

## ABILENE BAPTIST MEETING CLOSED

At the First Baptist Church of Abilene Sunday at 7:30 p. m. the largest congregation which ever gathered in a Baptist church in the city, and perhaps the largest which ever gathered in the city, greeted Mr. Ham. Rev. C. C. Coleman baptized 36 candidates for baptism at the beginning of the service which made the total baptized during the meeting over 100. Something near 200 have been received into the church by letter and baptism since the meeting began.

Time forbids a lengthy report of the meeting which we should like to give, but suffice it to say Abilene was stirred religiously as she has not been in many years and the work in Simmons College was almost marvelous. Nearly every student in the school was saved and made public profession of faith. Mr. Ham said he knew of no school where religion was such a unanimous thing as it is in Simmons.

Hundreds of friends rushed around Rev. and Mrs. Ham and Mr. and Mrs. H. Mendenhall last night to bid them good-bye and wish them well. They go to Del Rio for a meeting and then to Lampasas, after which they will go to Fayetteville, Ark., and back to Waco.—Abilene Reporter

## BUSINESS HOURS ARE SHORTENED

We, the undersigned merchants and business men hereby agree to close our respective places of business from now until Sept. 15, 1912, at 7 o'clock each evening of business days except Saturday's:

Star Store, B. C. Gaither & Sons, Parton Dry Goods Co., J. P. Sharp, Hogue-Hamilton Co., Anchor Hardware Co., Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co., J. L. Banner & Son, J. T. Dennis, Hamblet & Rogers, Woodroof Bros., West Texas Hardware Co., P. C. Jones, W. L. Harkrider, Rose & Pate, C. L. Cash, City Barber Shop, City Tailoring Co., Bradshaw Grocery Co., Clark & Allen, Pickelsimer & Allen, J. M. C. King, W. L. Diltz, Jno. B. Bell & Son, N. M. Brown, Kent Street Grocery Co., J. B. Thomas.

### W. O. W. Meeting.

The Merkel camp No. 719 of the Woodmen of the World met last Friday night at their hall conducting the business as usual. A good number of members were present and the meeting made very interesting by the initiation of Chas. K. Russell into the mysteries of Woodcraft. H. M. Nichols of Commerce was present and made a fine talk for the order which was greatly appreciated by those present. A jolly good time was held and more interest is being manifested among the members.

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

Mrs. Chas. Holcomb and children came in Saturday from Fort Worth to once more make their home in our city. We are very glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb with us, having once known their worth as citizens and truly hope Mr. Holcomb will see fit to spend more of his time here than he is now slated to do, he being connected with the business college of Brantley-Draughon will force him to give his time elsewhere.

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

Nothing reserved during this close out sale. Woodroof Bros.

## MILL AND ELEVATOR DESTROYED BY FIRE

Sweetwater, Feb. 9.—The mill, elevator and warehouse of the Sweetwater Mill and Elevator Co. were totally destroyed this morning by a fire which threatened to destroy also the Burton-Lingo Lumber yards and a residence. The loss to the Mill and Elevator Company is estimated at \$40,000 with about one-half covered by insurance.

The fire originated in the front part of the mill and was carried rapidly back throughout the plant by the stiff north wind that was blowing. That the lumber yard and the residence of Jno. Mill-sapps were not destroyed was due to the heroic work of the volunteer fire department.

Armour and Company had two cars of packing house products in one of the warehouses, which was totally destroyed. Their loss is from \$5,000 to \$6,000.

The fire which was of unknown origin broke out about 1:30 this morning.

The greater part of the stock of the Mill and Elevator Company was owned by J. W. Mingus, cashier of the F. & M. Bank and Trust Company, and L. H. Witt.

## ABILENE STORE HAS \$25,000 DAMAGES

Monday night fire broke out in the store occupied by Minter Dry Goods Co., doing a damage of approximately \$25,000. The alarm was turned in from the Elks Club over the store and the department responded in record time but owing to the position of the blaze which could not be clearly ascertained in the dense smoke the fire boys were compelled to direct the streams over most of the house in order to insure safety to the rest of the block, and in that manner damaged much of the stock by water that was not touched by the fire.

Reports say that between one-third and one-half of the stock was a loss.

Mrs. Ida Ryan of Sweetwater is spending a week with her aunt Mrs. Alice Templeton. The Mail with her many friends would be very glad to have Mrs. Ryan make her home here once more.

## 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

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### TAYLOR COUNTY CANDIDATES

For District Judge 42nd District  
Dallas Scarborough  
For Sheriff:  
S. E. Taylor (of Hamby)  
T. C. Weir (for re-election)  
For Treasurer:  
J. H. Thornton  
G. B. (Blue) Tittle  
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

## '12 OUR GOOD READERS '13

The Old and The New

Business is still good and we are happy, thanks to our good subscribers and the candidates. This is election year and everybody is as good as can be to the old Merkel Mail.

The following is a list of our new subscribers as paid since our last report:  
City: Miss Pearl Rawlings, G. W. Boyce, R. L. Moore, Dr. J. H. Warnick, H. C. Burroughs, Anchor Hardware Company, N. C. Sinclair, W. A. Scott, J. A. Woodard-Judge C. D. Mims, G. M. Cauthen, G. J. Jones, R. L. Bland, J. L. Harris, W. L. Harkrider, Mrs. Nan Thompson, Dr. Geo. L. Miller, H. H. Tittle, Asa Sheppard, J. S. Bond, W. H. Dickson, Judge Potter, Mrs. J. P. Sutphen, G. H. Adams, J. R. Barnett, W. C. Matthews.

Rural Routes: J. M. Provine, H. E. Campbell, W. A. Armstrong, G. W. Moore, R. H. Dean, Jas. Patterson, L. C. Patton, Mrs. M. J. Golightly, L. S. Harris, J. F. Wade, C. B. Kniffen, R. B. Wells, S. H. L. Swafford.

Others: Mrs. M. F. Rollins, Trent; E. A. Hargrove, Mesquite; G. F. Freeman, Wastella; T. E. Paylor, Big Springs; F. & M. National Bank, Abilene. D. A. Cline, Mt. Sylvan, (by J. F. Wade); Mrs. A. Lamar, Strawn, (by J. R. Lamar); M. J. McWilliams, Fairlie, R. A. Miller, Lindale; Oscar Adams, Harrold, (by G. H. Adams); H. E. Dunning, Eskota; Paul Ritch, Wharton; Guy L. Boyd, Chandler; Mrs. J. B. Sloan, Big Springs, (by Sam Butman, Nubia); J. A. Barnett, Blue Ridge, (by J. W. Childers); J. C. Horton, Okeamah, Okla., G. O. Cozart, Las Cruces, N. M., J. D. Jones, Dobson, N. C., (by Glen Jones, Dora); Mrs. N. E. Kellow, Eaton, Tenn; Rev. A. J. Leach, Hermleigh, Texas.

## MERKEL MAN GIVES VIEWS ON MEXICO

W. R. Bigham came in from El Paso Wednesday morning where he had been engaged in shipping cattle out of Mexico. Mr. Bigham states that he has some five or six thousand head to ship out in the near future if the war condition will permit.

Mr. Bigham says the revolution that is now under headway promises to be even greater than the one that placed Madero in the

presidents seat and unless something is done to stop the insurgent spirit at once it will destroy all trade that now exists and the country throughout will be seized by the insurgents to satisfy their claims on government lands and back dues of the past revolution.

He also says the country is at present being damaged by the actions of the insurgents who are raiding ranches and small towns to get food and clothing, horses and cattle to convey and feed the armies that are now practically organized.

Mr. Bigham states that this condition can be settled if it be done at once but the time of national war for Mexico under the present condition is not far off.

## OUR POSTOFFICE TO OPEN SAVINGS BANK

Merkel is included in the number of third-class postoffices of this state which will open postal savings banks March 7. The following clipping gives the names of the fifty Texas towns which will open banks on the above date.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The following third-class postoffices in Texas will open postal savings banks March 7: Archer City, Asherton, Aspermont, Bastrop, Bellevue, Big Sandy, Blessing, Blum, Brackettville, Burleson, Carthage, Daingerfield, Eddy, Edna, Electra, Goldthwaite, Goliad, Goree, Graham, Granbury, Hico, Iowa Park, Karnes City, Knox City, Kosse, Ladonia, Lockney, Loraine, Mansfield, Meridian, Merkel, Morgan, Munday, Naples, Puducuh, Palacios, Panhandle, Ranger, Rotan, Royse City, St. Jo, San Augustine, Saratoga, Tenaha, Trinity, Venus, Wellington, Whitney, Woodville and Wortham.

