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SCHOOL BOARD HAS ELECTED TEACHERS

The school board of the Merkel Independent School District met Wednesday afternoon to elect a principal for the public schools at this place for the coming year. Roger A. Burgess formerly connected with the schools at Lubbock was elected to the position.

The election of teachers to fill other positions was decided upon some days ago, yet there remain three selections to be made. Professor B. D. Black, newly elected superintendent of the schools was with the board and assisted in the election. Misses E. Love Hawkins, Maud Jenkins, Jewell Garrett, Mae and Willie Valentine who were connected with the school last year were retained. Other elections are, Miss Jessie Sutphen, Miss Maggie Bird Shackelford of Abilene and Miss Etta Ferguson of Cottonwood.

The election of Mr. Burgess as principal in the schools fill all the vacant places with three exceptions, those three being for teachers in the lower grades and these will be made at an early date. Mr. Burgess comes from the Lubbock school with a gilt-edge recommendation, having been elected there for three years and his election for the last year was unanimous, as it was here.

Col. Rufus Bowden and wife of El Paso stopped off here Sunday a few moments to see Mr. Bowden's old friend W. R. Walker. Col. Bowden and wife are on their way to Washington for an extended visit.

FARMERS SHOULD ORGANIZE AT ONCE

In another article of this week's paper there is a letter from Agent F. A. Peel, on the possibility of delegates from this section of the country to the farmers congress at College Station during the last week of July.

As a good date for organizing this body, we offer Saturday, June 21st., as one of the best days for getting the farmers of the country together on the proposition. This is of vital interest to the farmers of the Merkel country for the larger the organization is the larger the number of delegates will be allowed to go from here to College Station and return without cost. As a certain number of men of this country will be given passes to the institute if the proper number of farmers band together in a co-operative way for the purpose of doing better work. There is no cost whatever attached to the organization of the body.

The Plain Price Nickel Store has the very best goods you can find in Merkel and the price is just right for everybody. Call and see us before buying or you will miss a bargain.

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Of course you appreciate the advantages offered you through the growth and development of the community in which you live.

If you live on the farm, you want good roads, schools and churches, a convenient market in which to dispose of your products, rural telephones and mail delivery, etc.

If you live in town you want, in addition to the above, good streets and sidewalks, adequate water and lighting systems, modern local shopping facilities—in fact every public and private utility.

Do you realize that all these things are the outcome of, and depend upon the growth of your community, which is entirely dependent upon the extent of local trade activities?

A portion of every dollar spent in the store of your local merchant finds its way to some fund used in the promotion of the community's welfare and development.

Increased local business means the securing of modern public conveniences and luxuries, additional trading, marketing, transportation, educational, religious and social facilities.

When looking up your list of contemplated purchases, post yourself with regard to the BEST BRANDS of articles in the lines desired, then look in your local stores for them.

EXCLUSIVE SHOE STORE FOR MERKEL

Dr. O. J. Crenshaw of Fort Worth is here this week opening up an exclusive shoe store in the corner building of the Crenshaw Block.

In a talk with Dr. Crenshaw he states that the enterprise in his estimation is one that Merkel needs very much and that it is his intention to have the stock complete and a line of shoes that will fit the trade.

While the store was open to the trade Tuesday morning the stock will not be completely displayed until the latter part of this week. H. D. Hardeman of Fort Worth, formerly connected with the Famous Shoe Store of that place has been placed in charge of the business and is here to make his home with the Merkel people. This is the latest and most up-to-date establishments to come to Merkel and we predict their future here a very successful one. The new house will be known as the Model Shoe Store.

The Plain Price Nickel Store wants you to call and look over their goods. We have everything needed in the dining room and kitchen, also other goods that you use every day. Call and see us when you are looking for nice, cheap goods. Cleaner for white buckskin and canvas shoes and gloves.

Miss Mossie Sears returned Sunday night from Paducah after having been away for some three months.

OPENS MEETING FOR TWO WEEKS

The two weeks series of revival services in evangelistic work by Rev. N. F. Grafton of the Presbyterian church here, is taking on new interest with each meeting.

Rev. Grafton sermons are not exceedingly long but are full of enough interesting facts at all times there is no time when his expressions are not weighed in full by the whole audience. Special services have been planned for Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The afternoon services at the Presbyterian church is a mass meeting for the young men and women, boys and girls. The singing of Mr. Mallard in connection with the services gives the work of Rev. Grafton a renewed force each time the song service is brought out.

The meeting will continue until Sunday week.

feet of hose in order to reach the scene. What might have been a bad accident had it occurred sooner was the bursting of a four inch main on Kent street, this break released the pressure and the firemen had little or no water for some time, but the flames were under control at the time and no extra loss was sustained as a result of the break.

STREET CARNIVAL A GOOD SUCCESS

The Firemen's Street Carnival of last week was a complete success in the eyes of every member of the department. The net proceeds coming into the Fire Department from the different shows and stands of the Southern Amusement Co. amounted to \$176.40, about \$30 or \$40 of which will have to be taken out for expenses of the week. Leaving the boys about \$135.00 to recuperate their treasury department which has been marked with red figures for some time.

