

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## JUDGE IS SUSPENDED

Thomas A. Bledsoe Removed From Office of County Judge.

## EDITOR ANDERSON APPOINTED

This Announcement With the Filing of Charges Against Taylor County Officer is Severe Shock for County.

In the Wednesday afternoon session of district court Hon. T. L. Blanton issued an order temporarily suspending Judge T. A. Bledsoe from the office of county judge of Taylor county and appointing in his place Editor George S. Anderson of the Abilene Reporter.

This action is the result of the filing of a petition or indictment alleging forgery in connection or regard the finances of Taylor county. At the time of this writing rumors are numerous but definite and accurate reports unavailable and no answer, explanation or defense is offered by Judge Bledsoe, his attorney or friends.

The affair is a shock to our town, country and county and the friends of the accused hope for an explanation to clear the reputation of one of our most popular officials.

The whereabouts of Judge Bledsoe is not known at present. Editor Anderson who has been appointed is one of our county's best citizens and would be a valuable man for the office in this great hour of need but has not yet given his acceptance.

The Merkel country reserves comment or criticism for further particulars of the charges made by the grand jury.

## Former Merkel Man Dies.

The announcement we read in the East Texas Register, published at Carthage, Texas, of the death of L. R. Porter makes us sad.

Although possessed, like all other human individuals with some faults, the deceased had many noble traits of character which endeared him to those with whom he became acquainted. He suffered financial reverses and yet retained a jovial, genial and optimistic disposition through all trials and discouragements. He was of the old school of southern gentleman, always polite, affable and gallant. He was liberal to a fault and devoted to his family and friends.

The wife and daughters have many dear friends in our little town, with whom we join in sympathy and condolence.

The following is the account of the death taken from the paper mentioned:

### Luther Robert Porter Dead.

Luther Robert Porter died of pneumonia at Mrs. Nannie Neal's boarding house in Carthage Sunday, March 9, at 10 p. m. He was attended in his last illness and death by his wife and three daughters and many friends. The widow and eldest daughter, Miss Jess, left with the remains for the old home at Bowling Green, Ky., where the interment will take place in Smith's Grove cemetery.

The deceased was born in

## TENNESSEE MAN HERE FOR VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Birdsong, accompanied by Miss Mattie Young of Medina, Tenn., came in Sunday afternoon to be with their son Ernest Birdsong who has been here for his health during the last four months.

The elder Mr. Birdsong in a talk with our reporter stated that he would be here for about a month but his son would remain through the summer, this climate seeming to benefit his sons condition more than the low climate from which he came.

One peculiarity that met Mr. Birdsong's eyes on reaching here was a common cowpuncher, all rigged out in full and according to the Tennessee visitor such a sight on the streets of his home would be equivalent to a circus street parade.

### To El Paso in Auto.

Fred Bigham left here Saturday afternoon for Abilene in his Lambert auto, spending the night there and getting some minor repairs done, he left early the next morning for El Paso by the way of Ballinger, San Angelo and Fort Stockton, expecting to arrive in the border city not later than Tuesday afternoon.

### Local Talent Play.

Tonight (Friday) a comedy-drama in four acts, "Because I Love You" is to be presented at the opera house by an altogether local talent cast. The play is a benefit entertainment and the members will appreciate the presence of the show going public. Plenty of music, good songs and a bunch of laughs are promised.

The Phileathea class of the Baptist church will entertain the ladies and children of Merkel with a tea and egg hunt at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Sears on the afternoon of March 22, at 3 o'clock. Everyone is invited to come, hear the excellent program and have a jolly good time—bring 10 cents. 2c

Bowling Green in June, 1864, grew to manhood, was educated, married and continued to live there until seven years ago, when he came with his family to Texas. He was married in May, 1888, to Miss Elizabeth Grider, and their three daughters were all born at the old Kentucky home. In early life he united with the Presbyterian church and maintained his membership in the congregation at Bowling Green until his death. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and a Knight Templar. Five of the seven years the family has lived in Texas were spent at Merkel and the last two years in Carthage. Mrs. Porter and her three daughters, Misses Jess, Helen and Amelia, have made many friends here who sincerely condole with them in their great affliction. Their plans for the future have not yet been announced.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

HOUSE MOVING—and Hauling. Telephone 1-7-7. S. L. Owens. tf.

FOR SALE—Good second-hand phaeton and harness. See Austin Boyd at Burton-Lingo Lumber Co.

FOR SALE—Eggs from my ringlet hard rocks, \$1.50 per setting. My birds are double mated. Phone or write H. F. Wilkins, Route 1. 21t4pd

FOR SALE—500 head of stock cattle. L. A. Miller, Abilene 14t2pd

LOST—A black leather ladies hand purse containing letters addressed to Miss Ella M. Caldwell, also some other articles. Purse was lost between Abilene and View on road. Finder please return to Miss Ella M. Caldwell, Tye, Texas, Route 1. 14t3pd

FOR SALE—White Wyandottes. My birds have proven their quality by winning where ever shown, at Abilene they made a clean sweep; winning \$35 worth of prizes with 6 birds. Will sell you eggs from these birds at \$2.00 per setting of 15. H. M. Rose. tf

FOR SALE—White and fawn Indian Runner ducks. See the Kent Street Grain and Grocery Company. 14t3

EGGS—From my prize-winners (Barré Plymouth Rocks) \$1.50 per setting. Will pay a premium of \$2.50 for best pair raised from eggs bought from me. Mrs. Joe Higgins, Route 1 21t4pd

A GOOD organ for sale or trade. See J. J. Stallings. 1t4pd

FOR SALE—Pigs and shoats. See Clemons & Hicks. Office Walter Clarks grocery. 21t2pd

THE MOLER BARBER COLLEGE of Dallas, Texas, wants men to learn the Barber Trade. They mail free a beautiful catalogue and ask all our readers to send for it. 1t4pd

## CAR OF CHICKENS SHIPPED MONDAY

Chickens going out of a town by the car load is something unusual, even for Merkel but the very thing occurred here Monday.

Out of town buyers have been canvassing the country for some time offering a good price for chickens to be delivered here Monday of this week. At the time the contracts were made with the poultry raisers for their chickens, ducks and turkeys the price of eight cents was somewhat above the market but they no doubt had an insight to what was going to come and offered that price for delivery the first of this week. When the time came for the chickens to be delivered the market had taken a jump but chickens were selling here at the price agreed upon, 8 cents. As a result of which some very lively bidding was done between our local buyers and the visiting buyers and the prices advanced to above ten cents before the day was over.

The car lot sales for the day amounted to 210 dozen, while our local buyers loaded up to the amount of 40 or 50 dozen.

T. L. Grimes left last week for Trinity to visit his son Dr. Robt. I. Grimes. Dr. Grimes has lately been placed in charge of the sanitarium at Trinity, having gone there from Houston where he has formerly been connected with the city hospital.