### Gin Notice.

I will run my gin on Saturday's after this week until further notice.  
R. E. Bowles 1t

## GOOD RAIN IN THE MERKEL COUNTRY

From all parts of the country come the reports that the country is well soaked with from three-fourths to an inch rain, Abilene reporting officially .77 of an inch while several who are acquainted with the conditions here and there say we are ahead of Abilene for moisture by at least a quarter of an inch, which goes to show that we are in the heart of the most promising West Texas country for the coming year. Dora, Stith, Trent and Eskota all report fine rains and the ground in ideal condition for anything that a person would want to grow. The Mail is predicting a bumper year and here's hoping so for the good of our farmers and all others dependant upon their crops for prosperity. Come to Merkel.

W. A. Armstrong thanked us when we called his attention to his paper being stopped and promptly handed over another dollar to the cause.

## BIG RABBIT HUNT FOR THURS. FEB. 22

On next Thursday, Feb. 22, Washington's birthday, a big rabbit hunt will be pulled off north of Abilene and every citizen of Taylor county is invited to participate in the round-up. This announcement was made by D. L. Ray, who was in the city today.

All of those who desire to take part in the hunt are requested to meet not later than nine o'clock Thursday morning just north of the Elm creek bridge, on the Anson road, which is about four miles from town. All who participate should bring their dinner, shotguns, and small shot. No dogs or rifles will be allowed.

Citizens of the community over which the drive will extend have made arrangements to pay a bounty of five cents a scalp for each rabbit killed on the hunt, and Mr. Ray has been made paymaster.

Rabbits are said to be as numerous in that section to be covered as pig tracks in Arkansas, and they have been doing great damage to the wheat fields.

Prepare to join in the chase. It will be a pleasant as well as profitable way to spend the holiday.—Abilene Reporter.

## BOY ACCIDENTLY SHOOT HIMSELF

In our last issue we gave a short account of the death of Hubbard B. Griffith, Jr., at Sheffield last Wednesday morning and the particulars learned later show that the young man met death in an accidental and most unusual manner. He was the victim of a trap laid for a wolf by his father. The father placed a gun in position with string attached to trigger and baited to kill a wolf or dog which might attempt to eat the bait. The little boy, about four or five years of age, while at play early the next morning pulled the string and received the discharge from the gun, death resulting a few hours later.

The burial took place at Winters Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Thomas Smith and family, Miss Rose Norris and Mrs. J. C. Hamner of Merkel and Trent attending.

### Townsmen Loses Brother.

Early Tuesday afternoon W. Parton received a message from Richmond telling him his brother Edgar Parton was dying and to come at once. Later in the day he received another telling him of his brother's death. The message came as a great surprise to Mr. Parton he having last heard from his brother at his home in Spur and at that time he was in good health. The particulars could not be obtained at the time Mr. Parton started for Thornton where interment took place.

We regret the fact very much and extend our sympathy to all concerned.



# The Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas

This Bank contributes a small amount annually to the Guaranty Fund of the State of Texas for the protection of its Non-Interest Bearing Deposits.

If your money is in a Guaranty Fund Bank you need have no fear of panics, for the Guaranty Fund was created for your protection in the event of financial disaster.

The promptness with which deposits are paid in full from the guaranty fund, in event of failure, should appeal to every one.

We offer you absolute safety, courteous treatment and unexcelled facilities for handling your business.

We invite your account. This is the only Guaranty Fund Bank in Merkel.

"IT IS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY"

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B. C. MOORE, Asst. Cashier

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T. A. JOHNSON, Cashier



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## OUR CORRESPONDENCE

### Trent Items.

Miss Laura McGregor of Coahoma is visiting her sister Mrs. E. L. Mangum. Miss Maude Conner visited homefolks at Baird Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. R. O. Bailey who recently resigned as pastor of the Methodist church moved to Barry, Texas last week. He will resume his work as pastor of the church at Barry.

Miss Maxye Banner spent Sunday in Merkel.

Miss Carrie Nichols entertained a crowd of young folks Friday night.

Owen Jennings teacher of White Church school was visiting relatives and friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. W. U. Browning and Miss Beulah Smith were in Merkel Saturday. Misses Gertrude Cauthen and Eva Terry spent the night with Gennevieve McRee Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Craddock's baby has been very sick but is improving now.

Geo. West and R. W. Terry had business in Merkel Saturday.

Several of the young people went to the mountains Sunday evening kodaking.

Iva Holton daughter of Mrs. T. J. Holton was carried to Abilene Monday on train No. 8 by Dr. Watkins and her mother for an operation at a local sanitarium. The girl is nine years of age and has suffered greatly from a diseased bone in one of her lower limbs. Physicians think this limb will probably have to be amputated.

John.

"Good goods and low prices" is our motto. Bradshaw Grocery Company.

Plenty white oats at G. M. Sharps.

### Copper Ore Near Anson.

There has been discovered on the land of J. M. Doty, a few miles east of Anson, what seems to be a very rich vein of genuine copper ore, and capitalists have already secured lease and made tests, which have so far proven very interesting, and likely within a few days they will go into the mine with full force.

Mr. Doty left with us a specimen of the ore, and likewise some of the copper that had been "run out" in an ordinary blacksmith's furnace, and it certainly looks like the genuine. This was found at a depth of 14 feet underground.

In the same vicinity prospects of oil have also been discovered, and when proper and thorough investigations are made there will likely be something doing in mining circles in this section.—Anson Enterprise.

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

### Box Candies at Cost.

Our line of box candies, Lowney's, Hughes' Bike's, Blanke-Wenneker and Brown's, the best made are offered at cost. The entire line is fresh but our stock is too large and must be reduced before summer. Now is the opportunity and we will give you a chance at a free box with every purchase. Elite Confectionery.

Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

### Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Feb. 17, 1912

Copeland, Dr.

Elliott, J. A.

Jones, S. A.

Long, Mrs. G. W.

Martin, W. M.

Poer, Mrs. J. S.

Wymond, Mrs. Emma

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Mar. 2, 1912.

H. W. Derstine, p. m.

### Notice to Our Customers.

We will be off to market next week. Any little specials any of our friends and customers would like for us to get them, we will take pleasure in doing so if you will leave your orders at our store by Saturday, February 17. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

### Residence Burned at Midland.

Midland, Feb. 9.—M. M. Griffin, who lived in the north part of town, in a two story house that belonged to Dr. Miller of Merkel, sustained the loss this morning at 2:30 o'clock, of his entire household effects, clothing, etc., with no insurance. The house was insured.

It is not known how the fire originated. Mr. Griffin stated that he and his wife awoke about the same time, and all the north side of the house was in flames. He thinks it caught either on the back porch or in an unused room on the north side. How it is impossible to say. Nothing of the contents but a sewing machine and a chair was saved. It was most unfortunate, and we sympathize with them heartily in their loss.

The fire boys again did valiant work. It was a hard task to save the house adjacent, owned by A. W. Collins of Fort Worth, but it was saved, but very badly damaged, and once more a victory is added to the laurels of our fire department.

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

Mrs. R. D. McGee who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Beene of Stith returned to her home at Odessa on last Friday evening.

W. E. Campbell of route five asked that we send him the Mail six months on trial. Here is hoping that Mr. Campbell will renew when the six months are out.

Swell line of Ladies and Misses Oxfords and pumps in patent, vic and gun calf both black and tan. Also black and tan velvets and white canvas received this week. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

## Did You Ever Have the Side Ache

AND THEN WONDER WHY?



Sitting position for Standard Central Needle Machines. Sitting position for ordinary sewing machines.

