

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## MERKEL STOCK SHOW

Big Crowd Comes to See Fine Stock Here Last Thursday.

## 30 AUTOMOBILES OF ABILENE

The Exhibit and Attendance Showed the Interests of Our Farmers and Stockmen in Improved Stock Farming.

The Merkel Stock Show last Thursday was a success in the full meaning of the word.

The exhibit would have done credit to any city in any part of the south and the great crowd which filled our streets manifested the interest of our country in fine stock growing. There were many fine horses, cattle, jacks, hogs, etc., and all interested were well pleased considering the short notice our farmers and stockmen had of the enterprise and the time of year. One result of the enterprise was the determination and agreement of our town and country to have another show this fall, probably in October and all interested may take notice and be ready. It is the idea to give some valuable premiums this fall in order to stimulate the already growing interest.

### Fine Stock Exhibited.

The Famous Blue Ribbon herd of Herefords, owned by C. M. Largent was represented by "Victor Fairfax" and "Baby Doll," grand champion bull and cow and these two animals won the admiration of every visitor.

The Mail is not qualified to pass judgment on the other stock exhibited and as no premiums were awarded by the judges, we simply make mention of the following:

"Adelaide Squire," premium-winning Hackney stallion, exhibited by the company owning him.

"Adelaide Squire, Jr.," a three-year old July 1, 16 hands 3 inches high, weighing 1315 lbs., exhibited by C. E. Whitaker, owner.

"Tempest," imported Coach and one of the best and prettiest all-purpose horses in this section of the country was shown by Edgar Wheeler, owner. A three-year old and three weeks old, colts of Tempest were also shown, by the owner and R. B. McRee.

"Frank," French Coach and Clydesdale horse, exhibited by J. M. Cook of the Noodle country.

"Reno," a combination horse was shown by the owner J. S. Swann. Mr. Swann also exhibited his registered Jersey bull and herd.

"Dan," Steeldust and Hal combination horse, 6-years old, shown by A. C. Boney. A fine jack, owned by George Richey of the Canyon was also shown by Mr. Boney.

"Clipper," harness stallion and one of the best known horses of our country was shown by C. T. Beckham, owner.

"Sunday," Percheron and Coach, combination, shown by S. D. McLeod, Trent. This animal was just recently bought, the owner paying \$1000.

"Prince," a beautiful three-year old Wilkes harness and sad-

dle horse was shown by John Sears, owner and as well his driving team of mares, 4 and 5 past, full sisters. The latter are Glenco and Steeldust.

"Taft," Steeldust and Rattler Brooks horse, three-years old past, shown by Jas. A. Patterson, Jr.

"Red Squirrel," a pretty three-year old, weighing 860 lbs., shown by W. E. Petty, owner.

"Sir Prince," Percheron horse owned by T. D. Wyman, Roscoe, Texas was the only draft horse on the street.

"Dan," black combination stallion owned by W. A. Hellum, Merkel.

### A Fine Young Jack.

In the junior donkey class "Monitor, Jr." took all honors, exhibited by J. N. Teaff, owner. This young jack was not pretty but showed up good of his kind, one year and 16 days of age, he weighs 710 lbs., 14 1/4 hands high and measuring 30 3/4 inches from tip to tip of ears.

Some very fine Duroc Jersey and Poland China hogs were shown by Clemons & Hicks and Mr. McDonald.

A pair of Berkshire pigs exhibited by Joel H. Counts were deserving of the praise they received.

### The Razor Backs.

In conclusion and lest we forget we hasten to make mention of the exhibit of "pure" hogs by Emmet Counts and John Sears. The exhibit consisted of a trio of sure enough "razor backs," in a pen next to the shaded place of the Largent fat cattle they found refuge from the heat of the day round a big block of ice, contributed by a friend of the breeders. This show caused much merriment and a home-sick feeling with many who looked them over and reflected of the days long ago way back east.

## SIMMONS WIN OVER MERKEL BY 3 TO 2

The baseball game here Friday afternoon between Simmons College of Abilene and the local first team was the fastest game of the season so far and is heralded by the Abilene team as being the best one they have been in this year. The score ended 3 to 2 in a victory for the visitors.

At no time during the game was there a marked advantage on either side and for some time it looked as if it would go into extra innings but the steady work of Compere of Simmons held the Merkel boys down to their two scores which came in the sixth, which tied the score at that stage of the game, the winning run in the next inning was put over by fast base running connected with a timely hit.

Ferrier and Woodrum were the local mound artists and both performed creditably, Ferrier going for the first six innings while Woodrum worked during the remainder of the game.

The Merkel boys deserve much praise for their showing, when it is considered that six of the men are members of the high school team and have not had the practice that their opponents have had.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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—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 (Barr-ed 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

OATS—delivered loose at Merkel, 40 cents per bushel in amounts of 50 bu or over. S. H. Rister, Tye, Texas. 28t9pd

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

WANTED—Man with family to do farm work. Write or phone Sam Butman, Nubia, Texas. 11t3

WANTED—Good cotton seed meal and gram sacks. Continental Oil and Cotton Company. 11t2

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

FOUND—Pair of men's gloves. Owner call at the Mail office.

## '13 OUR GOOD READERS '14

At the present there is nothing more satisfying about our newspaper business than the regular rate at which we are adding to our already large subscription list and from all indications there is not going to be an abrupt stop in the amount of new and renewals added to our ranks each week. Again thanking you we beg to remain, as ever to the following late subscribers.

City—J M Westenhouwer, J B Boden, B D Black, L E Sanders, L R Robbins, J S Thomas, J P Hamm, J L Harris, J R Barnett, S P Martin, Jack Provine, J T Howard, T A Johnson, G M Cauthen, J S Burkhead, W M Brown, E W Permitter, R J Adcock, Arthur Sears, G F West, Austin Boyd, T L Grimes and Rev. W M Gaddy.

Routes—D W Ashby, T B Garroue, G F Turner, Jno. A Pike, A B Patterson, E C Spurgeon, Jacob Foster, W F Patterson, B F Ely, D I Shelton, J D Porter, Miss Ida Hale, J H Campbell, Jr., J R Curb, C T McCormick, W C Reid, Jno. Dodds, J W Campbell R L McClain, A J Hartley, G L Shuff.

Others—T L Stevens, W H Kirk, H H Prater, S D McLeod, A M McCright of Trent. M M Denton, M A Henslee, M P Latimer of Nubia. Lee D Williams and C R Horton of Noodle. J C Tucker of Blair; F E Allen of Eskota, Taylor County Abstract Co. and J M Wagstaff of Abilene.

Foreign—Jesse A Rogers and Mrs. Bessie Bragg, Hillsboro; Jim Scoggin, Winters; Mrs. Ruth Ienhowe, Putnam; Thos.

Stevens, Loneoak; Harris Johnson Hardware, Roscoe; W B Alsbrook, Rising Star; Mrs. Jno. Elliott, San Antonio; Rev. R S Heizer, Clarendon; Miss Gertrude Thornton and Dr. Geo. Howard, Dallas; W C Calvert and Eugene Nix, Sweetwater; E D Parr, Celeste; C T Mershon, Terrell; J A Rogers, Hico; Dr. R I Grimes, Trinity; Mrs. S F Foster, Royse City; J F Angus, Lynnville, Tenn; Mrs. Macie Boyd, Altus, Okla; M W Picklesimer, Oakdale, Wash; R W Smith, King, N. M; R L Bradshaw, Chico, Cal; Nettie Turner, Benson, N. M; W W Foster, Elk City, Okla.

### Bakery Announcement.

To my many friends, I wish to announce that I have purchased the Rogers Bakery and will move the baking ovens and accessories into the Jones building on front street, at which place I will operate a modern Pure Food Bakery subject at all times to the closest inspection and invite all patrons to call and see my establishment when completed.

The services of an expert baker has been secured and the moving of the establishment will only consume a few days and hope to have the plant in operation by the first of next week. Will also have my laundry baskets in connection at the same place, the same phone number as I now have, being effective for both lines of business.

Respectfully,

H. M. Warren, Ice and Coal Man.

Mrs. E. Phelan of Lometa left Wednesday afternoon for Robert Lee, having spent about a month here visiting Mrs. W. N. Hall. At Robert Lee Mrs. Phelan will visit her niece, wife of the county judge of Coke county.