## DISEASE OF TREES IN ABOUT MERKEL

During the last two or three years complaints have been heard from all parts of the country of fruit and shade trees dying, seemingly of a scald of some kind on the south-west side of the tree. To this complaint F. A. Peel, county demonstration agent, comes forward with an explanation of what the trouble is and how it can be dealt with.

According to Mr. Peel the so called scald is not a scald but is caused from the flat head apple tree borer, the worm usually working on the south-west side of the tree and soon after beginning the boring the tree begins to scale directly about the borer, this condition if permitted to continue will result in the spring time of the hatching out of a little winged insect that in turn lays an egg about the tree creating later in the year more borers.

These eggs are laid under the bark of the tree in the most protected places and if allowed to remain will soon result in the death of the tree from the borer a worm similar to the borer that works in dead mesquite wood, only the apple tree borer is smaller in size.

On the last visit of Agent Peel to Merkel he had occasion to examine some fruit trees belonging to Chas. Beard who lives adjoining the Bettes Heights addition and in these trees Mr. Peel found the borers working very fast, his first remedy was to dig them out, this was done with a sharp pointed knife, wire or other small instrument, the place where the borer enters the tree can easily be found, the scaly places covering the hole where the borer is working, this hole is usually closed behind the borer but the saw dust substance can be easily picked out.

The following formulas have been successfully used as preventative washes for tree borers. It must be borne in mind that the borers already in the tree will not be killed by the wash. A large number of these can be destroyed by running a pointed wire into their tunnels or cutting them out with a sharp knife. The wash acts merely as a repellent and to prevent the laying of eggs by the adults. In some instances the solution destroys a few freshly laid eggs and also newly hatched worms.

### Formula No. 1.

½ pound laundry or whale oil soap dissolved in hot water. ¼ pint crude carbolic acid. 6 pounds good stone lime slacked. Dilute with enough water to give it the consistence of paint. Add a handful of salt to every bucket full to make it stick, a little Portland cement also helps to make it more adhesive.

### Formula No. 2.

Thick whale oil or lye soap wash, to which a pint of crude carbolic acid is added to every ten gallons.

### Formula No. 3.

40 pounds stone lime, enough boiling water to cover. ½ pound salt or small amount of cement. 1 gallon milk and 1 pint crude

## MERKEL CHICKEN DAY

Monday was Gala Day for the Irish and the Produce Dealers.

## MANY SHAMROCKS--SHANGHAIS

New York Buyers and Local Dealers Buy More Than \$1000.00 Worth of Fowls—Car Load and More.

The wearing of the green, the cackle of the hen, crow of the rooster and jingling of the coin of the realm made Monday a red letter day in Merkel's business history.

Two foreign buyers bought and paid for a car load of Merkel chickens to say nothing of a big business of local buyers, making a total of over \$1000 paid to Merkel country farmers. The price paid was 8 to 11 cents per pound.

The car load was shipped to New York City and the buyers told us the eggs laid enroute would pay for the freight.

It was a great day and business was good.

### New Tinner.

Having secured the services of W. L. Simon, a practical and expert tinner, I am in position to handle any line of tin and plumbing work. Knowing that I am now prepared to handle any and all kinds of jobs I offer an absolute guarantee on same or no charge will be made.

J. Z. Martin, Tinner.

carbolic acid.

### Formula No. 4.

50 pounds stone lime slacked in ten gallons of water. 6 gallons crude oil. 1 pound arsenate of lead. ½ gallon crude carbolic acid, a small amount of glucose to make the solution stick.

### Formula No. 5.

3 gallons ordinary white wash. 1 pound tar soap. 1 pound potash and 1 pound wood ashes.

### Formula No. 6.

3 gallons ordinary white wash and one can of lye.

### Formula No. 8.

2 quarts soft soap. ½ pint crude carbolic acid, 2 ounces paris green and three gallons water, add pure water if solution becomes too thick.

A small amount of salt or Portland cement added to any of the above solutions will make stick better to the body of the tree. Several coatings of asphaltum grade C and D have been successfully used on trees in California to prevent the issuance of borers. The material is applied warm with a brush, several applications being necessary. The first coat must be somewhat lighter than the following ones. Since the various insects lay their eggs at different times of the year the tree should be kept thoroughly coated throughout the spring and summer. At least three applications should be made, one in March, another in June and the third in early September, the entire trunk of the tree should be covered from a little below the surface of the soil to a short distance above where the first branches start for the reason that a great many borers work at these places.



# The Farmers State Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS

## FARM LOANS OR VENDORS LIEN NOTES

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### TEXAS SANTA CLAUS HEADQUARTERS.

#### Texas Nuts Fill Nations' Christmas Stockings.

Santa Claus spends a great deal of his time in Texas getting ready for Christmas. The Texas products are so popular with the children of the nation that each year he has largely increased his purchase of nuts, fruits, etc., until he now stands ready to buy the available output. He is so eager for our products that one would think he has been having a heart-to-heart talk with Uncle Sam, or had been reading the literature of the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association.

The Texas pecan is a special favorite with Santa Claus, and he is rushing car load shipments to his distributing depots where they will be convenient for filling Christmas stockings and decorating Christmas trees. Our peanuts, popcorn and other products are anxiously sought by Santa Claus and he finds them extremely popular with the children.

We not only load down his sled with things the children most love and which make the reindeer pull with pride, but we supply the decorations for the Christmas festivities. We ship out Christmas trees by the car load and send with them holly, mistletoe and flowers in profusion. Without Texas Santa Claus could hardly pull off a respectable Christmas celebration and he would certainly lose out with the children if he should attempt it.

Then there is the Christmas dinner that must be provided from the poultry yards, the winter gardens and the farms of Texas. We furnish several million fowls, train loads of vegetables and choice meats for the Christmas dinner and there is no more important function in the holiday festivities than a Christmas dinner prepared exclusively from Texas products.

A visit through our jobbing houses will convince one that Santa Claus is moving his headquarters to Texas. He is shrewd enough to grasp the advantages of our location as a world distributing center and he knows it is only a short time until he will be able to reach the hearthstone of the people more quickly from Texas than any other point on the globe.

Then he likes to live in a country where the atmosphere is laden with human happiness; it fills his heart with the holiday spirit and helps him to give us all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

#### Electric Street Sweepers.

The municipality of Berlin has found electrically driven machines for cleansing the streets much cheaper than the old horse carts. There are now twenty-four storage-battery machines in use. The electric machines do so much work that each machine is supposed to save about \$1.33 a day by comparison with a horse-driven water cart.—The Electrical Review and Western Electrician.

#### Share Your Good Times.

Share your good times if you can. It takes only a little while to read a story to a child, it takes only a little effort to draw the less popular girl into your own gay circle. You will be surprised to see what good fun even quite elderly people can be under the stimulation of "being wanted by the crowd."

### AID THE KIDNEYS

#### Do Not Endanger Life When a Merkel Citizen Shows You the Way to Avoid It.

Why will people continue to suffer the agonies of kidney complaint, backache, urinary disorders, lameness, headaches, languor, why allow themselves to become chronic invalids, when a tested remedy is offered them?