ASK your doctor and he will say sew Standard Central Needle way. Come to our store at once and let us show you. No obligation on your part to buy—"just look"

## 22 YEARS, DAY AND NIGHT, GOOD YET

Dalhart, Texas.—Gentlemen—I bought my Standard Machine twenty-two years ago, and I am a Dressmaker and have run the same machine for that many years, sometimes nights as well as days, and it is a good machine yet. It seems I just can not give it up. I have bought one or two other makes, thinking I would give the old Standard up, but I would not give it now for many of the new ones. I can not give up the Standard. I know from experience it is the best Sewing Machine that is or ever will be manufactured. Yours truly, Mrs. C. F. Rowley.

## Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

## The City Tailoring Co.

Have equipped their shop with new boards and many other necessities for cleaning, dyeing and pressing ladies garments.

## Franklin & Renfro, Props

### Poultry Industry Growing.

A cockerel at \$10 sounds to us like selling bull calves at \$1,000 and indicates to us an industry that is growing in our midst. This week S. H. Basham shipped a young bird back east to one of his customers, and this was the price. His R. I. Reds are famous, as well as other poultry flocks in Midland. He has some \$25 birds and so has W. C. Massey, and others. Dr. G. C. McCall, we understand, has recently paid \$30 for a setting of eggs, and the Midland County Fair is sure to cut a figure this fall.—Midland Reporter.

Let the Merkel people get busy raising poultry and see if they can't do as well if not better than the people mentioned above. We have a number of poultry raisers and some who are taking much interest in the business, however, we can use many more such people and believe it a profitable industry.

### GUARANTY OF BANK DEPOSITS

A private bank has just recently failed in east Texas. Of course, it remains to be seen what the loss will be, but it is evident that there will be some loss and considerable delay in realizing on the securities.

The advantage of some form of guaranty can not be over estimated. Aside from the fact that the depositors are paid off in full, the promptness with which the deposits are paid out should appeal to every one.

The form of guaranty in Texas is simple and ample. By a small assessment on each bank, from year to year, a large fund is accumulated with the Commissioner of Banking (or Banking Board) with which to pay off depositors of defunct banks. When a failure occurs, the commissioner takes charge and realizes out of the assets as fast as he can—the depositors however, having already been paid out of the accumulated fund from the assessment of the state banks of the state. Whatever is derived from the assets is, of course, turned back to the contributing banks. In this way the depositors are protected and the tax on the banks reduced to a minimum. The system has been quite satisfactory to depositors and the banks.



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WORKED FOR THE  
SAFETY OF YOUR MONEY  
WHEN IT IS IN A  
NATIONAL BANK



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# The Southern National Bank

Solicits your business for the New Year  
and promises the most liberal service  
consistent with our conservative policies

John Sears, President

C. L. Barker, Vice-Pres.

J. E. Faucett, Cashier

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Seed oats at G. M. Sharp's.

J. M. Bryson of Dora was a Merkel visitor on last Friday.

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

Lester Ellis made a social call to the city of Abilene Sunday.

Men's clothing at half price. Woodroof Bros.

W. N. Isenhower was here this week visiting the family of J. D. Jones.

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

Herman Harp of Sweetwater was a pleasant caller in our city during Sunday.

For sale to the right man, a good, heavy young horse.

W. W. Wheeler.

Lee Pribble of Trent a ton-sorial artist of no mean ability was here Saturday.

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

Marriage license was issued Saturday for M. A. Perkins of Nubia and Miss Myrtle Noel of the same place.

White Wyandotte eggs for hatching from prize winners. \$1.50 per 15.

H. M. Rose, Merkel

Mrs. J. B. Brandon of Putnam who has been here visiting the family of J. D. Jones returned home Monday, Miss Ruth Jones accompanying her.

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

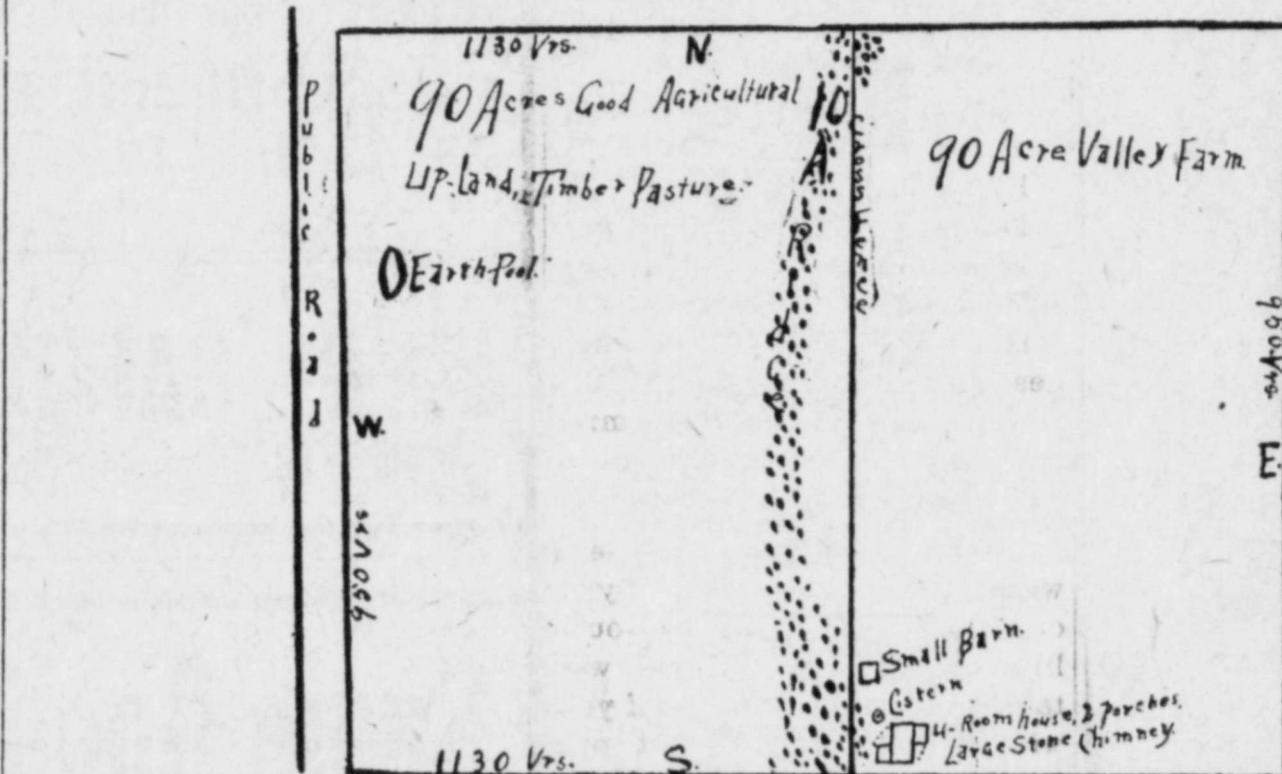
Sam Butman, Sr., made the Mail a very pleasant call last Friday, giving us a dollar to send the Mail to his daughter Mrs. J. B. Sloan of Big Spangs.

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.

Mrs. J. P. Sharp received a letter stating her uncle Austin Pennington of Round Rock died Thursday of last week after a long spell of sickness.

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.

Prof. Rufus Adcock superintendent of the Caps schools made the Mail office a pleasant call while in our city Saturday.



Above Plat Represents One of Jones County's Rich Red Sand, Mesquite Land Farms.

Located 3 1/2 Miles North of Trent and 8 Miles North-west From Merkel.

This farm, as you will note from the plat, contains 190 acres of land set out in the plat as follows: 90 acre valley farm, 10 acre ridge, 90 acres good agricultural up-land, timber pasture. Note the improvements, public road, etc. This place is listed with me exclusively for \$4500.00, with one-third to be paid down and the balance in 5 years at 8 per cent annual interest. Now, this place is worth \$30 per acre and at that price would bring the total sum of \$5700, but my price makes it a bargain by the neat sum of \$1200.

To show you what I am going to do with lands listed with me exclusively I am going to place an ad. about this farm in the Dallas Morning News, the Semi-Weekly Dallas Farm News and the Farm and Ranch. This ad. will read like this: "A good 190-acre Jones county farm for sale at a bargain. Lewis H. King, Agent, Merkel, Texas." Then on receipt of the inquiries I will mail them a printed circular bearing this plat above and printed detailed description of this farm. This is my plan. It is a good one, isn't it? It will get results.

