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MERKEL SCHOOLS OPEN SEPT. 23RD

The Merkel schools will open September 23 and every boy and girl is expected to be on hand with their slate, pencil and Blue Black speller.

The patrons of the city schools will this year have advantage of the best trained teachers that have ever been connected with our schools in any way. Every high school teacher for the coming year has taken advantage of University summer schools either in Texas or Tennessee and in that way have taken advantage of the best possible training that they could get in order to equip themselves for giving better service to the patrons of our schools.

The selections for teachers as they now stand are as follows: R. L. Krigbaum superintendent, B. D. Black principal south side school, Miss E. Love Hawkins teacher of Latin, junior and senior English, Miss Schmid teacher of history, 1st and 2nd year English. The grade teachers are as follows: Miss Lelia Nisbett 7th grade southside, Miss Melissa Smith 6th grade southside, Miss Jewell Garrett 5th grade, Miss Mattie Murphy 4th grade southside, Miss Willie Valentine 3rd grade southside, Miss Mae Valentine teacher of primary department southside, Miss Maud Jenkins principal of northside school, Miss Saunders 4th grade northside, Miss White first division, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade northside, Miss Orra Long teacher of primary department northside school.

Miss Cleo Wilson Bowler is to be the teacher of Piano in our public school system this term. Miss Bowler finished at Wesley college under Prof. MacFall a graduate of Germany and took a special course in Chicago. She is highly recommended and our school system is to be congratulated on securing her services.

At the present there are no changes to be made in the selected teachers and the order and place will perhaps stand for the coming year.

Presbyterian Meetleg Closes.

The Presbyterian meeting that has been going on at the church during the last two weeks is to end tonight proper while the regular services ended Thursday morning but the other services were brought out in order to discuss the Presbyterian belief and the whyfore of that belief.

There had been up to Wednesday night ten conversions and the membership of the church feel that Rev. Graham has done a good work in the meeting. Rev. Hamilton the local pastor will not fill the pulpit here Sunday but Rev. A. A. Baker will preach at the regular hours for him.

L. R. Hogg of Marshall is here this week visiting his father J. D. Hogg. After a short visit here he will go on to El Paso where he will spend part of his vacation before returning to his position as private secretary to the superintendent of the Texas & Pacific.

Mrs. Eva Barnes of Midland returned to her home Wednesday after spending several days here visiting her sister Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt. On coming down Mrs. Barnes was accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Brunner also a sister and Glen Brunner. They made the trip in an auto and arrived here several days ago. Mrs. Brunner will spend some time here visiting Mrs. Rainbolt.

TAYLOR COUNTY'S SHERIFF IS BACK

Sheriff T. C. Weir is back from Galveston where he and wife and son spent a week at the Cotton Carnival, and report a pleasant sojourn.

While the trades exhibits and especially the three big exhibits, the Marine, cotton and germ exhibits prepared by the state and government departments and institutions, are attractive to visitors, Mr. Weir thinks the water is the biggest and best.

"There's nothing to Galveston," said the Sheriff, "but that big body of water and wharf rats, why they are as big as the ordinary cats and infest the island city like an army."

The city is full of people, and last Sunday 6000 tickets were sold to the bathing pavillion and 3500 were in the water at one time in the afternoon.

Mr. Weir says the bathing and playing in that salt water is a splendid panacea for rheumatism but the sunshine is very destructive to the epidermis on bald heads.—Abilene Reporter.

THE JURY SERVICE SELECTIONS MADE

Following constitutes the grand jury and the petit jury for the session of district court to convene Monday next.

First Week Petit Jury.—C. P. Booker, O. C. Blass, J. T. Haney, G. B. Brown, B. F. Graham, R. O. Anderson, J. K. Cauthen, Jim M. Eoff, E. F. Farr, G. M. Cauthen, John Barbain, J. H. Couch, Sam Cannon, C. E. Cordill, A. C. Bledsoe, E. F. Farr, Jr., A. H. Barnes, R. F. Cannon, I. A. Griffith, E. A. Blanks, E. H. Green, J. M. Cutbirth, Geo. W. P. Coats, M. B. Hanks, J. R. Dye, M. C. Hopson, J. D. Hilton, T. J. Hill, J. W. Bryan, T. B. Compton, J. H. Elliott, J. W. Hammond, T. J. Davis, J. H. Goss, J. T. Davis, J. N. Bradshaw.

Grand Jurors.—F. C. Digby Roberts.

E. G. Batjer, G. W. Johnson, Merkel, Geo. F. West, Merkel, A. J. Smith, Trent; Hamby Richardson, Hamby; Ben Wilkinson, Ovalo; W. H. Cospers, Shep; L. B. Ivey, Ovalo; G. W. Wilson, Inkum; J. E. Kendall, Caps; J. T. Tims, Buffalo Gap; W. L. Kincaid, Tye; D. E. Coffman, Potosi; C. L. Tucker, Merkel; J. A. Collins, Abilene.—Abilene Reporter.

J. M. Bryson of Dora was in town yesterday on business.

SMALL BOYS AT FIRES IN MERKEL

When a fire alarm is turned on in Merkel the crowd in attendance is somewhat different from the crowd that goes to a fire in a large city and is explained as follows.

In a large city no children are allowed on the scene at all and very few grown people because their assistance is not needed and there is danger of their getting injured if not killed. In Merkel is very different and when the department was called out to fight the fire in the G. F. West building and to the alarm at the Merkel Bottling Works, which are both fresh on the minds of Merkel people, there was in attendance at these fires no less than twenty small boys ranging from seven years to perhaps fifteen and no where in the crowd could there be seen a parent who seemed duty-bound enough to look after the welfare of his child. Naturally the mothers were not there for they did not have time to reach the scene as quick as did their husband or their small boy who was running loose on the street somewhere.

On both of the above mentioned occasions those small boys could be seen to run directly into danger where they might get hurt at any moment. The reason for there being so many small boys around the West building fire was no doubt caused by the fact that the respective parents took for granted that their son was not in any danger at all and never would get in the way of the firemen in the discharge of their duties but at the same time no doubt those parents had not the slightest knowledge of where their boy was or what he was into.

To an outsider it makes them shudder to see a small boy deliberately run into such danger yet is very evident that it is not the boys fault but the fault of the parents in not looking after the welfare of their child properly. It would be well for every mother and father in Merkel to take into consideration the fact that their boy is not fire proof nor bears an enchanted life and would not get hurt under any circumstances for it would be very sad to the fireboys should there be a death as result of some child running into such danger without being able to see it. This is intended to scare for the fact is a scary one and if parents will but take it upon themselves to consider the matter it will look scary to them. The idea of a small boy running into the rear of the Jones Barber shop to look at the fire even before the water had stopped flowing from the hose.

While parents and others consider this they might bear in mind that their personal services are often times a hinderance to the fireboys and it would be much better that the department have a clear field than to have the scene congested by sight-seers of any age whether old or young. At any time the fireboys need

outside help they will call for it and it will then be time enough for the outsider to offer his assistance and not before.

