. MATHESON DID SHOOTING

Tragedy Occurred Thursday Morning in East Abilene; Mrs. Matheson Fired Six Shots From Porch, One Taking Effect in Brain

Abilene, Oct. 5.—Charlie Matheson, white, aged about thirty-seven years, was shot and killed shortly after seven o'clock this morning in the home of Stella Ramsey, a well known Abilene female character. Mrs. Matheson, the dead man's wife, has surrendered to the officers and is said to have admitted the shooting. Matheson died in two and a half hours.

From the testimony of persons who heard the shots, it appears that the tragedy occurred between ten and twenty minutes after seven o'clock. Mrs. Matheson who arrived in Abilene yesterday afternoon from Thurber, walked alone to the Ramsey home, immediately north of the Walker-Smith Grocery Company's building, on Mesquite street. It seems that she entered the Ramsey yard from the west gate, walked around the south side of the house.

Matheson was found in the south window. There she dropped her purse, which was later recovered by Sheriff Weir. Then she walked to the west side, came up on the front porch and stood within twelve inches of the west window.

The bed on which Matheson's body was found, was in the southwest corner of the room, about six inches from the window. It is thought that Mrs. Matheson saw her husband lying on the bed, next to the window, and waited until a puff of wind blew the curtains and window shades aside. Then she fired six times, although but five bullet holes were found in the screen.

Parties arriving on the scene immediately following the shooting found but one bullet in Matheson's head and none in the body. One ball went in on the left side just over the ear, passed through the brain and came out at the back of the right ear.

Matheson was found in the southwest corner of the Ramsey home, sweltering in his own blood. He was unconscious but dying. One bullet had plowed deep into a pillow and feathers were scattered over the room. Matheson was lying nearest the porch window, his head facing south, attired only in night shirt and pajamas.

Statement By Stella Ramsey.

Stella Ramsey's statement to the Reporter was very guarded, notwithstanding her deep emotion. According to her version, she was not in bed when the shots were fired.

"I had gotten up," she said, "and walked toward my own room across the hall. Just as I passed into the hall I heard the shots. I ran back to where Charlie lay and as I leaned over him two more shots were fired. He never spoke a word to me. I believe Charlie's head was turned

toward me when he was shot. I had just spoken to him and he turned his head to reply."

Stella Ramsey Arrested.

A few minutes before Matheson died Sheriff Weir and his deputy, W. F. Whaley, formally placed Stella Ramsey under arrest. The woman besought the officers to allow her to remain until after the inquest, or even to see the dying man before he passed away, but her entreaties were ignored. It is understood that an assault with intent to murder charge will be filed against her.

In Stella Ramsey's possession were found a photograph of Charlie Matheson and two letters alleged to have been written to her from Matheson. In both letters the writer expressed the most endearing terms to his alleged mistress. One was post marked Mingus, the other Big Springs.

## STITH RESIDENCE DESTROYED BY FIRE

The residence of A. M. Wimberly at Stith was completely destroyed by fire Monday night about 11 o'clock. Mr. Wimberly was gone to Abilene but his family was at home at the time of the fire. The origin of the fire is unknown although some think it caught from the flue. Most everything in the house was destroyed and but very little household goods were saved. The house was owned by Mr. Wimberly and we did not learn whether or not he had any insurance but we presume he did.

Mr. Wimberly is well known here and has many friends in and around Merkel as well as in the Stith community who sympathize with him in his loss. The above report was given to a Mail reporter Tuesday evening by someone from Stith.

### Two Boys Arrested.

City Marshal W. N. Hall arrested two runaway boys Tuesday morning among some freight cars near the Texas & Pacific water tank. Mr. Hall received a telephone message giving the description of two boys who had left some place near Abilene and was told to arrest the boys and hold them here until someone came after them. They were placed in the calaboose where they awaited the arrival of an elder brother of one of them.

Roy Staton and Shade Reynolds are the names of those arrested. The parents of the former who live a few miles this side of Abilene sent the telephone message to the city marshal. A few minutes after receiving the message Mr. Hall saw the boys coming over the cemetery hill and watched them until they reached the place where they were arrested. The latter lived on the other side of Abilene and is said to have been picking cotton near his friend Roy. Reynolds decided he had better go home as his friend was taken home by his older brother.

Miss Alpha Garrett returned to Abilene Monday after a pleasant visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

## MERKEL COUNTRY MAN SUCCESSFUL

J. L. Baker one of the most prosperous farmers of Taylor county who lives just south-east of the city in clover was in our office one day last week renewing his subscription to the paper the people read and placing it several months in advance. Mr. Baker has lived in this section of the country a number of years and says in spite of the condition this is one of his best crop years. He is feeling good and has a right to feel that way owing to the results mentioned in this article.

While in conversation with a Mail reporter Mr. Baker said: "I am gratefully pleased with this year's crop. I have 1500 bushels of oats and 100 bushels of wheat and with what I have received I will make at least 25 bales of cotton off 35 acres. I have just received a letter from a party offering me about 55 cents per bushel for all oats I have on hand. This brings me a nice little sum of money besides what I receive for my cotton. I am well pleased and could not wish for anything better. Anyone who tries to farm in the right way can make an easy living in this section of the country and I don't believe it can be beat anywhere."

Mr. Baker did not mention the amount of other feedstuffs made but we presume he made an ample supply. We need more farmers of this kind in our territory and everybody is always welcome to a share of the Merkel country and we will do our best to see that they are located in a good section. Come to Merkel.

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

In the past week our good people have filled up our cash subscription box to the top and our business is getting better all of the time.

It would be folly for us to make that kind of statement or just claim to be the paper the people read in the Merkel country if we could not prove our claim. We make good everything we say and there are no secrets about our business. We publish our list of renewals and new subscribers and our subscription books are open to any honest advertiser.

The following is our list for the past week and we ask you to read the list and help us show them our appreciation:

I S Allen, J L Baker, M D Angus, W E Britain, Dr. Geo. L Miller, Mrs. Nan Thompson, Tyre Compton, J F Shaffer, city and rural routes. Miss Leno Largent, Bristol, Va., L W Pribble, A T Smith, route two Trent; Booth Bros. & Warren, Hawley; W U Beene, Noodle; Holland Teaff, Waco; Miss Irene Swann, Nashville, Tenn; H W Hester, Trent; Dr. C M McCauley, W H Childers, Geo. L Paxton, T C Weir Abilene; C W Harris city.

W. F. Evans, Fire Chief of the City in Clover, states the fire boys had a very good meeting Monday night there being only a few present. Mr. Evans said he would like to see all the boys present at the next meeting as they expected to have a big time.

Rev. J. T. L. Annis has been very sick again for the past week or ten days. This good old man has a most remarkable constitution, has withstood much intense suffering and his many friends pray that he may completely recover.

Mrs. E. M. Hawkins of Dallas who has been visiting Dr. M. Armstrong and family went to Abilene Tuesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Scott and will return to Merkel before going home.

