

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## BOY WRITES FROM THE ARTIC REGION

Mrs. H. M. Rose is in receipt of a communication from her brother as sent to their parents in Erath county. The writer of the letter, a Stephenville boy, enlisted in the services of Uncle Sam and his letter gives a vivid account of the hardships they have had to encounter. The letter was written to Mr. and Mrs. Mack Wilson of Stephenville by their son just before he reached San Francisco on returning from the Artic regions.

Dear Mother and Father:— Well I have arrived here at last but I had one miserable trip. We were 47 days on board ship; seven days fast in the ice, and the ship liked to have sunk. The ice bergs knocked a hole in the hull, we were about out of food and coal, and could get no help. The ice was so thick a boat could not reach us and seven died on board. After seven days we went into Unalaska and took on coal and food enough to reach Tacoma, Wash. There were about three thousand people on board our transport, the Sheridan and about life boats enough for 300. If we had sunk there would have been about 200 saved out of the 3000.

The captain of the ship was a fine officer and the officers and men of the 16th gave him a fine loving cup.

Some of the boys died on deck as the doctor on board would not take them in the hospital.

While we were in the ice some of the boys were cursing, some singing and gambling and others dying. If there was ever a hell we had it on that trip.

I will send you some pictures of our trip next week.

Oh, Frisco is a fine place. Over 5000 soldiers are stationed here.

Ask papa to read these newspaper clippings and see if he remembers any of the battles the 16th have been in.

We are on board the transport Sheridan. Your son, R.L.W.

### Boy Kills Father.

An authentic report has been received here of the killing of A. A. Lomax by his 13-year-old son Monday night. Lomax had returned from Floydada intoxicated and was threatening the life of his wife with a razor. His son stood in the door with an ax saying: "If you come another step, I'll kill you." The father advanced and the son made good his threat. Every bone in Lomax's head was broken according to physicians' report and death was instantaneous.

The family has lived eight miles southeast of Floydada for fifteen years and Lomax raised the first bale of cotton ever raised in Floyd county.—Lubbock Avalanche.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bigham came in from Fort Worth and Marlin Sunday afternoon where they have been visiting for some time. Mr. Bigham has been visiting at Marlin and Mrs. Bigham has been visiting in Fort Worth.

## CLEAN-UP INSPECTION IS MADE

There suddenly came into town last Friday a man of state-wide note and one who passed on whether Merkel is worthy of mention as one of the three cleanest towns in the state under a prize to be given by Holland's Magazine. The distinguished visitor was Dr. M. M. Carrick one of the most noted state lecturers on health conditions of modern times.

Dr. Carrick arrived here from the west on the nine o'clock train and promptly started on a round of inspection making use of the hospitality of Dr. Armstrong and his auto. All towns are graded on a basis of one hundred points divided into sections as are most fundamental to health of the city. For example, water is graded twenty points and Merkel scored perfect on that phase of the health question, ten points to sewerage and drainage system and there we made a good score on the way our town is cleaned of its refuse water but from the fact of not having a sewerage system here we cannot hope to compete so successfully with other towns of our class in which there is a system of sewerage and our only hope for winning the prize is to out shine them in other respects. The care given fruits and vegetables in the stores and by street vendors is graded eight points, the condition of the business section alleys and passways stands for ten points, public building and their condition effect the health grading by some eight points and the general condition of the town as to whether sickness prevails is graded very high and on that score Merkel made a very high score as well as on many of the others.

After Dr. Carrick had made his tour of inspection he paid the Mail office a very pleasant call and commented very freely on the condition of our town and was not backward in naming the disadvantages under which we daily live. Dr. Carrick is a very strong exponent of the sewerage system even though a town is only able to place it through the business district and we fully believe from the way the Doctor expressed himself that if we had a sewerage system that other towns of the state would not have been in the running with us at all though he did not give us to understand that we were out of the running by any means and we are yet very hopeful of the outcome.

Our city authorities came in for their part of praise by the inspector and he put much stress on the neat and clean condition of our town in general assuming the disadvantages under which the civic authorities have to work in order to keep the conditions such. Here is hoping that we win.

## MERKEL SOLDIER HOME FROM NAVY

Harve Paylor one of Merkel's boys returned home Friday night last from four years service in the navy. Mr. Paylor left Merkel for Fort Worth in June of 1908 remaining there but a short time until he enlisted in the navy service and was sent to San Francisco where he spent two months in training for the work he was then entering upon. After that his travels carried him to the Philippine Islands, China, Japan, Russia and most every country bordering the seas in the Eastern hemisphere and at no time during his stay in the navy did Harve get to return to his home land until his term of service had expired some two months ago and then he was far from home and was forced to remain in the eastern waters until the ship which he was sailing returned to San Francisco.

In a talk with our reporter Mr. Paylor gave a very graphic account of his travels and calls it a four years pleasure trip in which he is well pleased. He also gave the reason for so many people having a bad impression of the life of a sailor in the service of Uncle Sam and laid much emphasis on the way some of the boys take advantage of the liberties allowed them and in a way ruin their lives for some time to come but for the man who cared for himself properly and made use of what is offered in the navy service that it was four years well spent, but to the person who cared not for the outcome that a

person of that kind would make a failure at other things as well as in the navy service.

### New Mexico to Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Whitfield passed through Merkel Tuesday in their 40 horse power Maxwell car on their way to Dallas from King and Roswell, N. M., where they have been visiting for the past month. They made the trip to see Mrs. Whitfield's parents Mr. and Mrs. Magness of King and on leaving there Monday morning headed straight for Dallas and lost no time in reaching this point next day at noon, making the trip from King to Colorado City in one day, a distance of over 300 miles. On leaving here they expected to make Dallas some time Wednesday morning.