The week of amusement passed off in a very nice manner with a few exceptions. Two of the carnival employees were hurt by flying bricks. The first trouble of this nature occurred when one of the guards for the Merry-go-Round passed an alley on Main street Thursday night and in doing so was knocked almost senseless for a few moments by being struck behind the ear with a brick. Before he could recover from the effect of the lick his assailant had escaped. On Saturday night one of the guards at the Southern Belles show received a broken rib as a result of being hit by a brick. The injury was a very bad break and the man suffered very much from its effects.

Both of these incidents are regretted by every member of the fire department and they are proud to know that the worst of the two affrays was not due to the hands of any of the Merkel boys. Both the acts were dirty ones and are to be deeply regretted as there could have been no good cause for such, as the conduct of the Carnival members was such as should not have invoked the wrath of anyone.

SATURDAY BIG DAY

The Last Day of Merkel's Trade-Week Was a Whopper.

MORE PREMIUMS AWARDED
Hundreds Pass Time Away Seeing Sights of Carnival. Business Men of Town do Good Business.

Saturday last, which was also the last day of Merkel's second Trade Week was a great day for the business houses and the Firemen's Carnival.

The crowds that surged in the streets at the awarding of the premiums was greater than the large crowd that witnessed the first awarding of Trade League premiums something over a month ago. A crowd estimated from two to three thousand people visited the town and Carnival during the afternoon and evening.

The awarding of premiums came at 4:30 p. m. Mayor Potter after a short talk started the big ball to rolling by announcing the winner for the first premium, a Studebaker farm wagon. The lucky man was J. R. Meeks of Route 5 and described as the ugliest man in Taylor county by Mayor Potter. The winner of the second premium, a modern kitchen cabinet, was Mrs. Bartley Smith of Odessa. The third premium, a 72-piece dinner set was awarded to Mrs. H. V. Pannell of Tye.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—One Registered Jersey male, 22 months old, of fine butter strain, solid color. One Yearling, grade, solid color. Address Z. T. Peak, 124½ Chestnut street, Abilene, Tex. 2t

FOR RENT OR SALE—Five-room house close in; has well, windmill, orchard, lot and barn. J. T. Warren. 2t

LOST—One signate ring on carnival grounds Friday with letter M engraved. Return to L. J. Renfro at City Barber Shop and receive reward. 1tpd

W. T. DANIEL HOME BURNED MONDAY

Monday evening at 8 o'clock the fireboys responded to one of the hardest fires they have ever had to combat with in the residential section of town.

The home of W. T. Daniel's, formerly the J. S. Barnes residence was seen to be on fire by neighbors, and at the time the first alarm was given the flames had a good headway. The house being one of the largest in town made the hottest blaze the local fire-fighters have ever been up against, and while the home was a complete loss it was only by hard work that the adjoining property owners were saved from a like loss. The cause of the fire is not known, Mrs. Daniel and daughter having left the home a few moments before and were on their way to church when the first flames were discovered. Neither of them remember of having left a lamp burning in the house, or of any fire in the kitchen stove that might have started it.

The house was a twelve room, two story house, seven rooms below and five above. The fire originating in the rear and was fanned to the upper portion and front of the house by a light breeze which made the heat almost unbearable to those working near. The place was insured to the amount of \$3,250, \$2,500 being on the house and \$750 on the furniture and fixtures.

This is the first time the new fire hose has been used in real work, and had it not been for the 500 extra feet the department now has use of, the property adjoining the Daniel home, would likely have burned. It being necessary to lay all of the 1450



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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

If your feet hurt you should visit the "Model."

Geo. McDonald of Abilene was here Wednesday on business.

Mrs. J. T. Dennis is in Sweetwater this week visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Mary Gunn who has been in school at San Marcos, returned home Wednesday evening.

One piano vote with every cent purchase at the West Texas Hardware Co.

Mrs. Eva Youngblood of Abilene returned home Thursday, after a short visit with her sister Mrs. Jno. Banner of this place.

Miss Zora Coggin and brother Ottie accompanied their sister Mrs. A. G. Crouch to Sweetwater Tuesday morning, to visit relatives. From Sweetwater Mrs. Crouch went to Douglass, Ariz., to join her husband in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Doyle of El Paso, Ark., who have been here visiting the latter's sister Mrs. J. T. Warren, left Saturday for Hawley by the way of Abilene. Mrs. Doyle will visit her brother Albert Booth of Hawley after which they will return to their home in Arkansas.

J. A. Brown, blacksmith and woodworker, of Trent was in the city Saturday night seeing the carnival. Mr. Brown is one of the "champion nimrods" of the country and rang the bell at the shooting gallery seven times out of seven shots and called for his winnings. It cost him a quarter to do the stunt.

Ed Newman of Corsicana, who formerly was connected with the Newman Bros. Jewelry Co. of this place stopped off here awhile Wednesday to shake hands with old friends. Mr. Newman had been attending court in San Angelo, going down as a witness in the case of the State vs. Felix Jones, which was called the first of the week. The case was reversed by the supreme court some time ago and was sent back to San Angelo for new trial. It has now been continued until the next term of court.