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

## PASTOR PRAISES MERKEL COUNTRY

Rev. C. S. Fields of Fort Worth was among the visitors this week and to a Mail reporter talked of the Merkel country as of yore. He said:

"It was in the fall of 1906 that I left Merkel and it was prosperous times here then. I was pastor of the Methodist church here for two years and we built the present handsome church building during that time at a cost of about \$8,000. We paid it out, dedicated it and had money left in the bank, the first time I ever saw that in my life. It was good times and you have the most liberal people I ever met. Those times are coming back and from what I see your people have no cause for complaint now. You have suffered as little as anybody from the drouth and are ahead of many sections of our part of the state. You have an abundant feed crop which many have not and your cotton will compare with that in our part of the state. The Merkel country is first-class for farming and when you have average conditions your little city will be as good as ever."

### Picking Up.

O. P. Thomas of Abilene and high official in K. of P. work was among the visitors here the first of the week. He took particular notice of our cotton yard, the fullness thereof and the loaded wagons rolling into town. He said: "It looks like the Merkel of old. Until about 1906 I was in the cotton business and then we all had to take our hats off to the Merkel country farmers for making the fleecy staple."

### "The Girl And The Tramp."

The Girl and The Tramp, which is announced to appear at the Opera House Friday night, Oct. 13, is a mixture of comedy drama and song, created exclusively for fun only. It is said to be one long laugh from start to finish.

H. W. Hester is again with the Texas & Pacific Ry. Co. at Trent after being with homefolks on route 4 from Merkel for some time. Our best wishes and the Merkel Mail go with him.

## TEXAS COMMISSION

Organization to be Launched in Dallas Monday October Sixteenth.

### TWO ABILENE MEN MEMBERS

Move is of Far-Reaching Importance to Texas And Should be Well Attended, all Towns Having Representatives Present.

Gainesville, Oct. 10.—Mr. John L. Simpson of this city, chairman of the executive board of the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association, has called a meeting of his committee in Dallas on Monday October 16th at 10 a. m., in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce of that city.

In addition to the election of a secretary-manager and the fixing of the location of the headquarters and the appointment of the regular committee for the coming year, the executive will organize the Welfare Commission, define the scope of its inquiry and appoint the members of the committee.

This move is perhaps the most important one ever undertaken by the organization and will result in giving the men whom we must look to to build Texas an opportunity for a hearing.

Among the inquiries which the commission will be called upon to answer are the following:

We have 140,000 miles of public highway and only 2,000 improved. Why?

We have need of 50,000 miles more of railroad and there is no railroad construction going on in Texas today. Why?

We owe \$1,100,000,000 outside of the state and will have to borrow ten billion more to develop Texas. The large life insurance companies and other sources of cheap money are not doing business in Texas. Why?

We raise three and four million bales of cotton per annum and manufacture only 40,000 bales. Why?

There are numerous other questions equally as pertinent which the commission will endeavor to answer.

There are twenty-six members of the committee.

J. M. Radford and Ed S. Hughes of Abilene are members and are expected to be present with many others of that section of the country.

### Quarterly Conference.

The last quarterly conference for the present year, was held at the Methodist church Monday night. Reports for the year were fine. All departments of church work are in good condition. Rev. Martin has received sixty-eight members into the church during the year. The church is expecting to have a full financial report by the time conference convenes at Plainview, Nov. 1st. The church here will invite the next Annual Conference to meet in Merkel.

J. L. Howardson of LaGrange, California, formerly of Shep was in Merkel looking after business Tuesday leaving that evening for home.

Plenty corn and chops at G. M. Sharp's Grain Store.



## COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

### Butman Community.

Oct. 10—Here comes Dewdrops again this beautiful morning.

Cotton picking and cutting feed is still the order of the day in our community and will be for quite a while.

Little Clara Dulin was on the sick list last week.

Lee White attended prayer meeting at White Church Sunday night.

Mr. Doan and sons D. C. and Herman were visiting in this community Sunday.

E. E. Patterson was cutting feed for Mr. Sherrill last week.

Walter Lewis went to Merkel Saturday.

Mr. Huffman of Ovalo was visiting in this community last week.

Henry Patterson was visiting his uncle Emmitt Patterson Sunday.

Willie White attended prayer meeting at Butman Sunday night.

Elgin Costephens is in the Canyon this week.

All those who attended the fruit supper at P. B. Franks Saturday night report a delightful time.

The Misses Clark of the Divide were recent guests of Miss Pearl Perkins.

Melvin Dulin was visiting Chalmer and Owen Patterson Saturday.

Mr. Purdom and children of White Church were recent visitors in the Butman community.

Willie White is cutting feed for Mr. Costephens this week.

Miss Mary Grider attended Sunday school at White Church Sunday morning.

Alfred Costephens of Merkel spent Saturday and Sunday night with home folks.

Mr. Costephens went to Merkel one day last week.

Maek Grider transacted business in Merkel one day last week.

Miss Linnie White spent part

of last week with Mrs. J. H. Ensminger.

Oscar Dulin was in our midst Sunday buying cats. He was paying a dollar a piece for any size cat. Don't know how many he got but truly hope he got enough to keep him company in his batch.

The Misses Wood attended Sunday school at Butman Sunday morning.

Jordan White took dinner with Wade Ensminger Sunday.

Hurlus Matthews took dinner with the Misses Wood Sunday.

Chalmer and Owen Patterson were at Nubia Saturday.

J. A. Dulin and son Lee were trading in Merkel Saturday.

Miss Ludie Dulin was the guest of Miss Lillie White Sunday afternoon.

Lee Burrus and lady were visiting in Butman community Sunday.

Willie White was at home Sunday.

D. D. Coats was a recent visitor at Butman.

Mrs. J. H. Ensminger attended the association last week.

Little W. J. Dulin is on the sick list this week.

Hurlus Matthews accompanied Miss Virginia Woods home Sunday morning.

Mr. Raggins transacted business in Merkel Saturday.

Miss Mary Grider attended the fruit supper at Mr. Franks Saturday night.

Vera Dulin was visiting Loma White Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. H. Ensminger was visiting at the home of R. N. White last Thursday.

Dewdrops.

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.

### Castle Peak News.

Oct. 10—Cotton picking is the order of the day.

Mrs. Ollie Barnes spent Sunday with her mother Mrs. A. H. Barnes.

Mr. Harp has been visiting in our community this week.

W. P. Moore and family spent Sunday with his brother George Moore.

Mr. Davis made a pleasant call on Mrs. Baccus Sunday.

Virgil Davis has left home to go to school this winter and we wish for him much success.

Hayt Horton has returned home after his many months absence.

Eddie Davis spent Sunday with Roy Baccus.

Well as tenderfoot is busy picking cotton she will ring off and let Dewdrops and Lost Chicken have the space.

Stranger.

### White Church Items.

Oct. 10—Cotton picking is still the order of the day in our community.

P. B. Franks transacted business in Merkel Saturday.

Lee White of Butman community attended prayer meeting at this place Sunday night.

Dexter Juniper and Miss Addie Franks were in Merkel Sunday.

Zelmer Snow and Miley Burrus were in Nubia Sunday.

Dexter Juniper and Miss Emmie Brown attended prayer meeting at this place Sunday night.

Miss Willie Dulin is on the sick list this week.

