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## MERKEL TOURISTS AWAY FOR SUMMER

Sunday will be the day for many of the Merkel people who are going away for the summer to leave for different parts of the country.

Among those are Mrs. L. E. Sanders and children, Mrs. H. T. Merritt and daughter Leola will go to Huntingdon, Tenn., where they will spend a greater part of the summer. They will also visit other parts of Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Mack Angus will leave Sunday night or Monday for Nashville, Tenn., on a visit to relatives. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen will also leave at the same time for different parts of Iowa where they will visit relatives in Bloomfield and Birmingham. Mr. McMillen will look after the furniture market while away.

Miss Mae Derstine our assistant postmaster will leave Sunday for Dickson, Tenn. She will then go to Nashville where she will join a touring party so routed as to visit Cincinnati, Cleveland, Buffalo, Niagara, New York, Philadelphia, Washington and Chattanooga, returning to Nashville June 27. While away Miss Derstine will also visit at Toronto, Kingston, Prescott and Montreal, Canada.

Misses Irene Swann and Pet Sears started Wednesday from Nashville on about the same trip Miss Derstine is going to take. They will be away some time returning to their homes here.

### Fishermen Return.

The annual tour of one of the Merkel fishing crowds was brought to end last week when the crowd returned that had spent several days on the San Saba near the town of Menardville. The fact that fishing was good was proved by some of the catch that was exhibited here on their return. Some very large cat fish were given as positive proof. Those going from here were J. T. and Booth Warren, T. A. Johnson, L. Brown, F. Guitar and Claud Comegys. Another crowd that was out last week reported a good catch but succeeded in eating all their fish while camped on the river. Some of those in the crowd were Davenport Gaither, C. E. Bradley, J. M. Dnnagin, E. Teaff and Mr. McDonald.

### Rain-Making in the West.

T. K. Brazell of Post came in Monday on a business trip. Mr. Brazell spoke of the rain at Post last Friday night which closely followed the charges of dynamite set off by C. W. Post the builder of Post City. Mr. Brazell did not say that the 5,000 pounds of dynamite which was set off Friday before the rain was the cause of the rain or not but said that the country was visited by a good rain whether C. W. Post had any thing to do with the making of it or not.

### No Trespassing Allowed.

Every person caught trespassing on my premises will be prosecuted. Don't forget this means YOU. (1713) Vol Martin.

### Boys Catch Eagle.

Some small boys who were out east of town Tuesday caught a large eagle, one which it is thought was discarded by the Southern Amusement Company while they were here some weeks ago. The bird is perhaps a specie of the bald eagle for the top of the bird's head is without feather covering. An injured wing hindered the eagle from flying far at a time and the boys caught it very easily.

## AMERICAN TROOPS ARE SENT TO CUBA

The movement of American troops to Cuba is bringing some protest from the Cuban authorities and President Gomez it is thought will do all in his power to avoid the possibility of letting the rebellion go far enough to necessitate the intervention of the troops that are on their way to the island.

Washington, May 27.—President Taft today replied to President Gomez's telegram of yesterday regarding the attitude of the United States toward Cuba. He declared the American government's activities in mobilizing war vessels at Key West and despatching the Prairie with Marines to Guantanamo was not in any sense an intervention move.

Havana, May 27.—President Gomez has received the message from President Taft disclaiming the intention of the United States to intervene.

He immediately summoned a meeting of the cabinet, to which he communicated the text of the message, expressing his highest appreciation of President Taft's attitude.

### Abilene Dentist Returns.

Dr. C. M. McCauley is back in Abilene from an extended tour of the north, east and northwest, where he has been delivering a series of dental lectures and reports a pleasant and profitable trip. He visited many cities in the north and east and even in the far west and while in Lincoln, Neb., went out and took a view of the country home (Fairview) of Wm. Jennings Bryan but he doesn't enthuse over it very much! rather disappointed in it after seeing it exploited so largely by the press of the country. He reports indications good for prosperity everywhere he has visited.

### U. C. V. Meeting.

Merkel Camp No. 79 U. C. V. will meet in regular session at the city hall Saturday June 1 at 2 p. m. Very important business demands our attention. Among other things a roster for work must be made out and it is of the first importance that every one who wants their name on that roll be present. After the business is concluded we will have our pictures made.

W. H. Hawkins, Adj.  
A. A. Baker, Com.

Miss Cleo Wilson Bowler returned to her home at Terrell Tuesday night.

## CAPT. LORD BLAMED

California Captain Lord Blamed With the Loss of Life Being so Great.

## BRUCE ISMAY NOT TO BLAME

Distress Signals Were Seen by Captain Lord of California Who Did Not Respond. Is Branded as Coward.

Washington, May 28.—The Titanic disaster of April 15, in which 1,517 souls went down amid icebergs off the banks of Newfoundland, was the theme of a speech, report and proposed legislation in the senate today.

J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the White Star Line, is not held responsible for the ships high speed. In fact, he is barely mentioned in the report. On the whole, the report is impassive and Senator Smith in his speech went more fully into a discussion of the causes of the disaster than does the committee.

Before the Titanic departed on her maiden voyage there were no sufficient tests of boilers, bulkheads, equipment or signal devices.

Officers and crew were strangers to each other and not familiar with the ship's implements or tools, and no drill or station practice took place and no helpful discipline prevailed.

The speed of the Titanic was 24 1/2 miles an hour at time of the accident, although officers of the Titanic had been advised of the presence of icebergs by the steamships Baltic, Amerika and Californian.

Senator Smith reviewed the testimony of Capt. Lord, showing that the Californian came within four miles of the doomed vessel and that he went to his room to lie down while signal rockets were fired.

"Failure of Capt. Lord to arouse the wireless operator on his ship, who could easily have ascertained the name of the vessel in distress and reached her in time to avert loss of life," said Senator Smith, "places tremendous responsibility upon this officer, from which it will be difficult for him to escape."

## CROP CONDITIONS IN NEED OF RAIN

The crop conditions over the country are holding their own very well considering the sand storms that have been visiting the country for the past three weeks. The oat crop that was so promising at the first of the year is somewhat damaged but many of the fields will be in condition in a few days to cut. Some of the oats can be cut with a binder while others will have to be cut with a mower and raked up. The cotton through the country does not seem to be suffering from the sand storms very much though a rain would increase the prospects of that crop.

The Dora country is yielding the heaviest crop of oats of any part of Taylor county, while they are not ahead of the Merkel country on the cotton question at all.

### Notice to Parents.

In order that the children get the benefit of the public schools they must be enrolled during the month of May. All children that will be over seven and under seventeen on or before the first day of September are entitled to enrollment. Supt. R. L. Krigbaum is appointed to take the census, he is looking for you. If he does not find you see some member of the school board. Yours truly, 1713 Merkel School Board.

## YOUTHFUL ROBBER IS ARRESTED HERE

Just as sure as a criminal or suspect steps into town here just about that sure he is going to be arrested. Since the many little robberies around over the country the local officers have received notice to be on the lookout for any suspicious characters. Last Thursday Deputy Sheriff Whaley notified the officers here to be on the lookout for some parties, giving their description and Friday night Constable R. C. Young and Marshall Hall arrested the two in the opera house. One of the young men gave his name as Chas Ashaders and is 16 years of age. He confessed to taking some goods found on him and said they were taken from the McCormick Drug Store at Buffalo Gap where he spent last Sunday night week. The boy gave his home as Fort Scott, Kansas.

County Attorney Overshiner took Ashaders confession and having waved examining trial the boy's bond was placed at \$500 which he has not given. The young man arrested in company with Ashaders was released as no evidence was against him and Ashaders claimed to have struck up with him after the robbery.

