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DIST. CONFERENCE

Session Just Closed One of The Best That Was Ever Held Here.

OVER 100 MEMBERS ATTEND

Some of the Ablest Preachers in the State Were in Attendance and Their Work Was a Feature of Meeting.

Saturday district conference met at the Methodist church with a representation of some 100 out-of-town members. During the afternoon the work was organized and all preparations were made for the evening services no business of any kind was attended to.

Friday night Rev. Cox of Nugent preached to a well filled house. Saturday morning at nine a. m. the conference opened in full and from nine o'clock until eleven the body spent two hours of diligent work and at the time the business meeting adjourned Rev. Hall of the First church of Abilene preached after which work was discontinued until two p. m. when the regular business was again taken up and adjournment was taken at six p. m. Saturday night Rev. Young preached.

Sunday morning Methodist ministers filled the pulpits of three Merkel churches. Rev. G. M. Putnam, Presiding Elder of the Stamford district filled the pulpit of the Methodist church while Dr. H. A. Boaz, Vice-President of Polytechnic college preached at the Presbyterian church and Rev. Griswold President of the Stamford college preached at the Baptist church.

The sermon of Rev. Putnam was very invoking and at many times men were touched by the appeal he was making and they could be seen to slowly dry away tears that came in unrestrainable quantities and when his sermon was finished it was with no physical ease that the song service was carried on by the hoarse male voices of the congregation, so touching had the sermon been delivered.

At three p. m. Sunday afternoon all members who could attend assembled at the Methodist church for a love feast conducted by Rev. M. H. Hudson. Sunday night Rev. Culver, President of Polytechnic college preached.

Monday morning at nine o'clock the regular business was again taken up and carried on until eleven when Rev. Thomas Barcus of Anson preached and at two o'clock p. m. the regular business was again taken up and continued until six p. m. when the business of the conference was finished.

Monday night at 7:45 Dr. H. A. Boaz preached and with his sermon there came to an end a very happy and successful conference, the delegates departing to their respective homes with many thanks to the Merkel people for their hospitality.

Some of the Abilene candidates were in Merkel Saturday afternoon shaking hands with old friends and meeting the voters. Those guilty were Thos. A. Bledsoe, Tom St. John and J. C. Bureson.

THE MERKEL COUNTRY A WINNER

In our contention that we have the best town and country in this part of the state for farming and stock raising we have the indisputable evidence to establish our claim in the mind and heart of any fair and unprejudiced prospector or investor. The country, level valley and table land with deep and fertile soil surrounding Merkel makes our claim for the town good, and the goods produced in the country is incontrovertible evidence of its fertility and productiveness.

There was marketed at Merkel this season, a very unfavorable one, more than eleven thousand bales of cotton, which amount is about one-half of the total raised and ginned in Taylor county. Let this item soak good and deep and then reflect that in our little town of less than 2500 people, after three years of drouthy and depressed conditions we have on deposit in our three banks more than \$300,000, individual money of our merchants, farmers and stock raisers. In appreciation of this item which is a sure index to the condition of any community look further and note that our loans total only \$230,000 and the amount borrowed by any and all of our banks is the sum of \$10,000. Thus, after the three hard years which have been heralded over the world as disastrous to our farming and business interests we have sufficient money to finance our interests and plenty of feed to run us until another crop is harvested.

So much for our farming and business interests, and we submit the following in substantiation of our claim to the best stock raising country on the map. It is known that our native mesquite grass and growth possesses more nourishment than any grass known, and with our milo maize, kafir corn, sorghum and other feed crops we can grow a young mule, horse colt, steer calf or pig to maturity cheaper than any country east of the 90th meridian. Our climate coupled with the nutritious grass and feedstuff also develops a better animal.

The Merkel Blue Ribbon Herefords captured more blue ribbons and premium money than any herd at the Fat Stock Show this year, capturing blue ribbons and sweepstake championships to make a list to fill a column of our newspaper. At the same show "Adelaide Squire" a Merkel stallion exhibited by Holbert & Sons won sweepstake championship in the Hackney class. We published the picture of the best grass-grown mule in the state and have a hackney colt, some premium-winning jacks and horses which were not exhibited.

The Merkel country will charm the prospector looking for a home where he may engage in stock farming and release himself and family from the shackles of the one-crop idea and high money rents.

The Merkel country is a winner and now offers the best opportunities in its history for investment.

TWO MENINGITIS CASES NEAR CAPS

Dr. L. W. Hollis reported two cases of meningitis to County Health Officer Cash Saturday, the cases being in the family of Dabney Harvey who resides in the Circle Cross pasture 11½ miles southwest of this city.

The first case developed was that of the 8-year-old son who became ill Tuesday night and the other case is that of Miss Ferguson, teacher of the Circle Cross school who is boarding with the Harvey family, and she became ill Thursday.

Dr. Hollis was out to see the patients twice Saturday and went down again Sunday night to remain over night, as the little boy is in a precarious condition and was reported as having convulsions in the afternoon.

Miss Ferguson is not in such a bad condition as the child and is reported as slightly improved.—Abilene Reporter.

Blanton For District Judge

The Mail is requested this week to announce to the people in the Merkel country the candidacy of Judge Thomas L. Blanton for re-election to the office of judge of this district. The Mail asks that our readers give careful consideration to the claims of Judge Blanton before casting their ballot.

D. T. Harkrider was a visitor in Merkel the first of the week looking after his claims for county tax collector.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Rates.

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| For District Offices..... | \$7.50 |
| For County Offices..... | 7.50 |
| For Precinct Offices..... | 5.00 |
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TAYLOR COUNTY CANDIDATES

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| For District Judge 42nd District | Dallas Scarborough | Thos. L. Blanton. | | |
| For Representative Taylor County | J. M. Wagstaff | | | |
| For County Judge: | E. M. Overshiner | T. A. Bledsoe | | |
| 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. Bureson | |
| 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

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| For Tax Collector | W. R. Cranston |
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E. H. Cordell, J. A. Collins and H. R. Hicks were business callers in Abilene this week.

RABBITS EATING THE OAT CROPS

Reports from many parts of the country say that the Jack Rabbits are worse this year than for years and that they are taking to the oat crops and all small vegetation in the way of garden stuff.

One of the best ways to rid the community of these pesky critters is given by a farmer living near Caps. He says that if a person will fasten a lantern or head light on their head and go out in the early part of the night that they can kill a boat load of the varmints in a very short time. It seems that the rabbits are blinded by the glare of the light and a person can walk up within a few feet of them and with a shot gun can do death and destruction to the rabbit ranks.

Week-End Revivals.

It was decided last Sunday to discontinue the week-end revival meetings that have been in progress for some time. These services have been a success in several ways but the conference of local ministers was held and it was decided that for the time being it would be best to let the work stop in order that they could use the time in other ways and make ready for the summer work that is presenting itself.

A. C. Rose returned from Dallas Friday morning where he has been attending the state meeting of Hardware Dealers.

BIG FLOOD DAMAGE

Four Rivers in the Middle North are on the Worst Ramage in Years.

THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS

Water is far Above the Danger Line in Most All Country bordering the Mississippi, Ohio and Cumberland Rivers.

Memphis, Tenn., April 3.—Two hundred miles of levees Tuesday night had held the greatest volume of water known in Mississippi river history.

Early spring freshets due to heavy rainfall on watersheds of the Ohio, Tennessee and Cumberland rivers caused the rivers to rise.

The crest is not in sight, an average rise of about two feet being yet expected in the district between the vicinity of Hickman, Ky., and Helena, Ark.

"Forty-four or higher" is the prediction at Memphis, where several hundred people were driven from their homes when a small levee broke, and where street car traffic is partially suspended, railroad service irregular and the gas plant threatened. The flood stage at Memphis is 35.

One of the two levees at Hickman, Ky., broke, rendering 2,400 people homeless and throwing out of work several hundred men. The larger levee protecting the main portion of Hickman seems to be holding its own against the flood.

Nashville, Tenn., April 3.—The gauge on the Cumberland river this morning read forty-seven and one fourth feet with the river still rising at a fast rate.

Hundreds of families have been forced to flee for their lives and leave their homes as quickly as they could.

In the vicinity of Cario, Ill., two out-side levees broke today, one in Scott county, near Commerce, and another back of Birds Point, Mo. These outlets have relieved to some extent the strain at Cario, and has given those fighting to hold the water within bounds at that city fresh hope. At Birds Point a negro was drowned the first fatality of the flood.

At Point Pleasant, Mo., where the river went through several days ago a mile of levee is gone. The lowlands are flooded to a depth of four to five feet and the water is pouring into the St. Francis river basin. This is all the immediate basin of that river can stand.

Linda, Mo., is threatened. At that point the bank has caved to a point of danger and every available man is at work building a short loop around the danger zone. If this is completed before the levee goes out it is believed the water will be held.

