

THE MERKEL MAIL

CAN'T STAY AWAY FROM OLD MERKEL

Several people were discouraged with the results of the crops here last year, some of whom left this section in search of a better section of the country and we presume from the many families who are returning most daily to make this place their home again, that we must have the best location that can be found in the state. Many of our farmers who came out short last year stayed with their keepsakes and came out ahead on the crops this year and are able to stand another short year if necessary though we are not expecting bad crop next year by any means.

Among the number moving in this week are the families of W. Alsobrook and J. H. Tarvin. Mr. Alsobrook and family moved to Harmleigh in the spring of this year being gone only a few months. Mr. Tarvin and family who lived in the Compere community moved from our little city last fall and are moving in this week from Collin county and we understand they will re-locate in the Compere community.

The Merkel country is good enough for anybody and if you ever make it your home it is our belief as well as others that you will never be satisfied elsewhere. If you think we are mistaken try and see.

Baptists Call Pastor.

The members of the First Baptist church went into a call conference for the purpose of calling a pastor immediately after Sunday school services Sunday morning. Rev. Joseph Jacobs was elected pastor for an associational year and we believe he will make them a splendid pastor if he accepts the call.

Rev. Jacobs now resides in Abilene being there only a short while. He recently came from Meadville, Miss., and comes very highly recommended from that state as a fine man and a good preacher. We think he can make many friends here and feel confident he will like this section of the country.

Rev. Jacobs will preach at the Baptist church Sunday morning and night. Everybody has a cordial invitation to hear him.

Old Timer Visits Merkel.

J. N. Billingsley who was among the settlers of this country 21 years ago who now resides at Hamilton, Texas, was in the city last week visiting B. J. Rhodes and family leaving Monday evening for Roscoe to visit relatives before going home. Mr. Billingsley says the city looks quite different at present than it did 21 years back.

Free.

Buy your candy at the Elite and get a chance at the 10-pound box of chocolate to be given away.

For Sale.

Fantail and Homer pigeons for sale, the entire flock cheap. Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Merkel, Tex.

EARLY AND DEEP PLOWING

All that we know about farming would not fill up one issue of our paper but there are a few good points evident to any practical mind. We talk to many farmers and read many articles from the pens of men who know by theory and practice. Many farmers sneer at the word "science" and yet agriculture is one of our greatest sciences. A scientific fact is but a proven proposition in practice. The man on the farm who does not read, think and figure is way behind the times and will in the end be lost. It takes more brains to run a farm right than to run a business. The man who wins is the man of brains as well as brawn.

The Merkel country is but just entering upon the era of diversified and intensified farming. Most of our big crops have been made simply by planting the seed and letting it go and grow. We know many who are making good crops this year who did not start to work until planting time, but the two dry years have taught us one good lesson: the value of conserving the moisture.

We know it takes water. We know too if our land is in proper shape and it rains it will get wet. Then we know there are but two ways for this to escape from your soil, viz., by evaporation or through plant life. Then we know by early and deep plowing we get the more moisture. By harrowing and keeping off the weeds we prevent its escape and it is there for the benefit of your crop when planted.

This is one of the most important pieces of work on the farm, preparation of the land and second only possibly to seed selection.

DEMOCRATS WIN MORE VICTORIES

Once more the elections in the north and east show democratic gains and point to victory in 1912.

Associated Press reports Wednesday on the various gubernatorial and other elections throughout the land point to another sweeping victory for the democrats, almost a repetition of their triumphs of last year.

In the face of the returns it is known that the democrats were successful in the Massachusetts, Kentucky, Ohio and New Mexico elections, while the republicans appear to have triumphed in the Maryland gubernatorial election, though the legislature in that state will remain democratic.

Gov. Harmon of Ohio, who is regarded as presidential timber, looks on Tuesday's results as presaging a democratic landslide in 1912, in the National election.

Wm. J. Bryan and many more make equally as optimistic statements and predictions.

New Store's Force Was Short

The Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company were short of employees a few days ago there being two absent on account of sickness which caused double work on others. However, the two parties, Mrs. Austin Fitts and Mr. H. Turner are able to be back at their posts at the time of going to press with this issue. We are glad to report them improving and hope they will not be kept from their steady positions any more on account of sickness.

FOR SALE—A few wood barrels. Merkel Electric Co.

Merkel Lady Honored.

Mrs. W. N. Hall received a commission Wednesday from the Grand Matron of the Eastern Star as a special deputy authorizing her to teach the work and organize chapters in Callahan, Eastland, Shackelford, and Stephens counties. This is a high honor given to a worthy person and we join the Merkel chapter in congratulations.

'11 OUR GOOD READERS '12

We have had many renewals and new subscribers the past week and this with the many encouraging expressions of our readers makes us feel good and glad we are living, since we are located at Merkel.

We have received many answers to our inquiries as to the cash and credit system for a newspaper and we wish to request every reader to return the post card or give us an expression by our next issue. Please fill out the card, answering all questions and mail it to us. We want to know what you think. Do it now.

The following are the new and old subscribers paying in advance since our last issue:

Mrs. Mary T. Edwards, W. H. Laney, Mrs. M. A. E. Rains, J. C. Hancock, R. L. Krigbaum, C. L. Brown, W. Z. Harris, S. A. Hayhurst, A. C. Graves, J. R. Toombs, W. J. Shannon, J. S. Swann, and W. M. Elliott, city and rural routes; Geo. S. Berry, Tulsa, Okla.; F. E. Allyn, Eskota; T. L. Grimes, Vernon; N. B. Teaff, Tye; W. R. Bond, Roswell, N. M.; J. L. Perry, Nubia; Western Evangel, Abilene; W. W. Price, Noodle; W. I. Cogburn, Blair.

MANY WITNESSES AT BAIRD CASE

The Chas. McKinney case was scheduled to be called in district court at Baird this morning and on the account some twenty-five witnesses, several officers and attorneys left over the 9:43 for that place to attend the trial.

McKinney is charged with statutory rape and is defended by Dallas Scarborough of this city. District Attorney Walter Morris will prosecute.

Among those going as witnesses were: Bud Davis, E. J. P. Davis, Hooks Davis, Ben Holmes, Elmore Moore, M. K. Connelley, Ed Curry, I. A. Griffith, Jailer Whaley, Sheriff Weir, Dr. A. J. Pope, W. C. Lasley and Ruthie Roydston, the latter being the prosecutrix—Abilene Reporter.

To our Friends and Customers.

We have two hundred and sixty regular customers that we have pulled through for the past three years and want twice that number this winter. We have the goods and bought before the advance. We carry the largest stock in Merkel. Our brands of flour are White Crest, White Billows, Magnolia, Nature's Best and Jaunita. Handled by us only. Quality and weight guaranteed. Come to see us before you buy and get a guess at the \$25.00 set of Rogers cutlery.

Hamblet & Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams have returned from their trip to Plainview where they attended the conference of the M. E. Church South.

FOR SALE—A few wood barrels. Merkel Electric Co.

FIRE LOSS \$7,700 AT RISING STAR

An entire business block in the town of Rising Star, Callahan county, was destroyed by fire Wednesday morning. The property loss is estimated at \$7,700, with no insurance. The flames were caused by the explosion of a lamp in the Hardin & Bowers' meat market and rapidly spread over the block, which adjoined the principle business block of the town. At one time it appeared that the postoffice would be destroyed but this building was saved. The principle losses are as follows:

Hardin & Bowers, meat market, building and contents \$1,500, no insurance.

G. J. Groe, residence, \$1,800, no insurance.

F. C. Simon, tin shop, \$2,000, no insurance.

E. F. McNally furniture store \$1,800, no insurance.

C. C. Tyler, tailor shop, \$500, no insurance.

Nelson Tuttle, confectionery, \$100, no insurance.

Conference Appointments.

Plainview, Tex., Nov. 5.—Following are the appointments made by the bishop at the Methodist conference here:

Abilene District—S. A. Barnes, presiding elder; Abilene, First Church, A. W. Hall; Abilene, St. Paul's, C. M. Woodward; Abilene, Tenth street, A. L. Boyd; Anson, T. S. Barcus; Baird, M. Phelan; Bradshaw, to be supplied; Clyde, M. P. Hudson; Caps, C. B. Smith; Cross Plains, T. P. Davis; Denton, E. T. Yates; Hawley, C. W. Young; Merkel, R. A. Clements; Nugent, to be supplied; Ovalo, E. L. Sisk; Putnam, M. L. Moody; Trent, R. O. Bailey; Tye, C. E. Lynn.

Merkel Methodists regret the loss of Rev. A. M. Martin for his first year's work here has been very pleasant and profitable, but congratulate him upon his better appointment and welcome the minister to take his place.

Eyes on Merkel Country.

J. N. Shelton who has been doing missionary work for one our local real estate men this season has just returned from a week's stay at the state fair and another week in the black land belt. He distributed advertising matter and told of the opportunities in the Merkel country. He was given attention and as a result many will invest in our country in preference to the higher priced black lands. He is very conservative and no one interested will be disappointed when they come and see our country. Come to Merkel.

Dental Notice.

Having bought the McCauley home and dental office, I have come to make Merkel my home, and respectfully solicit your dental practice. 3t4

O. F. McMaster, Dentist.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland were made happy Wednesday night by the birth of a fine baby girl.

Ladies' Ready-to-Wear SPECIAL



BEGINNING SATURDAY We will make special prices on all Ladies', Misses' and Children's Suit Coats, Dresses and Skirts. We have a large stock of new, clean stuff and our prices will be cut to the low level mark for quick selling. If you intend buying a Suit Coat or Dress this season now is the time, our stock is complete. We can please you and fit you now, and our prices are as low as they will be made this season. :: Come and get your choice.

\$25.00 Ladies' Coat Suits now	\$18.50	\$10.00 Ladies' Coats now	\$ 7.50
20.00 Ladies' Coat Suits now	16.50	8.50 Ladies' Coats now	6.85
15.00 Ladies' Coat Suits now	12.50	7.50 Ladies' Coats now	5.95
12.50 Ladies' Coat Suits now	10.00	5.00 Ladies' and Misses Coats now	4.00
10.00 Ladies' Coat Suits now	8.00	4.00 Misses' Coats	3.00
25.00 Ladies' Coats now	18.50	25.00 Ladies' Evening Dresses now	18.50
20.00 Ladies' Coats now	16.50	20.00 Ladies' Evening Dresses now	15.00
15.00 Ladies' Coats now	12.50	18.50 Ladies' Evening Dresses now	14.50
12.50 Ladies' Coats now	10.00	15.00 Ladies' Evening Dresses now	11.50

Great Skirt Special



We have a big line of Skirts. We can suit and fit you in most any kind of skirt you could want, and our prices are marked down to the very lowest.