Dean's Kidney Pills have been used in kidney trouble over 50 years, have been tested in thousands of cases.

If you have any, even one, of the symptoms of kidney diseases, act now. Dropsy or Bright's disease may set in and make neglect dangerous. Read this Merkel testimony:

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Mayor.  
W. T. POTTER.

For City Marshal  
W. N. HALL (re-election)  
S. L. OWENS

For Treasurer  
H. C. BURROUGHS  
For re-election

#### 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.

#### Makings of a Pugilist.

"I understand your boy has the makings of a champion pugilist." "I really believe he has. He positively won't fight with anybody he isn't sure he can whip."

### T. & P. TIME TABLE.

#### EAST BOUND

Train No. 8, leaves Merkel.. 7:27 a.m.  
Train No. 4 " " " " 10:50 a.m.  
Train No. 6 " " " " 11:28 p.m.

#### WEST BOUND

Train No. 7, leaves Merkel.. 4:32 p.m.  
Train No. 3 " " " " 5:32 p.m.  
Train No. 5 " " " " 6:12 a.m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

#### Church Directory

METHODIST CHURCH—Preaching each Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; Junior League at 3 p. m.; Senior League at 6:45 p. m.; Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:45; Womens Missionary Society each Monday at 4 p. m. R. A. Clements, Pastor.

PREBYTERIAN CHURCH—Sunday school at 9:45; E. P. McMillen, superintendent. Excepting the first Sunday in each month there will be preaching morning and evening at the usual hours. On the first Sunday evening in each month there will be song service. Prayermeeting each Wednesday evening with International Sunday school lesson as a subject. The public cordially invited. Geo. Hamilton, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST—Preaching each 4th Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school each Sunday at 10 o'clock. Regular church services at 3 p.m. each Sunday. W. G. Cypert.

### CROUP

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### ALL GRIST FOR THE BRIDE

Other Women in the House Have Small Chance of Receiving Bundles That Are Sent Home.

An uptown woman who nearly got stalled in a Ninth street car with a bundle of merchandise gave this reason for carrying home her own parcels, according to the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

"There is a prospective bride in our boarding-house," she said. "Everything in the dry-goods line is grist to the mill of the woman about to be married. Other women who have the misfortune to live in the same house shop under difficulties. The only way they can insure the enjoyment of their own purchases is to carry them home."

"If the things are delivered the bride snaps them up. Possibly she has no real shoplifting propensities, but circumstances combine to make her a thief. Servants bring to her room all parcels of whatever size and shape that come to that front door. So many of the things do belong to her that to read the label or listen to what the delivery boy says is considered superfluous exertion. And the bride is equally disdainful of a preliminary examination. Egotically she rips off wrappers and digs into contents."

"Yesterday I heard her raising the roof because a certain shop had sent her six pairs of black silk stockings, instead of the pink, blue and tan she had ordered. After she had sent the stockings back and had the money refunded I discovered the stockings were mine. I cannot afford to contribute these parcels to the bride's wardrobe, so I am carrying them home."

#### Ideal Teacher.

Blessed is the teacher who is not wasteful of words, who is not wasteful of time, who is not wasteful of opportunities, but who is wasteful of smiles

#### Flame Without Heat.

The invention of a flame derived from electric energy that will not give off heat is claimed by a French scientist who is keeping the details secret.

J. T. Warren, Pres.

Thos. Johnson, Cashier

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AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS FEBRUARY 4, 1913

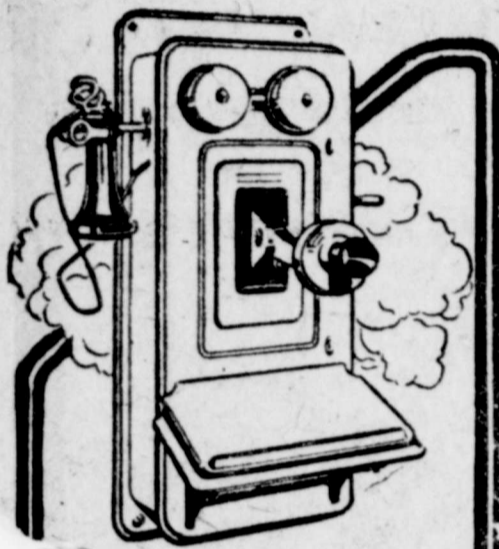
RESOURCES	
Loans	\$127,995.18
United States Bonds at Par	12,500.00
Banking House and Fixtures	14,000.00
Cash and Exchange	40,628.07
	\$195,123.25
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits, Earned	11,751.62
Circulation	12,500.00
Bills Payable	20,000.00
Deposits	100,871.63
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### 12 Indictments Returned.

Abilene, March 19.—For the third time since its sessions started on Monday, March 3, the Taylor county grand jury this (Wednesday) morning at about 9 o'clock filed into the district court room and turned over to Judge Blanton a batch of indictments. There were twelve bills of indictments in this return, bringing the total number up to this date to about twenty-five.

The court was informed by Foreman Wooten that the body had more work to do and returned to its room to resume its investigations into reported transgressions.

Shortly after court convened the case of the State vs. C. A. Johnson was called to trial. A jury was secured by ten o'clock and testimony of witnesses is being taken this afternoon.

In the case of Mrs. C. J. Pewett vs. the Camden Fire Insurance Company the jury brought in its findings Tuesday afternoon. Judge Blanton awarded plaintiff \$2500.00, the face value of the policy on which suit was brought. The case will be appealed.

### A Poor Choice.

The stork had visited at Harold's house and at the same time at the doctor's house. One day the mother and doctor were talking about their babies. The doctor said his baby was so cross. When he went Harold, aged 2½ years, said: "Mamma, isn't it funny the doctor brought us a good baby and kept a bad one for himself?"

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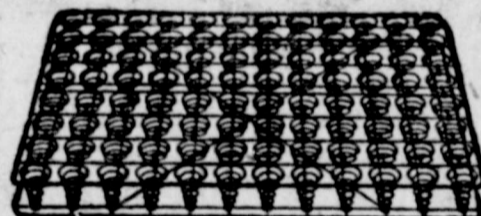
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No. 6 Leggett & Platt springs carried in the following sizes:  
3 ft. 6 in.;  
4 ft.;  
4 ft. 4 in. Price **\$3.00**



No. 2 Leggett & Platt, same as the No. 6, only heavier, in the following size: 4 ft. 4 in. Suitable for all iron or wood beds. Price **\$3.50**

No. 1. While it is intended for heavy-weights, its very pliable mattress surface makes it equally good for medium weights. Price **\$4.00**

No. 8. This spring is made especially for metal beds; weight 50 lb; constructed with steel slats and cross bars and steel side bars. Guaranteed in every respect **\$5.50**

We have other coil springs as low in price as \$1.75 but can not guarantee them to be so good.

