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3174 RECEIPTS PAID

Taylor County Shows a Falling Off of 150 Since Last Year.

3600 POLLS AND EXEMPTIONS

Merkel Shows Four Hundred and Nine Tax Receipts Paid, and Ten Exemptions Making a Total of 419 Voters.

The county tax collector's office remained open Wednesday night, Jan. 31, until midnight to accommodate the rush for poll tax receipts and a final footing showed that Taylor county had issued 3174 poll tax receipts and 426 exemptions certificates making a total of 3600 qualified voters in the county.

The number of qualified voters last year, 1911, was 3750, showing a falling off of 150

Following is the final record by voting boxes:

Fire Station.....	283
Exemptions.....	13
Cort Donnell.....	437
Exemptions.....	16
City Hall.....	377
Exemptions.....	18
Court House.....	304
Exemptions.....	14
Total Abilene.....	1462

Merkel.....	409
Exemptions.....	10
Ovalo.....	193
Exemptions.....	5
Buffalo Gap.....	125
Exemptions.....	4
Potosi.....	115
Exemptions.....	7
Moro.....	80
Exemptions.....	6
Nubia.....	113
Exemptions.....	4
Guion.....	54
Exemptions.....	3
Tuscola.....	86
Exemptions.....	1
Shep.....	90
Exemptions.....	2
Abilene-Caps.....	51
Exemptions.....	1
Tye-Merkel.....	49
Exemptions.....	3
Caps-Merkel.....	41
Exemptions.....	5
Iberis.....	43
Exemptions.....	3
View.....	56
Exemptions.....	3
Trent.....	90
Exemptions.....	1
Jim Ned.....	38
Exemptions.....	0
Dewey.....	45
Exemptions.....	1
Hamby.....	29
Exemptions.....	2
Elmdale.....	16
Exemptions.....	2
Bradshaw.....	36
Exemptions.....	1

Exemption certificates issued to over ages (estimated) 300.

*Exemptions of each voting box are placed under and following the polls.

Poll Tax Receipts About 3100.

At closing time Wednesday night there had been issued in Jones county right around 3100 poll tax receipts. The exact number can't be ascertained as we go to press, but will not vary from the above number either way more than ten.—Anson Enterprise.

642 Poll Tax Receipts Issued.

The citizens of Shackelford county have been busy the past week paying their poll taxes. The number of receipts has grown from 327 on Jan. 24th to 642 on Jan. 31st at 12 p. m. Of these 44 are exemptions and 598 paid receipts. This is still less than the number issued for 1911.—Albany News.

Mrs. W. F. Jones of Truby was in Merkel Tuesday visiting the family of her son P. C. Jones. Tuesday being the latter's birthday a fine dinner was served which also served as a birthday dinner for his little son W. P. who was three years old Wednesday. The latter's grandmother Mrs. W. B. Farmer was present on this occasion.

"Light Crust Flour is better." Other houses can't get good flour if they want pay the price. We pay more for Light Crust than any flour brought to Merkel, because it is better. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

BIBLE CONFERENCE AND ILLUSTRATIONS

This week at the Northside Christian church are assembled a number of men well known in church annals. These men are teaching the Bible and bringing out the essentials of a Christian life. The denominational differences of churches are not discussed but the unbeliever comes in for his part of censure.

On Monday night U. G. Wilkerson spoke on infidelity, atheism and the evolution of man showing the absurdity of man taking such a stand against God. He also took a slap at socialism, stating that as long as he believed what the Bible taught he could not be a socialist in that such a belief promised ideal conditions for man here on earth and he did not believe such could be the case for the Bible promises that condition in after life and not here and quoted from the Bible a contradiction to the teachings of socialism.

On Tuesday night D. Janes a man of world-wide travels gave an illustrated lecture on "How the Bible has been handed down to us," going back to the most ancient records and ending with the latest revision. Wednesday night he lectured on Palestine and Egypt, using illustrations as on the night before.

The meeting will last until Saturday night, during the time many of the visiting members will speak on different subjects.

Among the visiting preachers are Elder Killion, Childers, W. P. Saggs, W. E. Morgan, H. L. McMetheny and others.

Services are being held at 10 a. m., 2 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Fire Boys Make Run.

Just before noon Tuesday the fire boys were called to the residence of our drayman Mc. D. Angus in southeast Merkel. The boys were at the scene in a very few minutes with the hose and chemical engine. On arrival smoke was coming out from under the shingles as if the whole house was on fire under the roof. The fire was in the kitchen and originated from an oil-stove that was close to the wall on which a place was burned to the ceiling. It was soon extinguished with a very little damage to the house.

Meet Mr. Hilburn at B. C. Gaither & Sons store on the 16th. He will interest you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Rates.

For District Offices.....	\$7.50
For County Offices.....	7.50
For Precinct Offices.....	5.00
For City Offices.....	2.50
Subscription price, per year.....	1.00

ALWAYS CASH IN ADVANCE

TAYLOR COUNTY CANDIDATES

For Sheriff:
S. E. Taylor (of Hamby)
T. C. Weir (for re-election)

For Treasurer:
J. H. Thornton

For County Attorney:
H. Rob. Keeble

For County Clerk:
W. J. (Dub) Young

For Tax Collector:
D. T. Harkrider (of Ovalo)

For Tax Assessor:
W. T. (Tom) St. John (of Abilene)
C. B. Manly

For Commissioner Prec. No. 2:
J. L. Banner

For Public Weigher, Merkel:
H. H. Tittle

JONES COUNTY CANDIDATES

For Tax Collector
W. R. Cranston

METHODIST REVIVAL STILL IN PROGRESS

The revival at the Methodist church continues.

I wish to appeal again to the Christian people of Merkel to assist in the meeting.

Both the saved and the unsaved are agreed that if there is a town in the west that needs a genuine revival Merkel is that town. There are no indications now that this meeting will close at the end of this week.

We are doing all in our power to make this meeting broader than denominational lines.

We hope to make it a blessing to every church in town as well as every heart and home. Can't we depend on you?

R. A. Clements, pastor.

School Suspended.

Roscoe, Feb. 2.—At a meeting of the school board Monday afternoon it was decided best to suspend school for a few days on account of scarlet fever having broken out in town. School was dismissed until Monday, Feb. 5, and will be resumed on that date if no other cases develop.

So far there have been only two cases of scarlet fever in town, those of Joe Woodard, son of W. E. Woodard, Jr., and Mike Risinger, the little son of Dr. Risinger. These cases developed several days ago. There are several cases in the family of M. L. Leonard, two miles north of town, but the disease seems to be mild and has not spread so far.

If no new cases develop, as stated above, school will open again next Monday.

More Oil at Brownwood.

What gives promise of being the richest shallow well oil-strike yet made in Brownwood is in a well being sunk at Selvidge's laundry on the north side of town not far from the jail. Selvidge is not hunting oil, but is after water, although he has become much interested in the developments there.—Banner Bulletin.