But do not forget that it is your boy that is in danger and not the child of your neighbor for if you do not know just where your child is when the fire alarm is turned in it is most likely that you can find him on the scene if you will take the trouble to go and see.

\$20,000 CATTLE DEAL IS CLOSED

Messrs. R. H. Collins, Sam Butman, John Collins and Wesley Edwards closed a deal last week in which Messrs. Dumas and Mural of Scullin, Okla., became the owners of about 500 head of cattle belonging to the above parties, and bringing to the former owners \$20,000.

Three hundred head of the cattle were shipped out of Merkel Monday bound for Scullin where the new owners are intending to place the cattle on feed for a short time. The other 200 head were left on the Butman ranch and will not be moved until October 1, these being the cattle belonging to Mr. Butman in person. Messrs. Collins and Collins and Edwards attended the shipment from here and will go all the way to Oklahoma with them where they will look into the cattle conditions of that country.

Miss Ruth Mims and Ina Gilliland were visitors in Abilene Thursday.

COMES TO REUNION PRAISES MERKEL

W. J. Tittle and son R. L. Tittle of Sulphur Springs stopped off here Sunday on their way home from El Paso and Cloud-N. M. Mr. Tittle is a near relative of H. H. and G. B. Tittle of this place and is closely related to Mrs. Emma Campbell who lives six miles south of town.

During Sunday about thirty-four of the Merkel country relatives were gathered together at the home of G. B. Tittle in west Merkel and the day was spent in the discussion of the bye-gone days in dear old Georgia, their native state. The noon day was marked with a delicious dinner after which all were assembled in a group and their photographs made. While here Messrs. W. J. and R. L. Tittle visited Messrs. Campbell, Mayfield, Albert and Rufus Tittle south of town and also made a trip north of town. They were delighted with their trip and complimented the country very highly and in a way that made their relatives feel that they were in the best country in the world and we would not be surprised if they should locate here so favorably impressed were they.

This is the first time in twenty-seven years these relatives have met and the visitors from Sulphur Springs declared they had been many times repaid for their time and expense by stopping off here.

SENATOR BRYAN SERIOUSLY HURT

Senator W. J. Bryan was brought in Sunday night over the Abilene & Southern from Anson in a very serious condition and lies in the Abilene Hospital today (Monday) in a semi-comatose condition from the effects of a fall in an attempt to repair a piece of broken wire fence Sunday morning about 11 o'clock.

In the fall two ribs the sixth and seventh, were broken in addition to the bruises about the head, shoulders and face and internal injuries of the head.

It seems that Mr. Bryan and one of his ranch hands had gone out Sunday morning to look after some gaps in the fences through which some cattle had been escaping from the pastures and in trying to mend a broken place in a wire Mr. Bryan tore out a staple by pulling too hard which precipitated him to the rock about ten feet below with the above results.

The accident occurred about four miles from the ranch house and Mr. Bryan was carried to Hamlin where he received temporary medical attention and relatives at Abilene notified by telephone. Judge K. K. Legett and Dr. S. C. Gage left at once in an automobile for Hamlin and found Mr. Bryan in an unconscious condition.

Arrangements were made at once for a special train over the A. & S. to Anson, where close connection was made with the Abilene & Northern for this city.—Abilene Reporter.

Later reports show that Senator Bryan is improving and is no doubt out of danger and his physician Dr. Gage seems to think that he will soon be up.

Business Change.

The former well-known barber shop of Pate & Rose will hereafter be known as Pate & Son, the change coming about through H. M. Rose selling his interest in the establishment to Jno. Pate. Mr. Pate will be alone until Sept. 1st after which time he will be assisted by his son Oscar Pate, a well-known barber and Merkel boy. Mr. Rose on severing his connection with the shop takes a position with the Anchor Hardware Company.

Merkel Girl Wins A Prize.

Miss Flossie Cypert is among the winners in the Fort Worth Record prize contest according to a clipping taken from that paper a few days ago though up to date the young lady has not been informed by the paper of her prize. Miss Cypert came fourth in the contest of the boys and girls outside of Fort Worth and won a Daisy Lawn Swing by 355,397 votes.

W. C. Calvert returned from different points in east Texas Sunday where he has been for the past two weeks visiting and on business. Mr. Calvert goes from here to Sweetwater where he will make his home in the future unless he decides to return to Merkel.

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Return From North.

Tuesday morning Dr. Geo. L. Miller and wife came in from visits in Chicago, Lakes Sides, Ohio and points in Tennessee where the doctor and his wife have been spending their honeymoon during the last month. Most of the time away was spent at Lakesides and in Tennessee visiting relatives of both the Doctor and Mrs. Miller. Their many Merkel friends are indeed glad of their return.

New School House

The people of the Cross Roads community southeast of Merkel seven miles are getting into shape for the fall school term by building a school house for the benefit of those who have been having to go to Tye and Caps to schools. The house will be ready for school work in about thirty days.

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.

Teachers' Examinations.

An examination for teachers' certificates of all grades will be held in my office Sept. 5, 6, 7, 1912. Subjects for permanent certificate will be given Thursday; for 1st and 2nd grades, Friday and Saturday. Those building to 1st grade certificates need not be present until Saturday morning. Those who intend to take the examination will please inform me at once.

Respectfully,
L. T. Cunningham,
Co. Supt. Jones Co.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for week ending Aug. 24, 1912:

Davis, John
Jenkins, Mrs. J. M.
Walker, Mr. N. C.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Sept. 7, 1912.

H. W. Derstine, p.m.

Spirellas.

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Miss Nola Whitley.

Mrs. T. D. Richie of the plains country returned to her home Tuesday after spending several days here visiting the family of J. J. Gibson.

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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, our factor, 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.

IF YOU NEED TIRES don't buy any kind at any price until you send for a pair of Hedgehorn tires 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 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.

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Miss Ethel Carrol of Midland concluded her visit here with Miss Valrie Dye Wednesday afternoon. Miss Carrol went from here to Eskota where she will go across the country to a ranch and spend several days before going home. Misses Mary and Fan Bates of San Angelo are here visiting the family of J. L. Banner.

Dee Grimes came in from Vernon Wednesday morning. He will assume a position with the Grimes drug store Sept. 1st. Thos. Neil and J. A. McRee of Trent were in the city Tuesday on their way to Abilene on business. Mrs. Will Woodard of Roscoe came down Saturday to visit relatives on Salt Branch.

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The stork has been very busy of late and has added five to the list of Merkel country citizens. On August 5 to Mr. and Mrs. L. Rister a boy, and on the same date a girl to Dr. and Mrs. Graham of Essie, to Mr. and Mrs. Zack Huckaby of Nubia a boy, to F. H. McDonald and wife of Stith a boy on the 13th and to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Dickey on the 19th a girl.

