

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## IMPROVEMENTS IN MERKEL CONTINUE

The completion of the Airdome last week, together with the rapid rate at which the work is being done on the Anchor Hardware and the Southern National Bank buildings shows an old time progressiveness about our town that has been dormant for the last few years.

The work on the new front of the Southern National Bank building is beginning to assume the outlines of a magnificent building. The yellow faced brick used in the building of the upper story gives the large white columns a splendid backing. The contractors expect to finish the work in a very short time.

The new home of the Anchor Hardware Company is not in shape yet to show the general appearance of the building. The work of laying the brick is progressing unusually fast and at the rate progress is being made on the east, north and west walls, the place will be ready for use within the time allowed by the firm for the construction work.

The latest improvement being made is the remodeling of the building across the street in front of the Mail office. This building is being used by the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co., as a warehouse for their large stock of groceries.

### U. C. V. Reunion.

The United Confederate Veterans Reunion at Chattanooga this year promises to be a great gathering of old soldiers. All roads leading into Chattanooga have made exceptionally low rates for the occasion and are prepared to handle the crowds that will visit the old battle fields.

The rate from here is \$20.35 under selling dates of May 23 to 26, with a return date of June 5, tickets can be extended to June 25. The Texas & Pacific train No. 4 that leaves here Saturday will make connection with a through special train to Chattanooga via Fort Worth and Shreveport over the Queen & Crescent route. The special train leaves Fort Worth Saturday night at 9 o'clock.

### Firemen Return

L. E. Sanders, A. V. Dye, W. L. Burns, C. K. Russell, Frank Woodrum and F. A. Sanders, the Merkel delegates to the State Firemen's Convention at Wichita Falls last week report a very enjoyable time while there.

The selection of Victoria as the place for the next annual convention, was a very warm affair according to the local delegates. Corpus Christi the only town contending other than Victoria put up a very strong fight for their city.

### Services Sunday.

There will be services at the Southside Christian church, Saturday evening at 8:15 and 11 a. m., 3 30 p. m., and at 8:15 p. m. Sunday, Rev. E. D. Russell will preach.

Frank wants your soda trade. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

## RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT

Last week saw the close of the Merkel Public Schools for the year 1912-13, the graduating exercises held at the opera house on Thursday night, being one of the most delightful exercises of its kind ever witnessed by us.

During the last two years, under the leadership of Prof. R. L. Krigbaum, our retiring superintendent, our schools have made marked advancement. At the time he took charge of the schools of this city, the High School had no laboratory at all, and the school library was scarcely worthy of mention. During these two years a fairly good laboratory has been provided for the scientific department of the high school, much improvement has been made to the library, in the way of the addition of many volumes of valuable scientific and literary works, and a general "school spirit" has been built up and carefully fostered by the superintendent, teachers and pupils.

We are fortunate in the fact that the School Board has selected as the successor of Prof. Krigbaum, who voluntarily retires from the superintendency, a man who has been directly associated with him during the two years he has been here, and who, no doubt, will profit by this association, and thus be the better able to continue this good work with scarcely a break in methods of procedure for the next term.

We are most fortunate in having with us for the past two years this capable and worthy man as our superintendent, and now that we are on a fine working basis, lets give our new corps of teachers every encouragement possible in the prosecution of the educational interests of our town and community.

Our best wishes shall follow the retiring superintendent, and should his success measure up to his worth, it will suffice.

A Patron.

## LOOK OUT FOR THE GRASS HOPPERS

This is a very unruly pest once it gets started and will do great damage on very short notice. They have shown up already on the Oden farm about 6 miles northwest of Abilene, and it looks as if they would destroy all the crops on the place. This is a small hopper and is very hard to control, and it will take perseverance and determination to handle them since they have gotten such a start.

Every farmer should be on the look out for grass hoppers now and should use some kind of a poison when they first appear, and not allow them to increase to large numbers before making war against them.

Either of the following remedies are recommended.

50 lbs of wheat bran mixed with 8 lbs Arsenite of Lead or Paris Green made into a mash the consistency of a soft dough, with about a half gallon of molasses to sweeten.

The criddle mixture is made by securing a half barrel of fresh horse droppings in which is mixed one pound each of salt and Paris Green stirred well together. This is claimed to be a very effective remedy and one that they take very readily.

Place the poison near the grass land where the hoppers are emerging from and be careful not to let the stock get to it or the children handle it as it is dangerous.

Report any other troubles that you may have to me and if I can't furnish the necessary remedies I will take it up with one of our Entomologists and soon get help.

F. A. Peel,  
Special Agent.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Yale Motorcycle, comparatively new. Cheap for cash. See Bill Kendrick. tf

WANTED.—A farm hand or share worker. S. H. L. Swafford, Merkel, Route 1 Box 102

FOR SALE—Three good work horses. Anchor Hardware Company.

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### Special-Train Excursion To Yellowstone National Park.

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For particulars, including literature illustrative of the numerous interesting sights and unusual experiences to be enjoyed, write Frank Deedy, Manager, Care Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. (je30.)

### Don't You Owe Yourself Something.

For beautifully illustrated literature descriptive of the numerous splendid, home-like and not unreasonably expensive resorts throughout Wonderful Colorado and along the Pacific Coast, including the Great Colorado Chautauqua at "Boulder-the-Beautiful", address A. A. Glisson, General Passenger Agent, "The Denver Road"—Fort Worth, Texas. Little vacations in those directions are always worth more than they cost! (a16)

Frank Tipton wants to see you at Rust & McCauley's fountain.

## TRANSPORTATION FREE TO FARMERS

Who wants to attend the Farmers Congress and State Farmers Institute at College Station, July 28th to August 1st.

For the Merkel country to be well represented at this meeting, it is necessary for the local farmers organization to be swelled so as to take in all persons interested. This insures a larger representation from this section of the country for with each 25 members one delegate is allowed and one delegate for the organization at large.

Besides free transportation, free lodging will be given the visitors, the only cost of the trip will be just what you eat. Any person that is interested in this matter should communicate with F. A. Peel, special farm demonstration agent for Taylor county.

W. A. Cozart, Jr., of Rotan was here Monday enroute to Abilene where he is looking after a patent he has. The machine in question is a double row maize header, and from all indications is going to be a success. Mr. Cozart has so constructed the machine so as to make adjustable for a maize stalk of any height that may be found in this or any other country.

Mrs. W. M. O'Briant and three sons left Saturday for California where they go to join Mr. O'Briant in their new home. The departure of Mr. and Mrs. O'Briant is regretted by their many friends here and it is hoped that they will be well satisfied with their home on the Pacific coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson of Stamford were here Saturday visiting the formers parents.

## SHOWERS VISIT THE MERKEL COUNTRY

Regular spring showers have been falling all over the Merkel country during the last week. In some places a shower would be too light a name for them.

On Sunday evening a good rain fell in the northwest and northeast part of the Merkel country. At Comper the fall was very light but at Shiloh and many other points along the Jones county line the precipitation was over an inch. On Monday evening a light rain again visited our country. The fall here being .26 of an inch, while it was reported much heavier both south, east and north of town.

These conditions added to our already bright prospects for a good year, makes the average Merkel citizen and farmer feel all the more secure with their investments and holdings here. Nothing short of a cyclone or some other king of a calamity could get our conditions down below par at the present and with a continued season during the next 60 days like there has been during the last 30 days, the Merkel country will show herself to be the best along the Texas & Pacific west of Fort Worth if not in the whole state.

