

MEXICO REFUGEES COME TO MERKEL

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Vaughan of Moctezuma, Mexico, in Chihuahua, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Sam Butman. In a very interesting talk with the reporter Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Vaughan gave the history of Merkel as it truly was in the early eighties, he being the first Merkel citizen and came here in the year of 1882. He exhibited a picture of Merkel at that time and the prairie dog is shown as the proud inhabitant of the city in clover and he was protected by several cactus plants.

Mr. Vaughan carries a very interesting collection of lantern slides for illustrated lectures, dealing with all parts of Mexico, and promises to give the people here the pleasure of seeing the country as he has seen it with the camera, taking in the battle stained villages that he has lately visited.

Mr. Vaughan will be in our midst for a month or more and will in an early issue tell us what differences come over towns in the course of twenty years, as it has been that many since he gave up his citizenship to Merkel and resigned as station agent for the railroad at this place. He wants to have an old settlers reunion, and all that feel interested will find it worth their while to talk with Mr. Vaughan or Rev. A. A. Baker.

Drug Stores Close on Sunday.

The drug stores of Merkel have decided to observe the following Sunday hours: Close from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and open from 4 to 6:30 p.m. In case of sickness the druggists will accommodate you at any hour.

Large stock of glass at Burroughs Drug Store.

DIVORCE GRANTED DR. ALEXANDER

The Sixty-Seventh District Court Tarrant county granted Dr. J. M. Alexander divorce from his wife after mutual agreement of both parties concerned as to the division of the estate and also an agreement of allowing Mrs. Alexander to visit her five-year-old son at stated times. Suit was brought two days before the decree was granted as all differences had been satisfactorily arranged before the case was brought to trial.

Frenchman Killed at Big Springs.

The report comes from Big Springs that an unknown man had been killed in the Texas & Pacific yards at that place. Later reports state that the man had papers on his person that gave his name as Augustine Theodore Chegnerd and showed that he had been a soldier in the French army.

We will buy and sell all kinds of produce. Give highest market price. Howell Produce Co.

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.

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.

HEAVY WEEK FOR DISTRICT COURT

District court has been in full swing this week, starting Monday with the state vs. Cecil and Andrew Henderson in a charge that grew out of the theft of jewelry from the E. W. Curtis home in Abilene. Pleas of guilt were entered and the first boy was given two years in the penitentiary while his brother being under 16 was given two years in the state juvenile school at Gatesville.

Lizzie Moore, colored, was acquitted of the charge of theft, the complaint coming from a white man who claimed she stole \$1.25 from him.

Joe Barnes was convicted on the charge of burglary and given two years in the penitentiary. Judge Blanton offers to join a petition for pardon after the boy has served a short part of his sentence.

The next case called was that charging Mrs. Versyp of Elmdale with having administered poisonous drugs to her husband in coffee with intent to kill. The case has not been disposed of Wednesday and a very strong fight has been made on both sides.

The Drake murder case will be brought to trial March 12. It was reversed from the higher courts and comes here from another county.

New Grocer in Town.

Merkel has a new grocery firm, that of Whitley Son & Co., who have opened up in the building formerly occupied by Hogue-Hamilton Co. Mr. Whitley asks that the people give him a share of their business.

Tuesday morning when the east bound train No. 8 arrived here the express car was in charge of the porter, he having taken the place of the express messenger who was taken with appendicitis very suddenly while enroute. He was left here for medical attention and the next east bound train carried him on to Fort Worth, his condition being improved.

Among the visitors to Abilene this week were Jno. B. Bell, T. J. Coggin, W. W. Wheeler, Emery McDonald, Burney Bell, C. E. Whitaker, L. H. King, A. C. Boney, W. L. Harkrider, J. P. C. Hunt, and W. B. Farmer.

Five cent post cards, one cent each, Saturday only. Armstrong Drug Co.

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 District Judge 42nd District
Dallas Scarborough
For Representative Taylor County
J. M. Wagstaff
For Sheriff:
S. E. Taylor (of Hamby)
T. C. Weir (for re-election)
Felix R. Jones
For Treasurer:
J. H. Thornton
G. B. (Blue) Tittle
J. W. Red
J. W. Christopher
For County Attorney:
H. Rob. Keeble
For County Clerk:
W. J. (Dub) Young
For Tax Collector:
D. T. Harkrider (of Ovalo)
Baylor Crawford
J. C. Burleson
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
For County Superintendent
J. S. Smith

JONES COUNTY CANDIDATES

For Tax Collector
W. R. Cranston

SWEETWATER GETS A SPLENDID DEPOT

Sweetwater has through the order of the railroad commissioners secured the promise of a new depot to be built by the Orient railway.

The order of the commissioners comes after one of their number had made a personal visit to that city and looked into the needs of the people and the comparison was made from the Texas & Pacific and the Santa Fe depots.

The order gives the railroad six months to submit their plans to the commissioners and then after the plans are passed upon they are granted nine months in which to complete the building.

Sweetwater is waging a fight against the Orient and trying to keep the shops from going to San Angelo. They now have out another injunction restraining the Orient from moving the shops until the decision of the supreme court is final.

Shell corn, corn chops, corn meal, pure kaffir corn chops, pure wheat shorts, bran, oats, cotton seed meal, hull and meal mixture, prairie hay, alfalfa, and johnson grass. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

Notice the label on your paper and see when it expires. For example, if the figures "11Aug12" appear on the wrapper, your paper will be out the eleventh of August 1912. Watch this and renew before the time is out so as to avoid missing a copy.

Smith for Superintendent.

