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R. F. D. CARRIERS HAD MEETING SAT.

The Taylor and Callahan county association of Rural Free Delivery Carriers met with the local carriers at the city hall here Saturday evening.

After a short business session in which six new members were enrolled, short talks on the postal work in which the carriers are interested was taken up. The talks on organization, what we stand for and what we hope to accomplish, by R. S. Palmer of Hawley, and one by Mr. Foster, on the last National Convention and some of its work, were especially helpful and enjoyed by all present.

We wish to thank the ladies for their presence and invite them to be with us again and bring all of their friends.

The following out-of-town members were present Don R. Marshall and Earl Slater of Clyde, Robert S. Palmer and E. L. Veale of Hawley, Geo. W. Foster and Jno. W. Minor of Haskell and W. H. Craddock of Trent. All the local carriers were present and their hospitality was very evident to the visiting members.

FIREMEN ELECTED FOR STATE MEET

Monday night the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department met in regular session to elect delegates to the state convention at Wichita Falls this year.

Those elected were C. K. Russell, A. V. Dye, Ross Ferrier and Will Burns. The Assistant Chief J. C. Comegys will represent the local organization as spokesman in place of the Chief. The time set for the convention is the 14th, 15th and 16th, May and from all indications will be one of the best ever held in the state.

Goes to San Antonio.

S. P. Miller, who has been conducting a United States naval recruiting station here for the past several months, has been transferred from Abilene to San Antonio, and, accompanied by Mrs. Miller, expects to leave for his new location Monday night on the 12:07 Texas & Pacific. Charles Jeffries of Fort Worth succeeds Mr. Miller.

During his service here, Mr. Miller has made many friends. He is a Merkel boy, and before he entered the United States navy he had a large number of acquaintances in Abilene, who were glad to welcome him to this city in his position as naval recruiting officer. The best wishes of a host of friends go with Mr. and Mrs. Miller to their new home.—Abilene Reporter.

We are the only firm in Merkel that handles northern meal and flour, White Crust flour and German Mill flour, every sack guaranteed to give satisfaction. We've got the goods and want your trade. Hamblet & Rogers.

NO. 7481 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank AT MERKEL

in the state of Texas, at the close of business April 4, 1913:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$100,287.96
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	2,832.90
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds to secure Postal Savings	1,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	200.00
Furniture, and fixtures	3,000.00
Other real estate owned	6,667.25
Due from Nat. Banks (not reserve agt)	4,438.22
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies, and saving banks	22.27
Due from approved reserve agents	38,229.29
Checks and other cash items	377.81
Notes of other National Banks	3,925.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	431.25
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	18,217.50
Legal-tender notes	4,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	22,217.50
Total	\$199,063.55
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	6,177.09
National Bank Notes outstanding	6,250.00
Due to state and private banks and bankers	3,754.99
Individual Deposits subject check	31,908.40
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	606.35
Postal Savings Deposit	365.18
Notes and bills rediscounted	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	None
Total	\$199,063.55

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS: I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Thos. JOHNSON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of April, 1913.
H. C. Williams, Notary Public
Correct—Attest: J. T. Warren, G. F. West, Ben T. Merritt } Directors

NO. 354 Official Statement of the Financial Condition of First State Bank, Trent, Texas

at the close of business on the 4th day of April 1913, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 18th day of April, 1913.

RESOURCES	
Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$23,518.00
Loans, real estate	1,319.00
Other Real Estate	755.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents	\$6,197.40
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check	3,853.80
Cash items	37.00
Currency	2,110.00
Specie	424.30
Other Resources as follows:	2,561.30
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund	901.82
Total	\$39,970.32
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, net	1,394.45
Individual deposits, subject to check	23,413.88
Cashier's checks	161.99
Total	\$39,970.32

State of Texas, County of Taylor: We, R. B. Johnson as vice president and L. E. Adrian as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

R. B. Johnson, Vice Pres.
L. E. Adrian, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 11th day of April A. D., 1913. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
(SEAL) E. D. Teuton, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: J. T. Warren, G. F. West, L. E. Adrian } Directors

Gets New Studebaker Auto.

W. L. Harkrider is the owner of the newest automobile to be delivered here. The new car is a seven passenger, electric lighted, self starting 35 hp Studebaker and was received by the Anchor Hardware Company in connection with a shipment of Studebaker cars to Colorado City, Mr. Bland of the Anchor Hardware Co., and Mr. Harkrider going up to Colorado Wednesday of last week, and brought the car back through the country.

Mrs. Ervin Jennings of Abilene and Ross Jennings of El Paso came in from Abilene Monday afternoon to visit the latter's mother Mrs. J. W. Jennings.

ABILENE VISITORS COME TO MERKEL

The crowd of Abilene visitors at our Street Stock Show here Thursday evening of this week swelled our population to over 150 people.

At the time of going to press there were easily 100 Abilene representative business men and stockmen here looking over our Merkel country products and shaking hands with our people, they brought reports of more coming on the road with other Abilene people, a total in all of 30 automobiles or over. A full report of the show will be given in our next week's issue. Watch for it.

To My Friends.

I will appreciate your assistance in the West Texas Hardware Company's piano contest. Respect. Beulah Garrett. 718pd

Notice.