Tuesday afternoon a number of ladies met at the Church of Christ and prepared a box to send to the Belle Haven Orphan Home at Luling, Texas. The home is being closely looked after and it is said that Mrs. Clark, the lady in charge, is doing some fine work in training the little fellows that are placed under her care.

Lewis H. King was transacting business in Abilene Monday.

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Grandma Winter Dead.

On last Saturday morning death called Mrs. N. M. Winters of the Shiloh community, one of the oldest settlers in this country.

Her death came not as a surprise to her friends but as a source of anguish to all who know her for she was with much regret that the good lady up. Mrs. Winter was a member of the Methodist church having joined when at a very tender age. She was born in Georgia during the year of 1836 and moved to Texas with her parents in the year of 1860 and had been a resident of the Merkel country for the past 22 years and at the time of her death was 86 years, one month and ten days old.

Mrs. Winter is survived by ten children as follows: Sam Winter, Mrs. Mary Jane McReynolds, Terrell Winter, George Winter, Mrs. Susan Shelton, Mrs. Homer Greene, Mrs. Sarah Waldon, Marion Winter, Joe Winter and Billie Winter.

The Mail extends condolence to the bereaved relatives.

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. Darstine. 29t4pd

ONE ATTACK FOLLOWS ANOTHER

Has That Been Your Experience Taking Calomel for Constipation?—Try Dodson's Liver-Tone Next Time.

Many people take calomel to cure constipation and it does cure it for one day, but two or three days later they are sicker than ever. That is one of the after-effects of calomel. This is the reason why Rust & McCauley's drug store will not guarantee calomel to be harmless. But we do guarantee Dodson's Liver-Tone to be a perfect substitute for calomel. Dodson's Liver-Tone will cure constipation and bilious attacks and keep them cured, by stimulating and toning-up the liver to do its best work. It is a vegetable liquid with a pleasant taste and is harmless to children as well as grown people. It lives up the liver by natural methods, does not act so strongly as to weaken the body, but is safe and sure just the same. You can buy a bottle today from Rust & McCauley with the assurance of your money back if it fails in your case.

The folklore tales of the south and of the West Indies are often similar, the only difference being in the hero of the plot. Brer Rabbit is the hero of southern folklore tales; Bo Anancy takes the leading part in the West Indian epic. Geographical dissimilarity of origin explains the difference; the rabbit stories are of Congolese or Bantu origin; Anancy stories originated on the gold coast. The rabbit was the totem from which the Bantus were supposed to be descended, while the Tshi-speaking tribes, from whom West Indian negroes trace their descent, had the anancy, or spider, as their totem. In the Anancy stories wild animals have the gift of speech; they converse freely with men and live on easy social terms with them.—Samuel B. Jones, in the Southern Workman.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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

Care of the Eyes.

If a woman has the slightest difficulty with her sight, she should lose no time in consulting an oculist. Nothing will bring undesirable crows feet more quickly than straining the eyes, and local treatment to prevent the lines will be inefficient if the seat of the trouble is not attended to. It is far better to wear glasses when sewing and writing than to let the whole face have a drawn and aged look.

Of course, massaging about the corners of the eyes will make a tremendous improvement in a woman's appearance, but the work will be without results unless she does it regularly every night. Also, if she is trying to smooth away crows' feet, she must remember that stroking is not to be done so severely as to loosen the skin, which would cause bagginess but merely that friction is to stimulate circulation, nourishing the skin tissues.

A TEXAS WONDER.

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

Continuous Tungsten.

After three years' research work, a British concern has succeeded, so it is said, in producing tungsten in such a form that it could be drawn into a continuous wire one-thousandth of an inch in thickness, used in any length or bent to any shape. At the same time, its tensile strength has been increased.

Hitherto tungsten has only been producible in short lengths. The new discovery makes it possible to use a continuous wire in the lamp, so that the risk of breakage is reduced to a minimum and the life of the lamp considerably extended.

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HEARD IN MERKEL.

Bad Backs Made Strong—Kidney Ills Corrected.

All over Merkel you hear it. Doan's Kidney Pills are keeping up the good work, curing weak kidneys, driving away backache, correcting urinary ills. Merkel people are telling about it—telling of bad backs made sound again. You can believe the testimony of your own townspeople. They tell it for the benefit of you who are suffering. If your back aches, if you feel lame, sore and miserable, if the kidneys act too frequently, or passages are painful, scanty and off color, use Doan's Kidney Pills, the remedy that has helped so many of your friends and neighbors. Follow this Merkel citizen's advice and give Doan's a chance to do the same for you.

Mrs. M. E. Pee, Merkel, Texas, says: "We have used Doan's Kidney Pills for some time and they have never failed to cure kidney complaint. I had suffered from weak kidneys for quite awhile and as Doan's Kidney Pills had been used by other members of my family, I began taking them. They cured me quickly and permanently. I can recommend this remedy as one that does just as represented."

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.

Shriners to Big Springs.

Early last Sunday morning a special train passed through here enroute to Big Springs. It was loaded to the top with Shriners who had joined the party at different points between here and Dallas. Merkel was represented in the affair by G. E. Comegys and W. N. Hall both Masons and members of the Shrine. They returned Tuesday day morning and report one of the most successful meetings that was ever held in this part of the country and they also report over 50 new Shriners as the result of the Dallas lodge making the trip for the purpose of conferring the Shriners degree. A banquet was given at the Cole hotel Monday night and from the drowsy appearance of the Merkel-members we judge that the good-to-eats were in abundance.

Business Change.

Last week J. A. Woodard sold his livery business and the property on which the business is located to John R. Daniel but from being so accustomed to the line of work it was the first of this week before Mr. Woodard could find out that he was not a member of the firm so turned the management over to the new buyer the first of April. It is Mr. Woodard's request that his friends continue their business with Mr. Daniel and thanks them for their past favors and patronage.

'12 OUR GOOD READERS '13 The Old and The New '13

We wish to thank the following people for their yearly subscriptions including three six month and two three month subscriptions:

City: C. V. Bigham, J. T. Howard, Joe Holmes, Dr. J. A. Adkisson, T. A. Johnson, W. E. Adams, G. M. Cauthen, B. D. Pressley.

Routes: J. H. McMurray, W. F. Patterson, Mrs. M. A. Douglass, J. R. Hester, W. C. Reid.

Others: D. F. Daniel, Sealey; Thos. A. Bledsoe, Abilene; D. W. Williams and E. L. Dillard, Blossom; Chas. A. Fryar, Waxahachie; Robert I. Grimes, Dallas; Mrs. F. A. Whitley, Navasota; Lee D. Williams, Noodle; C. J. Whisenhunt, Lone Oak; L. L. Miller, Farmersville; Holland Teaff, Waco; D. D. Coats, Nubia; G. B. Brown, Roscoe; O. A. Phillips, Dora.

Merkel vs. Abilene.

It was Merkel's day against Abilene on last Saturday and the home boys took a closely contested game by the score of 9 to 8 and considering the condition of the Merkel team at that time it looks that our team is a better working machine than the visitors for they had been working as the days would permit but it has been some time since the home team worked any at all and were called upon to defend themselves against a team of more practice. The batteries for Merkel were Woodrum and Jones and for Abilene, Andrews and Adams. The features of the game was the hitting of Howard and Jennings of Merkel and the hitting of Griffith of Abilene.

The Abilene boys are preparing to turn the tables when the home boys go down there next week. The Merkel boys are also working out a little at times just to keep in form.

Stock Breeders' Notice.

The Armstrong Jack and my two horses will make this season at my barn 5 miles north of Merkel for \$10.00 to insure.

ltpd James Patterson.

Missionary From China Here.

Tuesday evening at the Baptist church Rev. W. Eugene Salle assisted by his wife gave a lecture on foreign mission work and the country of China. Rev. Salle has spent eight years in missionary work in China and his knowledge of the foreign country is very wide and his lecture was heartily enjoyed by all who attended.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

H. F. Groene was a business visitor in Big Springs this week.

Mrs. Bob Godwin of Roscoe came in Tuesday morning on a visit to friends and relatives.

Be sure and attend the Big Spring Opening and Easter Sale at Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

W. H. Sewell of Abilene was in our midst the past week looking after his candidacy and meeting old friends.

A valuable dressing for flesh wounds, burns, scalds, old sores, rash, chafed skin is Ballard's Snow Liniment, it is both healing and antiseptic. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Mrs. S. W. Shaver of Fort Worth was here during the past week visiting her brothers, W. E. and E. M. Britain.

Our stock of Millinery is now complete. Be sure and see us for your Easter hat. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Mrs. Georgia Easterwood came in from Midland Tuesday night in answer to a message telling her that her mother, Grandma Coggin, is very sick.