Leonard Tye and Miss Jewel Hicks attended prayer meeting at this place Sunday night.

L. H. Burrus attended the Baptist association at Loraine last week.

The fruit supper at Mr. Franks was very much enjoyed by all present.

Alfred Costephens of Merkel visited his father in our community Saturday and Sunday.

Miley Burrus and Miss Addie Dulin attended prayer meeting here Sunday night.

Arthur Clark and sister Miss Lela attended the party at Mr. Franks Saturday night.

Rev. R. O. Bailey will fill his regular appointment at this place Sunday afternoon and Sunday night. Everybody come.

Lost Chicken.

### Salt Branch News.

Oct. 10—Bro. Saifle of Merkel preached here Sunday morning.

Miss Ida Taylor was the charming guest of Miss Ruth Allen Sunday.

Miss Dewey Floyd was visiting Miss Nina Beavers Sunday.

Miss Lois Smith was the guest of Miss Oma Taylor Sunday.

J. W. Teaff and wife and S. W. Taylor and family were visiting at the home of W. B. Beavers Sunday.

S. W. Taylor attended the association at Loraine last week.

Ellis Petty and family were visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Porter Petty Sunday.

Mr. Butler and wife from near Merkel attended church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Beavers are the proud parents of a fine baby boy which made its appearance last Friday.

R. D. Allen and wife spent a few days at Loraine last week.

Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy were visiting Misses Lyda and Nina Beavers Saturday.

Misses Dewey and Essie Floyd were shopping in Merkel Satur-



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J. T. HOWARD, Asst. Cashier

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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.

### Nubia News.

Oct. 11.—We have been having some very cold weather.

Mrs. Willie Walker and children visited her mother, Mrs. Clark Sunday.

Doyle and Haden Blair are very sick.

Mrs. Allie Toombs visited Mrs. J. S. Blair Tuesday.

Mrs. P. B. Deavenport and son Twyman, visited her parents Tuesday night.

Arthur Clark and sister Lela, visited their sister Mrs. E. F. Stanley Sunday.

Ira Moore was a pleasant caller at J. S. Blair's Sunday.

Bro. Bailey will fill his regular appointment here Saturday night and Sunday. Lost Dog.

Read the Mail—\$1.00 a year.

### day.

J. W. Hardy transacted business in Abilene Thursday.

Mr. Banner of Merkel attended church at this place Sunday.

As news is scarce I will ring off. Success to the Mail.

Blue-eyed Girl.

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 CREAM VERMIFUGE** performs a marvelous transformation. Cheerfulness, strength and the rosy bloom of health speedily return. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Orice and L. L. Burns left Monday for Pilot Point where they have positions with a Telephone Company.



## 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.

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## 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

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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

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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

Fresh chocolates, both bulk and package at the Elite.

C. K. Russell was in Abilene this week attending court.

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

Mrs. E. M. Rust was visiting in Abilene Sunday.

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

T. F. Compton was among the business visitors to Abilene the first of the week.

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

J. W. Daniel is at home this week from Dallas where he has been for several weeks.

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

Miss Murtice Moore and sister were in our city from Blair Saturday visiting friends.

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

Miss Ova Teaff of Simmons College was visiting home folks the latter part of last week.

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

Miss Velma Jones who has been visiting in the Canyon has returned to her home in Fort Worth.

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

Mrs. M. S. Wiman left the first of the week for Fort Worth and Dallas where she goes to visit her children.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whitaker and Miss Jessie Sutphen made an overland trip to Abilene the first of the week.

O. P. Thomas and W. H. Kay of Abilene met with the K. of P. members of this place Monday night in the interest of the insurance department of that order.

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.

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

### MOUSE AND VERMIN-PROOF SANITARY CABINET BASE

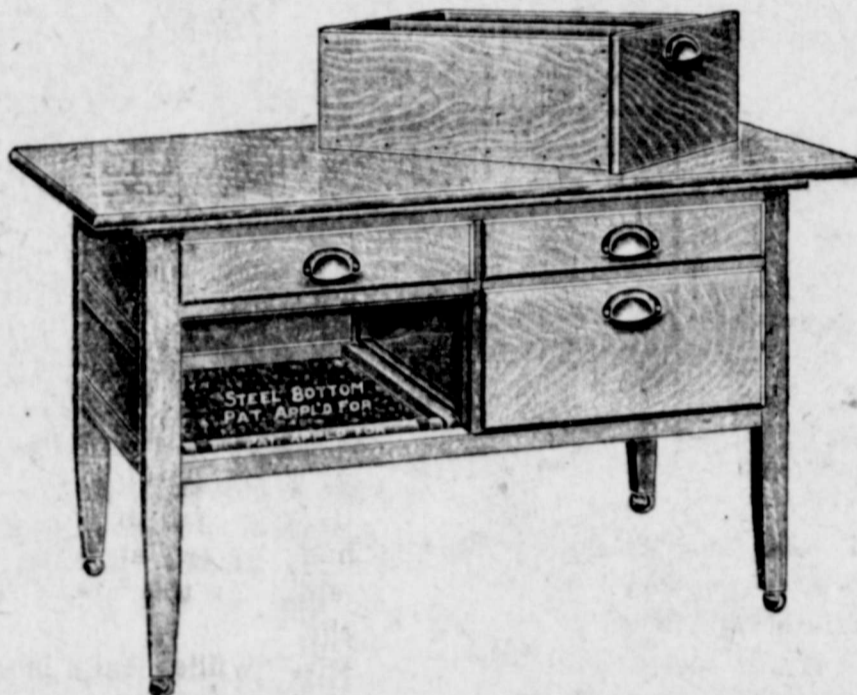
Top 27x48, one dough board, two drawers, roller-bearing flour bins, one bin divided, steel bottom that mice can not get through, rollers on each base. Made of oak finished in golden high gloss finish.

Not only handsome but durable and strong.

Base only.....\$7.50

Two glass doors, top for dishes, etc., to match base

Comeplete, only.....\$13.75



## BEHRENS-McMILLEN FURNITURE COMPANY

#### "The Girl And The Tramp."

If a rattling good play full of funny situations, catchy song hits woven in a story of strong heart interest counts for anything then *The Girl and the Tramp* which will be seen at the Merkel Opera House Friday night, Oct. 13, must be a winner.

#### Kicked By A Mad Horse

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 greatest healer of ulcers, burns, boils, eczema, scalds, cuts, corns, cold-sores, bruises and piles on earth. Try it. 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

The following citizens of our little city were in the Taylor county capital Monday: I. S. Allen, R. L. Bland, T. F. Compton, W. W. Wheeler, R. C. Young, T. J. Coggin, E. D. Coats, I. H. Yates, W. L. Harkrider, J. T. Warren, G. W. Johnson, A. C. Rose, H. Turner, H. C. Burroughs, John Sears, T. J. Cross, W. T. Potter and Earnest Faucett.

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.

Mrs. E. W. Holt of Duncan, Okla., who has been here visiting her mother, Mrs. J. E. McCaughey, returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. McDonald who have been here visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Routh left Monday for Dublin and Justine to visit relatives.