### Anchor Hardware Prizes.

Saturday afternoon a large crowd of people gathered in front of the Anchor Hardware Company's store to try their luck at the drawing of the \$100 buggy to be given away by that firm. It is estimated that some 750 people were in the crowd and most of them were holding tickets to the free buggy. The lucky man was J. F. Patterson holding lucky number 9871. It was won on the first draw. As a consolation prize the Anchor people gave a set of Rogers table silver ware. This was won by W. A. Parmalee of the Caps country. Judge W. T. Potter made a short talk before the drawing and highly complimented the firm of young business men who have built up such a substantial business within the last few years.

### New Drygoodsman.

Tuesday morning there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Judd Shepard a fine boy weighing eleven pounds. The youngster is said to possess the finest qualities that are known to the masculine sex and comes to this land with the positive assurance of becoming one of the most loved young men of the Merkel country.

Ladies Bare Foot Sandals for \$1.00 at Parten Dry Goods Co.

## TYLER NEGRO WAS BURNED AT STAKE

Tyler, May 25.—Dan Davis, a negro, was burned to death at the stake on the public square at four o'clock this morning in this city, after he signed a written statement confessing that he had criminally assaulted Miss Carrie Johnson, aged sixteen, of this place.

Eight hundred persons participated in the lynching. Before the match was applied he was asked if he was guilty, and he replied in a husky voice, "I am guilty."

Davis was brought here early this morning from Athens. Citizens went from here yesterday and returned from Athens with the officers who brought the negro.

At the jail the father of the girl and the sheriff asked the crowd not to hurt the negro until it was definitely known that he was guilty of the crime. A written confession of his crime was then made before the county attorney and a committee of citizens, and thereupon the lynchers demanded the negro. The officers protested but were outnumbered and they gave way.

In his confession Davis told the main details of the assault and implicated in it another negro. He said that the two attacked the girl on the railroad track in mid-afternoon, knocked her down, and later left her with her throat cut, thinking she was dead.

The girl was found after an all night search.

### Demonstration Agent Peel.

The high winds continue, the atmosphere is dry and scorching to young vegetation; our grain crop in some places failing rapidly. As a result some of our farmers faces are growing long and some of our business and professional men beginning to look very grave. What is the remedy? We have no remedy, but Mr. Farmer don't be a quiting but stir your mulch, kill the weeds if you have any and keep right on just as if you expected a bountiful harvest. The raw crops are looking well where they have had proper attention and if you will prepare a three-inch soil mulch at first working and keep stirring same every eight or ten days, your crops will not suffer for some time yet. Permit me to insist on you having a well pulverized mulch as same is very essential in preventing evaporation of the moisture and pushing the growth of young crops. F. A. Peel, Special Agent for Taylor County.

### New Improvements.

The Ferrier brothers are making some new improvements in their business on Front street, which gives their place the appearance of one of the nicest confectionery stores in this part of the country. They have secured the wall cases used by the Groene Studio and also the floor show cases to match. All of these harmonize with the new fountain installed by them some time ago.



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### Operation for Appendicitis.

Burhl Wheeler was operated on Sunday for appendicitis at the Alexander sanitarium. He was taken from here late in the afternoon on the advice of his physician who had been watching the case for several days. He stood the operation fine and recovered from the effects of the either without traces of sickness. W. W. Wheeler, his father, received a phone message from Mrs. Burhl Wheeler Tuesday morning stating that her husband's condition was as well as could be expected.

### Masonic Officers Elected.

The election of Masonic officers for the next year beginning with the 24th of June took place last Saturday night. The elected officers are as follows: L. Brown W. M.; Wesley Edwards, S. W.; Homer Easterwood, J. W.; H. R. Hicke, sec.; J. J. Stallings, treas.; J. M. Garrett, Tyler. Those appointed to office are B. F. Cox, S. D.; O. Cordell, J. D. The installation of officers will take place June 24 before the regular meeting on the 25th.

### Scalp Bounty Continues.

The reward for jack rabbit scalps is still in force and will continue until the 12th of June and perhaps longer if necessary to rid the country of the pests.

### CURED OF SOLITAIRE PLAY

How One Wife Put Stop to Her Husband's Preoccupation With the Game.

"My husband used to be a solitaire fiend," said a woman the other day. "He used to come home nights and play several games while I was preparing dinner. After eating—and he would hurry that—he would rush to his card table and play until late at night. If this had happened only once a week it would have been different and I would not have said a word about it. As it was, he would play every night we were not going out together.

"I like card playing, but when it comes to making the game of solitaire an occupation, I draw the line.

"I worried and fretted about the proposition as I thought it was doing my husband harm, as well as keeping him from being sociable, until I thought I would have gray hair. I remonstrated, argued, fought and shed tears, but all to no avail. Finally I hit upon a scheme.

"As I was an unusually poor card player my husband had criticized me several times for my ignorance, good humoredly, of course, and I decided to learn to play solitaire also. I bought a pack of playing cards and one evening at dinner I told the solitaire fiend that I wanted him to teach me the game. He was delighted to think I at last had come to his side and he said he would instruct me that very night.

"Accordingly, after we had tidied up the dining room—he helped me that time—we started in on the single handed game. My husband sweated and almost swore at times and he called me a 'bonehead' and several other names that mean the same thing. Finally he gave it up in disgust and he has not played cards since."

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### HE WANTED IT JUST RIGHT

Particular Young Man Had Utterior Motives in His Purchase of Box of Candy.

The expensively dressed young man threw away his cigarette and entered the confectionery store. "Put me up a two-pound box of your best chocolates," he said to the clerk who waited on him. "Make sure that they are your very best; I don't want any mistake."

"Yes, sir. These are the very highest grade."

"Come to think of it, you had better make it a five-pound box, instead the same kind as those you showed me."

"Yes, sir, certainly."

"And make it mixed chocolates and bonbons. And let me pick out a box I like. Haven't you something with violets on it? She is particularly fond of violets, and I want this to be just right. No, I like that design better, the one in blue and gold. Let me have that. Here, be more careful about the way you do it up. No, there isn't any card to go. I will deliver it myself. Make a neat-looking package of it while I am about it."

The clerk tied it up carefully, then passed it over the counter. As he took the bill in payment, he smiled ever so slightly, and remarked: "The young lady should be very much pleased with that, sir."

"Young lady nothing! That box is for my mother. I'm going to tackle dad for a new runabout tonight, and if I can get her over to my side I'll get it."

### PUPILS PREPARED FOR HIM

Member of School Board Finds They Need No Lesson in Pronunciation From Him.

The member of the board of public education who was visiting one of the schools in the primary department had made a little speech to the children on the importance of correct pronunciation. Picking up a chalk crayon, he wrote the word "heinous" on the blackboard.

"To give you an example, boys and girls," he said, "I wonder how many of you know how to pronounce that word."

"Haynus!" shouted the children in concert.

"Miss Guernsey," said the visitor, turning suspiciously to the teacher, "how did you know I was going to try them on that?"

"I didn't know it, Mr. Judson," she answered, "but I am something of a crank on pronunciation myself, and we have frequent drills on words. You will find that these children know how to pronounce exquisite, despicable, demoniacal, misconstrue, coadjutor, naïvete, sacrifice, genealogy, program, gerrymander, discipline, paresis, caoutchouc, exemplary and hilarious, together with many others that do not occur to me just now."

"I see," said the official visitor, uncertain whether to be crestfallen or elated, "that those youngsters don't need any lesson on pronunciation from me, anyhow," and he took his hat and departed.—Youth's Companion.