Being in the West Texas Hardware Company's piano contest I will appreciate the support of my friends. Erah Brady. 145pd

J. A. Woodard came in from Roscoe Saturday from a visit with his mother who has been very low. Tuesday morning he received a message to return at once as his mother was not expected to live until he could reach there.

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



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

FOR SALE—Eggs from my ringlet bard rocks, \$1.50 per setting. My birds are double mated. Phone or write H. F. Wilkins, Route 1. 214pd

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.

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 214pd

OATS—delivered loose at Merkel, 40 cents per bushel in amounts of 50 bu or over. S. H. Rister, Tye, Texas. 2849pd

FOR SALE—White and Fawn Indian Runner Duck Eggs. Per setting \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50. First prize winners Merkel and Abilene poultry shows. Write or phone Robert Hicks, Merkel, Texas. tf.

FOR SALE—Indian Motorcycle at a bargain. Practically new, everything in first-class condition, run less than one thousand miles. Must be sold. W. H. Craddock, Trent, Texas. It

WANTED—Man with family to do farm work. Write or phone Sam Butman, Nubia, Texas. 1113

WANTED—Good cotton seed meal and grain sacks. Continental Oil and Cotton Company. 1112

FOR SALE—20x40 store house. Will sell cheap. H. M. Warren.

LOST—Small coat watch chain. Finder return to Mail Office and get reward. It

NO. 10052 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Southern National Bank

at Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, April 4, 1913:

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$133,684.78
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	5,287.20
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	11,000.00
Due from Natl. banks (not res. agts)	910.04
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies and savings banks	742.96
Due from approved reserve agents	7,612.07
Checks and other cash items	1,381.05
Bills of Exchange on cotton	10,363.09
Notes of other National banks	1,475.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	130.00
Lawful Money Reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$3,729.00
Legal-tender notes	2,516.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625.00
Total	\$165,956.18
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	8,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	5,285.99
National Bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Due to approved Reserve Agents	630.71
Individual deposits sub. to check	96,904.76
Cashier's checks outstanding	2,547.72
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	20,000.00
Reserved for taxes	100.00
Total	\$165,956.18

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS: I, J. E. Faucett, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. Faucett, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of April 1913.
Jno. G. Jackson, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: C. L. Barker, John Sears, H. C. Burroughs } Directors

NO. 366 Official Statement of the Financial Condition of The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 4th day of April 1913, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 18th day of April 1913:

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$65,957.36
Loans, real estate	3,534.36
Overdrafts	1,027.09
Other real estate	3,228.34
Furniture and fixtures	2,300.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents	11,248.09
Cash items	630.66
Currency	5,796.00
Specie	1,142.43
Other Resources as follows:	7,569.09
Int. dep. G. F. and Ass. Gty. Fund	503.20
Bills of exchange, cotton	172.04
Total	\$86,439.57
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	2,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	2,314.50
Individual Deposits subject to check	73,039.93
Cashier's checks	555.14
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	2,500.00
Total	\$86,439.57

State of Texas, County of Taylor: We, J. S. Swann as president, and R. O. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. S. Swann, president.
R. O. Anderson, cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 12th day of April A. D. 1913. WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
(SEAL) Jno. G. Jackson, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: H. C. Moore, J. C. Comegys, J. C. Moore } Directors

New Agency.

J. Z. Martin & Co., Tanners have this week secured the agency of the Sampson Windmill and offer same to the trade at the lowest possible figures. In connection Mr. Martin has secured the services of an expert tinner and asks a share of your patronage, all kinds of plumbing, range stove repair work, well casing, tanks, etc. Tin work of all kinds a specialty.—Adv.

Imo Mann and sister Miss Mattie T. were here last week visiting their cousin Mrs. A. D. Templeton. They went on to Sweetwater from here to join their parents in their new home, having moved from Cisco to the above mentioned city.

BOOSTERS HERE NEXT THURSDAY

Next Thursday evening the members of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce will be in our city for one hour, from eight o'clock until nine, arriving here from Sweetwater where they transfer from the Santa Fe R. to the T. & P.

In a letter from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Dallas, he states that they do not expect the towns along the itinerary through West Texas to prepare for their arrival with a big reception but ask that the merchants and business men be out and meet with the representatives and boosters from Dallas. The boosters have their own band and will furnish the stop here with enough music to make the occasion all the more harmonious. Merkel will perhaps be the only town between here and Dallas at which the special train will stop, the schedule showing a through run from here to Dallas, the train of special pullman cars arriving there with the boosters the next morning.

We have the best line of toilet articles known. Nyal Store.

MERKEL PEOPLE ATTEND CARNIVAL

A large crowd of Merkel show goers attended the firemen's carnival at Abilene Wednesday night going from here in autos, on motorcycles and attempts to ride side door pullmans via the Texas & Pacific.

Those going down were Misses Duncan Browning, Genevieve Rust, Carrol Rister and Virginia Hamblet, Messrs A. Boyd, Jack Provine, Ben T. Merritt, Jno. Briggs, Luther Woodroof, Will Evans, Tully B. Lucas, Oscar Pate, Otis Barnett, Jno. T. Morgan, Clayton Brown, W. H. Kendrick, W. E. Britain, Tally Holloway, Raymond Touchstone, Jim Black and Mace Brown.