On Wednesday afternoon another good rain visited the Merkel country. The fall here amounted to .44 inch. This brings the total rainfall for this year up to 9 inches against 3 and 3-8 inches for the same period of time last year, or within 5-16 of an inch of the total rainfall of all 1912.

### Celebrates Birthday.

J. N. Shelton one of our regular readers celebrated his 62 birthday Thursday of last week. To begin the day Mr. Shelton went to a neighbors and chopped ¼ of a cord of wood and cribbed it in a little over two hours time and returned home where Mrs. Shelton had prepared a feast for the family. All members of the family who live in the Merkel country were present to celebrate with their parents.

### H. & R. Versus Cash Grocery.

Tuesday afternoon two fast teams of local Merkel baseball players were assembled at Highland park in a very interesting game. The score resulting 13 to 4 in favor of the side championed by the Hamblet & Rogers genial representative (Abe) Rogers. Batteries of the Cash Grocery, Black, Moore and Kelson, for the H. & R. team, Rogers, Rose and Faucett.

The many friends of Miss Orra Long will regret to hear that she will not return to Merkel to teach in our schools next year. In the election of teachers of the Greenville schools Miss Long was selected to teach in the same department as she supervised here, the primary department. The best wishes for her continued success go with her from her Merkel friends.

See E. D. Coats for Hail Insurance. tf



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### Hurt While Playing Cowboy.

Ed Scott the 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scott of this place was hurt Wednesday morning while playing cowboy on his uncle's ranch near Eskota.

Little Ed with his uncle Edwin SoRelle was driving some cattle from the ranch to Sweetwater and on leaving the place one of the steers broke out of the herd. The horse the boy was riding being an old cow pony turned quickly and started after the steer and in doing so ran between two trees, a snag from one of which inflicted an ugly flesh wound on the rider's left leg above the ankle.

The boys father here was notified of the accident, and left immediately for the scene in his auto, bringing his son here for medical treatment. While the hurt is in no way serious it will keep Ed at home for a few days.

### Hit by Falling Brick.

H. C. West was painfully injured Tuesday evening by being struck on the head with some falling brick.

The accident happened when he was closing the rear doors of the Boyce building which is being used by G. F. West & Son as a wareroom. Three bricks that were dislodged from the upper part of the doorway by the closing of the door struck Mr. West a slanting lick on the head and inflicted a very ugly scalp wound.

### Former Merkel Lady Dead.

A telegraph report was received here Wednesday morning of the death of Mrs. Will Westenhouver of Louisiana. The telegram also stated that the body was being shipped here for burial.

Mrs. Westenhouver was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hannah of this country and was well known to the Merkel people.

### Make \$6 to \$8 per day.

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J. P. Sharp.

Mrs. M. L. McDonald returned to her home at Abilene Thursday after a short visit here with her husbands parents.

### Special Prices

On all clothing for Friday and Saturday.

All \$15 suits will go at.... \$10.00

All 12.50 suits will go at... 9.00

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J. P. Sharp.

Miss Leta King of Abilene returned to her home Thursday morning after a visit with the family of C. O. Bradley of Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brown left Thursday morning for Nacogdoches to visit friends and relatives.

Dillard Easterwood of Guymon, Okla., came in Thursday from Arizona to visit the family of T. J. Coggin.

Miss Blanche Walker of Abilene came in Wednesday to spend a day with her sister Mrs. E. Hall of this place.

Messrs T. J. Coggin and son Ottie came in Wednesday night from El Paso for a short stay at home.

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Rev. N. F. Grafton.

Rev. N. F. Grafton, the evangelist has had twelve years of experience in the pastorate, has engaged in revival work all of his ministerial life. He believes and preaches that men are lost without Christ and that nothing short of genuine repentance and faith in Christ will save. He has no tricks nor traps with which to catch people. Knows the difficulties of a pastor and seeks to

leave no rubbish to clear away after the meeting has closed.

The singer, Mr. Mallard when at home, lives at Tehuacana, Texas. He has had eight years of experience as an evangelistic singer. His work is known throughout this and other states. He knows how to sing and to get others to sing. His solo work is highly appreciated wherever he goes. With the co-operation of the singer the music will be a great feature of the meeting. Mr. Mallard asked that the singers and every instrument possible be on hand for the first service, next Sunday, May 25th at eleven o'clock. Services through the week at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m.

### Mrs. Mattie Gardner Dead.

Mrs. Mattie Gardner wife of Dave Gardner of Stith died of paralysis at her home Tuesday morning. At the time of her death she was 53 years of age. Burial services were held in the Stith cemetery Wednesday morning.

### LEASING OF LATERALS URGED BY TRUMBULL.

#### England's Example Cited—Separate Management Required For Each Line.

Houston, Texas.—When the railroad industry of Texas is built up to the high standard we all so much covet, it will be done by railroad men, and their views on our transportation problems are, therefore, instructive. We may, if we choose, differ from them, but it is well for the public to listen to what they say. Recognizing the importance of their co-operation in our industrial progress, the chairman of the Texas Welfare Commission invited the leading railroad men of the nation to appear before it; when asked for his views on consolidation of lines, Mr. Frank Trumbull, executive head of the Katy system, said:

"I think that consolidation of end-to-end lines or lateral lines, or the leasing of them not only ought to be permitted but ought to be encouraged. They go much further in England; they encourage working agreements between competitive lines and the amalgamation of them, as they call it. I don't think you need go that far; I don't see any more objection to a railroad acquiring an end-to-end line by consolidation than it is to a man buying an adjoining farm, and it is in the interest of public service that that should be done. Having to form a different corporation every time you build a few miles of railroad perfects the holding company proposition, not only encourages it, but it forces it. You have three or four staffs of men when one ought to suffice; you can't get the unification of service, of standard; you cannot get locomotives and cars because when they are under the same ownership there will be petty competition."

Mr. E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe, also gave his experience with the present law:

"We have twenty-six miles of railroad running from the New Mexico state line to El Paso; it is our little dead end on which we reach El Paso. Under the laws of the State of Texas we have to maintain a full force of offices and a separate organization for the twenty-six miles of railroad at El Paso. We have also the Texas & Gulf over here and the Gulf, Beaumont & Kansas City and the Gulf and Interstate. We have to maintain separate organizations; they are all parts of one system and they are all end-to-end."

### Notice of School Census of Merkel.

All children, who will be seven and not over seventeen by the first of September, must be enrolled in order to get the benefit of the free school. Parents should see me at once.

18t3 R. L. Krigbaum, Supt.

### Plenty to Eat Saturday.

The ladies of the Cemetery Association announce a public dinner for Saturday, May 24th, and request your presence. A good cause. All you can eat for a quarter.

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#### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Agent W. E. Britian for the Yale Motorcycle Company has sold another twin cylinder machine that has been so popular in this section of the country during the last year. The new owner is Claud Sears. He is using the machine to do some of the cowboy work that has heretofore been so hard on "Old Tony," his trusty cow pony.

Ten per cent discount on all men's, ladies' and children's slippers arriving trade week. Hogue-Hamilton Company.

Miss Mary Pitzer of Abilene was here last week visiting Miss Isla McDonald and other friends.

Rare and beautiful birds of paradise imported from Egypt, Petra and Holy Land of Biblical history. Animal show Carnival.

#### 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.

#### Money to Lend.

Plenty of money to lend on farm and ranch land. Will inspect your land in 2 days notice.