We are authorized to place the name of J. S. Smith before our readers as a candidate for county superintendent of Taylor county. Mr. Smith is the present incumbent, being appointed to the office by the commissioners court and we feel confident that the voters can rely upon their selection as a man well qualified to fill the place.

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

LARGE APARTMENT HOUSE FOR ABILENE

Dr. C. M. McCauley formerly of Merkel and well known to all of our people is building one of the most modern apartment houses for Abilene that is to be found in the west.

The building will be equipped with modern conveniences and offers strictly up-to-date living rooms for seven families who wish to do light house keeping. It is a two story affair constructed so that each and every suite of rooms will have an out-door sleeping place constructed on gallery style and walled up three feet and then screened so as to insure comfort against summer pests.

Dr. McCauley has moved into one of the flats and offers the others to the first six families that apply.

Z. H. McCaleb, Dead.

Z. H. McCaleb died at the home of his niece, Mrs. Dowdy, in east Merkel last Saturday morning.

Mr. McCaleb had formerly spent much of his time here once being in the produce business but of late had had to give up his work on account of his ill health and spent much of his time among relatives in different parts of the country returning here about two weeks ago his health having gotten so bad he could not sleep except in a sitting position and in that condition died. He was 61 years old and had seen army service in the early days.

Interment took place in Rose Hill cemetery Saturday afternoon

Mrs. Ila Davis of Wichita Falls returned to her home Monday. Mrs. Davis was called here on a rather sad mission, that of attending the burial of her brother, Mr. Harris, who died at Trent on last Friday morning.

Jno. Elliott was called to San Antonio last week to take charge of the iron work of a wind mill foundry of that place. How long his services will be required he did not know at the time of his departure.

Mrs. W. Parten has been very sick since our last issue. Her condition is reported somewhat improved at this time.

Plenty of tooth paste and powder for everybody at Armstrong Drug Co.

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

MENINGITIS RECORD BROWNWOOD BAD

Brownwood seemed to be in the grip of the dread meningitis during Sunday. Early Sunday morning a small child died at the City Hotel. There were three more cases there, two of which were considered very dangerous and of which was within a block of the Coggin Addition school. All public gatherings are discontinued and every precaution is being taken to avoid the spread of the disease.

At Bradshaw a new town on the Abilene & Southern railway in the extreme southern part of this county there was one death the cause of which was supposed to have been meningitis but at that place no new cases have developed and all that were exposed are under a strong quarantine.

Later reports state that the Bradshaw case is a well developed case of meningitis, and also bring the news of a new case north of Abilene just across the Taylor county line at the home of Mr. Williams on the John Guitar farm, the one afflicted being the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. Williams. Dr. Cash states that the child is in a very serious condition and death will no doubt result. This case is only a short distance from the place where Robert Morris died recently of the same affliction.

Dies of Pneumonia.

Early Tuesday morning Death called the four-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mershon, who live in West Merkel. The child had been sick but a short time and was not able to stand the severe attack of pneumonia that it contracted. Burial took place that afternoon at 4 p. m. in Rose Hill Cemetery, Elder W. G. Cypert conducting the services.

SNEED TROUBLE DOUBLE KILLING

Wednesday morning as J. T. Sneed, father of J. Beal Sneed, entered the postoffice at Georgetown for his mail he was shot to death by R. O. Hilliard a tenant on a Sneed farm, who then turned the gun upon himself, making it a double tragedy.

The cause of the killing as taken from a note that Hilliard left addressed to his wife at Rose Bud, was mistreatment received at the hands of the elder Sneed. The shooting was a premeditated affair and coming so close upon the Sneed-Boyce trouble it takes the aspect of a Kentucky feud but authentic reports say this killing has no connection with the Fort Worth killing.

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.

The Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF The Farmers State Bank of Merkel, Texas

AS REPORTED TO COMMISSIONER OF BANKING FEBRUARY 20, 1912

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$33,245.23	Capital Stock	\$15,000.00
Overdrafts	790.96	Surplus Fund	1,500.00
Interest Guaranty Fund	339.93	Undivided Profits	602.45
Assessment Guaranty Fund	30.53	Bills Payable	None
Furniture and Fixtures	2,122.00	Other Borrowed Money	None
Real Estate	2,617.44	Dividends Unpaid	50.00
Cash and Exchange	22,566.22	Deposits	44,559.86
Total	\$61,712.31	Total	\$61,712.31

We do business on principals that are BROAD, HONORABLE and FAIR to all. If you are a customer of ours, you can depend on us. Don't worry, be happy, put your money in a good bank. Your business appreciated, large or small.

THE ONLY GUARANTY FUND BANK IN MERKEL

J. S. SWANN, President
J. C. MOORE, Vice-President

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier
B. C. MOORE, Asst. Cashier

ORGANIZED 1904

STATEMENT

Farmers and Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Call of Comptroller February 20, 1912

RESOURCES

Loans	\$102,723.12
U. S. Bonds	6,250.00
Premium on Bonds	200.00
Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures	4,197.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Cash and Exchange	89,997.55
Total	\$203,680.42

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	27,586.05
Circulation	6,250.00
Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	144,844.37
Total	\$203,680.42

The above statement is correct.

T. A. JOHNSON, Cashier.

Under One Management Since Organization.

OLDEST BANK IN MERKEL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren C. P. Warren G. F. West
Ed. S. Hughes Henry James
J. T. Howard T. A. Johnson

OUR BUS. MANAGER BECOMES A BANKER

Ben T. Merritt, our assistant manager for the past year resigned his post on the Mail the first of the month to accept a position with the Farmers & Merchants National Bank. The admirable traits of this young man and the accuracy displayed in handling and accounting for cash rolling into this office for subscription attracted the admiration of the bankers and an offer he could not afford to pass up. Ben began work on the Mail four years ago for \$3 00 per week and at the time of his resignation and the past year commanded and earned a salary not equaled by many of our business men of more mature years and experience. We hate to lose him but wish him well and know that he will make even faster progress if given the opportunity.