I have recently installed the latest type **Mediaometer** 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.

#### 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.

Mrs. J. F. Pilkinton returned to her home in Dallas the latter part of last week after a pleasant visit with her sister Mrs. J. F. Provine.

W. U. Beene one of our successful farmers of the Noodle country was among the number renewing their subscriptions to the Mail since our last issue.

#### "The Girl And The Tramp."

The following letter telegram was received by a Chicago tailoring firm the other day: "Don't start suit. Saw 'The Girl and the Tramp' the other night and am still laughing, and taking on flesh. Will call in about thirty days for new measurement." If you want to laugh and grow fat, see *The Girl and the Tramp* at the Opera House Friday night, Oct. 13.

#### Never Out of Work.

The busiest little things ever made are Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar coated globule 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.

George Ferrier left Tuesday for Dallas where he will run a Chalmers-Detroit touring car during the fair for his cousin Martin Metzger of Abilene, after which time he may go to the southern part of old Mexico with John Daniel on a prospecting tour.

Rev. C. S. Fields formerly pastor of the M. E. Church of this place has been visiting friends and looking after business here and at Trent for several days and will go further west before returning to his home in Fort Worth.

Misses Flora Harris and Elna Honeycutt of Abilene were in Merkel the latter part of last week looking after the interests of the Abilene Reporter's contest for the latter.

W. T. Sears of Whitewright is a guest this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sears while looking after his interests in this part of the country.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Rev. Smith was an Abilene visitor Sunday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Reid of Trent were in our city Saturday visiting friends.

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

Mrs. C. C. Cheshire of Abilene is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Berry.

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

Rev. R. F. Gibson of Bastrop stopped over in our city Monday and visited his friend N. Roberts and family.

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

Mrs. J. E. Musick left Saturday for Rising Star to visit her nephew who is very low with typhoid fever.

John Milliken who has been in our city visiting R. C. Young and other relatives has returned to his home in Altus, Okla.

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.

Miss Maggie Richardson who has been visiting Miss Maude Jenkins returned to her home in Roscoe Saturday. Miss Maude accompanied her to her home.

Mesdames J. B. Thomas of Alvord and W. M. Wright of Abilene have returned to their respective homes after a pleasant visit in our city with Mrs. Courtney Hunt.

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.

Cashier R. O. Anderson and H. L. Propst of Trent passed through Merkel on the noon train Monday enroute to Abilene to attend to business affairs. The former stopped off here between the two trains on his return that evening.

Hughes fine fresh candies at H. C. Burroughs.



# 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.

**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; 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 offered 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.

# J.G. JACKSON

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TELEPHONE No. 61

If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of The Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires, a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

### TEXAS HAS 514 NATIONAL BANKS.

Statistics compiled by the Texas Bankers Journal, show that since the beginning of the National Banking System in Texas February 25, 1863 to July 31, 1911, the number of national banks organized in the state was 716. Of this number, 31 have become insolvent, and 171 in liquidation, leaving 514 in operation. This gives Texas more national banks in operation than either the six New England states or the eight Pacific states; more than a third of all the national banks in the thirteen Southern states or the nine western states; almost a third of those in the six Eastern states and more than a fourth of those in the eight middle states.

### HIGHWAY TO HAPPINESS.

"To be calm when others about are troubled," writes A. V. Fowler, "to dream dreams and yet not be mastered by them; to think and yet not make thoughts an end; to meet triumph without pride and disaster without being embittered; to walk with the many and keep virtuous; to hold converse with the mighty and yet not lose the common touch; to be influenced neither by the criticism of foes nor the flattery of friends; to endeavor to be of service and helpful to others; to keep in mind the transitions of life's experiences; to love humanity and to trust in God—these are guideposts on the highway to happiness.

### RAILROADS KILL ONLY TEN PASSENGERS.

That the service given by the Texas railroads will compare most favorably with the roads of any other state in the union, is brought out in a recent report issued by Judge Glass of the Texas Railway Association. The safety afforded passengers is shown by the fact that out of 20,000,000, the number of persons who traveled on Texas roads during 1910, only ten met with fatal accidents.

Fort Worth bankers have received advices that there is to be some concert of action on the part of the banks of Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City in loaning money to Texas banks to aid in moving Texas crops. Wholesalers and manufacturers of the three cities are trying to develop new trade in Texas and the plan to lend financial support to Texas interests in handling the big crops is proposed as a vehicle of reciprocity. Figures show that Texas buys annually from other markets about \$400,000,000 worth of merchandise. St. Louis has enjoyed about 30 per cent, New York 40 per cent, the remaining 30 per cent being divided. The banks generally get the collections or exchange on these heavy purchases.

Aid the farmer in building good roads, thereby assisting him in getting better schools and churches. Forty miles of good roads, leading out of different directions from a town, is worth more to a town than a big factory or a new railroad.

If the retail merchants of Merkel will help us we will put the mail order houses out of business. It is a very simple and easy task, viz: Sell better goods, give better bargains and then do the rest just like the big mail order houses, advertise and let the people know about it. We have just refused a big advertising contract from one of the mail order houses and yet some local merchants never spend a dime with us advertising. We know a merchant here can make a better selling proposition for the people in our country; we know that they do so now but we also know they do not advertise their goods sufficiently. Think some along this line and let's make Merkel's trade territory a little bigger and better. The greater volume of business we have the cheaper we can sell goods and Merkel merchants can supply our farmers cheaper and better than any neighboring city where rents and expenses are higher and cheaper than any mail order house. Trade at Merkel.

About the happiest man we know in this world is a good friend who owns a little Merkel country farm and does not owe a dollar to anybody on this mundane sphere. Come to the Merkel country.

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of" the paper the people read. Subscribe and do it now for we are going to give you more for your money than any other newspaper this side of anywhere. It's a Merkel organ.

The deals of local real estate men show that confidence in the future of the Merkel country is universal and now is the time to make an investment. You will never see lands sell as low as the present values again in the history of this section.

The man who buys him a home in Merkel solves the high cost of living problem. An average citizen may live here, own an automobile and pay the upkeep expense and then live cheaper than he can in a larger city and walk or ride on the street cars. Come to Merkel.

Every farm is a factory. It produces the raw material of commerce. Its prosperity must depend upon the markets for its products. If the markets are good and easily accessible, then individual effort may count for something. If there are no good markets and if the markets are not cheaply accessible, then effort is handicapped and success is impracticable.

The trolley roads radiating through the country scatter diamonds of value in the comforts, and conveniences of living and in the enhancements of values. No turnpike or macadam road was ever built but that added increased conveniences and wealth to the adjacent territory, and no bridge was ever erected or commod road improved but did the same.

Progress would be impossible without commerce for the exchange of commodities and for the interchange of thought and ideas which inculcate culture, and both of these requisites of commerce and the interchange of thought and ideas are impossible without means of highways.

After all, you know, there is room for both men and women in this world. Men have their work to do and women have theirs. "It is the woman's work to provide for the inner man, and it is the man's to provide for the outer woman."

Give him half a chance and the man who knows it all will tell you.