W. E. Harris of Mingus arrived on the early morning train Wednesday and left immediately for Dora where his sister Mrs. W. J. McKee died Tuesday evening after several months sickness. Interment took place at Nolan Wednesday afternoon about three o'clock.

J. P. Sharp left Tuesday morning for Stephenville to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law Miss Nellie Tedford who died in New Mexico and was taken to Stephenville for burial.

B. C. Gaither was transacting business in Abilene Wednesday.

FT. WORTH BAPTIST CHURCH DESTROYED

Fort Worth, Feb. 6.—The theory that the burning of the First Baptist Church early Sunday morning and the attempt to destroy the residence of its pastor, Rev. J. Frank Norris, at the same time was the work of some irresponsible fanatic with a grievance against the minister was strengthened Monday morning when Dr. Norris turned over to postal authorities three anonymous letters threatening his life and the destruction of his church and home.

G. H. Connell, cattleman and director in the First National Bank and chairman of the finance committee of the First Baptist Church, also received threatening letters. Dr. Norris' letter was received Tuesday. Mr. Connell received one Tuesday and two Friday. One of the letters to Mr. Connell threatened his life and the other two threatened Dr. Norris and the destruction of the church and the pastor's residence.

The letters were written on hotel stationery and in the same handwriting.

The discovery of the receipt of these letters by Dr. Norris and Mr. Connell and the action of the city commission in offering \$1,000 reward for the perpetrator of the deed were the principal developments Monday. Several of the city's biggest business men Sunday offered \$1,000 reward also.

That the church was set afire following the attempt to destroy the pastor's residence was another important development. Rev. Mr. Norris said on Monday that the fire at his house had been out half an hour when a Star-Telegram reporter called him over the telephone and informed him the church was burning. The ministers residence is five blocks from the church.

Other developments of Monday in the mysterious fires, included statements from Rev. Mr. Norris and Mr. Connell that they had no connection whatever with the publication of the X-Ray, either financially, as contributors or otherwise. Rev. Mr. Norris also made public the fact that he had received three threatening letters previous to the firing of two shots through his study window the night of Jan. 14.

We have a full line of new foot wear for spring. See our line of Queen Qualities before buying. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

BIG FIRE AT ABILENE

Three Frame Buildings Burned at An Early Hour Saturday Morning.

TWO FIRE BOYS WERE INJURED

High Winds From South and Long Distance to Fire Plugs Made the Fight Uphill for the Fire Boys—Prevent Spread.

Abilene, Feb. 4.—At 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning three cottages on 9th and Oak streets were burned, two being completely destroyed, and the third one, belonging to R. H. Woods, of Woods' Variety Store, and occupied by Rev. A. L. Boyd, was practically destroyed.

The fire originated in some unknown way in the kitchen of the first house on the corner of the block next to and adjoining the Hollis sanitarium, and the wind coming stiff from the south soon destroyed that building and started on the second house in the block.

This house was occupied by Carl Lane and was a four room building, owned by Mack Sayles, and the second house was owned by R. H. Woods and occupied by Claud Fry; practically all the household goods were removed and suffered injury only from rough handling.

The home of John W. Petree, the fourth house in the block, had a narrow escape from destruction by heroic work by the fire boys, and the building was damaged considerably by having windows and doors torn up in the haste of removing household goods therefrom.

Had not the wind, in a measure, subsided, it would have been a hard matter to have saved the Petree residence and that of Fisher Crayton, across the street on the north of this block, notwithstanding the heroic work of the fire department.

During the fire two fireboys were injured. Roy Brown fell off the roof of the house occupied by Rev. Boyd, and sustained a broken or sprained ankle, and was carried to a local sanitarium for medical attention. P. J. Paramore fell off the same building and sustained a dislocated hip, but showed his nerve by getting his co-workers to pull it back in place at once.

All the buildings were covered by insurance and household goods removed.

Operation for Appendicitis.

George McDonald of Stith was operated on for appendicitis Friday afternoon at the Alexander sanitarium. He was accompanied by Dr. Armstrong and was taken across the country by Will Evans in his car.

Dr. Armstrong reports the operation a very successful one and exhibits the appendix as one infected with pus but the operation was performed in time to prevent rupture of the appendix. Owing to the crowded condition of the car F. G. Bradley, W. H. Willis and his brother J. W. McDonald went down on the noon train to witness the operation.

Best flour for less money at G. M. Sharp's.

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Merkel, Texas

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Plenty corn at G. M. Sharp's.
Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

Howard Wilson of Mart is here visiting W. Parten, his uncle.

Mrs. Copeland of Blair is visiting Mrs. W. R. Trim of Clyde this week.

J. C. Brown who has been here on business returned to his home at Snyder Saturday evening.

Mrs. W. H. Roach of Hood county is here visiting her brother J. G. Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Farmer left Wednesday to visit relatives in Fisher county for several days.

Miss Williams who is teaching in the school at Blair was in Abilene Sunday visiting her parents.

Bob Ayers of Abilene spent 38 minutes here Monday afternoon while enroute to Margaret via Sweetwater.

O. B. Farmer and wife of Sweetwater were here the first of the week visiting the family of W. B. Farmer.

Claud Comegys and Arthur Thornton went to Abilene Tuesday, making the trip in Comegys' auto.

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

This is the season of the year when mothers feels very much concerned over the frequent colds contracted by their children, and have abundant reason for it as every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality and paves the way for the more serious diseases that so often follow. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

S. A. Chenault once a resident of this place spent the time between trains here Sunday afternoon shaking hands with friends and looking at the town. He was on his way to Midland from Weatherford.

Phone 170 for your dry goods and grocery wants. They will have prompt delivery. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Clyde Foster who has been dangerously sick with pneumonia is still in a critical condition though hopes for his recovery are now held.

Do you know that more danger lurks in a common cold than any other of the minor ailments? The safe way is to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, a thoroughly reliable preparation, and rid yourself of the cold as quickly as possible. This remedy is for sale by all dealers.

Jas. Patterson was in the city from route three Monday making the Mail office one of his stopping points.

H. C. Williams, R. E. Bowles, G. A. Rister, J. R. Toombs and E. W. Permitter were transacting business in Abilene Monday.

Lon Martin of Shiloh who has purchased the store at that place formerly owned by J. A. Armstrong was in Merkel Saturday and paid the Mail office a pleasant call.

There is no better medicine made for colds than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It acts on nature's plan, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions, aids expectation; and restores the system to a healthy condition. For sale by all dealers.

Thos. Bledsoe reports his mother resting some better. For several days Mrs. Bledsoe has been at the point of death. We hope for her speedy recovery.

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

When the bowels become irregular you are uncomfortable and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. You can get rid of this misery quickly by using Herbine. Take a dose on going to bed and see how fine you feel next day. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Miss Bettie Barrett who has been visiting her sister at Stith has returned to her home at Winters.