Several of the local boys attempted to catch a side door pullman car down to Abilene but soon found their car set out at the west end of the Merkel switch and for some time did not understand or appreciate the joke.

Baseball Friday.

What promises to be the best game of the season is scheduled here for Friday evening of this week. The Simmons College aggregation and the local team will give the fans some real baseball at Highland Park in South Merkel.

Stonewall Garroute, son of T. B. Garroute came in last week from California to visit his father. This is the first time in fourteen years that the California man has visited his old home and his many friends who were here when he went away are very glad to see him.

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

The Southern National Bank

CONDENSED OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS
AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 4, 1913

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$138,971.98
United States Bonds at Par	12,500.00
Banking House and Fixtures	14,000.00
Cash and Exchange	30,484.20
Total	\$195,956.18
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits, Earned	13,285.99
Circulation	12,500.00
Bills Payable	20,000.00
Reserved for Taxes (1913)	100.00
Deposits	100,070.19
Total	\$195,956.18

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Mrs. J. A. Woodard left Thursday morning of this week for Roscoe in answer to a message from her husband telling her of the death of his mother Mrs. M. E. Woodard at that place Wednesday evening at 5:30. Funeral services were held at Roscoe Thursday evening.

H. Phillips of the Divide was in town Thursday looking over our fat stock exhibit.

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OLD STRUCTURES IN DECAY

Condition of Famous Leaning Towers in Italy Excite Apprehension of Antiquarians.

Reports have been current for some time concerning the safety of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and the Italian papers announce a similar state of things with the Garisenda of Bologna and the Ghirlandina of Modena. The former dates from 1110, and the latter from 1224 to 1319. The Tower of Pisa, which is about 177 feet in height, is 14 feet 6 inches beyond the perpendicular. It is accentuated from the base, but diminishes half way up and onward. The inclination is said to be greater today than it was in 1817. This has been marked in later years. But there are other disquieting signs. Some of the stonework of the windows is giving way, and the steps are said be cracking. The soil upon which Pisa's Tower was raised, a Paris contemporary points out, is "permeable and friable," and subsoil water is believed to be penetrating beyond the masonry. Architects and other experts are now engaged in a close observation. They fear that below the foundations there are some considerable voids, and they are of opinion that the inclination of the tower has increased since 1859. The commission appointed to deal with the matter concludes that there is no immediate danger, yet there must be no delay in remedying matters. The Garisenda is about 161 feet feet in height, with an inclination of just 14 feet. The Ghirlandina is said to be the highest of the towers, being 331 feet. It is slightly inclined toward the Cathedral, which itself is in a feeble state.

How Foolish

To suffer from skin diseases, itch, eczema, ringworm, etc., when one 50c box of "Hunt's Cure" is positively guaranteed to cure or your money promptly refunded. Every retail druggist in the State stands behind this guarantee. Ask your druggist and see the guarantee with each box. You don't risk anything in giving it a trial.

New Violins and Old.

A contest took place in Paris which seems to vindicate the contention that modern violins are as good in tone as those of ancient make. A number of violins were played in a dark room, and at the end a vote was taken from the musical audience present, with the result, says a Paris correspondent, that the finest violin was judged to be a Belgian instrument dated 1912; the second was a French 1911 violin, and not until the third came a Stradivarius, valued at more than £3,000.

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Farm Telephone Saved Child's Life

One of the Children fell into a water tank and was rescued unconscious and apparently lifeless.

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Mountain Peak flour at G. M. Sharp's.

Misses Alice and Daisy Roe went to Abilene Wednesday to visit relatives.

Special prices on two absolute necessities of life at the Cash Grocery.

Mrs. T. H. Largent is visiting Mrs. C. M. Tandy in Abilene this week.

Buy your feed from G. M. Sharp and get trade coupons.

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen visited her daughter Miss Jessie Sutphen in Stith Sunday.

See our trade week bargains in flour and coffee. The Cash Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Walker of Abilene are here this week visiting their daughter Mrs. E. Hall.

Just received a car of choice June cut North Texas hay at G. M. Sharp's.

J. P. C. Hunt of Haskell was here Tuesday and Wednesday looking after business matters.

O. W. Smith of Denton was here this week visiting friends and looking after property he has in the Trent country.

Mr. and Mrs. Lit Winters were here this week visiting the families of H. L. Propst and J. J. Russell.

2 gold fish and a bowl with \$1.00 cash purchase at McClain's Drug Store.

Raymond Hall left last week for Kosse where he will visit his father and sister. Before returning home he will also visit relatives in Waco.

Don't forget that we give Trade League Coupons with every \$1.00 cash purchase. Kent Street Grain and Grocery Company.

Miss Velma Garrene of Van Horn was here the first of the week visiting her cousin Miss Bertie Diltz.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mitchell of Abilene were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Daniel Sunday.

W. M. Elliott is doing some building to his home in the south east part of town this week. Two new rooms and a general improvement of the house is the extent of the work.

Miss Claire Tate of Abilene was visiting Miss Willie Bigham and Mrs. W. H. Dickson Saturday.

Notice of Trustee Election.