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Physically Small Man, With Shrewd Head, Had the Laugh on the Big Fellow.

Being a large man—bodily, that is—Singleton generally gives us the pip. He has a nasty habit of inflating his two-yard chest and glaring pityingly on us, the smaller fry. The staff held a whist drive last week, and there was hardly anything else in it but Singleton for quite a while.

Then Mydleton came in. Mydleton's our quiet man; little chap; generally comes in late everywhere, but comes in just the same. The conversation got to brawn and muscle. It generally goes where Singleton is. At last Mydleton chipped in.

"Look here, Singleton, I'll wager you an even half-quid I measure more round the waist than you do."

We all stared, and Singleton nearly choked.

"I'll take you," he grinned, "and give you five to one, if you like."

"Done!" said Mydleton. Then, in the dressing-room Singleton ran the tape round Mydleton, and cried contemptuously:

"Thirty-four inches! As broad across the shoulders as a herring across the forehead."

Mydleton's face fell, but he picked it up again, and, placing the tape round Singleton he called loudly:

"Fifty-nine inches!" Then, to the stakeholder, "I'll take that three pounds, please."

"But how?" Singleton said.

"Well," said Mydleton, "the big chest was yours, but I measured round it!"

There's been an awful shrinkage in Singleton.—London Tilt-Bits.

**Fawn and St. Bernard as Companions.**

At the little village of Bauma, in Switzerland, a farmer recently found a young fawn in one of his fields.

Fearing that if left alone without its mother some mischief would befall it, he took it home and did everything possible for it. Now, he happens to have a large St. Bernard dog, and this dog and the fawn took to each other.

The fawn slept in the dog's kennel, and when it grew a little older and went out on its walks abroad, the dog accompanied it, and defended it against the attacks of other dogs.

Sometimes the St. Bernard and the fawn would be absent in the woods and fields for a whole day, but they always returned at night, the doors and gate being left open for them. The fawn is now much taller than the St. Bernard, and yet the dog still goes out with it.

#### Up-to-Date Burglars.

Burglars who forced an entrance into a jeweler's office in New York a few days ago carried with them an electrically driven drill for boring into the safe, which they proceeded to use successfully after connecting it with an electric light socket.

Mrs. Geo. D. Henck of Pasadena, Cal., passed through here Monday enroute to Fort Worth, Greenville and other points in east Texas where she will visit for awhile. After her visit there she will return by the way of Merkel to visit her mother Mrs. Austin Fitts.

The kodak tells the vacation story. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

W. L. Barnes, J. M. and H. P. Bradley of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes of Lorina and Mrs. G. J. Crow of Moody stopped here Wednesday night at the Walker Cottage. All the party were making a cross country auto tour from last mentioned places to Lubbock.

See human faced animals living curiosity. Ten in one combined shows. Carnival.

**Show at the Airdome every night except Wednesday.**

#### Closing Notice.

The leading business houses of Merkel will close at 6:30 each day except Saturdays until September 1st.—Adv.

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The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

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#### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Best north Texas hay at G. M. Sharp's.

**Show at the Airdome every night except Wednesday.**

County Commissioner J. L. Banner was in Abilene Wednesday attending to legal matters.

Frank wants your drink trade. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Japanese waltzing springing dancing animals at Ten in One Show. At Carnival.

B. A. Cox, Esq., was in the city Wednesday looking after business matters.

If you have a crop why don't you take out Hail Insurance with E. D. Coats.      tf

A good sized, absolutely good cake for 25 cents. Take one home. Warren Pure Food Bakery.

You can try our music. Piano in cream parlor. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

If you are in need of cakes, pies, bread or cookies of any description. Get them from us. Warren Baker Co.

Ollie Dye returned home Tuesday from Dallas where he has been for some time connected with the Empire Drug Company.

Giant Boa Constrictor 35 feet long. First time ever on exhibition. In Merkel in Ten and One Show.

G. R. Gazzaway and family returned this week from an extended visit with relatives in Limestone and Robertson counties.

The John Deere buggies are in a class by themselves at the Crown Hardware Company.

Stanton Johnson, who has been connected with a prominent dry good firm of Fort Worth for the last few years was in our city Sunday visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson.

Above all things we want the ladies of Merkel to visit our bakery establishment and see how clean we keep it. Warren Bakery Company.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harkrider and families and J. T. Warren and son; Booth are fishing on the Concho this week. They left here expecting to return with the champion catch of the season.

Miss Mollie McConnell who has been visiting in Big Springs returned home Wednesday.

**Show at the Airdome every night except Wednesday.**

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### CLEAN TOWN CONTEST.

Many of our people will remember the genial Dr. Carrick who visited our city last year on a trip of inspection for the Holland's Magazine Prize Contest and they will remember what Dr. Carrick said in regard to our town being clean when taking into consideration our facilities.

Merkel has another chance this year to enter the Holland's Clean Town Prize Contest and if entered would no doubt be placed under the same class as our town was placed in the last contest.

Last year Brownwood was judged the cleanest town in the State of Texas and by that distinction has had more free advertising than any town in the state. Besides getting the amount of advertising it places a town in direct combat with the awful sickness of typhoid and other ailments due to unsanitary conditions.

Merkel has a business league that is well able to handle such a proposition of seeing that a cleaner town is made of Merkel and that it be kept in that condition. There is no reason with our already good sanitary conditions here that we should not make a strong fight for the prize contest. And in that way let Merkel be advertised as one of three of the cleanest towns in the state.

### COMPLIMENTS DALLAS AND SHRINERS.

As the Fort Worth Star Telegram says, "All Texas is proud of the way Dallas entertained the Shriner's convention". So is all the country proud of the showing made by the shriners at such a gathering.

A prominent banker in speaking of what he thought of the meeting, said there was more noise and fun going on and more about the way it was done than he ever saw or heard of before. Less men were seen intoxicated than at any convention that has ever graced the city of Dallas. Some drunkenness was of course noticeable but it came not from the cause of the gathering but from the transients who were there to see the sights and to mingle with the large crowds of notable men.

All Texas should be proud and should especially thank Dallas for the royal way in which they entertained the northern representatives who are not accustomed to the southern hospitality.

### TAYLOR COUNTY BUYS FEED STUFF.

The farmers of Texas do not raise enough cereals and forage crops for their animals. They expend, according to a recent census report issued by the Federal Department of Commerce and Labor, \$10,800,000 annually for feed stuff. The official figures show that twenty-seven per cent of the farmers buy feed.

Peter Radford, President of the Farmers Union, in discussing the subject, said: "A farmer should, as a rule, raise his own feed. While cotton is our money crop and the moisture requirements of cotton and cereals are in a measure antagonistic, and nature usually favors cotton, yet a farmer

should plant enough feed to take his stock through the season."

The farmers of Taylor County expend \$55,736 annually for feed-stuffs. 635 of the farmers of this county report purchases of feed-stuffs and the annual expenditure per farms reporting is \$87. By proper diversification of crops this money can be kept at home.