**LEWIS H. KING, Agent, Merkel, Tex.**

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bigham came in from El Paso last Saturday morning. Mr. Bigham reports the business in a very bad condition owing to the unsettled state of the insurgents who are ready to follow any silver tongued orator who promises to free them from their bondage. They also expect a part of the spoils secured from the pillage of towns and ranches, and for that reason Mr. Bigham says they are always looking for some one to lead them.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle of Marshall have returned to their home after an extended visit to the family of T. J. Evans. Mr. Doyle has just recovered from injuries received in a wreck on the T. & P. east of Marshall while he was acting in the capacity of engineer.

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

John E. Camp returned Monday evening from a business trip to Oklahoma.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

GOOD MULES FOR SALE.—Part cash, balance on fall time. Jones & Warnick, Merkel, Texas. 16t2pd

FOR SALE—Full blood Rhode Island Red eggs. 15 for \$1.00. Mrs. P. B. Causseaux, Merkel, Texas. 16t4pd

TO RENT—160 acre farm 2 1/2 miles from Abilene, 145 acres in cultivation. C. E. Whitaker. 26t4

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

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 Crystallite 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. C. Grant. 1t7pd

Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

Tuesday night the fourteen month old child of Mr. and Mrs. Giesler died at their home on east Elm street. The child had been sick for several days and at no time since the first attack was their much hope for the child's recovery. Burial was given at Dora Wednesday afternoon. The Mail extends sympathy to the bereaved parents and sincerely regrets that their happiness was marred by the loss of their child they having been here only a short time.

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.

Thos. Jenkins of the divide community was here the first part of the week and judging from the smile on his face he is expecting the oat crop to be greatly benefitted by the rain.

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 expectoration; and restores the system to a healthy condition. For sale by all dealers.

Jim Gilliam and John G. Jackson went to Roscoe Sunday afternoon returning Monday morning.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

A good assortment of spring pants at J. P. Sharp's.

W. A. Moon is in Putnam this week on business.

A free box of candy to be given away. The Elite.

Felix R. Jones was among the visitors from Abilene this week.

Mens patent leather shoes out to half price. J. P. Sharp.

G. E. Comegys made a business trip to Clyde yesterday.

For good bread use Albatross flour. Bradshaw Grocery Co.

D. J. Rawlings of Trent was in Merkel Wednesday.

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

Buy her a box of candy. The Elite.

Lake Renfro and wife spent Sunday with friends near Nubia.

With each shirt purchased at \$1.00 and up, we will give a tie free. J. P. Sharp.

Miss Leona Marshall of Clyde has been a guest of Miss Mattie Paylor this week.

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

L. E. Adrain of Trent was on our streets yesterday looking after business.

Try a sack of Albatross flour. Best on earth. Bradshaw Grocery Company.

Miss Claire Tate of Abilene is visiting Mrs. W. H. Dickson and looking after her art class.

Lige Rains of the Blair community made a business trip to Abilene Wednesday.

The best is none too good. Buy Albatross. Bradshaw Grocery Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Hutcheson formerly of Trent but now of Sweetwater are here visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. J. S. Burkhead returned to Colorado Saturday after a visit with her mother Mrs. J. B. Bell who accompanied her home.

Phone us your orders for groceries. The very best of goods and prompt service. Hogue-Hamilton Company.

H. M. Nichols and sister Miss Maye of Commerce are visiting friends here. Mr. Nichols told a Mail reporter they would probably make Merkel their home.

Miss Willie Bigham is spending the week with friends in Lampasas.



# Texas Needs Great Men

## XXVIII. CONDEMNATION

**A**N ATHENIAN peasant voting to condemn Aristides the Just was asked what wrong this good man had ever done him, "None," he replied, "I don't even know him, but I am tired of hearing him called 'The Just.'" Envy always snarls at the heels of distinction. It is one of the penalties of success to be condemned by your fellow men, and this condition not only applies to philosophy, art and science, but to business as well, and sometimes success weighs heavily in the scales of justice.

The soul of state is in its people and a narrow, jealous and envious citizenship results in bigoted, revengeful and dangerous leaders and a weak and tottering government.



CONDEMNING ARISTIDES THE JUST.

Let those who would see their country rise to the towering heights of power remember that in the race of nations an ounce of malice is a dangerous handicap; that a country torn by the demon jealousy cannot long survive the corroding influences of civilization, and that a people whose prejudices will respond to the call of agitators like unclean spirits at the summons of a wizard, must soon drink the bitter dregs of factional strife and writhe in the agony of national decay. Texas Needs Great Men.

### Real Estate Deals.

Maude Lovelady to R. Hansen lots 4, 5, 8 and 9 in block "P" Bettes Heights addition to Merkel, \$500.

J. M. Dodds and wife to Arthur Sears west half of block "A" in Bettes Heights addition to Merkel, \$3000.

Wm. H. Brown to Sam Phillips all of lots 4, 5 and 6 in block "D" of Wm. H. Brown subdivision block 24 College addition to Merkel, \$225.

J. K. Cauthen to S. H. Phillips three lots 50x150 feet out of the S. W. corner block "A" Bettes Heights addition to Merkel, \$2000.

J. K. Cauthen to S. H. Phillips N. W. 1-4 of block "A" in Bettes addition to Merkel, \$150.

F. J. Smith to J. P. Frederickson all of lots 4, 5 and 6 in block 8 town of Merkel; lot "D" of F. J. Smith's subdivision of the east part of block 4 College addition to Merkel, \$100.

S. H. Phillips to T. W. Phillips lots 4 and 1/2 lot 5 in block "D" of the Wm. H. Brown subdivision block 24 of College addition to Merkel, \$600.

### 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

### Obituary.

Miss Dethel Jenkins was born April 3, 1894 and departed this life Feb. 5, 1912. She became a Christian July 12, 1909. She was an obedient daughter and a faithful member of the church of Christ till the day of her death.

She leaves a father and two sisters to mourn her death. I would say to them not to mourn as for those who have no hope for she had the promise, "Blessed are those that die in the Lord that they rest from their labors and their works, they follow them on."

May God's blessing attend the bereaved father and sisters in my prayer. W. G. Cypert.

### 518 Deaths.

The State Health records ending with Jan. 1912, show that there have been five hundred and eighteen deaths from meningitis in Texas within the last thirteen months, of which number one hundred and sixty-three occurred in January. The total number of cases during the same period is roughly estimated to be twelve to thirteen hundred cases.

### Holy Bible Read in One Day.

The reading of the bible from cover to cover was accomplished in one day at Pecos by the sixty-six members of the congregation of the First Baptist church. Each one read a book of the bible, the allotted time being from sunrise to midnight.

### 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.

### Dies From Scarlet Fever.

Abilene, Feb. 11.—Lindle, the young son of J. K. McBeath, living north of the city, died yesterday with scarlet fever and will be buried this morning at 10 o'clock we are informed by the Laughter Undertaking Co. Interment will take place at the Hamby cemetery.

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.

### Two Deaths at Waco.

The wife and son of J. N. Thomas, a well known fraternal insurance agent at Waco, died Monday night of meningitis leaving only about 8 cases of the disease in that city. A few new cases are reported at Dallas.

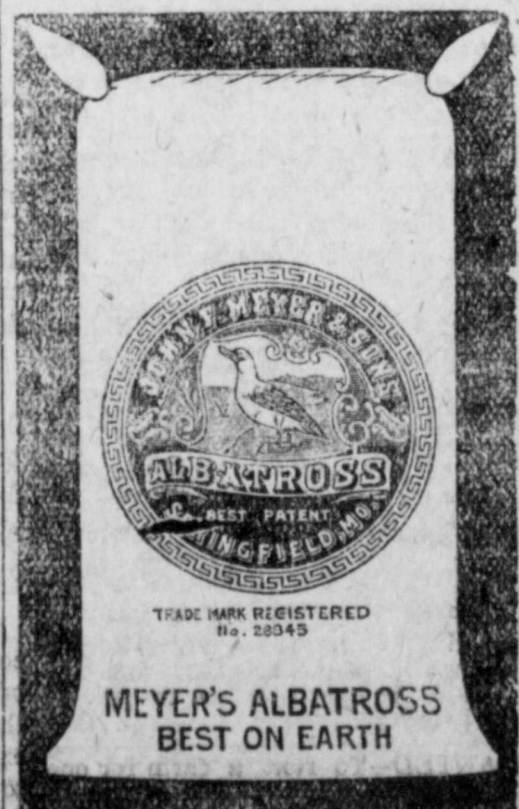
### A TEXAS WONDER.