## BEHRENS - M'MILLEN FURNITURE COMPANY

### Notice to Breeders.

I have at my stable and am making a stand with what is known as the Peak horse, a steel dust, and Hal, a dark bay, he measures 16½ hands and weighs anywhere from 1225 to 1325 pounds, also the Richie Jack, the one that made the stand at my stable last season. Terms of service on each \$10.00 to insure, will do all in my power to avoid accidents, but will not be responsible should any occur in breeding. Respectfully  
1417 A. C. Boney.

### Pass the Bouquets Now.

Never, never wait for post-mortem praise. Speak the kind words which love prompts, and remember that words of loving kindness are the best possible tonic which can be given, even to the happiest of the mortals.—Kate Tannatt Woods.

### Queues and Hair Supply.

Consul General Anderson, stationed at Hongkong, has recently taken pains to correct the widespread impression that the growing tendency on the part of Chinamen to dispense with their queues will have the effect of making false hair cheap. It appears that the queues when cut are never sold, but are always preserved for burial with the owner. Mr. Anderson says that this is an absolute rule throughout South China, as well as in all other parts of the country from which he has been able to secure information on the subject.

### The Fool's Guardian.

Fortune has been considered the guardian divinity of fools; and, on this score, she has been accused of blindness; but it should rather be adduced as a proof of her sagacity, when she helps those who certainly cannot help themselves.—C. C. Colter.

Enormous Water Power Available. Experts have estimated the water power available in the streams of the United States all the way from 31,040,000 to 56,146,000 horse power.

### Barbers Notice.

We, the undersigned barbers of Merkel agree to close our shops at 7 p. m., each day of the week with the exception of Saturday. This agreement is now in effect and will remain so until the first day of September.

(Signed),  
City Barber Shop, West & Pate,  
Jones Barber Shop,  
Brown's Barber Shop,  
J. E. Martin's Barber Shop.

### Was Welcome, All Right.

"What reason have you to think that my campaign contribution was gratefully received?" asked Mr. Dustin Stax. "The fact," replied his secretary, "that the gentleman immediately came back for more."—Washington Star.

### Hope Yet.

"Everything goes against me," he declared sadly. "I've played the game out." "Tut, tut, old man!" replied his cheerful friend. "Brace up. Borrow some money and be somebody."

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Lee Carter and daughter Miss Allie were in Abilene Wednesday visiting.

Miss Eva Mae Murphy of Abilene is here visiting her sister Miss Mattie Murphy.

Baseball, Sweetwater vs. Merkel, Friday evening, March 21. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

Sam Butman, Sr., and W. I. Cogburn of the Canyon were late visitors at the fat stock show last week.

Roy Cogburn returned to Abilene to school Monday after a months absence from school, taking care of a well developed case of measles.

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Mrs. Chas. Mershon formerly of this place, came in Wednesday from east Texas to visit the family of J. W. Mayfield.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Adkisson were escorted to the train by a number of friends Thursday morning who bid them a fond farewell on leaving for their trip to Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rollo left Friday night for their home at New Caney. They were accompanied Mrs. Rollo's father J. A. Hamner.

J. A. Woodard was called to Roscoe Saturday morning to his mother who was reported to be very low with appendicitis. On reaching there Mr. W. found his mother to be in better condition and she thought to be out of danger.

D. E. Compton was Thursday attending court.

E. F. Farr of Cape from Dallas Thursday where he had been on business for some time.

Miss Annie Black returned home from Red Rock Wednesday evening where she has been visiting for some time.

Lon Martin, mayor of Shiloh was in Abilene Wednesday.

Two births are reported for the last week were to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Campbell of Hawley a boy on the 16th and to Mr. and Mrs. Conner Ely of Route 2 a boy on the 11th.

### London's Fog Expensive.

It is said the London taxpayer is put to an extra expense of \$60,000 annually by reason of the prevalence of fog. One gas company alone furnishes gas to the value of \$15,000 over and above the normal figure on a single day of fog. The suspension of traffic is another serious item.



**MERKEL**

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

THE MERKEL COUNTRY,  
OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,  
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TELEPHONE No. 61

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### A FAIR DEAL FOR WEST TEXAS.

In its Tuesday issue the Dallas News in an editorial anent the redistricting bill makes some comment and criticism of present conditions and an appeal for fairness in legislation for our section of the state which is timely as it is true.

It is a sad fact that our part of the state does not get full representation or fair treatment at the hands of the representatives from the higher developed and more thickly settled sections of our state. We know and can believe that there are many individuals and strong financial and political interests always prejudiced against our country but how the representative with such narrow and unfair principles can go to Austin and pose as a statesman is beyond our understanding.

Oh, would that the fairness of the News in its timely editorial and its broad and liberal news and business policy characterize our legislative body and if so, then there would be another great factor for the progress and development of all of Texas. We would like to get hold of some of these narrow-minded, prejudiced and selfish individuals and show them the map of West Texas, show them the section numbers of thousands and thousands of our broad acres given by the state for what—in most part for the development of northern and central Texas—that country which had forever in the past has worked for their interests alone and refused fair and equitable the progress of our country.

A humble opinion time is the only cure people are liberal and confident enough will await their time for it is coming. In the efforts of powerful financial and interests the great common people are that the best opportunities in the state for section and we are coming in double back time. We are in favor of annexation, rather than secession. Every individual who can get all of the bile out of his system and broaden out enough to enjoy our high altitude and broad acres, we will take him in and let him share our happiness and prosperity and our people are now and will in the future live high above such crowded, congested and constipated communities.

Come to West Texas—and live nearer to nature.

### A NEW NEWSPAPER.

To our exchange desk comes the Sweetwater Record Vol. 1 and No. 1. The manager and editor Messrs Dr. J. A. Leeman and W. B. Leeman deserve congratulations upon the appearance and general make-up of their paper which is far above the average for a weekly newspaper.

Both Dr. and W. B. Leeman are well known to the Merkel people, they having once made their home here for a number of years where the Doctor enjoyed a large practice, his two sons Ed J. Leeman now of Duncan, Okla., and W. B.

Leeman who is now editor-manager of the Sweetwater paper were then in charge of the Merkel Mail.

The Record deserves the support of the Sweetwater public and the co-operation of every individual of the town.

It is with pleasure that we place them on our exchange list.

### THE TEXAS SILOS.

Recent statistics compiled by the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association, showing that we now have 214 silos in Texas, indicate that the silo has secured a permanent place among the necessary equipment of the modern Texas farm. The majority of these silos were erected during the past 12 months and four manufacturing plants have recently been established in Texas.

The results show that butter and beef can be produced cheaper on a ration of ensilage than is possible by any other method of feeding and a silo will increase the efficiency of the feed 15 per cent.

### LET US SMILE.

The thing that goes the farthest towards making life worth while,

That costs the least and does the most is just a pleasant smile.

The smile that bubbles from a heart that loves its fellow-men,

Will drive away the cloud of gloom and coax the sun again,

It's full of worth and goodness too, with mainly kindness bent;

It's worth a million dollars and doesn't cost a cent  
 —Baltimore American.