Sheriff Weir was in town Tuesday looking after some of the delinquent dues of the county.

W. A. Scott and L. Sparkman made an overland trip to the capitol city Monday.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE.—A good work horse. J. T. Tucker, Merkel, Texas. 2t2

TO RENT—160 acre farm 2 1/2 miles from Abilene, 145 acres in cultivation. C. E. Whitaker. 2t4

FOR RENT—80 acres of land in Jones county. 65 acres in cultivation, good house, small barn, well of water, close to school. See L. H. King. tf

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

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

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

FOR RENT—110 acres of good land in Mulberry Canyon, 3-room house and good water. Apply to F. Z. Turner, Nubia, Texas. 12t7pd

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

WANTED—To rent a farm for one good heavy team. See me 2 1/2 miles east of Mt. Pleasant school house or write me at Tye, Texas, Route 1. P. G. Grant. 1t2d

To the Merkel COUNTRY FARMERS

I want to talk to you about selling your properties for this year. I have a practical proposition to offer you who have properties and are anxious to resort to the surest and most conservative plans to secure buyers for your properties.

I will agree to advertise all properties that are listed with me under an exclusive contract to sell in the following advertising mediums; viz: The Merkel Mail, to catch the local buyers.

The Dallas Morning News to catch the business men, such as the merchant, lawyer, doctor, retired capitalist, etc.

The Dallas Farm News which reaches thousands on top of thousands of farmers in this and other states.

The Farm & Ranch which reaches the farmers and which is the leading farm journal of Texas.

My contract is simple, not complicated, and I know by experience this is the most practical plan for you and for me. I could not afford to advertise properties in this manner without having the right to collect my commission no matter who sold the property.

Now, I will take your property without the exclusive contract and do my best to sell it.

My 1911 sales totaled \$89,872.50 and I will beat this figure this year.

LEWIS H. KING

OUR CITIZEN'S DEMAND

Fully Complied With—A Merkel Resident Furnished It.

There are few items which appear in this paper more important to Merkel people than the statement below. In the first place, it is from a citizen of Merkel and can be thoroughly relied upon. In the second place, it indisputably proves that Doan's Kidney Pills do their work thoroughly and not temporarily. Read this carefully.

Mrs. T. J. King, Kent St., Merkel, Texas, says: "A member of my family used Doan's Kidney Pills over two years ago and was entirely cured of kidney trouble. This person had severe pains across the small of his back, making it almost impossible for him to get about. He used two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills as directed and was quickly cured. The time that has since passed has proven this cure to be a permanent one. We gladly give Doan's Kidney Pills the praise they deserve."

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.

A \$75,000 Hotel for Sweetwater.

Sweetwater, Feb. 2.—A certain New Yorker, who is reputed to have money to burn, has written the secretary of the Sweetwater Commercial Club regarding the erection of a \$75,000 hotel in this city.

According to the statement of Mr. Musgrove he may be here soon to investigate the conditions here.

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

Bert Cameron Gets Life Sentence.

Bert Cameron, who was tried in the district court at Eastland last week was given a life sentence in the penitentiary, the jury bringing in the verdict last Sunday after being out several days.

The defendant was charged with the killing of Sutton Stovall near Scranton last fall, the details of which has been printed in this paper two or three times. Beech Cameron was tried last week as an accomplice and was acquitted. Motion for a new trial will be made, and if refused the case will be appealed.—Cisco Round-Up.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Feb. 10, 1912

Stokes, Ben
Ribara, Sr. Manuel
If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Feb. 24, 1912.

H. W. Derstine, p. m.

A Strange Story

Argyle, Mich.—Mrs. Wm. H. Carson in a letter from Argyle, says; "I was almost wild with pain in my head, and other severe pains, due to womanly troubles. Cardui gave me great relief at once. Further use of Cardui raised me from my bed of agony. Cardui saved my life, and I can't be thankful enough for what it did for me." Whether seriously sick, or simply ailing, take Cardui, the woman's tonic. As a general tonic for women, to improve the appetite and build up the constitution, Cardui is in a class by itself. Those who have used it say it does the work; it relieves, it cures. Your druggist has it.

ALL THESE MEN HAVE
WORKED FOR THE
SAFETY OF YOUR MONEY
WHEN IT IS IN A
NATIONAL BANK



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J. E. Faucett, Cashier

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Seed oats at G. M. Sharp's.
Free air for tires. Merkel Garage.
W. E. Brown was a visitor in Abilene last week.
Will appreciate a share of your trade. Kent St. Barbers.
Chas. Dudley of Abilene was here on business Tuesday.
Miss Florence Cade is visiting Miss Ollie Hammer of Abilene.
Men and boys' clothing at half price. Woodroof Bros.
W. W. Wheeler was a lonesome visitor of the capitol city Tuesday.
For sale to the right man, a good, heavy young horse.
W. W. Wheeler.
W. D. Hutcheson and wife of Trent were here visiting relatives Monday.
White Wyandotta eggs for hatching from prize winners \$1.50 per 15.
H. M. Rose, Merkel.
T. H. Christopher and J. E. Paylor came in Friday from Eskota where they have been constructing a store room.

R. L. Bland went to Dora the first of the week to look after business of the company and to buy cotton.
Why carry gasoline at home, carry the risk and do the work when you can get what you want day or night at the Merkel Garage? Give us a trial.

The board of directors of the Epileptic Colony at Abilene met last Friday afternoon to inspect the work on the new cottage that is being built for the patients.

For a sprain you will find Chamberlain's Liniment excellent. It allays the pain, removes the soreness, and soon restores the parts to a healthy condition. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by all dealers.

L. E. Sanders received a message from Mayfield, Ky., stating that his sister Mrs. J. A. Bazzell was at the point of death. He left for there on the noon train Friday.

Here is a message of hope and good cheer from Mrs. C. J. Martin, Boone Mill, Va., who is the mother of eighteen children. Mrs. Martin was cured of stomach trouble and constipation by Chamberlain's Tablets after five years of suffering, and now recommends these tablets to the public. Sold by all dealers.

T. J. Toombs of Nubia attended a meeting of the board of directors to the Epileptic Colony last Friday at Abilene.

Complete line of toilet articles and stationery at Armstrong Drug Co.



Advantage Easily Gained

The farmer who has a telephone does not understand how he managed before he enjoyed the service. Those without telephones may not understand the advantage they are missing. Telephone benefits are easily obtainable. Write our nearest managers.

The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company



Last Friday Mrs. A. L. Stevens of Trent received a message from Paris stating that her brother was in a dying condition. Owing to the fact of the noon train not stopping at Trent she came here to take the train.

See the new laces and embroideries and white goods at the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company. The prettiest line ever brought to Merkel.

Elder W. E. and Mrs. Morgan of Abilene are here visiting Arthur Rose and family. Elder Morgan is also attending the preachers conference that is being held at the north side Christian church.