Notice is hereby given that there will be an election on Saturday, the 3rd day of May, 1913 in the Merkel Independent School District, at the City Hall in compliance with an order of the school board of said district and the polls of said district shall be open at 8 a. m. and shall not close before 6 p. m. the same day for the purpose of electing 4 trustees for said Merkel Independent School District.

R. E. Counts is hereby appointed to hold said election.
J.S. Swann. J.H. Warnick
President. Secretary.

Saved Him.

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

Marking Keys.

If you have a number of keys in the stable, shed, henhouse and such buildings, that look and feel about alike, put wooden tags on them, with one notch for the stable, two notches for the henhouse, etc. You can tell at a glance, then, or by feeling them if it is dark, which key is the right one.

Found a Cure for Rheumatism

"I suffered with rheumatism for two years and could not get my right hand to my mouth for that length of time," writes Lee L. Chapman, Mapleton, Iowa. "I suffered terrible pain so I could not sleep or lie still at night. Five years ago I began using Chamberlain's Liniment and in two months I was well and have not suffered with rheumatism since." For sale by all dealers.

Proofreader in Embryo.

A primary grade boy in Fredonia was told to write a sentence containing the word "chicken." He was not quite sure how to spell the word, so he wrote: "A jiken is a small hen. (I can spell hen.)"

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If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of The Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires, a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

WAGES OF FARM LABORERS INCREASE.

The Farmers' Union has been making a comparison of the condition of farm laborers with other classes of laborers in Texas and in the United States. Mr. Peter Radford, president of the union in discussing the subject said:

"The nation has been shocked to find young women receiving wages under \$8 per week, but did you ever stop to consider that the farm laborer works for less money? The legislature has just placed an eight-hour law upon the statute book but did it ever occur to you that the farmer works from sun to sun?"

"The farmers' union is in sympathy with the working girls and in favor of the eight-hour law and we stand for fewer hours and better wages for all who toil, but how about the farm laborers? There are more men who labor on the farms of Texas than in all other occupations combined."

According to the report of the federal census bureau, farm wages in Texas average \$19.00 per month with, and \$27.30 per month without board. Reduced to a weekly basis it means that the farm laborers of Texas get \$8.00 per week where they board themselves and in many instances they have a family to support on this sum. The farm owner cannot increase the wages of his hired help and "shift the burden" to the consumer as is often the case with the merchant and the manufacturer. He does not fix the price of his products and while producing the wealth of the nation, he receives minimum pay for his services. Over production and crop mortgages force the farmer into ruinous competition with each other, forcing down prices and compelling low wages and long hours. The remedy lies in organization and in co-operation in marketing.

In Texas 160,538 farms of the 417,770 employ help at an annual expense of \$25,685,000. During the past ten years farm wages have increased \$4.97 per month.

In Taylor county there are 2,404 farms and 1,020 of them employ hired help at an expense of \$136,221 per annum.

John Pierpont Morgan is sleeping in his casket, which is garland strewn. His bier is covered with the choicest blossoms from hothouses and garden. In his lifetime he wielded the golden wand, a wand more potent than the sceptre of a modern king or the sword of the mightiest warrior. He accumulated vast wealth; from the art stores of the world he garnered the priceless handiwork of painters and sculptors. He had more than Croesus ever could command. He was the uncrowned financial monarch of a great continent and his influence penetrated to every quarter of the habitable globe. The psalm writer told the story. "All is vanity and vexation of spirit" when one is old and broken and the fires of passion and the ambitions of life have vanished. Six feet of mother earth will be his sole possession

tomorrow and six weeks later his name will be a memory and not a nightmare to frighten into their corners lawmakers, men of finance, captains of industry and railroad kings. In the end it is ever the same. The king and the crown, the prime minister and the peasant, are welcomed to the bosom of mother earth and the mighty and the humble share and share alike regardless of the wide gulf that divided them when they walked the earth in the ruts marked out by the sandaled, the shod, or the bare feet of their fellows who had gone before.—Ex.

A great deal has been said of the girl who can wash lace curtains, make a pan of buttermilk biscuit or boil water without scorching it; but when it comes right down to a free-for-all contest, the chocolate eclaire sort of girl walks home with the silver-plated crumb tray put up as the capital prize. Even practical, mule-raising Missouri permits the fluff to warp its usual hard-headed judgment. For example, the Jersey county association of domestic science held its meeting the other day. "The girl winning the first prize did it with an angel cake. The girl attempting to smother beefsteak in onions fell down on the job completely, as did the girl who made an effort to demonstrate what she could do with a cup of corn meal." Girls, take notice and don't believe all you hear in public speeches about sunbonnets, churns and turnip greens.

Then comes the boys.—Listen to this progressive pessimist wailing in the provinces: "Pick out twenty young men and not five of the twenty are making an effort to save money. This being true, the poorhouses of the future will have to be ten stories high with folding beds in each room." It is good to admonish the youth in ways of diligence, thrift and acquisitiveness; but on second thought a nice folding bed in a breezy, fire-proof, pre-cooled, steam heated ten-story home for "delinquents," who failed to store up against the dreary days of age, isn't such an uninviting prospect after all.—Ex.

NATURAL FACTS AND HAPPENINGS.