Notice Farmers.

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

A New Evil.

Husband—"So long as you went around to the polls to vote, why didn't you do it?" Enfranchised Wife—"Another lady was using the booth."—Life.

PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION, SAN FRANCISCO, 1915



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SECTION of the great central court, the Court of the Sun and Stars, designed by Messrs. McKim, Mead and White. This court, approximately 750x900 feet, will divide the main rectangle of exposition buildings from north to south. Upon the east of the court figures—elephants, camels, Arab warriors—symbolical of the Orient will surmount a huge arch, the Arch of the Rising Sun, larger than the Arc de Triomphe; upon the west of the court the story of the setting sun will be depicted; surmounting the arch upon the west prairie schooners and figures of pioneers who pushed across the western plains will be shown.

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Officers Elected.

Friday night the O. E. S. Chapter elected its annual officers as follows:

Worthy Matron—Miss May Derstine.

Worthy Patron—W. N. Hall.
A. M.—Mrs. Laura Edwards.
Secretary—Wesley Edwards.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. L. Harris.
Conductress—Mrs. Allie Jenkins.

A. C.—Mrs. Minnie Adams.
Star points will be elected later. The installation will take place Friday evening.

Leaves for Plainview.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Saffle and children left Tuesday afternoon for Plainview where they will make their home in the future. Rev. Saffle and family have made their home in Merkel for several years and have a host of friends that regret very much that we should lose this good family from our town.

Our New Court House.

J. L. Banner our commissioner was in Abilene the first of the week looking after matters regarding the erection of the new court house. Mr. Banner on returning home exhibited an architectural drawing of the building. The drawing shows the building to be a three story and a basement.

Forest Whitley Injured.

Forest Whitley, brother to firemen Claud Whitley, who was injured some time ago in a practice run, was the victim of a bad fall at the Daniel fire by alighting from an auto while it was in motion. He sustained a dislocated wrist and some minor bruises. The auto was pulling the Chemical and Hook and Ladder wagon and was going at a fast rate of speed.

Leaves for Chattanooga.

Several visitors from this section of the country left last week for Chattanooga to attend the United Confederate Veteran's Reunion. Among those going from here were J. S. Swann, Jno. Wheeler, S. R. Curtis, Miss Amanda Curtis, J. T. Howard and G. W. Johnson.

Here From Alabama.

J. W. Morton of northern Ala., came in the first of the week to visit his brother M. Morton of this place.

This is the first time in 43 years that these brothers have met. There last meeting prior to this one was upon the departure of our present townsman from that far away country a little over 43 years ago.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Hear the piano at the West Texas Hardware Co.

T. J. Coggin has been confined to his bed much of the time since his return from El Paso last week.

H. C. Williams, R. O. Anderson and Editor J. G. Jackson all of this week were in Abilene Monday on business.

Mrs. E. E. Allen of Eskota came in Saturday to visit her son Charles Allen, operator of the Texas & Pacific at this place.

Mrs. A. J. Leighty returned to her home at Abilene Monday after a short visit here with her husband Agent Leighty of the Texas & Pacific Company.

Mrs. J. W. Rowe of Fort Worth who came here last week to attend the funeral of her grandmother Mrs. Mary F. Rollins, returned to her home Saturday morning.

Messrs. W. R. Walker, Dewitt Haynes, B. C. Gaither, Ira Armstrong, G. E. Comegys and L. E. Sanders were passengers to San Angelo Sunday afternoon, to attend court.

Mrs. Lillian Welch of El Paso who has been here for a short time visiting relatives, left Tuesday morning for Fort Worth to visit for a short time before returning to her home.

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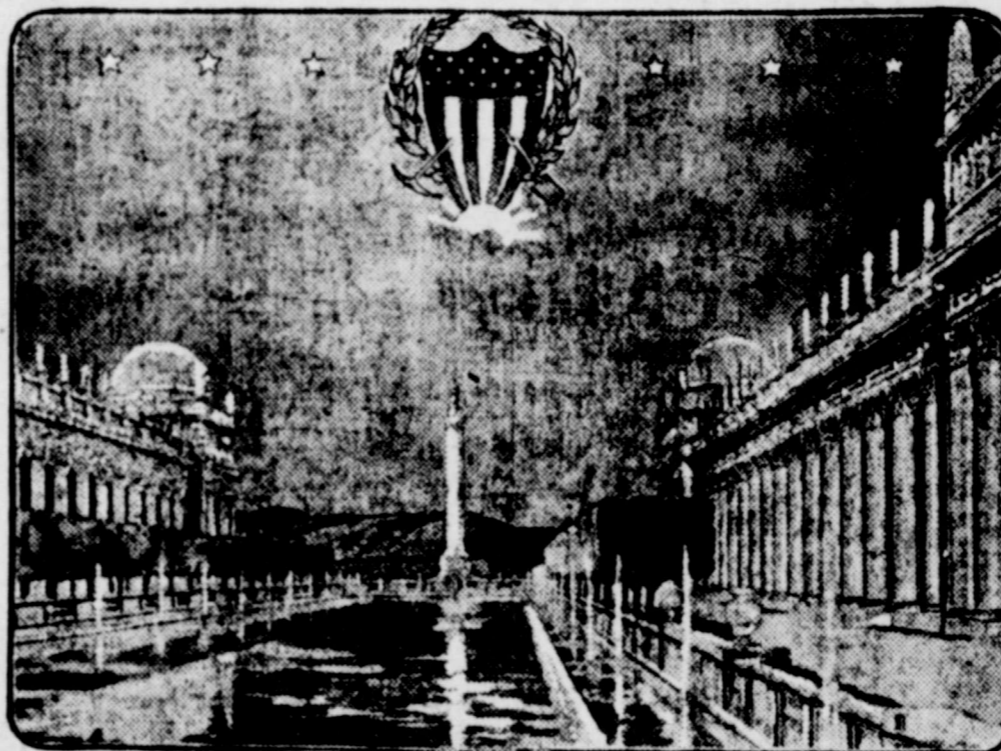
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LOOKING toward the hills of Marin county through the entrance of the great Court of Sun and Stars upon the harbor. In the center is seen a colossal column whose spiral represents man's climb towards fame. At the summit of the column the huge symbolical figure is designed to convey the spirit of success.