Come, eat and be merry at B. C. Gaither & Sons Friday, February 16.

P. A. Strange of Dallas is here looking out a location. He states that he will make his home here or at Abilene.

Closing out to quit business. Everything in store to be sold at cost and less. Woodroof Bros.

John King has returned from Paris where he has been employed in one of Duke & Ayers stores.

Arthur Browning a traveling man of Dallas who has been here visiting relatives spent last Saturday in Abilene.

All kinds of hot and cold drinks at Burroughs Drug Store.

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Eyes tested and fitted by up-to-date methods

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H. M. WARREN

Phone 48 In City Barber Shop

H. C. Floyd, Optician.

Glasses correctly fitted. All work guaranteed. Eyes tested free. With S. S. Scheidler, opposite post office Merkel, Tex.

Holland H. Teaff returned to Waco Monday where he has been attending Baylor University. He seems to think the meningitis danger is over.



YOURS

Yours for uniformity.

Yours for greatest leavening power.

Yours for never failing results.

Yours for purity.

Yours for economy.

Yours for everything that goes to make up a strictly high grade, ever-dependable baking powder.

That is Calumet. Try it once and note the improvement in your baking. See how much more economical over the high-priced trust brands, how much better than the cheap and big-can kinds.

Calumet is highest in quality—moderate in cost.

Received Highest Award—World's Pure Food Exposition.

Our competitors tell you they have a flour just as good as Light Crust but they never tell you its better. Light Crust is the highest bolted flour milled in Texas, with one exception and positively the only flour of its class and boltage sold in Merkel. "Light Crust flour is better." Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Dr. Nettie Satterlee returned from her visit to Abilene Friday afternoon to spend a few days with Mrs. E. P. McMillen, going on to El Paso Sunday afternoon.

All school books and school supplies on sale at Burroughs Drug Store.

Miss Fannie Burroughs and H. C. Burroughs were in Sweetwater last week the guests of Miss Bess Hall.

We have lots of seed oats at 75c per bushel. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Prof. J. W. Williams of the Union Ridge school was among the Abilene visitors Saturday.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Post cards 5c per dozen at the Groene Art Store.

E. M. Brown is at home from a western trip.

Refreshments will be served at B. C. Gaither & Sons store Feb. 16.

W. H. Dickson was in Abilene last week on business.

All kinds of clocks at Burroughs Drug Store.

Miss Rose Norris visited Mrs. J. C. Hamner of Trent last week.

Nothing reserved during this close out sale. Woodroof Bros.

H. P. Griffin of Noodle is in Waco this week.

Window and door glass and paints at Burroughs Drug Store.

F. E. Howell of Rising Star was here on business last week.

25 yards best grade calico for \$1 00. Woodroof Bros.

Mrs. W. H. Dickson visited Mrs. John Sayles in Abilene last week.

See us for the newest and best in spring foot wear. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Miss Bera Stallings is at home from a visit to friends and relatives in Ovalo.

Read our ad in this issue and don't forget the date. B. C. Gaither & Sons.

Mrs. W. R. Walker visited her son Jack Walker a student at the Simmons college last week.

Burroughs Drug Store handles a large line of window and door glass and paints.

Fred Ries of Abilene was attending to some business here last Saturday.

We give personal guarantee on Dr. Hess' line of stock and poultry food. Armstrong Drug Co.

Rev. Hamilton went to Loraine Friday to fill his regular, first Sunday engagement.

We are receiving new spring goods every day. Come see us for the newest and best. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Mrs. J. S. French has returned from Arkansas and succeeds A. Thornton as clerk for our local Uncle Sam.

Texas Almanac and State Industrial Guides for 1912 on sale at Armstrong Price 30 cents.

Judge Potter, Jim Bridges and were among the visitors to Abilene.

Go to the first-class Proprietary

MERKEL
 GOOD HOMES, - GOOD SCHOOLS,
 GOOD CHURCHES, - GOOD PEOPLE, -
 THE CITY TO LIVE IN, -
 THE CITY TO INVEST IN

TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAIL ROAD

THE MERKEL COUNTRY,
 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,
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JACK'S REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE

A Medium for the Sale or Trade of Merkel and Merkel Country Properties; A Bureau of Economy, Information and Assistance for the Man with Money Looking for Investment or the Man of Small Means Looking for a Home in Merkel or the Merkel Country

"Every Deal Made Fair; Every Client Satisfied"

FARM MORTGAGE LOANS

The loans I have to offer are secured by the choicest improved farms and stock farms in the Merkel country, four to five times the value of the loans, interest at the rate of eight per cent payable annually and a good abstract title guaranteed. One client wants \$1,000 on a good piece of revenue-bearing brick property worth \$4,000 for one year and will pay ten per cent. If you have any idle money let me submit you a proposition for a loan.

Mr. Renter, Do You Want a Home of Your Own?

If so, and you can make a small cash payment I will sell you a good little home in town or a small improved farm in the country on terms which you can meet and pay just as easily as rent. If you will make the investment now you will get the property at a bargain price and in a few years have the benefit of the increase in valuation as well as the payments you have made on a home of your own instead of rents. I have sold a number of improved small farms to men of small means on the long and easy payment plan and they are my best satisfied clients. It is my part to see that you get the right kind of a bargain and then on the right kind of terms. If you will let me know your condition and tell me what you want I will do my best to be of service to you. I have several good little farms which the owners tell me to sell to the actual settler on the most liberal terms. The first duty of a good citizen is to provide a good home for his family and loved ones and now is certainly the time to make the investment if you want to locate in Merkel or the Merkel country. Read the following carefully and then come to see me before it is too late:

A first-class little farm of 61½ acres, located five miles of Merkel; 30 acres in cultivation; three-room house, gallery, underground cistern, good well and windmill, good barn, implement sheds, chicken house, milk house, fences and cross fences and all of the land good and on a public road in good community. The improvements are good and this little farm is easily worth \$500 to \$1,000 more than I have it listed for if sold at once. Price \$1,600; \$600 cash and terms.

The above is but one of several similar bargains I have in small improved farms and all that I ask is that you let me show you the land and tell you about the prices and terms you can get.

FOR EXCHANGE

Three brick business houses, 20x80 feet, new and neatly finished and a good residence in good little town in northeast Texas to trade for Merkel country farm at fair and equitable valuations.

440 acres of good farming land; 23 miles north of Abilene; 330 acres in cultivation; one good house and small rent house; red sandy land in one mile of Clear Fork river. Price \$30.00 per acre and worth that amount to trade for grass land, stock farm or revenue-bearing brick property in this part of the state.

480 acres of first-class grass land in Leuders country Price \$12.50 per acre to trade for small improved farm in Merkel country.

Section stock farm; 75 acres in cultivation; good three-room house; plenty of water and balance of land good grass. Price \$10.00 per acre to trade for small improved farm close to Merkel.