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

### Man and Team Killed by Lightning.

A report from Stephenville states, while plowing, Lewis Savage and his team were instantly killed by lightning. That place was visited by a very heavy rain, accompanied by lightning and hail.

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.



USE "ALBATROSS" FLOUR  
BRADSHAW GROCERY COMPANY

# FREE

## UNEEDA BISCUIT CAKES & COFFEE

Everybody is invited to our demonstration of Fine Crackers and Cakes

### Friday, February 16

You will be served with Maxwell House Coffee and Cakes, such as Marshmallow Puff, Vanilla Cream, etc

We want to serve five hundred ladies and gentlemen with Cakes and Coffee, and demonstrate the superiority of our line. Remember a package of

### Uneeda Biscuit Free With Each 25 Cent Purchase of Cakes.

## B. C. GAITHER & SONS

Phone 80. Merkel's Reliable Grocers

# Same Goods for Less

If you can get the same goods for less money, it is a sensible business policy to do so. Whenever you order goods from a merchant if you will take the time to ask the price, you will often be surprised at the difference. When you can save 10 cents on a sack of flour or 5 cents on a bucket of syrup by taking a little trouble to inform yourself on prices, it is plain what your duty would be. We have but little expense, therefore we are not compelled to get higher prices to make the profits.

100 pounds Blue Ribbon Flour.....	\$2.90
25 pounds sugar.....	1.60
10 pounds White Cloud Lard.....	90c
10 pounds Cottolene.....	1.25
10 pounds Velvo Syrup.....	65c
10 pounds King Comus Syrup.....	65c
10 pounds Wild Rose Syrup.....	40c
10 pounds Royal Sorghum.....	45c
10 pounds P. & F. or Evangelene.....	55c
10 pounds White Lily Evangelene.....	45c
1 pound Arbuckle Coffee.....	25c
5 gallons good oil.....	40c
5 gallons best oil.....	65c

We don't claim our goods to be better than the other man's goods, for we all buy about the same class and pay the same for them. Nearly all the extra high patent flour is about the same in quality and waste, about the same in the market; of course some of it costs you more, but it is because the merchant makes more profit. Call and see us.

## Clark & Allen

**I** Repair watches and clocks  
Repair and set rings and pins  
Mend spectacles, bracelets, etc  
Carry a small line of watches, clocks and Jewelry and take orders for anything in that line. Any work or orders trusted to my care will be accurately done. Satisfaction guaranteed.

F. H. DENNIS, JEWELER  
J. T DENNIS STORE MERKEL, TEXAS

### Fire Ruins Hotel.

Mineral Wells, Texas, Feb. 9—Fire before daylight today broke out in the basement of the Jermo hotel and quickly spread through the house, burning out the interior. Most of the guest lost their possessions. One sick woman was carried down a ladder. Two

other women climbed out in their night clothes. The origin of the fire is not known. The damage has not been estimated.

Gas in the stomach or bowels is a disagreeable symptom of a torpid liver. To get rid of it quickly take Herbine. It is a marvelous liver stimulant and bowel purifier. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.



# WOODROOF BROS.

## GREAT CLOSE-OUT SALE

### Continued To Saturday, March 2

**16 MORE DAYS TO BUY GOODS AT LESS THAN MANUFACTURERS COST**

We will have everything in the store on the bargain counter including all winter and spring goods. You should not let this opportunity pass to save from 40 to 50 per cent on your winter and spring purchases and get new seasonable goods too.

We have just received, and will place on sale our Spring Embroideries which were shipped after we cancelled them. This is absolutely the greatest sacrifice of clean merchandise ever offered the buying public. We wish to sell every dollars worth of goods in our store by March 2nd, and will sell it to you cheaper than any merchant can buy them.

It is too expensive to move goods is the reason we make such ridiculous low prices. You should buy enough to run you through the spring and summer even if you have to borrow the money. This is the last opportunity to get goods at these prices. Come to see us.

## Remember this Great Sale Closes March 2

What Remnants of Goods We Have Left Will be Moved to Waxahachie

**Below We Give You Just a Few Prices to Show You This is a Genuine Close-Out Sale**

### Men's Dress Shirts

Bargains in Mens Dress Shirts, values up to \$1.00 going in this close out sale at. . . . . **35c**

### Men's Fine Dress Clothing

\$10.00 suits in this close out sale. . . . . **\$5.00**  
 12 50 suits in this close out sale. . . . . **6.25**  
 15 00 suits in this close out sale. . . . . **7.25**  
 18 50 suits in this close out sale. . . . . **9.50**  
 20 00 suits in this close out sale. . . . . **10.00**  
 22 50 suits in this close out sale. . . . . **11.25**  
 25 00 suits in this close out sale. . . . . **12.50**  
 30.00 suits in this close out sale. . . . . **15.00**

### Men's Odd Pants

\$1 50 value, close out sale price. . . . . **95c**  
 2.00 value, close out sale price. . . . . **\$1.25**  
 2.50 value, close out sale price. . . . . **1.75**  
 3.00 value, close out sale price. . . . . **2.25**  
 3 50 value, close out sale price. . . . . **2.65**  
 4.00 value, close out sale price. . . . . **2.95**  
 5.00 value, close out sale price. . . . . **3.45**  
 6.00 value, close out sale price. . . . . **3.85**

### Dress Lawns

Spring Dress Lawn in in fancy and plain colors go in this close out sale. You can't afford to miss the opportunity of supplying your wants for spring and summer in lawns.

10c dress lawns, close out price. . . . . **7c**  
 12 1/2c dress lawns, close out price. . . . . **8c**  
 15c dress lawns, close out price. . . . . **9c**  
 18c dress lawns, close out price. . . . . **10c**  
 20c dress lawns, close out price. . . . . **12c**  
 25c dress lawns, close out price. . . . . **15c**  
 30c and 35c dress lawn, close out price. . . . . **18c**

### Embroideries

New spring embroideries just received that we will throw in in this great close out sale.

5c and 7 1/2c embroideries, close out sale. . . . . **3c**  
 8 1/2c and 10c embroideries, close out sale. . . . . **4 1/2c**  
 12 1/2c and 15c embroideries, close out sale. . . . . **6 1/2c**  
 18c and 20c embroideries, close out sale. . . . . **9 1/2c**  
 25c and 30c corset cover embroideries. . . . . **12 1/2c**  
 These embroideries were just unpacked and are absolutely this spring's goods. All over embroideries and laces at same reduction.

### Mens and Ladies Shoes and Oxfords

Mens and ladies \$1 50 shoes and Oxfords. . . . . **95c**  
 Mens and ladies 2.00 shoes and Oxfords. . . . . **\$1.25**  
 Mens and ladies 2 50 shoes and Oxfords. . . . . **1.75**  
 Mens and ladies 3 00 shoes and Oxfords. . . . . **2.10**  
 Mens and ladies 3.50 shoes and Oxfords. . . . . **2.65**  
 Mens and ladies 4.00 shoes and Oxfords. . . . . **2.85**

### Boy's Knee Pants

50c and 65c boys knee pants, close out price. . . . . **38c**  
 75c boys knee pants, close out price. . . . . **53c**  
 85c boys knee pants, close out price. . . . . **60c**  
 \$1.00 boys knee pants, close out price. . . . . **75c**  
 1.25 boys knee pants, close out price. . . . . **85c**  
 1.50 boys knee pants, close out price. . . . . **\$1.10**

### Misses and Children's Shoes and Oxfords

Misses \$1 50 shoes and Oxfords. . . . . **95c**  
 Misses 1 75 shoes and Oxfords. . . . . **\$1.20**  
 Misses 2 00 shoes and Oxfords. . . . . **1.25**  
 Misses 2 25 shoes and Oxfords. . . . . **1.50**  
 Misses 2 50 shoes and Oxfords. . . . . **1.65**