A prudent mother is always on the watch for symptoms of worms in her children. Paleness, lack of interest in play, and peevishness is the signal for White's Cream Vermifuge. A few doses of this excellent remedy puts an end to the worms and the child soon acts naturally. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

H. F. Wheeler of Colorado an old-timer in the Merkel country was in town this week shaking hands with friends. It always seems like good old times when we see him on the street and from indications we are going to have them.

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 Co.

The Baptist Philathea Class will give an Easter egg hunt Saturday April 6 from 4 to 6 o'clock on Mrs. G. A. Rister's lawn. Refreshments will be served and a good time is guaranteed to all. Children especially invited.

You can get genuine Mebane Cotton Seed at Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co. Every farmer should get a start of this seed. It gives a better turn out than any other cotton.

Houston Watkins of Clyde was here last week attending the Methodist district conference.

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It has been reported that Mrs. R. E. Bowles had scarlet fever but it is a mistake, but she has pneumonia.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Miss Sophia Howard was here Saturday visiting homefolks.

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

Ben L. Peek of Abilene made a professional call in Merkel last week.

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

Miss Cecil Wilson, of Abilene visited her cousin Miss Cleo Wilson Bowler Sunday.

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

Miss Claire Tate of Abilene made her usual weekly visit in Merkel Monday afternoon.

Miss Mamie Belle Stephenson of Abilene was the week-end guest of Miss Duncan Browning

For rheumatism you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. Try it and see how quickly it gives relief. For sale by all dealers.

Miss Grace Sandefer and Miss Cecil Haley of Abilene were here the last week visiting the family of W. E. Britain.

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

Morgan Covington and Floyd Hardin of Abilene were transacting business in Merkel one day last week.

"My little son had a very severe cold. I was recommended to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and before a small bottle was finished he was as well as ever," writes Mrs. H. Silks, 29 Dowling Street, Sydney Australia. This remedy is for sale by all dealers.

Mrs. Rufus Grisham returned to her home at Hamlin last Tuesday morning. She was also accompanied by her little daughter who goes to Hamlin as a stranger to that country.

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.

W. D. Woodroof lately of Merkel was in town Monday and Tuesday looking after business affairs.

You will look a good while before you find a better medicine for coughs and colds than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It not only gives relief—it cures. Try it when you have a cough or cold, and you are certain to be pleased with the prompt cure which it will effect. For sale by all dealers.

J. A. Woodard is spending a few days this week with his parents in Roscoe.

Miss Ina Jobe entertained at her home in South Merkel Tuesday evening with games of 42. Those present were Misses Myrtle Conner, Josephine Saunders, Inice Moon, Lizzie Calvert, and Messrs. Ollie Sharp, Robt. Hicks, Otis Barnett and Homer Jobe.

Bad breath, bitter taste, dizziness and a general "no account" feeling is a sure sign of a torpid liver. Herbine is the medicine needed. It makes the liver active, vitalizes the blood, regulates the bowels and restores a fine feeling of cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Tuesday afternoon the condition of little Nora Williams was such that she was taken to Abilene for an operation. She rested very well through the evening and it is hoped that she will soon be on the road to recovery.

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

Mrs. Jno. Childers of Trent came down Wednesday morning to visit her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes.

To have a fine healthy complexion—the liver must be active, the bowels regular and the blood pure. All this is brought about by using Herbine. It thoroughly scours the liver, stomach and bowels, puts the body in fine condition and restores that clear, pink and white complexion so much desired by ladies. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

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

GOOD ROADS—CHAPTER MBCC.

The Sun has heard it intimated in a roundabout way that the farmers in Grand Saline precinct are just a little bit ashamed that they voted against the bond issue for good roads last year, and that they are actually circulating a petition among themselves for another election. The business men of Grand Saline were willing last year to help in the good roads work but now they say that they can make out with the bad roads if the farmers can. Of course they will not vote against a bond issue but it's strictly up to the farmers to get busy if they want good roads.—Grand Saline Sun.

The farmers are more concerned for good roads than any other class, yet as a rule they are the staunchest opponents of road bond issues. The tax required on road bonds does not come altogether out of the farmers' pockets. The merchants, the bankers, the ginners and millers, the railroads and the owners of city real estate all pay their proportion of road taxes, but to hear some farmers talk one would imagine that only the automobilists get the advantage of good roads and only the farmers pay for same. It is an incontrovertible fact that bad roads cost country people a great deal more than good roads cost them.—Dallas News.

FROM DEMONSTRATION AGENT PEEL.

Having practically covered the whole country and talked with at least a few farmers of each section I am impressed that the majority of our farmers are not as wide awake as they should be on the subject of selecting and planting good seed. So I urge you to not get careless about this matter, but get very busy and don't let up until you have secured the best seed that you can no matter what crop you are planting. This is a very important matter.

Taking into consideration that we have a fine season in the land, in many instances good seed beds prepared and the present outlook very promising, let's don't fall down on a crop just by being careless enough to plant any old kind of seed. Referring to the old adage that "like begets like" we cannot hope for good or satisfactory results from the planting of inferior seeds.

The unfavorable weather has caused me to get somewhat behind with my work, and there may be some demonstrators and co-operators that I may not see before planting time, and I take this method of advising with you.

Yours for a prosperous year. F. A. Peel.

The some law which binds man to Christian brotherhood binds him to Christian citizenship. A man can no more lay aside his duty to himself and his fellow citizens than he can lay aside the light of God's truth.

If you want to find fault, get on the inside; don't stand on the outside and sneer.

THOSE EASTER HATS.

Eggs! What slush! Pish and tush!
 Such rank nonsense makes one blush.
 If you're very wise, you're jerry
 Easter's simply millinery.
 Just one thing about it, that's
 Those sweet, scrumptious Easter Hats.

Man and maid on dress parade
 Gorgeously they're arrayed;
 Stately mommers, pompous poppers,
 Rustling silks and shiny toppers,
 Lace and ribbons, light crayats
 And those darling Easter Hats.

Now we view Saintly Sue
 Tripping down the avenue.
 Fuss and feather linked together,
 Fluffy-ruffle, patent leather
 And, on its supporting rat,
 See that perfect Easter Hat!

Heaven-bent, I too went
 To a pastor eloquent.
 Dear were the delights I tasted,
 But the sermon—that was wasted.
 All I saw from where I sat
 Was the latest Easter Hat.—Exchange.

A COMPARISON.

Prepared especially for the Merkel Mail by the Texas Commercial Secretaries Association.

The result of our efforts to enforce the full rendition law is accurately determined by a comparison of the reports in the Comptroller's office with that of the Federal Census Bureau for the past two decades on the valuation of farm lands. Using the Census Enumerators' figures as representing the true value of property, land was assessed in 1900 at 65 per cent of its true value and in 1910 at 45 per cent, a reduction of 20 per cent. The Census Reports show the average value of farm land in the state in 1910 to be \$14.53 per acre and the Comptrollers show it was assessed at an average of \$6.85 per acre, which is 45 per cent of its true value.

The farm land in Taylor county was assessed at \$8.45 per acre and valued by the Census Enumerators at \$23.87 per acre.

THE DISCOVERY OF THE SOUTH POLE.

The planting of the flag of Norway at the south pole closes the age of land discovery on this planet, as it leaves no part of the earth's surface that has not been explored by civilized man.

But the discoverers should despair. There are boundless areas awaiting conquest in Texas. We have in this state vast continents of agriculture, new zones of trade and new planets of prosperity to be discovered, and we invite men of enterprise, dash and energy to sail the high seas of our possibilities, to colonize our opportunities, and give us a new world to live in. Texas needs discoverers.

Any town that expects to grow has got to work. Opportunities are not known unless you advertise them. Publicity is the key to success. Tell the truth and build up a firm foundation. There is enough good in the truth without having to misrepresent.

The Wooten Grocery Company of Abilene has filed an amendment increasing its capital stock from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Reports received from Washington indicate that the new dreadnought "Texas" will be launched in the early part of May at Newport News, Va.

Are you obstructing the wheels of a Texas town? If you are, look out! You will get run over.

Members of the Texas Welfare Commission



The Commission will hold open session during 1912 at the following places: Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Austin and Abilene.

YOU WANT JOB? a Better JOB?

That question will be asked you almost daily by business men seeking your services, if you qualify—take the Draughon Training—and show ambition to rise. More BANKERS indorse DRAUGHON'S Colleges than indorse all other business colleges COMBINED. 48 Colleges in 18 States. International reputation.

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Shorthand. Practically all U. S. official court reporters write the System of Shorthand Draughon Colleges teach. Why? Because they know it is the best.

DRAUGHON'S PRACTICAL BUSINESS COLLEGE
 Dallas, Houston, Austin, Galveston, San Antonio, Abilene, Denison, Amarillo, Texarkana, or El Paso, Texas.

Expensive Bravery.