If you have anything to sell or trade tell me and what you want and I will tell you what I have got.

FOR SALE FOR CASH

IMPROVED HALF SECTION: 320 acres of the best farming land in this part of the state; about 200 acres in cultivation; all level as the floor; good water; on public road and in good community. It is one of the best bargains ever offered on this market. Price, \$25.00 per acre; one-half cash and terms.

If this does not strike you just right I have another body of the same kind of land at the same kind of sacrifice figure. The adjoining land on either body can't be bought for \$35.00 per acre. If you are looking for bargains I am your huckleberry.

JOHN G. JACKSON

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TELEPHONE No. 61

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

IRRIGATION IN TEXAS.

The Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association of Fort Worth has gathered information regarding the various movements for the development of the state's resources and relative to irrigation has the following to say:

"Work in irrigation is being rapidly pushed throughout the state. Although about eighty-three per cent of the irrigated acreage of Texas is supplied from streams, it is interesting to note that a great number of the smaller projects under construction will obtain their water from wells. This is especially noticeable in the Midland district, where a large subterranean lake has been discovered.

"Work is nearing completion on a dam across the Nueces river that will impound sufficient water to irrigate 15,000 acres.

"The Medina Irrigation Company, which is building a dam across the Medina river, is continuing work with undiminished rapidity, and will probably have 29,000 acres of land ready for cultivation this year.

"Two dams are being constructed across the Frio river that will furnish water for 5,000 acres.

"Thirty miles north of Fort Stockton the Imperial Irrigation Company is just completing a \$300,000 gravitation system of irrigation.

"Arrangements have been made for irrigating a 14,000 acre tract near Plainview.

"Secretary of war Simpson has rescinded the order forbidding the use of Devil's river water for irrigating purposes, which has given an opportunity for resumption of work on the 125,000 acre project in that section.

"It is reported that arrangements have been made for the sub-irrigation of 120,000 acres of land near San Angelo."

THE PRICE IS THE THING.

The announcement that many of the commercial clubs will make co-operation with the farmers in securing better prices for their products the leading feature of the work during 1912, is a forward step in Texas' progress. We may raise potatoes big as pumpkins and produce a car load per acre, but what is the use unless we can sell them at a profit. The price is the thing and when the farmer secures profitable prices for his products then agriculture thrives.

Farmers are the recipients of more universal sympathy than any other class of people. Their man sends them garden seed free of cost, and he gets free of cost, blue ribbons and gold medals and him galore, and he gets free of cost, but give him a good market and he will make the country prosper. They will flock to our borders and be satisfied with happy homes.

LARGE RANCHES SUBDIVIDED.

Reports received by the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association of Fort Worth show that one of the most noticeable features along agricultural lines in Texas is the marked tendency to subdivide the large ranches changing in such cases from methods of extensive to intensive farming. Reports received show that during the month farms, ranging in size from 5,000 to 50,000 acres, with a combined area of approximately 195,000 acres, were cut up into forty, eighty and one hundred and sixty acre tracts.

LET THERE BE LIGHT.

The announcement that Fort Worth has completed two miles of "White Way," making the principal streets of that city as light by night as they are by day, and the report that Beaumont is putting in a "white way," opens up a new epoch in city lighting. Next in importance to the town pump is the town light, and cities with brightly illuminated streets make a lasting impression of thrift, progress and civic energy. All city councils in Texas should take notice of this forward movement. Let there be light.

The Commercial Club and prominent business men of Brownwood are urging the farmers near there to plant one thousand acres in sweet potatoes. Potatoes yield from fifty to three hundred bushels per acre in good sandy soil and sell for about one dollar per bushel the year round. The club is sending out circular letters, offering to prove a market, if the farmers will ship in carload lots. It is also suggested that a hundred farmers in the vicinity each put in ten acres, giving another thousand acres of sweet potatoes.

The tide of civilization is rushing into Texas like a surging sea. Our mines are opening up like springs flowing from the mountain side. Our farms are pouring forth a stream of golden wealth into the channels of trade. And our factories are belching forth fumes of newly made riches, all uniting in forming an industrial current that is carrying ownership to prosperity.

There is no more inspiring scene than to watch the growth of an empire, and no viewpoint is more instructive than to sit by the highway of civilization and watch the current of progress sweep life and prosperity Texasward.

Galveston maintains its rank as second port in the United States in the value of foreign commerce. In the year 1911 the value of exported products from that city was approximately \$167,260,925.

It has been proved that the average school attendance in rural districts where the roads are in first-class condition is far higher than in those sections where miserable highways prevail.

There are thousands of acres of land in this state available where natural conditions are ideal and where the soil is unsurpassed for richness.

Nine hundred head of four-year-old steers to be shipped to Emporia, Kansas, was recently sold by a cattleman of Midland.

For the month of January, 160,000 bales of cotton were exported through the port of Texas City.

The good old ship of state is now in the turning basin and Texas is the safest state in the union.

Good roads increase values because they make values.

BIG CLEAN SWEEP SALE OF ALL WINTER GOODS Is Now in Full Swing

Last and Lowest Prices to be Made on these Goods this Winter

The following prices should convince you that we want none of these in our store by March 1st. We must have the room these goods occupy for our Big New Spring Stock.

Read of Them -- See Them -- Buy Them -- They Have Reached The Rock Bottom

Men's 50c winter Underwear, last call price.....	35c
Men's \$2 50 all-wool Overshirts, last call price.....	\$1.50
Men's \$1 25 wool Overshirts, last call price.....	75c
Men's \$15 00 Overcoats, last call price.....	\$9.00
Men's \$22 50 suits, last call price.....	\$12.50
Men's \$20 00 suits, last call price.....	\$11.50
Men's \$17 50 suits, last call price.....	\$10.00

Men's \$15 00 suits, last call price.....	\$8.50
Men's and Youth's \$12 50 suits, last call price.....	\$6.95
The greatest mans hat in the world for only.....	\$1.50
All ladies \$2 00 shoes, last call price.....	\$1.25
All ladies Comfort shoes, last call price.....	\$1.15
Ladies \$2 75 velvet top shoes, last call price.....	\$1.65
Men's \$2.50 and \$2 75 shoes, last call price.....	\$1.95

All bleached and brown, 10 and 12 1/2c canton flannel, last call price.....	8 1/2c
All heaviest, best grade outing, last call price.....	7 1/2c
25 yards quilt outing, last call price.....	\$1.00
25 yards round thread cotton checks last call price.....	\$1.00
Full size cotton batts, last call price.....	40c
Our entire lot of 12 1/2 and 15c ginghams, last call price.....	10c
Our entire lot of 10c gingham, last call price.....	8 1/2c

All ladies 50c Underwear, last call price.....	40c
All ladies 35c Underwear, last call price.....	20c
Ladies \$2 50 Sweater Coats, last call price.....	\$1.50
Ladies \$2 00 Sweater Coats, last call price.....	\$1.25
Ladies \$1 50 Sweater Coats, last call price.....	95c
Ladies \$1.25 Sweater Coats, last call price.....	75c
Children's \$2 50 Bear Skin Coats, last call price.....	\$1.50

The above items are only a smattering of the host of innumerable articles that will be priced you when you come to this realm of Unimpeachable Bargains

We Have Put The Rock Bottom Prices on All Winter Goods

Our Great Lace and Embroidery Sale

Our great Lace and Embroidery sale will be a source of attraction and economy to all who have eyes to appreciate the beauty and splendor of each individual pattern, which represents the latest in the world of fashion. Already we are selling lots of Embroidery Dresses

The Prices are the Wonder of All Who Have Seen

WHEN YOU VISIT MERKEL DON'T FAIL TO CALL ON US

Parten Dry Goods Co.