When a dog dislikes you he will show his teeth and growl; when a boy dislikes you he will put his fingers to his nose and wiggle them, but when a man dislikes you he usually shakes hands with you, buys you a drink, pats you on the back and waits until you go outside before he begins knocking you. There is no right way of doing a wrong thing. Always when a young man marries he is energetic, industrious and his lady is beautiful, accomplished, etc. And how could it be otherwise when a newspaper has anything to do with it for it is usually just that way with the young people.

COMING OF SPRING.

The joyous spring is close at hand, the spring that renovates the land! And once again the birds will sway on bending boughs, and sing all day; the skies will be serene and fair, and we shall breathe the fragrant air, and girls will swing on garden gates, and there'll be swarms of candidates. The world will wear its garb of green, but we will not enjoy the scene; birds shall sing their songs in vain, for we can't hear the gentle strain; the candidates will get us all, and back us up against a wall, and twist their fingers in our coats, and tell us that they need our votes. In vain the fragrant breeze shall blow, in vain the twinkling stars shall glow; we won't have time for things like these; we'll listen to the same old wheeze from patriots who tell us why they come once more to bleed and die. And so I dread the gentle spring; I like the zephyrs she will bring, I like the bees, I like the bowers, I like the what-you-call-'em flowers, I like the bluebirds and their mates, but on! I hate the candidates.—Walt M.



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Dr. J. H. Warnick spent a part of last week in El Paso attending federal court.

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

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Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bigham left Tuesday morning for El Paso to be gone several days.

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Rev. Geo. L. Hamilton attended the Presbytery at Sweetwater the first of the week.

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Miss Josephine Saunders was in Abilene Sunday visiting relatives and friends.

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Miss Neva Warnick returned home Monday morning from Sweetwater, having gone there to attend the Presbytery.

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Miss Dollie Teaff returned from Sweetwater Saturday where she has been visiting friends for a week.

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W. A. Scott was in Sweetwater Saturday looking after business matters of the West Texas Hardware Company.

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Maxwell wall paper. Rust & McCauley.

T. J. Toombs was in Abilene the first of the week looking after business matters.

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

Mrs. Annie Hale King of Abilene was the guest of friends here the first of the week.

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Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Crane of Cross Plains were here this week visiting friends.

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A. C. Browning was here this week visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning.

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Misses Melissa Smith and Jewel Garrett were the guests of Miss Mattie Murphy at her home in Abilene Sunday.

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Doss Sheppard of Dallas was here last week visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sheppard.

Some new dress goods in ratine, tissues, piques in colors, etc. These have just arrived and will not last long. Come and see them. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

D. O. Huddleston left Tuesday for south Texas to look after the purchase of range cattle from that section of the country.

You can get Heinz's pickles, catsup, baked beans, pork and beans, tomato soup, mince meat, India relish and chili sauce at the Cash Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Beach of the Plains country stopped off here Monday night to visit the family of C. L. McNeese, returning to their home Tuesday after a visit with relatives in Nolan county.

10 per cent off on wall paper at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

SOCIETY

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Young-Bigham.

A quite home wedding, pretty and dainty in all its appointments was celebrated Sunday evening at 8:45 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bigham, when they gave their daughter, Willie Elizabeth, in marriage to James Edwin Young of Lampasas.

The prenuptial solo, Sobeski's, "I Love You", was given by Miss Evelyn Williams, who then drifted into the sweet strains of the Lohengrin's Wedding March as the bride and groom entered the parlor they were met by the officiating minister, Rev. Jesse P. Sewell of the Christian College of Abilene who rendered the beautiful and sacred marriage service which united their young lives. Several years ago Rev. Sewell officiated at the baptismal service of the bride when she surrendered her young life to the service of the Lord.

The home had been beautifully decorated with ferns and pink carnations. The bride, a dear lovable girl, popular in church, club and social circles, was charming in a gown of lovely brown crepe meteor with the accessories to match. The groom wore the conventional black. He is popular in business circles throughout the state being a young stockman with interests in Van Horn and Lampasas.

The out-of-town guests were Mrs. F. M. Mace, Mrs. Glenn Huling and W. R. Young, sisters and brother of the groom and his little nieces Eva Belle and Bettie Dane Huling all of Lampasas. Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Bigham of Trent, brother and sister of the bride and their little daughter Alice, and son Ralph of Abilene, C. F. Hogue of Trent, Misses Louise Schmid, Duncan Browning and Orra Long served pink and white brick cream, angel food cake and mints to the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Young left Monday evening for Galveston. The brides going away frock was a beautiful blue cloth with gloves and hat to match. After the first of May they will be at home in Lampasas.

Ellis-Tandy Nuptials.

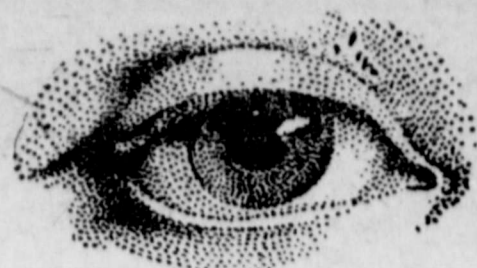
Another pretty home wedding marks the social calendar for this week was celebrated in Abilene Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Tandy when their daughter Margaret was married to Lester Ellis of this city. Reverend George L. Hamilton, pastor of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., of this city officiating.