Butter smokes at 329 degrees, Lard at 400 degrees. You can heat CRISCO to 455 and it will not smoke. This is the secret of the dry crisp fried foods that Crisco makes. For frying for shortening for cake making, you will find it at Whitley, Son & Co. Phone 252.

I. S. Allen returned from a business trip to Denton last week. While away Mr. Allen purchased a home in Denton and will in the next few weeks move his family there in order to get the benefit of the college of that place.

"Were all medicines as meritorious as Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy the world would be better off and the percentage of suffering greatly decreased," writes Lindsay Scott, of Temple, Ind. For sale by all dealers.

Miss Lelia Medlin who has been here visiting her sister Mrs. W. J. Ely left for Ovalo Monday where she will visit relatives.

Be sure to bring your cotton to the Independent Gin owned by R. E. Bowles. 16t2

OF LOCAL INTEREST

Some People We Know, and We Will Profit by Hearing About Them.

This is a purely local event. It took place in Merkel. Not in Buffalo or New York. You are asked to investigate it. Asked to believe a citizen's word; to confirm a citizen's statement. Any article that is endorsed at home is more worthy of confidence than one you know nothing about, endorsed by unknown people.

H. W. Derstine, postmaster, Merkel, Texas, says: "I still believe Doan's Kidney Pills are good for kidney trouble although I never have occasion to use them any more. You are at liberty to use my statement as heretofore. Backache bothered me off and on for years and Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Rust & McCauley Drug Co's. Store relieved me. I believe they will cure any case of kidney trouble, if taken as directed."

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Miss Lizzie Mae Freeman returned from Dallas Saturday afternoon where she has been for some time working under experienced milliners in order that she will be better able to handle the trade here this fall. While away Miss Freeman also bought her fall and winter line of hats and millinery furnishings.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnes of Westbrook came in last week to visit the family of J. S. Barnes. Mr. Barnes returned Sunday but Mrs. Barnes remained to spend a few days with relatives here and at Tye. 16t2

8 per cent Money on Land.

Yes, we can supply you with money on your land at 8 per cent. We will have many applications this year, so we want to begin early. See us now. Bring your land papers with you when you come down. Bynum & McDavid, Abilene, Texas.

Rev. Neb and Chas. Annis returned Monday from Elm Grove where they have been for the past few days holding a meeting. During the last few days of the meeting Mrs. M. Armstrong was a camper on Elm and at times the meeting was not in progress the time was spent in fishing.

Throw away your wash board and buy Clean Easy Soap, 10 minutes to the boiler full. Rinse that's all. Whitley, Son & Co.

F. A. Sanders returned Monday from Huntington, Tenn. where he has been for a few days visiting the scenes of his old home. He reports a fine trip.

Just received the first showing of fall hats, call and see them. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Mr. Hutchins of Stanton came in from the east Monday to spend a few days with his father J.P. Hutchins.

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

Miss Pearl Rawlings and daughter Blanch visited the family of her brother Dan Rawlings of Trent last week.

Be sure and see our new felts and all other new fall hats. The Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Leonard Sublett came in last week from New Mexico where he has been for some months holding a claim of land.

R. E. Bowles will appreciate your ginning. 16t2

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The house that caters to your wants. Whitley, Son & Co.

B. A. Clark left Monday for Fort Worth on a business trip.

Eggs wanted at Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

G.C. Henderson of Ovalo was a visitor in Merkel the first of the week.

For clean ginning with up-to-date machinery try R.E. Bowles.

Elmer Ellis of El Paso came in last Friday to visit his father E. V. Ellis.

Miss Winnie Warren visited Miss Mary Paxton in Abilene Saturday.

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Miss Kate Elliott of Sweetwater was down last week visiting Miss Emma Lofton of Noodle.

Miss Rose Norris left Monday for Capitan, N. M., where she will spend the summer.

Miss Ina Dale Wooten returned to Abilene Monday after a week's visit with Miss Leno Largent.

Mrs. G. M. Greene of Abilene came up Wednesday to visit her mother Mrs. Sandlin.

We are always first with our line of hats. Call and see them. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Mrs. Henry Ellis who has been here visiting the family of E. V. Ellis returned to her home Saturday at El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller came in Wednesday to visit Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

Mrs. J. W. Moore of San Angelo returned to her home Wednesday after several days visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Carter of the Shiloh community.

Misses Clara Moore and Effie Cypert, two of Merkel's popular telephone girls, visited Miss Ether Williams in Abilene Sunday.

S. P. Rister came in Tuesday from El Paso to visit his parents. Mr. Rister is off on a vacation from Civil Service work and will spend several days here.

Mrs. L. E. Jarmon of Roscoe returned to her home Tuesday. Mrs. Jarmon was accompanied home by her sister Miss Lurlyne Hester.

Mrs. W. N. Hall left last week for McCauley, Seymour, Throckmorton, Anson and Ovalo where she will be engaged in instruction work for the Eastern Star lodges of the various places.

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GOOD CHURCHES; GOOD PEOPLE;
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DINING WITH NEGROES.

The Rhode Island Progressive executive committee gave a dinner to Colonel Roosevelt at his hotel after tonight's speaking. At the table with Colonel Roosevelt were Edwin F. Tuttle, chairman of the executive committee, and a score others, including Julius Mitchell of Providence and Dr. John Matthews of Newport, negroes. Three women, one of them a daughter of ex-Governor Garvin, attended the dinner as guests of the committee.

This significant paragraph, from the Associated Press account of Colonel Roosevelt's visit to Rhode Island, will be highly edifying, no doubt, to those Southern men who are herding with the Bull Moose.

It was said of the Booker Washington luncheon in the White House that the negro educator happened to be present when President Roosevelt was served in his private office, and the circumstance was to be regarded as a deliberate act of social equality. There was no accident about the Rhode Island dinner; the two negroes present were invited, as were the three women, and the guest of honor no doubt was consulted. Indeed, he only applied in a social way the doctrine of his letter to Julian Harris of Atlanta, wherein he justified the exclusion of Southern negroes and the inclusion of Northern negroes in the new party. The educated and respectable Southern negro is as worthy of political and social recognition as the educated and respectable Northern negro, and the debased Northern negro is as abhorrent socially and as dangerous politically as the debased Southern negro. The differentiation which Colonel Roosevelt makes is brazen hypocrisy.

On the face of it the Rhode Island dinner was deliberately designed to flatter the negro in Northern doubtful states, and the shocking pity of it is that white women conspired with the politicians.—Forth Worth Record.

NEW YORK'S TOWN MEETING.

A vigilance committee, long an instrument of aroused citizenship in frontier communities to execute swift justice upon horse thieves and other outlaws, has been called into being by the citizens of New York to aid in suppressing a form of lawlessness peculiar to modern city conditions. The frontier rancher of other days and the sedate business man of New York city, respond alike when the supremacy of law and order is challenged.