### NOTICE TO OUR READERS

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

### Compensation of Employees for Casualties Occurring in Course of Employment.



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There is no responsibility resting more heavily upon civilization than the care of those injured while turning the wheels of progress and the maintenance of those dependent upon employees killed in the pursuit of industry. There are killed during a year 350 people and 8,650 injured while in the employ of business and our industries bear a personal injury burden of a half million dollars per annum and it is reliably estimated that one-half of this amount goes to the damage-suit lawyers.

The Texas Welfare Commission will consider the subject of compensation to employees for casualties occurring in course of employment and Tom Finty, Jr., of Dallas, is chairman of the committee having the subject under consideration.



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We will allow a cash discount of 5 percent (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 is held in 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 a trial order at once, hence this remarkable tire offer.

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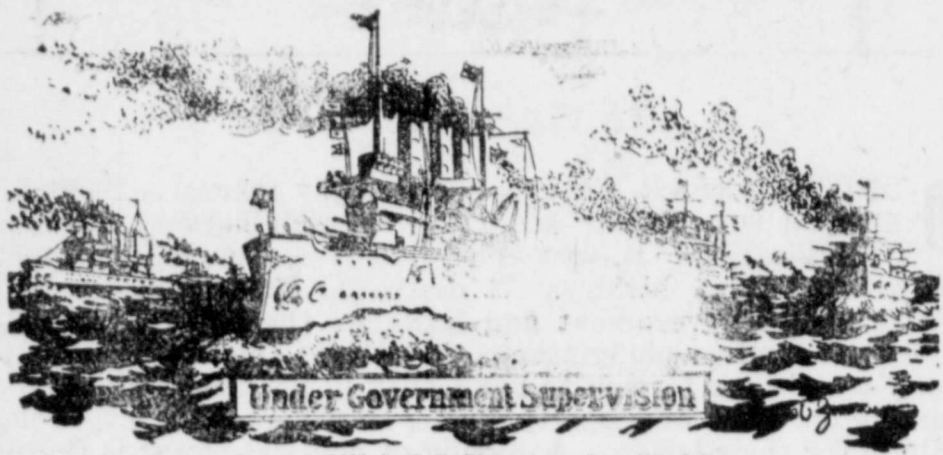
"Nails are a mighty good thing—particularly finger nails—but I don't believe they were intended solely for scratching, though I used mine largely for that purpose for several years. I was sorely afflicted, and had it to do. One application of Hunt's Cure, however, relieved my itch, and less than one box cured me entirely." J. M. Ward, Index, Texas.

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**WAS HISTORIC OLD BUILDING**

Mint at Philadelphia Was the First Building Erected by Authority of Congress.

In removing the foundations of the coinage building of the old mint, at Nos. 37 and 39 North Seventh street some quaint specimens of oldtime building construction, including several curious vaults, were uncovered. The cellar in which the vaults were located was reached by heavy stone steps, supported by brick or stone arches, a method handed down from mediaval times. One of the vaults in which bullion was stored consisted of a vault within a vault, and was designed, it is said, at the time of the war of 1812 to conceal materials which could not be readily transported to other hiding places. Several small windows in the cellar were protected by heavy hand-wrought iron bars. These have been preserved, and will be added, along with other relics, such as locks and hinges, to the collection in Independence hall. In digging out an old well in the yard a number of copper coins bearing the dates 1816 and 1818, were found, as well as a quantity of scrap copper from which the coins had been cut. From old papers relating to a lawsuit, found by Frank H. Stewart, president of the company which owns the property, it was ascertained that five buildings were originally included in the old mint, all of them grouped around the coinage building. It is an historic fact that this old structure, which was the last of these buildings to be razed, was the first building of any description erected by authority of the United States congress. — Philadelphia Record.

**VERY ANGRY WAS MR. JENKS**

Laundry Had Not Come Home and He Proceeded to Explode via Telephone.

It was Sunday morning and Mr Jenks' laundry had not come home. Angry is no name for the condition in which Mr. Jenks found himself! Giving utterance to language which would be entirely unfit for Sunday reading, he rushed to the telephone and hastily looked up in the directory the number of the laundry. "Give me 41144 Bax," he shouted fiercely to central.

"Hello!" came the response a little later.

"This is Mr. Jenks and I want my shirts," he replied wrathfully.

"Your shirts?" questioned the voice.

"Yes, my shirts," shouted Mr. Jenks emphatically. "I won't be trifled with any longer. Let me have those shirts within half an hour—do you hear!"

"But I haven't got your shirts," answered the voice with exasperating calmness. "Why do you think I have?"

"Why do I think you have! Great Scott!" cried Jenks furiously. "You haven't sent them home. Where are they, if you haven't got them?"

"I really don't know and I—really don't care," replied the voice.

"You—" began Mr. Jenks fiercely, and then bethought himself. "Isn't this the Washup laundry?" he inquired more mildly.

"No," responded the voice, "this is a private apartment."

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Attorney Generals Dept. }  
State of Texas. }

Austin, March 23, 1912.

Mr. John Vance, Abilene, Tex.

Dear Sir: We are in receipt of a letter requesting this department to write you our opinion as to whether or not a blind man can hold the position of tax assessor if elected. Replying thereto, I beg to state that this department has several times advised that there is nothing in the law of this state which makes a blind person ineligible to hold any office. Yours very truly,  
C. E. Mead, Asst. Att'y. Gen.  
(Copy from original.)      3t5pd

**Boy Kills Playmate.**

In a difficulty at the school of Rochester in Haskell county last Friday, a boy named Beavers aged 15 struck another boy named Hall aged 16, on the head with a baseball bat, crushing the skull. Young Hall died from the effects of the blow a few days later. Conflicting reports come as to the exact nature of the difficulty—Anson Western-Enterprise

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism. You can do it by applying Chamberlain's Liniment and massaging the parts freely at each application. For sale by all dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Woodroof came in from Waxahachie Wednesday night. They made the trip through the country in an auto, and were accompanied by Willie Trabue of Waxahachie who is visiting the family of Rev. Geo. L. Hamilton. Mr. Woodroof will perhaps make Merkel their home in the future.

There never was a time when people appreciated the real merits of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy more than now. This is shown by the increase in sales and voluntary testimonials from persons who have been cured by it. If you are your children are troubled with a cough or cold give it a trial and become acquainted with its good qualities. For sale by all dealers.

W. R. Walker is making some improvements at the Walker Cottage. He is extending the porch space at the back of the building and inclosing a bath room so as to make the place more convenient.

Rev. O. W. Dean came in from Tulia Thursday night to visit his sister Mrs. J. S. Swann. He went on to Abilene Thursday to accompany his daughter Miss Maud home from Simmons College.

Mrs. H. C. Fronabarger of Westbrook spent the first part of the week here visiting the family of Oliver Boden. She left Thursday for Fort Worth for a visit before returning home.

Frank Smith and sister Miss Annie returned from Stamford Thursday morning where they have been in the Stamford college during the past session.

Sheraton silver is guaranteed for fifty years. Its good and goes a long time. At Rust & McCauley's.

**Necrological.**

Mrs. Jno. Burns of Salt Branch died Wednesday morning after an illness of over a year. She had sought health at several sanitariums and resorts of the state but none of them seemed to give her health. She died at her home about five miles southeast of town, and burial was to be given the body at Stith yesterday.

The infant child of Mr. John Hughes died Tuesday night at the fathers home southwest of town. Burial took place Wednesday afternoon in Rose Hill Cemetery at this place, Rev Clements conducting the services.

It would surprise you to know of the great good that is being done by Chamberlain's Tablets. Darius Downey, of Newberg Junction, N. B., writes, "My wife has been using Chamberlain's Tablets and finds them very effectual and doing her lots of good." If you have any trouble with your stomach or bowels give them a trial. For sale by all dealers.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Big sale Bare Foot Sandals at Parten Dry Goods Co.

All silverware at reduced prices through the month of June. Rust & McCauley.