## CITY WATER WORKS ARE OUT OF ORDER

Your water from the city mains may be cut off at any time but if it is do not get excited. The supply is still in abundance but the motive power has been giving some trouble the last few days and on that account the supply may be cut short in order that the amount in reserve in case of fire will not be drawn on too much.

The cause of the trouble is a shortage of packing in the pumps and before they can be made to pump the usual stream new packing must be ordered and placed in them. The packing has already been ordered and should arrive at an early date.

## FORMER MERKEL BOY IS KILLED

The report came in this week of the death of Lewis H. Vaughn the 22 year old son of G. L. Vaughn of El Paso and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Russell of this place. The reports received here come through the El Paso Herald mainly and states that the cause of the death was a wreck of an engine on which Vaughn was fireman.

The accident occurred near El Paso but owing to the nature of the wreck it was eight hours before that body of Vaughn was taken from under the engine. The accident happened Sunday evening at Filmore a short way out of El Paso and took the life of one other person that of a Mexican and seriously injured another of the trainmen.

Mr. Vaughn's boyhood days were spent in Merkel but moved away with his father some fifteen or sixteen years ago going to the western country where he has made his home since. A very peculiar incident in connection with the death is that Mr. Vaughn was engaged to be married on next Sunday and death called him just a week ahead of his wedding day. Burial was given the body last Monday in El Paso.

The Anchor Hardware Company has received another Ford automobile which they have placed on display during the last week. They have met with good success in the handling of these cars and will keep one in stock for immediate delivery.

## DISTRICT COURT IS NOW IN PROGRESS

Judge Blanton opened the fall term of District Court in Abilene Monday with a roll call of the grand jury, some of whom were excused owing to their having good excuses but one juror J. A. Smith of Trent failed to appear or to give any excuse and thereby received a fine of \$25.00. Another grand juror was found then the twelve men soon got down to work. G. F. West of this place was selected foreman.

Judge Blanton then charged the grand jury, first giving in charge the entire penal code, then explained the comprehensiveness of the oath of a grand juror, enjoining secrecy in all their deliberations and then specially charged them upon: murder, assault on murder, general assaults, abusive language, abusive or indecent language over telephone, burglary, theft, rape, statutory rape, seduction, adultery, fornication disorderly houses, sodomy, violation of election laws, disturbing religious worship, malicious mischief, such as breaking out windows in vacant houses etc. perjury, etc.

In the course of his charge to the grand jury, Judge Blanton spoke of the needs of a stenographer for grand juries in order to keep a correct record of all testimony given in the grand jury room so that witnesses could not "go back" on their grand jury testimony when cases come up in court, also advocating it as a matter of economy in time of the grand jury, which costs about 50 per day.

When the grand jury has to wait for testimony to be taken down by the district attorney or county attorney as now it's a waste of valuable and costly time.

He urged the grand jury to petition the legislature to provide stenographers for grand jurors.

After this and the empanelling of the petit jury the trial of cases were entered into and verdicts were rendered in the following cases:

Kentucky Refining Co. vs. Continental Oil Co., suit for shortage.

T. M. Finley vs. Aachen & Munich Fire Insurance Co.

Kentucky Refining Co. vs. Continental Oil and Cotton Co.

The verdict in each case was for the plaintiff and Dallas Scarborough was attorney for plaintiff's in each of these cases.

Miss Duncan Browning returned Sunday afternoon from an extended visit to many of the noted northern cities and summer resorts. Miss Browning was traveling with her cousins Dan and Elizabeth Browning of Louisville, Ky., and left their home in the latter part of June for the north carrying their visits into Canada by the way of Niagra Falls. On returning from Louisville Miss Browning visited her sister Mrs. J. B. Steele in Waurika, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Pearl Bishop of Abilene came in last week to visit the family of T. C. Christopher.



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OLDEST BANK IN MERKEL

Dr. J. A. Adkisson received a message from Kenton, Tenn., Saturday telling him of the death of his eldest brother Dr. W. S. Adkisson. Owing to a sudden attack of congestive chills which Doctor W. S. Adkisson was taken, his death resulted from the attack before his brother here could be notified and owing to the distance being so great our doctor here was not able to get to Kenton before the burial which occurred on Sunday last.

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.

W. T. St. Johns was up from Abilene Saturday shaking hands with friends and passing out thanks to his friends for their support in the late campaign in which he was a successful candidate.

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.

Miss Anna Girand of Abilene was up from Abilene two days last week visiting friends.

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.

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.

Spirellas.

The name is a synonym of ease and comfort. If you wear a Spirella once, you will never wear any other make of corsets. Let me take your measure. Phone 122 23t2 Miss Nola Whitley.

New Hats.

My first hats for fall have arrived, others coming in weekly. I will be pleased to have you to call and inspect my entire line of millinery goods as it is a pleasure for me to show you these goods.

Lizzie Mae Freman,  
at J. T. Dennis' Store.

We are making attractive prices on our millinery during this sale. Newest Felt for early fall wear. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

# WE

Have just received a fresh assortment of Fountain Syringes Toilet Articles Drugs and a complete supply of Sanfords Ink any thing you need in the DRUG, SUNDRY Paint and Wall Paper line. Your patronage is always appreciated

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## 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

"THE NEW GIN"

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W. T. Gilliam of Canyon City was in Merkel last week visiting his son Jim Gilliam and family. Mr. Gilliam and daughter Miss Edna are preparing to leave for the coast where they will spend the winter, taking it as a more desirable home than the plains country during the severe winter months.

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.

Mrs. Rufus Grisham who has been here visiting her father J. T. Howard returned to her home at Hamlin Friday.

Big reductions in men's clothing. Read our double page ad in this issue and bring your circular with you. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Rev. W. E. Graham who held the Presbyterian meeting here left for Gordon Saturday where he is to hold a meeting this week after which he will go on to his home at Greenville.