**SIXTEEN MORE DAYS LEFT TO YOUR ADVANTAGE**

**SALE CLOSSES  
MARCH 2**

**WOODROOF BROS.**  
*ONE PRICE-THE LOWEST*

**16 MORE DAYS  
To Do Your Shopping**



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# DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

No Alum—No Phosphates

Be on your guard. Alum Powders may be known by their price—10 or 25c. a lb., or one cent an ounce.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Miss Orra Long was the charming hostess Saturday afternoon Feb. 12, to the members of the Twentieth Century Club. Eleven members were present and responded to roll call with quotations from the play, Much Ado About Nothing. Mrs. Otha Williams was leader substituting for Mrs. J. W. Daniel who was out of town. Current events, given by Mrs. L. Sparkman were very entertaining as was the dramatic news given by Mrs. Hamilton. The discussions of the early Britons as lead by Miss Evelyn Williams was a mixture of ancient history and tradition and was greatly enjoyed. Mesdames M. D. Angus and Alice Templeton were welcome guests and we hope they will be members in the near future. Miss Long assisted by Mrs. Templeton served dainty refreshments to Misses Duncan Browning, Evelyn Williams, Ruth Mims, Maude Martin, Lucy Bean, Mesdames Sparkman, Williams, Adams, Hamilton and Dickson.

Wednesday evening at her home in west Merkel Miss Margie Saffle by the aid of St. Valentine entertained several of her friends. She began by giving the young ladies eight subjects to discuss each dealing with some form of lovers delight and these were to be discussed with the young men. This soon grew into a dangerous stage for the boys and the hostess was forced to call luncheon to avoid embarrassment to leap year victims. Soon all were as deeply interested in the new pastime as they were before the discussion was stopped. After partaking of the delicacies Miss Frances Burroughs entertained with late selections in music. Those present were Misses Ova Teaff, Lurlyne Long, Mattie Murphy, Maud Martin, Mattie Paylor, Frances Burroughs, Murtice and Clara Saffle, Messrs. Will Joe Largent, Robert Hicks, Oly Sharp, Homer Easterwood and Lester Ellis.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church postponed their social meeting Monday on account of the inclemency of the weather. This society meets each first, third and fourth Monday at the church for their business, devotional and missionary meetings respectfully. The free will offering at the missionary meeting this month will be sent to the Baptist sanitarium at Dallas. The social meetings are held at the different homes. Mesdames J. T. Warren and Joseph Jacob were appointed to confer with the committees appointed from the Methodist and Presbyterian churches in regard to the joint social meeting.

All the B. O. O. M. members will please remember that Friday night is regular meeting night. We hope to see every member present. Among other things of importance will be the election of officers for the next term. We have a very interesting program to render. Also wrestling match, Adams and Moore, boxing match, Lofton and Shaffer. Debate, Resolved that the pen is mightier than the sword. Affirmative, Simpson Christopher, Negative, Jno. Moore. Press Reporter.

Abilene was honored by three auto parties Saturday and Sunday. The

first one being composed of Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Miss Annie T. Daniel, Miss Willie Bigham and John Daniel, while on Sunday the first car's occupants were Misses Annie Lou O'Briant and Gertrude Thornton, Ross and Frank Ferrier. In a second car were Mr. and Mrs. Will Woodroof, Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Brown. All parties report a grand time owing to the picnic weather that prevailed.

Miss Mattie Paylor served a luncheon Sunday evening complimentary to her out of town guests. Those present were Miss Lena Marshall of Clyde, Miss Fannie Burroughs, Messrs. Arch Gott of Clyde, Herman Harpe of Sweetwater and the hostess.

#### Adams-Faviell.

At 7:30 p. m. on the sixth of this month at the home of the bride's parents in Jefferson, Mr. Oscar Adams was married to Miss Florrie Faviell. The wedding was a quiet home affair only the closest friends attending and as soon as the word was said that made them as one Mr. Adams departed with his wife for Harrold via Fort Worth where they will make their home he being in the drug business at that place.

Mr. Adams is well known to the people of Merkel having been connected with the drug firm of G. H. Adams & Sons for a number of years and the bride is an accomplished young lady of Jefferson.

The Mail joins their many friends in congratulations, wishing them a happy married life and insisting that they return to Merkel to live.

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.

#### League Program.

Song.  
Prayer.  
Leader—Miss Eva Williams.  
Subjects—Messages at Bethel. The Courage of Truth.  
Scripture lesson, Amos 7:40-13; Acts 5:28-32.

Discussion of topic by leader.  
Song.  
The Books of Amos—Ulysses McNees.

What is Truth?—Miss Mattie Paylor.  
A Test of Life—Dr. McMaster.  
Reading, Kiplings, "Recessional."  
Hymnal 710—Miss Faye Lowry.  
Does God ever let us suffer for our stand on moral questions?—H. C. Williams.

Miscellaneous.  
Collection.  
Benediction.

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.

#### Methodist Church Notice.

There will be week end revival services beginning at the Methodist church Friday night and continuing over Sunday night. Services Sunday at 3:30 p.m. for men only.

R. A. Clements, Pastor.

Plenty corn at G. M. Sharp's.



## TIME AND MONEY

The farmer's time is as valuable as that of another business man. All Southwestern telephone users are placed on the same business level. The Southwestern system makes it possible for every farmer to have a telephone. Write our nearest manager.

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#### Robertson-Wyatt.

Ray Robertson and Miss Florence Wyatt were married Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wyatt, four miles west of town, Rev. W. M. Clark officiating.

Only relatives and a few friends were present to witness the union.

The bride and groom left on the east bound morning train, at 10:28, for Arlington, Tex., where they will make their home.

Mr. Robertson spent last fall here with Brown's gin, and Miss Wyatt has been with McCauley Dry Goods Company for some time and has a host of friends here.

The Times joins the many friends of these good people in extending congratulations and best wishes.—Roscoe Times.

The above article which was published in the Roscoe Times last week brings the news to Merkel. Mr. Robertson resided in our little city until about one year ago when he, with his parents and brothers, move to Arlington.

The Mail joins the host of Merkel friends in wishing him and his chosen companion a long and happy life.

#### Preaching at Blair.

The Mail is requested to announce that there will be preaching at Blair by Rev. A. A. Baker at 11 o'clock next Sunday morning. All are cordially invited to attend.

#### 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.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Moore went to Abilene Wednesday noon where Mrs. Moore will enter the sanitarium for treatment. Mr. Moore will not return until Mrs. Moore's condition is improved though it is thought her condition is not serious. We trust her recovery will be forthwith and she can be permitted to return home at an early date.

Chas. Edwards of Midland is here on business and visiting his mother Mrs. West Edwards.

## Bad Spells

"I suffered, during girlhood, from womanly weakness," writes Mrs. Mollie Navy, of Walnut, N. C. "At last, I was almost bed-ridden, and had to give up. We had three doctors. All the time, I was getting worse. I had bad spells, that lasted from 7 to 28 days. In one week, after I gave Cardui a trial, I could eat, sleep, and joke, as well as anybody. In 8 weeks, I was well. I had been an invalid for 5 weary years! Cardui relieved me, when everything else failed."

## TAKE The CARDUI Woman's Tonic

If you are weak and ailing, think what it would mean, to you, to recover as quickly as Mrs. Navy did. For more than 50 years, this purely vegetable, tonic remedy, for women, has been used by thousands of weak and ailing sufferers. They found it of real value in relieving their aches and pains. Why suffer longer? A remedy that has relieved and helped so many, is ready, at the nearest drug store, for use, at once, by you. 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. 197

We have now three full cars of Light Crust flour. Flour is advancing every day. We can sell you light Crust Flour now for what you pay for inferior grades. Try a sack. Light Crust Flour is better. Merkel Dry Goods & Goods & Grocery Co.

F. N. Hogue of New Mexico is in our little city this week visiting friends and relatives. In talking to a reporter he stated he would probably locate here but was undecided so far.

Miss Myrtle Conner one of our teachers went to Clyde Saturday morning to visit her parents. She was met here by her sister who is a teacher in the Trent schools.

When buying white goods ask for Linweave and take nothing but linweave. There is no other just as good. For sale only at Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Mrs Joe Harris returned from Dallas last week where she has been visiting her new grandson T. L. Harris, Jr. She reports the little fellow doing well.