The 9:30 closing bill has been revived, and it is probable that some action will be taken on the matter this week. The Weinert-Real bill which simply provides for 9:30 closing passed the senate and lies undisturbed in the archives of the house committee on liquor traffic. The Kennedy bill, which would revolutionize the liquor traffic code passed the house in amended form. A number of leading "pros", it is said, are in favor of the Kennedy measure. Mr. Kennedy is an "anti."

The house committee has reported favorably on bill by Humphrey and Fuller to supplement the Webb liquor bill. The Texas bill forfeits the charter of any common carrier transporting interstate shipments of liquor into Texas local option territory and provides felony punishments for all employees participating in such shipment.

The woman's property rights bill finally passed the senate and is now in the hands of the governor. It will become a law unless the chief executive exercise the veto power. An effort on the part of opponents of the bill is being made to bring about this result.

Hon. J. M. Wagstaff representative from this county has provided a bill and presented it to the legislature, providing that vendor's lien notes shall lapse four years after becoming due and cease to be a cloud on land titles, the bill was passed by the house to engrossment.

Trappers in the vicinity of Llano are making from \$5 to \$45 a night. The sales from polecat hides last Saturday amounted to \$2,000.

Mr. Ussery has offered his "bunny hug" bill, in the Texas legislature which makes it a misdemeanor to dance the "grizzly bear," "turkey trot" or any other so-called animal dance in a public place.

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 Get busy and plant some.

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## All Skin Remedies Fail?

Have you tried all the advertised skin remedies without success? Have you sought medical treatment in vain? And you still suffer from that irritating itch, that horrible, unsightly skin disease?

Do not despair. Come to our store and we will GUARANTEE YOU INSTANT RELIEF. We will let you have a full size bottle of the D.D.D. Prescription for Eczema, a simple, antiseptic wash, on our positive guarantee that unless it stops the itch AT ONCE it will cost you not a cent. You owe it to yourself to take advantage of this offer. We are confident it will succeed or we could not afford to make the offer.

D.D.D. is a penetrating liquid that kills and washes away disease germs, leaving the skin smooth and healthy. A 50c bottle is enough to start the cure of the most obstinate cases of Eczema, Psoriasis and allied diseases. D.D.D. soap is a valuable aid. Ask us about it.

**H. C. BURROUGHS.**



# SHOE SPECIALS

We have a large stock of shoes, and all good dependable shoes, that we want to reduce before we receive the balance of our line of shoes and oxfords for men, women and children. We want to impress very strongly upon your minds that we are offering you shoes that meet every demand on styles, leathers and workmanship, and that we also stand back of every pair of shoes we send out. Any purchase made that does not prove satisfactory and as we represent them to be we will gladly refund the price you paid. See these bargains.

## Buster Brown Blue Ribbon Shoes for Misses

\$3.00 Shoes and Oxfords... \$2.45  
2.25 Shoes and Oxfords... 1.85  
2.00 Shoes and Oxfords... 1.60

## Ladies Shoes

\$4.00 Shoes and Oxfords... \$3.45  
2.50 Shoes and Oxfords... 2.95  
3.00 Shoes and Oxfords... 2.45  
2.50 Shoes and Oxfords... 1.45  
2.25 Shoes and Oxfords... 1.65  
100 pairs of shoes and oxfords at One-Half Price

## EXTRA SPECIAL

We have 100 pairs ladies oxfords in patents, tans, gunmetal and cloth shoes we will sell for half price.

\$4.00 Oxfords.....	\$2.00	See our window display of the
3.50 Oxfords.....	1.75	new things in ladies
3.00 Oxfords.....	1.50	Skirts, \$5.00 to
2.50 Oxfords.....	1.25	<b>\$10.00</b>
2.00 Oxfords.....	1.00	Under skirts \$1.50 to
1.50 Oxfords.....	75c	<b>6.00</b>

## Buster Brown Shoes for Boys and Girls

\$3.00 Shoes and Oxfords... \$2.45  
2.50 Shoes and Oxfords... 1.95

## Men's Shoes

\$5.50 Shoes and Oxfords... \$4.75  
5.00 Shoes and Oxfords... 4.25  
4.50 Shoes and Oxfords... 3.75  
4.00 Shoes and Oxfords... 3.25  
3.50 Shoes and Oxfords... 2.95  
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2.50 Shoes and Oxfords... 1.95

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# Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Easter eggs and dyes at the Elite.

Stove repair work done at Martins Tin Shop.

Picture shows on Friday and Saturday nights at the opera house.

N. D. Cobb, justice of the peace was in Abilene Monday on business.

Come in and let us show you the safety hatch incubators. Anchor Hardware Co.

Fresh vegetables on Wednesdays and Saturdays at The Cash Grocery Company.

T. D. Hannah was in Abilene Saturday looking after some legal matters.

See us for poultry netting, all widths and meshes. Anchor Hardware Company.

I have a few tons of extra good maize for sale—suitable for seed. J. T. Warren.

Mrs. Bob Saddler returned home Sunday afternoon from a visit east with friends.

5000 fat hens wanted at the Kent Street Grain & Grocery Company.

We are making special low prices on new and seasonable goods all through our house. Hogue-Hamilton Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Merriman of Baird returned to their home Saturday after a weeks visit with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rhodes of the Dora country.

Watch our cigar case for free cigars. Grimes Drug Store.

## Announcement Extraordinary...

To demonstrate the rich, beautiful tone of the celebrated Parlor Piano which we will give away ABSOLUTELY FREE on Aug. 2 as heretofore announced and which is now on exhibition in our store, we have arranged for a Piano Recital to be given at our store on Wednesday, March 26, from 3 to 4 o'clock p. m. We extend a cordial invitation to the music lovers of our city to attend, as this recital will be a genuine musical treat.

Remember the date, Wednesday, March 26, at 3 o'clock. The program will last one hour.

### WEST TEXAS HARDWARE COMPANY

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Walker returned from Fort Worth, Dallas and Hillsboro Sunday evening. While in Fort Worth they visited the fat stock show and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Brown while in Dallas, going from there to Hillsboro to visit Mrs. Walker's sister Mrs. Greer, (nee) Miss Lucy Beene.

Go to the Crenshaw building on Kent street for nice apples and bananas. I will make the price right. J. A. Collins.

Miss Mary Coe of Colorado City was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel Friday evening, going on to her home Saturday morning.

All sizes of elevated galvanized sheet iron tanks, best grade heavy material at reasonable prices. Martins Tin Shop.

Miss Sadie Boyce of Abilene was the guest of Miss Elma Sheppard from Friday until Monday.

Ladies, do not fail to see these beautiful voile flouncings at Hogue-Hamilton Company.

### Notice to Ice Customers.

Beginning March 20th I will start my ice business, although deliveries to resident districts will not start for some time after that date. On beginning the business this year I will be better prepared to handle your trade and promise complete satisfaction. H. M. Warren, the Ice Man.

### Seed Peanuts.

We have seed peanuts by the bushel. Come and get them before they are sold out.

Hamlet & Rogers.