\$12.50 Black Voil, braided with back and front pannel, now	\$9.00
10.00 Blk. Voil Skirts, reg. or high waist, handsomely braided, back and front pannel	8.50
7.50 Black Voil Skirts	\$6.00
7.50 Skirts, mixed goods, high waist	5.50
\$6.50 Black Voil Skirts	\$5.00
6.50 Skirts with high waist	5.00

We can't describe in detail here our entire line of Ready-to-Wear, but if you are in need of anything in this line you will do well to see us before you buy.

The Merkel Dry Goods
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Grocery Co.
MERKEL, TEXAS

ONE AMERICAN IDEA FAILS

Tourists From This Country Form Only 8 Per Cent. of Those Who Visit Switzerland.

We have been telling ourselves so long that our American tourists keep up the European hotels and that but for them Europe would become bankrupt, we have come to believe it. Some figures on the subject now come from Switzerland, the "Mecca" of all Americans after they have reaped their reward for virtue by visiting Paris.

Swiss hotels entertain about two million tourists annually, and if those who stay at pension and boarding houses are included the number of guests reaches three million. Of this number 22 per cent. are the Swiss themselves. The Germans, who are often pictured as stay-at-homes, constitute 40 per cent.; then come the English, 17 per cent.; the French, 15 per cent.; and the Americans, who, with their eight per cent., are only one per cent. ahead of the Italians. So, after all, it seems the Switzerland would not go to the wall if the Americans boycotted Europe long enough at least to see the wonders and beauties of the Grand Canyon, the Canadian Rockies, the Yellowstone, the Yosemite and Niagara Falls first.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Agreeable Host.

Departing Guest—You've got a pretty place here, Frank, but it looks a bit bare yet.

Host—Oh, it's because the trees are a bit young. I hope they'll have grown to good size before you come again!

Length of Life in Pigeons.

A writer in the "Field" gives some interesting notes on the duration of life in certain breeds of domestic pigeons. Such notes are of some importance, for, as Prof. A. Weismann has remarked, referring to the duration of life in birds: "There is less exact knowledge upon this subject than we might expect, considering the existing number of ornithologists and ornithological societies, with their numerous publications." The examples given by the writer of the above notes are a white trumpeter cock twenty-two years; a blue cropper hen twenty-nine years, another cropper thirty years. Of turtle doves there are numerous records of over twenty years, while one is said to have reached the age of thirty-seven years. We may compare this with the records for other species of birds given by Weismann in the appendix to his essay on "The Duration of Life." Thus canaries in captivity attain an age of from twelve to fifteen years, while ravens have lived for almost one hundred. Parrots are known to have exceeded the one hundred, and a golden eagle which died at Vienna in 1719 had been captured one hundred and four years previously. Swans are said to have lived three hundred years, but this must be taken as doubtful.

Saved Child From Death.

"After our child had suffered from severe bronchial trouble for a year," wrote G. T. Richardson, of Richardson's Mills, Ala., "we feared it had consumption. It had a bad cough all the time. We tried many remedies without avail, and doctor's medicine seemed as useless. Finally we tried Dr. King's New Discovery, and are pleased to say that one bottle effected a complete cure, and our child is again strong and healthy." For coughs, colds, hoarseness, lagrippe, asthma, croup and sore lungs, it's the most infallible remedy that's made. Price 50c and \$1.00 Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

A Puzzler.

Mrs. Gaddy—There are some distinctions in life which are very puzzling to me.

Professor Pundit—Like what, for instance?

Mrs. Gaddy—When you write everything bad and mean in a man's life in a book for everybody to read, it is biography, but when you just tell the same things to a few people on a front porch, it's gossip.

ROOM THAT IS SOUND-PROOF

Remarkable Chamber at University of Utrecht That Was Constructed for Scientific Experiments.

The Physiological Institute of the University of Utrecht possesses one of the most remarkable rooms in the world, a chamber about seven and a half feet square, which is said to be absolutely noiseless, as far as the entrance of sounds from outside is concerned.

This room is situated on the top story of a laboratory building, and is an inside room, but so arranged that it can be ventilated and illuminated with sunshine. The walls, floors and ceiling each consist of half a dozen layers of different substances, with air spaces and interstices filled with sound-deadening materials.

Some persons when in the room experience a peculiar sensation in the ears. While every effort has been made to exclude sounds that are not wanted, of course the object of constructing this singular room was to experiment with phenomena connected with sound. Some of the sounds employed are made in the room itself; others are introduced from outside by means of a copper tube, which is plugged with lead when not in use.

OLD PIANO MADE NEW

BY F. X. ALLEN

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AND PERSONAL

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Mrs. R. E. Bowles was visiting friends in Abilene yesterday.

Will Higgins was transacting business in Abilene yesterday.

Tax Collector Baylor Crawford of Abilene was in the city this week.

L. R. Cyfert left Saturday morning on a short visit to relatives at Rochester.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Henry, three miles east of town Wednesday a girl.

C. E. Whitaker and G. W. Boyce were in Abilene yesterday on a brief business trip.

J. E. Musick left yesterday on a business trip to Abilene, Stamford and other places.

John Gilchrist of route 3 was in town yesterday going to Abilene on the first train.

Messrs. A. W. Hampton and G. H. McDonald of Truby were in the city Wednesday for a few hours, leaving on No. 4 for Abilene to attend to business.

Jesse D. Curb Dead.

The life of Jesse D. Curb passed away about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning at the home of his father J. R. Curb south of Merkel. He was 24 years old the 17th of May and had many friends and a number of relatives in this neighborhood. He had been sick only a few days with pneumonia and was to have been married last Sunday to Miss Gibson, the wedding being postponed on account of the illness.

The funeral services were held at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon about 3:30 after which interment took place in the Rose Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Roscoe Bland Dead.

The life of Mrs. Bland, wife of our good friend Roscoe Bland who lives 7 miles north of Merkel, passed away from this world about 11:45 Wednesday night. Mrs. Bland had been sick about three weeks. Burial took place in the Rose Hill cemetery Thursday afternoon. The Mail joins the many friends and relatives in extending sympathy to those of this good family who are left to mourn her death.

Mail and News, \$1.50.

We have a special offer for November and can give the Merkel Mail and Dallas Semi-Weekly farm News, both, one year for \$1.50. This offer is open to both old and new subscribers, just so your date is one year in advance but only good for the month of November. Bring or send your orders to the Mail office next to postoffice. We will save you money on any other paper desired in connection with our paper. Read the Mail and let us order your other papers.

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New Tailor in Town.

C. C. Franklin who has purchased the City Tailor Shop from his brother W. A. Franklin came in last week from Roysse City and now has charge of the shop and wishes everybody to come around and meet him and make friends. We welcome him to our little city and wish for him a good success in this line of business.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their assistance and kindness shown us during the illness and death of our beloved son and brother Jesse D. Curb.

J. R. Curb and family.

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Texan Assaulted.

Terrell, Texas, Nov. 2.—W. P. Allen, who was mistaken for a strike breaker and assaulted in New Orleans, is a well known business man here. He is a director in the Texas Midland railroad, cashier of the American National Bank, a member of the city commission and is active as a cotton dealer.

Regulate the bowels when they fail to move properly. HERBINE is an admirable bowel regulator. It helps the liver and stomach and restores a fine feeling of strength and buoyancy. Price 50c. Sold by H C Burroughs.

THE PACIFIC MONTHLY.

Special Rates on the Leading Magazine of the West.

The Pacific Monthly of Portland, Oregon, is publishing a series of splendid articles about the various industries in the West. The September number contained an article on Success with Cherries. The October number had a beautifully illustrated article on success in growing Apples. Other articles shortly to be published are Success with Live Stock, Success in Growing Walnuts, Success with Fodder Crops. These articles are written by experts; and are not only authoritative but very interesting.

In addition to the above, The Pacific Monthly each month publishes a large number of clean, wholesome, readable stories and strong independent articles on the questions of the day.

The price of The Pacific Monthly is \$1.50 a year. To introduce it to new readers, it will be sent for six months for \$.50 if this paper is mentioned. Address: Pacific Monthly, Portland, Oregon.

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

The Development Dollar.

There is no part of our circulating medium so important to our progress as the development dollar. It is the empire builder. It is the most active, generous and peaceful of our legal tender and it is constantly seeking to develop our latent resources. It opens our mines, builds our factories, our railroads and our large industrial enterprises, and it is always a busy dollar.

Its inordinate desire for activity and its forgiving spirit makes it a target for legislation and rather than lie idle, it will submit to most any legislative handicap and plead guilty to most any charge, provided it is permitted to return to its appointed task without delay. Its generosity makes it the most popular dollar in circulation for wherever invested, it makes a free and equitable distribution of values to adjoining property. It wields a powerful influence in civilization. It has forced governments to sign treaties of peace and at its bidding nations have sprung into life or sunk into oblivion.

Its presence in a country is a sure sign of prosperity and its absence a most withering blight. Trace our development dollar to its source and we have located the money centers of Europe and America and we are drawing from them a million dollars per day and putting it into the industrial life of the State.

The domestic dollar can never develop Texas. It is already at work; at least as much of it as cares to labor. A dollar that withdraws from one investment and embarks in another has added nothing to the volume of our circulation medium or increased the amount of our property. It is the foreign dollar that adds volume and brings new property into the State. Property is the basis of prosperity and a dollar that moves into the community brings with it as much community prosperity as the dollar taken from the soil. We must look to the foreign dollar to build Texas. There is no other way.

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XII. ORGANIZATION

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A MACEDONIAN PHALANX

Let those who would weave at the loom of civilization and thread the destinies of nations first organize the mighty forces of progress, occupy the frontier of human thought and produce specifications for the conquest of the world's commerce. Texas needs great men.

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PART 2

MILLER IS KILLED

Chief of Police Surrendered and Acknowledged the Deed.

KILLED IN SELF DEFENSE

"Raising Rough House"—Officers Went to see About It—He shot at Chief Twice Through Screen.

Abilene, Nov. 7.—E. Miller, a sign painter on North First street near the fire station, was shot and killed last night at 8:45 o'clock, and Chief of Police J. J. Clinton acknowledged the killing which he declared was done in self-defense.

It seemed that Miller had been drinking during the evening and a few minutes previous to the shooting had been "raising a rough house."

Officers were summoned and Chief Clinton asked Police Officer Lasseter to meet him at the fire station which he did and where the trouble was.

After Lasseter arrived at the fire station he and M. M. Newton accompanied the chief to the house occupied by Mr. Miller as a paint shop and residence.

They first went to the front door and rattled the door and then went to the rear and upon arriving at the northwest corner of the building a shot was fired from within, whereupon the party returned to the front door, facing the east and Chief Clinton dashed open the door and asked for Miller who finally came to the front with a 25-caliber 5 shot pistol in his hand and the chief called to him to drop it, when Miller fired through the door facing Clinton. Then Clinton fired over him a few feet and jumped around to the east entrance of the shop, when Miller fired again, the ball going a few inches shy of the Chief's head, whereupon the chief fired again, the ball penetrating Miller's right breast and coming out at a point underneath the left arm pit.

