

GOOD ROAD WORK WAITING ON RAIN

Work on the good roads of Taylor county has been suspended until a heavy rain shall see fit to visit this section. In building good roads according to modern methods lots of water is required, and of easy access. As they are constructed water is necessary for sprinkling as the work progresses, as well as for men and teams. Highways can be built much cheaper when water is convenient than when it is far removed from the point of operation.

Just as soon as a good rain comes the construction work will be resumed says County Judge Bledsoe.

The road to Caps, which will be ten miles in length when completed, has been finished, with the exception of about one mile. This road is being built with gravel, and is said to be a magnificent specimen of the art of good road construction.

The Hamby road, which will be nine miles in length when completed, is being constructed of crushed rock, a bountiful supply of the material being obtainable along the route. Only three miles have been completed up to date, the work starting from Hamby.

While waiting for rain, the road making machinery has been repaired and put in first class condition, the big traction engine bears every appearance of a new job from the factory.—Abilene Reporter.

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This thriving institution is rapidly developing its Trust Department. Being authorized under its charter to act in the capacity of administrator, guardian, executor, trustee, agents for widows and orphans, etc. It has recently taken on the management of some estates which mean much to the institution and the beneficiaries of the estates.

Upon the death of P. J. Miller, recently, that institution was appointed co-administrator and in one transaction it saved the estate almost enough to pay for the entire administration. The beneficiaries are delighted with the way the affairs are being handled.

It is executor in the will of a gentleman who died recently near Caps and is the guardian in another estate and is being appointed guardian in still another, thus showing the confidence the people have in the management of estates by Corporations offered and managed by such men as compose the Directorate of this institution.

The following gentlemen are directors of The First State Bank & Trust Company and their very names signify the soul of honor and good management: C. W. Merchant, J. B. Knox, T. P. Davidson, W. J. Fulwiler, J. O.

Shelton, J. H. Couch, D. M. Oldham, Jr., Oscar Parker and E. B. Bynum.

The people are awakening to the importance of committing the management of their affairs, after their decease, to the wise, prudent and honorable management of men who are capable of directing and conserving the very best interests of an estate.

The institution above referred to invites you to correspond with them with reference to the matter of making them executors in your will or in any other trust capacity and they certainly can render more valuable service than can any single individual. They are the only institution that is handling estates in this section and it is safe to predict that their business in this line will assume large proportions. (Advertisement.)

TAYLOR COUNTY PHYSICIANS MEET

With a full attendance of members and several visiting physicians from the county present, the Taylor County Medical Association met Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock in regular session, and a very enthusiastic meeting was held.

A committee consisting of Drs. W. A. Cash and T. B. Bass of this city were appointed to draft resolutions commending, in behalf of the association, the National Tuberculosis Sanitarium. By a unanimous vote the association endorsed the Owen Bill, and expressions of approval were sent by the members to Senators Bailey and Culberson and Congressman Smith at Washington.

The regular election of officers was then held and resulted as follows: Dr. S. R. Cates, president; Dr. J. D. Magee, vice-president. Dr. W. A. Cash was re-elected secretary and treasurer by the association.

Dr. W. J. Matthews, assistant superintendent of the Epileptic Colony, was elected into full membership of the association.

Reports of cases within their practice were given by Drs. C. M. Cash and S. C. Gage, and the discussions were both interesting and instructive.

Tuesday's meeting was epoch-making for the association. Plans were formed to broaden the scope of the work of the association in the county, and efforts will be made to enlist all the physicians in the work. The doctors are planning great things for the coming year, and in every way Tuesday's meeting was enthusiastic.—Abilene Reporter.

Church Dinner.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will serve dinner Saturday, Dec. 14th, the place to be announced later.

The Baptist Philathea's will sell fruits, nuts and candies on December 20th, 21st, 23rd and 24th at the West Texas Hardware. We will appreciate your patronage.

Mrs. J. N. Shelton who has been quite sick for several days is improving.

THE POULTRY SHOW

Exhibit Friday and Saturday Credit for Our Country and People.

OVER 200 FOWLS ON EXHIBIT

Chicken fanciers and those who know say Collection would be hard to beat in any country.

The interest in the growing of fine chickens noted by our paper last season has increased beyond the expectations of the most enthusiastic fancier and the show in the Thornton building last Friday and Saturday was a credit and boost for the people of our town and country.