Clean-up crusades and fly-swatting campaigns are usually accounted the marks of provincialism. They are thought to befit the dignity of small towns somewhat hard put for ways in which to spend their civic energies. This popular notion gets knocked pretty badly askew by fact that New York, foremost of our cities, has indulged lately in a clean-up day with all the ado and ceremony that one might expect of Texas town of 2,500; except that New York, instead of making a Clean-Up Day of the festival, has made it rather more of a Clean-Up Week, doubtless for the reason that its accumulation of hidden filth had become too great to be disposed of in less time, even with that city's immense resources. At all events, it has been having a clean-up for several days. It began with a proclamation to everyone to clean out his garret, his cellar and his backyard and heap the gathered filth in alleys against prescribed days, when the city's garbage wagons were to come and remove the whole to a place of destruction. It was provided that immediately the time of grace expired a small army of inquisitive and unfeeling inspectors were to pry into all premises, and the occupants of such as had not been cleaned would not only be required to clean, but have their filth carted off at their own expense, this to be the first penalty for having failed to respond to the first summons.—Dallas News.

Without some great disadvantage placing itself before the workers of the Panama Canal it will not be long before the Pacific and the Atlantic oceans will meet face to face. Already the water has been turned into the canal on the Pacific side. This was accomplished by the blowing up of a large dam that held the water in check at the mouth of the canal. So great was the rush of water into the new channel that it shook all the surrounding country. The thing looked forward to now on the opening of the east end of the big ditch is that the water meet will be a regular "Union Pacific".

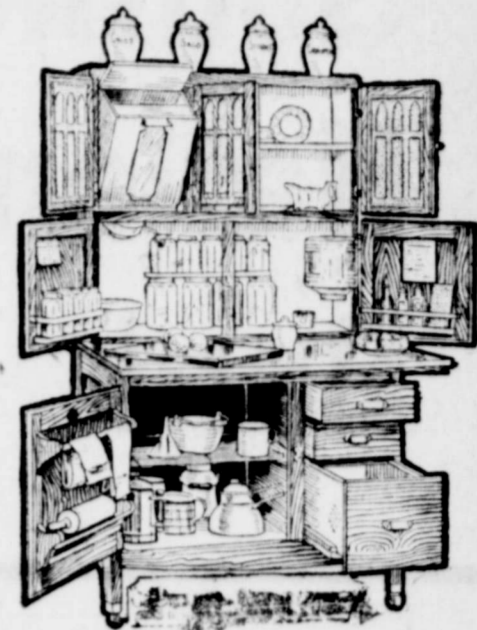
Prosperity looks all Texas in the face now as it has not been known to do for some time. It is a problem now as to how the old state is going to act with an overflow of her cash register that seems inevitable. The question is will she take the big head or will she not.

The first reports from Fort Stockton, which was cut off from all wire communication following a cloudburst there Tuesday, say that the water stood eighteen inches in the streets, and that it was higher than has ever been known there. Many miraculous escapes are reported. A heavy loss of cattle and sheep were drowned in draws.

It was a dirty mix up in Fort Worth last week when a negro ran wild and killed a policeman wounded another white man, shot himself, killed another negro and took a fancy shot at another dusky member of his race. And it all happened over a crap game. No doubt Fort Worth authorities are getting some unjust criticism over letting such a thing happen, but how can they be blamed for the trouble itself. Seems to us they handled the situation very well in that the mob that formed afterward was a great extent defeated in its endeavor, that of mobbing the "ninner". The law will get him, all he asks is that they do not burn him alive.

## There's a Lot of Time Wasted in the Kitchen

Every figure it out? Ever count the unnecessary steps you take racing around the kitchen to the cupboard, the pantry and back to the kitchen table? MACK'S Cabinet combines all three — saves those wasted steps and time and energy.



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Every one invited to attend our special display of Mack's Cabinets this week. Don't miss it.

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As a special offer, during April and May only, we will send you our new illustrated catalogue of presents, FREE. Just send us your name and address on a postal.

Coupons from *Duke's Mixture* may be assorted with tags from HORSE SHOE, J. T. TINSLEY'S NATURAL LEAF, GRANGER TWIST, coupons from FOUR ROSES (10c for double coupon), PICK PLUG CUT, PIEDMONT CIGARETTES, CLIX CIGARETTES, and other tags or coupons issued by us.

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**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Oak barrels at Grimes Store.  
Vegetables at Whitley, Son & Company.

G. W. Wilson of Inkum was on the streets Saturday.

Drop in at the Elite. Get a San Marco cigar and enjoy life.

Homer Jobe of Rule was here visiting his parents Sunday.

Let Wheatley roll your pills. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Miss Shackelford of Abilene was here Saturday visiting relatives.

Mack has some bargains in second hand furniture, see him before you buy.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian of Trent were here Monday in Mr. Adrian's auto.

Six hundred copies of new music. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

Elmer Lowe returned to Merkel last week to visit his mother Mrs. M. J. Lowe.

Are you going to buy a buggy? If so see the John Deere line at the Crown Hardware Company.

**Two Trade Tickets with each \$1.00 purchase at Burroughs.**

Miss Frances Burroughs was in Abilene this week visiting friends.

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

County Attorney H. (Rob) Keeble was here Tuesday looking after some legal business.

Seymour's best flour, best in town or your money back. Whitley, Son & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar returned Monday from a short visit with relatives in Abilene.

Prepare for the June weddings by getting Hamblet & Rogers free silverware.

Miss Mae Collins of Stith was in Abilene last week visiting the family of her cousin Jno. Powell.

We will make special low prices in all departments during trade week. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Miss Dollie Teaff went to Sweetwater Monday to visit Miss Aileen Gilbert during this week.

White Swann Syrup is 100 per cent pure and it is for sale only at Whitley, Son & Co.

**\$5.00 in gold, free, free at the Elite Confectionery, Saturday, May 24th at 8:30 p. m.**

Mrs. Laura Baulch returned from Fort Worth Monday evening where she has been visiting her brother.

Paying cash for your groceries at Hamblet & Rogers insures you getting some of our free silverware.

Mrs. Bartley Smith of Odessa came in last week to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson.

For cash. We will give the best three dollar hat in our house with every mans suit sold for \$10 or more during trade week only. Hogue Hamilton Company.

C. L. Grounds of Comanche was here last week visiting his grandmother Mrs. M. J. Lowe and other relatives.

Bill the solicitor will call at your door every morning for your grocery wants. Treat him good by giving him a nice order. Whitley, Son & Company.

**Mrs. M. E. Snow Dead.**

Mrs. M. E. Snow died at her home in the Canyon country Monday evening. At the time of her death she was 63 years of age. She is survived by a husband and eight children, five boys and three daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Snow came to the Merkel country sixteen years ago from the northern part of Arkansas and have made their home here since. Mrs. Snow was a member of the Baptist church, having given her life to the cause when she was quite young. Her residence in this section of the country has been marked by a large acquaintance and a host of close friends, who join hearts in sympathizing with the bereaved family.

The husband M. E. Snow and children Mrs. I. M. Irvin, Viola, Z. E., Hester, Deskin and Dillard Snow and Mrs. Alta Spear were present in their mothers last moments, while the other son D. E. Snow of Munday did not arrive until in time for the funeral services at White Church Tuesday evening.

**Mrs. Mary F. Rollins Dead.**

Mrs. Mary F. Rollins age 76 died of cancer at the home of her daughter Mrs. S. B. Mayberry near Shiloh, Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Mrs. Rollins had been making her home with the family of her daughter Mrs. Mayberry for several years, having made her home in Merkel some few years ago and has a host of friends and acquaintances here. She had been a staunch member of the Baptist church for years and was always a regular attendant at all church services until her health was such that she could not leave her home. Burial services were held at the Shiloh Cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

**Old Settler Dead.**

J. T. Walker one of the oldest settlers of the Nubia country died at his home Saturday night at 11 o'clock.

Had Mr. Walker lived until Monday of this week he would have reached the age of 83 years. At the time of his death he was not engaged in any line of business, but for a number of years past has been postmaster at the above mentioned town, having a dry goods store in connection with the office. Funeral services were held at the Nubia cemetery Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Rev. Davies preaching the funeral.