The House of High-Class Bargains -- Merkel, Texas

The Cook
always feels
confident of
pure and wholesome
food when using
DR. PRICE'S
CREAM
Baking Powder
A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar
Baking Powder
Made from Grapes



No Alum
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Lime Phosphate



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

The dance at the Thornton building last Tuesday evening proved to be the most enjoyable event of the season. A stringed orchestra furnished music. The following young people and their chaperones were present: Misses Zora Coggin, Annie T. Daniel, Olga and Elma Sheppard, Lulu Thornton; Mesdames L. Brown, Deavenport Gaither, Courtney Hunt and J. W. Daniel; Messrs. Dem Rust, Paul Cranford, Olly Sharp, Jim Guitler, Homer Easterwood, L. Brown, Deavenport Gaither, Courtney Hunt, R. O. Anderson and Dr. Miller.

On Friday evening Jan. 26, after church, several couples of the young people went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Evans where they enjoyed a number of musical selections. Those present were Misses Lelia and Eunice Nisbett, Virginia Hamblett, Elma Sheppard, Mattie Paylor, Fannie Burroughs; Messrs. Rufford Evans, Choc Jones, Carl Evans, Jack Provine and Robert Nisbett.

The XX Century Club will meet with Miss Orra Long Feb. 10, 3:30 p. m. The following program will be given: Roll call. Lesson, "Much Ado About Nothing, Act IV, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, leader. Discussion, Early Britains, the class. Current Events, Mrs. L. Sparkman. Dramatic News, Mrs. George L. Hamilton.

League Program.

The call to service; Contact with Men brings a feeling of obligation. Leader—Eva Walters. Lord's Prayer in concert. Song. Psalm 23 in concert. Song. Lesson, Amos 6:1-6; Matt. 15:29-31. Historical Situation—Willie Coats. Two Basic Principles of Religion—Mrs. Clements. Am I My Brother's Keeper?—Mrs. Newberry. Prayer. Reading, 423—Almeda Harris. How may we help social conditions in Merkel?—Miss Nisbett. Giving self, the only real service—Miss Bertha Harris. Reading from Lowell—Pauline Johnson. Reading, "A Fence or an Ambulance?" Song. Offering. Miscellaneous.

the stomach or bowels is a symptom of a torpid liver. it quickly take "Herbine. us liver stimulant and Price 50c. Sold by H.

Lewis-James.
Sunday Feb. 4, at 2:30 p. m. at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Barnett, Mr. R. T. Lewis and Miss Alice James promised to be true to each other as long as life lasts, as they were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Joseph Jacob, pastor of the Baptist church officiating.

The bride was dressed in a lovely tan traveling dress, and the groom in faultless black. They departed themselves with grace and self composure.

The room was filled with select friends invited to witness this happy event. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom took a conveyance drawn by a spirited black horse and went out in the country to spend a day or two at the home of the bride's brother. The latter part of the week they are to go to their new home at Barksdale, Edwards county, where the groom is engaged in a profitable drug business.

The writer wishes for these two whom God hath joined together that they may have length of days, useful and happy Christian lives. Both are Baptists and have the reputation of being active and consistent members of their church. Miss Alice was a faithful worker in our Baptist Missionary and Aid Society and was truly interested in the rest of our church work.

We shall all greatly miss Miss Alice, especially brother and sister Barnett, with whom she had made her home for some time. The only way her many friends could be even partly reconciled to give her up was on the condition that before many moons she would bring the "trespasser" back to live in our excellent town. Joseph Jacob

Nelson-Nelson Wedding.

On January 29 last, Jesse C. Nelson was married to Miss Ollie Nelson of Honey Grove, arriving here a week later. Mr. Nelson is a well known farmer of our community and deserves congratulations for his choice of a wife and a country to live in.

W. M. & A. Society.

The W. M. & A. Society will meet in their regular social meeting at the home of Mrs. H. T. Merritt Monday Feb. 12, 3 o'clock. Following is the program: Leader—Mrs. Jacob. Song. Prayer. Scripture, by Leader. Paper—Mrs. Roberts. Select reading—Mrs. Causseaux. Solo—Miss Ethel Roberts. Paper—Mrs. Teaff. Bible Salad (contest) Discussion on Aid work. A journeyment with Lord's prayer in concert. Committee.

A scald, burn, or severe cut heals slowly if neglected. The family that keeps a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liment on hand is always prepared for such accidents. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

COTTON AT MERKEL

Merkel Proves to Be The Best Cotton Market in This Section.

TOTAL RECEIPTS ARE 10,390

547 Bales Ginned in Merkel The Past Three Weeks—One of Our Gins Has The Record of Taylor County.

The cotton receipts at both of the local yards at Merkel early Thursday morning showed there had been 10,390 bales weighed this season. The staple is still coming in and we believe will near the 11,000 mark before the season closes although there is not very much more cotton in the fields as most of the farmers are through picking and are getting in good shape for another year.

Merkel is proving to be one of the best cotton markets in this country and has marketed this season about one-half the number of bales ginned in Taylor county.

The past three weeks the three gins at this place have ginned 547 bales. One of them ginning more this season than any other gin in this county. The best cotton is selling at 10 25.

Get a BETTER JOB

Your head, if trained, is worth from \$5 to \$10 a day; your hands are worth from \$1 to \$2 a day. Are you drawing a HEAD salary or a HAND salary? A Draughon course will educate your head—will qualify you for the highest position at the highest salary—and Draughon will find the job for you. For free catalogue, write Draughon's Practical Business College, Abilene, Amarillo or El Paso.

W. D. Swann of Tyler visited his brother President J. S. Swann of the Farmers State Bank here this week.

T. J. Williamson, J. M. Camp, J. D. Southworth and S. D. McLeod all of Trent were in town Wednesday transacting business.

Harve M. Warren was a visitor to Abilene Wednesday looking after the betterment of our laundry work.

Burt Reat of Snyder was here on business Tuesday.

Stolen Jewelry Recovered.