Miller fell diagonally across the room, his head lying to the northwest and his feet to the southeast.

He was undressed, having on only his under clothes, and M. M. Newton is said to have picked up his pistol, lying near his right hand, and the pistol showed to have been fired three times.

Two of these shots were fired at the front door, one through the door and one over the shoulder of Chief Clinton after he showed up in front of the screen door.

Mr. Miller was an old man, about 60 years of age, and had served in the Franco-Prussian war, the Indian wars and in the war between the states and was receiving a pension from the government.

He was an inoffensive man when sober but wild and dangerous when drinking. His body is being held to hear from a son who lives in Arizona or somewhere in the north.

We will give a very handsome little jewel case with every purchase of \$5.00 or more.

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THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

President Taft has issued his Thanksgiving proclamation, calling upon citizens of the United States to celebrate Thursday, the 30th of November as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer. The proclamation reads as follows:

"The people of this land having by long sanction and practice set apart toward the closing of each passing year a day on which to cease from their labors and assemble for the purpose of giving praise to Him who is the author of the blessings they have enjoyed it is my duty as Chief Executive to designate at this time the day for the fulfillment of this devout purpose.

"Our country has been signally favored in many ways. The round of the season and brought rich harvests. Our industries have thrived far beyond our domestic needs, the production of our labors are daily finding enlarged markets abroad. We have been free from the curses of pestilence, of famine and of war. Our National counsels have furthered the cause of peace in other lands and in the spirit of benevolence has brought us into closer touch with other people, to the great strengthening of the bonds of fellowship and good will that link us to the comrades in the universal brotherhood of nations.

"Strong in the sense of our own right and inspired by as strong a sense of the rights of others, we live in peace and harmony with the world. Rich in the priceless possession of abundant resources, wherewith the unstinted bounty of God has endowed us, we are unselfishly glad when other people pass onward to prosperity and peace.

"I trust that the great privilege we enjoy may continue and each coming year may see our country more firmly established in the regard and esteem of our fellow nations. It is the prayer that should arise in every thankful heart.

"Therefore, I William Howard Taft, President of the United States of America, designate Thursday, the 30th of November next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and I earnestly call upon my countrymen and upon all that dwell under the flag of our beloved country, then to meet in their accustomed places of worship to join in offering praise to Almighty God, and devout thanks for the living mercies He has given to us.

"In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the United States to be fixed.

"Done at the City of Chicago, this the 30th day of October, in the year of our Lord one Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eleven and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-sixth.

"BY THE PRESIDENT."

P. C. Knox, Secretary of State.

ATLANTIC TO PACIFIC

Rodgers Completes Trip of 4,000 Miles in Forty-Seven Days

BREAKS THE WORLD'S RECORD

Gave Reckless Exhibition Before Alighting. "I am Glad the Flight is over," Modestly Exclaims the Aviator.

Pasadena, Cal., Nov. 5.—Official figures of Rodgers' flight given by his manager show total distance 4,231 miles; flying time 4,924 minutes.

At seven minutes of 4 this afternoon, Calbraith P. Rodgers was sighted by a small boy on the top row of the bleachers at Tournament Park.

"There he comes" yelled this small boy, thereby announcing to the world that the greatest aviation feat of the times had been completed; that Rodgers had crossed the continent with a record of something like 4,000 miles in forty-seven days in a Wright biplane.

A world's record has been established; Rodgers was the first man to do the wonderful feat of driving an airship from ocean to ocean, and together with the howling small boy on the bleachers, ten or twelve thousand other people went crazy with the delirium of herd worship.

Far to the southeast a pin point appeared in the sky; that was when the youngster's shrill yell was heard. Gradually it pulled closer until the wings of the machine could be picked out against the azure, and evidently following the line of the Southern Pacific, about 1,500 feet high, Rodgers swerved to the northwest and approached the Tournament Park.

It was then and only then that the assembly seemed to comprehend what his advent meant, for in an instant every one seemed to grow crazy.

Rapidly, experts said at a rate of sixty-five or seventy miles an hour, Rodgers headed directly for the park, and when he arrived overhead of the south end of the bleachers the man seemed to sense the frenzy of the crazy mass of people below him, for he began the most fantastic and perilous evolutions we have ever seen. Paulhan gave us an indication of recklessness, and poor Marty Hoxsey, in his spiral dips and corkscrew landings, delightfully terrorized at Aviation Park, Los Angeles, but all of these memories became puerile as we watched the infernally dangerous feats which Rodgers performed above our heads.

They promised a tragedy at every moment and made him personify what Browning expressed in his masterly line:

"Death's staunch purveyor." Five or six times he circled the field in this manner, and then suddenly swooped down to the center field, right opposite the club cottage.

The 7 jewel Elgin movements in the 20 year gold filled cases are selling at real bargains at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

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ENGINEER KILLED OTHERS INJURED

Anson, Nov. 3.—The Wichita Valley passenger train which leaves Fort Worth at 7:00 p. m. and arrives at Anson at 6:55 a. m. was about nine hours late Monday, caused from a wreck about two miles east of Bellevue on the Fort Worth & Denver road.

The engine and all cars except the pullman and one day coach went down an embankment about 15 feet high, turning completely over. Engineer Cunningham was killed instantly and the fireman was so badly crushed and scalded it is thought he cannot survive. In all 38 persons were more or less injured, and among the other most seriously hurt was S. W. Thompson, whose home is three miles northwest of Anson. Mr. Thompson had a bad gash cut on the right side of his head near the top, serious wound behind right ear and right shoulder badly injured. After arriving in Anson he had Dr. Shapard dress the wounds, and was able to come to town Wednesday.

Stanley Anderson and sister, Miss Lela, of this place, were also on the train, but fortunately had secured reservations on the pullman car and were uninjured.

Strong evidence has been discovered that some person had wilfully planned the wreck, as the angle bars had been removed from the rails and were found some distance from the track. The railroad company has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the guilty party.

The wreck was indeed a miraculous one, in that only one life was lost from a train turning over down an embankment while going at a rate of about 30 miles an hour.

TWO ENGINES HAVE COLLISION

Mount Pleasant, Nov. 3.—Two engines on the Cotton Belt railway smashed together in the southern part of the yards in Mount Pleasant late Tuesday afternoon. One of the engines was pulling a freight train which was leaving the station for the south, and the other was backing up from toward the coal chute. The pilot on the engine going south was smashed up and the pony trucks knocked off the track, while the one backing up was only slightly injured. A brakeman standing on top of the freight train was pretty badly shaken up, as was Pat Dickson who was standing on the pilot of the engine which backed into the other one. A piston rod blew out of another engine on the yard later in the afternoon.

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.

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

IS BEST YEAR IN SIMMONS' HISTORY

Though the 1911-12 school year of Simmons College has been in progress two and a half months, matriculation, according to President J. D. Sandefer, has not as yet ceased, several students having entered Simmons this morning. There has not been a week since opening in which less than two new students made application for entry. The attendance to date in all departments is past the three hundred and thirty mark and before the first term ends with the Christmas holidays, the number may go past three hundred and fifty.

"1911-12 will go down as the most successful year in Simmons' history," Dr. Sandefer said.—Abilene Reporter, Nov. 6.

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.

Get our prices on gold bracelets and all other articles you need in the jewelry line before you buy. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

Why do the young people flock to H. C. Burroughs for refreshments? Because he serves delicious hot drinks and keeps a nice line of Hughes famous candies.

COTTON AND POLITICS

It is just our private opinion publicly expressed that about seven-sixths of all this big fuss about the cotton situation is politics and some of the balance pure flapdoodle.

Of course we see and know some good points brought out by nearly every writer and speaker but putting their theories into practice is where the rub comes in. Some other propositions are plumb silly. It is a great favorite play of the politician to win a warm place next to the heart of the farmer by posing as the great savior of the people and no better opportunity is offered than a plan to cure all of the evils of the cotton market.

There are men of good motives and doing good and hard work for which we are grateful and our only comment is for the radical who always advocates "holding" from the beginning of one season to the end of another, regardless of conditions. He is an enemy of the cotton producer. There has been enough money lost on cotton in the Merkel country this season to pay every bank note, dry goods, grocery hardware, doctor, newspaper and every other obligation of every farmer in the country except land notes. This is a fact, and mind you, just the margin of decline from the prices at which it could have been sold.

It is every man's privilege to market and sell his produce as he pleases and we believe he should read the market reports and use his own judgment alone. One fellow advocates the National banks loaning money at six per cent interest to hold the cotton, not thinking any farmer would stop to seriously consider his suggestion. The banking strength of the state would not carry over one-fourth of the crop if every present loan was called in and all accommodations refused to everybody but the holders of cotton and that would be

very unfair. It is just as reasonable to ask a bank to advance the price of a yearling mule until, if he escapes death and accident, he is broken and sold on a satisfactory mule market. It would be just as reasonable applied to a farm, house and lot, stock of merchandise or anything else bought when the market value goes down instead of up.

The only real result of this kind of dope, and the thought which suggested this article to our mind, is that it creates a feeling between our bankers and farmers. Of course not many farmers would expect or demand this of their banker and not many bankers but who know and fully appreciate the sentiments of their farmer friends and customers but there are some few and it is all unnecessary. The banker and farmer should be the best of friends, a help to each other in times of need and this is the case when they are reasonable in their business relations. The man who will not deposit his money in the banks when it is idle has little right to ask a favor of the enterprise, he refused to grant one. The man who keeps his money out of the banks and business channels of his community is doing himself and his country a greater injustice than the bank.

Our little town has two of the strongest banks in this part of the state, absolutely safe and the deposits are guaranteed by the best statements, best people and best government possible.

On the other hand the good liberal and patriotic patronage of our good farmers, stockmen, merchants and citizens makes this possible and they are entitled to any and all accommodations within reason. We believe in most all cases they get it and we know we would all get closer together and do better if it were not for the radical and rampant rooter who always wants to tear

up and change the whole system of the universe in one day and starts out on some plan to array labor against capital, class against class.

It is possible we could have a better market, a better government and a better world but in the meantime let's make the best of conditions as they exist and meet and overcome obstacles as they develop in a reasonable, not radical manner.

We believe the Dallas News solved the cotton marketing problem in one word: diversification. That means less cotton and a better price. Make a living besides cotton and then sell when you please. It is the safest as well as most satisfactory way. We can grow cotton cheaper than any section of our state but the same is true of many profitable feed crops, mules, horses, cows chickens, etc.

Come to the Merkel country, plant less cotton, make more money and enjoy better health.

Is The World Growing Better?