This was one time the guests were completely surprised. They had been invited to come meet Miss Fannie Burroughs, a guest of Miss Tandy's. Even when Miss Burroughs struck the first notes in the wedding march the guests were expecting a solo from the stranger (Mr. Hamilton) who stood by the piano with an open book. Gradually it dawned on them that they were witnessing a sacred marriage service, as the bride and groom took their places before Rev. Hamilton who read the words of the beautiful and impressive marriage ceremony which united their lives.

The bride is a charming young lady and was lovely in a gown of white eponge trimmed in baby irish. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ellis of this city. He is a young druggist, connected with the Burroughs Drug Store and has a host of friends. They left immediately after the ceremony in a car for their future home in this city, at present they are at the Walker Cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wheatley entertained the Friday Evening Bridge Club at their home on south Oak street Friday evening. Three tables were arranged for the devotees of this charming amusement and recreation. After a number of games the hostess served delicious refreshments to Mesdames T. J. Coggin, J. W. Daniel, Miss Genevieve Rust, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Daniel, Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Miller, Messrs R. O. Anderson, Luther Woodroof, W. H. Kendrick and the hostess.

An informal dance was given by the Merkel bunch at the opera house Monday evening. The dance was given in honor of W. H. Kendrick's twenty-second birthday. Music was furnished by the Abilene Colored Orchestra. The list of guests were Misses Olga and



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Mr. and Mrs. Deavenport Gaither entertained the teachers and pupils in the high school Friday evening at their home on Austin street. The crowd meeting after the services at the Methodist church. Music, songs and conversation were indulged in until 10:30 p. m. when the hostess served cream and cake to those present.

B. W. M. Society Program, April 28.

Subject, Italy.

Hymn.

Prayer—Mrs. P. B. Causeaux.

Bible reading—Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

Song, God's Constant Love.

Hosea, chapter 14—Mrs. Valentine.

History of Rome—Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Summary of Italy—Mrs. Scott Smelser.

Song.

Business.

Benediction—Mrs. Gaddy.

Family Reunion.

A delightful home-coming was celebrated Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Sheppard, when the children, the in-laws and the grand children were gathered together under the home roof, with the exception of Mrs. Doss Sheppard and little daughter Marion of Dallas.

This reunion was successfully planned to meet the arrival of Doss, who came in from Dallas to spend Sunday with his parents. His coming and all had been kept a secret from Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard, so all come as a complete surprise to them. Well filled lunch baskets appeared with the coming of each family, while Miss Elma Sheppard brought forth the contents of a bountifully filled larder baked chickens, cakes, pies, salads and bread.

In a very short time twenty-three members of this family and eight near friends were seated out on the grassy lawn, under the Mulberry trees enjoying a luncheon served picnic style. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Ace Sheppard and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Henry West and children, Doss, Misses Elma and Olga, Nim and Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Potter. Miss Dorothy Lee and Eugene Potter.

Epworth League Program.

Piano Voluntary—Miss Fannie Burroughs.

Doxology.

Anthem.

Scripture lesson.

Prayer.

Instrumental Solo, Last Hope—Mrs. Wesley Edwards.

Vocal Quartette—Messrs Ira Armstrong, Will Ayers, B. D. Black and T. A. Johnson.

A Famous Hymn—John Moore.

Song, Stand up for Jesus.

Prayer.

Address, The inspiration of song—Judge Potter.

Vocal Duet—Misses Eva Williams and Dorothy Lee Potter.

Discussion of Browning's Immortal Poem, Pippa Passes—Frank Smith.

Hymn.

Offering.

Dismissal.

At The Methodist Church.

The following program is for April 20 at 11 a. m.

Songs by choir.

Advantages of heads of families being in Sunday school work—C. D. Mims.

Open discussion.

Song by choir.

Saved for service—H. C. Williams.

Open discussion.

Song.

The inspiration of the song service in public worship—Miss Maud Jinkens.

Open discussion.

Song.

The Prayer Meeting as a Means of Grace—Miss Love Hawkins.

Open discussion.

Closing song.

Each topic will be limited to ten minutes. Everybody cordially invited.

In Memory of Wildey.

Died at her home at Trent, Texas, April 8th, 1913, Mrs. Wildey Hutcheson, wife of C. R. Hutcheson and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trent of Eskota. She breathed her last from this a world of sorrow with a bright assurance of her acceptance into that clime where sorrow and pain are not. Her death was very unexpected to her friends as she was not sick but a few days when the message came that Wildey was dead. With what force fell those words, she is gone from us, no more shall we look into those sparkling eyes, never again will the ring of her joyous laughter be heard in our circle.

She was light-hearted and cheerful to her friends, always wearing a pleasant smile and had a kind word for all, she was a kind mother and a loving wife and a true christian.

How long will death be tyrant reign and triumph o'er the just, how long the blood of martyrs slain, be mingled with the dust? Lo I behold the scattered shades, the dawn of heaven appears, the bright immortal morning spreads its blushes around the spheres. I see the lord of glory come and flaming guards around, the skies divide to make her room, we can't understand why one so good must go but God's will be done, we mourn the loss of her but not like those who have no hope in her death.