**Infant dead.**

The infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon of Stith died Tuesday afternoon. Burial services were held Wednesday afternoon at Stith.

**Show at the Airdome every night except Wednesday.**

Mrs. Lillian Welch who is here from El Paso visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Clark, was in Abilene Wednesday visiting friends.

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

**Try Alta Vista ice cream it's better, Trade Tickets with each 25c purchase at Burroughs.**

Lilly and Eula, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ayers returned last weeks visit with their grandmother Mrs. W. Ayers of Tye.

See G. M. Sharp for kaffir chops.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Oak barrels at Grimes Store.  
**\$5.00 in gold free at the Elite. Ask about it.**

W. I. Cogburn, one of the Nubia country standbys, was in the city on business Saturday.

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

H. O. McNatt of Arlington was here Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Austin Fitts.

Make our fountain your headquarters. Our drinks are pure and sanitary. The Elite.

Look at the bakers sweets at Warrens Bakery.

J. R. Burton of Stith left Wednesday for Moran to visit his brother L. F. Burton.

25 cent music, 2 for a quarter. It's all the latest. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

Mrs. Claud Reid of Trent is reported very dangerously sick at her home.

Just arrived swell line of ladies collars, belts, bags and bar pins. Hogue Hamilton Company.

Mrs. W. T. Potter and daughter Miss Dorothy Lee were in Abilene Saturday visiting relatives.

Giant snake 35 feet long, alive. More interesting than bullfighting. See him kill his prey Saturday night. Carnival.

**Best cold drinks and ice cream, Trade Tickets on 25c purchase at Burroughs Store.**

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Tandy of Abilene were here Sunday visiting their daughter Mrs. Lester Ellis.

I'm the only tailor in town that gives Merkel Trade Coupons with work done or on suits ordered. See L. Cash.

Miss Clara Moore chief operator for the local Southwestern Telephone Exchange was in Abilene Sunday visiting friends.

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

Miss Stella Schmid who has been here visiting her sister Miss Louise Schmid returned to her home at Abilene Wednesday.

Giant snake kills, swallows whole turkeys, pigs, chickens Saturday night 8 o'clock at Carnival.

Mrs. J. M. Walker who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Watt Blair of the Nubia community left Saturday for Wichita Falls to join her husband in their new home.

Come in and let us explain the pleasures of a kodak. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

Giant Chaquima Gorilla largest in captivity alive. Just arrived from jungles of Africa. At Carnival.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Mims left Saturday for Tyler to visit old friends and relatives for a while. Judge Mims will return in a short time but Mrs. Mims and the children will be away for about a month.

Its good for weddings and birthdays; the silverware at Hamblet & Rogers. See it.

**We want your drug wants, Trade Tickets with each 50c purchase at Burroughs Store.**

Plenty of corn at G. M. Sharp's.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

**Ferrier-O'Briant.**

Wednesday evening, May 13, at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. M. O'Briant, Miss Annie Lou O'Briant was married to Ross Ferrier. Rev. R. A. Clements performing the ring ceremony at 9 o'clock. The home was attractively arranged for the occasion and abundance of cut flowers were used in the reception rooms. In the parlor where the bridal couple stood was an altar of white roses.

Miss Jessie O'Briant sister of the bride and maid of honor wore a gown of white baby irish over pink. She entered with the fair young bride who wore a white chiffon robe over white messaline. Orange blossoms caught the veil which fell to the hem of her robe. She carried white roses and a shower of rosebuds. The groom entered with his brother George Ferrier. Miss Mabel Faucett of Abilene played the wedding march.

After the ceremony a home reception was held for the immediate members of the contracting families. The dining room was beautifully decorated with long stem roses, in jardiniere and vases. The center piece on the dining table being a bank of pink roses. A dainty decorated cake and cream course was served.

On Thursday the bridal party was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ferrier the parents of the groom, with a beautifully appointed noonday dinner. Covers were laid for members of the bridal party. Cut flowers were artistically used in the decoration of the rooms.

Ira Shaffer entertained last Wednesday in honor of the "13" class at his home on Oak street with a prettily appointed five o'clock luncheon. Covers were laid for Misses Murtice Saffle, Pauline Johnson, Isla McDonald, Messrs Emmett Grimes, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Troy Eiland, Simpson Christopher, Mr. and Mrs. Krigbaum, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Shaffer, Olly and Ira Shaffer. Music was furnished by Messrs J. F. and Olly Shaffer.

Friday evening the "13" class was royally entertained by Simpson Christopher with a six o'clock dinner. Five courses were daintily served by Mrs. T. H. Christopher and daughter Gladys. Place cards tied with the class colors marked places for Misses Pauline Johnson, Murtice Saffle, Isla McDonald, Messrs H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Troy Eiland, Emmett Grimes, Ira Shaffer and the host. The reception rooms were beautifully decorated with cut flowers.

Monday evening Miss Elma Sheppard assisted by Mrs. H. C. Burroughs and daughter Miss Fannie entertained in honor of Miss Isla McDonald who is to leave soon for Vivian, La., her new home. The Burroughs home extended its usual hearty welcome to a large crowd of young people, conversation, music and songs were pleasant diversions.

Friday evening Miss Isla McDonald entertained a number of friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Gaither in honor of her guest Miss Mary Pitzer of Abilene. Games and music were the entertaining features and caused the hours to speed away all too soon. About fifty young people were present.

The home-coming of the children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson was celebrated at the parental home Sunday with a family dinner. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson of Stamford, Stanton Johnson of Fort Worth, Mrs. Bartley Smith and two children of Andrews, Misses Ona and Pauline Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson.

Mrs. G. F. West entertained with an all day party Saturday in honor of Miss Isla McDonald and her guest Miss Mary Pitzer of Abilene and Miss Murtice Saffle. Miss McDonald will leave soon for her new home in Vivian, La. Miss Saffle to go to her new home in Plainview. Miss Zora assisted her mother in entertaining the young guests.

**Show at the Airdome every night except Wednesday.**

**XXth Century Club Met.**

A business and social meeting of the XXth Century Club was held at the home of Mrs. W. A. Scott Saturday afternoon. The president appointed Miss Evalyne Williams, Mesdames R. A. Martin and W. Parten on the year book committee. Mesdames G. H. Adams, G. F. West and W. M. Jenkins on the press committee. Miss Evalyne Williams was elected corresponding secretary and treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. J. E. Young, nee Miss Willie Bigham.

Miss Willie Valentine was elected to membership. Mrs. J. W. Wheatley was gladly welcomed as a new member. Miss Stella Schmid of Abilene was a pleasant visitor. A brief review of the plays studied and English battles proved to be both profitable and enjoyable. This meeting closed the year's work. Mrs. Scott assisted by Miss Maud Martin and three dear little maidens Misses Katherine Wheatley, Ona Faye Rose and Louise Scott served cake, cream and strawberries to those present.