A job lot of high grade soaps, 10, 15 and 25 cent grades dumped on the market. Your choice for 5 cents Grimes' Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp came in Friday from Dallas where Mr. Sharp has been for some time looking after the new goods for the fall stock here.

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

West Texas Hardware Co.

Frank Collins of Campbells-ville, Tenn., is here this week visiting his brother J. A. Collins.

Marquisate to drape over the satin messaline for your evening dresses at W. D. Woodroof & Co.



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Baskets shipped Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, returned Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Work called for and delivered promptly or received at the City Barber shop. I will appreciate your patronage.

**H. M. WARREN**

Phone 48      In City Barber Shop

## PRESCRIPTION WORK

We take every precaution in looking after such work entrusted to us. We carry one of the best lines of drug sundries in Merkel and a line which can be depended upon. At any time you are in need of a favorite recipe compounded bring it to us and we will look after it to your satisfaction.

**T. L. GRIMES DRUG STORE**  
JIM GILLIAM, MANAGER

We will be prepared to handle the crowd. Come early. Get the choice of our large stock of dependable merchandise. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Dr. George Howard came in from Dallas Sunday to visit his father J. T. Howard. Dr. Howard will be here several days visiting friends and relatives.

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

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Miss Alta Moore returned to Abilene Monday after a short visit with her sister Mrs. Jno. Banner.

We are especially well fixed on New Style Knee Pants and Boys Suits. W. L. Harkrider.

Rev. A. A. Baker and W. L. Diltz left Tuesday for Cross Plains where they will attend a meeting of the Presbytery for this section of the country.

Five Reels for Saturday night. One hand colored, one magic and three regulars, 10 and 20 cents. The Airdome.

Mrs. Jennie Nugent and Mrs. B. J. Crampett of Dallas returned to their home Tuesday after spending several days are visiting the family of J. A. Pike.

Something very new in Ladies Neck Wear, Fancy Combs and Barrettes. W. L. Harkrider.

Don't fail to visit our sale. We are offering genuine bargains. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

## 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."

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.

## Money to Loan.

\$250,000.00 to loan at 8 per cent per annum, on improved Farms or ranches, or will buy first lien notes on this class of property. C. L. Barker, at Southern National Bank, Merkel, Texas.

Miss Bertha Boring came in last week from the west where she has been for some time visiting. She will spend several days here before returning to Fort Worth.

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

Mrs. V. D. Jones came in Friday from Bagwell to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Collins.

Gallon jugs and bottles at 5 cents each at Grimes' Drug Store.

Latest lawn, percal, gingham, rougee and silk, ready made dresses at actual cost at Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co's. Clearance Sale.

Quite a crowd of people left town early Tuesday morning on their way to the Clear Fork where they spent Tuesday and Wednesday fishing and enjoying an outing. Those going were Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Rister of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Largent, Misses Eugenia and Carrol Rister, Jessie and Lucile Sutphen, Ruth Merritt, Aileen Sanders and Master Charles Sutphen.

We want you people of and around Merkel to know that we are anxious for your trade and will appreciate your patronage by giving you the very best values possible. Come to see us.

W. L. Harkrider.

Mrs. J. L. Gilliland and two children Pearl and Lloyd of El Paso returned to their home Friday after spending some two months here visiting Mrs. Gilliland's sister Mrs. O. F. McMaster.

Good music at the Airdome every night. Come out and spend the evening with your friends.

Miss Lizzie Harris of Mexia who is here visiting her sister Mrs. J. D. Gaither returned from a short visit to Abilene Friday.

We have the best School Shoes and Guaranteed Stockings.

W. L. Harkrider.

Gayland Lassiter came in last week from east Texas where he has been for some time.

Read every word of our double page ad. It will interest you. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

J. H. Saffle and Oscar Martin were in Abilene on business Monday.

FOR SALE—\$40.00 folding bed. See me for a bargain. Price Bankhead.

Mrs. P. H. Brown of Temple came in Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. L. Brown.

5 gallon jacket cans, 25 cents each at Grimes' Drug Store.

Mrs. C. J. Brown of Tye who was here last week visiting relatives returned to home at Tye Monday.

We are anxious to show our new goods. They are coming in daily by freight and express.

W. L. Harkrider.

Mrs. J. A. Collins of Abilene returned to her home Monday after a short visit with the family of J. A. Collins of this place.

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

Thos. Standford left for Fort Worth Monday where he will visit for a while.

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

Mrs. W. E. Gentry of Abilene who was visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Dodd last week returned to her home Monday.

If you want first class work and latest style in hats see Miss McConnell at W. D. Woodroof & Co.

Mrs. W. E. Craddock of Fort Worth returned to that place Monday after a days visit here.

We can show you the very newest styles in Men and Boy's Fancy Hats. W. L. Harkrider.

W. N. Moore came up from Abilene Sunday to spend the evening with relatives.

We show every night except Wednesday's. Bring you family out for the evening. The Airdome

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller who have been here visiting Mrs. Miller's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett left Monday for Mart where they will stay for some time before going on to their home at Tolar.

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.



# SOCIETY

MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

## Miscellaneous Shower.

Wednesday afternoon Miss Maud Martin and Mrs. Wesley Edwards were charming hostesses when they tendered a miscellaneous shower complimentary to Miss Ruth Mims at Mrs. Edwards' home on West Elm Street.

The bride elect's chosen colors were favored in the decorations. Red and white hearts were used in profusion in the artistic arrangement of the reception rooms. Exquisite hand-painted score cards, a darling little cupid trailing a line of bleeding hearts, were given to the guests. After six games of progressive 42 Mrs. W. M. Jenkins made high score and received a beautiful piece of cut glass and Miss Genevieve Rust was consoled with a lovely pair of silk hose, she being lucky in the cut with Miss Fannie Burroughs. Mrs. Jenkins and Miss Rust presented their favors to the bride-elect.