Shows His Appreciation.

J. J. Stallings one of the most loyal supporters of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department showed his appreciation for the excellent work done by them Monday night in saving his property adjoining the scene of the Daniel fire.

This showing of appreciation was in the form of a check for \$20.00 made payable to the Fire department. The members of the department are more than thankful for the gift but take it in a different way than an ordinary gift. It seems to place more confidence in them of having ability to render a service to the town and people that is worthy of consideration.

Notice.

Any person wishing fresh home grown vegetables will please phone me at R. E. Count's, phone No. 115. I will make deliveries promptly. J. M. Westenhouwer, the vegetable man. It

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending May 31, 1913.

Allen, Miss Mary
Atchison, Dr. T. A.
Ellington, Miss Gertrude
Nussbaum, Jas.
Wilkson, Miss Ethel

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office June 14, 1913.

H. W. Derstine, P.M.

Merkel 4, Sweetwater 3.

The Merkel baseball boys defeated the Sweetwater bunch on the home grounds Saturday afternoon by a score of 4 to 3. The game was well played throughout and the team work much better than put up by these two teams when they met here for the first time. The locals also defeated the carnival aggregation Friday afternoon by a score of 14 to 9.

The "Model" shoe store is located in the corner of the Crenshaw block.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Come to the Model to be fitted in shoes.

Clifton Mackey of Durant, Okla., is here this week visiting his sister Mrs. W. A. Scott.

Mrs. N. E. Sandlin and daughter Miss Winnie are in Abilene visiting relatives.

The "Model" is the only exclusive shoe store in Merkel.

D. B. Smith of Abilene was here Tuesday visiting his wife's mother Mrs. N. E. Sandlin.

Miss Nola Whitley was here the first of the week visiting her brothers F. A. and Claud Whitley.

The West Texas Hardware Company's premium piano retails for \$400 cash.

Mrs. L. T. Yancy of Hamlin was here the first of the week visiting her sister Mrs. Walter Clark.

Dem Rust went to Putnam the first of the week to look after some property his mother has there.

The "Model" carries shoes from AA to EE.

G. R. Roberts of Waxahache came in Wednesday morning to visit his nephew Sam Roberts and other relatives. He will be here for several days.

Mrs. J. H. McDonald and children departed Saturday night for Vivian, La., where they go to join Mr. McDonald. We regret very much to lose these good people but have hopes of their returning to Merkel in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Parten and children went to Sweetwater Sunday to visit relatives. From Sweetwater Mr. Parten went on south in company with J. M. Pate also of this place and the two will spend some time fishing and hunting on the Colorado and Concho rivers.

Miss Mae White stopped off here to visit friends last week while on her way to Clifton from Big Springs where she has been visiting since the closing of the public schools at this place.

Arch Harris of Route two was in town twice last Saturday to see the carnival. He came in, in the morning and finding that the thing had not opened in full, returned home until after dinner and was back again. T. J. Williamson of Trent similar in some respects to Mr. Harris was also here.

Ask for piano notes at the West Texas Hardware Co.

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 GOOD CHURCHES, GOOD PEOPLE,
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TELEPHONE No. 61

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

EDITORS HEAR "LOUD SPEAKING" TELEPHONE.

When at a recent meeting of the State Press Association in session at San Antonio, Governor O. B. Colquitt while seated at his desk in the executive mansion at Austin, addressed the editors over the "loud speaking" telephone, scientists declared that the incident marked a new epoch, the first in a series of wonderful events by which all the people in America may ultimately be brought into one vast audience to hear the message intended for as many as may care to listen.

This is said to be the second time the invention has been brought into actual service, and the possibilities seem now to have no limit. During the conversation a terrific electrical storm was raging throughout the eighty-one miles, the distance between the speaker and the audience. At the height of the address the storm in that city was of such magnitude that the electric light plant was partially put out of business, while telephone poles were blown down in many sections of that city, and along the line. In spite of this the voice of the Governor was plainly audible throughout the vast auditorium. No one could doubt the tones of the voice. There was no interruption. The practicability of the "loud speaking" telephone is now demonstrated. What may now be expected?