## COUNTY COURT IS NOW IN SESSION

Abilene, Tex., April 21.—The first session of county court since County Judge Overshiner was elected by the Commissioners' Court, convened this morning. Court convened in the jury rooms, located in the southeast corner of the court house yard. The wind was too strong to venture to open in the court house.

The docket was called and the following is the setting of cases: Wednesday, April 23rd.—Knox & McCauley vs. R D. Bumpass. Friday, April 25th.—J. A. Morrow vs. Texas & Pacific Ry. Company.

Monday, April 28th.—Star Milling Company vs. Commercial National Bank of Abilene. First State Bank & Trust Co., vs. J. F. Smith et al. S. A. Pitzer vs. J. E. Cope. S. A. Pitzer vs. Tom Cope. S. A. Pitzer vs. Felix S. Wilson.

Tuesday, April 29th.—McKinley Music Co. vs. E. D. Coats. A. F. McDonald vs. M. L. Mertz et al. The McCall Co. vs. G. E. Comegys et al.

Wednesday, April 30,—A. D. Hamilton vs. R. A. Humble. T. G. Jackson vs. T. M. Anderson et al. W. McCullough vs. R. L.

## COUNTRY IS SOAKED

Rain Tuesday Night Was General Over Merkel Country.

## OTHER PARTS OF STATE WET

This Timely Rain Puts Our Country in Best of Condition and Makes Prospects Good for Farmers, Stockmen.

All rains look good to us but the last one always the best and Tuesday night Jupiter Pluvius treated this section to the best stunt of this season. The rain began about eleven o'clock and continued for several hours, until our rain gauge registered a total of 1.35 inches. The reports from our correspondents in the country and telephone company show that the rain was general in our section and this part of the state. The gauge at Stith registered a total of 1.41 inches and in other parts of our country it was about the same. One inch is reported by Abilene and two inch rain at Midland.

The rainfall for the year is as follows: January, .31 inches; February, .50 inches; March, 1.48 inches and April, 2.03 inches. Total for the year thus far, 4.38 inches against a total of 2.25 inches for the same period last year.

There is a greater improvement over the condition of our country from an agricultural standpoint for the same periods. Our farmers have their lands in good shape and prospects are good for our farmers and stockmen.

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.

Orbon et al.

Thursday, May 1st.—Will Stith vs. T. H. Vinson et al. Russell & Young vs. P. K. and H. P. Taylor.

Friday, May 2nd.—E. L. Morgan vs. H. E. Wallace. R. H. Collins vs. Texas & Pacific Ry. Company. Geo. W. Stevens vs. Pecos & Northern Texas Ry. Co.

Monday, May 5th.—State of Texas vs. J. T. Risinger. State of Texas vs. Frank Walden.

Tuesday, May 6th.—State of Texas vs. Harry Armstrong. State of Texas vs. Roy King.

Wednesday, May 7th.—State of Texas vs. Harry Bright. State of Texas vs. J. P. South. State of Texas vs. Jesse Roberson. State of Texas vs. Stella Bailey. State of Texas vs. Willie Bean. The Herald Printing Company vs. Merkel Mail Printing Company. John H. Kegans et al vs. W. A. Shipley.

Thursday, May 8th.—J. D. Gaither vs. R. H. Reeves & Co. J. B. Warnick vs. Texas & Pacific Ry. Co. P. H. Hammock vs. S. C. Galbraith et al. G. Wolf Holstein Co. vs. W. W. Cox.

Friday, May 9th.—Abilene Real Estate Co. vs. W. D. Gamble. John L. Burns vs. Russell Bros. J. H. Baxter et al vs. P. R. Henson. Wichita Valley Ry. Co. vs. Consumers Lignite Co. et al.

# THE FARMERS STATE BANK

J. S. SWANN, President  
 J. C. MOORE, Vice-President  
 R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier  
 B. C. MOORE, Assistant Cashier

## TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS AND ALL OTHERS

This bank joins with others in inviting you to come to Merkel during Trade Week and all of the time. We want you to come to see us and make yourself at home in our bank; if we can help you let us know. We offer you the services, benefits, safety and accommodations of

### THE ONLY GUARANTY FUND BANK IN MERKEL

#### MERKEL PREMIUMS AWARDED SATURDAY

Saturday marked the close of our first Trade Week, and was one of the best days and the best weeks in business in our little city at least since fall. The majority of our merchants had more than they could do for the crowd was here from all of the four corners of our county. It was the biggest and the best natured crowd assembled here in a long time. All were in a good humor and the day as a whole including the award of premiums was very satisfactory.

Mayor W. T. Potter talked to the crowd about Merkel and praised the thrift and liberality of our local merchants. The award of the premiums was in charge by the Merkel Business League committee composed of E. P. McMillen, J. T. Warren, R. O. Anderson and John Sears and the premiums were awarded as follows:

1st. premium, \$85 Moline wagon, to J. B. Curry, farmer, living twelve miles northeast of Merkel.

2nd. premium, \$31 kitchen cabinet, to W. A. Thornton, farmer, living four miles northeast of Merkel.

3rd. premium, \$14 oil stove, to Jno. W. Campbell, farmer and stockman, living south of Merkel.

In addition to the above a number of smaller but valuable premiums were awarded by several of our local merchants as individual premiums to show their appreciation of the liberal patronage of our people.

#### New Business to Open.

W. E. Douglass and family of Henrietta came in last week to make their home here in the future. Mr. Douglass a brother of Mrs. Frank Sears of this place will open up a full and complete racket store, probably across the street in front of the post office.

At the present Mr. and Mrs. Douglass are at the home of F. Sears but as soon as they can get a home will move their household goods which have already arrived.

#### Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Apr. 26 1913.

Athison, Dr. J. A.  
 Brown, J. C.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office May 10, 1913.  
 H. W. Derstine, P.M.

#### 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.

**PRESBYTERIAN 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. Prayer meeting 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.

#### 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.

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THE MERKEL MAIL \$1.00 per year

#### A Healing Salve for Burns, Chapped Hands and Sore Nipples

As a healing salve for burns, chapped hands and sore nipples Chamberlain's Salve is most excellent. It allays the pain of a burn almost instantly, and unless the injury is severe, heals the parts without leaving a scar. Price 25c. For sale by all dealers.

#### A Frost.

"Have you purchased your new car yet, Mrs. Noorich?" asked the visitor. "No, Mr. Smithers, I ain't. I can't make up my mind whether to get a gasoline car or a limousine car. Maybe you can tell me—does limousine smell as bad as gasoline?" inquired the lady.—Harper's Weekly.

#### No Calomel Necessary.

The injurious effects and unpleasantness of taking calomel is gone away with by Simmon's Liver Purifier, the mildest known liver medicine, yet the most thorough in its action. Put up in yellow tin boxes only. Price 25c, tried once, used always.

#### Keeps Bouquet Fresh.

A nonspillable flower vase, to keep a corsage bouquet fresh while it is being worn, has been invented by a French woman.

#### RAILROADS WILLING TO MAKE NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS.

Raising of Rate Not Necessary, Says Lovett—Welfare Commission Investigates Subject.

Houston, Texas.—There is no more important subject confronting the people of Texas today than the improvement of our transportation facilities. We need more mileage, better roadbeds, heavier steel and in some instances double track; increasing and improving our equipment, better terminal facilities, depots, etc. The railroads in some instances stand ready to give the needed relief and the people would rejoice in securing the improvements provided it did not result in making it necessary to raise the rates. This feature of the subject was carefully investigated by the Texas Welfare Commission and a negative conclusion reached. Mr. R. S. Lovett, executive head of the Harman lines, in discussing the subject, said in part:

"I would not think of applying to the Railroad Commission for an increase in rates, based on the issue of additional bonds. It would be a question of investment always—of what the expenditure would do. We would not make it unless we thought the business would make the investment good."

"The Union Pacific in the nine years ending June 30th last, put new money into its property—that is, in double track and in betterments and in other improvements, the construction of new lines, branches, etc., \$148,748,000. Now it has not raised any rates. The rates are the same as they were before."

"The Southern Pacific system west of El Paso during the last nine years has expended in betterments and additions in buying some electric lines and extending them and the construction of new lines—that is to say, in what we call "capital expenditures," or new money, \$214,224,000. We have not raised the rates; the rates in many instances have been reduced."

"During the time we spent \$214,224,000 west of El Paso we spent \$19,140,000 in Texas."