**Reception in Honor of Miss Love Hawkins.**

On the evening of Saturday, May 17, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Shaffer the Methodist Baracas gave a delightful reception complimentary to their teacher Miss E. Love Hawkins who is soon to depart for her Tennessee home. The class planned and prepared everything, keeping it a secret from her. The home was brilliantly lighted and in all the rooms were tasteful decorations in the class colors, blue and white, arranged in festoons and streamers. Bible class pennants were given to all as souvenirs.

After a scripture lesson read by Simpson Christopher, Ira Shaffer led in prayer. An address of welcome was then delivered by John Moore. Couples were matched by numbers and progressive conversation was enjoyed. Then an amusing series of tasks were performed by those present. Another method of mating was used and the guests repaired to the dining room where delicious strawberry ice cream and chocolate, lemon and angel food cakes were served. A return to the reception rooms brought pleasant conversation and music.

As the time for departure drew near Frank Smith delivered an eloquent address in which he spoke in a very forceful and touching manner of the love and appreciation of the class for Miss Hawkins and expressed their gratitude to her. At the close of his address he presented her in behalf of the class with a large Baraca pennant. The teacher responded briefly expressing her appreciation and deep gratitude. The guests were then dismissed by prayer. This was one of the most enjoyable events of the season and was participated in by a large number of young people comprising Baracas and friends.

The M. E. Baraca class held its regular semi-monthly business meeting at the home of Mrs. J. W. Jennings, last Friday evening. This was one of the most enjoyable and profitable meetings of the class.—Press Reporter.

**Hollingsworth-Rawlings.**

A quite home wedding was solemnized at the home of Miss Pearl Rawlings, Saturday evening when Rev. R. A. Clements performed the ceremony uniting the lives of Mr. J. E. Hollingsworth of Alabama and Miss Pearl Rawlings of this place in the holy bonds of matrimony.

**Show at the Airdome every night except Wednesday.**

**No Small to It.**  
Doctor's Wife (as patient departs)—Mercy! What a monstrous man Wants treatment for obesity. I suppose. Doctor—No, he complains of pains in the small of his back.

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"My sister's husband had an attack of rheumatism in his arm," writes a well-known resident of Newton, Iowa. "I gave him a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment which he applied to his arm and on the next morning the rheumatism was gone." For chronic muscular rheumatism you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. Sold by all dealers.

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Topic, The Social Impulse, Human Fellowship.

Song.

Prayer.

Meaning of the topic, leader.

Scripture reading, Luke 19:1-10.

Prayer.

Hymn.

Address, Christ, a neighbor, John 2:1-8—Minnie Harris.

Inspiration from association with Christ, Mark 3:14—Mr. Johnson.

A soul saved as result of friendship, Luke 19:1-10—Frank Smith.

Lesson summary.

Prayer.

Vocal duet—Misses Williams and Potter.

Mission study—Simpson Christopher.

Miscellaneous.

Benediction.

**Biliousness and Constipation**

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**The House Party.**

Post—"Why did you dismiss your glorious cook?" Parker—"It was the only way to get our guests to go home."—Lippincott's.

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**Notice Farmers.**

Am ready to bale hay for the public. Using a new machine. 30Jnpd W. L. Dodds, Merkel.

**Dead Letter List.**

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending May 24, 1913. Woodard, Mrs. W. J. Seat, Domingo. If not called for will be sent to dead letter office June 7, 1913.

H. W. Derstine, P.M.

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**T. & P. TIME TABLE.**

Table with columns for Train No., Direction, and Time. Includes East Bound and West Bound schedules.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

**Church Directory**

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

**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. Prayermeeting each Wednesday evening with International Sunday school lesson as a subject. The public cordially invited. Geo. Hamilton, Pastor.

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

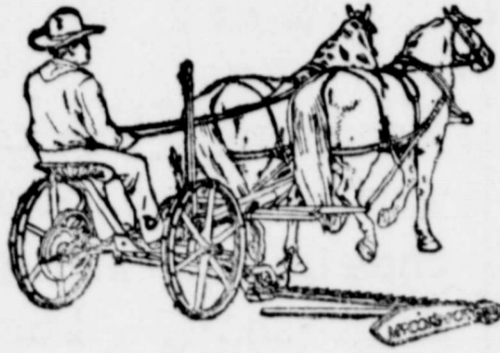
**BAPTIST CHURCH**—Preaching each Sunday 11 A. M. and 8.15 P.M. Sunday school 9.45 A. M. Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening. Rev. W. M. Gaddy, pastor.

**Health a Factor in Success**

The largest factor contributing to a man's success is undoubtedly health. It has been observed that a man is seldom sick when his bowels are regular—he is never well when they are constipated. For constipation you will find nothing quite so good as Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only move the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. They are sold by all dealers.

# Hay-Making Time!

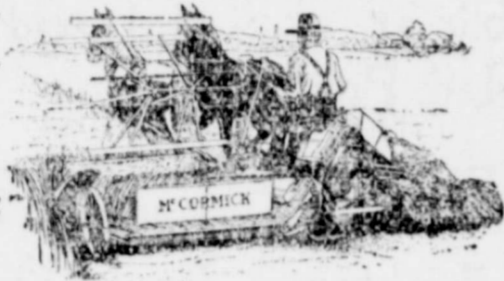
## HARVESTING MACHINES



A McCORMICK mower for the hay; a McCormick binder for your grain; a McCormick corn binder to cut your corn:

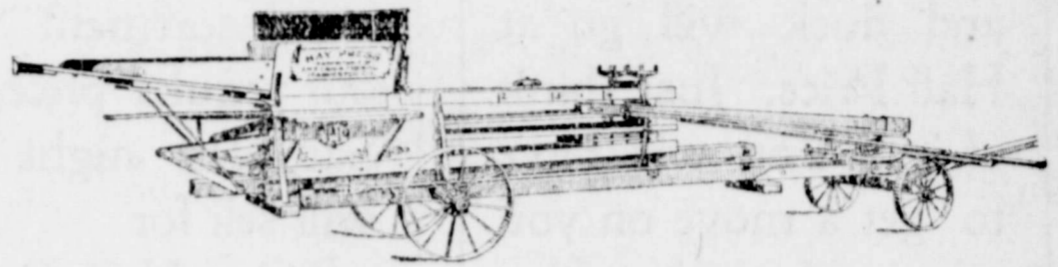
McCormick machine to fill your every need.

They are built right. We will treat you right, and you will find it to your interest to buy McCormick machines.



We now have in transit a large shipment of the old reliable McCormick and Deering Harvesting Machines, Mowers, Rakes and Hay Binders, Deering Binder Twine and repair parts for all machines of the above makes. Get your order in now while the present supply lasts---don't wait.