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Perhaps. A Boston minister has jumped into the spotlight by making the statement that American women wear too many clothes at summer resorts. This is the last objection we expected a minister to make. Perhaps the women whom he observed are inclined to freckle. Their Ill Success. Chicago doctor opines that the average woman loves a cave man. But most of them have to be content with flat dwellers.

Dead Letter List. The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Apr. 19 1913. Burgess, Miss Myrtle Hormon, G. W. Miller, Mrs. H. J. Maxwell & Ayers Matlock, Miss Cattie Owens, S. W. Witcher, J. D. and Fannie If not called for will be sent to dead letter office May 3, 1913. H. W. Derstine, P.M.

Mary Broken Up. Mary dropped her eyes on the floor as Henry burst into the room. Her face lengthened rapidly, and she finally pierced him with a glance. As his laugh rose and fell, she dropped her jaw and her voice broke.—Judge.

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

A Widow's Are, Anyway. Gibbs—Here's a table showing woman's chances of marrying at various ages between twenty and forty. Of course it grades down. Dibbs—Rubbish! If a woman really wants a man her chances are 100 in 100 at any age.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

Why We Have No Paris. There can never be in the United States a real Paris of America until we shall get ranks and orders of nobility, and that will only be when our republic shall develop into a grand imperial nation. Under a newly acquired emperor a titled class would follow as a matter of course, and the easiest way to get it would be to sell the titles. Ten million dollars would buy a dukedom, \$5,000,000 the title of count, and \$1,000,000 that of baron. In the beginning of old world nobility titles were granted by the sovereign for eminent services, but when such a system is started in a great country like ours the simplest way would be to establish an aristocracy of wealth. Until then our great metropolitan cities will never be more than mere centers of business and capital.—New Orleans Picayune.

For Weakness and Loss of Appetite The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and sure Appetizer. For adults and children, 50c.

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Ailing Skin

Eczema, Psoriasis, Dandruff, Pimples, skin troubles of any kind—WASH THEM AWAY WITH **D. D. D. Prescription for Eczema** This mild wash will bring you instant relief from that awful itch. Prove it with a 50c bottle. We guarantee the regular \$1.00 size bottle to end your distress and begin your cure of your money back. D.D.D. Soap helps, too; ask for it. **H. C. BURROUGHS.**

ALWAYS MASTER OF FINANCE

How John D. Rockefeller Established His Credit in the Early Days of His Career.

Just because John D. Rockefeller has made more money than he can count without the aid of nineteen clerks and forty adding machines, not to mention a well trained corps of coupon clippers, there are many people who come forward these days with stories to show that John, now famous for his wealth, wigs and wit, was once about the cutest person that ever happened when it came to financial strategy.

According to this latest narrative, Rockefeller told a close friend—and that "close" goes both ways—one morning that he wanted to borrow \$5,000 and that he must have it in order to save his business. The friend went down town in the course of his work, and pretty soon met a big banker.

"I wish," said the banker, "if you see Mr. Rockefeller this afternoon, you would tell him that I have found a place to put that \$10,000 which he asked me to loan out for him."

The friend gasped like a goldfish, and proceeded on his way, encountering another of the town's leading bankers. "By the way," said the banker, "when you see Rockefeller this afternoon, please tell him that I have found a man who wants to borrow that \$10,000."

The friend staggered on, and met a third banker, who repeated what the other two captains of finance had said. Then he went back and found Rockefeller.

"John," he said, in astonishment, "when I left you this morning you told me you had to borrow \$5,000, and all day bankers have been telling me that you asked them to lend out \$10,000 for you."

"Well! well!" smiled Rockefeller, "that's fine! I suppose I may safely assume now that my credit is established in this town, I'll just step out and borrow that \$5,000 I need."—Popular Magazine.

Nature's Hints to Inventors. The view has been advanced in more than one quarter that during the next two or three centuries invention will probably be in the direction of imitating the wonderful economy and the simple, direct methods of nature. An instance in point is the electric eel. Its electric organ is in no sense a storage battery, but a contrivance by which electric energy is liberated at the moment when it is required. At first the organ shows so small an electric force that a good galvanometer is needed to detect it, but a sudden nervous impulse from the eel's spinal cord raises a potential of many volts with very little heat and so small an expenditure of matter as to defy the most expert chemist to weigh it. Fireflies, glow-worms, and many deep-sea fishes produce light without heat at a cost which would make a match an extravagant outlay.—Harper's Weekly.

Wear Special Eyeglasses. Small eyeglasses, fitting closely, and with flesh-colored nose pieces, are made for actors needing them but who, in deference to the parts they play, do not wish to wear the usual-sized lenses.

An Overflowing Cup. If your cup is small fill to the brim. Let it be miltum in parvo. Make the most of your opportunities of honest work and pure pleasure.—Henry Van Dyke.

Pure Aluminum Cooking Set Free

We are giving away absolutely free a \$5.00 Cooking Set with every \$40 traded at our store. This set is something that every house wife appreciates and it is worthy of your investigation. Come and let us explain how easily you may obtain different sets of Aluminum Cooking Vessels. We are offering many bargains in our different departments. Take advantage of these generous offers and save money and at the same time add valuable pieces to your cooking vessels. This was started as a strictly cash proposition, but all monthly bills paid by the 5th will be considered as cash and will be counted on the \$40.00 ticket just the same.