"I have never been an advocate of higher rates. I think we ought to look to an increase in business with the growth of the country, the improvement of our facilities, and the increase in the volume of business for our profits."

#### 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 16 1/2 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.

Dr. King's New Life Pills  
 The best in the world.

#### NEXT TRADE WEEK MAY 19TH TO 24TH

The Merkel Business League is arranging for another special Trade Week for our little town, May 19th. to 24th.

The premiums, advertising and arrangements are in the hands of committees appointed by the League and at the time of going to press this week all business had not been arranged and we can not make definite announcements until our next issue.

We are safe to say that the premiums to be given away will be as good and valuable as before and the special bargains and inducements of our business people for your trade will be better than ever. The idea of this campaign for more business is to enable our merchants to sell for less and the success of the last Trade Week inspires them to greater efforts and reductions.

You can save money by purchasing your supplies at Merkel and then they will award some valuable premiums in addition.

#### Mrs. Coggin Very Low.

Grandma Coggin who lives at Noodle has been very low for the past week. Her condition has been such as caused all her children to be notified. Mrs. Anna Cordell of Tucson, Ariz., and T. J. Coggin came in Tuesday noon and Mrs. Lee Carruth of Wewoka, Okla., came in the same afternoon to be with their mother.

A report Tuesday evening was that the aged lady was resting some better but little hope is entertained for her recovery.

#### Mrs. B. C. Gailther Very Ill.

Mrs. B. C. Gailther has been very ill at her home in South Merkel. While her condition is regarded by some as very dangerous, it is hoped that she will speedily recover.

#### Money to Lend.

Plenty of money to lend on farm and ranch land. Will inspect your land in 2 days notice.  
 Russell & Young,  
 Abilene, Texas.

#### Aged Lady Dead.

Mrs. R. P. Petterson, wife of R. P. Petterson of Stith died of old age at her home Tuesday evening.

At the time of her death she was in her 85th year and has a host of friends in the Stith community who mourn her loss very much. Burial services were held in the Stith cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

#### STATEMENT

### Farmers and Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Call of Comptroller April 4, 1913

#### RESOURCES

Loans .....	\$109,470.86
U. S. Bond and Premiums .....	7,450.00
Furniture and Fixtures .....	3,000.00
Real Estate .....	6,657.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund .....	312.50
Cash and Sight Exchange .....	72,173.34
Total .....	\$199,063.95

#### LIABILITIES

Capital paid in .....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits .....	31,177.03
Circulation .....	6,250.00
Bills Payable .....	None
Rediscounts .....	None
Borrowed Money .....	None
Deposits .....	136,636.92
Total .....	\$199,063.95

The above statement is correct.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

Read it---study it---compare it. Notice the deposits, surplus funds and the cash on hand. Transact your banking with us and get that happy comfortable satisfied feeling.

# 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$195,956.18</b>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$195,956.18</b>

ONE YEAR AND EIGHT MONTHS OLD

JOHN SEARS, President C.L. BARKER, V-Pres J.E. FAUCETT, Cashier

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## NOTICE TO THE ICE TRADE

If you want Ice, I have it. Phone No. 4 up until May 1st, after that date phone your orders to No. 142. The price will remain the same as heretofore, with the exception of 5c and 10c amounts. Books on sale, 60c per 100 lbs.

### H. M. WARREN, ICE AND COAL MAN

#### RIGHT TO ISSUE REFUNDING BONDS.

#### Freight Rates Not Affected by Refunding of Securities.

Houston, Texas.—The right to re-issue maturing securities in excess to the Railroad Commission valuation is one that is denied railroads by the State of Texas, although such securities were legally issued prior to the passage of the Stock and Bond law. The opinion of men engaged in financing railroads was sought by the Texas Welfare Commission, recently adjourned. Mr. R. S. Lovett, executive head of the Harriman lines, gave his views in part, as follows:

"Every railroad company ought to be given the right to issue bonds at par, to refund existing obligations. The existing bonds of the Houston & Texas Central, for instance, (and it is true of every other railroad company in the state except those who have recently issued bonds under the ruling of the Commission) have been outstanding for more than twenty years. They have been held by innocent investors for this long period. The railroad company has, year after year, paid semi-annually the interest on these bonds. The Railroad Commission during all that time has been sitting at Austin, with full power (unlimited power almost) over the railroads, with the state treasury at its disposal, with the Legislature willing to appropriate any amount that the Commission deemed necessary to carry on its work. If there is any illegality in any of these bonds the Commission should have found it out long ago and applied the remedy. I submit that after the lapse of twenty years it is too late to talk about the validity of outstanding railroad bonds. That subject ought to be foreclosed by time, if nothing else."

Mr. E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe, made the following statement in regard to the matter:

"I do not think it is fair treatment of people who own these securities, who buy them innocently, for the state to take such action as will render them worthless, or partially worthless."

The Hadley Commission, appointed by Congress to investigate railroad matters, recommended that no attempt be made to scale down old securities.

The contention has never been made except by uninformed persons that the refunding of outstanding securities would affect freight rates.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Increased Comfort for Hog.

A hog's habit of scratching itself against a post has led to the invention of an automatic disinfecter for animals, which are sprayed with a fluid as they rub against a supporting column.

#### Short Life of Dollar Bill.

The life of a dollar bill is about fourteen months.

### GEO. C. CHATWIN

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Ladies garments a specialty

Suits to Order from \$15.00 up.

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L. J. RENFRO, Proprietor.

#### COMMISSION SUGGESTS WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

Present Method Wasteful—Elimination of Middlemen Suggested as Solution.

Houston, Texas.—A workman's compensation act along the lines suggested by the Texas Welfare Commission contemplates the practical elimination of the middlemen, who are largely the cause of mulcting the employer and defeating the injured employee of his just dues. This it does by accepting the broad principle that all workmen injured in the course of employment shall be compensated by the industry in which they were engaged when injured.

The extent of the waste resulting from our present system is indicated by a statement by the committee of the Wisconsin Legislature. It said that for an employer to pay about \$18 to an injured employe on account of injury, it requires \$82 to carry the \$18 to him.

Mr. R. S. Lovett, executive head of the Harriman lines, in discussing this subject, said in part:

"A man suffers an injury that may justify perhaps a verdict for twenty or thirty thousand dollars. The lawyer makes a contract with him, usually by which the lawyer gets fifty per cent of the recovery and by which the injured person is precluded from settling his own claim. This is money out of pocket for the railroad and it is not money in the pocket of the injured employe. For that reason the system is vicious and it can be, and ought to be, remedied. My own judgment is that the best remedy would be a statute that would prohibit lawyer's fees in any personal injury case of more than five hundred dollars. I think that would be ample compensation. Having practiced law myself, I know something of the value of legal services and I hope I do not depreciate them; but railroad companies employ lawyers to defend such suits and at the time I lived in Texas—I do not know what the scale is now—the very best lawyers in the state would take and defend such cases for \$250 or \$300 per case."

Mr. E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe, said in part:

"Our loss and damage claims per mile were about three times as much as the average of our entire railroad in fourteen states. I suppose everybody knows about the loss and damage industry in Texas; it is an industry; that is the correct name to give it. It may be felonious, but it is an industry."

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Little Alton Johnson, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler, left for his home in El Paso Monday afternoon. The young man has made his home with his grandparents during the last two winters in order to be in school here, but of late has been in very bad health and on advice of his physician was sent home until his health is improved.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheon were in Trent Sunday afternoon visiting relatives.

Frank L. Turner, tinner and plumber phone No. 246. Ready to do your work, prices reasonable. Don't forget to phone me your wants.

Mrs. Lucy Greer of Hillsboro came in Friday afternoon for a visit with her sister Mrs. W. R. Walker. Mrs. Greer has only been away a short time but to her many friends it seemed like an age, her visit here will be for a week or two yet before she returns to her home.

Miss Eleanor Daniel who has been connected with the Hogue-Hamilton Co., for some time will leave next Thursday for Bay City where she will enter the Bay City College. While there Miss Daniel will make her home with her brother D. F. Daniel and will not return to her home at Merkel for some months.

