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OPTICAL FAKIRS IN MERKEL COL

The people of Texas are being fooled in a gold brick fashon by so-called Opticians who travel from house to house and fit spectacles for people who have defective eyesight.

One of the worst cases is reported from Delta county where one of the fakirs secured a check for \$150.00 for the new pair of classes to be fitted on an aged lady and before the male members of the family could have payment of the check stopped the man was gone with the \$150 having secured it while they were away.

GEL We have in the last few weeks had just such a fakir here in the Merkel country and it is to our knowledge that this so called occulist secured from \$7.50 to \$18.00 from parties and promised to return in six months and renew the glasses as such would be needed and that at any time the These two young men are here patient felt the least bit worried on trial and unless they prove with their eyes they could write their worthiness for the people to the house in Chicago and a they have secured homes from doctor would be sent at orce to they will be sent back to the look after the needs of the home from which they came. To amt. on hand last report \$ 5085.86 patient. In one of the cases a Each of the young fellows are of Amt. recd. since last report __ 12330.49 letter was sent to the address as strict parentage and in no way given by the representative and will be a source of embarrass-

E. H. Cordell of the Nubia country in conversation with the reporter said that his section of the country was in the best con-

Nubla Country in Fine Shape.

dition that it had been for at least four years. He said the recent freeze did a very small damage to the oats, but that they were coming out and in a short time

before. Mr. Cordell is very much elated over the prospects and is confident of a good year. He says greater small grain acreage this year than it has had for a number of years.



Last week two wee boys one months old were given good homes with two of the best families of the Merkel county.

In writing the confession Mr.

sentence as possible. The mail

pouch has not been procured

Mr. Kinzel the inspector in

After recovering from the dose

Be sure and see Buster Brown

and Tige Friday April 5 at Mer-

kel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

it was returned with the state- ment to their new and adopted To balance ment that there was no such parents nor to themselves when company in existence. That they reach an age where they man was a fake and it is the duty | will feel an interest in themselves. of the Merkel people to see that The families taking the baby Amt. paid out since last rept. 10189,70 of the precinct in which the work they are not hoodwinked by such boys under their care are Mr. and Balance on hand. crude-oil propositions. Evidently Mrs. H. L. Propst and Mr. and Fourth Class Fundthe doctor had respect for the Mrs. A. H. Thornton and it is Amt. on hand last report.....\$ 1609.24 Amt. received since last rept. 10088.21 Merkei people's common horse said that at the end of thirty days sense and was content with a there will be no danger of the Amt. paid out since last rept. smaller amount, but even at that babies losing their homes for the Balance on hand price it was a good graft and good people are just as proud of Fifth Class Fundtook from the Merkel country their adoptions as the children Amt. on hand last report____\$ 431.99 some very hard earned money. can possibly become of their Amt. received since last report 400.00 Competent eye care can be had homes.



MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1912

Abilene, Texas, March 8, 1912. Hon. Thos. L. Blanton, Judge 42nd Judicial District:

We, your committee, appointed to examine the books and accounts of the would be in as good condition as officers of Taylor county, Texas, respectfully submit the following report. We have carefully examined and checked the books of all county officers and checked the cash in hand of treasthe country around there has a urer and find same correct and accounts kept in satisfactory manner. To all of them we extend thanks for courtesies shown.

As shown by attached report the county treasurer's ledger and finance ledger do not show same balance, which is accounted for by the fact that receipts from various sources are not entered in finance ledger against the treasurer until toward end of quarter. Duplicate receipts not being turned over to clerk daily as issued.

This is the only case where we find books not kept up to date as we were charged by you to look into and find. eight months and the other six This makes no material difference except at the time of making report of finance committee.

> J. W. Christopher. county treasurer; First Class Fund-

To amt. on hand last report____\$2203.95 Amt. recd. since last report____ 3127.09 \$5331.04 Amt. paid out since last report 3540.78 To balance\$1790.26

Second Class Fund-

\$17416.35 Amt. paid out since last report 3585.50 Third Class Fund-Amt. on hand last report.....\$ 7892,68 Amt. received since last report 16938,33

\$24831.01

A Wife Wanted.

On Wednesday night, April 3, there will appear at the Opera House Benj. B. Bernard presenting a strong company in one of the most successful comedies that has appeared on the stage, "A Wife Wanted." This company comes here well recommended to us as one that will give the people the worth of their money and is said to be one continuous scream after another. Prices 25, 50 and 75 cents.

We have just received a big car of oats, shelled corn, chops, shorts and bran that we will sell at bottom prices Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.



Work has started on the Abilene and Tye highway and is now assuming the aspect of a paved street though none of the finish work has been done. The treatment that will be given this road will be the same as was given roads east and south of Abilene, and those roads are now in the best condition possible for the benefit of the farming public and a source of convenience to all travelers.

This work is being done at 'the smallest figures obtainable and not a cent is being wasted by the commissioners in discharging their duty and giving the people \$14641.31 is being done all that their mon-

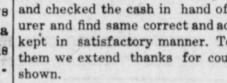
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During the last few days there has been transacted in Merkel some business that gives our town prestige over many of the neighboring places.