LAW IN THE NORTH.

The late action of northern grand jury in indicting State Senator Stephen J. Stillwell of the State of New York is somewhat a slap in the face of his colleagues in the State Senate who voted exoneration upon him for his connection with a certain bribery case in which it was charged that he accepted money.

After the action of the grand jury a trial jury found Senator Stillwell guilty as was charged and he has been sentenced to serve a term in Sing Sing.

The time seems to be dawning upon the people of that section of the U. S. A. that the only way to stop the wholesale evil of the men higher up is to let the law take its course and under no consideration to let it be cheated. This action together with other late steps in correcting the graft is a credit to the men who have had charge of the correction work. When a man is honored by the people of his town or country and then that man forsake his friends to satisfy the greed of big interests it is naught but right that he should wear the stripes.

The spirit of progressiveness in Merkel is out spoken in more ways than one at the present. The opening of an exclusive shoe store is one of the latest enterprises and is without a doubt a much needed acquisition to our growing city. Three other enterprises much needed in Merkel at the present is an Ice Plant, a Modern Laundry and a co-operative Dairy for the use of our farmers at large.

MORE ABOUT THE AMENDMENT.

In making up his mind as to how he will vote on the amendment to sections 49 and 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution, the voter must consider the following questions:

1. Is he willing to authorize the state officials to create debts against the state to the amount of a half million dollars, which may be repeated as often as the debt is paid, and which the taxpayer must pay?
2. Does he favor the issuing of bonds to build another Agricultural and Mechanical College at Austin in connection with the University?
3. Does he favor giving the Legislature unlimited power to issue any amount of bonds it may see fit for buildings for "other institutions?"
4. Does he believe it good public policy to issue three million dollars worth of bonds for the penitentiary system which in two years has lost two million dollars?
5. Is he willing, as a taxpayer, to pay his share of the seven million dollars worth of bonds which will be immediately demanded of the Legislature should this amendment be adopted?
6. Does he believe it good public policy for the voter to be forced to vote for seven different propositions, or against all of them, or not vote at all?

A. M. Kennedy, Kerrville, Tex.

HOUSTON'S \$3,000,000 HOTEL OPENED.

The new Rice Hotel, costing \$3,000,000, was formally opened to the public on Saturday, May 17, the occasion being marked by an elaborate banquet being served in the main restaurant to several hundred visiting Shriners from all sections of the United States.

The structure is eighteen stories and has three complete kitchens, one for the main floor, one for the banquet and private dining rooms, and one for the roof garden which overlooks the entire country. The hotel is operated on the European plan the rates running from \$1.50 upward. There are fifteen special suites of rooms, each elegantly furnished with either walnut or mahogany furniture.

Homer D. Mathews, one of the most widely known hotel men in the United States and Texas is the manager of the hostelry which is pronounced by experts to be one of the largest and finest outside of New York or Chicago and which in point of modern equipment stands as a model of Twentieth Century hotel construction.

TEXAS WOMAN AWARDED LAW DEGREE.

More than 250 young men and women will receive degrees from the University of Texas in June which is the largest number ever conferred in one year. Among them will be two or three young women graduates in medicine, while one young woman, Miss Rose Zelosky of Fort Worth, will take her diploma in law. She is the first young woman to graduate from the law department.

TEXAS GOOD ROAD NOTES.

Belton—By an overwhelming majority Bell county road precinct No. 1 recently voted \$150,000 in bonds to be used in building good roads.

Donna—Hidalgo county will vote upon a \$200,000 good roads bond issue on June 18. Sentiment throughout the county favors the issue and it will no doubt carry by a large majority.

Clarksville—The voters of precinct No. 1 of Red River county have petitioned the Commissioners' Court to order an election on June 28 to vote upon the issuance of \$200,000 for the construction of a system of permanent highways.

Lindale—The bond issue for Smith county's good roads carried by a vote of 4 to 1.

Studebaker's

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

See E. D. Coats for Hail Insurance.

W. D. Woodroof was in Abilene on business Tuesday.

Look at the bakers sweets at Warrens Bakery.

Mrs. C. E. Whittaker was in Abilene Tuesday visiting friends and relatives.

'Feelosohically speaking' buy your groceries from Bill at Whitley, Son & Co.

J. A. Collins, the fruit man, in the Crenshaw building on Front street.

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

Miss Zora West is in Sweetwater this week the guest of Miss Ruby Black.

Trade your old furniture for new at Behrens-McMillen Fur Company.

Misses Bessie Touchstone and Alma Harris were in Sweetwater Monday attending the commencement exercises.

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

J. C. Baker of Mineral Wells, who has been attending the State Normal at Canyon is spending part of his vacation with friends in Merkel.

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

Dr. Warnick made one of his regular triweekly trips to Eskota Monday, returning home Tuesday morning.

Unwrapped chocolates, regular 40 cents goods, going at 25 cents while they last. At the Elite.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Comegys were in Clyde Tuesday. Mr. Comegys on business and Mrs. Comegys visiting.