### Notice.

Being in the West Texas Hardware Company's piano contest I will appreciate the support of my friends. Erah Brady. 14t5pd

Plumbing work guaranteed. See us for your needs. Martins Tin Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Paylor came in Saturday from Big Springs to spend a few days with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Paylor.

Mesdames E. M. Rust and T. J. Coggin left Sunday evening for El Paso to attend the cattlemen's convention after the visit there Mrs. Coggin will likely go to Douglas, to visit her husband, Mrs. Rust returning home at the time.

Spring is here and we have a new and full stock of oxfords and pumps for all. Hogue-Hamilton Company.

Misses Minnie and Maud Ferguson were at home with their parents Saturday, Sunday and Monday returned to school at the Christian college in Abilene Tuesday.

For all kinds of garden seed and jumbo peanuts go to the Cash Grocery.

Mrs. Sterling P. Miller returned to her home in Abilene Tuesday after a short visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel.

E. D. Coats was in Abilene attending court Monday.

Miss Nola Whitley returned home Sunday from points east.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. F. F. Cox of Route 3 was visiting in Abilene Monday.

Groene's Studio opens at 8 o'clock a. m., and closes at 5.30 p. m.

Mene white buck low quarter shoes, the latest thing out. See them at the Star Store.

For your hardware and shelf goods, hides and feed go to Jno. B. Bell & Sons.

J. C. Bickley of the Blair community was in Abilene Monday looking after some legal matters.

For garden seed, seed sweet potatoes and whippoorwill peas go to the Cash Grocery.

Wood fiber mens half hose the most durable socks made. The Star Store.

Mrs. R. Connor was in Abilene Saturday visiting Mrs. Claud Reid at the Alexander sanitarium, she reports Mrs. Reid getting along nicely.

We want your chickens and will pay the highest market price for same. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Company.

New line of embroiders, anything at all prices, some surprising values in this line. Hogue-Hamilton Company.

Mrs. W. H. Orr of Putnam and sister Mrs. R. C. Tyler of Baird returned to their respective homes Saturday after a weeks visit here with their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lamar.

Bring your butter and eggs to us when you come to town. The Cash Grocery.

A good supply of well casing and gutters at Martins Tin Shop.





# OPERA HOUSE

## Saturday Night Only--March 22

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ALSO 3000 FEET OF "MOVIES"

This is a Guaranteed Attraction

Admission 15 and 25

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

### XXth Century Questions.

Does Fenton recommend himself to you as a fit suitor for Sweet Anne Page? How does he justify his position? What effect of contrast is secured in the 4th scene? How is it shown that the choice lovers really lies between two? Is Anne a romantic figure? If so, why not her love affair treated romantically? How would you describe the animating spirit of this scene? What determining influence has the principal intrigue upon the manner of treatment of the subordinate one? How is the interview between Falstaff and Ford in this act, justified from a dramatic point of view?

Act 4. Is there episode in scene 1? Is it good art in Shakespeare to make the 2nd scene of Falstaff at Mrs. Ford's follow so closely on the lines of the first? How is it saved from pathos? Wherein resides the real comedy of the scene. Louise Schmid, leader.

### Libraries in Navy.

The navy department spends every year \$30,000 for libraries for its ships. Each "ship's" library includes 300 books, mostly technical and more or less expensive on that account. A "crews" library is usually made up of about five hundred books on fiction and of such character suitable for entertainment.

About one-third of the books are replaced each year. The changes are made upon recommendation of those in charge of the ships, but it has developed that this is not a satisfactory method, as much depends upon the points of view on literature possessed by the responsible persons. So it is proposed to standardize the libraries by making the changes in Washington, applying them generally to all ships. It is further held that this plan would work for economy, effecting a saving of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year.

Baseball, Sweetwater vs. Merkel, Friday evening, March 21. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

### He Cannot Understand.

The man who lets his hair grow long at one side of his head, so that he may comb the scanty strands over his bald spot always wonders how any woman can expect to make herself attractive by dabbing powder on her nose.

### Labor Poorly Paid.

Palermo, Italy, produces quantities of outfits for brides, principally in muslin. The girls who do the work get from 12 to 25 cents and the skilled workers from 30 to 60 cents a day.

### Improved Capstan.

A capstan is built into a new block and tackle with which one man can handle loads of one thousand pounds and two men, loads of four thousand pounds.

### Well Answered.

"Now, my little man," an English bishop once said to a bright young laddie. "I will give you an orange if you can tell me where God is." "My lord," was the unexpected answer, "I will give you two oranges if you will tell me where he is not."



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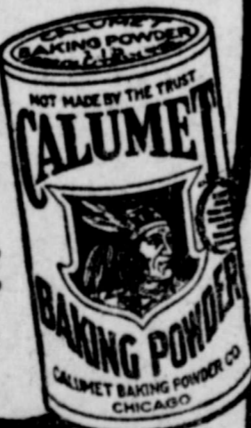
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If you want a good clean up-to-now Comedy that will make you laugh, see this one

Specialties Between the Acts

Admission 25, 35, 50 Open at 8

### Cotton Growers Convention.

The Southern States Cotton Growers Convention will meet in Dallas, April 28 to May 1st. This convention will be of local character but will be attended by thousands of people from all parts of the south who are vitally concerned in legitimate value of their cotton.

The movement is purely patriotic in character, and is intended to establish as near as possible a dependable market system for the future cotton and ultimately a price of 15 cents per pound for the staple.

### Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for the week ending Mar. 22, 1913

Adair, Mrs. Lena (2)  
Downes, Fred  
Grace, Mrs. M. A.  
McKay, S.  
Owens, Frank  
Row, Mrs. Jennie  
Wooten, Miss Annie Dale

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Apr. 5, 1913.  
H. W. Derstine, P.M.

### Just Received.

A car of choice field seeds, sorghum, millet, kaffir and other seeds, also have hay, brann, chops, shorts and anything for man or horse to eat at reduced prices, call and price for yourself. I buy all heavy stuff in car lots and will give purchaser the advantage of same. Thornton building, joining the Crown Hardware Company, Merkel, W. H. Roach.

Picture shows on Friday and Saturday nights at the opera house.

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### Election Notice.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Merkel, and in pursuance of the law in such matters provided, I hereby order that an election be held in the City of Merkel, on the first Tuesday in April, 1913, the same being the first day of said month, at the City Hall in said City, for the purpose of electing the following officers of said City, to-wit: A Mayor, City Secretary, City Treasurer, City Marshal and two Aldermen. J. J. Stallings is hereby appointed presiding officer at said election and the polls shall be opened at 8 o'clock a. m. and remain open (with the privilege of a recess of one hour, from 12 to 1 o'clock) until 6 o'clock p. m.

Witness my hand this 15th day of February, 1913.  
C. D. Mims  
Mayor of the City of Merkel

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ABILENE

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P. S.—We prepay all charges on your mail orders.

### ATTENTION BREEDERS

#### "JOHN" STEEL GRAY JACK

Better known as the Wimberly jack, will make the present season at my barn one-half mile west of Shiloh church.