FOR SALE—Three Jersey cows, fresh with milk. See us quick. Anchor Hardware Co.

Misses Mary and Flay Gunn have returned from Anson where they have been on a short visit.

Sheraton pattern community silver is an exceptionally nice wedding present. Rust & McCauley.

The Oil Mill will pay you 3 cents each for all good second-hand sacks.

Mr. S. S. Harris and daughter Miss Juanita came in Wednesday from Abilene to attend the Harris-Harris wedding.

The Oil Mill will pay you 3 cents each for all good second-hand sacks.

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

Mrs O. M. Pike of Bradshaw returned to her home Thursday after having spent some time here visiting the family of John A. Pike.

Just received a big shipment of Sheraton silverware. New patterns, new designs. Rust & McCauley.

Miss Clara Hoya of Nacogdoches is here the guest of Miss Ruth Mims. She will be a Merkel visitor for some three weeks.

Come to the barber shop in the rear of Southern National Bank and get a 15c shave for 10c

Misses Minnie Coats and Lillie Dean went down to Abilene Wednesday to visit the formers cousin Mrs. Tom Coats who is in the sanitarium recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

FOR SALE—Three Jersey cows, fresh with milk. See us quick. Anchor Hardware Co.

The stork added two to the population of the Merkel country during last week. To Mr. and Mrs. Will Weed of Route 2 a boy and to C. C. Foster who live east of town, a boy.

Answer your wedding invitation with a piece of Sheraton silver. Its guaranteed for 50 years. Rust & McCauley.

C. W. Holcomb came in Tuesday afternoon from Fort Worth to be with his family a few days. Though Mr. Holcomb cannot be here but a very small part of his time he likes to call Merkel home.



**MERKEL**

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

THE MERKEL COUNTRY,  
OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,  
GOOD HEALTH FOR THE OLD MAN,  
EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POOR MAN,  
INVESTMENTS FOR THE RICH MAN  
PROSPERITY FOR ALL.

## TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XXXIX. FACTIONS

**J**ULIUS CAESAR, Crassus and Pompey formed a triumvirate which ruled Rome and reaped a rich harvest off Roman civilization. It was the most powerful political faction known in human history. It destroyed the confidence of the people in the government and hastened the downfall of Rome, which resulted in plunging the world into the dark ages. Factions are always formed to reap, they never sow, and while disturbing one class of property among all others, they levy a heavy tribute for their labors. A pooling of political power is the most dangerous trust that was ever formed in ancient or modern civilization.

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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.

### DRAINING THE GREAT LAKES.

According to Lyman E. Cooley, consulting engineer of the Lakes to the Gulf Deep Waterways Association, if the great lakes were drained the country would be enriched by the addition of 14,000,000 acres of valuable farm lands worth fully \$17,500,000,000.

The question that arises is, is it a reasonable proposition? The lakes are now an invaluable aid to commerce and the country has not developed all of its farm lands yet.

Perhaps Engineer Cooley was merely talking from a speculative point of view. The lakes can be drained, there is no doubt of that. The waters of Haarlem lake were pumped into the sea in Holland. This was over 100 years ago. The ground has since not been cultivated and no great wealth has resulted from the undertaking. The Netherlands government is now considering a project of draining the Zuyder Zee, a gulf of the ocean 8x40 miles in size. The plan is to build a strong dam across the narrows of the gulf with a great sluice works. It is estimated that it will cost less than \$10,000,000 to accomplish the drainage, but whatever the cost may be the return will be much greater in the recovered land.

It may be remembered that Holland, unlike the United States, has nearly every inch of land employed. Here it is different and it seems unreasonable to talk of the destruction of such important waterways when vast stretches of country remain idle, waiting the act of cultivation. Rich acres remain unproductive except of weeds and underbrush.

It is more reasonable to postpone any such fabulous discussion and talk of encouraging the superfluous population of congested cities to seek better conditions on the farm.

Farm land in plenty can be obtained in every state in the union. The United States, only a few years ago, opened new homestead sites in the state of Alabama. Government land can be had upon proper application. The west offers farm lands to all applicants. When we have so much why talk of getting more? Use what we have first. When, like Holland, all of the land in the United States is being used, then it is time to talk of draining the great lakes.

There are other and far more responsible undertakings confronting the government. The Mississippi valley must be rendered safe. The flooded districts must be saved. This is of vastly more importance than any discussion of draining the great lakes. Besides this, the lakes are too serviceable to the ends of commerce to be drained in this or any future generation.—Com. Appeal.

### WHY YOU SHOULD TRADE AT HOME.

The Retail Druggist pays taxes to the state; pays taxes to the county; pays taxes to the city; pays rent and insurance; gives employment to clerks; donates to your churches, charitable and civic organizations; works with you to make your town a city; pays money for advertising in your

paper; is your subscriber and pays his subscription promptly; he is your fellow business man and neighbor, and thereby helps the community and all lines of business.

The Medicine Peddler pays no taxes, rent or insurance; employs no clerks; donates to no public enterprise; takes business away from your merchants, thereby seriously hurting your home market; has no interest in your town; does not advertise or take your paper, consequently is no help toward building up your town.

Most conservative men would suggest and insist that you patronize your home merchants.

### LARGEST BATTLESHIP AFLOAT.

The latest and biggest ship afloat was launched from the docks of the Newport News ship building yards May 18, after having been christened "Texas" by Miss Claudia Lyon, daughter of Col. Cecil Lyon, and for the biggest state in the union. The great battleship contains 11,000 tons of steel and is declared to be the most powerful fighting machine in the world. The launching was eminently successful and the appearances of the great man-of-war in the harbor was greeted with shrieks of siren whistles from nearby warships.

The president of the United States was represented by his daughter, Miss Helen Taft, and Secretary Myer of the navy with his daughter. Miss Lyon was accompanied by eight pretty Texas misses, who, with arms full of flowers, served as maids of honor to the youthful sponsor.

### RESIST ADVANCE IN COTTON RATES.

The recent decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission advancing the rates on cotton ten cents from Texas points to New Orleans has caused considerable anxiety in official circles in Austin. The Texas railroad commission will resist to the utmost the encroachment of federal authorities upon their territory and the attorney general is already preparing to fight the case out in the courts. The life of the Texas railroad commission is involved in the case, without power to make rates, there would be little excuse for its existence. The interstate commerce commission has never been in sympathy with the Texas method of handling the railroad situation and federal supervision would undoubtedly bring about a general revision of rates and a sweeping change in regulatory methods.

Give us enforcement of laws that will stop the guns in our street going pop-pety-pop. When a man turns loose a street fusillade 'dangerring life for the matron and maid, making two fat men choose for a goal one little willowy telegraph pole, hand the law to him a plenty and hot, bring out the statutes and lend him a swat. A fine is a thing he can manage to pay, bring out the statutes and put him away. If you have babies, if you have a wife, must they go out at the risk of their life? Haven't we outgrown the man with the gun? Isn't it time that his gunning was done? Isn't it time the law soaked him ker-bim? Should not the law hand the limit to him? Don't merely fine him something he can pay. Take his gun from him and put him away.—Judd Lewis in Houston Post.

The Texas & Pacific railway has started construction work on a re-icing plant in Marshall in order to facilitate the handling of the peach crop in Harrison county. Present indications are that the production this season will far exceed any previous yield. The immense orchards at Scottville and Caddo Lake, which are the largest peach orchards in the United States, are in splendid condition and the trees are loaded down with fruit.

Patronize your home merchant and help the prosperity of your town and people.



THE ROMAN TRIUMVIRATE.