Abilene, Feb 5—Sheriff T. C. Weir has in his possession four rings which have been identified by Mr. and Mrs E. W. Curtis as a part of a considerable list of articles taken from their home at the corner of Hickory and Sixth street several weeks ago.

Sheriff Weir spent a few hours in Sweetwater Saturday, and following his description of the rings which were in the possession of the officers of that place, they were immediately turned over to him.

The story of the robbery of the Curtis home was told in these columns a few days ago.

Two boys, Cecil and Andrew Henderson were arrested at Sweetwater and later brought to this city and held pending further investigation. Sheriff Weir, who has been diligently at work on the case, gained the information a few days ago that certain articles of jewelry missing from the Curtis home had been concealed in the Sweetwater jail. Officers at that point were notified at once and located the missing jewelry. The four rings were found in a sand box underneath the stove.

Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

Be Happy!

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

Cardui is a gentle, tonic remedy, for women's ailments. It is a natural medicine—safe, harmless, purely vegetable. It has been in successful use for more than 50 years. It has cured thousands. It should do the same for you.

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

Mrs. Mary Neely, of Denver, Tenn., says, "I think there is no tonic on earth, as good as Cardui. I used it with the very best results. I had backache and nearly everything a woman could suffer with, until I took Cardui. Now, I feel better than I have for two years. I shall always recommend Cardui to other suffering women. I can't praise it too highly. As a medicine for weak, tired, worn-out women, Cardui is safe and reliable. Try it, today.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn. for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. J 56

PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Yesterday afternoon Thomas Smith received a message from Sheffield stating that his grandson Hubbard B. Griffith had been accidentally killed by a charge from a shotgun. At this time no particulars can be given but it is supposed the accident happened while the parents were away. Both Mr. and Mrs. Griffith are connected with the Sheffield schools, he being superintendent.

Evidently Uncle Sam thinks the trouble is not over on the border for he continues to send troops to the scene of war. Tuesday evening a small bunch went through here enroute to El Paso from Fort Sill and reports are out that he is getting in shape to send them all if necessary.

An automobile party went to Anson last week. A delightful day was reported. A tempting and appetizing lunch had been prepared and was served picnic style to Misses Willie Bigham, Annie T. Daniel, Olga Sheppard, Mrs. J. W. Daniel and Jno. R. Daniel.

J. A. Thornton who is making a race for county treasurer and C. B. Manley our present tax assessor who is also making the race for re-election were here Wednesday shaking hands with the voters and looking after county affairs.

The contract has been let for a new I. O. O. F. hall to be built at Nubia. The building will be a handsome structure 30x50 feet with a lodge room proper of 30x40 feet leaving a ten foot anteroom. The ground for the building was given the lodge by T. J. Toombs and wife.

A child that has intestinal worms is handicapped in its growth. A few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge destroys and expels worms; the child immediately improves and thrives wonderfully. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus wish to thank the members of the volunteer fire department for their heroic work in saving their home from the flames on last Tuesday morning.

J. E. McDonald and family have returned from Stamford to make their home here for good, Merkel having a pulling power that they could not resist.

Miss Eufie Oypert and Miss Clara Moore spent Sunday in Abilene visiting friends.

Reports that are authentic come from the Dora and divide country stating that more oats are being sown this year than for some time, most every farmer is giving from 40 to 100 acres to the cause owing to the ideal condition of the ground at this time of the year.

There are five cases of scarlet fever at Trent now, two in the family of Rev. R. O. Bailey who lives in Trent and the other three cases are in the family of Ben Blackburn. None of the ones so affected with the fever are in critical condition as the cases are very light.

Another car of that good old Peacemaker flour unloaded this week Get a sack and have peace in the home. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Ross Jennings of El Paso and Ervin Jennings of Quanah came in Wednesday morning to visit their mother Mrs. J. W. Jennings. They returned yesterday morning to their respective homes.

D. L. McMaster who has been visiting his brother Dr. O. F. McMaster returned to his home at Garden City Wednesday evening.

Advance shipment of new goods all through the house. Call and see them. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

W. M. Moore of Abilene was in town Wednesday and Thursday shaking hands with old friends.

One hundred pieces new gingham just received. Nice spring patterns. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dennis went to Abilene yesterday to visit the family of Thos. Dennis.

A new line of linen and val laces arrived this week. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

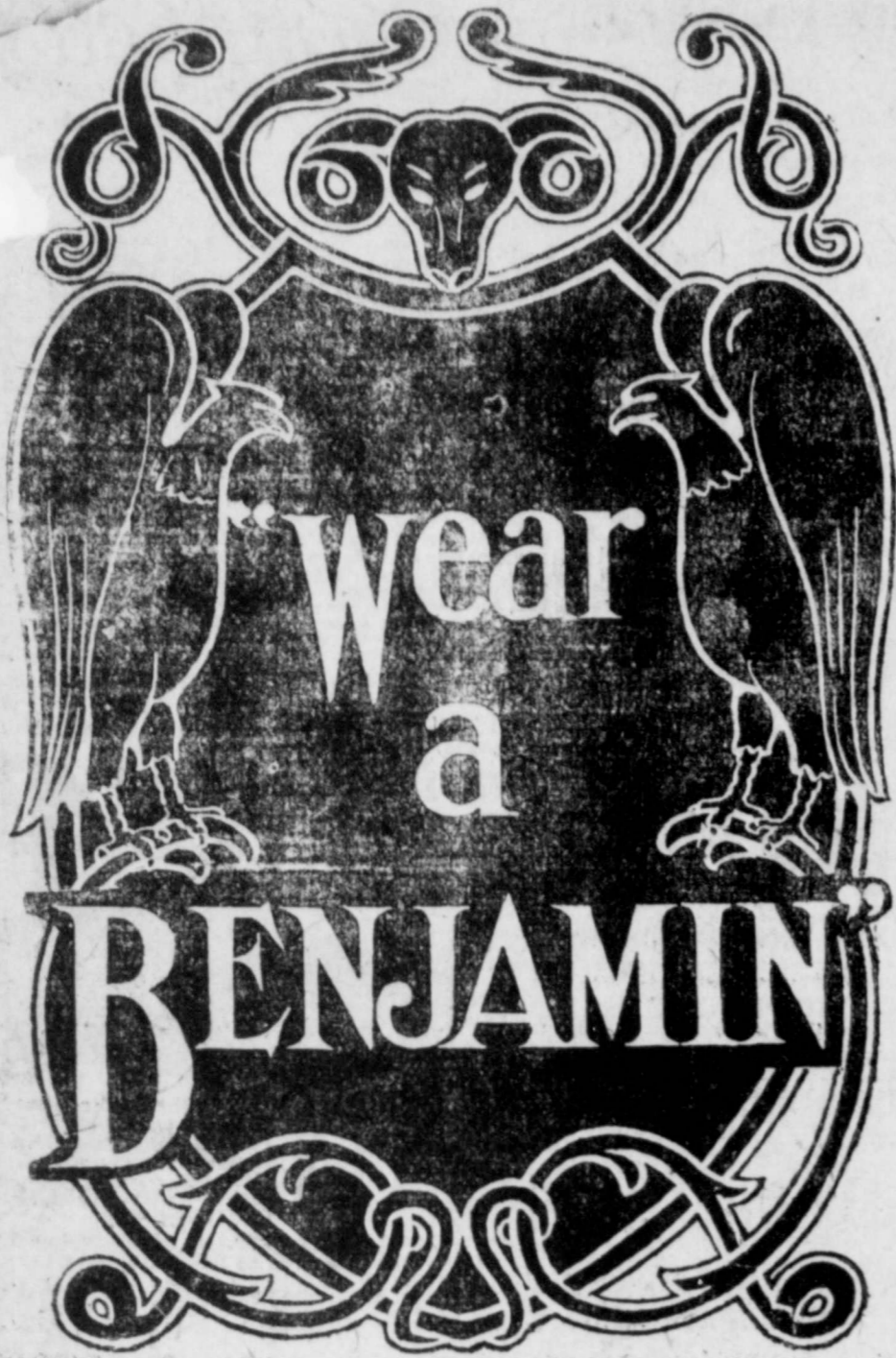
H. M. Steadman of Trent spent the first three days of the week here.