Our New Man.

The position in the business department of our paper will be filled by Homer Easterwood who will also act as local reporter. Homer is well and favorably known to the most of our advertisers and readers and already he has exhibited a talent and likeness for the work which assures us that his services will be satisfactory to all interested.

The Mail asks for the continued friendship and assistance of our readers for both young men.

A LIVER MEDICINE THAT BEATS CALOMEL

Dodson's Liver Tonic Does the Same Work as Calomel Without Making You Sick. It is Vegetable, Tastes Good and Never Fails.

Everybody who has ever taken calomel knows what a strong drug it is. Calomel spurs the tired liver as if it were a tired horse, and while the liver works harder for a little while, it is soon weaker than ever.

Dodson's Liver Tonic is a vegetable tonic that gently induces the most sluggish liver to work. Taking it is followed by no bad effects. No restriction of habit or diet necessary. For either children or grown people.

Rust & McCauley Drug Co. sells a large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tonic for fifty cents and guarantees it to be a perfect substitute for calomel and will give you your money back if it disappoints you.

New Milliner.

I have just returned from market where I purchased a nice line of hats which are now on display at J. T. Dennis' store. Call and see them. Lizzie Mae Freemon.

Mrs. M. E. Tillett of Abilene was in Merkel the past week visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider.

MERKEL BOTTLING WORKS

NEW LOCATION—NEW MANAGEMENT

Now prepared to manufacture all kinds of pure, genuine, non-alcoholic, beverages and ice cream. Cleanliness and purity our motto. Can and will meet competition, quality of goods considered. All products we use guaranteed under the food and drug act. Owned and managed by citizens of Merkel. Consequently will ask for all of your patronage.

BARBEE, LEER & WHITAKER

Merkel : Texas

Capt. J. H. Olliver has returned from Arkansas where he has been doing contract railroad work. Mr. Olliver states that the condition of the country is the worst he ever saw, as the ground is so boggy that you can hardly sail your hat across it. He has sold his outfit and says he will not go into active railroad construction work any more.

Little Maurice Hogue was brought in from Abilene Saturday afternoon by his father. The little fellow looks very bad after having had an operation for appendicitis, but is now improving as fast as could be expected. He was accompanied by a trained nurse who will remain until his condition permits her leaving.

Charlie Steed, formerly a Merkel boy, has returned from Pearson, Mexico, to visit friends. Charlie says the trouble in Old Mexico is getting too bad for him to stay there, but says he will return as soon as they quit fighting.

A pain in the side or back that catches you when you straighten up calls for a rubbing applications of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It relaxes the contracted muscles and permits ordinary bodily motion without suffering or inconvenience. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has won its great reputation and extensive sale by its remarkable cures of coughs, colds and croup. It can be depended upon. Try it. Sold by all dealers.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED—Good housekeeper for family of six. State salary you will want. Address P. O. Box 202, Merkel Texas. tf

WANTED.—A share cropper for 80 acres of land, or to hire a man with family. S. H. L. Swafford, Merkel, Texas, Route one. 1tpd

STRAYED.—One black horse mule, three years old, 14½ hands high, branded "U" or "T" on left shoulder. Strayed from near Truby. Five dollars reward for return or information leading to recovery. J. S. Swann, Merkel, Texas. 1t2pd

PIGS FOR SALE.—Will have at Merkel stock pens on or about March 9 a car of good shoats and pigs for sale. Good healthy hogs and good stock. R. H. Collins. 1t2

FOR SALE.—Mebane cotton seed that made bale to the acre. Selected out of the first picking. S. E. Haynes, Merkel, Texas. tf

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

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

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

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

Philip Diltz was an official caller in Abilene this week.

MILLETT SEED at G. F. West & Sons. 1t3

Arthur Browning was here this week visiting friends and relatives.

Twenty-eight different kinds of face powder at Armstrong Drug Co.

J. B. Harrington and son, Lloyd, of Sweetwater are here visiting the family of Mrs. J. E. Barlow.

Put your old shades back in the kitchen and buy new ones for the living room. We have all colors and grades. Behrens-MoMillen Furniture Co.

H. M. Nichols and sister, Miss Mae, of Portales, N. M., and Miss Hester Snow made the Mail a very pleasant call last Friday.

J. P. Sharp came in from Dallas Friday morning after spending several days there buying goods. He did not go on to St. Louis owing to weather conditions being so unsettled and the north in the grip of a blizzard.

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.

Mrs. W. K. Horn and Mrs. E. J. Newscomb of Abilene have been visiting Mrs. Horn's sister, Mrs. T. E. Goode of Noodle, the past week.

BULK GARDEN SEED at G. F. West & Sons. 1t3

Miss Lela Clark of Center Point was a visitor to Abilene Monday.

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

ALL THESE MEN HAVE
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
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John Sears, President

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J. E. Faucett, Cashier

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SEE US
AND YOU WILL SEE BETTER

Eyes tested and fitted
by up-to-date methods

Mrs. E. M. Rust, Optometrist
At Rust & McCauley's.

O. F. McMASTER

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EYES PROPERLY TESTED. Glasses
Correctly Fitted. All Work Guaranteed.
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Rust & McCauley's Drug Store

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Fresh meats of all kinds.