Many things go to prove that it is. The way thousands are trying to help others is prove Among them is Mrs. W W Gould of Pittsfield, N. H. Finding good health by taking Electric Bitters, she now advises other sufferers, everywhere to take them "For years I suffered with stomach and kidney trouble," she writes. "Ever medicine I used failed till I took Electric Bitters. But this great remedy helped me wonderfully." They'll help any woman. They're the best tonic and finest liver and kidney remedy that's made. Try them. You'll see 50c at H C Burroughs.

The Shutter is No More.

A writer describes the forenoon Sunday Strand and Fleet Street as "a shuttered desert," and doubtless he is quite satisfied with the phrase. But is it accurate? How many shuttered windows does he think he would see in these thoroughfares on a Sunday or at any other time when the shops are shut? As a matter of fact the shutter has gone from central London, and is rapidly passing even from the suburbs. What date did the shutter begin to disappear? It was a fitting of all shops as late as the '80s. The worst the modern shop shows on Sundays is the blind. And most shops present the week-day temptation with a closed door.—London Chronicle

A tight feeling in the chest accompanied by a short, dry cough indicates an inflamed condition of the lungs. To relieve it buy the dollar size BALDARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP; you get with each bottle a free HER-RICK'S RED PEPPER PLASTER for the chest. The syrup relaxes the tightness and the plaster draws out the inflammation. It is an ideal combination for curing colds settled in the lungs. Sold by H C Burroughs.

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In 1841 arrived in London a Russian boy, called Antoine Rubinstein, not twelve years old, whose performances on the piano had excited wonder and delight among the musical amateurs. He was equally skilled in the ancient as well as modern style of playing and gave with wonderful effect the most difficult passages of Bach or Thalburg. All this, too, was done with the utmost apparent ease, and in the most difficult passages he frequently indulged himself in grotesque imitations of the peculiar trickeries of the composer upon whose music he was engaged.—The Russian boy

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But it possessed one drawback—it wouldn't work. Ever since it had been purchased it had remained at "Set Fair" whatever the weather had happened to be. And the weather had happened to be particularly wet.

At last its owner grew weary of its external beauty, and exasperated over its internal stupidity. One day, when the rain was puring extra hard, he tore the weather indicator from the wall, and took it out into the road.

"Now, then," he cried, shaking it angrily, "can't you see it's raining?"

For a moment the needle hesitated. Then, as the raindrops began to dim the glass, it made up its mind and moved slowly round to "Very Dry."

Sherbet at Its Best.

A sherbet made of extract of violet was much esteemed in the east, and Mohammed is reported to have said of it that it surpassed all other extracts. In some parts of Europe it is customary to mingle violets, roses, and lime blossoms with preserves to add a flower element to the fruity flavor. In Egypt and Turkey violets are used in making sherbets as mint is employed in juleps in Kentucky.

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RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
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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.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Frank Hamm is reported to be on the sick list this week.

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

G. E. Comegys was a Trent visitor the latter part of last week.

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

H. F. Groene went to Big Springs on a business trip last Friday.

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

E. W. Permitter was looking after business in Abilene last week.

Banker C. L. Barker was looking after business in Dallas last week.

Fruit cakes to order, 25c per pound. Rodgers Bakery.

O. W. Williams was transacting business in Abilene the first of the week.

The new shoemaker is located on Kent Street.

Rev. E. W. McDonald, H. C. Floyd and T. J. Coggin were Abilene visitors Monday.

Marshmallow cakes for Thanksgiving. Rodgers Bakery.

L. B. Saffle and his sister Mrs. E. E. Burnes came in Saturday from Waco to visit relatives.

Hot drinks of all kinds are now in season at H. C. Burroughs.

Dan L. Boyd and M. F. Latimer of Nubia were in town the first of the week and made a business trip to Abilene.

Just received a handsome line of diamonds. Any size and price. Call and see them.

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Mrs. W. J. Campbell and daughter Miss Fannie who live south of Merkel on route three were visiting in Abilene Monday.

Take a box of the famous Hughes candy with you to the opera, then laugh, eat and be merry. H. C. Burroughs.

J. N. Shelton returned Monday from points in Dallas and Collin counties where he has been transacting business for two or three weeks.

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Elder John M. Rice left Saturday morning on the delayed west bound train to fill a pulpit at Hamlin Saturday night and Sunday.

Fresh macaroons and kisses at Rodgers' Bakery.

Let J. A. Brown on Kent Street repair your shoes.

Jasper Tucker of the Canyon who is attending Simmons College returned to Abilene Monday to resume his studies after visiting home folks.

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

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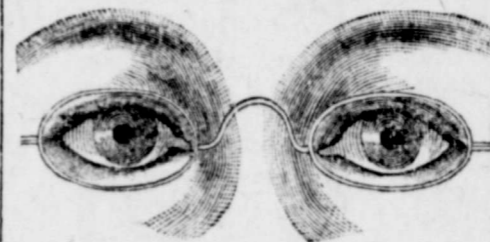
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

T. J. Coggin was among the Sweetwater visitors Saturday.

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

Miss Claire Tate of Abilene was here the first of the week visiting Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

Hughes chocolates is the kind Burroughs sells.

Elder W. G. Cypert left Saturday for McCauley to preach for the people of that little city Sunday.

Get warm by drinking hot chocolate at H. C. Burroughs.

Mrs. F. R. Leonard of Abilene was the guest of her old Cleburne friend Mrs. W. H. Dickson this week.

E. W. Newberry who recently moved here from Caps has accepted a position with Woodroof Bros., as clerk.

Rub a sore with BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. One two applications will cure it completely. Price 25c, and \$1 Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Miss Mary Lyndsay of Itasca came in Friday night to visit the family of J. W. Wheeler for few weeks.

"I do not believe there is any other medicine so good for whooping cough as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. Francis Turpin, Junction City, Ore. This remedy is also unsurpassed for colds and croup. For sale by all dealers.

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W. M. Jenkins after spending a few days here with his child and friends left Monday for points east on a drumming trip.

Irregular bowel movements lead to chronic constipation and a constipated habit fills the system with impurities. HERBINE is a great bowel regulator. It purifies the system, vitalizes the blood and puts the digestive organs in fine vigorous condition. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

H. E. Seago and mother Mrs. C. Z. Seago of Noodle were in the city Monday morning going to Abilene on the first train.

There is little danger from a cold attack of the grip except when followed by pneumonia, and this happens when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is used. This remedy has its great reputation and extensive by its remarkable cures of colds and grip and can be relied upon with implicit confidence. For sale by all dealers.

SOCIETY

MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Minister Pounded.

Rev. G. L. and Mrs. Hamilton of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., were the recipients of a most kindly thought on the part of their congregation in the form of a surprise pound party, on Saturday evening last.

Though taken completely by surprise, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton welcomed their guests warmly and a most pleasant evening was passed in conversation among the elder ones and games among the young people.

One of the most pleasant features of the evening was the music furnished by Horace, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton.

Among the guests were Mesdames Baker, Diltz, Duncan, Ellis, of Merkel; Mrs. Leonard of Abilene with her hostess Mrs. W. H. Dickson and Mrs. S. A. Pettit of McCrony, Ark. Messrs. Douglass, Duncan, Bland, Ellis and Diltz and the Misses Diltz, the Misses Collins, the Misses Warnick, the Misses Russell and a number of others.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton have very recently moved into our midst from Waxahachie, and have already made a most favorable impression. Mr. Hamilton has just recently finished a post-graduate course at Princeton, and Mrs. Hamilton is a musician of talent, and has for some years past been president of Waxahachie's well known musical club. The church which they are to serve is to be congratulated as all as Merkel in general.

Letter Day in the Twentieth Century Club. The Twentieth Century Club met on Saturday last with Miss Incan Browning. A number of familiar faces were missed on their accustomed places on account of illness, but a most profitable and pleasant meeting was held. The lesson from "As You Like It," act II, as conducted by Mrs. Otho Williams was instructive and interesting. Mrs. McKman conducted a "word-body" exercise which was very enjoyable. "Dramatic News" given by Miss Long was fresh from the "bill board" and hence, authentic and of interest.

Mrs. F. R. Leonard of Abilene who organized the Twentieth Century Club some eight years ago was the very welcome and honored guest of the club. Mrs. Leonard gave the club a short expression of her pleasure in its present, congratulating its members on the fine work done in connection with the library, by request, offering a few pertinent suggestions as to club methods of work.

At the close of the program Miss Browning served a two course luncheon. This was a feast of beauty as well as an epicurean treat—for the salad course as served in the shells of rosy peeked apples, and these rested on a bed of green leaves among which nestled yellow cheese balls. Following this hot chocolate and wafers completed dainty repast. The shades of night at last drove the reluctant guests to take their departure with words of appreciation on their lips.

Art Exhibition

One of the most pleasant affairs given in Merkel recently was an

art exhibition and reception on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Claude Bigham, given by Miss Claire Tate of Abilene.

Miss Tate's display was a real treat to all lovers of the beautiful. Exquisite hand-painted China; dainty water colors portraying witching maidens in every conceivable mood; autumn scenes; bits of marine and flowers and fruits in all their beauty, all these brought into bolder relief by the black and white sketches intermingled made a display that was a thing of beauty.

The guests were welcomed by Mrs. Bigham, beautifully gowned, assisted by Misses Bigham and Allyn, daintily girlish in white lingerie frocks.

After the guests had fully admired the beauties of the display, the dining room opened its hospitable doors and here Misses Bigham and Allyn poured tea and dispensed cheerful hospitality. From three until seven the guests came and went, each departing with a firm assurance of Miss Tate's ability.

Miss Tate's display will no doubt secure her a large class in Merkel, in the interest of which it was given and it is to be hoped that this is only one of many such affairs which Miss Tate assisted by her Merkel pupils may give in the future.

At the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. F. R. Leonard Synodical secretary of Young People's work for Presbyterian church U. S. A. for the state of Texas held conference with the ladies and young people Sunday afternoon perfecting arrangements for the re-organization of the Woman's and Young People's work here.

That evening she addressed a large crowd of very attentive and appreciative hearers on "The Work and the Worker," introducing her subject by giving a brief sketch of the Woman's Board of Missions U. S. A., when organized, how maintained and scope of work. The invitation was then given the audience to take an airship journey with her for an hour to the home and the fields of some of the missionaries supported by the Woman's Board, the aviators using Point Barrow in Alaska as a starting point.

Mrs. Leonard was a most entertaining guide having her heart filled to overflow with this line of the Master's work. Numerous missions not only in America but in Mexico, Cuba, Porto Rico, Japan, China, India, Palestine and Africa were visited allowing the party to become acquainted at each place through some interesting story of that particular station, with the work and the workers.

Mrs. Leonard has been identified as a christian worker since her early girlhood and is never happier than when engaged in doing her chosen work. It is the wishes of her friends here that she return in the near future to give another address and encourage the workers here in various ways.

Little Folks Entertained.

Little Misses Lilly and Eula Ayers entertained quite a number of their little friends at their home in south Merkel on Halloween night. The home was decorated with Jack-o-lanterns and a very enjoyable time was had by those present whose names we failed to learn. Candy and fruits were served.