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

J. K. Cauthen is moving his household effects to Abilene this week, Mrs. Cauthen going to Clyde until their home in Abilene is in readiness.

Just received a few nice patterns in spring suits.

J. P. Sharp.

Miss Cecil Wilson of Abilene was among the pleasant callers in our city Sunday visiting Mrs. W. A. Scott and Miss Cleo Bowler.

We will buy your eggs and chickens. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Mrs. John Childers of Trent and her brother Albert Barnes of Westbrook have been here since our last issue visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes.

Our full line of box candies offered at cost. The Elite.

Among visitors to Abilene yesterday were R. E. Bowles, W. M. Rasberry, I. S. Allen and J. L. Banner all looking after business in that city.

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

Mrs. J. T. Simmons is spending a few days with her son I. T. Reed of Abilene.

Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

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## Abilene Steam Laundry

H. M. WARREN, Agent

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

H. M. WARREN

Phone 48 In City Barber Shop

Dr. Watson of Trent came in on the first train yesterday and was off to Abilene on the next one.



# Embroidery and White Goods Sale

We will have on display Saturday and next week, the prettiest and best assorted lot of Embroideries, Laces and White Goods ever shown in Merkel. We have put in a full line of the Famous Linweave White Goods. These goods are famous for its washing qualities---it washes like linen and holds its luster. If you will let us show you our line of Linweave we can show you its superiority over other white goods. It wears longer and looks better.

## Linweave White Goods

Linweave White Goods in plain, per yard for 10c, 15c, 25c and..... **50c**  
 Linweave White Goods in checks and fancies for 15c, 25c, 35c and..... **50c**  
 90 inch pure Linen sheeting. The very thing for dress or suit. Price..... **\$1.00**  
 36 inch pure Linen for suits..... **50c**  
 36 inch all Linen for suits..... **25c**  
 36 inch Linen finish for suits 15 and..... **25c**

## Great Lace Values

Big assortment of Valenciennes Laces for 5 and..... **10c**  
 Big assortment of Val and Torchon Laces, worth in a regular way 8 1-3c; widths 1-2 to 2 1-2 inches, special..... **5c**  
 Real Valenciennes, Maltese, Baby Irish and Linen Torchons per yard, for 10, 15, 25 and up to..... **50c**

## Embroideries & Flouncings

We have the prettiest line of these goods that has ever been our pleasure to show. We especially invite inspections of this line.  
 18 inch corset cover embroidery 25c, 35 and..... **50c**  
 27 inch flouncing embroidery 25c, 35, 50 and..... **\$1.00**  
 45 inch flouncing embroidery, full length for dress and skirts for \$1.00, \$1.50 \$2.00 and..... **\$2.50**  
 45 inch all-over embroidery for..... **\$1.00**  
 Galloons to match any embroidery 25, 35 and..... **50c**

**You Are Especially Invited to Our Store to Inspect Our Line of White Goods, Laces and Embroideries. Call and Take a Look**

# MERKEL DRY GOODS & GROCERY CO.

## To Voters of the 42nd Judicial District

I announce as candidate for Judge of the 42nd Judicial District of Texas. In making this announcement I fully realize that the Judiciary was created to protect every citizen alike in the enjoyment of life, liberty and property. The law is the bulwark of American liberty, and the court the corner stone of our civilization. In our government the hope of those who love their country is the strong arm of the law, stretched forth to protect the innocent and to arrest lawlessness. A Judge's purpose should be to see that the law is fairly and impartially administered. If elected to this position I pledge that I will in all things enforce the law; that I will promptly dispatch the business of the court, taking time to thoroughly understand each case, thereby according to each litigant the law applicable to his case. I will maintain the proper order and decorum in the court room, but at the same time believe that every man who comes into the court should be treated courteously and with due consideration. My political views as a private citizen may be had upon inquiry, but I frankly say to you that if elected, the duties of this office will be discharged independently of political affiliations, and with the sole purpose of dispensing justice as no political view should influence or control a judge in the administration of the law. Resp't. submitted, Dallas Scarborough.

## Polytechnic Pianist Dead.

Fort Worth, Feb. 3.—Funeral services of Wilbur McDonald, director of the fine arts department at Polytechnic College, were held at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon at

Polytechnic Methodist church. The body of the dead pianist lay in state at the church from 10 a. m. until the hour for the funeral.

The M. O. B.'s, a young men's organization, had charge of the body while it lay in state and members of the faculty acted as pallbearers.

Memorial services were held at the college chapel at 9 o'clock, and a fitting tribute was paid Mr. McDonald by his friends and associates. The services at the church were conducted by President Culver, Rev. H. A. Boaz, former president; Rev. J. W. Downs, pastor of Polytechnic College and President Thompson of Arlington Heights College.

## Chinks in Freight Wreck.

Fort Worth, Feb. 4.—Immigration agents of the United States discovered through the wrecking of a freight train near Mineola, Texas, that Chinese are being smuggled through Fort Worth.

In one of the sealed cars of the wrecked train six Chinese were found. The seal on the car was broken at El Paso and the car then resealed. Though they rolled down a thirty-foot embankment, none of the Chinese were killed.

The men were deported and El Paso immigration officers and E. R. Dilworth, local immigration agent, have been endeavoring to find out who the smugglers are.

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## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mesdames H. C. Williams and O. W. Williams and Miss Evelyn Williams were Sunday guests of Mrs. Davis who is visiting her father Mr. Julian south of Tye.

Misses Lillian Highsmith and Mary Martin, school teachers of Noodle, were visiting the family of T. G. Fergusson Sunday.

Mrs. Moore, nee Miss Mabel Carter is here from San Angelo visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lee Carter.

J. L. Banner and Judge Potter were visitors in Abilene Wednesday looking after business matters.

J. R. Sandlin of Tucson, Ariz., is visiting his aunt Mrs. W. E. Sandlin and other relatives and expects to be here several weeks.

Free air for tires. Merkel Garage.

The following are the new officers elected at last meeting of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Nubia: C. L. Tucker, N. G., O. W. Walker, V. G., W. I. Cogburn, sec., J. M. Toombs, treas., H. R. Randolph, R. S. to N. G., T. J. Toombs, L. S. to N. G., J. W. H. Martin, Chap., W. J. Campbell, Cond., H. E. Farmer, I. G., A. H. Barnes, O. G., L. H. Burrus, R. S. S., D. E. Snow, L. S. S., J. C. Walton, R. S. to V. G., T. H. Spears, L. S. to V. G., H. H. Long, Warden.

## Huge Mastodon Tusk.

County Judge T. A. Bledsoe has on exhibition in his office one of the largest Mastodon tusks ever seen in this country, it measuring fifteen inches in circumference and forty-two inches in length. perfectly shaped and

intact until the workmen broke it in digging into the rock quarry on the Potosi road.

Those who have looked at it say there is no doubt but that it is the tusk of a very large Mastodon, an animal of the elephant type but larger and now extinct species.

These animals existed during what is termed the tertiary period in geology, a period when the Alps, Caucasus, Himalayas and other high mountains were formed and the species had probably perished in the widespread changes wrought in geological formations of that age and period, and the finding of the remains here indicates these animals must have inhabited this country at that time.

The tusk is, of course, petrified but the shape and form is perfect in every respect and Judge Bledsoe says other parts of the bones of the huge animal are there in the deposit of rock and sand.—Abilene Reporter

## Real Estate Transfers.

C. R. Hutcheson to Henry Orr lot No. 11 fractional lot 10 in block 17 to town of Merkel, \$800.

J. A. Collins to G. M. Cauthen 180 acres land on the Clear Fork being N. E. part of survey 28 block 18 T. & P. lands in Jones county, \$4,642.50.

G. M. Cauthen and wife to R. E. Edmison same land as above, \$5,400.

H. N. Jones of Ector county to Lauro E. Jones all of Sec. 42 block 41 Midland Co., Tex. school land, also lot in Odessa, also tract land in Taylor county about 3 miles N. W. of Merkel containing 40 acres, also 9½ acres 3 miles N. E. from Abilene, also lots in Shafter Lake, Andrews county, \$7000.