Always pay top prices on
fat cattle and hogs.

Phone 77—Front street, Merkel, Texas

Abilene Steam Laundry

H. M. WARREN, Agent

Baskets shipped Monday, Tues-
day, 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

A Pleasant Physic.

When you want a pleasant physic
give Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver
Tablets a trial. They are mild and
gentle in their action and always pro-
duce a pleasant cathartic effect. All
Dealers.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Mrs. Mary Rains went to Cisco
Saturday to visit relatives.

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

H. F. Groene was in Abilene
on business last Saturday.

The latest in perfume and toil-
et water at Armstrong Drug Co.

J. M. Stallings was a business
visitor in Abilene Saturday.

Best Chocolate and Bon Bon
candy at Burroughs Drug Store.

Miss Cleo Wilson Bowler vis-
ited relatives in San Angelo Sun-
day.

We guarantee Dr. Hess stock
and poultry food. Armstrong
Drug Co.

Herman Harp of Sweetwater
was among the social callers of
our city last week.

The new restaurant is open on
Kent street. Serves dinners and
short orders.

Sheriff Weir and wife were
pleasant callers in our city this
week.

Just received a half barrel of
fat juicy mackerel. Merkel Dry
Goods & Grocery Co.

Mrs. J. M. Southworth of Trent
was a visitor of our city Saturday
going from here to Anson on a
visit.

12,000 new and up-to-date post
cards at one cent each, for a
few days. Armstrong Drug Co.

Rev. R. A. Martin of Sweetwater
was in our city Saturday. He
returned to Sweetwater the same
evening.

Eat one of our chicken dinners
that will be served Sat-
urday. Kent Street Restaurant.

Uncle Bill Barbee states that
the Noodle country is in fine con-
dition and that most every farm-
er is sowing oats.

When dusting use Golden Star
Polish. It holds the dust and
makes old furniture look like
new. Price 15c and 25c. Beh-
rens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Mrs. W. L. Woodroof left Mer-
kel for Waxahachie Sunday.
Mr. Woodroof remained until
Wednesday in order to complete
his business affairs.

I am opening up a first class
wholesale and retail produce
house on Kent street. Come for
what you want and bring what
you have to sell. Watch for ad
in later issue, Howell Produce
Co.

Dem Rust left here for El Paso
Saturday morning, where he will
spend a few days, after which he
thinks of going to Colorado and
California.



**Home
Baked**

**Flaky Biscuits
Delicious Cake
Healthful Food**

made with

**DR. PRICE'S
CREAM
Baking Powder**

The product of
Grapes

No Alum
No
Lime Phosphate

De Witt Haynes is here from
Cameron visiting homefolks. He
will be here a week or ten days
before returning home.

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

W. M. Jenkins made a busi-
ness trip to Clyde and Baird Fri-
day, returning and going to
Trent Friday night.

Spot cash for your chickens
and eggs. Kent Street Grain &
Grocery Company.

The Real Estate Business IS MY BUSINESS

To be a real estate man you must know property values,
be practical, persistent, honest with yourself and clients and
not let your right hand know what your left hand is doing.

The statement below is what I have accomplished dur-
ing the last 60 days, or since January 1st, 1912, through my
labor and affiliation with other men of the craft.

Sold for—
E. M. Barbee 400 acres of land, consideration.....\$ 6,000.00
J. P. Frederickson 7½ lots with dwelling..... 2,500.00
First National Bank 492 acres land..... 12,500.00
Henry James of Abilene, stock of merchandise..... 9,000.00
Total.....\$30,000.00

Any piece of business intrusted to me will receive my
very best attention and efforts, and if the nature of it is
confidential it will be treated strictly in that manner.

LEWIS H. KING

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Buy her a box of candy. The
Elite.

Base ball goods at Armstrong
Drug Co.

T. R. Lasseter and J. S. Swann
were Abilene visitors Saturday.

Paints, oils and varnishes at
Burroughs Drug Store.

Fred Bigham spent part of last
week in Sweetwater attending
court.

SEED CORN at G. F. West &
Sons. 1t3

Miss Inice Moon has gone to
Cisco, where she will enter the
Britton Training School.

American Beauty Flour is best.
Guaranteed. Kent Street Grain
& Grocery Co.

Mrs. Will Mann and daughter,
Miss Mamie, came in from Stam-
ford to visit the family of H. C.
Burroughs.

We have something new in sta-
tionary. Come and see. Arm-
strong Drug Co.

Mrs. E. M. Baccus and daugh-
ter, Miss Pearl, were business
callers in Abilene Saturday, re-
turning the same afternoon.

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

Miss Eunice Nisbett was called
to Fluvana to the bedside of her
mother, who is reported to be
very sick.

All kinds of disinfectant and
insect powder at Armstrong
Drug Co.

Will buy a few good short term
first lien notes on land in the
Merkel territory. T. A. Johnson.

Mrs. T. W. Black of Sweetwater
came in Saturday morning in
response to a call telling her of
her sister, Mrs. W. Parten, being
very sick.

PIGS FOR SALE.—Will have
at Merkel stock pens on or about
March 9 a car of good shoats and
pigs for sale. Good healthy hogs
and good stock. R. H. Collins.

E. C. Richards of the Noodle
community was in town Satur-
day and while here made the
Mail a very pleasant call, giving
us the required amount to get the
paper for a year.

When you see Mack's line of
picture mouldings and oval
frames, you see the latest. Bring
your pictures and have them
framed. Behrens-McMillen Fur-
niture Co.