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

#### New Agency.

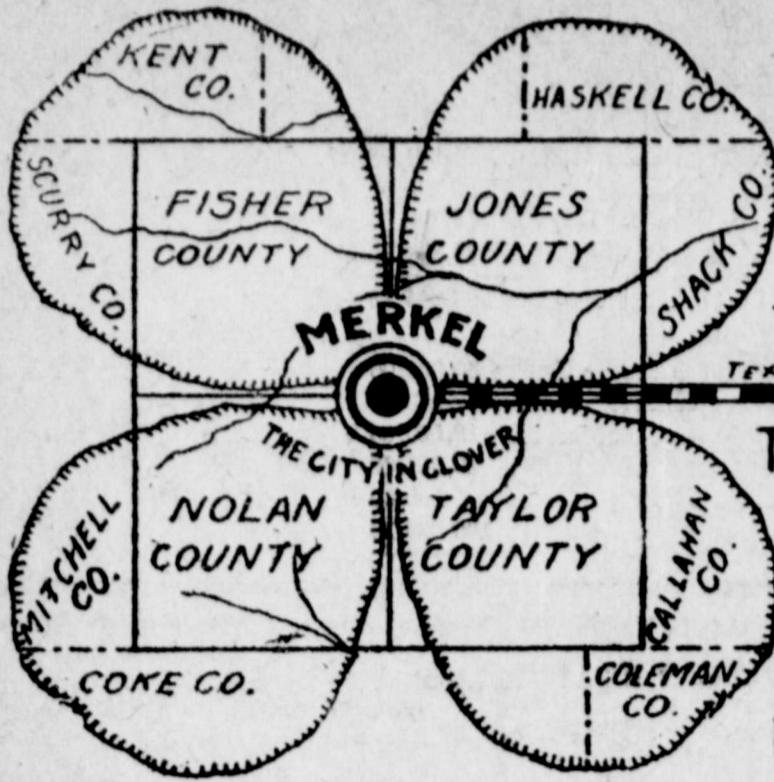
J. Z. Martin & Co., Tanners have this week secured the agency of the Sampson Windmill and offer same to the trade at the lowest possible figures. In connection Mr. Martin has secured the services of an expert tinner and asks a share of your patronage, all kinds of plumbing, range stove repair work, well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

Mrs. Oscar Rohde of Houston came in Thursday afternoon to visit her son W. H. Kendrick and to look after her real estate holdings in the Shiloh country. Mrs. Rohde will be here for some time before returning to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bankhead of Crosbyton have returned to Merkel to make their home.

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

Mrs. Fred Blair of Baird is here this week visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin.



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### LETTING THE CHILDREN PAY.

We must confess to a good deal of admiration for the stand taken by those school teachers in Palestine, Texas, who, in defiance of all precedents in such cases, refused to permit collections to be taken up by their pupils to help pay for a silver service for the battleship Texas. Wherein lies the consistency, asked these teachers, of endeavoring day after day to instill into the minds of children a love of peace and respect of the Golden Rule and then turning around and asking them, on the ground of patriotism, to give up their hoarded nickels and pennies to fit out a big mankilling machine?

It has been the custom, since Uncle Sam has been giving to battleships and armored cruisers the names of states and cities, for the states and cities so honored to present magnificent silver sets to their floating namesakes and in a good many cases the honor of paying for same has been generously turned over to the school children.

Battleships are on occasion very necessary and desirable parts of the government machinery and we are more than willing that their officers shall have the privilege of using themselves and displaying to visitors on proper occasions the finest silver services that the silversmiths can produce. But the policeman is likewise a very essential part of the government force and there does not seem to be any very good reason for asking the children on his beat to supply from their candy money the fund to buy his star.

Calling on the children to pay for silver punch bowls for battleships savors a good deal of that long-followed custom of requiring American naval officers to pay out of their private pockets for the entertainment of all visitors aboard Uncle Sam's vessels in both home and foreign ports.—Hollands Magazine.

Contrary to our way of viewing the matter is the way the editor of Hollands Magazine looks at this patriotic spirit in which the children of our big state are given a chance to show their spirit.

Perhaps at no other place in the state where the matter was taken into consideration were the children forbidden to take up a contribution for the above purpose. We think it is well that the children be allowed to solicit aid for this if their parents are willing and it will seldom be found the case of any true-hearted Texan to forbid his boy or girl from taking a hand in an ancient custom. No doubt the Palestine school teachers wanted to follow the example of President Wilson in breaking some ancient rules but they did not seem to have in mind a worthy cause when they asked the school children of their town to break a precedent so long standing and dear to the hearts of our people.

J. Pierpont Morgan was the uncrowned king of the financial world. With all his millions he be-

lieved in the immortality of the soul and the life everlasting. This most extraordinary excerpt is taken from his will and it prefaced that document "I commit my soul into the hands of my Savior, in full confidence that having redeemed it and washed it in His precious blood, He will present it faultless before the throne of my Heavenly Father, and I entreat my children to maintain and defend at all hazard and at any cost of personal sacrifice the blessed doctrine of the complete atonement for his through the blood of Jesus Christ, once offered and through that alone." And yet some men say that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. We do not believe it. There are rich men who are high-minded, clean, philanthropic and God-loving. Men's good deeds tell the story. There are poor men and many of them who are just the reverse. And this is no defense of the financial record and dealings of John Pierpont Morgan.—Exchange.

### THE KNOCKER.

The knocker will knock, as all knockers do,  
He may hurt his own business, as well as hurt you,  
But that makes no difference, he sees nothing good,  
He knocks and does nothing, wouldn't it be could.

He knocks the new railroad, says there's nothing to it,  
Knocks the new bank, says it won't last a minute,  
Knocks the new school house, there's not enough kids,  
Said the price was too high when they opened the bids.

He knocks at the editor, says he is slow,  
Knocks at the preacher, he is a mighty poor go,  
Knocks the merchant—says the prices are too high,  
Knocks at the lawyers—says they all lie.

Knocks at the doctors—says they are quacks,  
Says real estate men don't deal in facts,  
So he knocks and knocks—poor lonesome devil,  
Trying to get others down to his level.

Oh! give me the booster—the man with a smile,  
Who gives you the glad hand without any guile;  
Who will go out of his way to show you around,  
And tell of the good things found in his town.

When he gets to heaven at the pearly gate,  
He will find a welcome, early and late;  
While the poor old knocker, so sour and crusty,  
Will find the gate closed and the hinges rusty.

### COCK ROACHES AND CANCER.

Scientists have discovered that cancer is caused by cock roaches. If they are correct in their statements then Houston must have a great deal of cancer. Some of the cheap beaneries which are dubbed cafes and restaurants are storming with roaches and flies, to say nothing of the way in which the butter is placed upon the plates with filthy fingers instead of a spoon or fork.—Pecos Record-Times.

We did not know that Bro. Carothers knew anything about the Bayou City but he evidently has had an insight into the unsightly conditions of that town when it comes to seeing cock roaches at practically every shack of the town. But if the Pecos man had taken into consideration that the new mayor Ben Campbell has ousted 150 old office holders there seems to be a death knell to every old grafter of the town. With a good beginning there may be some good accomplished in a short time and the old sore of cock roaches under your plate and about your bed will be a thing of the past.

The scholastic population of Taylor county is 5217 according to a report just issued by the state department of education and the total apportionment at \$6.81 per capita is \$35,736.45 for the 1912-13 term. Five thousand one hundred and thirteen of our school children are whites and 104 are negroes. The total number of school children over seven and under seventeen years of age in Texas is 1,017,133 and 812,896 are white and 204,237 are colored. The males number 515,603 and the females 601,530. The total apportionments are \$6,997,361 for the state.



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Chocolate and music have been introduced into a Swiss prison, with the idea of reforming the inmates.

Agreed on One Point.  
Hokus—Toothache, eh? I'd have the blamed thing pulled if it were mine. Pokus—So would I, if it were yours.

Laughter Like a Bombshell.  
One good, hearty laugh is a bombshell exploding in the right place, while spleen and discontent are a gun that kicks over the man who shoots it off.—De Witt Talmage.

# Special Prices at W. D. Woodroof & Co's Friday and Saturday

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

When hungry phone 8-0.

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

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

Just come around and see our Eastman Kodaks. A new supply just received. Rust and McCauley Drug Co.

Thos. Sears of Whitewright is here this week visiting his son John Sears, president of the Southern National Bank.

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

S. A. Duckett, local manager of the Southwestern Tel. and Tel. Co., was in Abilene Tuesday attending a district meeting of the company.