There were more than two hundred fowls on exhibit and we can not attempt to make mention of all worthy for the list is too large.

Below we give the awards as furnished us by the Association:

Barred Rocks—W. W. Byers: 2nd cockerel, 1-2-3 hen. Joe Higgins: 2-3 cockerel, 1-2 pullet, 1st pen. H. P. Wilkins: 1st cockerel, 3rd pullet.

White Wyandotes—Mrs. M. B. Christian: 2nd cockerel, 2-3 hen, 2nd pullet, 1st pen. H. M. Rose: 3rd cockerel, 1st cockerel, 2nd hen, 3rd pullet, 2nd pen. Mrs. Lizzie Scheldler: first pullet, L. and A. Baker: 3rd cockerel.

Golden Wyandotes—R. A. McClain: 3rd cockerel, 2-3 pullet.

S. C. Reds—W. W. Byers: 3rd pen. J. M. Allen: 2nd cockerel, 1st pullet. G. L. Baker & Sons: 3rd hen, 2-3 pullet, 2nd pen. E. H. Cordell: 1st cockerel, 1st pen. L. L. Williams: 1st cockerel, 3rd cockerel.

S. C. White Orpingtons—O. W. Williams: 1-2-3 cockerel, 1-2 pullet. R. A. Ellis: 3rd pullet.

Dark Cornish Fowl—L. and A. Baker: 2nd cockerel, 2nd hen.

R. I. Whites—Mrs. T. M. Pribble: 1st cockerel, 1-2-3 pullet.

White Leghorns—W. W. Byers: 1-2 cockerel, 1-2-3 hen, 1st pen. W. T. Curb: 1st cockerel, 2-3 pullet. R. E. Counts: 1st pullet.

Black Minorcas—J. R. West: 2-3 pullet.

Houdans—Chas. Orr: 1st hen, 1-2-3 pullet.

S. S. Hamburg—Mrs. Cora Curb: 1st cockerel, 1st pullet.

Pt. Games—R. L. Anderson: 1st cockerel, 1st hen. J. W. Teaff: 1st cockerel.

F. and W. I. R. Ducks—G. F. Holland: 2nd drake, 1-3 duck, 1st pen. Robert Hicks: 1st drake, 2nd duck, 2nd pen.

English Penciled Ducks—Jack Douglass: 1st drake 1st duck.

Racing Homer Pigeons—W. E. Edwards: 1st pair.

S. R. Homer Pigeons—Owen Ellis: 1st pair.

Sweep Stakes P—Best male any class, E. H. Cordell: red cockerels. Best female any class, J. M. Allen: red pullet. Best pen any class, E. H. Cordell: reds.

Best Display all Classes Competing—1st. H. M. Rose: White Wyandotes. 2nd. G. L. Baker & Sons: R. I. Reds. 3rd. E. H. Cordell: R. I. Reds.

Special Association Embers—Best Rock male, H. P. Wilkins. Best female, Joe Higgins. Best R. I. Red male, E. H. Cordell. Best R. I. Red female, G. L. Baker & Sons.

Messrs. J. M. Dunagin, L. D. Gaither of here and Jay Hendricks and Jones of Stith returned Saturday night after having spent ten days outing on Devil's river hunting large game. They report the country roads between here and there in very bad condition on account of recent rains.

Don't forget to come to see us when you want a Xmas present for any of the family or sweetheart—even a go-cart for the baby. West Texas Hardware Co.

Messrs. Clayton Brown and "second trick" operator Hester left Sunday for the Devil's river country where they will spend several days hunting.

Mrs. G. W. Hamm and little daughter Gladys have returned to their home at Baird after a short visit with Miss Winnie Sandlin.

VERDICT OF JURY FREES J. SNEED

Fort Worth, Dec. 3.—The first ballot cast by the jury which for four weeks has sat in judgement upon John Beal Sneed returned him to his friends and loved ones a free man.

The vote was taken immediately upon retirement to the jury room after supper last night, and the jurors went to their slumber conscious of their work performed. The verdict was announced in open court by J. D. Crane, the foreman of the jury, at 9:25 o'clock this morning.

The proclamation, slowly read by Judge Swayne, evoked a shout of relief and triumph from counsel, friends and defendant alike. The counsel, Will McLean and Walter Scott, were fined \$50 each for contempt of court. Judge Swayne declined to punish the defendant.

"He had a right to shout," remarked the court.