The disclosures in the New York scandal are shocking, but the very fact that they have aroused the people of that city to make emphatic protest and to determine to purify the rotten police system is reassuring and goes far toward allaying the fear that municipal government has permanently broken down in this metropolis and that the great size of the city and the mad rush of its citizens for money have rendered honest and efficient government impossible under exist-

ing forms.

The old-fashioned town meeting held in Cooper Union Wednesday night strengthens our confidence in the purpose and ability of New York to govern itself honestly and efficiently. It's a great task, but not greater than the people can perform if only they will address themselves to it seriously. Government there has been bad because too many citizens neglected their civic duties. It will be better when more people concern themselves in such matters. The Cooper Union meeting encourages us to hope that in the future the people of New York will realize that the government of their city is their business and not the duty exclusively of Tammany Hall or the Republican county committee.—Forth Worth Record.

THREE PLOCKY BLIND BOYS.

The doors of a free State University stand wide open to every ambitious boy and girl who has the will to obtain a college education. They are not closed even to the blind. Last session at the University of Texas three blind boys entered the Freshman class and at the end of the year ranked in scholarship among the first one hundred students of the Academic Department. One of these boys came from Houston, another came from Tioga, and the third came from Beeville. All three had been prepared for the University at the State Blind Institute, also a free institution located at Austin. The three blind boys were conducted from class by kind-hearted comrades and instructors; they took notes of lectures in a special kind of shorthand invented for the blind; and at night they wrote up these notes neatly on the typewriter.

They lived throughout the year at Brackenridge Hall where board is cheap. They joined freely in the sports and jokes of their companions. Now and then some of the students read aloud to them the lessons for the next day. At the end of the year all three stood among the best of their class, and next year they will return to go on with their college education.

E. V. WHITE TALKS.

On July 16th Mr. E. V. White of the State Department of Education spoke upon the progress made in local taxation in Texas before the morning session of Rural School Education Week, held at that time at the University of Texas. Mr. White said: "The past four years have witnessed a marvelous growth in the educational sentiment of rural communities. Before that time very few common school districts levied a special school tax and practically none had issued bonds for the construction of school houses. The reports of the Department of Education for the year 1910-1911 show that out of 8053 common school districts 4449, 55 per cent, levied and collected a special tax for the year. During the same year 327 common school districts issued bonds aggregating \$654,595 for the construction of sanitary school houses for the country children. Several countries now levy a local tax in every district, while many other countries have been aroused from generations of educational slumber by the leadership of progressive county superintendents.

"I wish to state here that in my opinion more has done in the last five years by county superintendents than would have been done by ex-officio county superintendents under the old regime from that time till the Judgment Day."

And now it is declared that the authorities in New York have discovered a "vice trust" which controls, 1,200 women slaves. The vice trust is a modern monster of prodigious ugliness, but how much worse are the men who get the profits from vice than are the men who contribute the profits?

DO YOU WANT TO SELL OR TRADE

If you want to sell your land and your price is right I can help you. If you want to trade, let me know what you want and I will tell you when I've got it. I can sell your land for the cash if priced right or trade it for property anywhere. The following may be of interest to you:

A TOWN FOR A FARM: A good 5 stand, 60-saw gin, store building and \$3,000 stock of goods; blacksmith shop and tools; barber shop and tools; six acres of land and six rent houses. This is in the country, one of the best locations in the best part of the black land for a store and gin. One has made good money every year and you can do as well. Gin now ready and will gin 2,000 to 3,000 bales this season. Interurban now building by place; convenient to McKinney and Dallas. This property is worth \$12,500 for sale on terms or trade for land in Taylor or Jones county. It is a good deal for someone and you may be that one if you see me at once.

A TRUCK FARM FOR YOUR FARM: A little place 33 acres, 8 miles of Fort Worth; 23 acres in fruit and berries, balance corn and cotton; good improvements. Price \$3,300; also two good residence lots in Fort Worth worth \$1,000 to trade for a good farm, 100 to 160 acres, well located in the Merkel country.

ABOUT MY BARGAINS: If you want to buy a farm, no matter how big or little, all cash or small payment and long easy terms I can help you and save you money or we will not trade. I have the best propositions in this country and they are listed with me exclusively. Now is your chance to buy a home and get it right and quit the rent habit. Let me help you to be a homeowner. Now is the best time in the history of this country and our lands at present values are the best investments in the state.

MONEY TO LOAN: If you want to borrow some money on your improved land, sell or extend your vendor's lien notes I will give you the best contract and terms. Come to see me and give me your application.

JOHN G. JACKSON

LANDS AND LOANS

Notice, Farmers!

Our gin is in operation and ready for your cotton. We have a new plant, all of the latest and best improved machinery and will give you the best turn-out. We will give you the best service and will appreciate your business.

The Independent Gin

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the use of a good laxative, to keep the bowels open and prevent the poisons of undigested food from getting into your system.

The latest product of science is VELVO Laxative Liver Syrup, purely vegetable, gentle, reliable and of a pleasant, aromatic taste. Velvo acts on the liver, as well as on the stomach and bowels, and is of the greatest possible efficacy in constipation, indigestion, biliousness, sick headache, feverishness, colic, flatulence, etc. Try

VELVO LAXATIVE LIVER SYRUP

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

All kinds of pretty hats at W. D. Woodroof's.

W. A. Scott was in Abilene Sunday.

Use Golden Star polish when dusting.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Stevens were visitors in Abilene Tuesday.

Fresh car Peacemaker flour at Hogue-Hamilton's.

Hurley Boden was a social visitor in Abilene Sunday.

New Lowney's just received at the Elite.

Mrs. Jno. G. Jackson and children visited in Nugent last week.

Call at W. D. Woodroof's and see the new fall hats.

H. F. Greone and W. T. Potter, Esq., were in Abilene on business Wednesday.

After going to the Airdome stop at Burrough's for your refreshments.

Bishop Hunter returned Sunday from Dallas and other points near there.

If you are going to entertain get your Strawberry Ice Cream at the Elite.

Mrs. Edwin SoRelle came in Tuesday from Eskota to visit Mrs. W. A. Scott.

Light Crust flour is better and does not cost any more. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

T. M. Robertson returned Monday from Dallas where he has been on a business trip.

WANTED—Chickens, hens and fryers for a cash price at Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

R. O. Anderson and Fred Guita were visitors in Abilene Sunday.

We will not be undersold by any one. Get our prices. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Miss Velma Clark came in from Abilene Saturday where she has been for some time.

BOYS WANTED—To call at W. D. Woodroof's and inspect their line of fall and winter suits.

S. J. Benson stopped off here Tuesday on his way to El Paso to visit the family of J. M. Todd.

We are receiving new goods daily and invite you to come in and inspect them. The Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Denham of route two are the proud parents of a fine boy. The young man made his arrival Tuesday.

Eat with the ladies at Clark's Grocery Store on Saturday Sept. 7. Benefit of beautifying the Cemetery.