Uncle Ezra Says

"It don't take more'n a gill uv effort
to git folks into a peck of trouble,"
and a little neglect of constipation,
biliousness, indigestion or other liver
derangement will do the same. If ail-
ing take Dr. King's New Life Pills for
quick results. Easy, safe sure, and
only 25 cents at H. C. Burroughs.

1912 Style Buggies

We have just received our second car of the latest 1912 styles of buggies from the great Studebaker Factory. Something to be appreciated by the young man as well as the old man. Let us show you.

Anchor Hardware Company

We are also unloading our second car of Standard Implements to-day.

Style and Comfort go together in every *Studebaker* Buggy

Easy riding, comfortable seats and cushions are just as important as attractive lines and design.

All leather and cloth in Studebaker buggy trimming is carefully tested for stability of color and durability. Several attractive styles of seats are shown above.



Studebaker

BUGGIES are as perfect in the details of finish as in every other part of the construction. Come in and examine them—be convinced by the buggies themselves.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Friday evening March 1, Miss Bertie Diltz Sunday school class of girls entertained Mr. Hamilton's class of boys. The entertainment was given at the ever hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz. The hostess, Miss Diltz, was assisted by Miss Beulah Haynes in entertaining her guests. Various games were played. Music selections by Miss Roxie Moon and Paul Leeper. Fruit punch was served all during the evening at the conclusion of which cake and fruit salad was served to Misses Faye Allen, Neva Warnick, Roxie Moon, Gladys Haynes, Winnie Barnett, Faye Douglas, Elinor Daniel, Nina Warnick, Grace Diltz, Eva Calvert, Maggie Wheeler, Beulah Haynes, Messrs. Robert Talley, Cecil Jones, Henry Saunders, Horace Leeper, Robert Warnick and W. L. Diltz.

Miss Loraine Lamar entertained a number of friends Saturday evening at her home southwest of Merkel. Various games were played. The guests were from Merkel, Trent and Salt Branch. Among those present were Misses Emma Tipton, Delia Campbell, Mattie Lou Gilmore, Hattie Walker, Minnie Hauten, Vera Bland, Daisy and Allie Rowe, Annie Erving, Maggie Smith, Cora Fites, Vada Holton, Messrs. V. T. Lamar, Robert Kelly, Cop, Earl and George White, Tom McLeod, Frank Smith, Lois Erving, Herbert Beckham, Frank Sears, Leon Neil, Hobart Kelly, Alva Bland, Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Lecl White.

Miss Ora Bland and Cecil White, accompanied by Miss Hattie Walker and Robert Kellev drove to Trent Friday, March 1st. From there they went to Sweetwater, where they were married. A reception was tendered them by Sweetwater friends Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. White and their attendants returned to Merkel on the evening train and are receiving congratulations and best wishes of their many friends for a long and happy voyage on the matrimonial sea.

Saturday evening, March 2, Miss Eva Walters entertained a few friends at her home. Music and "42" furnished pleasure and amusement for Misses Isla McDonald, Tommie Louise Coggin, Elma Sheppard, Flay Gunn, Ona and Virginia Hamblett and Carrol Rister. Messrs. Raymond Touchstone, Conna Adams, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Jack Provine, Emmet and Ennis Grimes, Ira and Ollie Shaffer.

An interesting meeting of the B. O. O. M.'s was held March 1st. Great enthusiasm prevailed. A new member was initiated. After despairing of the regular business the court session was called. Several cases were tried, one of which resulted in a hung jury. Boxing and wrestling matches were greatly enjoyed by all present. All members are requested to be present the third Friday in March. A special program has been arranged.

Last Thursday evening Mrs. E. M. Brown honored her grandson and three of her young girl friends with a beautifully appointed six o'clock dinner. Those present were Miss Clara Tate of Abilene, Miss Inice Moon who left Sunday for Cisco where she will take a special course in the musical department of the Britton Training School, Miss Mattie Paylor and Clayton Brown.

Mr. R. J. Beasley and Miss Lilly Mae Conder were married Sunday afternoon at the residence of Judge Cobb, Judge Cobb officiating.

Miss Nell Tracy was one of the pupils of Miss Cleo Wilson Bowler who played in the musical contest last Friday afternoon when the Bach Music Club entertained their friends.

A beautiful little lady appeared at the residence of Mr. J. T. Howard early Monday morning and applied to Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Grisham for board and lodging.

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Hunter-Sublett.

Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock Mr. Bishop Hunter and Miss Winnie Sublett, escorted by Miss Maggie Roberts and Mr. Tiry Sublett, made a very interesting visit to the Methodist parsonage where Rev. Clements pronounced the solemn words that made Mr. Hunter and Miss Sublett man and wife.

Both the contracting parties are well known to the Merkel people, Mr. Hunter being a former Merkel boy but of late connected with a tailoring firm at Mart. Miss Sublett is the accomplished and charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sublett.

The Mail is among their host of friends that extends congratulations and wishes them a happy, very happy married life.

B. O. O. M. Program, March 15.

Subject, The political situation of the United States today.

Regular business. Republicanism—Simpson Christopher. Democracy—Ira Shaffer.

Debate, resolved, that a change in party control is good for a country. Affirmative, Charlie Lofton, Ollie Shaffer. Negative, Dennis McDonald, Ben T. Merritt.

Who will we have for president?—Wilbur Whitaker.

Straw vote for president.

Boxing match, Clyde Garrett vs. Charlie Lofton. Press Reporter.

League Program.

Subject, A new interpretation of human love.

Leader, T. A. Johnson.

Song—"Wonderous Love."

Prayer

Scripture lesson, Hos. 8:1-3; John 8:1-11

Song.