There was nothing boisterous nor unseemly about the demonstration. It was merely an ebullition of spirits long repressed that flowed from pent-up breasts of its own momentum when the tension relaxed. There were few people in the room, for the hour was early and a verdict so soon was the thing least expected by parties to the case or the public. Friends rushed to the side of the defendant and wrung his hands.

After the first outburst, Mr. Sneed regained composure and seemed more awed than excited by the knowledge of his victory. Under the impulse of gratitude he broke away from his friends and hurried into the jury room whence the jurors had repaired and unbosomed his feelings to them in person. As a memento of his regard he will send each of them photographs of himself and children.

Meat Market Moves.

The City Meat Market moved its home this week from the old stand next to the Owl restaurant to the building formerly occupied by the Bradshaw Grocery Co. Mr. Laney the owner of the market is going to make the new home model in every respect with as new modern and sanitary conditions as possible.

ABILENE WALKERS COMING TO MERKEL

Some time ago a bunch of citizens organized a Marathon Club for the benefit of the business men and others of Abilene. The first walk staged by them was from Abilene to Clyde, the winner getting the large end of a \$25 purse and that one being so much of a success they have now decided to have another walk. This time the end will be in Merkel.

Accordingly, plans are now under way, and fast nearing a satisfactory end for a repetition of the performance pulled off a week or so ago, in which some twenty-eight pedestrians competed. The Marathon Club has decided to inaugurate a contest on Saturday, December 7, of two classes, namely, one which shall be composed entirely of walkers; and a second wholly of runners. The rules given below specify how each of these classes shall run the race.

It is rumored that several athletes from here are planning to enter and therefore the contest will be made all the more interesting.

The entry list for the contest will remain open until noon Saturday and those who wish to complete should have their names in not later than that time.

Runners shall start at 3:30 p. m. They may take any gait they choose at any time during the race.

Walkers start at 2:30 p. m. They must confine themselves strictly to a walk. By understood locomotion on such a manner that one foot be always on the ground.

There will be three prizes the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, places. Every body is urged to join, men, women, old, young, sick, well and every other wise.

No professional shall be allowed to compete in and event arranged under the auspices of this club. By Professional is here understood any one who has engaged in any form of athletics as a means of livelihood, or one who regularly engages in athletics for reward.

New Paint For Jail.

The Taylor county jail is being painted inside from top to bottom, and put in spick and span shape again. County Judge Bledsoe and the new commissioners court have hooked up in a fine fashion, and are determined that even the prisoners of the county shall have pleasant surroundings insofar as nice clean walls, sanitary plumbing etc., will go to make steel cells attractive and comfortable.

Taylor county has a first-class jail and on this account many prisoners are brought here for safe-keeping from other counties, and most of the time there are a number of federal prisoners on hand.

A new and modern heating plant has recently been installed, and Deputy Sheriff Whaley, who has charge of the jail wears a smile that will not come off over the new improvements.—Abilene Reporter.

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Looking Over his Bank Balance

for the first time many a man is surprised to find himself so much ahead. He has bought everything he really needed, yet has more money ahead than he ever had when he kept his own cash. The reason is easily explained. An account at the Commercial National Bank at Abilene, Texas, tends to stop spending that isn't necessary. A man will draw a dollar out of his pocket much more readily than he will draw a check for it. An account for you will mean less unnecessary spending.

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Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for week ending Dec. 7, 1912:

Camp, Mrs. M. D.
Halley, Lonnie
McDonald, E. B.
Thornton, Calvin
Ramas, Sra, Sencion, (2)

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Dec. 21, 1912.
H. W. Derstine, P.M.

I Need A Part Of Your Business.

I have just placed in my show cases a nice selection of first class jewelry, such as bracelets, locketts, ladies neck chains, Lavalliers and largette chains, Gent's gold filled chains, scarf pin sets, set rings, plain rings and in fact anything in the light goods line. These are solid gold and gold filled goods, every article guaranteed.

20 per cent off for cash on all these goods if bought before January 1, 1913.

Watches, clock and jewelry repairing a specialty.

F. H. Dennis, Jeweler
at J. T. Dennis' St

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Motion Pictures at the Opera House.

Jno. Shannon of Stith was in Abilene Saturday on business.

Buy the kids some of our candies—all fresh. The Elite.

G. B. Brown of Roscoe was here Friday looking after business.

All the corn you want at 70c per bushel. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Company.

The ladies of the Methodist church are preparing a Christmas bazaar to begin Dec. 17th.