Miss Christena Frederickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Frederickson of this place and former head nurse for one of the leading hospitals of Hot Springs, Ark., was here visiting her relaatives and looking after business

pertaining to the establishment of a sanitarium in the Davis Mountains near the town of Toyahvale. Miss Frederickson, while here bought of Merkel firms over \$1,000.00 worth of supplies and furnishings for the santarium, but before she gave Merkel her tråde, she compared Merkel prices and goods with those of other towns both east and west of us, and the outcome was that Merkel secured her business. The houses obtaining the largest amount of her business were Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co. and the Anchor Hardware Co., her bill with the former being over \$800.00 and near \$200.00 with the latter. In a talk with Miss Frederickson she says her first grocery bill will be given to Merkel merchants and that will amount to some \$200.00, including some incidental purchases while here. All of these goods will be shipped to Toyah-



at home, so why let fakirs skin you ?

The Mail hates to see any man skinned even in a legitimate deal but when it comes to such a raw took a new phase when Lawrence hold-up as these Eye Doctors are slipping by our good people Saturday afternoon confessed in it behooves us to say all we writing to the charge and later can about them. in the evening took strychnine,

Watch these people with the but was saved from death by eye of a hawk for you cannot quick action of doctors. tell just when one will try the game on you. We prescribe a left upper-cut with a well directed but the detectives had woven right to the solar plexus as one such a web of circumstantial means of ridding the community evidence around him that he conof them. fessed in order to get as light a

Coj. J. C. Mason.

Hon. J. C. Mason, from Deport, Lamar county, was in our city produce it. several days last week looking after his Merkel country propercharge intreviewed Mr. Penn on the subject and was told that T. ty and placing himself before the people in his candidacy for railtoward the truck on which the road commissioner of this state. pouch was placed some time be-Mr. Mason was here a week or fore the train came in. On so ago looking into the values of our country and went away sayclosely watching Mr. Price it was ing that he would no doubt buy found that he was not the guilty party and evidence shifted to some of the Merkel country land the shoulders of Mr. Penn. in the near future, and he returned Friday to close the deals. of strychnine Mr. Penn in spite He says he considers this country a fine place for land investof the confession says he is innocent .-- Sweetwater Reporter.

Big Easter Sale begins at Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company Monday.

ments.

Amt, paid out since last report 1017.51 Sweetwater Man Takes Strychnine

Amt. overdrawn in this fund \$ 185.52 Seventh Class Fund-Developments in the mail pouch Amt. on hand last report. disappearance at Sweetwater

Amt. received since last report_ 61.80 \$183.90

Penn night city marshal on last Amt. paid out since last report 144.80 Balance on hand. ...\$ 39,10 RECAPITULATION.

County Treasurer:

1st Class Fund, cash on hand \$ 1790.26 2nd Class fund, cash on hand. 3rd Class fund, cash on hand 13830.85 14641.31 4th Class fund, cash on hand. 4463.79 Penn declares he is not guilty 5th Class fund, overdrawn____ 185.52 7th Class fund, cash on hand_ 39.10

> Total amt. cash in all funds \$34579.79 Outstanding checks. 180.47

Balance on hand We have checked up expenditures of ood roads funds in precinct No. 1 and find same to be correct and kept in and Mr. Penn says he can not good shape and find every cent account-

We also find the county out of debt, having paid off all of the outstanding county bonds. Road & Sinking Fund Precinct No. 1: Cash shown in banks as follows: Farmers & Merchants Bank ____\$14182.00 G. Price a postoffice clerk went Citizens Nationel Bank 19000.00 **Commercial National Bank** 8000.00 First State Bank & Trust Co. 8000.00 \$49182.00 Total County Funds on hand as shown by Banks' statements: Farmers & Merchants Bank ... \$21760.26 Commercial National Bank 6500.00 First State Bank & Trust Co. 6500.00 .\$34760.26 Total Respectfully submitted, D. Dellis.

J. W. Evans, J. A. Boyce, **Finance** Committee March Term Dist. Court, 1912.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 8th day of March, A.D. 1912. (SEAL) W. J. Young, Clerk County Court Taylor Co. Texas.

ey will get. When this road is done it will make one half of the road from \$11697.45 Merkel to Abilene one of the best 7233.66 in this part of the state, and will \$ 4463.79 be a great saving to the farmers who are in position to use it for products. \$ 831,99

It is with regret that we see this good work going on so near us and then not be in position to \$122.60 benefit ourselves by such a condition.

Presbyterian Ladies Bazaar.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Gaither building on April 5 and the afternoon. 6. Do not take time to sew when

Notice to Milk Users.

From this date on milk prices will be as follows to people using gal. and 35c per gal. to people using a quart each day. Sour milk at 20c per gal. J. W. Jones, Dairyman.

Bitter Lake.

The most fun for least money. See Walton for season fishing privilege on his tank. Single he will speak that night. trips 25c each. My farm is posted and I warn you not to trespass. J. B. Walton. 29t4

vale as a carlot and will go forth t an early date.

It is not the size of the bill that looks so good to us, but the fact that Merkel prices are enticing enough to pull trade from so distant a point, and it was with pleasure that the Mail was inthe purpose of marketing their cluded in the list of beneficiaries, we getting a printing contract for all of the needs of the new sanitarium. Come to Merkel.

Col Jake Walters Coming.