The manager of a shooting gallery patronized by women was glad to get another pupil, but he could not exactly sympathize with her husband's motive for urging her to acquire crack marksmanship.

"One night when she was staying alone up in the country a burglar got into the house," the husband said, "and she had to fire six shots at him before she touched him, and then she only grazed the tail of his coat. It's wicked extravagance to waste cartridges like that, and she's got to shoot."

Why He Was Late.

"What made you so late?"

"I met Smithson."

"Well, that is no reason why you should be an hour late getting home to supper."

"I know, but I asked him how he was feeling, and he insisted on telling me about his stomach trouble."

"Did you tell him to take Chamberlain's Tablets?"

"Sure, that is what he needs."

Sold by all dealers.

ELECTRIC BITTERS THE BEST FOR BILIOUSNESS AND KIDNEYS.

Why We Shake Hands.

A writer in the New York Sun has unearthed the following explanation of a common custom:

How many of us, for instance, know why friends shake hands when they meet? The Chinese are said to shake their own hands in greeting, with an air of cordial delight. Why do people of the so-called civilized nations prefer to shake each other by the hand? We are told that it is an old Roman custom, spread by the Romans throughout the countries of their dominion. Shaking hands means, "You are my friend. Believe it for the excellent reason that if you were not I should draw my sword. And how could I draw my sword with my shield upon my left arm and my right hand firmly clasped in yours?" So when we shake hands we are merely saying in the pantomime of ancient Rome: "There is peace and good will between us, for our swords are in their scabbards."

Rub the joints with Ballard's Snow Linctament to relieve rheumatism. It penetrates the flesh to the bone conveying its soothing and restorative influence to the spot where the pain exists. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

PROGRESS OF WEST TEXAS

Diversified Crops Now Claiming Attention of Producers With Good Results Already Apparent.

By Frank A. Briggs, Staff Correspondent Dallas News, March 15.

Sweetwater, March 14.—The progress made in the development of cities and towns in Central West Texas during the last three years has been sufficient to cause considerable amazement among those who have heard the stories of drouth and hard times which have gone the rounds of the state. The go-ahead spirit of the people did not dry up during the drouth, nor blow away when the winds came sweeping over the prairies, but manifested itself in paving and beautifying the streets; in erecting new homes and the general preparation for the business to come.

Hopeful of the Future.

Conditions in Abilene, Merkel and Sweetwater are similar to those found in other Central West Texas cities previously mentioned in these articles. General improvement is noted in the towns, while the farmers have made preparations for a large acreage of staple crops. Prospects are bright for an abundant yield. Progressive producers who plowed early and deep and who prepared their seed beds with the view of conserving moisture are practically assured crops. Others, if rain falls in April or May, will also make good crops, and because of the good season already in the ground, men of all classes are encouraged to further their effort in the city and country development.

Large Acreage of Feedstuffs.

The largest acreage of oats in the history of the country has been put in and good stands are reported. Preparations for an increased acreage of maize, kafir corn and sorghum have been made, while not a few will try peanuts. The general disposition is to diversify, and this is being urged by farm demonstrators and by business men who are beginning to appreciate the fact that a one-crop country is far less prosperous than one in which general farming is practiced.

Traveling men, who have made this country from year to year ever since railroads were built into it, confirm all reports of crop prospects, not only in the section immediately referred to in these letters, but in all countries in Central West and West Texas. These men are in close touch with general conditions. They are unanimous in their report that conditions have not been equaled in many years. Merchants are not buying heavily and farmers are holding expenses down to the minimum. Results of the last three years have made action necessary, but actual failures have been few and business men generally are in position to tide over until a crop is made and marketed.

Combination Farms.

A large acreage of feedstuffs, a few good cows, a few hogs and plenty of poultry is a winning combination in this country, as well as any other. This sort of farming is not generally practiced here, but its advocates are increasing in number. The old idea that nothing must be grown that cannot be sold in the crude form still prevails, but the exceptions are frequent enough to furnish the necessary demonstra-

tion to those who will not listen, but who can be shown.

Conservation of Moisture.

The practice of drilling cotton seed, maize or kafir corn into unplowed land on the theory that if it rains some crop will be made and if it doesn't it won't make any difference, is not so common as a few years ago. The drouth of the last three years has driven that class of farmers, if farmers they can be called, out of the country. Those who remained are the true pioneers of the farming industry and are making good. They are the ones who had the advice of practical experts and are adopting methods of moisture conservation.

Building of Cities.

Sweetwater has made wonderful progress in city building and is pushing the work with energy. Dry weather did not even perceptibly delay the transportation of the village into a city of considerable pretensions. Recently eleven blocks of asphalt macadam paving were laid and plans are ready for the laying of thirty additional blocks, property owners to pay two-thirds of the cost. This work was planned during the drouth. In addition to paving the streets of the city \$100,000 is being expended on country roads.

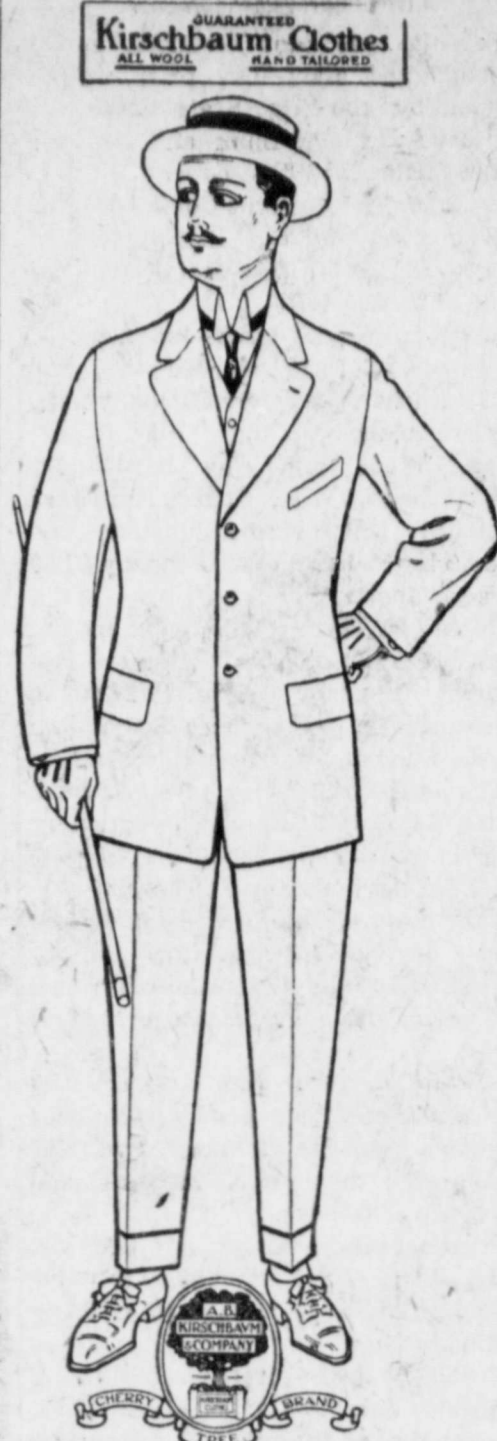
Abilene is also spending \$150,000 in building macadam roads, those completed giving such perfect satisfaction that opponents of the bond issue have been converted. Abilene has also weathered the drouth period and is in a position to prosper with the making of the next crop. Merkel, lying between Abilene and Sweetwater, a thriving city of 2,000, is encouraging farm development and has on display many photographs of fields that have received proper attention and which produced large crops even in dry times.

Housing of Tenants.

The proper housing of tenants is still a problem, the solution of which is yet to come. Those who are charged with the duty of inducing immigration find their hardest work in securing rent farms with comfortable homes. Intelligent men do not always go into a new country and purchase land at once. Many prefer renting for a for a year or two before investing. Intelligent farmers of the tenant class also demand comfortable homes for their families, and the most desirable citizens are often turned away because landlords refuse to provide respectable quarters. The problem is a large one, but one which must be solved before best results are obtained from the efforts of the commercial clubs, newspapers and railroads to settle unoccupied lands and develop natural resources.

A Log on the Track

of the fast express means serious trouble ahead if not removed, so does loss of appetite. It means lack of vitality, loss of strength and nerve weakness. If appetite fails, take Electric Bitters quickly to overcome the cause by toning up the stomach and curing the indigestion. Michael Hesseimer of Lincoln, Neb., had been sick over three years, but six bottles of Electric Bitters put him right on his feet again. They have helped thousands. They give pure blood, strong nerves, good digestion. Only 50c at H. C. Curroughs.



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Merkel, Texas

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XXX. ENCHANTMENT

CLEOPATRA sailed down the Nile and by her personal beauty and the grandeur of her retinue, conquered Anthony and with her charms held him captive until the sighs of Fulvia blew up the fires in the Senate and the Roman government crushed her crown. It is said this Egyptian beauty could, with a smile, change the map of Europe, but with all her subtle charms and native beauty, she is known as the "Serpent of the Nile." Many a beautiful craft of gilded opinions is floating down the political seas and stirs us with the image of its beauty, but, like the "Serpent of the Nile," its influence is degrading and its practices destructive.