Let that country that would travel the trunk lines of progress beware of factions that chase each other, dagger in hand, across the political arena, avoid the bitter clash of classes that cause fear and consternation to roll over the land like a flood, and put out the smoldering fires of discord before they burst into flaming revolution and the iron moan of a decayed nation fills the land. Texas Needs Great Men.



## 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, prepaid 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 at the **lowest prices** we can make you this year. We sell the highest grade bicycles for **less money** 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 \$6 or \$10. Descriptive bargain lists mailed free.

**COASTER-BRAKES,** single wheels, imported roller chains and pedals, parts, repairs and **\$10.00 Hedgethorn Puncture-Proof \$4.80 Self-healing Tires** A SAMPLE PAIR TO INTRODUCE, ONLY

The regular retail price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but we introduce you to a sample pair for \$4.80 (each with order \$4.55).

**NO MORE TROUBLE FROM PUNCTURES** NAILS, Tacks, or Glass will not let the air out. A hundred thousand pairs sold last year.

**DESCRIPTION:** Made in all sizes. It 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 this, 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 6 per cent (usually 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 is just as safe as in 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 order at once, hence this remarkable tire offer.

**IF YOU NEED TIRES** don't buy any kind at any price until you send for a pair of Hedgethorn Puncture-Proof tires on approval and trial at the special introductory price quoted above; or write for our big Tire and Sundry Catalogue which describes and quotes all makes and kinds of tires at about half the usual prices.

**DO NOT WAIT**—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 **NOW**.

**J. L. HEAD CYCLE COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILL.**

**Notice.**  
All persons are hereby warned not to cut, tap or in any way interfere with our wires or meters or other equipment. Those found so doing will be prosecuted.  
Merkel Electric Co.

**Primitive Reasoning.**  
"Did you sell your vote?"  
"No, siree! I voted fur that feller 'cause I liked him."  
"But I understand he gave you \$10?"  
"Well, when a man gives you \$10 'tain't no more'n natural to like him is it?"—Washington Star.



**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

"Sides" best cream at the Elite. Pate & Rose shaving parlor. Barber work a specialty.

Mrs. M. F. Robbins is in Abilene this week visiting Mrs. Jobe.

Ladies Bare Foot Sandals for \$1.00 at Parten Dry Goods Co.

EOR SALE—One big work horse. Cheap for cash. Fred Guitar.

Miss Winnie Sandlin was in Abilene Wednesday visiting relatives.

Harkrider has Barefoot Sandals for everybody from the baby to grandma.

J. L. Banner and Austin Boyd were in Abilene Monday attending to business.

All two minute Columbia cylinder records for 21 cents while they last at the Elite.

Miss Bess McMurry of Colorado is the guest of Miss Annie T. Daniel this week.

Harkrider has Barefoot Sandals for everybody from the baby to grandma.

Mrs. W. O. Boney has gone to Morgan to join Mr. Boney who went to that place some time back on business.

Votes in the Fort Worth Record contest given with every thing purchase at Hamblet & Rogers.

Mrs. I. G. Miller who has been here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garret went to Abilene Monday on a short visit.

All 50 cent four minute Columbia cylinder records for 26 cents at the Elite.

Rev. Joseph Jacob returned last week from Oklahoma where he was sent as delegate to the Southern Baptist Association.

Harkrider has Barefoot Sandals for everybody from the baby to grandma.

Barbed wire cuts, ragged wounds, collar and harness galls heal up quickly when Ballard's Snow Liniment is applied. It is both healing and antiseptic. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Horn of Abilene returned to their home Monday after a short visit to the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Horn of the Noodle country

35 cent two minute cylinder records for 21 cent at the Elite.

Three refrigerators and large size ice box that must be sold regardless of cost. See them before you buy. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company.

Help the Merkel girl win in the Fort Worth Record prize contest. Hamblet & Rogers will give votes with everything purchased.

Will McGarr came in Monday from Stanton. He is preparing to leave Stanton for Cleburne where he will take up real estate work with one of the oldest firms of that town.

Highest cash market price for chickens and eggs. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Company.

**ITCHING, FIERY, RAW ECZEMA**

Zemo soothes, cools and heals angry skin and quickly cures eczema and every form of skin disease. Zemo is a clean liquid wash that sinks right in. Quickly allays all pain, all itch, all distress. Zemo does the work in a way that is simply astonishing and your druggist will refund the purchase price if the first bottle does not give you entire satisfaction. Try one bottle at our risk. Zemo is prepared by E. W. Rose Medicine Co., and is sold by Rust & McCauley's drug store.



**SHOVEL 'EM OUT SHOE SALE**

Here is your chance to get High-Grade Shoes at COST and less than cost—all of Good Quality and Reputation. These prices are not made to under-sell those handling these shoes but to close them out, as we will not handle them in the future.

\$5.00 Florsheim Shoes, all styles, at.....\$3.75  
\$4.00 and \$4.50 Burt & Packard Shoes at.....\$2.75

**A FEW STAR BRAND NUMBERS**

**Patent Leather Shoes**  
\$5.00 Shoes cut to.....\$3.75  
4.50 Shoes cut to..... 3.25  
4.00 Shoes cut to..... 2.75

**Heavy Work Shoes**  
\$3.50 Shoes cut to .....\$2.75  
2.75 Shoes cut to..... 2.00  
2.50 Shoes cut to..... 1.75

We have a limited amount of these shoes, so come early and look them over. You don't have to buy. We want to show you what we've got. We can save you money on your shoes.

**SHOE Special J. P. SHARP SHOE Special**

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Big sale Bare Foot Sandals at Parten Dry Goods Co.

O. M. Sharp was in Abilene Wednesday on business.

The very best cold drinks and cigars at Burroughs Drug Store.

Miss Sophia Howard is in Hamlin this week the guest of her sister Mrs. Rufus Grisham.

We handle Hughes famous candies. All fresh. Burroughs Drug Store.

Mrs. C. A. Gilmore and little son Horace of Copperas Cove are here visiting the former's sister Mrs. J. P. Sublett.

Harkrider has Barefoot Sandals for everybody from the baby to grandma.

Mrs. I. S. Allen, Miss Faye and Junior Dick are spending this week in Sweetwater the guest of Mrs. Allen's sister Mrs. G. B. Black.

We will pay the spot cash top of the market price for 100 dozen fryers. Kent St. Grain & Grocery Company.

Motion Picture Show at Opera House will show every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights instead of Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Harkrider has Barefoot Sandals for everybody from the baby to grandma.

Mrs. E. Hall left Monday for Fort Worth to visit Mrs. E. G. Knight. She will then go to Waco to see her daughters Miss Agnes and Mrs. Clifton.

One vote with every one cent purchase at Hamblet & Rogers, the leading grocers. Votes good in Fort Worth Record prize contest.

Let us sell you Cream for entertainments and ect. We handle Aita-Vista. None better. Burroughs Drug Store.

Mrs. J. P. Green of Abilene returned to her home Tuesday after having spent a few days at the home of W. T. Green of Noodle attending the bedside of his wife.

Now arrange the kitchen to save steps these hot days by getting a kitchen cabinet. If you once get a cabinet you would not be without it for twice the price. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Poor appetite is a sure sign of impaired digestion. A few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will strengthen your appetite. Thousands have been benefited by taking these Tablets. Sold by all dealers.

Mrs. Iva McCoy visited in Sweetwater Saturday and Sunday, the guest of Mrs. Linn. She went from there to Dora to visit her mother and returned here Wednesday.

Dizziness, vertigo, (blind staggers), sallow complexion, flatulence are symptoms of a torpid liver. No one can feel well while the liver is inactive. Herbine is a powerful liver stimulant. A dose or two will cause all bilious symptoms to disappear. Try it. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

**A TEXAS WONDER**

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

**PLEASANT TASTING LIQUID MEDICINE**

Acts as Quickly as Calomel, Takes the Place of Calomel, and is Absolutely Harmless.