Miss Lila Sandlin of Abilene came in Friday afternoon to visit her mother Mrs. N. E. Sandlin.

A good moist cigar after a good meal is very pleasant. Our cigars are always moist and fresh. The Elite.

Mrs. Baylor Crawford of Abilene spent Friday and Saturday here the guest of Mrs. W. A. Scott.

Miss Winnie Sandlin our soliciting agent spent Sunday in Abilene with friends and relatives.

Watch these columns for the list of prizes we will give away each Saturday. Whitley, Son & Co.

Jim Skidmore and T. F. Sosebee, both of the Noodle community were in Abilene Saturday on business.

Evenings at home will be enjoyed more with some of our candies for your wife and children. The Elite.

B. C. Gaither of Tuscola came in Friday to look after business matters and to visit the poultry show.

Leslie McNees left Saturday for Abilene and from there he will go to the country where he will take charge of a school.

Hot drinks of all kinds at the Elite.

Miss Jessie Sutphen left Sunday for Stith where she goes to take a position as assistant teacher in the schools there.

Sheriff Weir of Abilene was here last Saturday and passed on our poultry show as one of the best he had ever seen, saying that some of the birds shown here were as good as were seen at the Dallas fair.

We are going to show the finest line of Hand-Painted China, Cut Glass and Silverware ever brought to Merkel. Be sure to see in and buy before you see it in our present. West

Gin Notice.

After Nov. 23—I will gin on Saturday's only until further notice. Bring your seed cotton any day, I will pay the highest market prices. R. E. Bowles. (2t)

Ice Books Are Redeemable.

All outstanding Ice Books issued by me will be taken up if brought to me during this month, no books will be redeemed if brought in later than Dec. 1. Be sure and return them at once.

H. M. Warren.

Farm Mortgage Loans.

Wanted: \$50,000 to \$100,000 worth of applications for loans on land in the Merkel country during the month of November and December.

I am in position to give you prompt service and just as good contracts as you can get anywhere. Interest 8 per cent and reasonable charges for commission.

Jno. G. Jackson, Merkel.

Miss Margaret Tandy of Abilene spent thanksgiving here with friends.

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.

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Through our energetic efforts we have with us one of the greatest attractions of the day—The Missing Link.



This is the Missing Link you have been looking for.

Drug Co.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Motion Pictures at the Opera House.

Vanity purses at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. R. E. Bowles spent Saturday in Abilene visiting friends.

See us for your pencils and tablets. Rexall Store

Mrs. J. G. Jackson and children visited in Abilene the last part of last week.

Your chickens and Eggs cash at the Kent Street Company.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Ed Saturday from an visit with relatives at

We have just the nicest line of cut glass shown in Merkel. West Hardware Co.

Felix R. Jones of Abilene was on the streets Saturday shaking hands with friends and looking after business matters.

You have forgotten—the candies we handle will suit your taste because they are always fresh. The Elite.

Miss Evans, teacher in the Trent schools was in the city Friday shopping and visiting Mrs. J. H. Oliver.

Oak and mesquite wood, block or split or in chunks to suit for the washing. All good measure and at reasonable prices. Phone No. 4. H. M. Warren.

Mrs. S. S. Harris was here last week visiting Mrs. W. R. Walker. Mrs. Harris was on her way from Abilene to Fort Stockton where Mr. Harris is now arranging their new home.

Did it ever occur to you? Your children will like some candies. We've just received a fresh shipment of assortment candies. Drop in and buy the children some. The Elite.

Miss Maud and Minnie Ferguson who are going to school at the Christian college in Abilene came in Friday afternoon to spend Saturday and Sunday with their parents.

We now have the exclusive control of the celebrated Peacemaker flour. Phone your orders to us. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Company.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Isom of Abilene were here Saturday and Sunday visiting Mrs. Isom's parents Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

Columbia graphophones and records, together with accessories for all kinds of machines. Elite

SOCIETY

MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

A Thanksgiving Treat.

Miss Bernice Rainbolt was hostess Thursday to a few friends honoring Miss Fay Douglas who is to soon enter high school at Quannah. Croquet and music furnished amusements for the morning.

At high noon on invitation the guests proceeded to the dining room where a table laden with turkey, cran-sauce, pumpkin pie, cream and delicacies was presided over by Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt. Covers were laid for Misses Fay Douglas, Honoree, Ethel Jenkins, Nell Tracy, the hostess and members of the family.