Col Jake Wolters, candidate for the United States Senate is coming to Merkel on the 23rd. of April and will deliver an address Presbyterian church will hold on the issues of the campaign. their Easter Bazaar in the He will speak at 2:30 p.m. in

To most of the towns in the you can get well made articles at west it is the first time in reasonable prices. Aprons for their history to have a canwomen, and children, aprons for didate for the United States cooking, traveling, morning wear, Senate pay enough attention to clothespin aprons and aprons for them to pay their Highness a clerks. Also gingham under- call but to Merkel it is no new skirts, children's jumpers, dust experience so we will in no way caps and bonnets, large and small. feel the least bit backward in entertaining him while in our city.

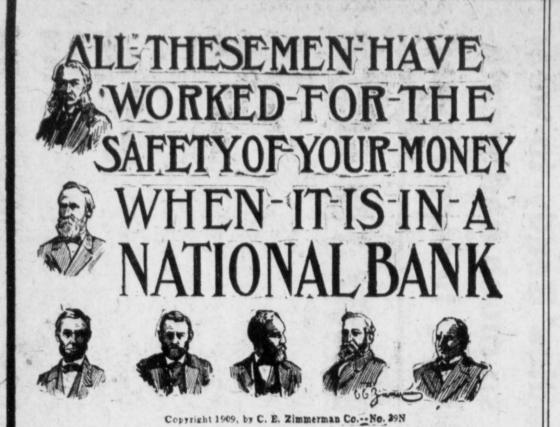
Col. Wolters is an able speaker and a fine mixer among men and is making what is called a house a pint of milk each day: 40c per to house canvass and his mode of meeting the people is much like the noted Johnson of California who carried his state by such a large majority after having made a canvass of the state in an automobile. Mr. Wolters is traveling in an auto and will go from here to Abilene where

A. L. Hogue was a passenger to Abilene Tuesday taking Maurice his little boy that was Highest price paid for produce. operated on for appendicitie tf'down for examination.

Hamblett & Rogers



DUARD OF DIRECTORS	Merkel Garage. tf		
J. T. Warren J. T. Howard Henry James Ed. S. Hughes	ZERO TEX-Made by Texas Co., best lubricating oil on market. Merkel Garage. tf tion_of the above facts, if you	BARBEE, LEER Merkel	& WHITAKER : Texas
Thos. Johnson	think they warrant your sup-	a the all call all have reading and	" I The design of
	port in my behalf, no one will		and the second
	appreciate it more than I will. Respectfully,	A MEASURE OF MERIT	
To the Citizens of Taylor County. been retired as follows: \$30,000 Court House Bonds issued in	T A Bledsoe	M . L	LOCAL AND PERSONAL
I wish to thank you most sin- 1884, drawing five per cent in-	and the second sec	Merkel Citizens Should Weigh Well this Evidence.	C. L. Barker was a passeng
you have bestowed upon me in and Bride Data Bride Data		Proof of merit lies in the evidence.	to Abilene Wednesday.
the next and in acking accin for and Bridge Bonds, issued in	Hamilton Company in charge of	Convincing evidence in Merkel. Is not	Peacemaker Flour, the flow
your sufferage for the office of terest per annum; \$15,000.00	produce outrites and and	the testimony of strangers. But the endorsement of Merkel people. That's	of flours for sale by Hogue-Han
County Judge, 1 do so upon my Jail Bonds issued in 1895 draw-	pay you the nightest market	the kind of proof given here-the state-	ilton Co.
record. I have given my entire ing five per cent per annum, a		ment of a Merkel citizen. W. G. Cypert, preacher, Merkel,	M. L. Estes of Anson was he
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when first elected. The County Tax Rate levied for the year 1906 was 56 cents on	Exercise the subscript of a subscript of the	ney Pills which I procured at Rust and	here Monday looking after son
This county has grown in pop- the One Hundred Dollar valua-	A REAL PROPERTY OF THE REAL PR	McCauley Drug Co's. Store quickly cured me. Other members of my	legal matters.
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and the duties devolving upon til the levy for 1911 was 33 cents the County Judge now are two-	- P. Sold Tay	plaint by this remedy. It gives me great pleasure to recommend Doan's	Spring Opening and Easter Sa
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the Criminal, Civil; Probate and the One Hundred Dollar, but the		New York, sole agents for the United	
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much time and attention. I ask this county reduction there has		Robert I. Grimes a student of	Lots of pumps and oxfords f
your calm and deliberate in been saved out of the taxes col-		the Baylor Medical college was	everybody, in vici, pat, velve
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Commissioners Court before you tire the above \$48,000.00 Bonds.		friends and relatives. Robert is a Senior this year and we wish	
oast your ballot, and especially Taylor county at present is en-		him success when he has finished	
do I call your attention to the tirely out of debt and has nearly		Lis student career and starts out	brothers Chas. and Hubba
financial condition of this county \$35,000.00 in its Treasury.	MEYER'S ALBATROSS	as an ethical man following the	south of town. He returned
at the present time compared Owing to my court and other with other counties in this section. duties, I will be unable to meet	the second se	line of work he has so diligently studied.	his home Monday morning.
During my chairmanship of many of you personally during		the second s	J. I. Leamon of Trent was he
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February 1907 to February 1912, like very much to do. \$48,000.00 of County Bonds have After your careful considera-	BRADSHAW GRACERY COMPANY	you will find our prices right. Hogue-Hamilton Co.	turned home Monday afternoo
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"If for any reason whatsoever this garment proves unsatisfactory, return it and get back your money."



LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Miss Laverna Swafford was a visitor in Abilene Saturday.

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

Mrs. W. P. Browning was a visitor to Abilene Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Johnson is here this week visiting friends.

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

J. N. Shelton and wife are visiting A. C. Moore of the Sweetwater country this week.

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

J. W. Bettes was here this week from Abilene looking after some business affairs.

Martin Barber Shop for barber work and tailoring. In rear

of Southern Natl. Bank Bldg. tf.

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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

Why carry gasoline at home, carry the risk and do the work when you can get what you want Co. day or night at the Merkel Garage? Give us a trial.

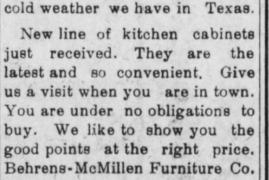


They Won't Last. Come To-Day

ASK ALSO ABOUT OUR PREMIUMS

J. P. SHARP, MERKEL, TEXAS

J. W. and T. E. Cary of Chicago were here this week looking after the condition of the Merkel Lumber Company of which they are the principal stockholders. The men seem pleased with the local management and only had one complaint to make and that was from the



Mrs. H. C. Williams returned from Temple Wednesday afternoon where she has been under treatment. She was met at Fort Worth by her daughtdr Miss Eva who has been visiting friends in Meridian, going there after her mother's condition would permit her to be away.

I have opened 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

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.



The Nations Eyes are Turned Toward the Farm

Life on the farm is no hardship in these days, when conveniences of the city brother may be enjoyed, and the greatest of them is the

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In his spare time the farmer may construct his own rural line. His natural knack is all that is needed, his time the only cost. The earlier begun, the earlier the benefits. Write today for Booklet,

The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company DALLAS, TEXAS



Telephone 202 for oil and gas. let price. Howell Produce Co.

J. M. Fogleman constable at Noodle was an official visitor to Abilene Monday. Car of bananas on the side track this week. Wholesale and

> retail. All this week. Mrs. W. J. Behrens of Abilene was here the first of the week visiting Mrs. E. P. McMillen.

We are showing a large line of Mrs. J. T. Shelton of Abilene white and brown linens at very who has been here of the late in attractive prices. Hogue-Hamanswer to a call from her sick ilton Co. mother Mrs. Winters of the

Shiloh community returned to I will stand at the Exchange her home Monday accompanied Stable in Merkel, what is known Mrs. as the Geo.Richie Jack. Terms to Winters condition is reported no insure, \$10.00. A. C. Boney tf better and the many Merkel

Rev. Clements has returned home after being away for about ten days assisting in conducting meetings.

We have the biggest stock of millinery in the west from which to select your Easter hat. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Ed Young of Carlsbad, N. M., was here this week visiting the family of W. R. Bigham. Mr. Young stopped off here on his return from Fort Worth.

A special invitation for you to a few days begin handling ice visit our rug department before you do your spring cleaning. Prices from \$3.75 up for 9x12 rugs. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company.

> C. J. Douglass, Claud Sears. Jinks Winters, J. W. Burton. DeWitt Haynes and Wesley Edwards were lafe returners from Fort Worth last week on account of the Fat Stock Show.

Free air for tires. Merkel Garage.

Do not fail to call and inspect them. Hogue-Hamilton Co. R. E. Bowles, J. S. Swann. T. R. Lasseter, J. J. Stallings, J. M. Dunagin and J. McDonald were court and business visitors to

by Miss Irene Green.

hear of her being sick.

than any other cotton.

friends are very sorry (indeed to

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Cotton Seed at Merkel Dry

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farmer should get a start of this

seed. It gives a better turn out

Harve Warren and Sid Cris-

well were in Abilene Wednesday

on business. Mr. Warren was

there looking after the interest of

the ice users and says he will in

Abilene Monday. We will buy and sell all kinds of produce. Give highest mark-

for local trade. A big line of Embroideries and Flouncing arrived this week.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

Rev. A. L. Jobe is in Comanche this weekr

Dr. Armstrong was a business caller in Abilene Tuesday.

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

T. J. Coggin went to Fort its after-effects are often bad. Worth last night where he will transact business and then go on to Oklahoma City.

E. A. Oualline of Houston was here the first of the week on business and visiting his wife who is here for her health.

Jim Brown returned to school at Stamford Wednesday the health scare of that place having assumed a brighter appearance.

Jno. Briggs returned from an extended visit through different parts of the state Monday afternoon making part of the trip south Merkel. with Mr. Woodroof in his car.

from New Orleans Sunday evening where he has been taking a Post-Graduate course in medicine gradually been giving away to

Mrs. C. W. Williams went to Garnada this week to join her husband Dr. Williams who has established a practice at that place.

Oscar Ash came in from Gorman Tuesday morning where he child, spending most of her life has been working for some time. He will return in a few days to the work.

Your car needs washing and polishing and we are prepared to her family, Mrs. Wheeler. do the work. Merkel Garage tf

C. P. Stephens has returned from Lone Oak where he has been visiting his father and mother. He repor s heavy rains in that part of the country.

Miss Eugene Rister came home Harkrider, E. D. Coats, G. E. Saturday from Ovalo where she Comegys and J. R. Barnett act

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Every Time You Take this Powerful Drug You Are in Danger-Take Bodson's Liver-Tone Instead.