Dress goods of every description including messalines, voils, etc. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Judge Potter and C. D. Mims were in Abilene Tuesday doing some legal work.

Red top cane seed, \$1.25 per bushel at G. M. Sharp's.

W. M. Hamil of Colorado was a Merkel visitor for several days last week.



For Luxury, Style and Economy

There is no substitute for

Benjamin Clothes

Spring Clothes

Spring is coming; our prices on Spring Clothing are already down, so you do not need to wait until the season is advanced to make your purchase.

We sell on a close margin of profit early in the season, enabling us to buy heavily, which is our explanation of our low prices.

We have just received this week two thousand dollars worth of the snappiest clothing ever brought to Merkel. We can fit the fat or lean man as well as the medium sized man.

If you will look through our clothing stock, you will say yourself there has never been anything like them in Merkel before.

Merkel Dry Goods And Grocery Company

Fire at Sweetwater.

Sweetwater, Feb. 2 — The large stock of drugs, together with the fixtures, in the White Front Drug Store, were destroyed by fire early this morning. The stock is said to be an almost total loss, and the fixtures are all badly damaged. The total value of the stock and fixtures is given at \$15,000 with insurance of \$11,500.

The fire originated this morning shortly after three o'clock, and had made considerable headway when the alarm was turned in. The response of the volunteer fire department was prompt, and but for their work, the entire northside of the square would no doubt have been burned out.

The fire, which was of unknown origin, originated in the rear of the building and spread rapidly throughout the entire store. Considerable damage was done to the building.

Although the alarm was turned in at a very early hour, the fire department responded in a remarkably short time, and by well directed and efficient work were soon able to control and prevent what promised to be a very disastrous fire, as the building in which the fire occurred is in the center of the block, and if the control had been lost in that building, it would soon have been practically impossible to have saved some of the others.

A TEXAS WONDER.

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

Meningitis and Scarlet Fever.

News by long distance telephone tell of a case of meningitis near Nugent, Jones county, the victim being a fifteen year old girl, Willie Terry, while it is thought another case is there in the person of a four year old daughter of Millard Berryhill, the county health officer being on the ground for the purpose of diagnosing the case. The information came straight and is authentic.

A telephone report from Nugent Monday afternoon about three-thirty o'clock gives out the news that there are five cases of scarlet fever in the family of Mr. Grooms. The news was telephoned by Mr. Grooms himself, the cases being in his family, and he says that two are doing nicely, while the other three are in a bad state, their fever running as high as 105 oftentimes.

Reason Enthroned.

Because meats are so tasty they are consumed in great excess. This leads to stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. Revise your diet, let reason and not a pampered appetite control, then take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be well again. Try it. For sale by all dealers. Samples free.

Notice.

I own the place known as Sand Hill Spring and understand parties have been trespassing on same by hauling away cement sand. This is to notify all parties that they must not haul any more sand off said property or they will be prosecuted. M. C. Morrison, Mambrino, Tex. 2tpd

Announcement

Your presence is requested at our store February 16, from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m. Refreshments will be served. Mr. Hilburn will tell you the quality of Maxwell House Coffee, and Mr. Davis will prove to you that Uneda Biscuits are the best. Come, eat, drink and be merry.

B. C. GAITHER & SONS
Merkel Reliable Grocers

LOOK! NOTICE Higher, But Better

Get the skill of fine tailoring. See

C. L. Cash The Tailor

City vs. High School.

Last Friday afternoon the high school won their first game of the baseball season by defeating the city bunch by a score of 16 to 15. Batteries for the high school were Howard, Sharp and Moore while the town boys were represented by Franklin, Jones and Tally. The high school waited until the last four innings to register their scores.

For That Terrible Itching.

Eczema, tetter and salt rheu keep their victims in perpetual torment. The application of Chamberlain's Salve will instantly allay this itching, and many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by all dealers.

Marriage Licenses.

R. L. Perry to Miss Addie Lee Brockman.

R. A. Reddell to Miss Eula Graham.

R. T. Lewis to Miss Alice James.

A heavy cold in the lungs that was expected to cure itself has been the starting point in many cases of disease that ended fatally. The sensible course is to take frequent doses of Ballard's Hore Hound Syrup. It checks the progress of the disorder and assists nature to restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Title for Treasurer.

We are authorized to place the name of G. B. Tittle before our readers as a candidate for county treasurer of Taylor county. Mr. Tittle is well known to the people of Merkel and surrounding country, having lived in our midst for a number of years and we trust all voters will give his claims careful consideration.

Another New Druggist.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs are the proud parents of a ten pound boy, same making his arrival Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Burroughs states that the new comer is going to be a full fledged druggist if it is in his power to bend the twig as the tree has grown. It is also understood that the youngster is going to be a staunch protector of the good name he comes under.

The Mail joins their many friends in congratulations with all hopes for the baby's good health.

Miss Dethel Jenkins, Dead.

Monday morning the people of Merkel awoke to learn that one of our most loved young ladies of the town, Miss Dethel Jenkins, had died, having passed into the great beyond just before sunrise of that day. Funeral services were held at the residence on Oak street Monday afternoon at five o'clock and the body was given burial immediately after in Rose Hill Cemetery. A more extended notice will be given next week.

Presbyterian Church.

Sunday school 10 a. m.—E. P. McMillen, Supt.

Morning service 11 a. m.

Text, I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians; both to the wise and unwise.

Miss Birdie Diltz and Mrs. Hamilton will sing. There will be no evening service unless the meeting at the Methodist church should close before Sunday.

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