The afternoon was spent in driving and kodaking, in a trip to Blair and Blow-out mountain. Arriving in Blair just in time to meet the 3:39 train, they returned home at 6 o'clock. All returned a delightful time as is always the case when Bernice is hostess.

Thanksgiving dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Burroughs at their home on Street. The honored guest being Woodson Warnick who is now in the year. Covers were laid at a very tempting table for Mr. W. E. Britain, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and sons, DeVerle and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Provine, Woodson Warnick, Miss Frances G. G. Roy Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. and sons.

Zora Coggin entertained a few friends with a beautifully appointed dinner Thursday at her home. Appropriate place cards were for Misses Annie Lou O'Briant, Jessie Sutphin, Messrs Ross Ferrett, Homer L. Easter, Mrs. O. W. Williams, Mrs. T. J. Coggin in the hospitalities of home. Dinner guests and chaperons came to see the Holy City at the opera house.

Last week Mrs. W. W. Wheeler was hostess to the Neighborhood Needle and Thimble Club which met at her home Monday evening with all the members present. Mrs. J. B. Ferrier's name was added to the roll. This Monday the meeting was held with Mrs. J. F. Sutphen. Mrs. G. A. Rister was elected to membership. This is one of the best organizations in town. A visitor always becomes a new member. The members are devoting their whole time to needle work.

Mrs. Geo. L. Miller opened her new home on Elm street Tuesday afternoon to the Wedelive Circle from 3 to 5. Two hours were pleasantly passed in needle craft and conversation. Mrs. Miller served a dainty two-course luncheon to Mesdames J. A. Adkisson, T. J. Coggin, Frank Hamm, W. M. Jenkins, Fred Bigham, Sterling P. Miller of Dallas, O. W. Williams, W. R. Walker, Misses Zora Coggin, Sallie Orr of Putnam, Elma and Olga Sheppard.

The Thanksgiving dance Wednesday evening was very enjoyable both to the dancers and their chaperons who were Misses Zora Coggin, Elma and Olga Sheppard, Mesdames J. W. Daniel, Fred Bigham, Deavenport Gaither, Messrs Gaither, Lucas, Easterwood, Ainsworth, Kendrick, Rust, Grimes and Clayton Brown.

The XXth Century Club to Meet.

The Twentieth Century Club will meet with Mrs. Arthur Rose on Oak street Saturday the 7th to carry out the following program.

Roll call. Quotations from the play. Attitude of England and France toward the church—Miss Willie Bigham.

A Cardinal's power and manner of living—Mrs. G. H. Adams.

Lesson, Act 3. Scenes 2, 3, 4 of King John. Mrs. M. D. Angus, Leader.

Stands Ahead

There is something about Hunt's Lighting Oil that no other liniment possesses. Others may be good, but it is surely the best. It does all you require for, and more. For pains, cuts, aches and sprains it stands head and shoulders above all. It stands head and shoulders above all. It stands head and shoulders above all. J. Brownlow

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You Will Make No Mistake if You Follow This Merkel Citizen's Advice.

Never neglect your kidneys. If you have pain in the back, urinary disorders, dizziness and nervousness, it's time to act and no time to experiment. These are common symptoms of kidney trouble, and you should seek a remedy which is recommended for the kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills is the remedy to use. No need to experiment. It has cured many stubborn cases in Merkel. Follow the advice of a Merkel citizen.

Mrs. Emma Lofton, Merkel, Texas, says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills for years and have always been benefited. I suffered from pains across the small of my back and side. I had weakness of the kidneys. Fortunately I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised and I got a box from Rust & McCauley Drug Co's Store. They quickly cured me. Since then on several occasions I have used this remedy with excellent results."

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Letter From The U. of T.

University Station, Austin, Texas, Merkel Mail, Nov. 28, '12.

Dear Sir: The students are celebrating the victory tonight which "The Longhorns" put over the University of Arkansas. Texas has played eight games this year and lost only one, and that one was with the University of Oklahoma. The "Longhorns" defeated T. C. U., Austin College, Baylor, Mississippi, The Haskell Indians (of Kansas) Southwestern and Arkansas.

There are 2015 students enrolled in the university and of this number 850 are self-supporting.