Don't forget that Whitley, Son & Company are giving Merkel Trade Coupons for next trade week. Get them now.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Woodroof of Waxahachie but formerly of this place returned here Sunday for a short visit with the formers brother W. D. Woodroof.

I will give Merkel Trade Coupons in my optical work. Mrs. E. M. Rust, optometrist at Rust & McCauley's Drug Store.

Mrs. W. E. Britain had for her guests this week, her mother Mrs. R. A. Haley and grandmother Mrs. Curry, both of Matador. The visiting ladies returned to their home Tuesday afternoon.

We have some surprising values in mens blue serge suits. Just arrived this week. Hogue-Hamilton Company.

A. A. Wisdom of Brownwood was here last week shaking hands with friends and seeing his old home. "Si" is the same as usual and meets everyone with a broad smile.

Frank L. Turner, tinner and plumber, phone No. 246, am ready to do your work. Prices reasonable and dont forget to phone you wants.

G. J. Jones came in last week from an extended business trip in different parts of the state where he has been representing the International Harvester Co., he will be here for a short time only.

You will get your moneys worth in dependable dry goods when you trade with Hogue-Hamilton Company.

More gold fish at McClains

To My Friends.

I will appreciate your assistance in the West Texas Hardware Company's piano contest. Respect. Beulah Garrett. 7t8pd

# BARGAINS

MONEY

Among our recent purchases we have secured some **DECIDED BARGAINS** and we are going to give our customers the benefit of our buying in quantities to secure the price

We Invite You to Call  
At Our Store Any Time During  
Monday of Next Week

when we will take pleasure in showing you some splendid values in all departments. Don't forget to ask for Piano Votes with every purchase

West Texas Hardware Company

TALKS

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The Rexall store for your cold drinks and cigars.

Miss Mae White visited in Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen were in Abilene Sunday visiting friends.

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

W. E. Miller of Trent was in town Saturday attending to business matters.

Ladies, see our new goods in this week's arrivals. Hogue-Hamilton Company.

Mrs. J. B. Ferrier visited relatives in Abilene the first of the week.

Eastman Kodaks, supplies and accessories at Rust & McCauley's Drug Store.

Dr. Brown of Zephyr came in Monday for a short visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brown.

Visit our cream parlor, just installed. Rust and McCauley Drug Company.

Mrs. J. H. McCullom who is here visiting her daughter Mrs. B. C. Gaither, went to Abilene Wednesday to visit relatives.

See us for a new suit, prices ten to twenty dollars, extra values. Hogue-Hamilton Company.

Claud Sears returned Sunday from an extended business trip in Arizona where he will likely return to in the near future.

We're the exclusive agents for the Eastman Kodaks. Rust and McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. J. W. Terry of Midland came in Monday to attend the funeral of her brother J. N. Seigler who was buried at Stith Tuesday.

With every \$1.00 cash purchase we will give a 25 cent can of talcum powder. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

Mrs. George Easterwood of Midland came in Saturday to see her mother Mrs. Coggin who is very ill at her home in the Nood- le country.

I am now representing the Franco-American Hygenic toilet goods. Same as Mrs. A. L. Jobe sold. Will appreciate your orders. Winnie Sandlin. 2t

Miss Ruby Jones has returned home from Santa Anna where she has been working for the past few months. Her stay here will be for only a few days at the end of which time she will return and resume her duties.

Prescriptions our specialty.  
The Rexall Store.

### PROBLEM THAT PUZZLED HIM

Bobby Didn't Understand How He Could Get Candy for Three With "One Money."

It was a charming summer morning Bobby, aged five; Seth, aged four, and Jennie, aged three, were escorting their father, Doctor Jackson, on his daily visit to the village postoffice. He had promised them candy, and they straggled along in great content. Opposite the telephone office the procession was suddenly brought to a stop by the operator, who appeared in the door and beckoned the doctor imperatively.

"Hey, 'doc! You're wanted over a Clifton right away!" he cried. "I tried to get you at the house, and your wife said you were on your way downtown. You've got to hurry!"

The doctor turned about hurriedly but the three pleading faces made him hesitate. He thrust his hand into his pocket, found no pennies. So he selected a nickel, and placed it in Bobby's hand.

"Now, Bobby, papa must hurry. You take this and get the candy. Get some for Seth and Jennie, too, you know. And be sure to go right back home after you get it."

Bobby, who had not yet learned that there were coins of larger value than the penny, took the nickel with out much enthusiasm, and the children proceeded to the candy shop. Here Bobby took his seat upon an upturned box and let his chin fall upon his breast. A telltale sob betrayed his state of mind to the clerk.

"Why, Bob?" exclaimed the sympathetic clerk. "I never knew you to cry! What's the matter?"

Bobby showed the nickel that had been shut tight in his warm little fist.

"Papa told me to get candy for all of us," he gulped, "and I can't! Seth and I can't have any. I've only got"—another sob—"one money!"—Youth's Companion.

### To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

### Money in Butterfly Farm.

An Englishman operating a butterfly farm is said to sell to museum and collectors upward of 50,000 specimens yearly. He obtains as high as \$50 for exceptionally fine ones, and his net income is said to be fully \$2,500.

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### FAMOUS LEAPS OF BYARD

Hoof Prints Near Newmarket That Mark Jumps of the Legendary Blind Horse.

Near Newmarket, in Lincolnshire, England, there are three marks of a horse's hoofs, and each mark is seven yards distant from the other. Every man who farms the field is careful to keep these marks from being grass-grown or plowed up. For they are the famous marks of Byard's leap, which is recounted in the following story:

There was once a witch of Newmarket who bewitched the cattle and crops of her neighbors and did all sorts of mischief, and at last one farmer went to a wise man and asked him what to do to overcome the witch.

"Tie a naked dagger around your waist," said the wise man. "Then drive your horses into a pond at night and throw a stone into the pond. Mount the horse that lifts his head up first and gallop off to the witch's hut and bid her out to ride with you."

Byard, a blind horse, was the first to raise his head when the farmer threw the stone, so the farmer mounted him and galloped to the witch's hut.

"Out and ride with me! Out and ride with me!"

And out came the witch. She jumped at the horse, and Byard made his first leap, and got away. She jumped again, and Byard made his second leap and got away. At the third leap she sprang behind the farmer and wound her skinny arms about his waist. But the dagger cut her left arm, and she lost all her power, and was never able to trouble anybody again.

### Opened His Eyes.

Sweet Master Chaucer Epicus and Amarylhis fair, went strolling by the mill-stream—a most idyllic pair. "My loveliest of loves!" broke forth the swain's excited muse. "Permit me to extol the charms which thus rouse your soul enthuse. Your little ears, so shelly pink, for lovers' praise were made; no fairy feet than thine more neat, e'er tripped o'er moon-lit glade; your eyes are like twin stars of night; like fine-spun gold's your hair; your lips put Cupid's bow to scorn; your teeth are past compare." But here a playful gust of wind came gayly through the trees, and whisked his darling's hat and hair away upon its breeze! Alas! why did the maiden then permit herself to shout, and cause her lover added pain to see her teeth fall out?



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

One of the most enjoyable social features of the year was the lawn reception given by the members of the Methodist Philatheas, Baptist Baracas and Philatheas, Presbyterian Baracas and Philatheas and the pastors on the evening of Saturday, April 19. The beautiful Woodroof lawn was the delightful scene of these festivities. The lawn was furnished with rustic seats, above which hung in gay coloring the outlines of an equilateral triangle of Japanese lanterns. The guests were welcomed at the entrance to the lawn by Vernon Boring, chairman of the reception committee. They were then greeted at the steps by Frank Smith, class president who presented them to Miss Hawkins the teacher. Simpson Christopher presided over the guest book, John Moore distributed Baraca pennants as souvenirs.

A large number of young people from the different Sunday schools of the town were present and nothing was spared which might add in any way to the pleasures of the guests.

After a short scripture lesson and prayer the class sang some Baraca rally songs. The president then welcomed the guests in a short yet eloquent address. To this Miss Carroll Rister responded briefly but fittingly.

A Baraca Quiz was then given, after which a Baraca story was read, in which the names of the pupils were artfully woven. A social half hour was enjoyed by all in conversation and games. This was followed by an amusing and very exciting "post race" in which the contestants were one from each Baraca class. The race was very close but was won by Ira Shaffer.