Beautiful and dainty lunch cloths were spread for the serving of an ice course, carrying out the color scheme used in the house decorations, angel food with red hearts and brick cream. Little Miss Lucile Edwards assisted the hostesses in serving.

Miss Ina Gilliland of Fort Worth sang "Whisper and I Shall Answer," accompanied by Mrs. Edwards on the piano who also played the march while Miss Martin led the bride-elect to the seat of honor, a throne all draped in white with garlands of red and white hearts, a mass of feathery green formed a beautiful back-ground. A large red heart with white streamers attached was suspended over this throne. At the appointed time the hostesses pulled the streamers, showering the honoree with beautiful gifts. Next came a beautiful heart shaped box filled with hand-painted china and silver. After all had shared the pleasure of seeing the dainty gifts the invitation was given to come to the dining room and there round the punch bowl delicious punch was served and toasts drank. Mrs. W. A. Scott toasting the bride, Miss Annie T. Daniel the bride groom, Miss Pet Sears the girls left behind, Mrs. W. H. Dickson the mother-in-law, then in her clear, sweet voice, our Ruth gave the response and with it a hearty welcome to her home to be in Fort Worth. To all her Merkel friends this invitation was strengthened by Mrs. J. W. Hewatt and Miss Ina Gilliland, the charming sisters of the bride groom to be who are here until after the wedding. There were over thirty guests present.

The dance at the Thornton building on Kent street Friday evening was a most brilliant affair. A number who do not dance were present to enjoy the excellent music furnished by the Abilene colored orchestra. Those who enjoyed the dance and their invited friends were Misses Annie T. Daniel, Lulu Thornton, Anna Girard of Abilene, Olga and Elma Sheppard, Mary Reed, Carrol Rister, Agnes Hall, Genevieve Rust, Mary Jane Brown, Jessie O'Brian, Bobby Davis, Jessie Sutphen, Willie Bigham, Mesdames Fred Bigham, J. W. Daniel, Lanier Brown, R. O. Anderson, E. M. Rust, W. E. Britain, Davenport Gaither, Messrs. Dem Rust, Oly Sharp, Dee Grimes, R. O. Anderson, Lanier Brown, Clayton Brown, J. E. Faucett, John D. Gaither, Deavenport Gaither, Homer Easterwood, John Daniel, T. B. Lucas.

Miss Elma Sheppard and Mrs. Lanier Brown were joint hostesses Thursday afternoon from 4 to 7 in a daintily appointed party at Mrs. Brown's home on Austin street. Three tables were assigned to the devotees of the club game of Five Hundred. Pretty score cards marked the progression in this fascinating game. At the conclusion of an afternoon of pleasure the hostesses served delicious white cake and an ice in orange cups to Misses Mabel Collins, Agnes Hall, Leno Largent Genevieve Rust, Mary Jane Brown, Mesdames J. G. Jackson, J. W. Daniel, Deavenport Gaither, Twyman Collins and W. H. Dickson.

Saturday afternoon Miss Winnie Warren's home was the scene of a happy reunion of school girls. The time was spent in talking over school days and taking kodak pictures. Those present were Misses Pet Sears, Edith Mackey, Mattie Paylor, Fannie Burroughs, Jessie Sutphen and the hostess.

Miss Ruth Merritt entertained at her home on West Elm street Thursday evening with a five o'clock dinner naming her cousin Miss Aileen Sanders of Huntingdon, Tenn., and Miss Edith Mackey of Durant, Okla., as honorees. In harmony with the season the dining room was beautifully decorated with the golden yellow sunflowers. Yellow streamers were extended from a large sunflower which formed the shade for the electric light, fell in graceful garlands to the edge of the table thus marking places and holding pretty souvenirs for Misses Winnie Warren, Pet Sears, Eugenia Rister, the honorees and the hostess.

The hostess mother Mrs. H. T. Merritt assisted by Mrs. C. C. Franklin served a splendidly appointed five course dinner. Toasts were first given to the honorees who responded in a graceful manner by toasting the hostess and the other guests.

The ouija board was consulted and revealed numerous state secrets. Serenading followed several lively games of croquet after which a visit to the moving picture show ended a most enjoyable evening.

Monday evening a merry crowd of picnics left town for C. L. McNeess' tank to enjoy an outing in the beautiful moonlight. A bountiful supper was spread and ice lemonade served. The crowd was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Claud Whitley, Mrs. Victor Harris, Mrs. T. H. Christopher and Mrs. J. M. Bishop of Abilene. Those present were Misses Bertha, Minnie and Almeda Harris, Lavernia McNeess, Gladys, Mattie and Mervel Christopher, Lelia Clark, Geneva and Nina Warnick, Georgia Moore, Ruby Harris, Delia and Latrilla Bishop, Messrs. Dennis McDonald, Ernest and Steve Duckett, Rufus and Leslie McNeess, Leonard Sublett Adam Sibley, Joe Bickley, John and Noel Moore, Charley Christopher, Con Warnick, Carl Hughes, Arthur Clark, Mr. Ray of Fort Worth.

The Needlework Circle met with Mrs. Davenport Gaither Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 7. Electric fans made the rooms delightfully cool. An exchange of new ideas were freely given and new stitches learned. A number of out-of-town visitors were present. Mrs. Gaither was assisted by her mother Mrs. W. V. Cranford in serving an ice course to Misses Elma Sheppard, Ruth Mims, Lizzie Harris of Mexia, Ina Gilliland of Fort Worth, Edith Mackey of Durant, Okla., Grace Perkins of Houston, Annie T. Daniel, Willie Bigham, Alice Bigham. Mesdames W. A. Scott, Fred Bigham Vernon Jones of Bagwell, C. T. Harris of Mexia, Hewatt of Fort Worth, R. O. Anderson, John D. Gaither, Twyman Collins, W. H. Dickson. Mrs. John D. Gaither will be the next hostess.