A great many old students come to see the last foot ball game today and to take part in the dance at the Cafeteria (mess hall). A negligee parade tonight was not the least attractive "stunts" that celebrated this afternoon's victory of 48 to 0 against Arkansas. About 450 boys clothed night shirts marched up and down the streets and piled wagon wheels and cross ties on the street car track.

There will not be any extra programmes this year except examinations, and the holidays will be here in two weeks.

Yours truly,
A Student.

Motion Pictures at the Opera House.

League Program.

Thought for December, The Messenger of Truth.

Unanswerable in controversy; certainty in belief.

Key Word, Faith

Leader, John Moore.

Song, Lord, I Believe.

Concert reading, 1st Psalm.

Prayer circle, all kneeling.

Song, Happy Day.

Prayer.

Scripture lesson, Matt. 22:46. Prov. 16:1.

Discussions.

Topic events—Leader.

Attention the fruit of persuasion—Bertha Harris.

Rowing against public sentiment—Simpson Christopher.

Knowing vs. guessing—Ana Johnson.

Grasps determines grip—Georgia Moore.

Trying the spirits—Dr. McMaster.

Need of certainty on the part of the Sunday school teacher.

Prayer—Pastor.

Vocal quintette.

Reading of the Epworth Visitor.

Miscellaneous. Benediction.

Everybody is cordially invited to be present.

HAVE YOU EVER TAKEN CALOMEL?

Next Time Don't Do It, Ms Dangerous. Try Dodson's Liver-Tone Instead—It's Safe.

You ought to know what a dangerous and uncertain drug the chemical, calomel, is. Perhaps you know several people who have been salivated by what they thought was a very light dose of calomel.

Next time you have an attack of biliousness or when your liver has gotten sluggish, come to Rust & McCauley drug store and ask for a bottle of Dodson's Liver-Tone. You will find it a pleasant tasted liquid and a perfect substitute for calomel in every respect and without the dangerous after-effect of calomel.

Dodson's Liver-Tone gives the liver just the amount of gentle stimulation it needs to induce it to do its work properly and thoroughly. Rust & McCauley drug store will give your money back any time Dodson's Liver-Tone fails to prove itself a perfect substitute for calomel. Adv

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the good people of Merkel for the kindness shown us during the illness and death of our sister and aunt.

Mrs. W. A. Pope and family, J. O. Hamilton and family.

Remember when you go to get your Christmas present we are giving you as cheap a price as you can buy good stuff anywhere in Merkel, and then give you an extra 5 per cent in cash coupons worth face value in our store. West Texas Hardware Co.

W. O. W. Notice.

Friday night Dec. 13 is election night of officers. All members are requested to be present.

W. L. Burns, C. C. Seth Hamilton, Clerk.

Young Women

Read what Cardui did for Miss Myria Engler, of Faribault, Minn. She says: "Let me tell you how much good Cardui has done me. As a young girl, I always had to suffer so much with all kind of pain. Sometimes, I was so weak that I could hardly stand on my feet. I got a bottle of Cardui, at the drug store, and as soon as I had taken a few doses, I began to feel better. Today, I feel as well as anyone can."

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

Are you a woman? Then you are subject to a large number of troubles and irregularities, peculiar to women, which, in time, often lead to more serious trouble.

A tonic is needed to help you over the hard places, to relieve weakness, headache, and other unnecessary pains, the signs of weak nerves and over-work.

For a tonic, take Cardui, the woman's tonic. You will never regret it, for it will certainly help you. Ask your druggist about it. He knows. He sells it.

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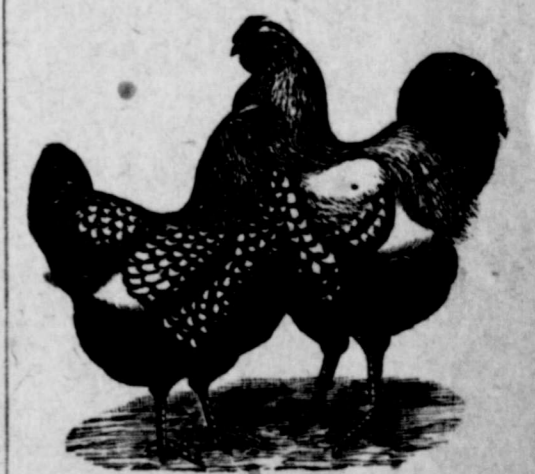
We are going to give away absolutely free a grand large 32 inch doll with real hair and sleeping eyes. The doll is now on display in window of our store and will remain there until Dec. 25 at 3 P. M. at which time it will be given away. Call at our store and see it. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Notice.