Dodson's Liver-Tone is the name of the new vegetable tonic which Rust & McCauley's drug store recommends as a perfect substitute for calomel. Without causing any restriction of habit or diet, Dodson's Liver-Tone starts the liver to working and cures constipation, biliousness, etc., without any harmful after-effects.

The fact that calomel is mercury has kept many people who are afraid of mercurial poisoning from using it. Calomel is a good thing to let alone. All persons can use Dodson's Liver-Tone, whether they have been in the habit of taking calomel or not, for it is entirely vegetable and cannot do harm. Rust & McCauley's drug store will give the money back to any dissatisfied purchaser. Price fifty cents.

W. E. Britain left here early Saturday morning on a motorcycle for Fluvanna to visit relatives. Tuesday E. M. Britain received a letter from his wife at Fluvanna telling him of W. E. Britain's arrival. She stated he reached a town 18 miles from Fluvanna Saturday night and continued the trip Sunday morning and when he arrived there he was somewhat bruised and otherwise hurt, having sprain an ankle in the trip.

Have you seen the fine display of new furniture at Behrens-McMillen? If not call and see the pretty things. Your are under no obligations to buy and they will be glad to show you through the line.

Misses Beryl and Ione Lone of Pecos are here this week visiting Mrs. W. Parten and Mrs. I. S. Allen. They are on their way home from Stephenville where they have been in school the past year.

200 pairs Bare Foot Sandals at almost half price. Parten Dry Goods Company.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**ALWAYS CASH IN ADVANCE**

**TAYLOR COUNTY CANDIDATES**

- For District Judge 42nd District Dallas Scarborough Thos. L. Blanton.
- For Representative Taylor County J. M. Wagstaff
- For County Judge: E. M. Overshiner T. A. Bledsoe W. H. Sewell
- For Sheriff: S. E. Taylor (of Hamby) T. C. Weir (for re-election) Felix R. Jones
- For Treasurer: J. H. Thornton G. B. (Blue) Tittle J. W. Red J. W. Christopher
- For County Attorney: H. Rob. Keeble
- For County Clerk: W. J. (Dub) Young
- For Tax Collector: D. T. Harkrider (of Ovalo) Baylor Crawford J. C. Burleson E. D. Stephens
- For Tax Assessor: W. T. (Tom) St. John (of Abilene) C. B. Manly
- For Commissioner Prec. No. 2: J. L. Banner
- For Public Weigher, Merkel: H. H. Tittle
- For County Superintendent J. S. Smith

**JONES COUNTY CANDIDATES**

- For Tax Collector W. R. Cranston
- For Tax Assessor John Hollis Roberts (of Nugent)

For a burn or scald apply Chamberlain's Salve. It will allay the pain almost instantly and quickly heal the injured parts. For sale by all dealers.

**THE ONLY WAY**

Many Merkel Citizens Have Discovered It

Just what to do when the kidneys are affected, is a question that concerns both young and old. Weak kidneys neglected in childhood lead to life-long suffering. People of advanced years, with less vitality, suffer doubly. In youth or age, languor, backache, urinary irregularity, dizziness and nervousness make life a burden.

There is one remedy that acts directly on the kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills owe their world-wide fame to the fact that they have cured thousands of cases of sick kidneys and cured them permanently. Follow the example of this Merkel citizen.

Mrs. H. D. Wilson, Merkel, Texas says: "Different members of my family have used Doan's Kidney Pills with excellent results. One member of the family had been afflicted with kidney trouble for a long time and finally he used Doan's Kidney Pills. They entirely cured him. We give Doan's Kidney Pills great praise and recommend them to anyone suffering from kidney trouble."

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.

J. C. Marlow of Archer City is in town visiting his parents. He was called here to see one of his boys that had taken scarlet fever shortly after coming here from Archer City on a visit with his mother some weeks ago.

The Oil Mill will pay you 3 cents each for all good second-hand sacks.

Mrs. C. M. Largent is in receipt of a letter from Dublin telling her of the death of her niece Mrs. R. F. Gurney. Mrs. Gurney was very well known to the Merkel people having lived a number of years in our midst.

FOR SALE—Three Jersey cows, fresh with milk. See us quick. Anchor Hardware Co.





MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Miscellaneous Shower.

To honor Miss Ollie Kate Harris of Abilene, formerly a Merkel girl, whose marriage to Mr. Henry Harris of Abilene will occur early in June, a miscellaneous shower was given Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Courtney Hunt.

Garlands of red and white hearts were used in decorating the reception rooms. Wedding bells were suspended from the chandeliers. Carnations and mosses were much in evidence in the parlor while crimson rambler and honeysuckle added fragrance and beauty to the reception hall. Roses had full sway in the library and dining room. Hand-painted score cards, beautiful brides, from the artistic hand of Miss Tate were passed.

Twelve tables had been arranged for progressive 42. Miss Zora Coggin won the handsome piece of cut glass in a cut with Miss Jessie Sutphen, Mesdames T. H. Largent, Fred Bigham, Frank Johnson and W. A. Scott. Miss Duncan Browning won the consolation, a lovely piece of linen, in the cut with Mrs. J. W. Daniel and Mrs. T. J. Coggin. These favors were presented in a most gracious manner to the bride-to-be.

Leaves of a romance book were distributed at the tables together with instructions, pictures and paste. In a short time all were busily engaged in filling in the pages that told of some happy event in the past or something bright and cheery for the future. These leaves were collected and laced together with a gold cord. A hand-painted bride added the finishing touches to this exquisite volume which was a present to the bride-to-be.

In the heart contest where the young ladies tried for their fortunes in wedlock, Miss Moon came the nearest to hitting the center of the heart target with a bow and arrow and in that way won the consolation of being the next one to be married.

Honk! Honk! Two beautiful red automobiles were advancing up from the rear of the spacious hall. These cars and the treasures they bore were in charge of Masters Deyo Hunt and Dick Trent Anderson who stopped before the honoree showering her with all kinds of lovely linen, cut glass, silver, etc. The bride-to-be was then led to the punch bowl which was centered on an exquisite chuney cloth. The punch bowl was presided over by Misses Annie T. Daniel, Elma and Olga Sheppard and Mrs. Claud Comegys. Mrs. W. H. Dickson, as mistress of ceremonies, toasted the bride-to-be, Miss Mabel Collins, the groom, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, the mother, Miss Ruth Mims, the girls left behind, Miss Annie T. Daniel, the boys left behind. These were responded to by the bride-elect, first to her Merkel friends, then to Mrs. Hunt, the hostess.

Miss Jessie O'Brian charmed all as she sang "Harbor of Love." Misses Inice Moon and Mabel Collins gave choice selections of instrumental music. Wedding bells and Angel food cake were then passed to the guests, mints in dainty cut glass trays having been served throughout the games.

Those present were: Misses Brown, Bean, Bigham, Collins, Coleman, of Paris. Coggin, Daniel, Howard, Allie and Laura Jennings, Keeton, Martin, Mims, Moon, O'Brian, Penn, Rister, Sutphen, Olga and Elma Sheppard, Ova and Dollie Teaff, Lulu Thornton, Mesdames Anderson, Boden, Burroughs, Brown, Claud and Fred Bigham, Collins, Sutphen, G. E. and Claud Comegys, Daniel, Dickson, John D. and Davenport Gaither, Hamilton, Hamm, Harris, of Abilene, Coggin, Johnson, Jackson, T. H. and C. M. Largent, Mims, Pettit, Rose, Scott, Walker and the hostess.