Early Thursday evening Miss Gladys Coggin in the Coggin special was in town to meet the girls invited to her slumber party. Mrs. Coggin in Oklahoma but the hospitalities of the home during her visit are being chaperoned by her sister Mrs. Otho Williams. A splendid supper was spread out in the yard and greatly enjoyed by moonlight. Stories were told and songs were sung then came the serving of cream and cake. At witch hour an ice cold watermelon feast was enjoyed by Misses Madalyn Adkisson, Ina May Adams, Lucile Bell, Ruby Cauthen, Lucile Sutphen and the hostess. Friday morning the early hours were spent in horseback riding after which the special was ordered out to take the girls home.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. John Sears entertained ten little girls in honor of her little daughter's tenth birthday. Lillie Pratt the honoree of this delightful occasion invited her playmates to join her in a number of out-door games on the pretty green lawn where they could play drop the handkerchief and other kindred games. The nice large swing and the hammock were such good resting places. The guests were served with cream and sherbet and watermelon. Those present were little Misses Louise Warren, Lucy Tracy, Maurine Angus, Mildred Hogue, Lola Armstrong, Ona Faye Rose, Elizabeth Barker, Hazel Harkrider, Eula May Coggin, LeNora Williams, Johnnie Sears Lillie Pratt Sears. Many pretty little gifts were given to Lillie Pratt in remembrance of Aug. 22, 1912.

"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.

Last Tuesday evening several couples of the young people were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain at the light plant. Bunco and 42 were played by Misses Edith Mackey, Elma Sheppard, Fannie Burroughs, Jessie Sutphen, Messrs. Ben Merritt, George Ferrier, Roy Bradley and Homer Easterwood. Watermelons were served at a late hour.

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.

## 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 McNeess. 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 McNeess. 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.

## 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.

## Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the schoolboard of the Independent School District of Merkel, Texas, will receive bids from any resident citizen or domestic coporation of the state of Texas, as the law provides, for custodian of the school funds of said district for the current year beginning Sept. 1, 1912. Said bids to be based on the rate of interest which such persons or coporations so bidding shall pay for said funds based on the daily balances of same.

Said bids may be filed with the secretary, Dr. J. H. Warnick, at any time before 12:00 noon of said date of Sept. 25, 1912. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

All persons desiring any further specific information relative to such treasurership, will confer with the said secretary or I. S. Allen, president of the board.

304 I. S. Allen, President.

Attest: J. H. Warnick, Sec.

If you sit in a cool draft when you are heated and get a stiff neck or lame back, you will be looking for something that will ease the pain. Fix your mind on Ballard's Snow Liniment and don't be talked out of it because it is the best pain relieving liniment you can get anywhere. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

L. R. Hogg who has been here visiting his parents left for Galveston Thursday. After spending a week in the salt sea he will return here for another short visit with relatives before returning to his home at Marshall.

Messrs. I. S. Allen, J. E. Faucett, H. C. Williams, and J. H. Warnick attended court in Abilene Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris came in Wednesday from Dallas where they have been visiting.

## Couldn't Walk!

"I used to be troubled with a weakness peculiar to women," writes Mrs. Anna Jones, of Kenny, Ill. "For nearly a year, I could not walk, without holding my sides. I tried several different doctors, but I grew worse. Finally, our druggist advised Cardui for my complaint. I was so thin, my weight was 115. Now, I weigh 163, and I am never sick. I ride horseback as good as ever. I am in fine health at 52 years."

## TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

We have thousands of such letters, and more are arriving daily. Such earnest testimony from those who have tried it, surely proves the great value of this vegetable, tonic medicine, for women.

Cardui relieves women's sufferings, and builds weak women up to health and strength. If you are a woman, give it a trial. It should help you, for it has helped a million others. It is made from pure, harmless, herb ingredients, which act promptly and surely on the womanly organs. It is a good tonic. Try it! Your druggist sells it.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. J 58

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### Ranch for a Farm.

Improved tract 2600 acres 10 miles north of Sterling City; fenced 3 pastures; 60 acres in cultivation, 500 more tillable; balance hilly but not bluffy and good grass land; 7-room weatherboarded house, two wells and windmills, barn, corrals, etc. Price, \$7.00 per acre; loan on ranch \$7,000 due 5 years. Will trade for agricultural land in Merkel country. It

Jno. G. Jackson.

### Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for week ending Aug. 31, 1912:

Calloway, Jim  
Shanks, J. W.  
Talbot, Morton  
Whorton, John R.  
Darter, Miss Bessie

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Sept. 14, 1912.

H. W. Derstine, p.m.

Misses Ruth Mims and Ina Gilliland, her guest of Fort Worth, returned from Abilene Saturday afternoon where they visited for a few days.

J. A. Hamner left Thursday for New Caney where he goes to spend a few months with his daughters Mesdames Rollins and Oualine.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thornton of Hillman county Oklahoma came in this week to make Merkel their home in the future.

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.

W. L. Harkrider returned from St. Louis Friday where he has purchased a fall line of goods for his store here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler and two children returned Monday from Rotan where they have been visiting relatives.



## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Saturday night special, 5 reels.  
The Airdome.

Miss Essie Seat of Winsboro is here Miss Susie Penn.

Lots of jugs at Grimes' Drug Store 5 cents each.

Otto Sosebee was in Abilene Thursday on business.

New Lowney's just received at the Elite.

J. D. Gaither and C. D. Mims were visitors in Abilene Tuesday.

Fresh Lowney Chocolates just received by express at the Elite.