Misses Altie and Susie Moore of Abilene came in Monday afternoon to visit their sister Mrs. Jno. Banner.

Call for your ticket when buying at the Cash Grocery. A set of Rogers Silverware given away free to the holder of the lucky ticket on October 5.

Mrs. H. F. George and Mrs. Z. F. George of Rio Vista returned to their home Thursday morning after an extended visit with relatives here.

We are selling White Crest and White Billows flour to every person that comes and calls for flour. We have our store full and want to make room for our fall goods. We can meet all our prices, come and see us before you buy. Hamblet & Rogers.

L. Brown, Manager of the Rust & McCauley Drug Co., is taking a vacation this week and next week and then some. Mr. Brown has not had a vacation in some months that would allow him to get out and get the benefit of free air so has taken advantage of mill work for the next few weeks as a way of spending his vacation. While Mr. Brown will still be connected with the drug company he will during the day be found at the Brown Gin in north Merkel where he is running errands and keeping the books for Mr. Guita. We expect to see him back in harness this winter looking 50 per cent better.

Five per cent off on your wagon for cash. Coupons given that will be redeemed with goods bought at our store.

West Texas Hardware Co.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Walters are entertaining a new girl at their home in south Merkel. The fair maiden made her appearance Monday morning.

Just received the first showing of fall hats, call and see them. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Geo. Price of Stanton stopped here this week to visit Dr. Williams. Mr. Price reports the Stanton country in good condition.

Corduroy in all colors for suits. They are durable, comfortable for fall wear and are very pretty. Get them at W. D. Woodroof's.

Mrs. Jno. M. Rice and sister Miss Ether Williams came up from Abilene Wednesday to visit their parents Dr. and Mrs. Williams.

I want help, some one to do housework. If you want to work call on Mrs. J. A. Collins at the Southside Hotel. Phone 7-3. tf

B. C. Gaither came in Tuesday from Tuscola where he has been looking after the new general merchandise store recently put in there.

Eat with the ladies at Clark's Grocery Store on Saturday Sept. 7. Benefit of beautifying the Cemetery.

If your boy needs a suit this fall have him come to W. D. Woodroof's and see their line.

W. W. Wheeler, C. D. Mims, C. E. Whitaker, Jno. G. Jackson and R. L. Krigbaum were in Abilene Tuesday on business.

We are always first with our line of hats. Call and see them. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

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Scotch WOOLEN MILLS

THE STAR STORE

O. F. Peterson and wife of Little Rock, Ark., and O. W. Peterson of the Southwestern University at Georgetown stopped here a few moments Wednesday evening on their way to Trent to visit their father. They will spend several days at Trent visiting before returning to their respective homes.

When buying for cash get our 5 per cent cash coupons that are good at face value in our store. West Texas Hardware Co.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pate were delegates to the I.O.O.F. association held at Sweetwater last week. Mrs. Pate represented the Rebecca order from this lodge.

Bring your eggs to Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co., for best prices.

Sam Derstine left last week for Putnam where he will undergo treatment in sanitarium of that place.

Get a ticket on the Rogers Silverware at the Cash Grocery. One ticket given with every 50 cent purchase.

Miss Leola Norris left Saturday for Duncanville where she goes to visit relatives.

Mrs. W. M. O'Brian and daughter Miss Jessie returned Friday from visits to various summer resorts on the Pacific coast where they have been visiting for the past few weeks in company with Miss Zora Coggin. While away they visited in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Manitou and several other points of interest to travelers. One of the places visited by them while away was the Garden of The Gods. Miss Coggin stopped in Oklahoma City to visit her sister Mrs. A. G. Crouch and will not return to Merkel until October.

We will give you 5 per cent off on all your cash purchases. Cash coupons given that are redeemable for any article in our store. West Texas Hdw. Co.

Rev. R. A. Clements returned Monday from Ovalo where he has been assisting in conducting a meeting. He reports one of the most successful meetings he has ever had the satisfaction of being connected with. On last Sunday there were 25 conversions and during the earlier part of the meeting the success was exceptionally good.

Genuine Velours, the winter Panama hat for men at W. D. Woodroof & Co. It is a sensible hat for a sensible man. Call and see them.

Frank Johnson left Tuesday for Santa Anna where he has accepted a position as bookkeeper for the Hunter Grocery & Grain Company.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell and children Mary and Ouida, Mrs. M. B. Bowles and Mrs. R. E. Bowles went a picnicing Wednesday the 21st at Trent. The dinner was spread on the creek bank. They were caught in a rain while serving melons on the way home.

New fall gingham just the thing to make the children school dresses from. A beautiful line to select from. W. D. Woodroof & Company.

Miss Manie Rister returned Wednesday from St. Louis where she went to help Mr. Gaither in buying the fall stock of goods for the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Mrs. W. J. Shannon left for Clyde Tuesday. She was accompanied by two of her granddaughters. Mrs. Shannon went down to attend the bedside of Mrs. J. B. Shannon who has been sick for some time.

Your presence will be appreciated and we will take pleasure in showing you our new line of millinery goods. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Miss Ruby Jones returned home Sunday from Rawls where she has been visiting Miss Jennie Davis. Miss Davis returned home with her to spend a short time in the City in Clover.

Your presence will be appreciated and we will take pleasure in showing you our new line of millinery goods. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hargis of Floydada returned to their home Wednesday after spending several days with Dr. Hendricks of Stith.

R. E. Bowles will take care of your cotton and seed and give you the best work. 16t2

Mrs. C. E. Conner of DeLeon returned to her home Monday after visiting Mesdames Reid, Conner and Thompson of this place.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

See the new millinery at W. D. Woodroof's.

T. K. Brazel of Post City was in the city Tuesday on business.

Use Golden Star polish when dusting.

M. D. Ussery came in Wednesday to visit friends and relatives.

Fresh car of Gold Medal flour at Kent Street Grocery Co.

W. A. Hall was in Abilene Monday on business.

Fresh Lowney Chocolates just received by express at the Elite.

Mrs. J. W. Barns returned to her home at Westbrook Tuesday.

Be sure you see the velvets for fall dresses at W. D. Woodroof's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Watts of Moran are here visiting Mrs. Watts sister Mrs. H. P. Allen.

After going to the Airdome stop at Burrough's for your refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning are in Oklahoma visiting their daughter Mrs. J. B. Steele.

Use our Strawberry Ice Cream for your entertainments. For sale at the Elite.

Mrs. C. E. Whitaker and children are in Abilene this week visiting friends and relatives.

Light Crust flour is better and does not cost any more. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

John Hendricks formerly of the Canyon is here this week from Arizona visiting friends.

After going to the Airdome stop at Burrough's for your refreshments.

J. A. Hamner and Asa Sheppard were in Abilene Tuesday on business.

We will not be undersold by any one. Get our prices. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Miss Jessie O'Brian and J. E. Faucett were guests of friends in Abilene Sunday.