# Our New Millinery

## WHICH HAS JUST ARRIVED

Come in and see the new Pattern Hats, Tailored and Street Hats. We have the latest styles that can be found at prices that can not be excelled; all marked in plain figures; can not be any mistake about the price. Our increase in business will show you that our Millinery Department is a success. Come soon before everything is picked over.

# Woodroof Brothers

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Best bran in town: G. M. Sharp's Grain Store.

Miss Mabel Collins left yesterday to visit in Hico.

New Millinery, the very latest styles at Woodroof Bros.

J. W. Bettes of Abilene was a Merkel visitor this week.

96 pairs \$4.50 to \$5.50 shoes going at \$3.75 at J. P. Sharp's.

H. F. Groene was a passenger Abilene yesterday.

carry a nice large line of actioneries.

Hamblet & Rogers.

lomer Rainbolt left Sunday night for Stamford where he goes to enter school.

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

Bob Hampton who recently visited to Slaton is among his Merkel friends this week.

The schools are in need of 35 cords of wood. Apply to Secretary Dr. J. H. Warnick. 2t

Dr. J. H. Warnick was attending to business in Sweetwater Wednesday evening.

Justin Fitts has returned from his field where he conducted a successful cash sale.

E. Comegys spent Wednesday in Clyde looking after the interests of his store at that place.

rs. and Mrs. J. S. Burkhead left Tuesday for their home in Colorado after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ingelman left yesterday morning for El Paso after visiting H. F. Groene and family of this city. They will go to Mexico City before returning to their home in St. Louis.

Don't trifle with a cold is good advice for prudent men and women. It can 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.

Ms Faye Lowrey who recently moved to Aquilla returned to Merkel Tuesday evening to finish the present school term at this place. The young people are very glad to have her with them again.

## FOR THIRTY DAYS

### A Special Sale on Graphophones And Records

"No one thing will give so much pleasure, to so many people, for so long a time, at so little cost, as a Columbia Graphophone."

Buy your Graphophones now and get your records free.



## THE ELITE CONFECTIONERY

### "The Girl And The Tramp."

The Girl and The Tramp will be the attraction at the Opera House Friday night, Oct. 13. In this attraction is found the very latest of comedy dramas, with a strong true story taken from life. This production under the direction of the Carlos Inskeep Attractions is complete in detail carrying everything required from a stage screw to a practical automobile of the newest design.

Mrs. J. I. Blair who had been in one of the local sanitariums for treatment died Monday and the body was shipped to Merkel and from there to the family burying ground at Nolan in Nolan county for interment.—Abilene Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Grisham of Hamlin came through the country in an auto Wednesday night to visit the latter's parents. Mr. Grisham returned home that night his wife remaining at the bedside of her mother Mrs. J. T. Howard.

Mrs. J. M. Morris left Monday night accompanied by her husband for Austin where she will be placed in the asylum. We hope Mrs. Morris will soon recover and be able to return home.

R. H. Collins, wife and little daughter Christine, left the first of the week for Bagwell to visit V. D. Jones and family.

W. D. Woodroof, W. L. Harkrider and Courtney Hunt were transacting business in Abilene yesterday.

Rev. G. L. Hamilton will preach at the Presbyterian church at the usual hours Sunday morning and night.

Jno. H. Morrow, Esq. of Abilene had business here Wednesday.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

LOST—Between the Star Store and my home on Edwards street, a long brown kid glove. Finder please return to me at the Star store. Miss Lizzie Mae Freeman. 11pd

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

SEED WHEAT—400 bushels for sale. Sam Butman, Nubia, Texas. 2t.

### 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.

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## Opera House

# Oct. 13

The Carlos Inskeep Attractions OFFER THAT

# JOYOUS JOLLY JINGLING JOLLIER

## THE GIRL and TRAMP

The Laughing Comedy Success  
An Excellent Cast. A Complete Scenic Production.  
Prices 25, 35 and 50c.

### Methodist Church Services.

Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Morning subject: "A High Mark."

Evening subject: "The Hornet."

Morning service will be one specially for the children and young people.

Parents of town are urged to bring your children. Everybody cordially invited.

A. M. Martin, pastor

Dr. James M. Green left Sunday morning for Houston and after a few days visit will go to Chicago to take a special course in dentistry. Dr. Green is liked very much by our people and we regret to have him leave us but hope he will return and make Merkel his home.

Mrs. J. T. Howard is reported to be very seriously ill as a result of a recent operation and the family and physician manifest much anxiety about her condition. The Mail and the many friends of this good family hope for more encouraging reports.

Rev. G. B. Airhart of Grapevine was in our midst last week while on his way home after looking after business in Mitchell county and attending the Sweetwater Baptist Association at Lorraine.

Rev. L. E. Masters, wife and little daughter who have been attending the Baptist Association at Lorraine spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Casseaux while enroute to their home in Abilene.

H. C. Floyd has returned from an overland trip to Dora, Nolan and other points. He said the crops in that section of the country looked reasonably good.

New dress, tailored and street hats at Woodroof Bros.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Watch the show window at McClain's Drug Store.

J. D. Beasley was transacting business in Abilene Tuesday.

96 pairs \$4.50 to \$5.50 shoes going at \$3.75 at J. P. Sharp's.

Felix R. Jones was in the city Tuesday from Abilene.

Just received a big lot of Hughes famous chocolates.

H. C. Burroughs. 2t

Mrs. F. C. Hale and children of Trent were in the city shopping the first of the week.

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

A. T. Smith who lives on route 2 from Trent was an appreciated caller at the Mail office the other day moving up his subscription.

With every 50 cent cash purchase we will give a beautiful water color picture.

McClain's Drug Store.

R. P. Hail a stockman of the south part of the county shipped a car of fat cattle to the Fort Worth market Tuesday.

After a short visit in this city with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Addison, Miss Sallie Orr has returned to her home in Putnam.

Just received a car load of the famous Juanita flour.

Hamblet & Rogers.

Dr. Geo. W. Howard of the Baptist Sanitarium of Dallas came in Tuesday morning to visit his mother Mrs. J. T. Howard, who is reported very ill.

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

T. D. Compton was in the city from route 3 the first of the week and renewed his subscription to the Merkel Mail for which we are very grateful.

Juanita, White Crest and Magnolia all northern flours handled only by us. We have the goods at low prices and want your business.

Hamblet & Rogers.

Mrs. D. E. Burton was visiting in Abilene the first of the week.





MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Friday evening Mrs. E. Hall Misses Murphy and Bowler entertained the teachers and a few special friends at the home of Mrs. E. Hall. The social half hour before the games was greatly enjoyed. Score cards with pen sketched heads were passed, assigning the guests to the different tables.

At table No. 1 Bunco was played. A peanut race brought forth much merriment as each tried his or her skill in carrying peanuts across the room on a knife at table No. 2. A delightful traveling tour had been planned for table No. 3. While puzzle pictures puzzled the players at table No. 4. A needle threading race at table No. 5 was amusing for it was here the boys needed instructions. Hullgull at table No. 6 ended the games and sent all to the artistically decorated dining room where Autumn flowers and vines were used.