S. E. Adcock of Blair was in Abilene Tuesday on business.

Saturday night special, 5 reels.  
The Airdome.

R. O. Anderson was in Abilene Tuesday on business.

Peacemaker flour is the best get it from Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Dr. J. M. Green was in Abilene on business Tuesday.

The Big Show Saturday night, 5 reels. 10 and 20 cents.  
The Airdome.

Burhill Wheeler shipped a car of mixed cattle to Fort Worth Thursday.

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

Mesdames E. M. Rust and Eva Perkins were visitors in Abilene Tuesday.

When you are in town spend the evening at the Airdome and enjoy the pictures.

Mesdames C. V. Bigham and T. O. SoRelle were visitors in Abilene Tuesday.

Mrs. O. B. Annis returned to her home at Stamford Tuesday after a short visit with Mrs. S. F. Annis of this place.

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

Miss Hattie Bell came in Tuesday morning from Colorado where she has been visiting her sister Mrs. J. S. Burkhead.

The baby child of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell was reported seriously ill the first of the week. Later the child was thought to be out of danger.

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

Mrs. M. M. Agnew returned to her home Tuesday after a visit with the family of T. H. Mallom north of Merkel.

Thos Neil of Trent was in Merkel Tuesday on his way to Abilene on business.

Voi Martin returned last week from east Texas and Oklahoma where he spent some two weeks looking over the country. He reports the country he visited in fine condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Parten came in last week to visit Mrs. Parten's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Paylor. They are to return to their home at Miama this week.

Mrs. Lillian SoRelle of Eskota came down last week to spend a few days with her sister Mrs. C. V. Bigham.

Just received a new lot of ladies Tan, Suede, Velvet and Gun Metal Shoes. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

## Farmers Institute.

Program County Farmers' Institute, Anson, Texas, August 31, 1912. Opens 10 A. M.

Welcomes Address—Hon. C. C. Ferrell.

Response—O. J. Stitt. Organization.

Preparation of Soil and Selection of Seed for Crop of 1913—J. W. Niel, State Lecturer, Dept. of Argiculture.

The Peanut Industry in West Texas, Past Present and Future—Capt. M. Chas. Waters.

My Experience as a Farmer in Jones County—A. H. Carlton.

Farm Demonstration Work in Central and West Texas—Hon. J. L. Quicksall, Agent, Federal Government.

The Southern States Cotton Corporation Plan—W. B. Yearly, Dallas.

Will the Hog Business Pay on a Jones County Farm?—J. T. Wright. Concerning a County Fair—Dr. D. L. Stephens, President County Fair Association.

Business Session. Adjournment.

Every local farmers' institute should send delegates, one at large, and one additional for every ten members. All deleto to the State Farmers' Institute will be seated in the county institute as delegates. Free dinner will be served for all regular delegates to the county institute. No farmer can well afford to miss this meeting. These are live questions and men of practical experience will handle them. Come and tell your neighbor to come.

### Granulated Sore Eyes Cured.

"For twenty years I suffered from a bad case of granulated sore eyes, says Martin Boyd of Henrietta, Ky. "In February 1903, a gentleman asked me to try Chamberlain's Salve. I bought one box and used about two-thirds of it and my eyes have not given me any trouble since." This salve is for sale by all dealers.

### Operation for Appendicitis.

Tuesday Mrs. G. L. Hamilton was taken with appendicitis and carried to Abilene where she was operated on for the trouble the same day. On Wednesday her condition was said to be good and a quick recovery is expected. Her many friends were somewhat surprised at the illness but are very hopeful of the outcome.

### Saved Him.

"It didn't kill me, but I think it would if it had not been for Hunt's Cure. I was tired, miserable and well nigh used up when I commenced using it for an old and severe case of Eczema. One application relieved and box cured me. I believe Hunt's Cure will cure any form of itching known to mankind." Clifton Lawrence, Helena, O.T.

### Miss Ova Moore Dead.

Monday morning Miss Ova Moore invalid daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Moore of Comper died at their home in Comper and was buried in the Comper Cemetery that afternoon Rev. D. C. Rister preaching the funeral. Miss Moore at the time of her death was 26 years of age and had been an invalid in health for a number of years.

In the absence of the pastor, The Rev. Mr. Clements, Rev. A. Lee Boyd pastor of the Tenth Street Methodist church of Abilene will occupy the pulpit at the Methodist church next Sunday morning and evening at the usual hour.

Mrs. D. A. Hutchins returned to her home at Stanton Saturday after a short visit with the family of J. P. Hutchins.

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### Stands Ahead.

There is something about Hunt's Lightning Oil that no other Liniment possesses. Others may be good, but it is surely the best. It does all you recommend it for and more. For Sprains it has no equal on earth. It stands head on my medicine shelf. Very truly yours, T. J. Brownlow, Livingston, Tenn.

25 and 50 cent bottles.

William F. Buchanan came in Saturday from Fort Worth to visit his parents. He will spend about a week here before returning to the Panther City.

In our last issue we gave an account of a sale of cattle amounting to \$20,000 in which Merkel men were connected. We erred in stating that Mr. Collins was interested in the deal, it was Mr. Sears' cattle and on being shipped from here were accompanied by Mr. Collins. Mr. Edwards as we stated was also interested in the deal.

### 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.

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## A Special Feature.

The circuit furnishing the Airdome with their reel productions are making an effort to give the Merkel people a special feature show at least once a week and Saturday night has been taken as the most convenient time for all show goes so hereafter the people will be treated to a special show on Saturday nights. Mr. Groene is very glad to get this concession as it is quite a pleasing attraction each week. Tomorrow night he is featuring a hand colored reel with four others.