A Surprise Party.

T. A. Johnson and wife were very much surprised last Tuesday evening to have a number of fantastic creatures all robed in white to silently glide into their home. For a short time the shades from another realm mingled with one another and endeavored to penetrate the various disguises. Previous to going to this delightful home the young ladies were assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm. Each was given a number, the corresponding number was given to the young men who were sent to escort them to the weird assembly where Jack-o-lanterns were used for decorations. Several of the spooks proved to be talented musicians. Slips of paper drawn from the pumpkin directed each just the proper stunt to do. After stringing the pumpkin seeds without help of a tumbler the disguises were removed and the following ladies and gentlemen were discovered: Misses Elma Sheppard, Eunice Nisbett, Virginia and Ona Hamblet, Maude and Minnie Ferguson, Ezma Allday, Isla McDonald, Clara and Margie Saffle, Lurline Long, Gene and Carol Rister, Mattie Paylor, Dethel and Ethel Jenkins, Elva Harris, Grace Counts, Mattie Murphy, Lelia Nisbett, and Cleo Bowler. Messrs. Jesse Ferguson, Ollie, Roscoe and Parker Sharp, Robert Hicks, Ben Merritt, Eathel McDonald, Tiry Sublett, John Adcock, Lytton Howard, Taylor Jennings, Choc Jones, Rufford Evans, Carl Evans, Ollie Cordill, Henry Harris, Burnie Forester, Forest Gaither, Virgil Touchstone, Charley Lofton.

Before the hour of midnight the hostesses, Misses Sheppard, Hamblet's and Nisbett assisted by Mrs. Johnson served hot chocolate, coffee, chicken salad, potato chips, sandwiches, olives and pickles.

John H. Reagan Society.

The ninth, tenth and eleventh grades organized the John H. Reagan Society on Oct. 11, 1911. The following officers were chosen: Rufford Evans president, Choc Jones vice-president, Pauline Johnson secretary, Sam Swann treasurer. Mattie Paylor, Taylor Jennings and Eva Walters program committee. Clement Evans appointed President Barker and Parker Sharp critic.

The program for the society for Friday November 10 is:

- Roll call—Answer with item of news.
- Minutes of last meeting.
- Business.
- Song by room—Annie Laurie.
- Quotation match—Willie Coats, Faye Allen, Maggie Wheeler, Fred Harrell, Price Banner, Booth Warren.
- Song—Grace Diltz and Stella Martin.
- Reading—Carol Rister.
- Conundrums—Isla McDonald.
- Physics experiment—Sam Swann.
- Reading of Journal.
- Report of critic.
- Friends and patrons of the school are cordially invited to be present at any meeting.

Journal Staff

Miss Fannie Burroughs is at home from a delightful visit to relatives and friends in Fort Worth and other places. She was away about two months.

Mrs. Alice Templeton was a recent guest in Sweetwater, visiting her niece, Mrs. Ida Ryan.

Young Women

Read what Cardui did for Miss Myria Engler, of Faribault, Minn. She says: "Let me tell you how much good Cardui has done me. As a young girl, I always had to suffer so much with all kind of pain. Sometimes, I was so weak that I could hardly stand on my feet. I got a bottle of Cardui, at the drug store, and as soon as I had taken a few doses, I began to feel better.

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TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XI. ENTERTAINMENT

WHEN Themistocles was asked by his host at a dinner party to entertain the guests by playing the lute, he replied that he "could not play the fiddle, but that he could make a small town a great city." We have in Texas many politicians who are good "fiddlers," but they cannot make a small town a great city. We are overrun with orators who can play upon the passions of the people, but they can't put brick and mortar together. We need builders.



A FAVORITE PASTIME OF POLITICIANS.

Let those who hunger and thirst for power understand that the highest glory of the statesman is to construct, and that it is better for a man that he should build a public highway than that he should become Governor of the State, and that he start a plow than that he become the author of a law. The true test of statesmanship is the plow and the hammer, and let those who would govern, first build. Texas needs great men.

WOMEN'S WOES.

Merkel Women Are Finding Relief at Last.

It does seem that women have more than a fair share of the aches and pains that afflict humanity; they must "keep up," must attend to duties in spite of constantly aching backs, or headaches, dizzy spells, bearing-down pains; they must stoop over, when to stoop means torture. They must walk and bend and work with racking pains and many aches from kidney ills. Kidneys cause more suffering than any other organ of the body. Keep the kidneys well and health is easily maintained. Read of a remedy for kidneys only that helps and cures the kidneys and is endorsed by people you know.

Mrs. M. J. Golightly, of Merkel, Texas, says: "I have had trouble from my kidneys for the past five years. There was a dull ache across my hips and loins, at times extending into my limbs as far as my knees. The kidney secretions were also unnatural. I used two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills and they did me so much good that I gladly recommend them."

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.

Napoleon Suppressed "Julius Caesar."

Bonaparte was one night at the play in Paris, and it happened to be "Julius Caesar." Talma performed the part of Brutus, and when he knelt to Caesar and said, "Give us back our liberties," the acclamations all over the house were so great that nothing could be heard on the stage for many minutes. Bonaparte meanwhile was taking snuff in his most violent way, which he always did when agitated. The next day he sent orders that that play was not to be acted any more. —Journal of the Hon. Mr. Calvert.

UNDER PROTECTION OF KING

Fortunate British Youngster is to Be Maintained and Educated at Monarch's Expense.

A smart little lad, who had come all alone from Newcastle, in the north of England, walked down the gangway of a steamer and proudly set foot the other day for the first time in London. He was Francis Campbell, eight years old, chosen by the king from hundreds of other English boys to be the "king's scholar" at the Royal Merchant Seaman's Orphanage at Snaresbrook. He was met by an official and escorted to the Essex home, where, to use the formal phrase, "the king has provided for his maintenance and education."

The arrival of the king's small protégé at the Merchant's Seaman's Orphanage is the sequel to a tragedy of poverty that often darkens the lives of seafaring families.

Young Campbell's father was chief engineer of the SS. Weybridge. Before he had opportunity to make any provision for his wife and five children he died of pneumonia. Due to exposure to hard weather, the widow, reduced to the utmost poverty, struggled bravely in a back street of Gateshead-on-Tyne.

The last boy nominated by the king to the orphanage had gone out into the world to make his own living. There was a royal vacancy, and after going carefully into the particulars of many sad cases the king commanded that little Francis Campbell should be brought from Gateshead-on-Tyne to be given, at the king's own expense, a fair chance in life.

In damp, chilly weather there is always a demand for BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT because many people who know by experience its great relieving power in rheumatic aches and pains, prepare to apply it at the first twinge. Price 25c. 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Notice of Sale of Real Estate.

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, dated Oct. 24th, 1911, in cause No. 2821 G. R. Holloway vs. W. P. Bounds et al. I have levied on the 26th day of Oct. 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m. on the following described real estate as the property of the defendant W. P. Bounds, viz: Lying and being situated in the county of Taylor and State of Texas being a part of a 62 acre tract out of league No. 147, Grimes County school land, lying about 17 miles west from the city of Abilene and known as the Bounds house and lot, meted and bounded as follows: Beginning at the N. E. corner of a 1 acre tract deeded by E. D. Coats to B. R. Spurrier; Thence W. with the N. boundary line of said tract 50 feet; Thence S. parallel with the W. line of said tract 140 feet; Thence E. parallel with the N. boundary line 50 feet to east line of said acre tract; Thence N. with said line 140 feet to the place of beginning, and containing about 1-6 acre of land.

Pursuant to the command in said order of sale I will on the 5th day of Dec. 1911, same being the first Tuesday in said month, proceed to sell said land at the court house door of said Taylor County, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 p. m. at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy a judgment obtained by the plaintiff in said suit against defendants W. P. Bounds et al. for the sum of \$246.14, interest and costs of suit.

T. C. Weir,
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Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas.

Era of Drunkenness.

Nowhere in all the world today can be found as many confirmed drunkards as there were among the Thracians, the Iberians, the Celts, or the Scythians. The man who didn't get drunk every day or two was regarded as queer. The Greeks were moderate drinkers until they began to copy the luxury of the Persian feasts. The Romans imitated the Greeks. Then the whole world went on a mad drunk. It was a saturnalia. Caligula owes his niche in the hall of fame to the drunken banquets with which he made even Rome marvel. The excesses made fashionable by such potentates as Lucullus, Nero, Verres, Tiberius, Caligula, Vitellius, and Domitian really began in the days of Pompey and they mark the beginning of the end of the republic.

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The time for Fall trading is here and in our Matchless Sale of Winter Goods, we are offering everything in Seasonable Goods at prices seldom seen at this time of year. Sweeping reduction in prices are to be found in every Department of our store. We have a large and varied assortment of New Dry Goods of everything that goes to make a complete stock. The test of time tells the truth. We have lived up to our promises to the public. We have always handled goods of quality and intend to do our very best in the future to merit your patronage as in days past. We will make it to your interest in dollars and cents to do your Fall trading with us. We name a few prices on the list of new winter goods, and remember that everything is marked in proportion. No inflated values on some of our goods, but the same uniform price goes with every item in the house.

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Best Calico.....	5c
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Bleach Domestic 5c to.....	10c
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Best Outing.....	10c
Cotton Flannel 6 1-4c to.....	12½c
Fancy Suitings regular 25c values	12½c

Men's and Boys Caps

\$1.50 Values for.....	\$1.00
\$1.00 Values for.....	75c
75c Values for.....	50c
35c Values for.....	25c
25 to 35c Values for.....	20c

Big supply of Trunks and Suit Cases all go at much less in this Big Matchless Sale.

Some \$15.00 values in trunks for	\$11.00
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\$10.00 values for.....	\$8.00
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\$1.25 Woolens for.....	\$1.00
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Just received some of the swellest numbers ever shown.

\$25.00 values for.....	\$20.00
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\$18.00 values for.....	\$12.50
\$12.50 to \$15.00 values for.....	\$10.00
\$8.00 values for.....	\$5.00

A large assortment of Men's, Ladies' and Children's Sweaters from 50c each to.....

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Men's regular \$25.00 suits for....	\$19.00
Men's regular \$20.00 suits for....	\$15.00
Men's regular 15.00 to 18.00 suits	\$12.50
A lot of suits carried over from last year—good suits, regular 10.00 to 15.00 suits for only, each 5.00 to.....	\$7.00

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B.O.O.M. Meeting.

The B.O.O.M. met Friday Nov. 11, in a regular business meeting with a good attendance. Roy Adams and Leonard Wills were initiated into the club after which new officers were installed. Roy Sublett, president; Ben Merritt, vice-president; J. M. Elliott, secretary; Britton Jobe, treasurer; Elbert Dean, critic; Wilbur Whitaker, press reporter. The following program will be given Nov. 17, at 7:30 o'clock at the I.O.O.F. hall:

Song and prayer.
Welcome address by president.
Quartette—Messrs Hicks, Merritt, Dean and Collins.
Is the U. S. declining?—Simpson Christopher.