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Rust & McCauley Drug Co. has a liver medicine called Dodson's Liver-Tone which is positively guaranteed to take the place of calomel. It stimulates the liver just enough to start it working, and does not make you sicker than ever-as calomel often does. Dodson's Liver-Tone won't force you to

stop eating or working after taking it. It is as beneficial for children as for adults. Try a bottle today under Rust & Mc-Cauley's guarantee. You know this store is reliable.

Mrs. Susan A. Lynch Dead.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Susan A. Lynch mother of Mis. W. W. Wheeler of this place died at the home of her daughter in

Mrs. Lynch has for the last Dr. W. E. Brown returned twelve years been making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler and of the last few years has ailments resulting from dropsy. This aged lady was a staunch member of the Methodist church, joining the church at an early age. She was born in Mississippi March 23, 1838 and moved to Texas when she was a very small on the frontier. At the time of her death Mrs. Lynch was 75 years and four days old. She is

survived by only one member of Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock Rev. R. A.

Clements conducting the services. Interment took place immediately afterward in Rose Hill cemetery, J. T. Warren, J. P. Sharr, W. L.

League Program.

Subject, A Day of Triumph, Christ's Kingship.

Leader, Simpson Christopher. Voluntary-Miss Ruth Mims. Zech. 9:9-10-Leader. Reading, In the cross of Christ I

glory-Miss Georgia Moore. Song. Responsive reading, Ps. 118:14-19.

Lord's prayer in concert. Hymn, Christ is King. Address, Jesus' Kingship-B. D. Black.

Reading, Luke 19.29-39-Leader. Paper, Jesus the righteous ruler-Miss Eva Walters. The power and beauty of his life-

Dennis McDonald. His power to help and save to the

uttermost-Miss Bertha Harris. Is Christ my king?-Personal question Hymn 420.

Reading and comment-Miss Dorothy Lee Potter.

Song. Offering. Quartette-T. A. Johnson and wife, Dr. O. F. McMaster and wife. Miscellaneous.

Junior League Program.

Subject, Bible Arithmetic. Songs. Prayer. Leader, Merial Christopher. Roll call, response with a verse of scripture from Psalm 19. Addition, 2 Peter 1.5-7-Murphy Subtraction, 1 Peter 2:1-2-Vera Multiplication, 1 Peter 1-2-Beulah Multiplication, 2 Cor. 9-10-Clara Division, 2 Cor. 6:17-18-Victoria Rule of three, 1 Cor. 13:13-Loraine Benediction.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject, The foreigner, east and west. Leader. Flay Gunn. Scripture reading, Acts 17:23-31. Acts 2:5-13-Floyd Dean. John 4:27-42-Will Joe Largent.

2 Cor. 4:1-15-Lytton Howard. Paper, Foreign Immigration and how we can bring them to Christ-Miss Ethel Roberts.

Business, election of officers for 2nd. quarter.

Are You Nervous?

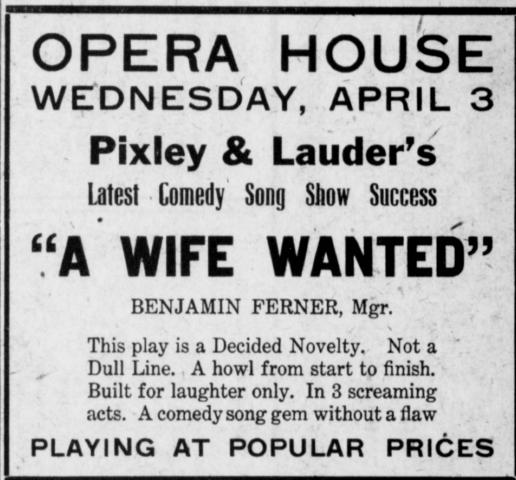
What makes you nervous? It is the weakness of your womanly constitution, which cannot stand the strain of the hard work you do. As a result, you break down, and ruin your entire nervous system. Don't keep this up! Take Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is made from purely vegetable ingredients. It acts gently on the womanly organs, and helps them to do their proper work. It relieves pain and restores health, in a natural manner, by going to the source of the trouble and building up the bodily strength.

TAKE The Woman's Tonic

Mrs. Grace Fortner, of Man, W. Va., took Cardui. This is what she says about it: "I was so weak and nervous, I could not bear to have anyone near me. I had fainting spells, and I lost flesh every day. The first dose of Cardui helped me. Now, I am entirely cured of the fainting spells, and I cannot say enough for Cardui, for I know it saved my life." It is the best tonic for women.

Do you suffer from any of the pains peculiar to women? Take Cardui. It will help you. Ask your druggist.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. 1 50



Fhomas.

Young. Kent. Beard. Lawliss Boyce.

has been teaching school. She ing as pall bearers. will not return as the school ended with last week's work.

Miss Nanny Ozee of Fort Worth returned home Monday morning after having spent a week here with friends and relatives.

W. F. Hamblet is doing some building in the form of adding to the house he has bought and moved on the block just south of the Dr. Brown place on Oak street.

the condition of Nora the sevenyear-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Williams that she will lose the hearing of her left sympathy to the bereaved parents ear from complications having set up from after effects of a case of scarlet fever. We sincerely trust that such will not be the p. m. at the church. case and that her condition will soon be improved.

Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

Notice.

After April 1, 1912 I will stand TOM, (the original Dr. Craddock Jack), at my place three miles south of Trent, Texas the first three days of each week and last three days at my home place three miles west of Merkel. S. A. Derstine. 29t4pd

Dead, Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, Simmins, Miss Sallie Ramires, Sr. Ruperta If not called for will be sent to dead letter office April. 13, 1912. H. W. Derstine, P. M.

Telephone 202 for oil and gas. Merkel Garage.

The Mail joins their host of friends in expressing sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Dies of Scarlet Fever-

Wednesday afternoon Ruby the 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Baker who live one mile northeast of town died

of scarlet fever. The little girl had been very sick for twenty-two days, her fever running very high most of

the time. Burial took place in conducting the services.

The Mail extends deeply felt

Presbyterian Church.

Session meeting Saturday at 2

Sunday school Sunday mornsuperintendent.

A preacher provided by the Methodist conference will preach at the morning and evening hours G. L. Hamilton, paster.

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 trouvles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by for the week ending Mar., 30 1912 mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Serd for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

Buy your oil and gas from the

ZEMO MAKES ASTONISHING ECZEMA CURES

"We Prove It."

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

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

We give you three reasons why we Some fear is entertained as to Rose Hill cemetery yesterday recommend and endorse ZEMO and afternoon, Elder W. G. Cypert ZEMO SOAP for all skin and scalp eruptions

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

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

3rd. They work on a new principle. They do not glaze over the surface, but ing ten o'clock-E. P, McMillen they penetrate to the seat of the trouble and draw the germ of life from under-neath the skin and destroy it. In this way a complete cure is effected in any case of SKIN OR SCALP ERUPTION. Endorsed and sold in Merkel by the

> You find yourself facing the need of First-Class painting or paper-hanging in any of its branches let me tell you how little it will cost you for really first-class work of this kind. I make a specialty of showing how good painting and papering can be done.

POWEL Painter and Paper Hanger

SOUTH SIDE Solicits a share of your patronage during the New Year and promises courteous treatment. Phone No. 44. Opposite T. & P. Depot.

MERKEL

J. A. WOODARD

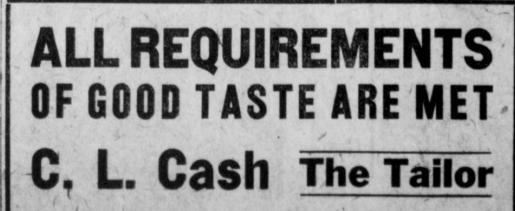
Livery, Feed and Sale Stable

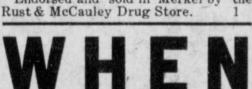
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The City Tailoring Co.

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







NANAKAKAKAKAKAKAKAKAKA PRE-EASTER BARGAIN CARN MORE WEEK IN ONLY ONE WHICH BUYING BEFORE DO At Our Store You Can Obtain That EASTER DRESS FOR ABOUT ONE HALF THE PRICE You Usually Have to Pay

FREE EASTER DRESSES FOR BABIES UNDER 2 YEARS

Selby Shoes for Women===Latest White Slippers===Packard Shoes for Men===Latest Low Cuts===We are Headquarters for Everything New for Easter

Mens Dress Shirt Bargains Greatest Ever

Now is the time to lay in your spring and summer supply. These celebrated Noxall shirts were never sold at these prices before. 75c values, opening sale price 48c \$1.00 Noxall shirts, opening sale price... 75c 1 25 Noxall shirts, opening sale price ... 90c 1 50 Noxall shirts, opening sale price ... \$1.00 Men if you are going to need any shirts this spring or summer it will pay you handsomely to take advantage of these prices.

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Bargains in Laces and Embroideries

Our reputation for handling the largest, prettiest and most complete line of laces and embroideries and selling them at monster save ings to our customers has taken a step for. ward this season as we are showing a much larger line and are selling them for less. -

10c embroideries, opening sale price 5	C
121/2 c embroideries, opening sale price . 71/2	C
15c embroideries, opening sale price 10	C
20c embroideries, opening sale price 12 1/2	C
25c embroideries, opening sale price 15	C
35c embroideries; opening sale price 20	C
50c 18-inch embroidery flouncing 35	C
50c 27-inch embroidery flouncing 25	C
85c 27-inch embroidery flouncing 50	C

15 Cent Laces 5 Cents

Of our entire lace assortment, comprising our 10c, 121/2c, 15c and 20c values we give you

Bargains in Curtain Scrim

You can afford to tear down those old curtains and put up new ones at these prices 20c curtain scrim, opening sale price ... 12 1/2 c 25c curtain scrim, opening sale price..... 15c 35c curtain scrim, opening sale price..... 20c 40c curtain serim, opening sale price 25c

Table Damask Bargains

White Table Damask full width	25c
75c White Table Damask full width	50c
\$1.00 White Table Damask full width	70c
\$1.25 White Table Damask full width	.95c
18c feather ticking	15c
20c feather ticking	16%

Bargains in High-Class Shoes

Style, quality and price make the combination that lifts our shoe department to a higher level than ever.

Our big shoe department is made up of every thing that is new, stylish and good and our prices are ALWAYS SATISFACTORY.