At the proper time, as I look at it, I expect to be an applicant for the post master's position at Merkel and would like for all who feel they can and will support me wait for my petition. There is no one who will appreciate it more than I. Respectfully, E. M. Brown.

I desire to announce that after the expiration of my term as county attorney, I will continue in the general practice of law. Office over the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, Abilene, Texas. E. M. Overshiner.

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STATEMENT AND CUSTOMERS

appreciating the business which this institution is making, we

from each of you, with submit the

ing that you should be fully acquainted at all times with the progress showing comparative statements showing our condition on the dates, to-wit:

STATEMENT NOVEMBER 26, 1912		RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$59,688.70	Capital Stock	\$15,000.00	Surplus and Profits, net	3,095.74
Overdrafts	773.03	Bills Payable	None	Rediscouts	None
Interest Guaranty Fund	339.93	Other Borrowed Money	None	DEPOSITS	115,794.31
Assessment Guaranty Fund	43.44				
Furniture & Fix. & Real Est.	4,868.34				
Cash and Ex.	\$66,032.04				
Bills of Ex.	2,144.57				
Total	\$133,890.05	Total	\$133,890.05		

STATEMENT SEPTEMBER 4, 1912		RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$57,543.33	Capital Stock	\$15,000.00	Surplus & Undivided Profits	2,374.10
Interest Guaranty Fund	339.93	Bills Payable	11,500.00	DEPOSITS	67,353.03
Assessment Guaranty Fund	43.44				
Furniture & Fix. & Real Est.	4,868.34				
CASH AND EXCHANGE	33,432.09				
Total	\$96,227.13	Total	\$96,227.13		

We call attention to the large reserve we carry. This is for your protection and to assure you we are able at all times to care for the wants of our customers.

THE ONLY GUARANTY FUND BANK IN MERKEL

The Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Inkum Items.

Dec. 2.—We had a light rain Saturday night.

Lem Dudley and Arthur Wilson made a trip to Buffalo Gap Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes of the View community were in Inkum Tuesday.

Messrs Anderson and Lewellen of Mt. Pleasant were transacting business in Inkum Friday.

Pupils of the Elm Grove school are enjoying a holiday as Professor B. E. Evans attended the teachers association at Fort Worth.

Jim Denton and family of Mt. Pleasant have been visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Denton last week.

J. M. Smallwood came in from Guion Monday.

T. J. Burleson and family were called by messenger to Guion to attend the bedside of Edgar Philips a relative of Mr. Burleson's. The young man died Thursday at that place.

Miss May Dickerson, teacher of the school was in attendance at the convention which was held in Inkum last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Denton returned home from Guion last week.

Mr. and O. C. Denton made a trip to the Merkel country last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Denton visited relatives at Buffalo Gap the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Denton will occupy their place the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Denton stopped with T. E. Reynolds Thursday from Hawley. They returned to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Denton's mother, Mrs. Wiley, is recovering rapidly since the amputation of her limb. Blood poison had been removed from a spider bite which necessitated the operation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Denton took a load of oats to Guion last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Denton was trading in Merkel last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Denton of View was in Inkum last week.

Compere Items.

Dec. 2.—Had a good rain here Sunday morning which was greatly appreciated.

Myrtle Foster is on the sick list.

Mr. Palmer who has been sick for some time is slowly improving.

Mr. Moore made a business trip to Guion Friday.

Mr. Childers and Tarvin were in Merkel Saturday.

Mr. Armstrong returned from a business trip to Waco yesterday.

Mr. T. C. Weir of Abilene was in our city Thursday attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Boyd and family were in our city one day.

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Farmers and Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

Statement of Comptroller November 26, 1912

RESOURCES

Loans	\$117,168.14
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	7,450.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,900.00
Real Estate	6,437.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Cash and Sight Exchange	125,277.14
Total	\$259,545.03

LIABILITIES

Capital paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	31,073.07
Circulation	6,250.00
Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	197,221.96
Total	\$259,545.03

We invite attention to above statement—Large and growing Surplus Fund—High Cash Reserve of over \$125,000.00—and always appreciative of good business.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR RENT—The old Young Hotel property north of the tabernacle. Inquire at the Merkel Lumber Co.

WANTED—Farm and ranch hand. Pay every month. Apply to Sam Butman, Nubia, Texas.