Debate: Resolved that the love of money has a greater effect upon man than the love of woman. Affirmative, Robert Hicks, Wilbur Whitaker. Negative, Elbert Dean, Grady Collins. Texas the greatest yet—John Moore.

Song.
Benediction.
All members are requested to be present.

League Program.

Song.
Instrumental solo—Miss Fannie Burroughs.
Prayer.
Leader—Ira Shaffer.
Scripture lesson—Rev. 22:17; Dan. 12:3.

Song.
Scripture reading—Luke 10:1-12—Adam Sibley.
The Holy Spirit's part in Personal Evangelism.
The part of believers in personal work—Allie Jennings.
What sympathizers may do—Sam Butman.

Song.
Contest.
Miscellaneous.
Benediction.

All kinds of stationery at Armstrong Drug Company.

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.
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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

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram has the best and most extensive news service of any newspaper south of St. Louis. It has and uses the Associated Press, Texas News Service, and the National News Association—and has its own "leased wire," making connection sure with all important points in the country. No wonder it boasts of giving all news of the day twelve to twenty-four hours ahead of its competitors. Ask us about our "Bargain Day" (Dec. 1-15) rate. The Mail and Daily and Sunday Star-Telegram, both, 364 papers in one year for \$3.75.

A Burglar's Awful Deed

may not paralyze a home so completely as a mother's long illness. But Dr King's New Life Pills are a splendid remedy for women. "They gave me wonderful benefit in constipation and female trouble," wrote Mrs. M C Dunlap, of Leadill, Tenn. If ailing try them. 25c at H O Barrcoughs

W. J. Shannon was in from route one the first of the week and paid us a pleasant call renewing his subscription to the Mail. Mr. Shannon has had the rheumatism very bad and we are glad to see him able to be out even with the aid of his cane.

CLASSIFIED ADS

House to trade—4 rooms, 2 lots, well and pump, storm cellar, shed, barn, to trade for wagon and team. F. E. Combs, Route 3, Merkel. 16-4tpd

WANTED—A family of fifteen or more to finish crops and make a share crop next year. Also young man for general farm work. S. H. L. Swafford, Route 1. 27-3tpd.

REPAIR WORK—Automobiles, gasoline engines, motor cycles, bicycles or any machinery. All work at reasonable prices and guaranteed. Merkel Garage. tf

ZERO TEX—Made by Texas Co., best lubricating oil on market. Merkel Garage. tf

KEROSENE—Order Familylite or Chrystallite oil of your grocer and you get the best. Merkel Garage. tf

GASOLINE—One auto owner who uses Texas Company oil and gas has traveled 4500 miles and never had a dirty spark plug. It's best and we meet any competition as to prices. Merkel Garage. tf

FOR SALE—A few wood barrels. Merkel Electric Co.

Too Many Lawyers.

Too many lawyers in a community is worse than a pestilence. When the profession is overcrowded, it forces the weak ones to developing business and the result is ambulance chasers, trouble mongers, etc., and they can learn to smell blood with the instinct of a savage beast. The legal profession is a high calling. It adjusts the machinery of human society and when confined to its true sphere of usefulness, is an indispensable servant to civilization, but when the skill and ability of the lawyer is directed to creating disturbances, he becomes a menace to the public welfare.

Man with Money.

The man with money probably receives more advice and abuse than any other individual and he is one of the most indispensable individuals in the community. We are willing to tell him how to invest his money and after making the investment, we frequently insist on showing him how to manage his business. Our interest in the matter is commendable but we should not forget that the man with money is the prime factor in our development and by no known process of economics can we eliminate him from a transaction. We can propose, but he disposes. We can submit our financial propositions for his consideration, but the man with money passes final judgment and from his decision there is no appeal. He is the final judge. This may be unfortunate and humiliating but it is nevertheless true and if we are going to develop Texas, we must first have a heart-to-heart talk with the man with money.

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.

"I am pleased to recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as the best thing I know of and safest remedy for coughs, colds and bronchial trouble," writes Mrs. L. E. Arnold of Denver, Colo. "We have used it repeatedly and it has never failed to give relief." For sale by all dealers.

We have just received a shipment of automobile accessories and will appreciate your patronage. Merkel Garage tf

Mr. and Mrs. W. Franklin will leave Sunday for Haskett where the former will attend the institute and begin teaching school a week later. Mr. Franklin taught school at Stith last year and we are sure he is missed by his many friends there this year. This young couple has made many friends here who regret very much their departure and hope they will soon return to our little city and make it their future home.

Roy Banner and wife who have been living in Arkansas and Louisiana for several weeks moved to our little city the first of the week to make their future home. Mr. Banner is now employed in the saddle and harness store of J. L. Banner & Son.

Emmett Counts and daughter Miss Grace, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald and family and E. W. McDonald spent a pleasant time at Grandpa Counts' Tuesday night. Singing and Arkansas jokes were the principal amusements.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets do not sicken or gripe, and may be taken with perfect safety by the most delicate woman or the youngest child. The old and feeble will also find them a most suitable remedy for aiding and strengthening their weakened digestion and for regulating the bowels. For sale by all dealers.

Miss Bera Stallings who has a position as milliner in one of the leading stores of Ovalo spent Sunday here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stallings. Miss Bera says she likes the new town fine.

Miss Abbie Howle of the state of Colorado was the charming guest of Miss Pearl Rawlings last week returning to Abilene Monday where she is visiting relatives.

Ask us about window glass and putty. Armstrong Drug Company.

Mrs. T. R. Newberry and children have moved here from Caps to make this place their future home. They are welcomed to the coming city of the west.

For pains in the side or chest dampen a piece of flannel with Chamberlain's Liniment and bind it over the seat of pain. There is nothing better. For sale by all dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland who live on the Bradley farm near Nubia are the proud parents of a fine boy arriving at their home last Friday.

Just received this week a large shipment of Ladies, Misses and children's sweaters, Aviation caps and scarfs. These are beauties, don't fail to see them. Hogue-Hamilton Company.

A new 8 pound druggist made his arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McClain last Saturday night as the clock struck twelve. Merkel is a good place to locate and newcomers are coming in most every day.

Mrs. C. M. Largent left Wednesday for San Antonio where she goes to join her husband who is there looking after the exhibiting of his Hereford cattle which are entered in the fair at that place.

Mrs. J. S. Thomas and little son have returned from Caps where they have been visiting the former's daughter Mrs. Maud Bruster.

Fresh currants, dates, raisins and nuts of all kinds for your fruit cake at the Elite.

JCAL AND

All the latest mag sale at the Elite.

Free air for tires. Merkel Garage. tf

Ladies high top button white shoes next week at Harkrider's.

J. M. Dunagin of Stith was an Abilene visitor this week.

Just received a car of corn and corn chops. G. M. Sharp.

Mrs. A. C. Rose visited Abilene friends one day this week.

Window glass and putty. Armstrong Drug Company.

George Woodrum is reported very much improved and convalescent.

O! yes, those new high top button shoes will be here next week. W. L. Harkrider.

Miss Mae Allyn was in our city from Eskota Wednesday visiting her sister Mrs. Claud Bigham.

The very latest styles in ladies fancy button shoes to arrive next week. Harkrider.

Local real estate men report the sale of several farms the past week.

Another big shipment of new shoes in the newest styles and colors to arrive next week at Harkrider's.

Your car needs washing and polishing and we are prepared to do the work. Merkel Garage tf

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Whitlock are among the new comers to our country and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Shelton.

Try Jacobs fine chocolate made last night. Armstrong Drug Company.

Mrs. C. C. Cheshire was here from Abilene the latter part of last week visiting her mother Mrs. W. T. Berry.

FOR SALE—A few choice Indian Runner ducks, prices right. 1012 H. M. Rose, Merkel, Tex.

Ed Boden returned to his home in Cross Plains the first of the week after a visit in our city with his kinsman J. B. Boden.

You will find an up-to-date line of toilet articles at Armstrong Drug Co.

Ab George who lives northeast of town is reported very sick this week.

We give personal guarantee on Dr. Hess' Stock and Poultry Food. Armstrong Drug Co.

Miss Jewel Garrett spent Saturday and Sunday in Sweetwater visiting the family of her brother H. S. Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Morgan and children came in Monday from Putnam and will make their future home in the Warren community.

483 acres of land 14 miles northeast Merkel. The Clear Fork is the north line. Two sets improvements. Will exchange for Merkel business property or sell on long time. Write I. E. Jordan, Paducah, Texas. 1016

Miss Bertha Harris who has been visiting her brother Arthur and wife of Dallas for several weeks returned home Tuesday.

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GREAT CLOTHING SALE

AT

Parten Dry Goods Co.

\$7000.00 Stock Men's, Youths and Boys High-Grade Clothing, Suits and Overcoats, reduced to the quick selling point. Now is the time to buy your Winter Suit and Overcoat. Our entire line of Clothing represents the very best makes and with these greatly reduced prices, it should be an incentive to every man or boy in search of stylish up-to-date Clothing, to inspect our stock at once. Get busy if you need a new suit or overcoat

\$22.50 Men's High Art Suits, every suit guaranteed. This sale **\$17.50**
 \$20.00 Men's Superb Suits, guaranteed. This sale **\$15.00**
 \$17.50 Men's Superb Suits. This sale **\$12.50**
 \$15.00 Men's Superb and Imperial Suits, all colors and weaves.
 This sale **\$10.00**
 \$12.50 Men's Imperial Suits. This sale **\$7.50**
 \$12.50 Youths Suits, the best values on earth **\$10.00**
 \$10.00 Youths suits, this sale **\$7.50**

\$8.50 Youths suits, this sale **\$6.50**
 \$7.50 Youths suits, this sale **\$5.00**
 Greatest Overcoat values ever known. All new, all long, the best make
 \$20.00 Grays and solid black Overcoats, this sale **\$15.00**
 \$17.50 Gray and Brown mixtures, this sale **\$12.50**
 \$15.00 Gray and Brown mixtures, this sale **\$11.00**
 \$13.50 Solid Black, Gray and Brown mixtures, this sale **\$9.00**

These are reasonable goods at out of season prices. They will not be here long at these prices. Do not delay.

Parten Dry Goods Co.

ONE PRICE -- SPOT CASH

PAID TO PLAY WITH JIMMY

Lad Explains How He and His Little Mates Earned Ten Cents Apiece.

The Higgins family was gathered about the supper table, and Mr. Higgins was engaged in serving the cold ham on the pile of waiting plates. He interrupted that process long enough to address one of his young sons.

"Edward," he said, "didn't I hear you say that Jimmy Fanning was so disagreeable and quarrelsome that you were not going to play with him any more?"