The Machine That Does The Work



Trade with the Old Reliable Merkel firm that is prepared to handle your business in a business way. We are here to supply your wants in our line and it will be money to you to come see US

# Anchor Hardware Company



SHIELD BRAND CLOTHING

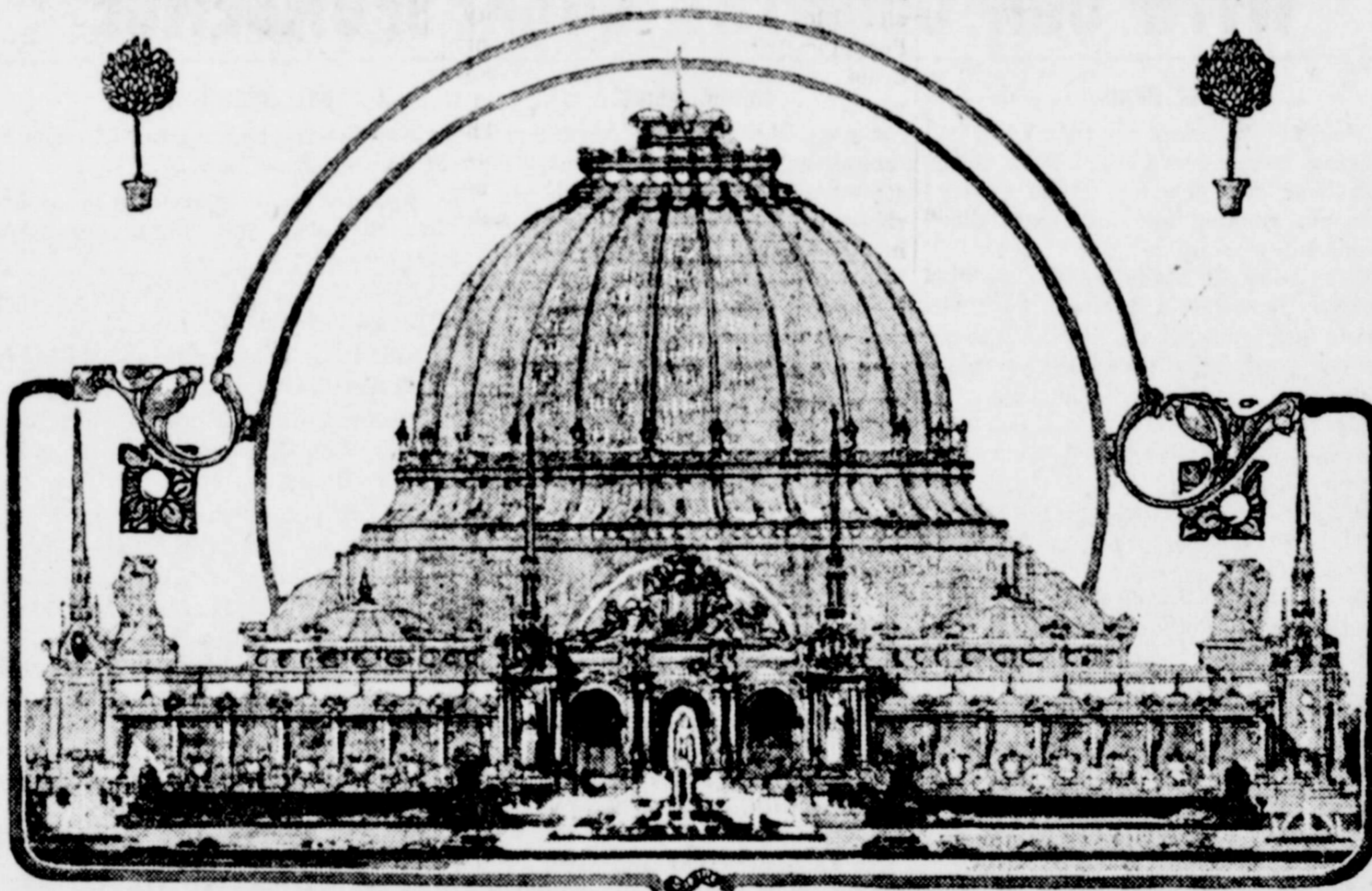
It's no trick to get the suit that'll make you look your best and will give service if you know the secret. Say "SHIELD BRAND" to us—that's the password. We'll give you "the clothes you want to buy at the price you want to pay."

Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Merkel, Texas

FITS WELL SHIELD BRAND WEARS WELL

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



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**H**ORTICULTURAL BUILDING at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. The building will be 630x295 feet and will be one of the most notable structures of the kind ever built, being composed almost entirely of glass; set in the west end of the south garden, opposite the Palace of Education, its glittering dome, 165 feet high, will be seen as one of the striking features by those who enter the exposition from the tropical south garden.

### Eight Who Deserve Slaps.

Eight men who deserve to be slapped on the face: He who despises a man of power; he who enters a house uninvited and unwelcomed; he who gives orders in a house not his own; he who takes a seat above his position; he who speaks to one who does not listen to him; he who intrudes on the conversation of others; he who seeks favors from the ungenerous, and he who expects love from his enemies.—From a Persian Saying.

### His Line of Work.

"Sam, have you got a job now?" "Oh, yes, sah." "What are you doing, Sam?" "Why, I's gettin' my wife washin', boss."

Merkel Mail One Dollar Per Year

## Go After Business

in a business way—the advertising way. An ad in this paper offers the maximum service at the minimum cost. It reaches the people of the town and vicinity you want to reach.

Try It—It Pays

### Where He Belonged.

At the dinner table on board an ocean liner one man was much annoyed by the vulgar manner in which his next neighbor fed. He tried to take no notice of the man, but after watching him pick a bone in an extremely primitive fashion, he could not control his feelings any longer and turning to the offender, he said: "Don't you really think you would be more comfortable if you took that bone out on the mat?"—Youth's Companion.

### Wifey Gets It.

"What is a beneficiary, pa?" "The woman who gets the ready money when her husband proves that his life insurance policy is good for something."

## SURE ENOUGH WEATHER SIGN:

Coffee, Pipe and Cane Will Help On to Make a Forecast of the Coming Day.

When you go for your holiday, don't grumble if you find that your newspaper has misled you as to the weather in your particular district, or give you a report too general to be of any use. Instead, use your powers of observation, and be your own weather prophet.

You need go no farther than your own breakfast table to start with. Watch your cup of coffee. When the bubbles collect in the center of the cup and form a "kiss," you can plan that picnic with confidence. When they rush to the side of the cup, you had better go carefully. Rain is not absolutely certain, but it's very likely. Of course, it is the condition of the atmosphere that affects the tiny bubbles.

Your after breakfast pipe will confirm whatever opinion you have formed from your coffee. If you use wax matches you will find that they are specially difficult to ignite. You may succeed the first time, but by striking half a dozen in succession on a morning when rain is to be expected you will use six matches for two fares.

You will find further weather prophets waiting for you in the hall, anxious to tell you the news. Pick up your walking stick. If it is hard and dry, take it with you, even if the sky is clouded. But if the handle is moist, drop it, and take your umbrella. If, fifteen minutes after rubbing the handle with a dry cloth, the moisture reappears, you had better take your raincoat as well, for you are in for a "soaker."

### What a Baptist Preacher Did

This is to certify that I have used one box of Hunt's Cure for a skin trouble, and same cured me after using about \$8 worth of other ointments and salves. Nothing like Hunt's Cure for skin troubles.—Rev. H. T. Sizemore, Hemphill, Texas.

### Cleaning Waste Pipes.

Waste pipes may be cleaned of soap and slime by placing a handful of common salt in the bottom of the basin over night. The salt will gradually melt and the first flush of water in the morning will clear the pipe.

# HURRY-OUT SPECIALS

We have certain lots of Merchandise that we want to Move and that Low-Price-Method is our One Best Way to Clean Up

## LOT 1

Ladies pumps, 2-strap and button slippers in gunmetal, tan, patent and duck will go at Half Price. Just think of it. You will have to get a move on you to reap these bargains

## LOT 2

Ladies shoes, button and lace, in all different leathers and styles, an assortment worth our regular price, until Saturday night they will sell for One-Half Price

## LOT 3

Lot three consists of childrens shoes and oxfords, patents, tans oxbloods, gunmetals and calf shoes, as long as they last will be sold to the public at One-Half Price

## LOT 4

Lot number four consists of some odds and ends in ladies and childrens shoes. This is your chance to save money. They will be sold now at only 50c per Pair

We have a complete line of ladies' and children's stylish footwear in all the latest leathers and shapes of which we are going to place a reduction in this class of goods that will undoubtedly meet your hearty approval. Let us fit your foot, we have the shoes that will please you. Come to our store and investigate our clothing reductions.