CLEOPATRA CAPTURING ANTHONY.

Let those who aspire to public leadership understand that beauty and wisdom seldom walk together; that theories fair as a poet's dream, when embraced, bite like a serpent and sting like an adder and remorse, with all its vipers, will fill the land. There is no better evidence of weakness in leaders than a desire to grasp at things that dazzle and glitter. Texas Needs Great Men.

To Citizens of Taylor County.

I will kindly ask you to withhold your judgment, after reading my opponent's circular, until you have my answer. I will promise that unless I can prove conclusively that Scarborough's circular is untruthful, unfair, misleading and malicious, I will resign my position. There is hardly a subdivision in the entire document that is based upon facts. It is, indeed, like the ordinary pleading of an attorney, wherein everything imaginable is alleged, regardless of sustaining proof.

Unfortunately, I have some little children sick with the whooping-cough and scarlet fever, and every moment of my time which can be taken from my official duties, will be devoted to their nursing, otherwise my answer would have been with you already. It has taken Scarborough and his bunch of legal cohorts since February 22 to compile this "Defendants Original Answer," but mere allegations will not avail him when I produce positive proof to the contrary. In the meantime remember this: You must select a Judge who will suit either the lawyers or the people. He cannot suit both. Sincerely yours, (adv) Thomas L. Blanton.

R. H. Collins returned from Red River county last week with a shipment of cattle which he will get in shape for better markets.

Trained Men Wanted.

Trained men and women are constantly sought for thousands of good jobs. The "want columns" of every big daily contain numerous advertisements for bookkeepers and stenographers. If you try the right training, you will not have to look for a job; the job will look for you. You can get the training—the Draughton Training—by Mail or at College. Write Jno. F. Draughton, president, Nashville, Tenn., for prices on lessons by Mail. If you want to see a catalogue issued by the best Business College in the country—an institution endorsed by business men—address Draughton's Practical Business College, Abilene, Amarillo or El Paso.

Found Dead in Bed.

A M. Oliver, an elderly man about 70 years old, was found dead in bed Saturday morning at the home of his son C. S. Oliver about two miles north of Caps. He is supposed to have died from heart failure some time during the night. Justice H. Rob Keeble was notified and left for the scene of the death early Saturday. Owing to a breakdown on the way he did not reach there until nearly one o'clock in the afternoon. An inquest was held and a verdict returned that the deceased came to his death from heart failure.—Abilene Reporter.

J. I. Leamon of Trent was in town the first of the week.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Saturday afternoon the members of the Twentieth Century Club were royally entertained at the home of Mrs. L. Sparkman on Locust street. Promptly at 3:30 p. m. the club was called to order by Mrs. Hamilton. Twelve members responded to roll call with quotations from the play under discussion. After a short business session the lesson, II Act of Twelfth Night was conducted by Mrs. M. D. Angus. Character sketches were given by members of the club. Mesdames W. A. Scott, an ex-member, and Mrs. Southall were pleasant visitors. Mrs. Scott assisted the hostess in serving delicious refreshments. Members present were Misses Lucy Bean, Duncan Browning, Orra Long, Ruth Mims, Maud Martin, Mesdames M. D. Angus, G. H. Adams, J. W. Daniel, W. H. Dickson, J. G. Hale, G. L. Hamilton, L. Sparkman, visitors Mesdames Scott and Southall. The club will meet with Mrs. G. H. Adams next time. Miss Orra Long leader.

Twentieth Century Club Questions.

- Lesson, Twelfth Night, Act III. Does the passage between Viola and the clown contribute anything to the plot? When Viola rejects Olivia's advances what reaction takes place in Olivia's feelings? How is the device of the ring that Olivia sent after Viola disposed of? What is the feigned and what the real reason that Olivia gives to Viola to induce her to come again? What is the reason of Sir Andrew's discouragement over his wooing of Olivia? How is the occasion for the duel between Viola and Sir Andrew provided? What is the humorous irony in Sir Toby's description of the challenge? What is the dramatic function of scene three? Why does Shakespeare make the heroine of the drama the butt of one of Sir Toby's and Fabian's jokes? What is the dramatic purpose of Antonio's mistake in supposing Viola to be Sebastian? What does Viola, in a soliloquy, say which unmistakably foreshadows the resolution of the drama? What is foreshadowed in Sir Andrew's sudden revival of valor? Miss Orra Long, leader.

Complimentary.

One of the loveliest affairs of the season was given Monday evening at the Thornton hall in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt. The dance was planned by their girl friends. The dancing frocks were visions of loveliness. A stringed orchestra furnished music. Hot chocolate and a salad course was served to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Davenport Gaither, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Messrs. Oly Sharp, Clayton Brown, Homer Easterwood, Clarence Fulwiler of Abilene, Dr. George Miller, Jim Guitar, Ernest Faucett, Clie, Misses Jessie O'Briant, Annie T. Daniel, Lulu Thornton, Olga Sheppard, Zora Coggin, Elma Sheppard.

Thursday evening Mrs. L. D. Tenney of El Paso gave a recital at the Opera house under the auspices of the Twentieth Century Club. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the usual crowd did not venture out. The audience might have been greater but those who were present were given a treat. The music was under the supervision of Miss Cleo Wilson Bowler who gave the opening solo. Misses Orra Long and Cleo Wilson Bowler's instrumental duet was heartily encored. The vocal duet by the Misses Saffie was a success and very pleasing as was the piano solo by Miss Bowler and the tableaux by Misses Ruth Mims, Maude Martin, Duncan Browning and Orra Long.

A Healing Salve for Burns, Chapped Hands and Sore Nipples.

As a healing salve for, burns, sores, sore nipples and chapped hands Chamberlain's Salve is most excellent. It allays the pain of a burn almost instantly, and unless the injury is very severe, heals the parts without leaving a scar. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

Advertisement for Calumet Baking Powder. Features a large image of a tin of Calumet Baking Powder with the text 'Always Makes Good' and 'CALUMET BAKING POWDER'. Below the tin is a circular seal that reads 'You'll be delighted with the results of Calumet Baking Powder. No disappointments—no flat, heavy, soggy biscuits, cake, or pastry. Just the lightest, daintiest, most uniformly raised and most delicious food you ever ate. Received highest reward World's Pure Food Exposition, Chicago, 1907.'

Baraca Reception.

Miss Mattie Murphy entertained the Baptist Baraca class and their girl friends at the residence of Mrs. E. Hall Friday evening after church or from nine to twelve. Mrs. E. Hall, Misses Murphy, Medlen, Smith, Garrett and Lowrey were in the receiving line which was added to as new guests arrived until more than thirty stood waiting for the tardy guests. Advertisement puzzles first were given out to the crowd, where only pictures were given out this was great and was followed by a game of base ball with hearts. In this game Sam Swann and Miss Murtrice Saffie were winners. Next came "tasks" for boys given to girls and vice versa. It brought forth peals of laughter. It certainly was funny to see a boy imitating a girl running from a mouse. The blind or obstruction race was won by Lytton Howard. Refreshments consisting of Nabiscoes fruit gelatine with whipped cream and cherries was served to Rev. Jacob, Misses Eva Walters, Murtrice Saffie, Gene Rister, Clara Saffie, Melissa Smith, Faye Lowrey, Carol Rister, Jewell Garrett, Mattie Murphy, Bessie Medlen, Mrs. E. Hall, Messrs. Robert Hicks, Lytton Howard, Ben Merritt, Willie Joe Largent, Sam Swann, C. C. Franklin, Earl Lassiter, Charley Lofton, Wilbur Whitaker, Floyd Dean.

Saturday Evening.

Merkel's baseball boys honored the Abilene base ball boys at the home of Mrs. E. Hall. Earlier in the afternoon Merkel won the matched game of base ball from the visitors the score standing nine to eight. Various games were enjoyed. Some played bunco while others were engaged in 42. Fruit punch and small cakes were served to over 50 guests.

Miss Laura Jennings entertained her music class at her home Saturday evening March 23. A most entertaining program was rendered. Refreshments were served to those present, this bringing to an end a perfect evening.

For Constipation.

Mr. L. H. Farnham, a prominent druggist of Spirit Lake, Iowa, says, Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are the best thing on the market for constipation. Give these tablets a trial. You are sure to find them agreeable and pleasant in effect. Price, 25 cents. Samples free. For sale by all dealers.

Civic Improvement Prizes.

For the best kept premises, entire grounds and alley—1st prize, \$20.00 in gold by the First State Bank and Southern National Bank and one-half dozen pictures by the Groene Studio; 2nd prize, Merkel Light Company \$7.50 in wiring house or \$5.00 in merchandise; Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company \$5.00 in merchandise.