"Yes, father."

"And didn't you say that all the boys at your school said the same thing?"

"Yes, father."

"How did it happen, then, that when I came home tonight I saw you and Billy and John Heald and a lot more youngsters over in the Fannings' yard?"

"Well, you see, father, we were all over to the Bacons', and Mr. Fanning came over and said he knew we didn't like to play with Jimmy, but he would give us ten cents apiece if we would go over there this afternoon and play. He says he'll give any of us a dime any time we'll come over and spend the afternoon with Jimmy."

Mr. Higgins looked incredulous till his son dug into his pocket and produced a bright, new ten-cent piece as corroborative evidence. Then he looked at his wife and smiled.

"It's a good thing Jimmy's father is well-to-do," he said. "Did you have a pleasant afternoon, Edward?"

"Well, we earned the money, all right," said Edward.—Youth's Companion.

Unreasonable.

Some men are not easily satisfied, as witnessed last week in Ithaca. A man attended what the country people call a "vendue," and when a horse weighing 1,500 pounds and in fair condition, although a trifle old, was put up, he ventured a by no means extravagant bid of 25 cents for him and got the horse. Notwithstanding the fact that a halter worth not less than half a dollar went with his purchase, this man grew peevish because the auctioneer refused to throw in a horse blanket. Some people not only want the earth and the fullness thereof, but a nice picket fence built neatly around it to prevent trespassing.

Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

Hungry Boy.

Mercy on us, hungry boy, what a blessing you enjoy with your sturdy little tum always eager for a crumb. What a privilege is yours, taking care of apple cores, carbohydrates starches, pie, anything a fire can fry, any protoid at all, so they make it in a ball, in a dumpling or a cake such as mother used to make. May your stomach give you joy! I was once a hungry boy.

Consequently, little man, do your feeding while you can. Eat your fill and sleep your sleep while your apparatus keeps smooth and working and your dreams, continues the St. Louis Post-Dispatch are not trampled at the seams. Not for long is that great joy, so go to it, hungry boy.

An Eskimo's Dwelling.

We do not look for any great amount of inventive genius among the Eskimos, but for years they have employed a rather complete respirator, used in the preparation and taking of a vapor bath, as a means of protection from the dense smoke. This Eskimo respirator is a little basket woven of twisted strands of fine grass. It is placed with its shallow side against the mouth, and a wooden peg, which arises from the center of the basket, is held between the teeth. For this purpose water is evaporated over a big fire in a very low hut, which is tightly closed to keep in the heat. In this stifling atmosphere the employment of a respirator is absolutely necessary.

From Panama Scrap Heap.

"That beam might have been a steam shovel down on the Panama canal once upon a time," said a man the other day as he watched a big beam being strung into place on the new municipal building. "I wouldn't be a bit surprised to know that most of the steel work in that big building was originally steam shovels, engines or car wheels down at the canal."

"When Uncle Sam took charge down there he gathered into a heap some of the machinery used by the French and sold it to a Brooklyn junk man at auction for \$11 a ton. He resold it to the steel corporation for \$12 a ton. There was about 200,000 tons of it and it is shipped up here. Then it is reshipped to Pennsylvania, where it is made into girders for New York's skyscrapers."—New York Sun.

DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY
 Will Surely Stop That Cough.

DOWN TO A BUSINESS BASIS

Proud Old Banker Suddenly Decides He is Interested in the Young Man's Career.

"Hhm!" exclaimed the proud old banker as he turned and looked over his glasses at the young man who had been admitted to the inner sanctum. "I suppose you have come to ask me for permission to marry my daughter? Well, you can't have her. I've thought the matter over and I am convinced that you are not the kind of chap I'd want for a son-in-law. You're a natural-born politician and I have no use for politicians. You're always running for something. A man who is always doing that can't devote proper attention to his family. I've spoken plainly to you, sir, because I wish you to understand my position in this matter. I don't wish to argue with you about it. You may consider it settled."

"Thank you for your frankness in pointing out my faults as a family man; but I did not come primarily to ask you for your daughter, although I had an idea that we might discuss that matter later. What I wished to say this morning was that I have just been elected treasurer of the biggest and richest club in this city, and that I thought of keeping the funds in your bank. But perhaps—"

"Say, my boy, have you an engagement for luncheon? Come, you must go with me. I have wanted for some time to have a good, long, quiet talk with you. I'm interested in your career, and I think we both are interested in—some one else. Will you do me the honor?"

"Thank you. I have another engagement, but I'll break it."

Death the Great Democrat.

"The man willing to die becomes the master of the world. This is an overture of universal emancipation; it excludes no one. The beginning of liberty is the discovery of the beautyfulness and the infinite succor of death. There can be no freedom among men who are afraid to die; and a people to whom success is necessary cannot build a city that is great. The cities of the world—New York, London, Paris—are provincial; we have yet to build a metropolis—a city of the soul—a city whose citizens are not afraid of death—a capital of democracy. Death is the revealer of the soul; therefore death is the great democrat."—Charles Ferguson

Getting Near to Nature.

It was not always perfectly clear at first thought just what Ben Caddon meant when he spoke. The best a hearer could do was to guess at the most obvious meaning and let it go at that. In the matter of a captive moose, which belonged to Ben, the doctor followed this course. The moose was undoubtedly sick, and a veterinary had been summoned to attend him. Ben went out to the pen to assist the doctor.

"Is he mortal, doc?" asked Ben, with extreme concern.

"Are you asking if he is sick?" hazarded the doctor.

"Sure," replied Ben, "only I meant is he goin' to die from it?"

"It's too soon to tell you yet," replied the doctor, "but he has pneumonia pretty badly."

Ben's eyes grew round, with surprise. Pneumonia in his experience had been confined to humankind.

"Why, doc," he burst out, "does a moose have features like a grown person?"—Youth's Companion.

Exegesis.

"My dog's case now is what Mexico has just been."

"How so?"

"He can smell a storm coming up when the sun is shining."

"I don't see the connection."

"Why, isn't his nose a storm-scenter?"

To Live 140 Years.

The natural term of man's life, arguing from the logic and evidence of comparative zoology, is 140 years—and even this is not the limit.

Life is a promissory note due one day after date, payable on demand, but by right living we can defer payment almost indefinitely.

Eminent scientists tell us that—
 The life of the bones is 5,000 years.
 The life of the lungs is 1,500 years.
 The life of the skin is 900 years.
 The life of the liver is 400 years.
 The life of the kidneys is 300 years.
 The life of the heart is 300 years.
 If 300 years is the life of the heart, then one could not have the heart to live after that.

The Hindus, in the development of the physical man, claim for him not only longevity, but immunity from disease. They say to him: "He is determined not to fall sick, and he never does. He lives long, a hundred years is nothing to him; he is quite young and fresh when he is 150."

MISS DOROTHY IS "COMMON."

Her Friendliness Was the Kind That Made People Feel at Home With Her.

When people asked Mrs. Hobart which of the two Lombards she liked the better, she was always prompt to reply, "I like 'em both first-rate, but Miss Dorothy's my favorite, because she's so common. Miss Mary is different."

"Common!" echoed the summer boarder to whom Mrs. Hobart first made this statement. "What do you mean?"

"Why, I mean common," repeated Mrs. Hobart with firmness, "like folks. What else does common mean, I'd be glad to know? One day they came to see me together, and I hadn't more than sat down with 'em before I hear something on the stove sizzling the way they do when they've got all but to the top and are just about ready to surge over. I said, 'Excuse me a minute, and ran for I don't let things boil over on my stove, not if 'twas kings and queens in the sitting room."

"When I came back, they sat here looking pretty as roses, both of 'em. And Miss Mary said, in that sweet voice of hers, gazing out over the he yard, 'What a pleasant view you have Mrs. Hobart?"

"Now that was real society tact, 's'pose for the window she'd chosen don't command any view beyond the hen yard but the barn. But Miss Dorothy, bless her little heart, looked right at me, with her eyes all twinkly, and she said, 'O, I hope it didn't boil over, Mrs. Hobart, and I felt at home with her right off.'—Youth's Companion.

A Cure for Leprosy.

An inmate of the leper asylum at Cocorite, Trinidad, has been declared cured and has been discharged from that institution. The patient was a West Indian coolie about thirty-five years of age and of good physique, about two years ago. He was suffering from the anaesthetic form of leprosy, and about eight months ago began the so-called Nasta treatment.

At the time of entering the institution all external and other symptoms were so evident that attending physicians, who have been familiar with such cases for years, entertained no possible doubt of its being a pronounced case of leprosy. He was given an injection once a week for about forty weeks, when he was discharged as cured.

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

Nubia News.

Nov. 7.—We are having some cold and rainy weather. Stanley and wife visited her parents Sunday. Mrs. W. L. Blair and children visited her father last Thursday. Mrs. P. B. Deavenport was very sick last week. John Toombs and Miss Fannie Campbell attended church here Sunday. Harry Riney was a pleasant caller at J. S. Blair's Sunday morning. Mrs. Emma Campbell who has been visiting at Roscoe for the past week came home Saturday. J. S. Blair and daughter Fannie, went to Merkel Saturday on business. Will Dowdy went to Abilene Saturday on business. Hurley Boden of East Texas is visiting his sister Mrs. Farmer. Harry Walker and Lela Clark attended prayer meeting here Sunday night. Tom McGehee and wife attended church here Sunday night. Kelley Dudley came home Monday from Vernon where he had been visiting. There will be preaching here Sunday morning, also singing Sunday evening at 2:30. Everybody invited to come. Jane.

Salt Branch News.

Nov. 8.—Bro. Saffles of Merkel preached here Saturday and Sunday. Andrew Jones and wife have been visiting his sister, Mrs. Nora Teaff and family the past few days. R. D. Allen and wife were Merkel visitors Saturday afternoon. Misses Lillie and Lois Smith were shopping in Merkel Saturday. H. C. Floyd was visiting J. W. Teaff Sunday evening. Andrew Jones and wife were visiting at W. B. Robertson's Sunday. Bro. Saffles of Merkel took dinner with R. D. Allen Sunday. Misses Lyda and Nina Beavers were visiting Misses Essie and Dewie Floyd Sunday afternoon. Miss Annie Petty suffered severely from the sting of a wasp a few days last week. W. B. Beavers spent a few pleasant hours at J. W. Teaff's Sunday night. Dee and Bowie Floyd went to Merkel Sunday. Cartha Lyles, wife and daughter, were visiting at W. B. Robertson's Sunday. W. M. Hays, J. W. and Holland Teaff were elected messengers to the Baptist convention at Waco. Lester Wheat who was seriously hurt in a train wreck several months ago, is in a critical condition at the home of Will Higgins at this place. Best wishes to the Mail. Blue-Eyed Girl.

Castle Peak News.