Delicious refreshment were passed to Misses Hawkins, Medlen, Smith, Conner, Saunders, Long, Garrett, Nisbitt, Laura Jennings, May and Willie Valentine, Messrs. Sharp, Gaither, Touchstone, Frank Ferrier, Edwards, Dr. Green, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Krigbaum, Mrs. Arthur Rose and the hostesses. Miss Jennings favored those present with several selections of instrumental music.

The Woman's Missionary Society will have a meeting at Mrs. M. Armstrong's Monday at 4 o'clock. All members are invited. The following program will be given: Mrs. Otho Williams, Leader; Mrs. Beard, Mexico; Mrs. Ayres, Cuba; Mrs. Martin, China; Mrs. Sparkman, Work for the foreigner; Mrs. Bradley, Work of home department; Mrs. Routh, Reading; With prayer and music.

Committee.

Did you know that the Merkel Library was opened from 4 to 5 each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday? All the latest fiction has been added, over a hundred new books since the first of the year, twenty this week. Just one dollar for a membership card for a whole year's reading. Remember we have 750 books to make your selections from. Can you find cheaper reading?

Miss Brady Entertains.

Miss Erah Brady entertained quite a number of her friends at the home of her parents last Tuesday evening. Several games were played which were very much enjoyed by all present. The honoree was Miss Mollie Peterson. This was to celebrate her 17th birthday. She received several nice presents from different parties for which she was very thankful. Lemonade and cake were served to the entire crowd at 11 o'clock after which the crowd dispersed wishing Miss Mollie many more happy birthdays.

Mesdames Sutphen and Dickson were visitors of Mesdames Largent's Tuesday.

Miss Winnie Sandlin visited her sisters in Abilene Sunday.

Miss Zora Coggin is at home from Abilene.

XX Century Club.

The XX Club met Oct. 7 at the home of Mrs. M. Armstrong in a regular business session. Several members viz., Mesdames Armstrong, Daniel, Dickson, King, Sparkman, Misses Duncan Browning, Orra Long were present. Mesdames P. Pettit, Otho Williams and Miss Ruth Mims were unanimously elected to membership.

The report of the chairman of the year book committee was accepted, given a vote of thanks to the committee and the Mail for the neatness and accuracy in which the work was done. Mrs. Hawkins of Dallas who is visiting her niece Mrs. M. Armstrong was present, a most delightful Shakespearean student. Dainty refreshments were served to those present. Club adjourned to meet with Mrs. W. H. Dickson Oct. 21, 1911.

Mrs. L. Sparkman, V-Pres.  
Mrs. W. H. Dickson,  
Sec. pro tem.

By vote of the club the presidents address read by Mrs. L. Sparkman is given: "It is natural for you to feel disappointed when our president is absent but you will be more so when I have presided a few times. I am sorry our president can't be with us and hope she will be with us soon, for more reasons than one. She could do the work better and I would be relieved of it also. As her duties fall upon me I shall do my best in greeting you. I am glad to see you here and greet you one and all with a smile, a hearty handshake and a great big warm spot in my heart.

Our vacation is over and we are back to begin work again. It is to be hoped that all are truly rested and prepared for duty. Let each enter upon our work as a joy and a business. Make it so, feel that this is our club and it will not be a success unless each of us do our part. I feel good with our beginning and am as proud of our year book as a child is with a new primer. I predict for us a successful year in which we will be interested and will enjoy our work.

I hope each of you will be present at each meeting with a bright countenance, a studied lesson and a willingness to do your part. Again I greet you with best wishes for a successful year, the best we have ever had."

The B.O.O.M. met in regular session last Friday night. The officers were nominated for the various offices to be duly elected Friday night, Oct. 20. After the business was transacted and court dismissed those present were served cold drinks at the Elite.

Press Reporter.

Miss Cleo Bowler entertained the Music Club of twelve young ladies, Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6 at the home of Mrs. E. Hall. In a music contest Misses Flay Gunn and Dovie Teaff tied—in the cut Miss Gunn was given the book of poems. Music was furnished by Miss Bowler and several of the club. The club members present were Misses Flay Gunn, Pauline Johnson, Fannie Swann, Dovie and Mary Teaff, Nelle Tracy, Bernice Rainbolt, Madalyn Adkisson, Mildred Hogue, Carroll Rister, Lucille Sutphen, Edith Brown. Ice cream and cake were served.

E. M. Brown is at home for a few days visiting his wife and transacting business.

# Are You a Woman?

# TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

DO IT NOW.

Merkel People Should Not Wait Until It Is Too Late.

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.

M. E. Malone, balcksmith, 517 Walnut St., Abilene, Texas, says: "I had a pain across my kidneys which came on rather suddenly at times. While it lasted I felt miserable and could not stoop or bend. I had heard much about Doan's Kidney Pills and finally I procured a box. Through their use I was relieved of the pain in my back and my system was toned up."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Woman Cuts Throat.

Clyde, Oct. 9.—Mrs. Jeffries, wife of a farmer who resides six miles north of Clyde, ended her life Saturday morning by cutting her throat with a razor. She had been in poor health for several months and to this fact is attributed the despondency which led to self-destruction. Details regarding the unfortunate affair are not available at this time. Mrs. Jeffries is survived by her husband and several children.

Good Roads.

The farmers everywhere are giving their earnest support to the good roads movement for they realize that good roads will cheapen transportation, promote social intercourse and make farm life more attractive.—Roby Banner.

Rev. A. M. Martin was among the visitors to Abilene the first of the week.

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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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Mrs. Nan Thompson paid us a pleasant call the other day advancing her subscription dates.

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# WOULD YOU LIKE A PEEK AT THE NEW FALL FASHIONS

**WE** have just about finished opening our new goods for the fall trade. In these new arrivals you will find a clean stock of dependable merchandise. You can not afford to miss seeing our showing of Dress Goods, Ladies, Misses and Children's Coats, Men's Suits, Shoes, Hats and Furnishings. You can depend on the goods we offer and prices on same to be absolutely right.

**LADIES COATS**---We have a line of Ladies Coats, all new for we did not carry one over from last year, at prices from \$5.00 to \$20.00 each.

**SHOES**---When it comes to Shoes, we have them in anything you may need, and of the best makes that are to be found. Shoes that have a reputation.

**CLOTHING, HATS, ETC.**---We have new clothing, hats, etc., for men, correct in style and right in price. Come and let us show them to you.

**GROCERIES**---We carry a full stock of groceries at competitive prices. We handle the Peacemaker Flour, which has stood at the top for more than a quarter of a century, been awarded more medals for superiority than any other flour milled in Texas today.

We will appreciate your trade, will treat you right and give you goods that will satisfy.

## HOGUE - HAMILTON COMPANY



### WANTED--A RIDER AGENT

**IN EACH TOWN** and district to ride and exhibit a sample Latest Model "Ranger" bicycle furnished by us. Our agents everywhere are making money fast. *Write for full particulars and special offer at once.*  
**NO MONEY REQUIRED** until you receive and approve of your bicycle. We ship to anyone anywhere in the U. S. without a cent deposit in advance, *prepay freight*, and allow **TEN DAYS' FREE TRIAL** during which time you may ride the bicycle and put it to any test you wish. If you are then not perfectly satisfied or do not wish to keep the bicycle ship it back to us at our expense and you will not be out one cent.  
**FACTORY PRICES** We furnish the highest grade bicycles it is possible to make at one small profit above actual factory cost. You save \$10 to \$25 middlemen's profits by buying direct to the manufacturer's guarantee behind your bicycle. **DO NOT BUY** a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone at any price until you receive our catalogues and learn our unheard of factory prices and remarkable special offers to rider agents.