Mens Hat Bargains WE OFFER FOR THIS OCCASION

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All best grade calicoe, opening sale price 4 % c One lot "Ringo" percales, values 8 1-3c opening sale price
One lot "Aunt Dinah" round thread cotton checks, opening sale price
One lot 10c dress ginghams, sale price 8½c One-lot 10c Madras shirting, opening sale price
One lot 10c mattress ticking, sale price 8% c One lot 15c shirting and dress percales
One lot 12 1-2c new spring ginghams opening sale price
One lot 15c spring suiting, sale price 10c One lot 12 1-2c shirting Madras
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First Come, First Served.

We believe in fitting the babies up for Easter, too, and from now till Easter we will give FREE to every baby brought to our store an Embroidery Dress, provided its mother or father buys goods to the amount of \$2.50. BRING ALONG THE BABIES

White Goods at Enormous Savings

Dame Fashion has decreed that this shall be a season of White. If it is possible for us to be stronger in one department than another, we would decide in favor of our White Goods Department, All having been purchased from the Chattin-Norton Stock at about one-half their real value. We will give our customers the advantage of this purchase. 10c checked white lawn, sale price 7 1/2 c 10c and 121/2 c stripe, white lawn 71/2 c 15c 36-inch India Linons, sale price 10c 15c checked white muslin sale price 10c 12 % c white shirting Madras sale price ... 7 % c 15c 36-inch Linene suiting, sale price... 10c 20c English Nainsooks, sale price 12 1/2 c 25c English Nainsooks, sale price 15c 25c shirting Madras, opening sale price. 15c 35c 42-inch checked white goods 20c 40e 46-inch white Persian lawns 20c 50c 46-inch white Persian lawns 25c 50c shirtwaist good satin stripes 25c 36 inch white linen, every thread pure linen, opening sale price 25c Come early, inspect these goods and be convinced of the saving we offer ycu. Hundreds of other equally as good values will be shown you.

Bargains in Novelties

We have every conceivable new thing in the way of novelties to offer you at bargain prices New Hand Bags, Barrettes, pins, bows, etc.

Clothing Bargains Both New and Old

Best	suits	in	0	ùr		8	to	r	8	8	t									 \$12.50
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Dress Goods, Silks & Etc.

\$1.00 to \$1.25 Messaline in all the pretty new shades and stripes for waists and dresses, opening sale price..... 85c 75c novelty silks, new spring shades.... 50c 50c silk stripe voils, all colors sale price. 35c 35c voil tissues and fancy souzine 25c 35c poplins new spring shades, sale price. 25c 25c poplins new spring shades, sale price. 20c 20c poplins new spring shades, sale price. 15c One lot new checked voils, sale price. . 12 1/2 The above prices should suffice to dispell all doubt as to our ability to offer you real bargains in dress goods.



NEW SPRING STYLES IN DRESSES, SUITS AND MILLINERY

BUSTER BROWN

SHOES

BOYS;

GIRLS

Fashion's first arrivals in Suits and Dresses and attractive styles in new Millinery for immediate wear are now being shown. You are invited to inspect these new arrivals-all at moderate prices. :: ::

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Shiloh Clippings.

March 26-On last Thursday our spring-like weather was broken into by a norther accompanied by sleet and snow but we are again having nice warm weather. The fruit crop around here seems to be killed but outside of that everything is in about the same shape.

Mother Winter is still very low.

Mr. Hale and daughter Dee are spending a few days in Dallas.

R. B. Bryan has returned from the east bringing one of his boys back with him.

The liteary society will meet on Saturday night week with a nice program. Everybody invited.

The singing school going on nicely and there is quite an improvement in the class. The school closed on Thursday, 28.

Many of the Shiloh folks attended the singing at Noodle Sunday evening. On Sunday night there was a large crowd gathered at Jim Grayson's to sing. A very fine time was reported. Lon Martin and Joe Winter were in Merkel Monday on business.

Prof. Dubose and W. H. Kendrick spent a delightful day in Abilene Saturday.

C. P. Wortham and family of Newman were visiting Mr. Hodges Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Wortham reports things looking nice around Newman. Booster.

Blair Echoes.

March 26-S. E. Adcock of the Blair Mercantile Company was a passenger to Buffalo Gap last week.

Will and Ted Cozart of McCauley were in Blair last week.

Clarence Demere of Tampa, Fla., is here visiting relatives.

Roger Haynes of Merkel was here Saturday on business.

Pat Addison of Tolon visited F. D. Addison Saturday and Sunday. The singing in the home of J. M.

Reeves Sunday night was enjoyed by all lovers of music.



DES BUSTER BROWN

COMING

Will be here to entertain the parents and children of this town and vicinity.

Don't Fail To See Them

They're the real, live characters, the very ones you want to see and the children should not be allowed to miss them.

BUSTER BROWN AND TIGE ARE COMING TO Merkel, Texas

BUSTER BROWN

They will hold a Grand Reception to which old and young are cordially invited.



OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Dora Doings.

March 23-Health of this community is good at present.

We have been having some more winter. Snow and ice have been on the ground and some seem to think that Friday night was the worst we have had this winter.

Several of the Divide people attended the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth last week. All report a good time.

Glen Jones was visiting on the Divide Sunday.