### Something Extraordinary

A personally conducted first-class Special Train Excursion through the Rocky Mountains through the famous Yellowstone National Park and return, under the auspices of "The Campus" the new monthly magazine of the Southern Methodist University, at low rates and consuming about 15 days, (tickets will be good until October 31st for returning and allowing stop-overs enroute) will leave Dallas and Fort Worth August 12th. For complete itinerary, expense particulars and photographic literature illustrative of the journey's superb attractions, free of cost address Frank Reedy, Bursar, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

### How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

National Bank of Commerce,

Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Mr. Barton formerly a Merkel country farmer returned here this week from Cottle county where he now making his home. Mr. Barton says the country from where he came is in fine condition and that crops are as fine as a person could ask for.

A vast amount of ill health is due to impaired digestion. When the stomach fails to perform its functions properly the whole system becomes deranged. A few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets is all you need. They will strengthen your digestion, invigorate your liver, and regulate your bowels, entirely doing away with that miserable feeling due to faulty digestion. Try it. Many others have been permanently cured—why not you? For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. Jeffie Hibbits left Wednesday morning for Fort Worth where she will visit her sister Mrs. Kuntze for a few days after which she will go to Uvalde where she is elected to a position in the schools for the ensuing year.

Misses Mary and Fan Bates of San Angelo who have been here visiting Miss Maxie Banner left Wednesday for Ballinger where they will visit for awhile before returning to their home.

O. M. Coggin came in from Dallas Saturday where he has been under treatment for his eyes. He reports his eyesight much improved from the treatment.

### No Calomel Necessary.

The injurious effect and unpleasantness of taking Calomel is done away with by Simmons' Liver Purifier, the mildest known liver medicine, yet the most thorough in action. Put up in yellow tin boxes only. Price 25c. Tried once, used always.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar visited in Abilene Sunday.

Miss Isla McDonald left Wednesday for Cisco where she will visit for a short time.

Mrs. N. E. Norris left Wednesday for Cisco where she goes to visit her son J. N. Norris.

Miss Anie Erwin of Trent came down Wednesday to visit Miss Maxie Banner.

The Big Show Saturday night, 5 reels. 10 and 20 cents. The Airdome.

Oran Edwards a brother to our townsman Wesley Edwards is spending the week here visiting.

Mrs. R. L. Bateman formerly a Merkel country lady come in Tuesday afternoon on a visit.

T. E. Paylor and wife of Big Springs are here visiting Mr. Paylor's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Paylor.

Five Reels for Saturday night. One hand colored, one magic and three regulars, 10 and 20 cents.  
The Airdome.

Mrs. W. C. Calvert and children left for Sweetwater Wednesday where she goes to join Mr. Calvert.

Mrs. J. H. Harless of Bonham returned to Merkel for a two months' visit Thursday morning.

Constipation is the starting point for many serious diseases. To be healthy keep the bowels active and regular. Herbine will remove all accumulations in the bowels and put the system in prime condition. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

W. Parten was among the ones who returned from market last week. While away Mr. Parten visited in St. Louis, Chicago and New York.

E. S. Sanduski and family of McKinney, Ky., came in Friday to make the Merkel country their home in the future having purchased land south of town.

"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.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Needham of Waco spent last week in the Merkel country visiting the family of M. L. Estes, Mr. Needham's father.

Mrs. W. P. Sandlin of Palsetine left for Dallas, Arlington and Wills Point Saturday after spending several days here visiting Mrs. N. E. Sandlin and family.

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.

Alex Wisdom spent about an hour here Sunday shaking hands with friends. He returned to his home at Dublin on the first train Sunday.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whitaker and Mrs. J. P. Sutphen were visitors in Abilene Wednesday, making the trip through the country in a buggy.

Special lot men's negligee shirts at half price at Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company's Big Clearance Sale.



# AUTUMN DISPLAY

**THIS STORE WITH ITS GREAT FINE STOCK OF FALL AND WINTER GOODS, BECKONS YOU TO COME AND SEE FASHIONS LATEST STYLE PRODUCTIONS**

For it's a positive fact that never have we entered upon a new season with a stock so large and so beautiful as this fall's. If you are looking for "something new and something distinctively different" you'll find it here. A look will convince you that we have the goods.

## Ladies' Coats

Of handsome Fabrics Tailored along beautiful lines, superbly attractive \$4.00 to \$20.00.

## Mens' Clothing

Of New Cuts and styles ranging in price from \$10.00 to \$25.00.

We cordially invite you to come and see some of the new things in dress goods among which will be found Silk and Velvet Corduroy and many others too numerous to mention, No need to buy because you look, but look any way. We are anxious to have you see them while our line is complete

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## THE STORE OF STYLE AND QUALITY

### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

#### Inkum Items.

Aug. 26—The farmers have been rejoicing over a good rain which fell Wednesday night.

John Perry and family of Dora visited Oscar Perry and family Sunday.

Messrs. King and Parmlee of Tye were in this section hunting cotton pickers the first of the week.

Ernest Cox and sister Miss Mary of Potosi visited relatives at Inkum Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. John Brookreson of Buffalo Gap visited her daughter Mrs. O. H. Wilson Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Effie Reynolds was shopping in View Friday.

E. P. Perry and family visited relatives at Dora this week.

W. P. Bailey made a business trip to Merkel Wednesday.

Mesdames Hefferman and Mitchell are visiting in Ballinger this week.

Misses Leola and Willie Coats of Merkel spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Inkum.

Several wagon loads of fine water melons have been carried by our farmers to Blair, Dora and Buffalo Gap netting them a nice little sum of money.