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

Miss Kathleen Stephens who has been here visiting the family of J. D. Gaither, left Tuesday morning for Abilene to visit for some time.

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

Mrs. Lester Ellis and Miss Fannie Burroughs were in Abilene Tuesday visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Tandy.

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

Little Miss Irby Rippetoe of Lipan who has been here for a short time visiting the family of J. G. Hale and Mrs Geo. Bagwell, left Tuesday for her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cannon of Detroit, but formerly of this county returned here Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Cannon made their home in Detroit most of last year but the friendship of their friends of the 5th community and the general drawing card of the Merkel country has brought them back to our midst again.

Unwrapped chocolates, regular 40 cents goods, going at 25 cents while they last. At the Elite.

Oak barrels at Grimes Store.

11,000 Demonstration Farms in 215 Counties In Texas Industrial Congress Contest

From 1,746 students of better farming in 161 counties of the State in 1911, the Texas Industrial Congress has steadily increased this number to 10,869 in 215 counties in 1913.

Unique among associations for agricultural development, the Congress, by offering \$10,000 in gold annually for the best yields of specific crops, cost of production considered, has in a little more than two years awakened among the farmers of Texas enthusiastic interest in scientific cultural methods, improved seed selection, better preparation of the soil and the conservation of its fertility through crop rotation and diversification.

While this remarkable growth has been the result primarily of the stimulus caused by the prize offer, this inducement to use brains as well as brawn in crop production, is recognized by thinking men as but an incident for the purpose of accomplishing the real object of the Congress, which is to lower the cost of production

while at the same time increasing the acreage yield, hence its slogan, "Smaller farms; better farming." The enrollment of nearly 11,000 contestants in this year's competition means that many demonstration farms in many neighborhoods, intensively cultivated by 11,000 farmers who are seeking the best information they can get both from the Congress and from other sources, and are striving for the highest farming efficiency, thus educating not only themselves but presenting an ocular demonstration of better cultural methods to their neighbors as well.



Every dot on the above map represents a demonstration farm cultivated in corn, cotton, cowpeas, kaffir or milo, in accordance with the advice and suggestions of the Congress. This information is furnished by bulletins at frequent intervals and also by personal letters. The stars indicate those counties in which prizes were won in the contests of 1911 and 1912.

Among the 215 counties represented, Bexar County, which in 1911 had but seven contestants and in 1912 but nine, leads the State with 505 entries. Ellis County is second, having 381 contestants; Hunt County, with 339, is third and Kaufman, Cooke, Navarro, Tarrant, Dallas, Rockwall, Hill and Rusk Counties rank next in the order named.

The counties represented in this year's contest and the number of entries in each are as follows:

- Anderson, 69; Andrews, 1; Angell, 17; Archer, 3; Armstrong, 7; Austin, 23; Bailey, 1; Bandera, 1; Bastrop, 19; Baylor, 33; Bee, 8; Bell, 23; Bexar, 505; Blanco, 2; Borden, 2; Bosque, 21; Bowie, 87; Brazoria, 51; Brazos, 24; Briscoe, 3; Brown, 29; Burleson, 49; Caldwell, 37; Calhoun, 5; Callahan, 80; Cameron, 41; Camp, 19; Carson, 1; Cass, 73; Castro, 1; Chambers, 25; Cherokee, 89; Childress, 2; Clay, 50; Coke, 17; Coleman, 67; Collin, 172; Collingsworth, 6; Colorado, 37; Comal, 43; Comanche, 89; Concho, 5; Cooke, 318; Coryell, 15; Cottle, 2; Crosby, 10; Culberson, 1; Dallam, 7; Dallas, 252; Dawson, 6; Delta, 27; Denton, 164; DeWitt, 14; Dickens, 12; Dimmitt, 3; Donley, 28; Duval, 2; Eastland, 158; Ector, 12;