Mrs. Bishop Hunter favored a few of her girl friends with an apron party Saturday evening. Mr. Charley Russell came by there and took all for a lovely moon-light ride on his float. They sang songs and serenaded a number of their friends. A harp furnished the music. After an hour or more of this sport they returned to Mrs. Hunter's and were served with refreshing sherbet and cake. Those present were Misses Allday, Lizzie and Eva Calvert, Harris, Roxie and Inice Moon, Russell, Jobe, Stallings, Hutson, Ona and Pauline Johnson, Swann, Jones, Mesdames Calvert, Sublett, Balch and the hostess.

Linen Shower.

One of the prettiest affairs of the season was the reception at the Jennings home Wednesday afternoon May 22, 1912 from 3 to 6 o'clock.

This function was appropriately timed to meet the visit of Miss Ina Coleman of Paris who came in that afternoon to visit her cousins the Misses Jennings but the pretty romance that prompted the affair was the announcement of the coming marriage of Miss Laura Jennings to Mr. Wesley Edwards on June fifth.

The home was beautifully decorated with cut flowers with special decorations in the dining room where pink and white chrysanthemums were used with an artistic touch. The Misses Jennings were assisted by their mother Mrs. J. W. Jennings, Mrs. W. A. Scott and Miss Susie Penn in receiving their guests. Dainty booklets done in water colors, lovely pink bows knotted with a small marine scene, were passed to the guests.

At table No. 2 jumbled letters were arranged to form names of rivers, lakes and seas. At No. 3 some form of water was to be given. Afterward we could all think of showers. Table No. 4 were questions to be answered by given forms in water. Table No. 5 found all as busy as bees studying the outline of great bodies of water. Table No. 6 was an intellectual test but it was at table No. 1 where we all scored for at this table dainty refreshments were served, pink and white cream with angels food decorated with pink love knots. After all had progressed to this table the guest at each table cut for the prize, Miss Willie Bigham receiving the marine scene, the artistic work of Miss Jennings.

It was at this point that the punch bowl presided over by Misses Susie Penn and Ruth Mims received the undivided attention of all. When Cupid, little Miss Louise Scott, appeared with bow and arrows and dozens of telegrams which were claimed by the guests, each being the bearer of personal news. The usual amount of nervousness was displayed as each was called on to read her telegram. At last Miss Jennings read the only message signed by Cupid. This gave the announcement of the Edwards-Jennings marriage for June 5. "All the world loves a lover" and a love affair too. All present showered the bride-to-be with many good wishes for happiness in her new life.

Those present were: Misses Collins, Burroughs, Sutphen, Coggin, Ina Coleman of Paris, Mims, Martin, Penn, Moon, Mossie and Eula Sears, Bigham, Scott, Bean, Mesdames Tom Largent, Hunt, J. D. Gaither, Jackson, Claud and Fred Bigham, Sears, Coggin, Walker, Sharp, Krigbaum, Black, Johnson, Mims, Wheeler, Brown, Scott, Dickson.

In Honor of Miss Harris.

Another event in the week's social calendar with Miss Harris of Abilene as honoree occurred Friday afternoon when at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Collins on Bettes Heights were gathered seven tables of 42 devotees.

The home was a bower of ferns with pink and white roses arranged with artistic skill. Dainty score cards, white satin wedding slippers, marked the progression of the games. At her table Miss Harris favored Miss Martin, Miss Daniel and Mrs. Courtney Hunt. After several intensely interesting games the tables were cleared and the guests were given pencils and paper with the request to write a good wish to the bride-elect. This being done the hostess placed them in a miniature chest and gave them to the honoree with instructions "not to open till after the wedding."

Then came the awarding of the prizes. Mrs. Lanier Brown won the lovely silk hose. The consolation went to Mrs. W. H. Dickson. Both prizes were gracefully presented to the honoree.

Those enjoying the pleasures of this delightful function were: Misses Bean, Harris, Bigham, Coggin, Daniel, Jennings, Keeton, Howard, Martin, Penn, Sutphen, Rister, Teaff, Olga and Elma Sheppard, Mesdames R. H. and Twyman Collins, Fred and Claud Bigham, Brown, Coggin, Daniel, Dickson, John D. and Davenport Gaither, Hunt, S. S. Harris, Sutphen, Scott, Walker and the hostess.

A delicious ice course was served carrying out the decorative scheme, the hostess serving brick cream and angels food.

Miss Mamie Rister honored Miss Ollie Kate Harris of Abilene and the girls left behind with a "slumber" party

Saturday night. A picture show party was followed by a luncheon. Two booklets were made. One containing valuable recipes for the "Harris" cook book, the other useful things to know about the home. These were given to Miss Harris. Each of the girls were given a strip of paper containing some household stunt to be performed the next morning, and as each was faithful to her special duty the house needed the witty conversation and merry laugh as evidence that eight girls had been all night guest. Those present to enjoy the hospitality of Miss Rister were Misses Harris, Collins, Thornton, Teaff, Coggin, Martin, Sheppard.

A social club was organized Tuesday afternoon at the home of Miss Fannie Burroughs. The organization will be known as the Three T's. Miss Inice Moon was elected president, Miss Jessie Sutphen secretary and treasurer. Miss Moon received a beautiful pin cushion for identifying the greatest number of embroidery stitches. The next meeting of the club will be with Miss Flay Gunn Tuesday 4 p.m. The hostess served apricot sherbet and nut cake to Misses Allday, Sutphen, Burroughs, Sheppard, Paylor, Ona and Virginia Hamblet.

An informal bridge party was tendered Mrs. S. S. Harris of Abilene Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Courtney Hunt. At the conclusion of the afternoon it was found that Mesdames Fred Bigham and W. H. Dickson had stayed at the head table all afternoon. The linen favor falling to Mrs. Bigham in the cut, which she very gracefully presented to the honored guest. Fruit punch and angels food was served to Mesdames Harris, Daniel, Davenport Gaither, Hunt, Fred Bigham, Dickson, Misses Harris, Collins, Daniel.

Mrs. J. W. Daniel and daughter Miss Annie T. Daniel were charming hostesses Tuesday afternoon when they entertained a few friends honoring Miss Bess McMurry of Colorado and Miss Ollie Kate Harris of Abilene. The afternoon was spent in playing 500. Sherbet and cake were served to Mesdames Coggin, Hunt, Claud Bigham, Davenport Gaither, Dickson, Misses Elma and Olga Sheppard, Martin, Collins, Coggin, the honorees and hostesses.

What is said to have been one of the most delightful outings for the season was had by a few of the young people going out south of town Tuesday evening with well filled baskets and having an evening of moonlight picnicing all to themselves. Those in the crowd were Misses Jobe, Calvert, Moon, Gertrude and Lulu Thornton. Messrs. Jobe, Sharp, Ferrier, Provine, Gaither.

Franklin-Odom.

On last Sunday afternoon one of the Merkel young men quietly slipped away from the business worries and to the town of Stanton did go for a wife. Mr. C. C. Franklin the lucky man was married to Miss Laura Odom of that place. They came here Sunday night and will make their home with us in the future. Mr. Franklin is a member of the firm of Franklin & Renfro while Miss Odom is the charming daughter of Mrs. Laura Odom of Stanton.

The Mail extends hearty congratulations.

Harris-Harris.

The marriage of Miss Ollie Kate Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Harris of Abilene, formerly of Merkel, and Mr. Harry Harris of Abilene was solemnized Wednesday evening at nine o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt. This was a quiet home wedding only immediate relatives and close friends being present.

To the wedding march played by Miss Mabel Collins the bridal couple entered the parlor from the library preceded by Miss Juanita Harris the bride's sister. They were met at the altar by Rev. George L. Hamilton who read the impressive marriage ceremony uniting their young lives.