**YOU WILL BE ASTONISHED** when you receive our beautiful catalogue fully illustrating our bicycles and study our superb models. The soundest quality of rubber, which never becomes porous and which closes up small punctures without allowing the air to escape. We have hundreds of letters from satisfied customers that their tires have only been pumped up once in a long season. They weigh no more than ordinary tires, the puncture resisting qualities being due to several layers of thin, specially prepared rubber. The regular price of these tires is \$1.00 per pair, but for advertising purposes we are selling a special factory price to the rider of only \$1.80 per pair. All orders shipped same day after receipt. We ship C. O. D. on approval. You do not pay a cent until you have examined and found them strictly as represented.

**SECOND HAND BICYCLES.** We do not regularly handle second hand bicycles, but usually have a number on hand taken in trade by our Chicago retail stores. These we clear out promptly at prices from \$2 to \$8 or \$10. Descriptive bargain lists mailed free.

**MASTERS-BRAKES,** single wheels, imported roller chains and pedals, parts, repairs and equipment of all kinds at half the regular retail price.

**10.00 Hedgethorn Puncture-Proof Self-healing Tires** A SAMPLE PAIR TO INTRODUCE ONLY **4.80**

The regular retail price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but to introduce we sell you a sample pair for \$4.80 each and \$4.55. **MORE TROUBLE FROM PUNCTURES** than any other tire. Over a hundred thousand pairs sold last year.

**SCRIPTIO:** Made in all sizes. It is lively and easy to ride, very durable and lined inside with special quality of rubber, which never becomes porous and which closes up small punctures without allowing the air to escape. We have hundreds of letters from satisfied customers that their tires have only been pumped up once in a long season. They weigh no more than ordinary tires, the puncture resisting qualities being due to several layers of thin, specially prepared rubber. The regular price of these tires is \$1.00 per pair, but for advertising purposes we are selling a special factory price to the rider of only \$1.80 per pair. All orders shipped same day after receipt. We ship C. O. D. on approval. You do not pay a cent until you have examined and found them strictly as represented.

We will allow a cash discount of 5 per cent (thereby making the price \$4.55 per pair) if you send **FULL CASH WITH ORDER** and enclose this advertisement. You run no risk in sending us an order as the tires may be returned at **OUR** expense if for any reason they are not satisfactory on examination. We are perfectly reliable and money sent to us is safe as in a bank. If you order a pair of these tires, you will find that they will ride easier, run faster, wear better, last longer and be better than any tire you have ever used or seen at any price. We know that you will be so well pleased that when you want a bicycle you will give us your order. We want you to send us a trial order at once, hence this remarkable tire offer.

**IF YOU NEED TIRES** don't buy any kind at any price until you send for a pair of Hedgethorn Puncture-Proof tires on approval and trial at the special introductory price quoted above; or write for our big Tire and Sundry Catalogue which describes and quotes all makes and kinds of tires at about half the usual prices.

**DO NOT WAIT** but write us a postal today. **DO NOT THINK OF BUYING** a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone until you know the new and wonderful offers we are making. It only costs a postage to see everything. Write it now.

**J. L. MEAD CYCLE COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILL.**

**Good Roads for Bryan.**  
A movement to secure good roads for the country around Bryan has taken definite shape. Plans are being made to organize a district with Bryan as the center and to submit to the property tax payers a proposition to issue \$300,000 bonds to improve all the highways within its limits with sand, clay, gravel, etc. A mass meeting will be called at once in Bryan and discussion

on good roads will be given, lecture cost of construction will be gone over, and it is believed that the movement will be carried out. —Stanton Reporter.

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 Local Tragedy.

It was a Mineral Wells girl and the same sad story that alas has often been told, and checked many a young life which had its beginning in sunshine, surrounded by luxury and the wealth of the world. Her eyes were now wild and staring, her hands were nervously working, she was a deeply troubled and injured woman, and we hear her saying: "O cruel one, you have injured the very fountain of my being! Day by day you have tortured me, and yet I cannot bear to give you up. When I first meet you your ease and polish attracted me! but your understanding is too small for my large soul. You are opposed to my advancing myself. You have injured my standing in society. If we had never met, I might have walked in peace. So now be gone! We part forever." There was a moment's conclusive breathing, a gritting of the teeth and a sharp sigh. It was all over. By a supreme effort she pulled off her "new shoe."—Mineral Wells Index.

### Midnight in the Ozarks

and yet sleepless Hiram Scranton 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 it's the best known remedy. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

### ZEMO MAKES ASTONISHING ECZEMA CURES

#### "We Prove It."

Every day ZEMO gives relief and cures men, women and children in every city and town in America whose skins are on fire with torturing ECZEMA rashes and other itching, burning, scaly, and crusted skin and scalp humors.

ZEMO and ZEMO (ANTISEPTIC) SOAP, two refined preparations will give you such quick relief that you will feel like a new person.

We give you three reasons why we recommend and endorse ZEMO and ZEMO SOAP for all skin and scalp eruptions.

1st. They are clean, scientific preparations that give universal satisfaction and are pleasant and agreeable to use at all times.

2nd. They are not experiments, but are proven cures for every form of skin or scalp affections whether on infants or grown persons.

3rd. They work on a new principle. They do not glaze over the surface, but they penetrate to the seat of the trouble and draw the germ of life from underneath the skin and destroy it. In this way a complete cure is effected in any case of SKIN OR SCALP ERUPTION.

Endorsed and sold in Metkele by the Rust & McCauley Drug Store.

### Killing at Temple.

Temple, Oct. 9.—Homer Gambill, son of City Marshal Gambill, was shot and instantly killed tonight in the presence of a large crowd at the Santa Fe depot.

Monroe McKelvy, proprietor of a restaurant, was arrested.

The motive for the shooting is not stated.

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.

### Some Fast Cotton Picking.

At the farm of A. K. Merrick northwest of this city, on Wednesday of last week a cotton picking record was established which will be hard to beat. Misses Lillie and Lottie Merrick and Roy and John Dillard picked a bale of cotton in one day. The amount picked by each is as follows: Roy Dillard 560 pounds, John Dillard 450 pounds, Miss Lillie Merrick 360 pounds, and Lottie Merrick 303 pounds, making a total of 1,673 pounds. —Big Springs Herald.

### 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.

### Saffles-Ashby.

A wedding occurred Sunday evening at 9 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Pruitt, in southeast Abilene, Charles Ashby and Miss Bessie Saffles, of Caps, being the contracting parties. The ceremony was solemnized by Rev. E. R. Allman, rector of the Episcopal church of this city. —Abilene Morning News.