START ON THE TICKET NOW

Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Compere Items.

April 14—The Compere school has closed and the farmers are very busy planting cotton.

Rev. Linn filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelsoe visited John Kelsoe's last week in the Stith community.

Ben Moore and wife visited Mr. Shannons last week.

We have a good season in the ground now.

The young people are enjoying the new organ at the church very much and are having some good singings.

The literary society meets at Compere Friday night, April 18, everybody invited to attend.

We have an interesting Sabbath school and the second Sunday in May we will have childrens service at the church.

Look to Your Plumbing

You know what happens in a house in which the plumbing is in poor condition—everybody in the house is liable to contract typhoid or some other fever. The digestive organs perform the same functions in the human body as the plumbing does for the house, and they should be kept in first class condition all the time. If you have any trouble with your digestion take Chamberlain's Tablets and you are certain to get quick relief. For sale by all dealers.

Castle Peak Items.

April 14—The farmers of this community are very busy planting cotton while there is a good season in the ground.

Several of the people of this community attended the singing convention at Trent Sunday.

The party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith's last Friday night was enjoyed by a good crowd.

Mr. Barnes is on the sick list this week.

Miss Vera Dulin spent last week with her grand parents Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dulin of Merkel.

Mrs. Toombs and children have

The Price of Chickens

Per pound is as changeable as is the price of cotton and at no time is the market the same, the demand is more or less at times. It is for this reason I am now able to pay more for your produce than I paid some time ago, the demand is heavier. :: Bring me your produce.

W. P. DUCKETT Produce Dealer with Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company

moved to the John Hughes place.

Miss Amabell Moore who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Addison returned to her home at Compere last week.

Web Hannah has treated himself to a new buggy.

Zap White and wife have moved to the old Patterson place.

Elmer Barnes was in Merkel Friday.

How's This?

We offer one hundred dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

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

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Prices 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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Your druggist will refund money if FAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

More gold fish at McClains

Inkum Items.

April 14—A rain Tuesday rejoiced the hearts of our farmers.

Mr. Knows of near Buffalo Gap, who has been drilling a well for T. E. Reynolds returned to his home Wednesday after securing a good supply of water for Mr. Reynolds.

O. H. Wilson and wife were trading in Merkel Wednesday.

Mrs. Oscar Perry returned from Graham Friday where she has been visiting her mother.

Fain Wilson left Monday, via View and Lubbock for New Mexico.

Willie Brookerson is very sick at this writing.

Boone Bush left Monday for Oklahoma where he will make his home in the future.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Pippin is reported to be dangerously ill.

Lem Dudley, Cliff Perry and Richard Dalby are among those who have invested in new buggies recently.

Rev. Davis filled his regular appointment at Elm Grove Sunday.

John Denton and wife were visiting relatives near here the first of the week.

T. E. Reynolds made a business trip to Merkel Wednesday.

Mrs. Riney and sons of the Canyon were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Bush Sunday.

Among those from a distance at

preaching Sunday were Loyd Cogburn, Joe and Claud Riney of Mulberry Canyon.

Wade Brookerson and wife of Buffalo Gap were visiting relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Several of the young people here attended the entertainment at Mr. Chapman's near View Friday night. All were profuse in their praise of the host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tubb of Abilene were visiting in Inkum Wednesday and Thursday.

G. W. Wilson was transacting business in the southern part of the county last week.

Adrain Hallmark of Shep made a business trip to this section Friday.

Straight at it

There is no use of our "beating around the bush." We might as well out with it first as last. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the next time you have a cough or cold. There is no reason so far as we can see why you should not do so. This preparation by its remarkable cures has gained a world wide reputation, and people everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. It is for sale by all dealers.

The Rexall store for your cold drinks and cigars.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Mulberry Items.

April 14—All farmers have been busy planting cotton this last week.

There was no preaching here Sunday as Rev. Rister failed to fill his appointment.

Misses Andrews of Abilene are visiting their cousins Misses Frankey and Maggie Lee Chancy.

A jolly crowd gathered at Mrs. Martins Sunday and spent a few hours singing.

Harry Birds baby received a very bad burn on the head, but is now improving.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Harrison spent the latter part of last week in Abilene with the latters parents.

George Henry and family of Stith visited John Childress and wife Sunday.

Little Zelma Rogers is on the sick list this week.

Dan Chancy is having him a well dug, hope he gets plenty good water.

Bob Britton and daughter Miss Lula were in Merkel Monday.

Shiloh Items.

April 14—Mrs. J. H. Grayson left for Dallas Wednesday on account of her sons' wife being sick there.

We are glad to report that the children of Mr. Cary's who have been sick with the measles are improving.

Oscar and Sam Martin from south of Sweetwater are here visiting their brother Lon and looking after business.

Miss Pearl Faubian who has been in Merkel since about christmas returned home Saturday.

The Shiloh school ends this week. This is a very busy week with the farmers, planting cotton and attending Trade Week and shows.

Cough Medicine for Children

Too much care cannot be used in selecting a cough medicine for children. It should be pleasant to take, contain no harmful substance and be most effectual. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy meets these requirements and is a favorite with the mothers of young children everywhere. For sale by all dealers.