Golden Star polish is best. Use it when dusting. Behrens-Mo-Millen Furniture Co.

C. L. Barker and family left last week for Robert Lee where they were to spend a week fishing.

We are receiving new goods daily and invite you to come in and inspect them. The Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Miss Fannie Mae and Faye Douglass left Sunday night for Dallas where they will visit friends.

Your boy will look nice if you let us fit him in one of our fall suits. The price is right. W. D. Woodroof.

Miss Olga Sheppard has accepted a position with J. T. Dennis as head clerk for the dry goods department of his store.

A free set of Rogers Silverware given away at the Cash Grocery. A ticket with every 50 cent purchase. Call for your ticket when buying.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCoy of the Warren community are the proud parents of a new girl who made her appearance Wednesday morning.

John D. Gaither returned Tuesday from a ten days trip to markets in the north. On returning by the way of Dallas he was accompanied home by Mrs. Gaither who has been visiting friends there while Mr. Gaither was away.

Millinery Department

Miss Rildah McConnell of St. Louis will have charge of this department in our store. We now have on display a nobby line of street and tailored hats.

PAY US A VISIT

W. D. WOODROOF & CO.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Miss Tommie Louise Coggin honored her young friends Monday evening at her home north of town with a slumber party. The crowd met at Rust & McCauley's drug store where the Coggin "special" driven by Dillard Coggin was in readiness to carry them in all safety to their destination where a lovely luncheon was served. An hour later when the usual ghost stories and the really "sure enough" true stories were crowding up close for top place in their active minds cream and cake were served. A whispered thought turned this crowd of girls into a serenade party as they strolled out in the beautiful moonlight to visit some of the nearby homes. At an hour betwixt eve and morn when all was as still as a mouse a dreadful noise was heard. The ticktacks were abroad once again. All was still when a mysterious and sleepy voice over the telephone bade the girls prepare for a water melon feast. Tuesday morning an old-fashioned southern breakfast consisting of fried chicken, cream gravy, hot biscuit and butter was served to Misses Bessie Touchstone, Zora West, Genevieve Rust, Faye Allen, Eva Walters, Carrol Rister, Mary Jane Brown, Isla McDonald, Tommie Louise Coggin. Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Williams were chaperones.

Miss Clementine Barker assisted by her aunt Miss Lulu Lednum entertained with an all day party Tuesday. This was the invitation:

"Will you come to my house on the 20th and spend the day? Wear your middie or apron. No men permitted will be. Clementine Barker."

After a social hour tickets were given out for places at the dinner table. A delicious dinner was served after which the guests were invited into another room where their tickets were exchanged for cards. On the reverse side each was assigned a certain duty which was also a pleasure. In a short time the chickens were fed, the dishes were washed and dried, crumbs swept away and all ready for the refreshing ice cream and peaches. Music and games were pleasant diversions in the afternoon. Those present were Misses Fannie Burroughs, Winnie Warren, Agnes Hall, Leola Coats, Margie, Clara and Murtice Saffle, Dovie and Ova Teaff, Irene and Fanny Swann.

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. W. H. Dickson entertained the members of the needlework circle and their out of town guests. Chairs were arranged on the porch where "the south breeze strikes first." The members and their guests were soon busily engaged in their allotted work. Cool, pure and sparkling water was served at regular intervals. Then as the shadows grew long and reached out across the velvety lawn the hostess served angel's food to Misses Mabel Collins, Ruth Mims, Ina Gilliland of Fort Worth, Elma Sheppard, Grace Perkins of Houston, Edith Mackey of Durant, Okla., Mary Jane Brown of Temple, Mesdames C. V. Bigham, L. Brown, J. W. Daniel, L. D. Gaither, W. M. Jenkins, W. R. Walker, O. W. Williams, T. E. Collins. Mrs. Davenport Gaither will be the next hostess

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the season was the entertainment given the 500 club Friday afternoon by Miss Genevieve Rust assisted by her mother Mrs. E. M. Rust. Tables had been arranged to accommodate twelve of the devotees of the game. Delicious punch was served throughout the games and at the conclusion a delicious ice course was served to Misses Leno Largent, Ina Dale Wooten of Abilene, Dorothy Lee Potter, Mary Jane Brown, Agnes Hall, Mabel Collins, Mesdames W. V. Cranford, Davenport Gaither, Lanier Brown, J. G. Jackson, W. H. Dickson, E. M. Rust and the hostess. The next hostess will be Miss Elma Sheppard.

The Carnival Thursday afternoon from 5 to 10 o'clock Aug. 29th at the Thornton building on Kent street. Benefit Merkel Public Library. Don't miss going to see the number of side attractions, five cent shows. Then there is the big show for only ten cents. The lunch counter, cold drink stand and candy shop will remind you of the days gone by when the country fair was in style. Even the gypsy fortune teller will be ready to give you a peep into the future.

Mrs. J. N. Routh celebrated the fourth birthday of her little daughter Sallie, Wednesday Aug. 14th by asking a few of the neighborhood children to come and play games. Nuts and fruits were served while they played. Afterwards lemonade, cake and ice cream were served in the dining room to the following children: Marion Sheppard, Ruby Harris, Maurine Tyler, J. B. McDonald, Rex Roberts and Sallie Routh.

One of the most common ailments that hard working people are afflicted with is lame back. Apply Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day and massage the parts thoroughly at each application, and you will get quick relief. For sale by all dealers.

League Program.

Subject, A Church Extension Meeting. Leader, Ollie Shaffer. Song. Scripture reading Matt. 4:1-8. Lord's prayer in concert. Song. Prayer. Leader's address. Open meeting for discussion. Prayer. Duet—Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. Miscellaneous. Benediction.

Sallow complexion comes from bilious impurities in the blood and the fault lies with the liver and bowels—they are torpid. The medicine that gives results in such cases is Herbine. It is a fine liver stimulant and bowel regulator. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Program W. M. and A. Society.

Program for August 26. Leader—Mrs. Warren. Scripture reading and song. Unused talent in the church—Mrs. Lydia Harris. If God permits—Mrs. Barnett. The value of a purpose—Mrs. Garrett. Expression from each member about their spiritual life. Close with song and prayer.

Blamed A Good Worker.

"I blamed my heart for severe distress in my left side for two years," writes W. Evans, Danville, Va., but I know now it was indigestion, as Dr. King's New Life Pills completely cured me." Best for stomach, liver and kidney troubles, constipation, headache or debility. 25 cents at H. C. Burroughs.

Epworth League Rally.