J. P. Fuqua made a trip to Merkel Friday.

E. D. Coats and wife of Merkel visited at Inkum Saturday and Sunday.

G. W. Wilson is at the county seat this week serving on the grand jury.

#### Shocking Sounds

in the earth are sometimes heard before a terrible earthquake, that warn of the coming peril. Nature's warnings are kind. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the Kidneys need attention if you would escape those dangerous maladies, Dropsy, Diabetes or Bright's disease. Take Electric Bitters at once and see backache fly and all your best feelings return. "My son received great benefit from their use for kidney and bladder trouble," writes Peter Bondy, of South Rockwood, Mich. "It is certainly a great kidney medicine. Try it. 50 cents at H. C. Burroughs."

## 1,500 BALES NOW IN COTTON YARDS

Already this season Merkel is fast placing herself in the lime-light by having a market that will in the course of the early season bring to our town 1,500 bales of cotton, that being the amount up to Thursday evening. On Wednesday there were something like 150 bales ginned and weighed at the local yards. At that rate by Saturday night there will be placed upon the Merkel market over 1,750 bales of cotton. We feel sure that it will go that high for the daily output is gradually getting larger.

A very nice record for the month of August and then to take into consideration the market price it makes it makes it all the more promising for the farmer to bring his cotton to Merkel even if he is compelled to haul it ten miles more in order to get that advantage. During the first part of the week the price went as low as 10½, some selling a bit lower than that but by Thursday the local market had jumped back to 10.75, a price ranging high above our competing markets. Bring your cotton to Merkel and get the top of the market.

#### He Won't Limp Now,

No more limping for Tom Moore of Cochran, Ga. "I had a bad sore on my instep that nothing seem to help till I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve," he writes, "but this wonderful healer soon cured me." Heals old, running sores, ulcers, boils, burns, cuts, bruises, eczema or piles. Try it. Only 25 cents at H. C. Burroughs.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED—A large family to pick 200 acres of cotton. Will furnish house water and wood. P. A. Diltz. 23t2pd

### T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND  
Train No. 1, leaves Merkel... 10:04 p.m.  
Train No. 4 " " " 11:38 a.m.  
Train No. 6 " " " 12:19 a.m.  
Train No. 8 " " " 9:02 a.m.

WEST BOUND  
Train No. 1, leaves Merkel... 4:02 a.m.  
Train No. 3 " " " 4:48 p.m.  
Train No. 5 " " " 4:28 a.m.  
Train No. 7 " " " 4:20 p.m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

Nos. 3 and 5, 4 and 6 stop at Sweetwater, Eskota, Merkel, Abilene, Clyde, Baird, Cisco, Eastland, Mingus, Weatherford and Fort Worth. West of Sweetwater all trains are locals except 3 and 4; they do not stop at Itan.

## LAZY LIVER

### SPOILS DAY'S WORK

Don't Let a Torpid Liver Knock You out of a Day's Work—There is a Better Way—Read About It.

A man feels very little like working and a child don't want to go to school when bilious or constipated. If you try calomel to cure you the chances are that you will be so weakened by its after-effects that you will be laid up for two or three days more. So we say "Don't take Calomel." We have a perfect substitute for calomel right here in our store, that we can fully guarantee to cure constipation and liven up the liver just as quickly as calomel, but without any of the bad after-effects of calomel. The name of this tonic is Dodson's Liver-Tone. It is a pleasant tasting vegetable tonic that mildly stimulates the liver and causes it to work just right to cleanse the body without any danger of salivation. When you try it if you do not say that it is a perfect substitute for calomel, come right in and get your money back. Rust & McCauley's drug store.

J. K. Cauthen was an attendant at court in Abilene Wednesday.

## TEACHER IN HIGH SCHOOL RESIGNS

Miss Leila Nesbitt one of the teachers elected for the ensuing year has resigned her position and will take up work in the Canyon City Normal College. To fill the position that Miss Nesbitt has resigned the board has elected Miss Louise Stuart Roe of Colorado City.

Miss Roe is a college graduate having done credit work in the State University and comes to Merkel highly recommended for the position. The board feels very fortunate in securing the services of Miss Roe to fill the position formerly held by Miss Nesbitt and they feel sure the Merkel patrons will feel equally so. The action of making the new election and accepting the resignation was done Tuesday, Miss Roe coming down from Colorado and returning the same evening but will return in time to take up her duties on the opening of school here the 23rd of September.

#### Almost Lost His Life.

S. A. Stid, of Mason, Mich., will never forget his terrible exposure to a merciless storm. "It gave me a dreadful cold," he writes, "that caused severe pains in my chest, so it was hard for me to breathe. A neighbor gave me several doses of Dr. King's New Discovery which brought great relief. The doctor said I was on the verge of pneumonia, but to continue with the Discovery. I did so and two bottles completely cured me." Use only this quick, safe, reliable medicine for coughs, colds or any throat or lung trouble. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

#### Salt Branch News.

Aug. 26—Several of the Warren young people attended singing at this place Sunday afternoon.

Misses Lillie and Lois Smith and Lillie Wheat were guests of the Misses Teaff Sunday.

W. E. Petty and family, Wesley Hardy and family spent Sunday with Porter Petty and family.

Cartha Lyles and wife are the proud parents of a fine girl.

Mrs. Hays was shopping in Merkel Saturday evening.

Miss Annie Higgins was shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Miss Neva Hays was visiting Miss Lura Taylor Sunday.

Burley Taylor spent Sunday in Clyde.

#### Butman News.

August 27.—The farmers are proceeding nicely with their cotton picking in this section.

Margie Butman was on the sick list a few days last week.

Messrs. Sam and Will Butman were visitors in Merkel Friday.

Mr. John Jones spent Monday on his ranch near Castle Peak hunting some stray mules.

A crowd of jolly young people surprised the Butman family at their home Sunday night by taking possession of the parlor uninvited. They sang songs and told yarns and talked about the weather and the chickens. When the crowd was ready to leave a large and delicious cocoanut was passed around to the welcome guests.

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