**RATES:** \$10 to insure living colt, payable when colt is foaled or bred mare is sold, traded or moved out of county. Not responsible for accidents in breeding.

### J. H. GRAYSON

SHILOH, TEXAS

### NOTICE BREEDERS



#### GLENCO

My brown Hamiltonian horse will make the season at my place, 1-2 mile south of Shiloh.

Will also stand my 5 year old black Spanish Jack at the same place



**RATES:** \$10.00 to insure living colt, payable when colt is foaled or bred mare is sold, traded or moved out of county. Am not responsible for accidents in breeding.

### B.L. JAMES

AT OLD ROCK HOUSE  
Merkel, R. F. D. No. 2      ar Shiloh

#### NEED OF FRESH FOOD SHOW

Scientific Name Given to Disease Which Afflicted Members of Polar Exploration Party.

In an address lately given before the Zoological Society of France, Dr. Jacques Liouville, the physician and naturalist who accompanied the Pouquet-Pas on her antarctic expedition stated the chief physical troubles with which the crew had to contend were three in number, all, in his opinion springing from the lack of fresh food. He therefore terms this polar malady "the disease of conserved food." The malady comprised symptoms of scurvy, polar anaemia and severe frost bites or chilblains, which frequently bled constantly. The underlying cause of all the affections is an alteration in the chemical composition of the blood—or "dyscrasia." The heart functioned badly, and the patients suffered from terrible shortness of breath, frequent drowsiness, and oedema of the lower extremities. They were easily exhausted and unable to march, while the slightest movement brought on intense palpitation. However, all these morbid symptoms disappeared within ten days when fresh meat was obtainable, and did not appear again after the fresh wild celery obtained at Tierra del Fuego had been enjoyed for some time. Dr. Liouville took a just pride in the fact that this was the first polar expedition which ever restored all its members to their homes in a state of perfect health. He had three surgical cases to handle. Recovery was highly satisfactory, which he ascribes partly to the entire absence of pathogenic bacteria and partly to the fact that there was not a trace of alcoholism in the patients.—Scientific American.

#### Beware of Ointments for Catarrh

that contain mercury as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by all druggists. Price 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. adv.

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#### LIKES OLD-FASHIONED HOUSE

Belgian Consul at Boston Refuses to Make Changes in His Picturesque Abode.

E. S. Mansfield, the Belgian consul, has an old-fashioned house which has existed for at least a hundred years, and which he has refused to have fitted either with gas or electricity.

It is like a breath of another century, says the friends who visit it, but they admire even more the rare and ancient garden which leads from it. In itself the garden is complete and after the style of the early European gardens or America's colonial ones. The old paintings which hang in the house always evoke the most praise of all. They are Spanish, Dutch, Flemish, Italian, French and English works, and they add to the aged aspect of the home.

Whenever guests who know the modern activity of Mr. Mansfield first become acquainted with his house, they are surprised that it should appear so opposite to the owner. They ask Mr. Mansfield of it and he answers: "I like the contrast."—Boston Traveler.

#### She Knew.

The city girl, on her first vacation in the country, was sitting at the side of the first beau she had ever had, looking at the first full moon she had ever seen in a perfectly clear sky.

"Billy," she squealed ecstatically, "how perfectly delightfully dear, and yet how horribly sweetly sad is the music of those toadstools, out there in the woods!"

"Why, darling," breathed William, who had been in the country before, once—"you can't mean 'toadstools.' The noise you hear is being made by crickets."

"Of course," answered the city girl—"you know what I mean. I get the names mixed up. I knew it was something to sit on!"

#### Pay for Privilege of Hunting.

Different German states have different rates for persons who want to hunt. In Prussia, for instance, Germans pay about \$5.50 a year for the privilege, and foreigners pay four times that amount. In Wurtemberg, native hunters pay about \$7.50 a year and foreigners pay twice that amount.

#### New York's Big Industries.

New York city has twenty-one industries in each of which the annual product is valued at more than \$20,000,000. The largest of these industries is the manufacture of clothing, and next comes the printing and publishing business.

#### Mothers of Men.

Men are what their mothers make them.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

#### PLANS TO RE-Forest EAST TEXAS.

Timber Supply Decreasing.

Houston, Texas: Mr. Jno. H. Kirby in his report to the Texas Welfare Commission estimates that the forests of Texas will be exhausted in a period of fifteen years and recommends that plans be considered for re-foresting East Texas. The report is quoted below in part:

"There were 31,934 mills in operation in the United States in 1910 producing 40,018,202,000 feet of lumber and of this quantity 14,143,471,000 feet was yellow pine.

"There are 466 mills in Texas, 20 mills operate exclusively upon hardwood timber and 70 mills operate on both pine and hardwood, while the remaining 376 operate exclusively upon pine. The average annual production of these mills is in round figures two billion feet. The consumption of lumber in Texas is about equal to the production of Texas mills. The Texas sawmills produced in 1910 an aggregate of 1,884,134,000 feet board measure which was 4.7 per cent of the total amount of lumber produced in the United States.

"It is estimated that there is about 30,000,000,000 feet of yellow pine timber still standing in Texas. I think this estimate ultra-conservative. Taking this estimate, however, as a basis, it will be seen at a glance that at the present rate of consumption, the volume of raw material will be exhausted in a period of fifteen years. I do not believe that the forests will be entirely denuded in that period. On the contrary, I think the manufacture of yellow pine will be carried on in this state for half a century at least, though it goes without saying that there will be an annual reduction in the volume of the product as well as a steady increase in the volume of consumption.

"It is unfortunate that no practical plans for re-foresting the lands of east Texas are being considered. These are the only lands in Texas to which yellow pine is indigenous or upon which forests may be cultivated at a minimum expense.

It is true that the present generation of home builders enjoys a condition of cheap material which will be denied to succeeding ones. These same benefits might be preserved to our posterity if the public which is interested, would provide the means therefor by appropriating funds from the public treasury for the promotion of practical forestry plans."

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LAST WEEK WAS A HUMMER

# Parten's Weekly Extra Specials!

TWO MIGHTY TIMELY EXTRA SPECIALS FOR THIS WEEK

**BEGINNING SAT. MORNING MARCH 22--ENDING FRIDAY NIGHT MARCH 28**  
**MISSSES' AND LADIES' EASTER HATS AND MEN'S FINE DRESS SHIRTS**

**GREAT SALE OF EASTER MILLINERY** Through the efforts of our purchasing agency we have obtained the greatest line of ladies and misses Spring and Easter Hats that was ever brought to Merkel or any other place. They are the very latest creations and the prices we will put on them this week will be astounding to every one who sees them.