Topics: 1. Show how we can love our enemies—Dennis McDonald. 2. Give an illustration of some one reclaimed by Love.—Victor Harris. 3. What is the missionary significance of this lesson.—Miss Medlen.

Quartet—Miss Dorothy Lee Potter, Miss Jackie Jennings, John Moore and Ollie Shaffer.

Collection.

Benediction.

Twentieth Century program for March 9.

Subject, Twelfth Night.

Mrs. G. L. Hamilton, hostess.

Roll Call, Quotations from the lesson.

Outline of the lesson.—Miss Maude Martin.

Lesson, Act I.—Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

Texas Independence.—Mrs. L. Sparkman.

New Books.—Miss Orra Long.

B. T. P. U. Program.

Subject, Some elements of religion.

Prayer.

Leader, Miss Jewell Garrett.

Scripture reading, Psalm 52:1-17.

Lord's Prayer—By Union.

Talk, What is prayer?—Grady Collins

Song.

Prayer.

Why should we pray?

Song.

How to pray.—Miss Ethel Roberts.

Benediction.

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Young Women

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

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Whitley, Son & Company

C. D. Whitley, Manager.

Junior League Program.

Songs.

Subject, Missions.

Response to roll call with a verse of scripture.

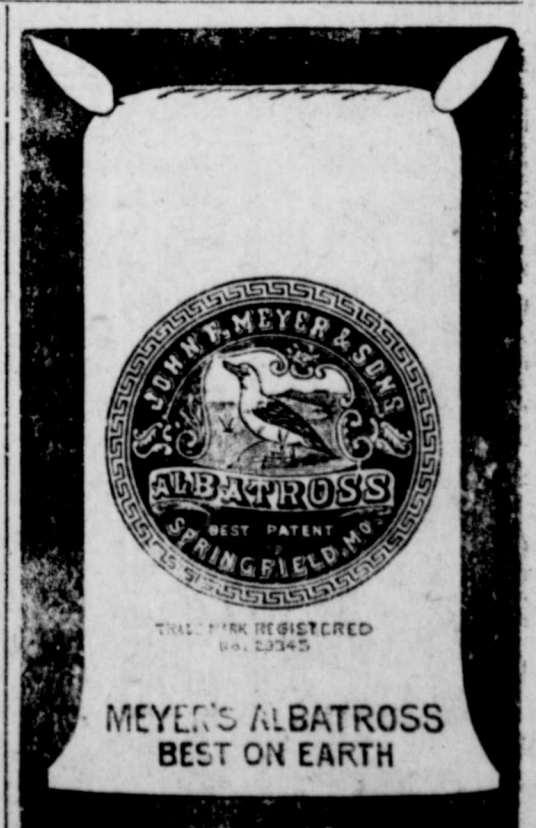
A trip to India in the Gleam. The Gleam is a wonderful car. Every child present will have an opportunity of taking a trip in the car to India, the land of thirty-three million God's.

Song.

Benediction.

Children are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

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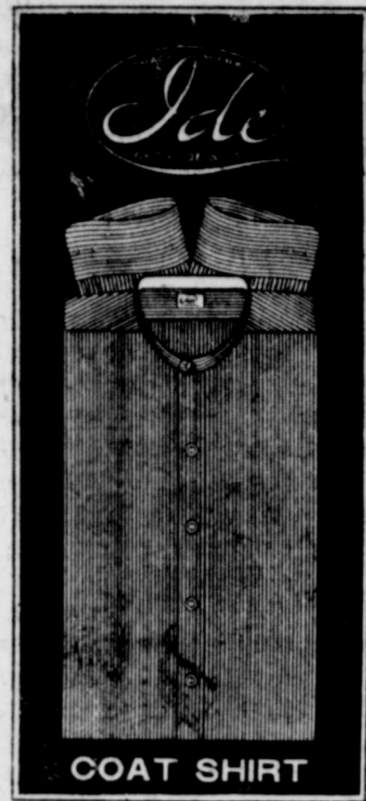
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Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Mar. 9, 1912
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If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Mar. 23, 1912.

H. W. Derstine, p. m.

Texas almanacs at Armstrong Drug Co.

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Abilene Lady Dead.

Wednesday morning at 4:30 Mrs. Florence B. Burnett wife of Superintendent Burnett of the Abilene public schools died after a long and continued illness. Mrs. Burnett leaves a husband and little daughter, mother and two brothers to mourn her loss. Funeral services were held at the residence and burial took place in Dallas yesterday.—Abilene Reporter.

What We Never Forget

according to science, are the things associated with our early home life, such as Bucklen's Arnica Salve, that mother or grandmother used to cure our burns, boils, scalds, sores, skin eruptions, cuts, sprains or bruises. Forty years of cures prove its merit. Unrivaled for piles, corns or cold sores. Only 25 cents at H. C. Burroughs.

O. W. Dean, former pastor of the Baptist church of Snyder, who is here visiting his sister, Mrs. J. S. Swann, will go to Tulia from here to take the pastorate of the Tulia church.

Many sufferers from rheumatism have been surprised and delighted with the prompt relief afforded by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. No one case of rheumatism in ten requires any internal treatment whatever. This liniment is for sale by all dealers.

Mrs. B. H. Moore returned from Abilene Friday afternoon almost completely recovered from the effects of the operation that she had to undergo some time back.

Children who have worms are pale, cross, fretful, and sickly most of the time. To rid the little body of these parasites White's Cream Vermifuge is an approved remedy. When the worms have been driven out the child grows strong, healthy and robust. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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More bankers endorse Draughon's Practical Business Colleges than endorse all other business colleges in the United States combined. For catalogue address Draughon's Practical Business College, Abilene, Amarillo or El Paso.