Program for Epworth League Rally Day service to be held at the Methodist church Sept. 1, 1912. Song service, hymns 2, 78, 57, 26. Season of prayer. a. Forgiveness of lukewarmness—Mrs. T. A. Johnson. b. Strengthening for those who are growing indifferent—Rufus McNeese. c. Pledge of future faithfulness—Mrs. W. M. Jenkins. d. For assignment to some difficult and worthy task—Frank Smith. Duet—Miss Dorothy Lee Potter. Scripture reading. a. Psalm xxiv, responsively. b. John xv-xvii—John Moore, Ira Shaffer. Short addresses. a. Our unfinished task—Miss Laura Cary. b. The key to chapter efficiency, the council—Leslie McNeese. c. The one-by-one campaign—Mrs. B. D. Black. Hymn 408. Address, The Junior League Secretary—Mrs. Adams. The offering. Song by Junior Leaguers. Doxology, League benediction.

Farm Loans.

Merkel Country Farmers: If you need some money now or will want a loan this fall, give me your application for a loan on your land or for the sale of your first lien land notes. In the matter of quick and satisfactory service am confident I can please you and will give you as good a deal as you can get anywhere. My rates and fee reasonable. Jno. G. Jackson, Merkel.

If your child is pale and sickly, picks at the nose, starts in the sleep and grinds the teeth while sleeping, it is a sure sign of worms. A remedy for these parasites will be found in White's Cream Vermifuge. It not only clears out the worms, but it restores health and cheerfulness. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

ARMY STYLES NEW TO HER

Conscientious Laundress Meant Well, but Her First Efforts Utterly Failed to Please.

At the army post a new laundry had been installed and the management was specially anxious to please and advised that mending would be included in the work.

The major was equally willing to be pleased and sent, among other things, a suit of duck as a first installment. The army officer's washable coats have buttons, but these are not sewed on. Instead, small eyelets are worked in the coat and the shanks of the regulation buttons are pushed through these holes, being held in place by brass rings on the other side. Before being laundered these buttons and rings are removed, to be put in place again after the wash. When the major's coat was returned from the new laundry the eyelets had been carefully sewed up and a bright brass button had been sewed firmly over each. Also the seams of the major's riding breeches, which open from just above the knees to just below, to admit of adjustment over the knees, had been sewed up so tightly that it took the major's wife half a day to rip them. The earnest and conscientious laundress thereupon received a course of special instruction pertaining to the requirements of the U. S. A.

Mr. W. S. Gunsalus, a farmer living near Fleming, Pa., says he has used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in his family for fourteen years, and that he has found it to be an excellent remedy, and takes pleasure in recommending it. For sale by all dealers.

When Fish Go to Bed.

Did you know that fish go to bed in the winter? Prof. Dyer, state fish and game warden for Kansas, says: "Sure thing, fish have beds. I have seen them piled up four and five fish deep for a space at least 3 by 10 feet. Usually they find a place below a log or some kind of an obstruction in a stream where there is an eddy. They can maintain their positions there without much effort. I don't know whether they sleep or not, but fish will spend most of a winter in that way. "When the water gets extremely cold the fish become sluggish. They can move around a little, but they lose all their alertness. They can even be caught by hand. All you need to do is to cut a hole in the ice after it has been frozen over for some time. Some fish will come to the hole for air. It is an easy matter to slip your hand under the fish slowly and you may lift him clear of the water before he makes a wiggle."

In every home where there is a baby there should also be a bottle of McGee's Baby Elixir. It may be needed at any time to correct sour stomach, wind colic, diarrhoea or summer complaint. It is a wholesome remedy, contains no opium, morphine or injurious drug of any kind. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Appropriate.

Gazing at a group of nine children gathered about a small stoop, an old lady called one of the little girls. "Are all of these children your sisters and brothers?" she asked. "Yes, mum," replied the youngster. "What is the largest one named?" "Maxie, mum." "And what do you call the smallest one?" "Minnie, am."



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Bad Spells

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

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

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

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. 157

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Fawn and St. Bernard as Companions.

At the little village of Bauma, in Switzerland, a farmer recently found a young fawn in one of his fields. Fearing that if left alone without its mother some mischief would befall it, he took it home and did everything possible for it. Now, he happened to have a large St. Bernard dog, and this dog and the fawn took to each other.

The fawn slept in the dog's kennel, and when it grew a little older and went out on its walks abroad, the dog accompanied it, and defended it against the attacks of other dogs.

Sometimes the St. Bernard and the fawn would be absent in the woods and fields for a whole day, but they always returned at night, the doors and gate being left open for them. The fawn is now much taller than the St. Bernard, and yet the dog still goes out with it.

Praise Be, the Brother Was Lying.

Police courts are not always marked by an atmosphere of piety, but the exception to the rule occurred in a court where a very religious man, against whom one of the neighbors had made a complaint, was being tried for some trivial offense. The complaining witness was called to the stand to relate his side of the story, and the defendant listened closely for several minutes. Then his personal feelings overrode court etiquette and he rushed up to the judge, fervently exclaiming: "Your honor, the brother is lying. Praise the Lord!"

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HERTZ THE REAL DISCOVERER

Marconi Made Practical Success of the Wireless, but Was Not First in the Field.

The principle of wireless telegraphy is easily comprehended. As is known light and heat move in waves whose lengths can be measured. Thus, the sun gives out in every direction light in a series of undulating waves which may not only be measured, but can be deflected, polarized, and so on. Some idea of this may be gained from the well-known fact that when a stone is thrown into a smooth pool of water a series of circular waves extends in all directions. If any floating object comes within these waves they are oscillated.

It was the lamented Prof. Hertz who discovered that electricity, like light and heat, also moves in waves which may be measured. Just precisely how these waves pass through the atmosphere is not wholly understood, but it is believed that they have some relation to ether, which is omnipresent and which is believed to constitute all matter under different negative electrical conditions. In wireless telegraphy a series of Hertzian waves are set up by powerful electrical dynamos or batteries, and these are discharged from the top of a high mast or pole. These waves extend in all directions, and, unless their force is expended by distance they excite certain effects in the receiver of wireless telegraph instruments within the zone, just as the waves disturb chips on a pool. Messages are sent and received somewhat on the plan of ordinary Morse code by wires, in that electrical impulses are regulated so as to spell words according to a code.

To Marconi belongs the credit of making a practical success of the discoveries of others, but to Hertz belongs the credit of making the system possible.

Severe Rheumatism.

Grover Hill, Ala.; Hunt's Lighting Oil cured my wife of a severe case of Rheumatism and my friend of toothache. I surely believe it is good for all you claim for it.—A. R. Stringer, 25 and 50 cents a bottle. All dealers.

New York Police Mascot.

In addition to its official "yaller dog" mascot, Bum, the old Mulberry street police station has acquired another dog, known as Peg Post. He is also of an ochre tint, and his mysterious behavior has baffled the wisest sleuths in the station. When the men begin their tours on the stationary or "peg" posts at ten o'clock at night, the dog comes trotting from somewhere and takes up his station with whichever policeman on duty in the precinct suits his fancy for that particular night. Frequently he changes from one post to another, and remains on watch until the stationary posts give way to regular patrol at six in the morning. Then he trots away, and is not seen until the next night. Offers of tidbits from the men's lunches have been repeatedly refused by Peg Post and his agility has thus far prevented any one from learning the number of the dog license he wears on his collar.—New York Tribune.