In the candy "gobbling" contest it was difficult to decide upon the victor. Large platters of rosy apples and bowls of bananas then became the objects of chief interest. At a late hour the guests departed.

This is the second annual reception of the Methodist Baracas in compliment to their brother and sister classes and was a complete success in every way.—One Present.

The M. E. Baraca class held its regular semi-monthly business session Friday April 18 at the home of Mrs. J. W. Jennings.

Miss May Valentine entertained the XXth Century Club at her home Saturday afternoon. Mrs. R. A. Martin presided over the business session. The last lesson in the Merry Wives of Windsor was led by Miss Orra Long. At the conclusion of the program the social half hour with the hostess was very enjoyable. Cream and Cake were served to Misses Orra Long, Evalyne Williams, Louise Schmid, Mesdames W. M. Jenkins, G. F. West, R. A. Martin, W. R. Walker, R. T. Greer of Hillsboro, Mrs. Valentine and little Miss Julia Martin. Mrs. G. F. West will be the next hostess.

Mrs. T. J. Coggin entertained Friday evening at her home north of Merkel for the Friday evening bridge club. A number of delightful games were played, at the conclusion of which the hostess assisted by her daughter Miss Zora served pink and white brick cream and angel food to Misses Mabel Collins, Genevieve Rust, Mesdames E. M. Rust, J. W. Daniel, S. P. Miller, Mrs. Oscar Rohde of Houston, Messrs. J. W. Daniel, Dee Grimes and W. H. Kendrick.

On last Friday the juniors entertained the seniors. A delicious luncheon was served at the noon hour in the laboratory. Invited guests were the high school teachers, Misses E. Love Hawkins, Louise Schmid, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Krigbaum, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Black and the seniors, 1913. The menu included chickens baked and fried, sandwiches, salads, puddings, pies, cakes, fruit and tooth picks.

The Baptist Philathea Class will pack their box Saturday afternoon at the West Texas Hardware Store. The box will be sent to the orphans at the Buckners Orphan Home in Dallas.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met at the church Monday afternoon to select a study course and to attend to the regular order of business. The President, Mrs.

Sixty Years the Standard

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER  
A Cream of Tartar Powder Made from Grapes NO ALUM

J. L. Harris presided over the meeting. The first chapter in "China's New Day" was the lesson assigned for April 28th. The meeting will be held at the church.

Notice Library Readers—After the first of May the library will be open from 5 to 6 o'clock on each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoon.

DOING THEIR DUTY

Scores of Merkel Readers are Learning the Duty of the Kidneys

To filter the blood is the kidneys duty. When they fail to do this the kidneys are weak. Backache and other kidney ills may follow. Help the kidneys do their work. Use Doan's Kidney Pills—the tested kidney remedy. Merkel people endorse their worth.

E. W. Dennis, N. Main St., Merkel, Texas, says: "We have used Doan's Kidney Pills off and on for some time. They have proven to be good for kidney trouble."

Mr. Dennis is only one of many Merkel people who have gratefully endorsed Doan's Kidney Pills. If your back aches—if your kidneys bother you, don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—but ask distinctly for Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mr. Dennis had—the remedy backed by home testimony. 50c at all stores. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. "When your back is lame—remember the name."

A Natural Death.

Judge—"You say the man died a natural death?" Witness—"Yes, your honor." Judge—"But I thought he was shot?" Witness—"So he was, judge. But he was practicing on the trombone at the time."—Yonkers Statesman.

And His Self-Respect. The man who marries for money sells his liberty.—Proverb.



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ANCIENT STATUTE UNCOVERED BY COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION.

Asks Repeal of Law Enacted in 1874—Act Hinders Organization of Private Corporations.

Dallas, Texas.—The Texas Welfare Commission in its investigation of legislation in relation to the organization of private corporations developed some very ancient statutes which have been covered by the debris of a half century of custom. One of these statutes which has been water-logged by custom and has escaped the notice of many corporations that depend largely upon bond issues for financing their projects was brought to the attention of the Commission by R. C. Duff, chairman. The statute in question was adopted in 1874 and prohibits private corporations from incurring an indebtedness greater than the amount of their capital stock.

Many private corporations ignorant of or indifferent to this law have frequently violated it and by common custom have long ignored it, but corporations that place their securities upon the market where they are examined by skillful lawyers find their bonds rejected on account of this statute. The provision was incorporated in our law upon the erroneous theory commonly accepted at that time that a corporation should not incur a debt greater than the amount of the capital stock. The Commission finds the statute a menace to creditors in good faith and asks that it be repealed.

The watering of stock of private corporations also came in for severe censure at the hands of the Commission and they made a plea for higher standards of business morality in legislation for the promotion and organization of private corporations. The report of the Commission of this subject in part, is as follows:

"When the disposition of the state concerning railroad securities is remembered, it is remarkable that public sentiment has not heretofore driven our legislatures to throw more safeguards around the organization of private corporations, whose stock is intended to be sold to the people of Texas. Some rational legislation that will insure some reasonable relevancy between the value of the property owned or to be owned by the corporation and the securities to be issued by the same should be adopted."

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.

Struggling Against Injury.

"What's the terrible fight going on over there?" "Oh, that's just an alderman trying to prevent a corporation agent from crowding a thousand dollars into his pocket."—Detroit Free Press.

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.

Toy Symphony

AT THE OPERA HOUSE FRIDAY NIGHT By Students of Simmons College

GIVING ALSO

A SHORT COMEDY FARCE

All Net Receipts to go to Cause of ADMINISTRATION BUILDING For Simmons College

Prices 15c, 20c and 25c

SEATS ON SALE AT THE ELITE

Salves Can't Cure Eczema

In regard to skin diseases, medical authorities are now agreed on this: Don't imprison the disease germs in your skin by the use of greasy salves, and thus encourage them to multiply. A true cure of all eczematous diseases can be brought about only by using the healing agents in the form of a liquid. WASH THE GERMS OUT. A simple wash: A compound of Oil of Wintergreen, Thymol, and other ingredients as combined in the D.D.D. Prescription. This penetrates to the

disease germs and destroys them, then soothes and heals the skin as nothing else has ever done. A 50 cent bottle will start the cure and give you instant relief. We have made fast friends of more than one family by recommending this D.D.D. Prescription to a skin sufferer here and there, and we want you to try it now on our positive pay guarantee. D.D.D. Soap keeps the pores clean; ask us.

H. C. BURROUGHS.

You Should Attend the Annual Reunion UNITED Confederate Veterans

Chattanooga, Tenn. May 27 29, 1913



And Connections will provide special equipment and afford The Quickest Schedule

Ask T. & P. Ticket Agents for full information relative fares, accommodations and routes, or write

A. D. Bell, Asst. Passenger Agent Geo. D. Hunter, Gen. Pass. Agent DALLAS, TEXAS

House Plans Important.

The care of food in the home and all other forms of household work are greatly facilitated by right planning and then the use of suitable materials for the construction and furnishing of the home. An adequate and convenient water supply and other conveniences are essential, not only for comfort and for saving labor, but also from the standpoint of home hygiene.

Canada's Federal System.

That Canada is a nation in the making and in the very beginning of that making, you may see everywhere. Indeed, there is not one place of Canadian life and activity that does not tell the story of nation-building. But nowhere does this so force itself upon you as when you study the forming of the Canadian government, and especially its development of a national, constitutional, and judicial system.—American Review of Reviews.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve The Best Salve In The World.

Hunters Born, Not Made. A hunter is born, not made. Unless a man has the love of the chase bred in his blood he's not going to get any blue ribbons pinned on him for sportsmanship. Some men take to the trail as naturally as a duck beats it to the puddle after cracking the egg shell. Then there are others who never seem to learn the game—they think they like to hunt but when you get them into the tall and unnumbered, they prove to be misfits who are eternally doing the wrong thing at the inopportune time.—National Sportsman.

Medical Attention.

"It has often been said, with truth, that only two classes of people receive truly expert medical attendance—the very rich and the very poor," writes Walter Pritchard Eaton in Munsey's for October. "The very rich can afford specialists and trained nurses. The very poor are taken to million-dollar hospitals, where the best is given to them, and then, perhaps, to convalescent country homes. The rest of us are at the mercy of the general practitioner and amateur nursing."

Before or After.