## Now's the Time to Buy Your New Spring Hat

Misses' \$1.50 and \$1.75 hats, this week only.....	\$1.00	Ladies' \$3.50 hats, this week only, ending March 28.....	\$2.50
Ladies' and misses' \$2.00 hats, this week only.....	1.50	Ladies' \$4.00 hats, this week only, ending March 28.....	3.00
Ladies' and misses' \$2.50 hats, this week only.....	1.75	Ladies' \$5.00 hats, this week only, ending March 28.....	4.00
Ladies' \$3.00 hats, this week only, ending March 28.....	2.00		

## GREAT SALE OF MEN'S FINE DRESS SHIRTS

Men's 75c dress shirts, with or without collar, this week, ending March 28.....	50c
Men's \$1.00 and \$1.25 dress shirts, with or without collar, this week, ending March 28.....	85c

These are business-getters for us and money-savers for you. Visit our store this week. Other bargains will be in evidence throughout our store.

# Parten Dry Goods Company

Merkel's Exclusive Cash Store

The place to buy your Spring goods

### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

#### Shiloh Items.

March 17—On account of examination day at Simmons College, Rev. W K Horn failed to fill his regular appointment here Sunday.

Tuesday, March 25 is to be work day at Shiloh cemetery, everyone is invited to come and assist in the work, especially those who have relatives or friends buried here.

Mr. and Mr. R B Bryant returned home Sunday from Fort Worth.

Will Williams has a very sick baby at this writing.

Miss Mattie Jones of the Hebron community visited the Misses Hail Sunday.

Many of our farmers delivered chickens to Merkel Monday in fulfillment of a contract with a northern firm made some time ago.

There are several cases of measles reported in this community.

#### Castle Peak Items.

March 17—All those attending the party at Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Moore's Saturday night report a delightful time.

Miss Ada Brown visited home folks in Merkel Saturday and Sunday.

A number of our young people attended preaching at Mount Pleasant Sunday.

Miss Cleo Barnes was shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Eugene Patterson and two daughters Irene and Edna attended Sunday school at Castle Peak Sunday.

Miss Fronabarger of Merkel visited Alma Barnes Sunday.

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#### Mulberry Items.

March 17—Sunday school had a very good attendance Sunday evening.

Granpa Watts preached Sunday afternoon after Sunday school.

Charley Rogers who had the misfortune of getting his shoulder thrown out of place last Monday week is improving nicely.

Mrs. Addie Britton is on the sick list.

Most of the farmers are having to haul stock water.

Misses Frankey and Maggie Lee Chaney and Lulu Britton were shopping in Merkel Monday.

Mrs. Ada Culp visited her sister Mrs Minnie Kelso at Stith Tuesday.

Miss Lera Daniel is visiting friends in Midland.

Mrs. Bill Moore is visiting her daughter Mrs. Turner Kiger in Big Springs.

Charley Peterson is reported to be up from his case of measles.

D F Rogers and Oliver McCormick made a trip to Merkel Monday.

The farmers are preparing to plant their feed.

Ada Culp was shopping in Merkel Monday.

#### Comperre Items.

March 17—We are having some sickness in and around Comperre.

Raymond Palmer and John Williams visited the fat stock show at Fort Worth last week.

Clint Tarvin and Emery Shannon made a trip to Dallas last week to attend the Woodmen convention and while in that city purchased an organ for the Comperre church.

Rev. Tucker filled his regular appointment here Sunday night.

W N Moore the merchant here has been sick for some time.

Miss Tarvin of Dallas is here visiting her uncle Clint Tarvin and family.

Hunt's Cure rapidly destroys Itch, Ringworms, Itching Piles, Eczema, Tetter and like troubles. Under its influence the diseased cuticle scales off leaving a smooth white, healthy skin in its place. A wonderful remedy and only 50c a box.

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### MERKEL BOY BACK FROM WORLD TOUR

Raymond Hall, son of Mrs. E. Hall and nephew of City Marshal W. N. Hall returned home Thursday morning after an absence of over four years, having enlisted in the navy service at Dallas in 1908.

Mr. Hall's travels have carried him to all parts of the world and into practically every important city on the globe and ended with his retirement from the service at San Diego, Cal., a short time ago, going from there to Los Angeles and then directly home.

#### To My Friends.

I will appreciate your assistance in the West Texas... Respect. Beulah Gar Shiloh

Merkel Mail \$1.00

#### Butman News.

March 17—The showers that fell last were artists, they painted a smile on each farmers face.

Earl Perkins and Sam Butman, Jr., have been at the divide farm for the past two weeks sewing oats and keeping house at the bachelors hall.

J D Jones attended the fat stock show last week.

Misses Mattie Randolph and Lottie Butman, Messrs Earl Perkins and Omar Cook attended preaching at White Church Sunday.

A Methodist Sunday school was organized Sunday afternoon at the school house. A large crowd was present and a great deal of interest was taken in the work, prayer meeting was also announced for Sunday nights.

#### Blair Echoes.

March 17—S E Adcock attended court in Abilene last week as a witness in the Alf Cogdell case.

Miss Fannie Clack is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahaffy and children of Abilene spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. S E Adcock, they made the trip in their auto.

J W Mayfield is serving as a juror in Abilene this week.

Mrs. S E Adcock is numbered among the sick list this week.

An inspector for the Santa Fe road was here Tuesday.

Mrs. Tom White of Toland is spending this week with home folks here, while her husband makes a trip back to the old states to visit his mother.

Alvin Nichols of Dugger, Ark., is here visiting J M Morrison and family. Mr. Nichols will make his home near Trent.

Mr. Taylor and family are here from Arkansas and will make this country their home in the future.

Quite a number of our farmers marketed chickens in Merkel Monday.

#### Calomel is Bad

Simmons Liver Purifier is delectable and its action is... biliousness. (In Yel... Tried once, used

### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

#### Inkum Items.

March 17—We had a good rain Wednesday night followed by very low temperature which may have injured some fruit we fear.

Killing hogs has again been the work of our farmers.

Mrs. May Payne was shopping in Merkel Tuesday.

J J Self of Shep made a business trip to this section of the country Thursday.

Mr. Porter and family of Bay City have moved into our midst recently.

G W Wilsen and daughter May were trading in Merkel Wednesday.

Messrs Crayton Evans and Ponder of Shep were in this section for large poles for the building of a telephone line in their community.

John Perry and family of Dora were visiting here Friday.

Frank Knows of Buffalo Gap has just finished drilling a well for Pat Powers and is now moving his machinery to the T E Reynolds place to begin another well.

Richard Dalby made a trip to Abilene the latter part of the week.

J A Wills attended preaching at Nubia Sunday.

Mr. Steward and family of Ovalo have settled in our community.

Ben Payne was transacting business in Shep Saturday.

J E Hallmark and family of Nubia visited the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. J N Hallmark Saturday and Sunday.

Lem Dudley left for Merkel, Friday from which point he will go by auto to El Paso, via Bllinger, San Angelo and Fort Stockton.

A little child of Mr. and Mrs. R D Fullerton died Thursday night after an illness of two weeks from pneumonia with complications of teething.

Mr. Lewis of Mulberry Canyon made a business trip to this section Tuesday.

Uriah Jones, Hezekiah Brown and John Peter Smith all say that Hunt's Lightning Oil stops Neuralgia, Rheumatism and other pains. Just try a 50c or 25c bottle from your druggist.