Nov. 8.—Our community was visited by another norther last week. We are glad to say that we have some of the east Texas people with us. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Matheny having moved here to make their home. Mrs. W. P. Moore has moved to Merkel to spend the winter and has left Mr. Moore and the boy to batch. We wish them much success. We are sorry to report that

while Grandpa Lilly was walking in his sleep the other night fell and broke two ribs. He is able to be up and we hope he will soon recover.

Mr. Barnes was in Merkel Monday on business.

Nath Noel of White Church community was a pleasant visitor at Mrs. Baccus' home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Barnes made a pleasant call at the home of Mrs. Baccus Tuesday.

We are glad to say that Ira Moore has purchased a new buggy.

Miss Pearl Baccus was a visitor at Mrs. Ollie Barnes Sunday morning.

We are glad to say our school will start at Rock Crossing November 13.

Eddie Davis spent a night with Ray Baccus last week.

Mrs. Ollie Barnes will leave this week to teach school this winter.

Mrs. Baccus and children were in Merkel Sunday to meet her daughter.

Miss Pearl Baccus made a pleasant call at Mrs. Richey's Saturday afternoon.

Clifton Barnes was in Merkel Saturday on business.

Henry Patterson was looking after business in Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. Lyda Davis and sister from Caps were in our community picking cotton the past week.

Walter Boden was a business visitor at W. P. Moore's Friday morning.

Mr. Cliflar was at the home of Mrs. Baccus Monday on business.

We are sorry to say that Mrs. Lillie Hathaway is on the sick list this week.

We regret to report the runaway of George Moore's team Wednesday which resulted in one of his best mules getting a bad wire out.

W. P. Moore was in town Monday helping Walter Hathaway move to the Canyon.

Well as news is scarce, Tender Foot is sleepy and will ring off and let Lost Chicken and Dew drops have the space.

Stranger.

Butman Community.

Nov. 6.—Cotton picking is still the order of the day when the weather is so they can pick, but the misty weather has been so the cotton pickers had to stay in doors.

Mrs. Emma Campbell was visiting at Roscoe last week.

J. A. Dulin and family was shopping in Merkel last week.

Bro. Prichard filled his appointment at Butman Saturday and Saturday night.

Misses Vera, Emma and Opie Dulin were visiting Miss Lona White Sunday.

The Thanksgiving turkey said that Osta Dulin wanted to get up a carload of cats. We hope he will come around soon.

Mrs. R. N. White was shopping in Merkel one day last week.

Mrs. J. H. Ensminger was visiting at Mrs. R. N. White's one evening last week.

The Sunday school is going on nicely at Butman.

J. A. Dulin and his two little girls Emma and Opie attended preaching at Butman Saturday.

As news is scarce I guess I had better stop and give the Thanks-

giving turkey a showing. So I close with best wishes to the Mail and its readers.

The Farmers Daughters.

Noodle Dots.

Nov. 6.—The weather has cleared up for us once more so that we all can pick cotton now. Farmers have gotten all of their feed put up now.

There was a good singing at the school house Sunday evening. A large crowd attended.

Charley Seago was a caller at the home of Walter Green's Sunday evening.

There was a large crowd at prayer meeting Sunday night.

We had a Hallowe'en party here last week.

There were several of the Noodle boys attended the show at Merkel Thursday and Saturday nights.

The Misses Green are visiting their brother at Noodle.

There are some talking about going to the Cotton Palace at Waco this week.

There were several of the young folks of Comper here Sunday night. We are glad to have them come over.

Happy Jack.

White Church Items.

Nov. 7.—P. B. Franks and J. S. Bickley transacted business in Merkel Saturday.

Luther Franks was a pleasant caller at Mr. Watford's Tuesday night.

Miss Mary Grider visited in the Butman community Sunday.

Clifton, Ernest Pettit and Luther Franks were pleasant callers at Mr. Watford's Sunday.

W. M. Snow and son Zelmer, were at Trent Sunday.

Miss Emmie Brown visited Misses Mary Lee and Jewell Hicks Saturday night and Sunday.

Raymond Demere and Alvin Hutchins were in Merkel Friday.

Misses Hester and Alda Snow visited Misses Willie and Addie Dulin Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Hutchins and family were in Merkel Saturday.

Lillard Mathews transacted business in Merkel Friday.

Kiah Spears and Miley Burrus were pleasant callers at Mrs. Dulin Sunday.

Lillard Mathews visited in the Center Point community Sunday.

Will close with best wishes to the Mail and its many readers.

Brown-Eyed Turkey.

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.

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Endorsed and sold in Merkel by the Rust & McCauley Drug Store. 1

SPECIAL NOTICE

To November Shoppers

OUR great campaign of low prices is now in full swing. We have marked this season for a period of business building. Low prices on the best of merchandise is our plan. We bought our fall stock with this event in mind and made extraordinary efforts to buy every item in stock at the lowest possible price. We buy in large quantities and have the advantage of the biggest and best markets to select from. A careful intelligent comparison of prices and merchandise will convince you that this store is the place to do your shopping. You not only save money on every purchase but have the largest and best stock of fashionable wearables in this section to select from. Read our big page ad that has been in this paper for prices and come in and let us show you that we absolutely save you on your dry goods needs. We are underselling any and all competition, every day in the week. That is the reason in a nut shell that this store is crowded with satisfied shoppers. Our cut prices embrace practically every line in our three big sales-rooms---Ladies' Hats, Suits, Coats, Dresses, Skirts, Waists, Quilts, Blankets, Dress Goods, Staples, Underwear, Men's Suits, Overcoats, Shoes, Etc.

This Sale lasts until 9:30 Xmas Eve

Minter Dry Goods Co.
ABILENE'S PROGRESSIVE STORE
ABILENE, TEXAS

THE GREATEST SALE OF THE SEASON

WILL BEGIN AT WOODROOF BROTHERS
Friday Morning, Nov. 10
 And Continue Until Thursday Night, November 30th

You can't afford to miss this great sale if you expect to buy anything this season. Never before in our history of business have we given the people a chance to **BUY THEIR FALL WANTS AT SUCH REDUCTIONS** and all we ask you to do is give us a chance at your fall wants and we will supply them much cheaper than our competitors. Come in and let us show you these goods.

One lot Men's Clothing,
 \$15 down to \$8.50, the
 cheapest we will sell dur-
 ing this great sale, at only

3.95

One lot of Men's Odd Pants
 ranging in price at \$1.50 to
 \$2.50, your choice for this
 sale only

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Men's High-Grade Dress Clothing Slaughtered.

Men's \$25 00 Hart Schaffner & Marx suits	\$21.50
Men's \$22 50 Hart Schaffner & Marx suits	19.85
Men's \$20 00 Hart Schaffner & Marx suits	17.85
Men's \$18 50 Hart Schaffner & Marx suits	16.85
Men's \$15 00 Majestic suits this sale	12.95
Men's \$12 50 Majestic suits this sale	10.85
Men's \$10.00 Majestic suits this sale	7.45

Boy's Clothing Greatly Reduced

Boys \$10 00 suits reduced to	\$8.45
Boys \$7 50 suits reduced to	6.85
Boys \$6 00 suits reduced to	5.25
Boys \$5.00 suits reduced to	4.45
Boys \$4 50 suits reduced to	3.95
Others same reduction.	

Blankets and Comforts

\$6 00 All-wool blankets this sale	\$4.95
5 00 All-wool blankets this sale	4.25
4.00 Cotton blankets this sale	3.45
3 50 Blankets and comforts this sale	2.95
3 00 Blankets and comforts this sale	2.45
2 75 Blankets and comforts this sale	2.35
2 50 Blankets and comforts this sale	2.15
2 00 Blankets and comforts this sale	1.75
1 50 Blankets and comforts this sale	1.25
1 00 Blankets and comforts this sale	89c

Notion Department

Ladies 5c handkerchiefs 2 for	5c
Ladies 10c handkerchiefs for	5c
Needles regular 5c paper, 2 for	5c
Safety pins in all sizes, 3 papers for	10c
Munn's talcum powder, regular 25c size	15c
Regular 10c seller	7c

Staples, Staples

21 yards of best good calico	\$1.00
21 yards of best good cotton check	1.00
10c Sea island domestic this sale	8 1/2c
8 1/2c Sea island domestic this sale	7 1/2c
7 1/2c good heavy grade domestic this sale	6 1/2c
6 1/2c good heavy grade domestic this sale	5c
15c toil dunord gingham this sale	11 1/2c
12 1/2c toil dunord gingham this sale	10c
10c gingham in all colors this sale	8 1/2c
10-4 bleached sheeting, regular 30c goods for	25c
9-4 bleached and unbleached sheeting for	23c
Best grade 10 and 12 1/2c outing this sale	9c
7 1/2 and 8 1/2c outing this sale	5c
12 1/2 and 15c cotton flannel this sale only	11c
10c cotton flannel	8 1/2c
18 1/2 and 20c feather ticking this sale	15c
12 1/2 and 15c feather ticking this sale	10c
10c mattress ticking this sale	8 1/2c
8 1/2c mattress ticking this sale	7 1/2c
7 1/2c mattress ticking this sale	6 1/2c

Ladies Suits and Skirts

Ladies \$25 00 suits this sale for	\$19.85
Ladies 22 50 suits this sale for	17.95
Ladies 20.00 suits this sale for	16.95
Ladies 18 50 suits this sale for	15.00
Ladies 15 00 suits this sale for	12.95
Ladies 12 50 suits this sale for	10.25
Ladies skirts greatly reduced.	

Ladies Gloves

Ladies long silk gloves \$2.50 quality this sale	\$1.65
\$2.25 quality this sale	1.35
1 50 Kid gloves this sale	1.25
1 00 Kid gloves this sale	90c

Suit Cases and Trunks Reduced

\$10 00 suit cases and trunks	\$8.25
8 50 suit cases and trunks	7.45
7 50 suit cases and trunks	6.45
7 00 suit cases and trunks	6.25
6 50 suit cases and trunks	5.95
5 00 suit cases and trunks	4.25
4 00 suit case and traveling bags	3.25
3 50 suit case and traveling bags	2.95
2 50 suit case and traveling bags	2.15
1 50 suit case and traveling bags	1.25
1 25 suit case and traveling bags	1.00
1 00 suit case and traveling bags	85c

Men's Hose

Regular 10c grade, black, tan and gray, per pair **7c**
 Men's 25c hose in all colors, plain and fancy **20c**

We have about 75 dozen men's collars, during this sale will sell for 5c, regular price 15c.

We have almost a full assortment of ladies and children's shoes in the Brown Shoe Co. shoes that we are going to close out at a greatly reduced price, and several other well known makes we are going to give special prices on.

Millinery Department

Ladies pattern hats ranging in price from \$7.50 to \$10.00, your choice during this sale only **\$4.95**
 20 per cent discount on all trimmed and ready-to-wear hats.

Ribbon Department

20 per cent discount on all ribbons in this department.

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