"I thought that in the 15 years of my practice of medicine," said a physician, "I had answered almost every possible foolish question, but a new one was sprung on me recently. A young man came in with an inflamed eye, for which I prescribed liniment—to be dropped into the eye three times a day. He left the surgery, but returned in a few minutes, poked his head in the doorway, and asked: "Shall I drop this in the eye before meals, or after?"

New York's Demand for Coal. One year's supply of coal for New York city loaded into fifty-ton cars would make a train reaching from Salt Lake City to the Atlantic ocean, a distance of 2,452 miles.

Oiling Shoes.

The best way to keep black leather shoes from looking worn, and also from breaking, is to dip a small flannel rag in olive oil and rub it into the leather; if it needs further rubbing or wiping, take a fresh, dry flannel rag and go over it. This method is good for the woman in mourning, as it keeps her footwear black without poling it, and provides a good finish.

# FRANK L. TURNER

MERKEL - - TEXAS

## TINNER AND PLUMBER

Repairs windmills and pumps. All kinds of tin and sheet iron work. Tanks, gutters, roofing and general repair shop

Phone 249-Charges Reasonable-No Amateur, 30 Years Experience

### YOUR WORK SOLICITED

#### J. N. Seigler Dead.

Austin Boyd of this place reports the death of his grandfather J. N. Seigler at Stith on Monday of this week.

The old gentleman had been living in this section of the country for about a year and had made numerous friends in that section of the country. Old age is given as the cause of his death, he having passed the age of 88 years at the time of his death. Burial was given the body at Stith the following morning.

#### Freakish Cat.

Jack N. Smith of near Trent who was in town on business reported the birth of a cat at his place that goes on record as a champion freak of nature.

The kitten was seemingly perfect in body but supported two well developed heads, each head having a fully developed mouth but a partnership eye, the two heads having one eye in common, in addition to two other eyes that seemed set in the two distinct heads at natural places. The kitten only lived a few hours.

#### New Yale Motorcycles.

Agent W. E. Britain of the Yale Motorcycle Co., this week, delivered two new twin-cylinder machines to Jno. R. Daniel. The new motorcycles are of the 1913 model and are very trim in every respect. The new owner together with his wife have already planned a trip to Fort Worth and will no doubt make it in the near future, using the motorcycles as a means of travel.

#### Money! Money!

Plenty of 8 per cent money on 5 and 10 years time with the option of paying or not. Get in your application in time.

V. E. Muir, Abilene, Texas.

#### Notice.

Being in the West Texas Hardware Company's piano contest I will appreciate the support of my friends. Erah Brady. 14:5pd

#### 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.

#### Our First Newspaper.

The first American newspaper was published in 1704 and to 1788 there were 78 published, 16 of which were conducted by women and 14 of which were the firm champions of liberty and equal rights.

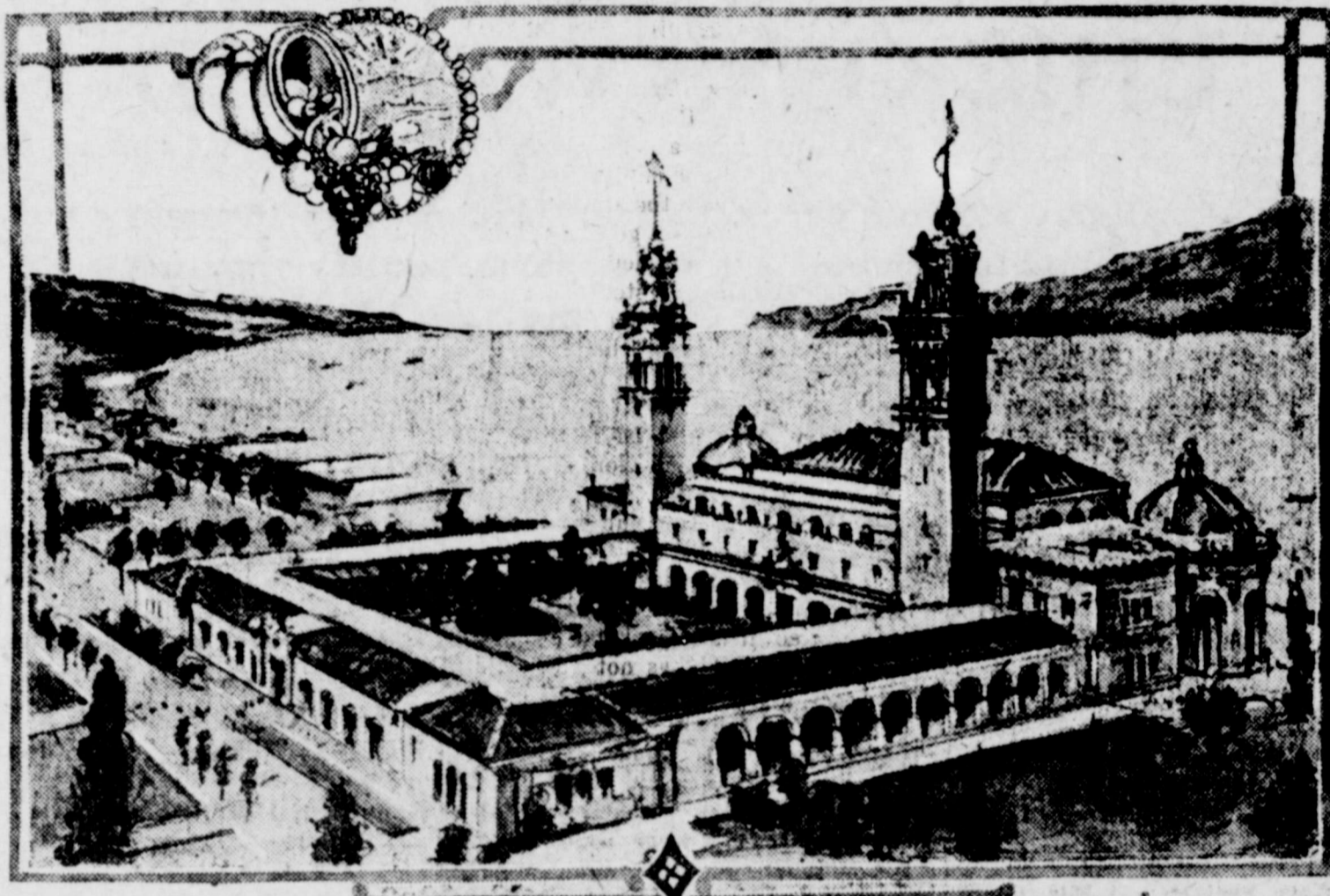
#### Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

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

#### From Grave to Grave.

After a good-loo... reaches the age at which he ceas... to be in demand as an usher at w... gings, he falls easily into the role of pallbearer at funerals.—Philadelphia Ledger

### PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION, SAN FRANCISCO, 1915



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THE California Counties Building, an example of the fine type of California Mission architecture, which will be seen at Harbor View. The building will lie upon the harbor front at the extremity of the Avenue of Commonwealths and nearest to the Palace of Agriculture.

## “RENO”

### SADDLE AND HARNESS STALLION

16 hands; weighs 1250; dark brown.  
Sired by Dr. Whitten, 2.15 1-3 pacer

Season 1913 at my barn in Northwest Merkel. Terms \$8.00 and guarantee living colt.

Also service College Station Jersey Bull, registered. Terms \$2

## J. S. SWANN

OWNER

### Physicians Advise

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

The latest product of science is VELVO Laxative Liver Syrup, purely vegetable, gentle, reliable and of a pleasant, aromatic taste. Velvo acts on the liver, as well as on the stomach and bowels, and is of the greatest possible efficacy in constipation, indigestion, biliousness, sick headache, feverishness, colic, flatulence, etc. Try VF 1

## VELVO LAXATIVE LIVER SYRUP

#### Record of Longevity.

A remarkable record of longevity is to be found in some of the rural parishes of France. In the village of St. Thomas de la Fliche there have been only 14 parish priests in 360 years, the fourteenth being still in possession. The parish of St. Germain du Val, in Paris, has had only three pastors in 160 years, while that of Givry en Argonne has had but five in 130 years.

#### and Times.

“We”... “ankley affably to the old co... whom he was giving a lift ov... high... “how’s farming round here?”... “d.” said the count; man, “powerful! What with the farm hands turnin’ shufflers and the farmers turnin’ garragers farmin’ sort of went out o’ fash’n.”—Harper’s Weekly.