THEY ARE WORTHY OF THAT TROUBLE

# Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company

### MERKEL PROOF

Should Convince Every Merkel Reader.

The frank statement of a neighbor, telling the merits of a remedy, bids you pause and believe. The same endorsement by some stranger far away commands no belief at all. Here's a Merkel case. A Merkel citizen testifies. Read and be convinced.

B. J. Rhodes, Merkel, Texas: "I used several boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills and was greatly benefitted. I was in bad shape with my back for a long time and my kidneys and bladder were weak. Doan's Kidney Pills quickly cured me and now I seldom have to use a kidney remedy. When I do, it is always Doan's Kidney Pills."

The above statement must carry conviction to the mind of every reader. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for Doan's Kidney Pills the same that Mr. Rhodes had—the remedy backed by home testimony. 50c at stores. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

"When Your Back is Lame—Remember the Name."—adv

#### Then and Now.

"Sometimes I feel sure," said Bilkins, "that I once sat on a throne and waved a scepter." "And now," remarked his cheery wife, "you are going to stand on the back porch and wave a rug beater."

#### Calomel is Bad

But Simmons' Liver Purifier is delightfully pleasant and its action is thorough. Constipation yields, biliousness goes. A trial convinces. [In yellow Tin Boxes Only.] Tried once used always.

#### The Difference.

When a man falls on a bit of orange peel, the first thing he does is to look back to see what it was; but the first thing a woman does is to look around to see if anyone saw her.—The Tatler.

#### To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE PROMO 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. 50c.

## WITH OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

### Trent Items.

May 19—We must say that Trent is looking better every day. Wait until you hear that new five stand eighty saw gin running day and night, then Trent will loom up.

Our baseball team went over to Eskota Saturday and beat the Coal Chute aggregation by a score of 7 to 5. Pretty good boys according to their size.

Mr. Evans of Holdenville, Okla. was here last week visiting A. C. Terry his brother-in-law.

Mr. Clark of Comanche came in last Friday on Bob, to visit his old friend W. A. Abbott.

Mrs. B. C. Moore and little daughter of Merkel were in Trent Saturday evening visiting.

Joe Brown, our blacksmith, has his car in good repair order and is spinning around in it some but you had better look out for yourself when he starts.

Will the editor please tell us where we can obtain the ingredients to make that dope that one of the Mail correspondents spoke about last week and prescribed for that marble fever. He called it wiregrass, rag weeds and cucumber, please tell us if it can be found in a common drug store.

Mrs. Ed Teuton left Sunday for Ovalo to visit her mother who is very sick.

Mr. Clemons came in Sunday morning from Stanton and reported everything in that part of the country looking good.

Our general merchant, E. L. Mangum, riding his bicycle is a regular "sure does get there Eli."

Prof. Patterson of Scurry county was in Trent Sunday looking for a position in our school.

### Eyes Sunken With Pain

Three years ago I had a very bad spell of neuralgia which caused my eyes to become sunken and bloodshot with pain. Hunt's Lightning Oil was recommended and after using, the pain left and has not returned, says A. M. Coffey, 316 Van Buren St., Litchfield, Ill. This wonderful medicine is sold by all druggists everywhere.

### Inkum Items.

May 20—Mr. Plasco of Abilene made a business trip to this section the first of the week.

Much of the cotton planted before the rain has had to be replanted.

T. H. Davis, pastor of the Methodist church at Elm Grove preached his regular appointed sermon here Sunday.

We are all now enjoying the results of our labors in our gardens, and our poultry yards are coming in for their part of decreasing the high cost of living.

Grass in this section is fine and all kinds of stock are doing fine.

John Denton and wife of near Nubia were visiting relatives here Sunday.

There was a singing at R. A. Hill's Sunday afternoon. Quite a number were present.

T. J. Burleson and wife are entertaining a new daughter, born last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wills visited friends at Dora Sunday.

George Anderson and family of Mulberry Canyon were visiting relatives and fishing in this section last week.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Burleson of Nubia spent several days in our midst recently.

G. W. Wilson and wife were trading in Merkel Saturday.

W. C. Perry has erected a windmill at his place since our last writing.

### Most Prompt and Effectual Cure for Bad Colds

When you have a bad cold you want a remedy that will not only give relief, but effect a prompt and permanent cure, a remedy that is pleasant to take, a remedy that contains nothing injurious. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy meets all these requirements. It acts on nature's plan, relieves the lungs, aids expectoration, opens the secretions and restores the system to a healthy condition. This remedy has a world-wide sale and use, and can always be depended upon. Sold by all dealers.

### Salt Branch News.

May 20—We had a good attendance at Sunday school Sunday.

We have another fine rain to report for this week, just watch the crops and weeds grow.

S. W. Taylor and family visited Chas Higgins Sunday.

Ellis Petty and family spent Sunday with J. P. Petty.

Misses Cora and Neva Hays took dinner with Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy Sunday.

Clint Allen and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Higgins.

Mrs. Driver of Oklahoma who has been at the bedside of her mother returned home Monday night.

Oscar Harris and wife of Dallas who have been visiting relatives here for some time returned to their home Monday night.

The Teaff brothers of Tye were the guests of J. W. Teaff Sunday.

Miss Katie Tyler took dinner with Miss Nina Beavers Sunday.

Mrs. W. M. Hays and daughter were Merkel visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Beavers spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. W. M. Hays.

### \$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer \$100 for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

## USE OF CALOMEL PRACTICALLY STOPPED

For Bilious Attacks, Constipation and All Liver Troubles. Dangerous Calomel Gives Way to Dodson's Liver Tone

Every druggist in the state has noticed a great falling off in the sale of calomel. They all give the same reason. Dodson's Liver Tone is taking its place.

"Calomel is often dangerous and people know it, while Dodson's Liver Tone is perfectly safe and gives better results," say Rust & McCauley.

Dodson's Liver Tone is personally guaranteed by Rust & McCauley who sell it. A large bottle costs 50 cents, and if it fails to give easy relief in every case of sluggishness, you have only to ask for your money back. It will be promptly returned.

Dodson's Liver Tone is a pleasant tasting, purely vegetable remedy—harmless to both children and adults. A bottle in the house may save you a day's work or keep your children from missing school. Keep your liver working and your liver will not keep you from working.—adv

### Only a Burden.

"You have no magnificent ruins such as we have in Europe." "No," replied Mr. Cumrox. "I thought of putting up a few, but I gave it up. They're mighty artistic looking, but they're too hard to keep in repair."

### Not Fit For Ladies

Public sentiment should be against it, and we believe it is, there can be no reason why ladies should have to suffer with headaches and neuralgia, especially when Hunt's Lightning Oil gives such prompt relief. It is simply a question of getting the ladies to try it. All druggists sell Hunt's Lightning Oil in 25c and 50c bottles.

### Your Hands Experienced?

A wide girdle at the waist is the latest fad, so that the top of the skirt will coincide with the bottom, and only an experienced hand will be able to tell which is the belt line and which is the hem.

### 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 Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.