The bride is greatly loved and admired by her Merkel friends for her many charming qualities. Mr. Harris is a successful young business man and is to be congratulated on having won such a jewel. After the service the bride and groom were toasted while all drank to their future happiness and prosperity. The happy couple left at once for their home in Abilene. After June first they will be at home to their many friends at Miss Ella Readings on Grape and Fourth streets.

Monday afternoon the social meeting of the home mission society was held at

Bad Spells

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the home of Mrs. McMaster with Mrs. McMaster and mother Mrs. Pickle as hostesses. An informal program was given. Each was asked to contribute something in the way of a reading, poster, etc. The reading by Mrs. J. N. Routh was greatly enjoyed as was the poster by Mrs. G. H. Adams. Much of the success of the meeting is due Mrs. M. Armstrong the president who so thoughtfully put her surry at the command of those living too far to walk. "It is the little things in life that counts." A little kindness each day.

Monday afternoon the pretty home of Mrs. Davenport Gaither was the scene of a most interesting bridge party. Those present were Misses Harris of Abilene, McMurry of Colorado, Collins, Daniel, Mesdames Hunt, Daniel, Dickson and the hostess. Delicious sherbet and cake were served.

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## COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

### Inkum Items.

May 27—Miss Self of Shep is visiting her brother Jeff Self and family this week.

Some complaint of cutworms and grass hoppers destroying the young cotton in this section.

Richard Dalby and Miss Sallie Perry of Prairie View attended the ice cream supper at A. F. Williams Wednesday night.

School closed at Elm Grove Thursday. The teacher Miss Gladys Christopher of Merkel has made many friends while among us who will regret to have her leave.

Brit Williams was taken sick quite suddenly Thursday. A physician was called in and he was better at last accounts.

Misses Gladys and Mattie Christopher of Merkel returned to their home Sunday. They will be missed by their many friends here especially at the literary society.

Messrs. A. N. Norman and Zack Adams of Abilene lost their way and got over into this precinct in the interest of their candidacy for public weigher. There was an ice cream supper at A. F. Williams Wednesday night. A large crowd present report a good time.

Arthur Wilson and Lem Dudley made a trip to Merkel Sunday.

Ben Harrison of View attended the meeting of the literary society Thursday night.

G. W. Wilson made a business trip to the Shep country Friday.

Boone Bush with several strangers from Nubia were at the entertainment Friday night.

Joe Riney of the Riney community was also among those from a distance.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

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### Blair Echoes.

May 27—The infant son of J. S. Hughes is reported very sick.

Bro. Green preached a series of good sermons at the church Saturday night, Sunday at 11, Sunday afternoon at 3:30 and Sunday night.

Miss Velma Clark will leave in a few days for Abilene where she has accepted a position.

F. D. Addison and J. W. Mayfield heard Judge Blanton at Nubia Friday night.

Miss Lela Clark of Abilene is visiting her mother this week.

Mrs. S. E. Powell is out again after several days of sickness.

Ruth, Clarice and William Moore after spending several days here returned to their home at Comper Saturday.

Misses Lola Tittle and Frankie Campbell of Mount Pleasant attended church here Sunday.

Rev. Charles Williams of Abilene the pastor of the church here was here Saturday and Sunday.

Levy Tittle and Ula Campbell of Rock Crossing were Blair visitors Saturday.

The ladies here have organized a Woodman Circle. They expect a large membership.

May Peoples returned last week from Ovalo where she has been visiting friends.

### Only a Fire Hero

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### Salt Branch News.

May 28—There was preaching Sunday by Bro. Taylor.

There was no singing Sunday on account of several going to Merkel.

Miss Ruth Allen was the guest of Miss Cora Hays Sunday.

Charley West and wife and Mrs. Mobley were visiting at the home of Will Hays Sunday.

Dee and Bowie Floyd and Clyde Williams attended the show at Merkel Saturday night.

Jess Higgins and wife were visiting J. L. Barker and wife Sunday.

Sollie Woods, Olly Higgin, Willis Taylor and Misses Annie Higgins, Ida Taylor and Alma Hays went to View Sunday.

Porter and Ellis Petty and families were visiting the family of Wesley Hardy Sunday.

Sorry to report Miss Cora Hays sick with the fever. Hope she will soon be well again.

Jim Woods and Mrs. Taylor were visiting at the home of Mr. McCartney near Tye Monday.

Dee and Bowie Floyd and sisters Misses Essie and Dewie attended the children's day exercises at Merkel Sunday.

J. Woods left Tuesday for his home at Loraine.

The farmers are all busy chopping cotton.

### Porto Rico's New Wonder.

From far away Porto Rico comes reports of a wonderful new discovery that is believed will vastly benefit the people. Ramon T. Marchan, of Barceloneta, writes "Dr. King's New Discovery is doing splendid work here. It cured me about five times of terrible coughs and colds, also my brother of a severe cold in his chest and more than 20 others, who used it on my advice. We hope this great medicine will yet be sold in every drug store in Porto Rico." For throat and lung troubles it has no equal. A trial will convince you of its merit. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

### Mulberry News.

May 28—Health of the community is very good.

The farmers are all busy at this writing.

Rev. Sommers of Abilene filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Miss Nora Harrison and Miss Martha Bird were the guests of Miss Omega Martin Sunday.

Miss Stella Watts spent a few days last week in Merkel visiting friends.

Miss Annie Rogers was shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. Sallie Harrison was the guest of Mrs. John Barns Tuesday.

Ollie, Cora and Willie Rogers and J. D. and Reamer Rainer visited their aunt Mrs. Ona McMurphy of Salt Branch Saturday.

Mrs. John Barns is quite sick at this writing.

Miss Ollie Rogers was the guest of Miss Lulu and Linnie Awls Sunday.

Charley Rogers of Warren and Charley Rogers of Hillsboro spent Saturday night with D. F. Rogers and family.

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### History of Texas.

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### Real Estate Transfers.

F. & M. National Bank of Merkel to C. E. Jacobs 100 acres land out of League 145 Gaudalupe school lands, \$3,000.

R. D. Allen to W. N. Hall lots 5 and 6 in block E Miller subdivision to blocks 7 and 20 college addition to Merkel, \$250- W. H. Gilliam and wife to W. J. Patterson of Jones county lots 9 and 10 in block C Miller's subdivision of block 20 College Addition to Merkel, \$800

### Biliousness and Constipation.

For years I was troubled with biliousness and constipation, which made life miserable for me. My appetite failed me. I lost my usual force and vitality. Pepsin preparations and cathartics only made matters worse. I do not know where I should have been today had I not tried Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. The tablets relieve the ill feeling at once, strengthen the digestive functions, purify the stomach, liver and blood, helping the system to do its work naturally.—Mrs. Rosa Potts, Birmingham, Ala. These tablets are for sale by all dealers.

### Taxing Bachelors.

One of the smallest of the German principalities is undertaking a very big experiment in financial legislation. The diet of the elder of the two principalities of Reuss, which lie in central Germany, to the southeast of the Thuringian states, carried recently a resolution in favor of increasing the state income tax by 5 per cent. of the tax on incomes between £150 and £300, and by 10 per cent. of the tax on incomes exceeding £300 a year in the case of unmarried persons of either sex who have reached their thirtieth year. The diet consists of twelve members, and the resolution was carried by seven votes against five. The super-taxation of bachelors has often been proposed in other German states, and was jocularly referred to as a possible form of imperial taxation by the Emperor William.

### "Nails."

"Nails are a mighty good thing—particularly finger nails—but I don't believe they were intended solely for scratching, though I used mine largely for that purpose for several years. I was sorely afflicted, and had it to do One application of Hunt's Cure, however, relieved my itch, and less than one box cured me entirely." J. M. Ward, Index, Texas.

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