Fred Slater of Nolan was in Dora Saturday.

Oats sure look bad after the cold spell but don't think they are froze out. Most of the farmers are just waiting for warm weather so they can commence planting. Some have planted feed already,

Pat Powers and wife were visiting in Dora Sunday.

Mr. Hailey is able to sit up. He has been sick for quite a while.

Mrs. Rodgers and Miss Anna Staher visited Mrs. Lucy Phillips Wednesday. C. F. Sanders made a business trip

to Sweetwater one day last week. Albert Robbins and family spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Tom Jinkens.

The singing at Mr. Dalby's Sunday evening was enjoyed by all. Jack.

March 19-Bro Sullivan filled his regular appointment Saturday and Sunday. He is a good preacher and all enjoyed his sermons.

Oats look fine after the pretty weather the last few days. It seems like August it has been so warm.

Adrain Phillips wife and child visited at Wingate Saturday and Sunday.

The party at Pat Powers Saturday night was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stapleton are the proud parents of a fine boy.

C. F. Sanders went to Sweetwater Tuesday.

Dolph Coats and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with C. F. Sanders and family.

Mrs. Jessie visited Mrs. Lucy Phillips Tuesday. Jack.

Rev. Hamilton of Merkel preached at the church Sunday afternoon.

W. N. Moore of Compere was here on business Monday.

F. M. Stephens assistant superintendent of Pecos & Northern Texas Ry. Co. was at Blair Sunday visiting his old friend J. W. King.

The Lone Star Society meets every Friday afternooon with Andrew Mc-Gehee president.

Emma and Arthur Clark attending school at Merkel visited homefolks Sunday.

Miss Velma Clark visited relatives at Merkel Monday.

Misses Hester and Alda Snow were shopping in Blair Tuesday. Quida.

Compere Dots.

March 26-Roman Palmer took some cattle to Merkel Monday.

Messrs. Eugene Spurgin and John Shannon and sister Miss Mollie Shannon went to Noodle Sunday afternoon,

Walter Spurgin made a business trip to Anson this week.

Messrs. Eugene Spurgin, John Shannon, Roman Palmer, Dave Ashby and Bud Adkins were Merkel visitors last week.

There is to be a box supper at the Compere school house Friday night April 5. The funds obtained are to be used for a library. There will be several extry boxes for the visiting ladies. There was a singing at Mr. Palmer's Saturday night.

Most of the farmers have, finished breaking their land.

Several candidates from Anson were in the community last week.

W. N. Moore made a business trip to Blair Monday.

Bro. Will Garrett filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Miss Emma Mashburn who has been weeks will return home this week.

On account of the bad weather the day afternoon. literary society did not meet last Friday night and there will be no meeting feed stuff this week and some few next Friday night on account of the box supper. Grundy.

Noodle Dots. March 26-Health is good this week

Admission Absolutely FREE

and see these famous Come characters in real life.

Reception will be given under the direction of the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company

Friday, April 5

DON'T FORGET THE DATE

Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

visiting her sister in Anson for several with the exception of Mrs. Inez Sose- day. Two professors from Waco were bee who was taken suddenly ill Mon- with us.

planted last week.

Some of the Noodle people were at the fat stock show last week. Our school is progressing nicely.

We had a fine singing at Noodle Sun- | school.

at the singing school. There was a singing at Clide Her-

ring's Saturday night. Supt. L. T. Cunningham of Anson was here last week and made the school a good talk concerning our

Some of the Compere folks were in our community Sunday.

Some of the Noodle boys were in list this week. Merkel last Saturday night.

of Dr. Williams. Dr. Williams is moving away from Noodle. White Dove.

Armstrong Drug Co.

Inkum Items.

March 26-After several days of spring-like weather the sudden fall of 40 degrees in temperature reminded us that spring had not really come but that we were in the grip of one of the worst equinoctial storms that we have known for several years.

Some gardens were looking well but this cold spell injured them and oats are bitten down to the ground.

Mr. Triplett of View who is the mail contractor on the View-Inkum star route did not make his usual trip Friday on account of his family being quarantined there being a case of scarlet fever at his home. Mr. Wilson of View brought the mail in his stead. Miss Gladys Christopher of Merkel who is teaching the Elm Grove school visited homefolks Saturday and Sunday. J. T. Fuqua made a business trip to Abilene Wednesday.

Miss Effie Reynolds visited at Merkel Saturday and Sunday.

Arthur Wilson and Odis Mtchell made a trip to Moro Saturday for cattle. Lewallen & Lewallen of Shep were at Inkum Monday. Observer.

Mulberry News.

March 26-C. S. Harrison made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

Miss Ollie Rogers spent Saturday / and Sunday at Salt Branch with cousins Misses Ona Mae and Ruby Mc-Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Keen have a very sick baby.

Little Jeff and Clyde Chancy have been real sick but we are glad to report them better at this writing.

Dan Chancy, C. S. Harrison and wife spent Sunday evening with D. F. Rogers and family.

Little Zelma Rogers is on the sick

The young people met at J. D. O. S. Sosebee has bought the place Daniels Sunday night and had singing. Dewdrops.

Our stock of Millineery is now A few oak barrels for sale, complete. Be sure and see us for your Easter hat.

There was quite a number of peo-Some of the farmers are planting ple from the Shiloh community present