- Ellis, 381; Erath, 28; Falls, 68; Fannin, 80; Fayette, 118; Fisher, 35; Floyd, 8; Foard, 10; Ft. Bend, 57; Franklin, 19; Freestone, 47; Frio, 63; Gaines, 1; Galveston, 33; Gillespie, 4; Glasscock, 1; Goliad, 1; Gonzales, 18; Gray, 37; Grayson, 124; Gregg, 26; Grimes, 78; Guadalupe, 43; Hale, 38; Hall, 29; Hamilton, 37; Hardeman, 23; Harris, 123; Harrison, 45; Hartley, 1; Haskell, 23; Hays, 17; Hemp-hill, 1; Henderson, 52; Hidalgo, 5; Hill, 229; Hockley, 1; Hood, 43; Hopkins, 115; Houston, 132; Howard, 130; Hunt, 339; Irion, 2; Jack, 163; Jackson, 7; Jasper, 26; Jefferson, 89; Jim Wells, 78; Johnson, 150; Jones, 76; Karnes, 3; Kaufman, 328; Kent, 7; Kendall, 1; Kerr, 2; Kimble, 1; Knox, 14; Lamar, 80; Lampasas, 6; La Salle, 52; Lavaca, 59; Lee, 32; Leon, 56; Liberty, 11; Limestone, 65; Live Oak, 2; Llano, 1; Loving, 4; Lubbock, 18; Lynn, 3; Madison, 25; Marion, 19; Martin, 7; Mason, 3; Matagorda, 62; Maverick, 17; McCulloch, 11; McLennan, 121; Medina, 50; Menard, 4; Midland, 22; Milam, 80;
- Mills, 7; Mitchell, 134; Montague, 29; Montgomery, 46; Moore, 3; Morris, 32; Motley, 5; Nacogdoches, 52; Navarro, 289; Newton, 7; Nolan, 139; Nueces, 45; Ochiltree, 2; Oldham, 2; Orange, 3; Palo Pinto, 11; Panola, 72; Parker, 121; Polk, 25; Potter, 1; Rains, 9; Randall, 8; Red River, 57; Reeves, 31; Refugio, 15; Roberts, 2; Robertson, 92; Rockwall, 238; Runnels, 44; Rusk, 213; Sabine, 3; San Augustine, 29; San Jacinto, 7; San Patricio, 13; San Saba, 30; Scurry, 23; Schleicher, 6; Shackelford, 4; Shelby, 143; Sherman, 2; Smith, 177; Somervell, 13; Starr, 1; Stephens, 12; Sterling, 1; Swisher, 1; Tarrant, 270; Taylor, 180; Throckmorton, 1; Titus, 47; Tom Green, 4; Travis, 92; Trinity, 32; Tyler, 21; Upshur, 54; Uvalde, 6; Van Zandt, 137; Victoria, 16; Walker, 68; Waller, 20; Ward, 9; Washington, 35; Webb, 19; Wharton, 28; Wheeler, 55; Wichita, 15; Wilbarger, 26; Willacy, 2; Williamson, 80; Wilson, 6; Wise, 82; Wood, 109; Young, 14; Zavalla, 6.

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Correction to Item.

In our last week's issue of the Mail there appeared an article about a poison for the prevention of Grasshoppers and how to kill them. We made a slight error in publishing the formula, it should read 50 pounds of Wheat Bran mixed with 1 pound of Paris Green or Arsenite of Lead, while we published it as requiring 8 pounds of Paris Green or Arsenite of Lead. This should be looked after very quickly according to Agent Peel and the mixture used so as to kill them before they have time to multiply. One should also take care that the stock about the place should not get ahold of any of the mixture.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Oak barrels at Grimes Store.

Vegetables at Whitley, Son & Company.

Mrs. Doss Sheppard of Dallas is here this week visiting her parents Mayor Potter and wife.

Unwrapped chocolates, regular 40 cents goods, going at 25 cents while they last. At the Elite.

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen was in Abilene the first of the week visiting friends.

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

Vernon Boring and Conna Adams were visitors in Sweetwater Sunday evening.

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

Miss Akard Britian of Floydada came in last week to visit her brother W. E. Britian.

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

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

S. E. Adcock of the Blair community was in town Monday on his way to Abilene to attend to business.

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

Miss Louise Schmid who has been connected with the city schools during the past year, left for her home at Abilene Tuesday.

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

J. E. Faucett, cashier of the Southern National Bank was in Fort Worth attending court the first of the week.

Unwrapped chocolates, regular 40 cents goods, going at 25 cents while they last. At the Elite.

W. M. Williams, financial agent for the Texas Christian University was here Tuesday visiting his old friend Mayor W.T. Potter.

J. P. C. Hunt of Haskell, Rule and Roscoe was here the first of the week looking after business matters.

Mrs. V. M. Sutphen of Meridian came in last week to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Provine.

Mrs. Georgie Easterwood of Midland came in Sunday in answer to a telephone message that her mother Mrs. Coggin of Noodle was very low again.

Mrs. A. C. Rose and little daughter Ona Fae left Tuesday afternoon for Blackwell, where they will spend several days visiting Mrs. R. L. Proctor, Mrs. Rose's sister.

Mrs. Isenhower of Putnam is here this week visiting her sister Mrs. L. J. Renfro. While here Mrs. Isenhower will also visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones of the Canyon country.

From now until June 25, I will give absolutely free of charge one extra pair of trousers with every two-piece or three-piece suit ordered through me from the S. E. Perleberg line. L. J. Renfro, The Taylor.

Miss Bessie and Josephine Medlin who have been connected with the Noodle schools the past year left for their home at Eastland Saturday.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Honoring a Bride.

Wednesday afternoon at their home, Mesdames W. F. Mace and Glenn Huling received their friends in honor of their sister Mrs. Ed Young who is a recent bride and has come to make her home in Lampasas.

The reception hall, parlors and dining room were beautiful in their decorations of roses, sweet peas, plumosa and sprengeri. Every conceivable space was banked in lovely flowers by the artistic hands of Mesdames W. A. Berry, Elbert Clements and Morris Burns.

The day was an ideal one, and beautifully costumed ladies began to arrive promptly at 3:30 o'clock, and were greeted at the door by Mesdames R. S. Mills and F. J. Harris, then conducted to the receiving line composed of the hostesses, honoree, the groom, Ed Young, Mrs. W. R. Young, and Mesdames John Abney and John Barnes, two more brides who have come to live among us.