## Cupid's Work for January.

The following is the exact number of marriage licenses issued during the month of January:

G. D. Hubbard and Mrs. S. C. Brockman.  
 K. Tucker and Hattie Barlow.  
 W. R. Bounds and Mrs. Sallie Nickson.  
 Hosea Lee Deavenport and Miss Bertha Stanley.  
 William Claude Houston and Miss Helen Belle Pegues.  
 Douglass Hannah and Miss Lula Harrison.  
 H. G. Phillips and Miss Jessie Edwards.  
 Joe Evans and Miss Stella Goodman.  
 A. R. Herrington and Miss Gladys Molver.  
 W. L. Rutherford and Miss Gladys Forrester.  
 J. W. West and Miss Inez Crutchfield.  
 J. N. Cain and Miss G. H. Thomas.  
 Jesse C. Nelson and Miss Ollie A. Nelson.  
 E. Williams and Miss E. Williams.  
 Perry Wood and Miss Annie Rinehart.  
 R. L. Perry and Miss Addie Lee Brockman.  
 R. A. Reddell and Miss Eula Graham.

## Hoodooed Her Hair.

Another black mark has been chalked down against number thirteen.

"I did up my hair the other night in curl papers torn from an old calendar," said the pretty girl, "and in the morning when I took it down I had a row of beautiful curls all around my head except right over the left temple. That lock was as straight as a lead pencil, and I had dampened it with lemon juice just like all the others, but when I unrolled the paper I found out why it wouldn't curl. The page I had twisted it over was the thirteenth of the month."



# ADVANCE SHOWING OF THE NEW STYLES FOR SPRING

We are now showing the first shipment of ladies Suits and Dresses for early spring wear, new 1912 Embroideries and Laces, new Muslin Underwear, new spring Waists and Skirts, White Goods, wash fabrics and the latest styles in Footwear for spring.

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## TO THE VOTERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS

After a very careful consideration of the matter I have decided to become a candidate to represent Taylor county in the next legislature subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July. I desire to thank my friends who have suggested that I make the race and appreciate their support and good wishes.

There will be a number of problems before the next session of the Legislature. In fact, it is generally conceded that it will be the most important session in recent years. The next session will elect a Senator to represent Texas in the National Congress and if elected as your representative I will vote, unless otherwise instructed, by you, for Honorable Morris Shepherd.

There will also be in all probability some constructive legislation on prohibition, and if so, I shall vote, if elected, to preserve and strengthen our prohibition laws.

In my judgment, however, the paramount issue before the next legislature will be the reform of our civil and criminal court procedure. Every intelligent voter knows that something is wrong with our court procedure, and that our methods of trying and disposing of law suits are antiquated, expensive and uncertain and far behind the age in which we live. There is a demand from the people of Texas for reform in the administration of our courts that legislators can no longer ignore. The people have grown weary of the law's delay and the enormous expense of running our courts and are demanding that mere technicalities shall no longer impede the administration of Justice and that both Civil and Criminal cases be speedily tried and disposed of.

If I am elected I will use my best efforts towards simplifying the practice in the courts to the end that we have speedy trials with least possible expense and when a case has been decided by the court or a jury that the judgment shall be final, unless it shall clearly appear to the Appellate court that injustice has been done. Respectfully,

J. M. Wagstaff.

### Are Ever at War.

There are two things everlastingly at war, joy and piles. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve will banish piles in any form. It soon subdues the itching, irritation, inflammation or swelling. It gives comfort, invites joy. Greatest healer of burns, boils, ulcers, cuts, bruises, eczema, scalds, pimples, skin eruptions. Only 25 cents at H. C. Burroughs.

### Quarantine Lifted.

Cisco, Tex., Feb. 8.—The Britton Training School, after being quarantined for three weeks, opened this morning. Many of the students are returning. Church services and Sunday schools will open Sunday morning. All cases of meningitis that have been reported have recovered, and no fear of any more here is felt by the doctors. The public and high schools will open Monday morning.

### The Trials of A Traveler.

"I am a traveling salesman," writes E. E. Young, E. Berkshire, Vt., "and was often troubled with constipation and indigestion till I began to use Dr. King's New Life Pills, which I have found an excellent remedy." For all stomach, liver or kidney troubles they are unequalled. Only 25 cents at H. C. Burroughs.

### Heavy Hail South of Here.

Bob Young, Deputy Sheriff, was in the city Tuesday and stated that he had heard from Merkel, and finds the rain heavy out there, but he said, "I was in Ballinger last night before the rain, and the hail was heavy, and I firmly believe that it was lying on the ground 'shoe mouth' deep for some time there, and at nightfall you could not see the ground. It was as white as if covered with snow."

The rain was also heavier there, said Mr. Young, as well as this side of the place, than it was in Abilene.—Abilene Reporter.

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Toledo, Lucas county } ss

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. Frank J. Cheney.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. Gleason, Notary Public.

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### Big Land Deal.

Abilene, Tex.,—T. A. Russell of this city has pulled off one of the largest real estate deals of the season when on yesterday he closed up a deal in which over \$200,000 is involved.

He sold 16,435 acres of ranch land near Sterling City, belonging to J. J. Perkins of Wichita Falls, to George Hull of Paris, Texas, the consideration being \$6.25 per acre.

In the deal Mr. Hull put in \$157,000 worth of clean Paris property, paying the difference in cash.

The land came to \$102,717.75, so Mr. Hull gives a considerable difference in cash.

### Flying Men Fall

victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles just like other people, with like results in loss of appetite, backache, nervousness, headache, and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that as T. D. Peebles, Henry, Tenn., proved. "Six bottles of Electric Bitters," he writes, "did more to give me new strength and good appetite than all other stomach remedies I used." So they help everybody. Its folly to suffer when this great remedy will help you from the first dose. Try it. Only 50 cents at H. C. Burroughs.

### Indian Killed on Track.

Near Rochelle, Ill an Indian went to sleep on a railroad track and was killed by the fast express. He paid for his carelessness with his life. Often its that way when people neglect coughs and colds. Don't risk your life when prompt use of Dr. King's New Discovery will cure them and prevent a dangerous throat or lung trouble. "It completely cured me, in a short time, of a terrible cough that followed a severe attack of grip," writes J. R. Watts, Floydada, Tex., "and I regained 15 pounds in weight that I had lost." Quick, safe, reliable and guaranteed. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at H. C. Burroughs.

### Palestine Man Shoots Self.

Palestine, Tex., Feb. 10.—W. H. Luebert, aged 58, shot and killed himself here this morning. No reasons for the suicide have been reported up to this time.

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.

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### Death From Ptomaine Poison.

Leuders, Tex., Feb. 10.—A seven year old son of Mr. Mims, living north of here, died this afternoon of ptomaine poison, and another child ten years of age is very low from the same effects.

The two children ate a can of tomatoes together and became violently ill, and soon afterwards the youngest one succumbed to the poison.

Dr. Murray of Albany and Dr. Davis of Leuders were called in but to no avail as far as the younger child was concerned.

The ten year old child is still alive but in a precarious condition.

### 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.

### Farmer Dragged to Death.

Denton, Tex., Feb. 10.—A farmer named Sodan, who lived fifteen miles north of this city, was dragged to death by his runaway team today. The body was horribly mangled, a leg was torn from its socket, ribs were broken and the head was crushed and the face of the victim was almost unrecognizable.

### Resolutions of Respect.

Written by the students and teachers of the Noodle High School.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has called from earth to his infinite world your beloved husband and father J. J. Highsmith.

Whereas, by his removal you have lost a loving father, husband and friend, therefore be it

Resolved, that we, the teachers and students of the Noodle High School, extend to the bereaved family, sorrowing relatives and friends of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, also a copy be sent to his home paper, San Benito Light, and Merkel Mail for publication.

O. A. Hinson,  
C. B. Jones,  
L. F. Goode,  
Miss Bessylea Beene,  
Miss May Martin.

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Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock Maurice Hogue again was operated on for appendicitis at the Alexander Sanitarium. He was taken there several days before by his father Alva Hogue, upon advice of Dr. J. M. King. At the time of the operation the patient

was said to have been in a very dangerous condition but the operation was successful and he is now reported resting as well as could be expected under the conditions.

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