You judge a man not by what he promises to do, but what he has done. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy judged by this standard has no superior. People everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. H. C. Williams went to Temple Monday where she entered the sanitarium for treatment. She will remain for two or three weeks, or until her health is improved.

Take Herbine for indigestion. It relieves the pain in a few minutes and forces the fermented matter which causes the misery into the bowels where it is expelled. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Miss Eva Williams was called to Temple to attend her mother during her stay at the sanitarium. Reports come that Mrs. Williams was operated on for appendicitis yesterday.

PIGS FOR SALE.—Will have at Merkel stock pens on or about March 9 a car of good shoats and pigs for sale. Good healthy hogs and good stock. R. H. Collins.

Chas. Fryar has gone to Waxahachie where he will join the printing forces of that city.

Mrs. J. S. Burkhead of Colorado City is here visiting her mother, Mrs. J. B. Bell.

Jas. Bright of Trent was a visitor here Wednesday, going to Abilene on the noon train.

A free box of candy to be given away. The Elite. Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

DANGER IN DELAY

Kidney Diseases Are Too Dangerous for Merkel People to Neglect.

The great danger of kidney troubles is that they get firm hold before the sufferer recognizes them. Health is gradually undermined. Backache, headache, nervousness, lameness, soreness, lumbago, urinary troubles, dropsy, and Bright's disease, follow as the kidneys get worse. Don't neglect your kidneys. Help the kidneys with the reliable and safe remedy, Doan's Kidney Pills, which has cured people right here in Merkel.

Mrs. N. Thompson, Thornton St., Merkel, Texas, says: "A few months ago I used Doan's Kidney Pills for weak kidneys and was quickly cured. When I began taking this remedy, my kidneys were weak and I had pains across the small of my back. I got Doan's Kidney Pills from Rust & McCauley Drug Co's. Store and was quickly cured by them. It gives me pleasure to recommend this preparation."

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.

Miss Maud Dean, a student at Simmons College came in Friday afternoon to visit her aunt, Mrs. J. S. Swann, and to be with her father, Rev. O. W. Dean, while he is in the city.

Farmers and others who live at a distance from a drug store should keep in the house a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It may be needed at any time for cuts, wounds, sores, sprains or rheumatism. It is a powerful healing and penetrating remedy. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Rev. C. S. Williams of Abilene preached at Center Point church Sunday, returning to his home the following day.

Jones' Barber Shop for best service. Hot and cold baths. 2313 Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

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COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

Salt Branch News.

March 4.—Rev. Clements of Merkel filled his regular appointment here Sunday afternoon.

There was a right nice crowd out at Sunday school Sunday morning considering the cool weather.

We were glad to see Lester Wheat out at singing at W. M. Hays Saturday night.

Mrs. Etta Petty and children and Miss Mae Rainer spent Wednesday with Mrs. Dora Teaff.

Odis Rainer left Wednesday morning for Waco.

Miss Annie Higgins spent Sunday night with Miss Lillie Wheat.

Miss Olive Teaff spent Friday night with Miss Mae Rainer.

Misses Alma and Neva Hays took dinner with Misses Lyda and Nina Beavers Saturday.

The singing at W. M. Hays Saturday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Whit Barrow of Shiloh spent Saturday night with Lester Wheat.

Misses Eunice Higgins, Maggie Foster, Mae Hogg and brother Hugh of Warren attended the singing at W. M. Hays Saturday night.

Ralph Golightly and family spent several pleasant hours at the home of Bob Allen Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Barker were visiting Jess Higgins and wife Sunday.

Mesdames Clint Allen, Bob Allen, W. B. Beavers, Misses Lillie and Lois Smith, Mae Raine, Messrs. Allen, Hays, Beavers and Taylor were visiting the school Friday afternoon.

Mr. Barker and wife went to Abilene Monday.

We are having some disagreeable weather this week. Blue-Eyed Girl.

The Men Who Succeed

as heads of great enterprises are men of great energy. Success, today, demands health. To ail is to fail. It's utter folly for a man to endure a weak, run-down, half alive condition when Electric Bitters will put him right on his feet in short order. "Four bottles did me more real good than any other medicine I ever took," writes Chas. B. Allen, Sylvania, Ga. "After years of suffering with rheumatism, liver trouble, stomach disorders and deranged kidneys, I am again, thanks to Electric Bitters, sound and well." Try them. Only 50c at H. C. Burroughs.

Dora Dolags.

March 4.—Mr. Hailey who has been real sick for several days is reported some better.

Small grain looks fine in this part of the country. The recent rains being a great benefit to it.

R. E. Mann U. S. Demonstration agent for Nolan county was in our community one day last week.

Albert Robbins is on the sick list this week.

Tom Jenkins and family spent Sunday with C. F. Sanders and family.

Jim Ensminger's baby is reported on the sick list.

Glen and Bee Bardwell spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. Rogers.

DeWitt Phillips and Glen Jones at P. D. Franks Saturday night.

A. R. Sanders of Sweetwater was out near Dora this week on business.

Mrs. Lucy Phillips visited Mrs. Jessie Sanders Wednesday.

Jess Montgomery and family visited Lee McGee Saturday night and Sunday. Jack.

Maay Driven From Home.

Every year, in many parts of the country, thousands are driven from their homes by coughs and lung diseases. Friends and business are left behind for other climates, but this is costly and not always sure. A better way—the way of multitudes—is to use Dr. King's New Discovery and cure yourself at home. Stay right there with your friends and take this safe medicine. Throat and lung troubles find quick relief and health returns. Its help in coughs, colds, grip, croup, whooping-cough and sore lungs make it a positive blessing. 50c and \$1.00. This bottle free. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

Butman Community.