Facts

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THE MERKEL COTTON MARKET

Of course it is the sacred and solemn duty of every local newspaper in every hamlet, burg, town and city within the broad limits of the cotton area to proclaim to the farmers of their respective communities the virtues of their places as a market for the fleecy staple during the selling season.

The Mail recognizes this duty and has and will discharge same to the very best of our ability. It is fortunate that we really have the goods to deliver and facts to bear us out in our contention of supremacy for a cotton market in this section. It is a fact and the farmers of this country are our witnesses in our case.

The last season Merkel received nearly one-half of the cotton raised and sold in Taylor county. Of course we have the best farming land and country but then there is the other reason for if our people did not receive the highest market prices for their products they would haul their cotton to other and higher bidding points. Our buyers are principally merchants whose greatest interest and ambition is to make and sustain this kind of a market for they realize our town as well as our country is dependant upon the products of the farmer.

The showing of Merkel in the beginning of this season justifies us in the claim of the best cotton and seed market again this year. The prevailing prices paid for cotton by our buyers today and yesterday ranged from 11.50 to 11.67 1-2 and the receipts up to noon Thursday total 550 bales. The price paid for cotton seed for the past week has been \$23.00 per ton and although it dropped to \$17.00 and \$18.00 today this latter price is still several dollars ahead of our competing points.

The Mail promises for our town and buyers the very highest prices for any and all of your products and then, more we guarantee that you can buy your supplies here a bit cheaper than you can in the larger places. This is just a good, live and clean agricultural town and its logical location as to farming territory and cheap rents makes it possible for our enterprising merchants to pay more for your cotton and produce and then sell you goods for less.

Bring your cotton, seed and produce to Merkel and get the highest prices and then trade with our merchants and thereby you help each other to help yourselves. Come to Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jacob of Dallas county left for Mangum, Okla., Thursday where they will visit their son. Miss Bulah Jacob of Mangum was also here with them on their visit to C. E. Jacob of this place and returned to Mangum with her grandparents.

Miss Rildah McConnell came in Thursday from St. Louis, Mo., where she has been making her home for a number of years. Miss McConnell will have exclusive charge of the millinery line at W. D. Woodroof & Company.

B. D. Rodgers of Farmersville was a prospector in our midst this week returning to his home Thursday.

J. P. Sharp is in Dallas this week looking after the new fall line of goods that he will bring on here.

Mrs. J. S. Bonds came in from Santo Monday where she has been visiting her mother Mrs. Bradley.

Misses Mary and Jackie Jennings returned Tuesday from a short visit with friends in Abilene.

Mrs. Lillian SoRelle came down from Eskota Thursday to visit her sister Mrs. C. V. Bigham.

Messrs. Roy Huber and Tom Howell of the Amity community were in the city Monday.

Miss Nola Whitley left for Eskota and other points west Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith visited relatives in Trent Monday and Tuesday.

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Sensitiveness of Blow-Fly.

It is well known, says Knowledge, that the blow-fly (*Calliphora vomitoria*) has an extraordinarily keen sensitiveness to the odor of flesh, detecting it from a distance. Xaxier Raspail has made some observations on the rapidity with which the flies find a bird has just died and he maintains that they do not alight a second before that. An apoplectic pigeon that looked dead, but was not, was left unvisited. A moribund magpie, lying beside two others which had just been killed, was left unvisited, though the flies were on the dead birds just beside it. The instinct not to lay eggs in anything not quite dead seems to be strongly developed. But Raspail goes on to draw the hazardous conclusion that in the article of death an animal gives off a volatile something of infinite subtlety, which serves as a clue to the fly.

"I was cured of diarrhoea by one dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes M. E. Gebhardt, Oriole, Pa. There is nothing better. For sale by all dealers.

ORIGIN OF FAMOUS PHRASE

Belief that Common Political Term Sprang From a Horse Race Held in Tennessee.

The political term "dark horse" is thought to have had its origin in the following circumstances:

In the last century there lived in Tennessee a "character" named Flynn, an elderly person who dealt in horses. Flynn generally contrived to own a speedy nag or two for racing purposes if he could arrange for "a good thing" during his peregrinations throughout the state.

The best of Flynn's flyers was a coal black stallion named Dusky Pete, almost a thoroughbred and able to go in the best of company.

One day Flynn visited a town where a race meeting was in progress. He entered Pete. The people, knowing nothing of the horse's antecedents and not being over impressed by his appearance, backed the local favorite heavily against the stranger.

Just as the beasts were being saddled for the race, a certain Judge McMinamee, who was the "oracle" of that part of the state, arrived on the course and was made one of the race judges.

As he took his place on the stand he was told of the folly of the owner of the strange entry. Running his eye over the track the judge instantly recognized Pete. "Gentlemen," said McMinamee, "there's a dark horse in this race, as you'll soon find out."

He was right, Pete, "the dark horse," lay back until the three-quarter pole was reached, when he went to the front with a rush and won the race.

FOUND AN ECONOMICAL PAIR

Most Joyous Occasion of Life Failed to Make Them 'Loosen Up,' to Young Clergyman's Dismay.

A clergyman in Cherryvale tells Mrs. Moffett that when he was a struggling young preacher and a marriage fee looked like several square meals to him, he was called upon to officiate at the wedding of a wealthy young farmer to the daughter of another farmer, also very wealthy and widely known in the county. The night of the wedding was a stormy one and the train to the little country station was two hours late, so the preacher hired a rig and drove the entire 12 miles, getting there just in time to miss supper. The wedding was a brilliant affair and after the ceremony the groom called the minister aside and told him how much he appreciated his coming through the storm and handed him a \$2 bill—not enough to pay the team hire. As the preacher sat stunned, gazing at the money, the bride's father came in and the groom left. "How much did he give you?" asked the father. "Only two dollars," replied the preacher. "Why, that is a shame," exclaimed the father. "After all your trouble, too. He's terrible close with money. Don't say a word to any one, but take this." And as the old man slipped away the preacher, much touched, opened his hand and found a \$1 bill.—Kansas City Star.

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Deeper Than Highest Mountain.

The depth of 9,780 meters to which the founding line of a German survey ship is said to have sunk in the Pacific ocean near the Philippines Islands is some 1,000 meters deeper than the previous deepest sounding. Of the total water surface of the globe, 145,000,000 square miles, about one-third stands more than three miles above the bottom of the sea, but until now no part of the great oceans has been discovered deep enough to submerge Mount Everest. But if there is no mistake about this depth of 9,780 meters (32,088 feet) the world's highest mountain could be sunk there until its highest peak was 3,000 feet below the water's level. The deepest soundings have all been made in the Pacific; 23,250 feet is the record of the Atlantic, in proximity to the West Indian Island of St. Thomas; while the North sea only averages 300 feet, or about one-tenth the maximum depth of the icy waters of the Arctic ocean.

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