#### HERTZ THE REAL DISCOVERER

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

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

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

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

Cautious Stalking Required.  
Walter—“Well, sir, how did you find the beef?” Diner—“Oh! I happened to shift a potato, and—well, there it was.”—Bystander.

### FARM LIFE COMMISSION

Texas Secretaries Study Farm Life Conditions—Head of Farmers’ Union to Manage Bureau.

The Texas Farm Life Commission is going to inaugurate a movement to “keep the boys on the farm” and they propose to do this by making farm life more attractive and the business of farming more remunerative. Many of the youngsters, attracted by the glare of the city, leave the farm before realizing the wonderful possibilities that surround them in their country homes. There are problems in production and marketing that must be solved through organized effort.

The commission will study every phase of agriculture and will endeavor to provide the machinery for taking out the waste in methods of producing and marketing farm products.

The commission was organized by the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men’s Association and is composed of fifteen members. Mr. S. A. Lindsey of Tyler is chairman of the commission and Peter Radford of Fort Worth manager. The following are the commissioners: H. Lass, Brookshire; S. D. Steedman, Hagerman; J. T. S. Gant, Archer City; Geo. B. Dealey, Dallas; W. F. Proctor, Tyler; E. W. Knox, San Antonio; Joe Hirsch, Corpus Christi; Mrs. E. P. Turner, Dallas; A. Caswell Ellis, Austin; E. J. Kyle, College Station; Edwin Chamberlain, San Antonio; E. W. Kirkpatrick, McKinney; C. W. Post, Post City, and R. J. Kleberg, Kingsville.

The commission will hold a meeting at an early date to outline the work and appoint sub-committees and otherwise organize its forces for aggressive work in every county in Texas.

Mr. Peter Radford, manager of the commission, is president of the Farmers’ union, and his general knowledge of agricultural conditions in the state and wide personal acquaintance among the farmers well qualifies him for the work. Mr. Radford will spend most of his time on the road in the interest of the movement. The state headquarters of the organization will be in Fort Worth.

#### Intercity Meal Tickets.

Restaurants where the meal ticket system prevails adopt various devices to attract trade. A New York proprietor recently posted this sign above his desk:

“Meal tickets purchased here good in restaurants in Boston, Baltimore, Washington and Chicago.”

Then followed the addresses of the restaurants where the meal tickets would be honored.

“No, I have no interest in those houses,” the proprietor said, “but I know the owners, and we concluded that it would be a good plan to exchange tickets so that customers going from town to town could make sure of a square meal in case work was slack or they got extravagant and spent all their money.”

RINGS DYSPEPSIA TABLETS  
Relieve Indigestion and Stomach Troubles.

# White Crest Cake Demonstration

FRIDAY AFTERNOON APRIL 25 FROM 2 TO 6 O'CLOCK

Ten Cakes baked by Merkel Ladies using our Northern Mill White Crest flour will be placed on exhibit at our store where judges will award prizes for the Three best cakes of the Ten. To the lady who is awarded

**1st Prize** 100 lbs. White Crest Flour Free    **2nd Prize** 50 lbs. White Crest Flour Free    **3rd Prize** 1 3-lb. Bucket Folgers Golden Gate Coffee

During the evening hot coffee made from our famous Folger's Golden Gate brand will be served free to every person who enters our store. After the prizes are awarded the above cakes will be cut and served with coffee to our friends—The Public. Come to see us.

**HAMBLET @ ROGERS** THE LEADING GROCERS

## MERKEL TOURIST VISIT IN LONDON

London, Eng., April 8, '13.  
Merkel Mail—

We arrived in Liverpool on April 4th after nine days at sea. The sea was calm most of the way over and we had a most delightful voyage.

We traveled across England by rail and the trains are certainly most interesting, a coach is divided into little rooms for six or eight people and a door opens from the side of the coach into each compartment. One man (a conductor) runs the entire train, no porters, no brakemen or flagmen not even auditors. The engines are small and have no bell, all cars are very small and have very high wheels, freight cars are only 12 feet long and have a capacity of only 6000 pounds. But England is a perfect garden, all is in cultivation and very level I have never seen as beautiful a country as England and the most interesting thing about it are the good roads. The roads are all good, I watched carefully and know that all roads are macadamized. The English tell me that their property has advanced 25 percent since good roads have been established, one horse to the wagon is the rule here and the load as much as two horses pull in Texas.

The Suffragets' uprising is so great that Mrs. Adkisson is not allowed to go to the hospital study with me. Since Mrs. Pankhurst got 3 years in the penitentiary the depredations have increased and all libraries and public buildings are closed to women. We go to Germany this week and will let you hear from me again.

When we were two thousand miles from land on the Atlantic and it was raining every day I told my wife I believed we had a good season and the moisture had met. Your friends,  
Dr. J. A. Adkisson and wife.

### 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.

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

## CHICKENS WANTED

I will pay 20 cents per pound for broilers and 15 cents per pound for fryers. All other farm poultry remains about the same in price. Bring me your chickens, turkeys, ducks and eggs. Also want your beeswax and tin-foil. Trade coupons with every \$1 worth purchased

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

## AGENT PEEL TALKS IMPROVED FARMING

Agent F. A. Peel, farm demonstrator for Taylor county, was in the Mail office Wednesday morning and in talking about our good rain of the night before gave some ideas as the holding of the moisture to the best advantage.

It is the instructions of Mr. Peel that every farmer of our country should get into his field just as soon as possible and stir the top crust of his land in order to form a blanket for holding the moisture. The top crust being broken and pulverized makes a much better non-conductor than a dry hard crust as the dry hard crust tends to form a medium for getting the moisture back into the air while the broken and pulverized blanket crust is the best kind of non-conductor possible and if put up in proper form will conserve the good season to as large a percent as could be expected.

For the present, that is following the rain the section harrow is the best implement that can be used, and should be used as early as the fields are dry enough on all lands whether planted or not, and the moisture conserved. The remaining portion of the planting had better want than to neglect the use of the harrow.

### A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities 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.

### Thank You, Merkel.

This is to thank the merchants and business people of Merkel for the handsome kitchen cabinet and art square awarded to myself and wife last Saturday. We appreciate trading at Meakel and of course appreciate the valuable premiums.

W. A. Thornton.

Frank L. T. or tinner and plumber phone 246. Ready to do your work at reasonable prices. Don't forget to phone me if you want.

## OUR CORRESPONDENCE

### Mulberry News.

April 21—Bro. Watts filled his regular appointment here Sunday morning and Rev. Parris Sibley preached here Sunday night.

The attendance at Sunday school was very small on account of sickness throughout the community.

The school term here ended last Friday, Miss Curry the teacher going to her home at Abilene.

C. S. Harrison and family visited D. F. Rogers and family Sunday.

Mrs. Bill Moore is at Abilene this week visiting her daughter Mrs. Cal Buford.

Dr. Hendrix was called to see D. F. Rogers and three of his children Tuesday. Mr. Rogers is real sick but his children are improving.

### 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.

### Shiloh Items.

April 22.—Will Horn from Noodle preached at Shiloh Sunday.

R. T. Dubose left for Dallas Friday evening, his school here closing the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bryant and daughter Miss Pearl Faubian entertained the school children in a most enjoyable way Friday afternoon.

It is reported that Sammie Martin and his little niece Annie Bessie have sold their part of the Jap Martin estate to J. M. Williamson who now owns almost the entire estate.

### For Constipation

Mr. L. H. Farnham, a prominent druggist of Spirit Lake, Iowa, says: "Chamberlain's Tablets are certainly the best things on the market for constipation." Give these tablets a trial. You are certain to find them agreeable and pleasant in effect. Price 25c. For sale by all dealers.

### 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.

"We mustn't be too hasty," said the thoughtful lawyer slowly. "Perhaps we had better write and promise to do it for the three hundred."  
"Well," said the senior partner, "I think it pretty good." "Not so bad," said the junior partner. "How much shall we give our client?" "I think \$300," said the senior partner. "I'll take the case." "Give the thousand dollars!" muttered the verdict was \$2,000 damages. The law of the land had spoken, and the verdict was \$2,000 damages.

### 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.

### Dusting It Off.

"Bah!" exclaimed the Socialist. "Money is filthy lucre." "Well, I've done the best I could today," replied the man who dabbles in stocks. "I've cleaned up a thousand dollars."—Lippincott's Magazine.

### 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.