Best kept shade trees—1st prize, J. P. Sharp, \$3.50 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Anchor Hardware Company \$3.50 in merchandise.

Best kept alley by boy under 15—1st prize, West Texas Hardware Company \$5.00 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Hogue-Hamilton Company \$2.50 in merchandise.

Best kept, cleanest and most artistic back yard—1st prize, Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company \$4.00 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Parton Dry Goods Company \$2.50 in Merchandise.

The most artistic vine covered back fence—1st prize, Elite Confectionery \$2.50 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Merkel Oil & Cotton Company \$1.00 cash.

The most artistic arrangement of vines on veranda—1st prize, S. S. Scheidler, Jeweler, \$2.50 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Hamblet & Rogers \$1.00 cash.

For the prettiest and most artistically arranged flower bed by girl under 15 years—1st prize, Banner & Son \$3.00 music roll; 2nd prize, Burton-Lingo Company \$2.00 cash.

Prettiest rose border or bed—1st prize, W. L. Harkrider \$2.50 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Bradshaw Grocery Company \$1.00 cash.

Best kept lawn—1st prize, Rust & McCauley Jewelry \$2.50 in merchandise, Merkel Mail \$2.50 cash; 2nd prize, Star Store \$2.50 in merchandise.

Best general collection of flowers—1st prize, Armstrong Drug Company \$2.50 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Clark & Allen \$1.00 cash.

Best canna kept by boy or girl under 12 years—1st prize, Merkel Lumber Company \$2.50 cash; 2nd prize H. C. Burroughs \$1.00 in merchandise.

Best kept nasturium bed—1st prize, R. A. McClain Drug Company \$2.00 in merchandise; 2nd prize, W. M. O'Briant \$1.00 casa.

Prettiest chrysanthemum in pot—Rust & McCauley Drug Company \$2.00 cash.

Prettiest geranium in pot—Merkel Telegram \$1.00 cash.

Prettiest fern in pot—G. M. Sharp Feed Store \$1.00 cash.

Prettiest carnation in pot—Whitley Grocery Company sack best flour.

Prettiest pot of ice plant—Merkel Telegram 1 year's subscription.

The merchants have made it possible to offer the above prizes. We desire to have each man, woman and child in Merkel interested in civic improvement to enter for one or more of these prizes. Entries should be made by May 1, 1912. The contest closes Oct. 15, 1912.

Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock Rev. A. A. Baker spoke the words that united for life the lives and hearts of Mr. W. E. Standford and Miss Beulah Talley. They were accompanied to town by Misses Lelia and Minnie Standford and Mr. Garrington. Mr. and Mrs. Standford will live four miles south of Merkel. We join with their many friends in wishing them happiness and prosperity.

After May the first the library will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday of each week from 5 to 6. Please take notice of the change in time. Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Mgr. Miss Lucy Bean, Librarian.

League Program.

- Subject, Motives. Leader, Mrs. McMaster. Reading and comment—Miss Fannie Burroughs. Responsive reading, Psalm 3. Lord's Prayer in concert. Song, special chorous, 156. Topic, The risen Christ with us. How may we secure his presence?—Dennis McDonald. Hymn 50, special—Miss Eunice Nisbett. John 20:19—Miss Blainie Anderson. Address, Have we the peace that Christ imparts?—Miss Jackie Jennings. To what service does God call us? Matt. 28:19-20.—Miss Leola Coats. Exhortation to service—Bro. Clements Duet—Misses Laura Jennings and Nisbett. Offering. Miscellaneous.

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"You are welcome," says Mrs. Nora Guffey, of Broken Arrow, Okla., "to use my letter in any way you want to, if it will induce some suffering woman to try Cardui. I had pains all over, and suffered with an abscess. Three physicians failed to relieve me. Since taking Cardui, I am in better health than ever before, and that means much to me, because I suffered many years with womanly troubles, of different kinds. What other treatments I tried, helped me for a few days only."

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Whence the "Grass Widow."

To give positively the origin of the expression "grass widow" appears to be impossible. The authorities do not agree on this point. One contends that a woman who said to her friends that her husband "had gone to grass" following a separation is entitled to the credit of coining the expression.

Other writers have attempted to find an explanation of it in the French word "grace," signifying a widow by courtesy. In the Scandinavian languages the prefix "grass" being in common use, others have conjectured that it comes from the word "grading," meaning greedy; this signifying a woman who longs for the husband who is gone. These give a wide enough choice.

Fortunes in Faces.

There's often so much truth in the saying "her face is her fortune" but it's never said where pimples, skin eruptions, blotches or other blemishes disfigure it. Impure blood is back of them all, and shows the need of Dr. King's New Life Pills. They promote health and beauty. 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

Happy Microbe.

The microbe is tenacious of life, for Migula found the bacillus leposporus placed on a sheet of glass lived for five years. Spores of potato disease sealed in a tube were living after a period of eight years. In 1879 Ball, of Prague, after a lapse of eighteen years, infected a mouse fatally with some bacilli. Nestler investigated clod of earth stored in a herbarium for over half a century, and found 89,200 living spores to the gramme. Some earth wrapped in paper since 1824, and protected from atmospheric germs, showed on examination 19,000 bacteria to the gramme. Eighty-seven years is a ripe age even for a microbe.

Saves Leg of Boy.

"It seemed that my 14-year-old boy would have to lose his leg, on account of an ugly ulcer, caused by a bad bruise," wrote D. F. Howard, Aquone, N. C. "All remedies and doctors treatment failed till we tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve and cured him with one box." Cures burns' boils, skin eruptions. 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

Baptist Mission Rally

TO COMMENCE

Friday Night 7:30

Before the First Sunday in April

At The Baptist Church

TRENT, TEXAS

Opening Sermon by Dr. W. F. Fry, Abilene, Texas.

SATURDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Devotional Service, Lead by Bro. George Neil.
- 9:30 a.m. The Obligations that are upon Baptists to give the Gospel to all Nations—Rev. Jacob, Merkel, Texas.
- 10:15 a.m. Distinctive Bible Principles as held by a Regular Orderly Baptist Church—Rev. G. B. Airhart.
- 11:00 a.m. Sermon by Rev. Bass.
- 1:30 a.m. Where are our Missionaries located and how many on each field?—Bro. Y. F. Walker.
- 2:00 p.m. The Evangelization of the World the Supreme Works of Christ's Churches—Bro. L. A. Nall.
- 2:30 p.m. The Love for Christ the Supreme Motive in Missionary Work—Rev. G. B. Airhart.
- 3:30 p.m. Who Should Contribute to Missions?—Rev. Jacob, Merkel, Texas.
- 7:30 p.m. Sermon by C. C. Coleman, Abilene, Texas.

SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Regular Sunday School Lesson.
- 9:30 a.m. Talk on Sunday School Work by Y. F. Walker.
- 10:30 a.m. Various Talks on Sunday School Work with Scripture Quotations.
- 11:00 a.m. Sermon by Rev. Medaris.
- 2:00 p.m. Devotional Service Lead by Bro. W. L. Boyd.
- 2:30 p.m. Christian Manhood—Dr. Sandefur, Abilene, Texas.
- 3:00 p.m. The Place of Good Literature in the Home—Bro. Medaris.
- 7:30 p.m. Sermon by Rev. L. A. Nall.

Singing conducted by W. L. Boyd all the way through these services. Everybody is invited. Come and be with us.

C. T. BECKHAM
D. S. HOWELL
W. A. SCOTT
Committee.

NO INTEREST IN CITY'S ELECTION

There was very little interest exhibited in the election Tuesday. The average citizen and voter, professed ignorance of the event and but very few maintained any interest.

The election was ordered to elect three aldermen to take the places of J. P. Sharp, G. W. Boyce and Otho W. Williams whose terms expired. The former absolutely refused to permit his name on the ticket and stated to his friends that he would refuse to serve another term, believing that others equally interested would do their share of the work as well as in the principal of rotation in office. The other two aldermen permitted their names to be submitted again and both were re-elected and John Banner was elected to take the place of J. P. Sharp.

A total of less than 35 votes were cast and others receiving recognition at the hands of the few voters were J. N. Shelton, W. A. Sheppard and J. P. Sharp.

The election was held by J. J. Stallings who kindly furnished us the results.

Clean-Up Week.

By virtue of the authority conferred upon me as Mayor of the city of Merkel, and acting herein by virtue of the approval of the members of the City Council of the city of Merkel, I hereby set aside and designate as "clean-up week" the second week in April 1912, beginning on Monday, the second day of said week, and closing on Monday the second day of the following week; and respectfully call upon and urge all citizens of the city, whether occupying their own homes or rented premises, to thoroughly clean up their premises during the week above mentioned of all trash and rubbish of every kind on their said premises, and in the street and alleys in the front and rear of their said premises; put the same in some receptacle on their said premises or in the alley where it can be conveniently got at by the scavenger, and when so placed notify Mr. W. N. Hall, the City Marshal, either in person or by phone, and he will have the same removed free of cost to the cleaner-up.