FIRST LIEN NOTES WANTED—If you have some good vendor's lien notes for \$1000 to \$2000 to sell call and see me. R. L. Bland at Anchor Hardware Company. 5-1f.

WOOD FOR SALE.—Wagon hauling. Leave your orders at office or drug store. M. Armstrong. 6t2

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NEW CORPORATION TO BOOST ABILENE

Consulting Engineer E. M. Scofield left for his home in Philadelphia Tuesday night after having gone over the properties of the Abilene Gas Co. and will make his report on improvements to be made to the property at a later date.

Attorney A. C. Smith and wife left Monday night after Mr. Smith had looked after the legal part of the deal whereby the new Public Service Cos. take over the water, ice, gas and power plants of Abilene recently purchased by them.

J. R. Dawson who promoted

the deal will also leave for his home in New York tonight. Mr. Dawson is an experienced gas man having built all of the twelve gas plants in Vermont.

The new companies will be under the direct management of W. G. Swenson of Abilene who is vice-president of the three corporations and while admitting that a number of improvements are contemplated by the company Mr. Swenson would not say what they would be, except that the first aim of the new management will be to improve in every way possible the quality of service rendered the public.

While it is known that the amounts paid in cash at this time for the properties runs something like \$300,000, Mr. Swenson did not care to say to whom the sums were paid as individuals.

The present gas office will be closed at an early date and the office moved to the Sayles building.—Abilene Reporter.

Abilene Property.

The following Abilene City property for sale or exchange, by S. L. Phelps, Abilene, Texas.

One good two-room house with front porch, storm cellar, city water, etc., located on best part of Pecan St., 5 blks. south of court house. Is rented and insured. Is clear of debt. Price \$800. (has one lot)

One good three-room house with front and back porch, one lot, good well, also city water, barn etc., located only 2 blocks from court house, good close-in property insured and always rented. Clear of debt. (one lot). Price \$1500.

One four-room house located close in on Butternut St. and only about 3 blocks from the Commercial Hotel, has front and back porch, large barn, city water, east front. This is a beautiful little home in the best part of southside. It has \$600 incumbrance due Nov. 1913, 8 per cent. Insured and always rented, price \$2000. (one lot)

One modern 7-room house with a 40ft circle porch, two story, has bath, sink and water works throughout, good barn garden, etc., has three lots, east front and is a southeast corner, located 1 block from car line. A fine well built home, occupied by owner but the rental value is \$25.00 per month, on north side. Incumbrance \$1200, in payments of \$150.00 per year, nothing due until Nov. 1913, 8 per cent interest. Price \$3500.00.

S. L. Phelps, Abilene, Texas.

Merkel Mail One Dollar Per Year

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Blair Echoes.

Dec. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere moved to the Mulberry Canyon this week.

James Mayfield left Monday for Abilene to attend college.

The ladies of the Woodmen Circle entertained Saturday with a box supper. They had a nice program. Then came the selling to the highest bidder quite a number of beautifully decorated boxes. Six fine cakes were then sold which brought a nice sum of money. In all they realized about \$50.

Miss Sophia Howard of View visited Miss Sallie Hall Saturday night and took in the box supper.

Miss Beulah Garrett of Merkel attended the box supper here Saturday.

Ed Goens and wife of Abilene were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Goens last week.

J. W. Moore of Nubia moved into his residence, one mile south of town Monday. We welcome them to our midst.

Rev. Sibley filled his appointment at this place Sunday.

All that attended the singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Tucker's Sunday report a good singing.

Misses Fannie and Annie Clack spent Thanksgiving in Fort Worth with relatives.

J. L. Tucker will leave in a few days for Putnam where he goes for the purpose of treatment for his foot which was mashed some time ago in helping move a house. We hope for the injured foot to be able soon for him to return home.

J. G. Horton and family are moving into their new home near Trent.

Rolan C. Goens has been on the sick list for the past few days.

Mrs. Ida Houston and children of Thalia are here visiting Mrs. Houston's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. White returned last week from an extended visit up north.

Joe Bickley of White Church attended the box supper here Saturday night.

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

Claude and Raymond Demere of Mulberry Canyon were among the many young people who enjoyed the box supper at this place Saturday night.

Gin Notice.

After Saturday, December 7th our gin will run only one day more this season, Saturday, Dec. 21st. R. E. Bowles Gin Co.

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Homer L. Easterwood is in Waco this week where he is attending the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Masons.