### 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.



## PRICE OF COTTON GOES TO 9 CENTS

There is some similarity in the stories of the sinking of the battleship Maine and the price of cotton this season inasmuch as both went down.

In the past week the price has continued downward, dropping a few points every day and more on other days. About the only encouragement we have to offer those holding for a higher price is the fact that it going down so low all of the time is a pretty good sign that it will soon go up.

We do not know anything about that part of the business but we do know we have the best little cotton market in this section this season. About 500 bales have been received during the past week, making a total for this season for the two local yards, 4,451 bales up to noon yesterday, more than any of the towns around us.

The price paid yesterday by our buyers ran from 8.75 to 9.35, those being the highest and lowest prices paid.

### Charles B. Lednum Dead.

A message to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Barker Wednesday announced the death of their brother Charles B. Lednum which occurred at Atlanta, Ga., at noon caused by acute indigestion.

It is sad news for our community for aside from the sympathy for those bereaved the deceased made many warm friends here during his visits to our city. He was a scholarly and entertaining gentleman, a very pleasing personality and made friends of those he met. He had been in the service of the United States government for thirty years and at the time of his death was clerk in the U. S. Court of Appeals at New Orleans. This was a very lucrative as well as responsible position and he leaves an only daughter amply provided against all financial needs of the future. Miss Lula Lednum, a sister and of our city was with him in his last hours and her message stated the burial would take place at Waco Saturday and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Barker will attend.

The Mail is among the Merkel friends mentioned and we mourn and sympathize with those most bereaved.

### Agents for Texas Company.

Mr. W. H. Gray of Abilene, representative of the Texas Company was in our city this week and contracted with Britain & Jackson for the local agency of his company. This company enjoys a very lucrative business in our town and country, won by selling goods which gave satisfaction and the new agency will strive to hold and increase this patronage. George Ferrier who gave up the agency was given much credit for the good condition and the accounting of the business showed that he was an accurate business man. The company offered him a very good promotion which he declined for the present.

### This May be of Interest to You.

There is much delinquent property in both Merkel and Trent, also country. In reading this notice bear in mind that "nine to one" it is yours, as well as the other fellows, and to your interest to investigate and pay before suit is filed, which I am now preparing to do. Very respt.

W. J. Thompson,  
1314 Delinquent Collector.

## Wunderhose

CHATTANOOGA KNITTING MILLS



Solves the School-Day wear problem

## School Days Bring Many Problems

You owe it to your children to see that they are well dressed and comfortable. How can it be done on the least money? Stockings have been the greatest trouble. You know the kind that look well until the first recess. If your boy is the right kind of boy, he plays so fast he forgets all about his stockings. To grow he must play that way. Give him the kind of stockings that take care of themselves—

## Wunderhose

Leap-frog, hop-scotch, foot ball, and many other games need have no terrors for the mother who has bought her son Wunderhose. Let him scuffle, slide, jump all over the play ground—no strain, holes, no ravel. These wonderful stockings are made from Wunderyarn, dyed with Wunderdy Wunderyarns are spun from the largest and toughest cotton fibre known. They are twisted and combed until they have the strength of rope, with the "feel" of silk. Only double threads of Wunderyarn—single ones whatever—are used in Wunderhose. The heels, toes and knees are reinforced, and remember the strength of re-inforcing yarns does not depend on the thickness. That is one of the reasons why the heels and toes of Wunderhose are so soft and pliable and yet so strong. In Wunderhose families the mother helps her children with their books when other mothers are slaving with the darning needles.

# PARTEN DRY GOODS COMPANY

### Our Cotton Money.

Our cotton crop last year sold for approximately \$220,000,000 and many of our citizens are under the impression that this money is available for building railroads, factories, opening mines, etc. It is true we exchange our cotton for gold but while producing the cotton, we consume all our cereals and ship in \$75,000,000 worth of feed stuff from other States. The Texas Grain Dealer's Association conducted especially for this article, an exhaustive investigation into our cereal consumption. The production column is taken from the Federal Agricultural Department reports and the figures in the consumed column were furnished by the Grain Dealer's Association:

Grain.	Pro. Bu.	Cons. Bu.
Corn	181,280,000	250,000,000
Wheat	18,780,000	25,000,000
Oats	24,325,000	25,000,000
Hay—Tons	711,000	3,000,000

The average price of corn is sixty-five cents; wheat one dollar; oats forty-six cents and hay twelve dollars. When these extensions are made to the figures in the consumption column, we find our cotton crop has entirely disappeared.

Of course all these products are not consumed on the farms as our cities are composed of exclusive consumers but, as a whole, we are an agricultural State and in its last analysis, the banker and the merchant is as much a farm laborer as the hired hand that follows the plow and to get our net gain, we must deduct total consumption from total production. The money to develop Texas cannot be found by searching our cotton fields. We must get it from other sources and our principal supply must come from outside the State.

### Experimental Farms.

One of the wisest laws enacted by the 32nd, or any other legislature, was the one which authorized the Commissioner's Court of any county to make an appropriation of not to exceed a thousand dollars per annum to be used in farm experiment and demonstration work.

The Commissioner's Court can make no better investment than to appropriate the entire sum and place it in the hands of a competent demonstrator. A number of our commissioners have joined hands with the Federal Government, thereby securing expert supervision without cost.

L. W. Pribble of Trent was a Merkel visitor the latter part of last week and proved that he had been reading the Mail by renewing his subscription.

J. F. Shaffer of our city has a very fine little colt which received an ugly wound Sunday afternoon when trying to jump a picket fence.

Ray Smith of Sweetwater who recently purchased a car of oats from J. L. Baker was in the city Monday having the oats shipped.

R. A. Miller came in this week from Lindale and will spend a few days with us on business.



## 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

H. L. Rudmose of the Fort Worth National Bank formerly of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of this place was in our little city yesterday among friends. He says Merkel still seems like home to him.

W. A. Gray, traveling salesman and agency manager for the Texas Company was in our city this week and admits that Merkel looks better to him every trip.

Mrs. R. M. Bradley has returned to her home in Santo after a pleasant visit with Mrs. Ida Barnes.

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

T. J. Coggin left this week for a business visit to El Paso and trip of inspection over his ranch in Mexico, south of Douglas, Ariz.

Felix R. Jones is driving a good looking and smooth running Maxwell touring car, a new acquisition.

Mrs. J. M. Black of Ballinger is spending a few weeks here visiting her son, Jim Black and wife.

S. S. Scheidler and little son Sammy, were Abilene visitors one day this week.

Eat dinner with the Methodist ladies Friday down in town.

### 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.

### Feed For Sale.

Milo Maize and Kaffir Corn in head or threshed and sacked direct from fields where grown. Car lots only. Inspections allowed. Think all feed will be higher later on. J. T. McHan, Hedley, Texas. 1314

### Notice

I warn all persons not to buy a note or notes given to T. J. Cross by me. E. W. Perminter. 614pd

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.

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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 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.

### Stanley-Spears.

Mr. Ira Stanley and Miss Spears were united in marriage Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the Methodist parsonage, Rev. M. Martin officiating. This couple are from the Nubia community and were accompanied by several other couples. The Mail joins with their many friends in congratulations and good wishes.