We should all feel a pride in the cleanliness of our little city, and nothing will aid so largely in making Merkel the cleanest, neatest and loveliest city in northwest Texas, than for the citizenship generally to take an interest in the cleanliness of their own homes and the street and alley adjoining them.

Respectfully, C. D. Mims,
Mayor of the city of Merkel.

Drug Store Removal.

R. A. McClain has moved his drug store into new quarters and is now in the old stand once occupied by the City Drug Store. Mr. McClain made this move in order that he could bring his place of business nearer to the passing traffic and is having the new home fixed up in a very neat style.

Free Cake sets.

Given away absolutely free, imported cake sets with cash bills. Sets divided on sales from \$5 to \$50. Do not miss this unusual offer. Hamblet & Rogers, Staple and Fancy Groceries.

Merkel Mail \$1.00 per Yeay

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XXXI. IMITATION

AT AN art exhibit in Greece the birds pecked at a cluster of grapes painted by Zeuxis, so perfectly was nature imitated; Appelles painted the picture of a horse so perfect that horses passing by neighed their recognition; in another instance one of the judges started to draw back the curtain painted by Parrhasius, and the Greek historians tell us that so faultless was their art, it deceived both men and animals. Since the beginning of civilization men have struggled to imitate nature, and we have perhaps more widely missed the mark in laws than in any other line of human endeavor.



GREEK ART.

Let those who aspire to awaken to vigorous activity the resources of State, draw a scene of justice and equity on our statute books so true to nature that industry will flock around it; paint a picture of property rights so perfect in its apportionments that capital will wave a generous recognition, and exhibit a code of laws that will parallel the statute of nature. Texas Needs Great Men.

ASSERTS FISH HAS MEMORY

Novel Exhibition With Trout Is Given by an Expert to Uphold This Theory.

An expert in fish culture, who believes that fish have memories, gave a novel exhibition to support his theory.

In one of the enclosed pools at the hatchery under his charge there was a very large trout which always came forward to see and be seen when visitors appeared. It was the expert's custom, after calling particular attention to that trout, to raise his cane quickly and hold it over the water. The performance would have no effect upon the trout.

Then the expert would produce a light trout rod and appear with it at the side of the pool. Instantly that trout would turn and flee, hide itself at the far end of the enclosure and remain there so long as the rod was in sight.

This is the explanation of the sudden change in the trout's demeanor: One day, early in the career of the fish, the expert, to try a barbless hook he had devised, cast with one in that pool, and this trout seized it. The hook penetrated and passed through its upper jaw, and by the time it was released from the hook it had undergone an experience that made a lasting impression upon it.

The expert discovered soon after the hooking of the trout that whenever he approached the pool with his rod the trout would instantly dash to a place of hiding, although it paid no attention to a cane or other stick held over the water. The trout lived for years in that pool and never failed to show its fear of a trout rod as long as it lived.

Notice.

I will stand at Exchange Stable in Merkel a bay Rattler Brooks horse known as the Boney or Mashburn horse. Terms to insure \$10.00. A. C. Boney, Merkel, Texas.

Grimes-Terrell

On last Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, Dr. Robert I. Grimes formerly of this city but now of Dallas was married to Miss Harrel Terrell of that city. The marriage was solemnly pronounced at the above mentioned hour at a Methodist church in Dallas.

It was with some surprise that friends here received the news for it has been such a short time since Dr. Grimes was here visiting relatives and at that time he kept his intentions a secret even from his relatives.

Dr. Grimes will in a very short time finish his medical work in school and will perhaps take up the practice of his profession in Houston and the Mail wishes him untold success in all his endeavors.

Mrs. H. Turner returned home Wednesday morning from Tharp Springs. She was accompanied home by Alec Wisdom and his mother. Mr. Wisdom will stay here a few days after which he will go to Abilene where he will undergo an operation for appendicitis.

There will be a meeting of the B. O. O. M society Friday night and all members are urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Burrl Wheeler have returned to Merkel and will make this their future home.

Big Easter sale now in progress at the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

WANTED—A RIDER AGENT

IN EACH TOWN and district to ride and exhibit a sample Latest Model "Ranger" bicycle furnished by us. Our agents everywhere are making money fast. Write for full particulars and special offer at once. **NO MONEY REQUIRED** until you receive and approve of your bicycle. We ship to anyone anywhere in the U. S. without a cent deposit in advance, **prepay freight**, and allow **TEN DAYS' FREE TRIAL** during which time you may ride the bicycle and put it to any test you wish. If you are then not perfectly satisfied or do not wish to keep the bicycle, ship it back to us at our expense and you will not be out one cent. **FACTORY PRICES** We furnish the highest grade bicycles it is possible to make at one small profit above actual factory cost. You save \$10 to \$25 middlemen's profits by buying direct of us and have the manufacturer's guarantee behind your bicycle. **DO NOT BUY** a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone at any price until you receive our catalogues and learn our unheard of factory prices and remarkable special offers to rider agents.

YOU WILL BE ASTONISHED when you receive our beautiful catalogue and study our superb models, the second fully low prices we can make you this year. We sell the highest grade bicycles for **less** than any other factory. We are satisfied with \$1.00 profit above factory cost. **SECOND HAND BICYCLES.** We do not regularly handle second hand bicycles, but usually have a number on hand taken in trade by our Chicago retail stores. These we clear out promptly at prices ranging from \$3 to \$8 or \$10. Descriptive bargain lists mailed free.

COASTER-BRAKES, HEDGETHORN PUNCTURE-PROOF SELF-HEALING TIRES A SAMPLE PAIR TO INTRODUCE, ONLY **\$4.80**

The regular retail price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but to introduce you we will sell you a sample pair for \$4.80 with order for \$5.00.

NO MORE TROUBLE FROM PUNCTURES HAILS, Tacks, or Glass will not let the air out. A hundred thousand pairs sold last year. **DESCRIPTION:** Made in all sizes. It is lively and easy riding, very durable and lined inside with a special quality of rubber, which never becomes porous and which closes up small punctures without allowing the air to escape. We have hundreds of letters from satisfied customers stating that their tires have only been pumped up once or twice in a whole season. They weigh no more than an ordinary tire, the puncture resisting qualities being given by several layers of thin, specially prepared fabric on the tread. The regular price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but for advertising purposes we are making a special factory price to the rider of only \$4.80 per pair. All orders shipped same day letter is received. We ship C. O. D. on approval. You do not pay a cent until you have examined and found them strictly as represented.

We will allow a cash discount of 5 per cent (thereby making the price \$4.55 per pair) if you send **FULL CASH WITH ORDER** and enclose this advertisement. You run no risk in sending us an order as the tires may be returned at OUR expense if for any reason they are not satisfactory on examination. We are perfectly reliable and money sent to us in any form is a bank. If you order a pair of these tires, you will find that they will ride easier, run faster, wear better, last longer and look finer than any tire you have ever used or seen at any price. We know that you will be so well pleased that when you want a bicycle you will give us your order. We want you to send us trial orders at once. Don't lose this offer.

IF YOU NEED TIRES don't buy any kind at any price until you send for a pair of Hedgethorn tires (price noted above); or write for our big Tires and Bicycles Catalogue which describes and quotes all makes and kinds of tires at about half the usual prices.

DO NOT WAIT but write us a postal today. **DO NOT THINK OF BUYING** a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone until you know the new and wonderful offers we are making. It only costs a postal to learn everything. Write it **NOW**.

J. L. MEAD CYCLE COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILL.

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That question will be asked you almost daily by business men seeking your services, if you qualify—take the Draughon Training—and show ambition to rise. More BANKERS indorse DRAUGHON'S Colleges than indorse all other business colleges COMBINED. 48 Colleges in 18 States. International reputation. Banking, Typewriting, Penmanship, English, Spelling, Arithmetic, Letter Writing, Business Law—FREE auxiliary branches. Good POSITIONS GUARANTEED under reasonable conditions. **Bookkeeping.** Bookkeepers all over the United States say that Draughon's New System of Bookkeeping saves them from 25 to 50 per cent in work and worry. **Shorthand.** Practically all U. S. official court reporters write the System of Shorthand Draughon Colleges teach. **Why?** Because they know it is the best. **DRAUGHON'S PRACTICAL BUSINESS COLLEGE** Dallas, Houston, Austin, Galveston, San Antonio, Abilene, Denison, Amarillo, Texarkana, or El Paso, Texas.