Mar. 5.—The damp atmosphere which has been visitin^g our community of late has been very disagreeable to the farmers but they expect good crops the coming year as results of such weather.

Misses Ethel and Victoria Warlick returned Saturday from Quitman, Brown county where they have been visiting their sick sister.

Miss Ethel Warlick and Ola Pope were in our community Saturday night and went on to their schools at Shep Sunday.

Rev. J. A. Tolman of Simmons College lectured at Butman school house Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. Many of the young people responded to the proposition and requests made by him. His texts were all taken from the teachings of the Bible. We can only wish that such men were more numerous and that we who linger in ignorance of God's teachings as well as the land which we live in and the people with which we associate were more scarce.

J. S. Bickley of the White Church community attended to business in this community Saturday.

The Everybody Society met last Friday night at Butman school house.

Mr. Hines of the Tracy ranch visited in our community Sunday.

Grass in our community is getting green. It is thought that it will be high enough for grazing by the 15th.

A few pupils were kept out of school last week on account of grip. Ned.

Feb. 29.—The weather has been very disagreeable in this community but we are sure it is the kind we need.

Miss Victoria Warlick and sister Miss Ethel who is teaching school at Shep left Monday to visit their sick sister in Brown county.

Ford Butman who has been very sick is reported better.

The spelling match at Butman last Friday night was enjoyed by the few who were present. Ned.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials free. F. J. Cheney & Co. props., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Blair News.

Feb. 29.—Blair was blessed with a sand storm Sunday and the wind did some little damage for Blair as well as other places.

Miss Ruth Moore and Billie Moore of Comper are visiting Miss Mirtus Moore of Blair this week.

Frank Demere made a trip to Merkel Tuesday.

James Mayfield came through Blair enroute to Merkel Monday.

Walter Clark and family and Emma and Arthur Clark returned to Merkel Monday after a few days visit with their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Clark.

W. A. Hall of Blair was in Merkel Saturday on business.

Miss Jessie Williams spent Sunday in Abilene with home folks returning to her school at Blair Monday.

Miss Velma Clark was in Blair Tuesday evening.

Tom Walker spent Sunday with home folks in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown spent Sunday with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Clark. Daisy.

Herbine cures constipation and re-establishes regular bowel movements. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

MEN AND RELIGION

BY G. E. HAMILTON

"Quit you like men, be strong...—I. Cor. 16:13.

Heretofore men have been shirking their duties to the church while the church has quietly and piously endured the desertion. The "Men and Religion Forward Movement" is a call to the churches to pluck up spirit, assume the aggressive and capture men for the good of society and the church. This movement is to help men, paying no attention to denominational relations. It has spread over the entire United States, working in most of the larger towns and cities. Seeing the results elsewhere, Merkel is growing anxious for such a movement. And already plans are being perfected to that end.

Our first concern is, Why are men so indifferent to religion? There is a false supposition that a breach exists between manhood and religion. The obnoxious fallacy has taken root in the minds of some men that religion and churches are all well enough for women and children. Religion is a kind of feminine attribute for which a hard-headed man of the world has no use for.

Now what is this movement going to do about this condition? The very first thing this movement proposes to do is to place a new and powerful emphasis on the necessity of religion to manhood. Its first postulate is that no man is safe without Christ. The root of most of our modern failures and defects is here. Where there are no sound religious principles kept intact by wholesome religious exercises and fresh inspiration, a dangerous condition of atrophy and moral degeneration sets in.

Again, this movement means a new emphasis on service—a new emphasis on definite, intelligent, sane endeavors to meet the special needs of each town. In this there is no attempt to decry the present works of the church. Those who attempt to discredit the existing methods of worship and meeting for prayer because they appear stereotyped and unattractive, have simply for the moment lost sight of the real meaning of these primary functions of the church.

Further, this movement is a new emphasis on religious propaganda. It is to be a systematic, zealous, outspoken dissemination of our religious beliefs and opinions among men. Silence and sleep are the most successful narcotics used against the church.

Finally this movement appeals to three groups of men, one group within the church and two outside. The group in the church is composed of men who, through reluctance, laxity or ignorance, have been unable to apply the inspiration and enthusiasm which the preaching of God's word has evaded in definite and practical duties. They have been like sponges, receiving but never disbursing.

The second group are the men of apparently christian sentiment outside the church, indifferent to its presence and activities. These men are usually living on an inheritance of christian traditions. At times, they occupy the manly position of subsisting on the religion of their mothers or their wives and children. We talk about the lack of manly virility inside the church. What if the name of this brand of conduct outside it? These men are the biggest obstacles in the faith of organized christianity today and if this movement can accomplish any thing to make these hardened, well-to-do and sometimes highly cultured worldings to a sense of their duty, it will have removed the biggest obstacle from the path of the church. These men, the apparent friends of christianity, are among its worst enemies.

The third group is composed of the men who have no interest in Religion and probably never had any. From this group comes the majority of our

For Diseases of the Skin.

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lawbreakers, the supporters and abettors of our most disgraceful and injurious institutions. It is a vast throng which can scarcely be touched until the mute resistance of the second group is overcome.

This, then, is the desired culmination of the campaign; an awakened, active, masculine church, an enlistment of every

christian sympathizer in the course of patriotism and a leavening of the untouched masses with the spirit and principles of Christ.

You may say goodbye to constipation with a clear conscience if you use Chamberlain's Tablets. Many have been permanently cured by their use. For sale by all dealers.