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CATALOGUE. For prices on lessons BY MAIL, write Jno. F. DRAUGHON, President, Nashville, Tenn. For free catalogue on course AT COLLEGE, write

Wanted--160 to 640 Acres

OF GOOD LAND TO SELL AT A REAL BARGAIN FOR CASH

If you have the land I have the man and he has the cash to pay for first-class improved land, well located, if priced right. In the last four weeks I have sold \$25,000 worth of land for practically all cash, but they were genuine bargains. My connections and big list of prospectors and investors in the east puts me in position to find you a buyer. If you have land or other good property for sale, it will pay you to list with me, but remember the best bargains always sell first.

DO NOT DELAY BUT DO IT NOW

In the near future I am going to begin the biggest and best advertising campaign ever conducted for my town, country, clients and my business, and if you are willing to give me a full and fair trial on your proposition I will make a special effort for you. It is necessary that I have a complete and correct description of your property, with price, terms, etc. If you want to sell I can be of service to you, and if you want to buy I can make it to your interest and save you money.

JOHN G. JACKSON, Real Estate, Merkel, Texas

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Salt Branch News.

April 1—Sunday school was well attended Sunday.
S. W. Taylor and family were spending the day with W. B. Beavers and wife Saturday.
Will Higgins and family, Porter Petty and wife were visiting W. B. Beavers Sunday.
Grandma Petty was visiting her daughter Mrs. Etta Petty Monday.
Dee Floyd and Clyde Williams attended preaching at Merkel Saturday night.
Oscar Mobley and family were visiting Frank Rogers and family of Mulberry Saturday night and Sunday.
Miss Ruthie Risinger spent Saturday night with Miss Gertrude Higgins.
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Beavers' baby who has been very sick with pneumonia is better at this writing.
Nim Teaff had the misfortune to stick a rusty nail in his foot Saturday which caused him considerable pain.
W. M. Hays and J. Woods attended the fifth Sunday meeting at Loraine.
Miss Ida Taylor was shopping in Merkel Saturday afternoon.
Those visiting the school Friday afternoon were Mesdames Ada Higgins, Mary Risinger, Messrs. Will Higgins, Arthur Jones, Walter Buford, Burley Taylor, Houston Robertson and Emory Petty.
Mrs. Bersha Baker spent Monday with Mrs. Taylor.
Quite a crowd of men out hunting Monday.
Mesdames Porter Petty and Hattie Hardy called on Mrs. H. C. Floyd Sunday evening.
Mrs. Barker was visiting Mrs. Campbell near Merkel Monday.
Jess Higgins and wife were visiting Will Barker and wife Sunday.
The farmers are enjoying the nice showers of rain.
W. M. Hays stuck a rusty nail in his foot Monday which is causing some pain.
Blue-Eyed Girl.

Don't be surprised if you have an attack of rheumatism this spring. Just rub the affected parts freely with Chamberlain's Liniment and it will soon disappear. Sold by all dealers.

Butman Community.

April 1—Since our last writing Bro. and sister Kagle of Buffalo Gap have been holding a meeting at Butman school house and Nubia.
J. L. Vaughan of Moctezuma, Mexico lectured to a large crowd Monday night March 25 at Butman school house. His lecture was mostly upon Mexico and was illustrated by stereoptical views. The society which was to have met last Friday night at Butman school house was postponed till next Friday night on account of a meeting at that place.
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Vaughan who are visiting Sam Butman and family of this community spent a few days in Merkel last week with friends.
We had quite a shower of hail Wednesday night in some parts of this community.
Mrs. Ensminger of Dora visited friends in the Canyon Sunday.
Messrs. Will and Sam Butman entertained a few friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Butman Saturday night with a few table games.
A few men in our community and Nubia met at the home of George Anderson Thursday afternoon to make a rabbit drive. They report about 50 killed, and many more wounded. Ned.

How's This.

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm. Walding, Kinnah & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Bitter Lake.

The most fun for least money. See Walton for season fishing privilege on his tank. Single trips 25c each. My farm is posted and I warn you not to trespass. J. B. Walton. 2914

HERE IS A REMEDY THAT WILL CURE SKIN AND SCALP AFFECTIONS

And We Can Prove It.

The Rust & McCauley Drug Store says to every person be it man, woman or child who has an irritated, tender, inflamed, itching SKIN or SCALP, you need not suffer another day. "We have a refined skin preparation that acts instantly and will bring you swift and sure result."
One warm bath with ZEMO SOAP one application of ZEMO and you will not suffer another moment and you will soon see a cure in sight.
REMO and ZEMO SOAP are proven cures for every form of skin or scalp affection. They are sold by one leading druggist in every city or town in America and in Merkel by Rust & McCauley Drug Store.

Dora Doings.

April 1—Health of this community is good at present.
We have been having some real spring weather the past few days.
This country was visited Wednesday night by a good ground-soaking rain.
Small grain looks fine. The freeze didn't hurt the oats very much and the prospects for a big oat crop are flattering.
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Whitaker of Blackwell were visiting on the Divide Saturday and Sunday.
DeWitt Phillips, Tom Oliver and Chas. Sanders made a business trip to Trent and Merkel last week.
Dolph Coats was on the Divide Saturday night.
We are glad to learn that Lansford Brownfield is getting along so well. He is still at San Angelo where he went to have an operation performed for appendicitis.
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hand of Trent were visiting relatives near Dora Saturday and Sunday.
Mr. Rodgers of Fisher county was visiting his parents last week.
There will be preaching at Dora the first Sunday in April. Everybody invited.
Adrain Phillips and wife visited C. F. Sanders and wife Saturday evening. Jack.

Inkum Items.

April 1—G. A. McElroy a real estate agent of Abilene and W. A. Stagner of the same place were in this section prospecting this week.
J. T. Fuqua and family visited relatives near Tye Friday.
The literary society was well attended Friday night and the program rendered is said to have been an excellent one.
Miss Sallie Perry and Miss Bryan attended the meeting of the literary society Friday night. Richard Dalby also from the same section was one of the visitors at the entertainment.
Millard King and wife of Tye visited J. P. Fuqua's family Wednesday.
Fred Brookreson of Buffalo Gap visited his sister Mrs. O. H. Wilson Friday and attended the entertainment that night.
John and Odie Denton made a business trip to the Drasco country Wednesday.
Arthur Wilson made a business trip to the Moro country Thursday.
L. A. Dudley and Ernest Perry were visitors to the county seat Wednesday.
Elmer Chapman came in from Kimble county Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Wilson visited the latter's parents near Buffalo Gap Saturday and Sunday.
Mrs. J. J. Denton visited Mrs. John Perry near Dora Tuesday and Wednesday. Observer.

Saved By His Wife.

She's a wise woman who knows just what to do when her husband's life is in danger, but Mrs. R. J. Flint, Braintree, Vt., is of that kind. "She insisted on my using Dr. King's New Discovery," writes Mr. F. "for a dreadful cough, when I was so weak my friends all thought I had only a short time to live, and it completely cured me." A quick cure for coughs and it's the most safe reliable medicine for many throat and lung troubles—grip, bronchitis, croup, whooping cough, quinsy, tonsillitis, hemorrhages. A trial will convince you. 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

Go to the City Barber Shop for first-class work. West & Evans, Proprietors.
Highest price paid for produce. Hamblett & Rogers

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Mulberry News.

April 1—Winter is still with us. Had a pretty little shower last night and is cool this morning.
Wheat and oats are looking pretty but the rabbits are about to take them. A few of the farmers are out with their guns after them.
Oscar Mobley and family of Salt Branch spent Saturday evening and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Rogers. Our Sunday school is progressing nicely. A good crowd out Sunday.
Ollie Brown was a pleasant caller at C. S. Harrison's Sunday evening.
The health of our country is better at this writing.
C. L. Brynton made a business trip to Merkel Monday.
Teddy Glover, Jewel Glover and Joe Glover of Noodle visited their sister Mrs. Annie Rogers of this place Sunday.
Master Remear Rainer left Sunday evening for Noodle to spend a week with grandparents Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Glover.
The young people had singing at Mr. Brown's Sunday night and report a nice time. Dewdrops.

Blair Echoes.

April 1—Mrs. Stephens of Lampasas is here for a few days visit with her daughter Mrs. L. M. McGehee.
Joe Bickley has returned to the university at Stamford after visiting relatives here for several days.
Misses Ruth and Claire Moore of Comper visited here Sunday.
Miss Jessie Williams was among Abilene friends Sunday.
Lloyd Garter of Tolon spent last week here with his friend L. B. Addison.
Several attended the 42 party Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wiggins.
S. E. Adcock and Roland Gowens were at Weaver Springs Tuesday on business.
Homer Long of Nubia was in the Valley City Friday.
Miss Velma Clark visited relatives at Merkel Monday.
Kiah Spears was at Abilene last week on business.
Everyone is invited to come out Sunday and hear Bro. Williams. Quida.