Three more charming young brides could nowhere be found than these three—Mrs. Abney, from Hempstead; Mrs. Barnes, from Austin and Mrs. Young from Merkel. Lampasas is indeed glad to now claim them, as was evinced by the many expressions of cordial welcome and best wishes.

Mr. Young, the groom, was graciously entertaining, and assured the ladies that he justly deserved the pleasure of being the only gentleman in such a large company of ladies by his long and lonely residence on a west Texas ranch. He thoroughly enjoyed meeting again the many friends of his boyhood, who gladly welcomed him back home.

One of the most pleasing features of the reception was a "toast" to the bride by Mrs. Wm. McKinney in an original poem. This was much applauded, and the talent of our own "poetess" is much enjoyed and appreciated by Lampasas ladies.

Music on piano and clarinet by Mesdames Carleton Abney, Harris and Miss Northington was enjoyed.

After expressions of good wishes, congratulations and pleasant chats, the ladies were directed to the dining room by Mrs. Morris Burns, where they were served delicious strawberry brick cream and white cake by Misses Rachel Northington, Norma Harris, Neva and Myra Blair.

Time took unto himself wings and flew away, and all too soon the hour for leave-taking came and the guests who were members of the Pierian, Twentieth Century and Harmony clubs bid adieu and wished the bride "bon voyage" across the waters of life.—Lampasas Ex.

Prominent among the social events of the past week was the house party given by Miss Fannie Burroughs. During the week-end Miss Burroughs assisted by her mother entertained the following young people from Abilene. Misses Clara Will McNatt, Neva Willis, Alice Cunningham, Anna Laurie Bass, Messrs Irvin Compere, Elmer Stearns, Roy Bradley, Hardin Ross, Wilmer Williams, Hugh and Mrs. C. M. Tandy, Miss Jessie Sutphen, who leaves Friday for Durant, Okla., joined the merry-makers Saturday evening. Many novel ideas were used for the entertainment of the crowd.

On Tuesday evening of last week the Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church assisted by the Philathea class entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren in honor of Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Gaddy and daughter. The guests were the mothers, fathers and young people of town, about eighty in number. A splendid program was rendered, interspersed with orchestra music. Just before the lights winked fruit, punch and cake was served.

The Womens Missionary Society of the M. E. church was entertained in the home of Mrs. H. C. Burroughs Monday afternoon. Twenty-one members answered to roll call. A postponed lesson was studied. Before adjournment the hostess served delicious cake and cream to those present.

Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock the neighbors and friends of Mrs. W. T. Daniel gave her a surprise shower of

useful household articles as a token of their sympathy and love. In arranging the surprise, some could not be reached by phone, others were not at home. At present Mrs. Daniel is living in Mrs. Laura Baulch's house.

Evans-Nesbett.

The report came in from Canyon City last week the marriage of Mr. Carl Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Evans of this place to Miss Eunice Nesbett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Nesbett of Fluvana, but formerly of Merkel.

After the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Evans left for Fluvana where they spent last week, coming here Tuesday night. Both these young people have a host of friends and acquaintances here who wish them a most happy married life.

Epworth League Program.

Topic, The Cross of Jesus. Doxology. Prayer by leader—Miss Fannie Burroughs. Hymn. Responsive reading, Gal. 6:11-16. Lord's prayer. Scripture. Heb. 11:1-6—Frank Armstrong. Central thought, leader. Reading, In the Cross of Christ I Glory—Annie Smith. Reading and comment, Matt. 26:27—John Moore. Reading and comment, Matt. 26:28—Noel Moore. Reading and comment, Heb. 12:2—Ulysses McNeese. Vocal duet—Misses Williams and Potter. Reading, The Changed Cross—Gladys Christopher. Hymn. Prayer. Epworth Visitor. Miscellaneous. Benediction.

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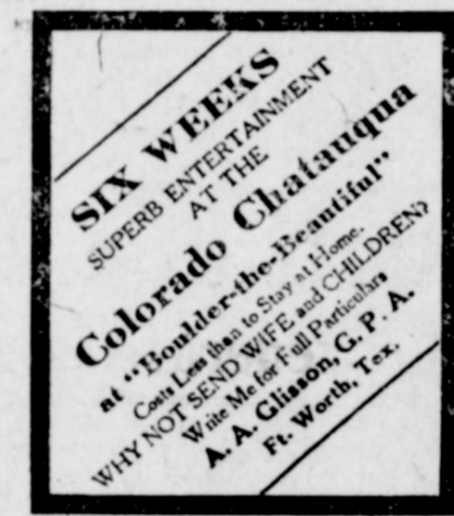
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Notice of School Census of Merkel.

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, 1613 R. L. Krigbaum, Supt.

Copying Our Games.

France would compete with us in baseball, and now Sweden comes to study American intercollegiate football, planning to introduce the art of punts and mass plays up toward the northern lights. American sports are becoming internationalized. Is the course of empire now taking an eastward course, and will our diamond and our gridiron become, like our government, the admiration of older nations?

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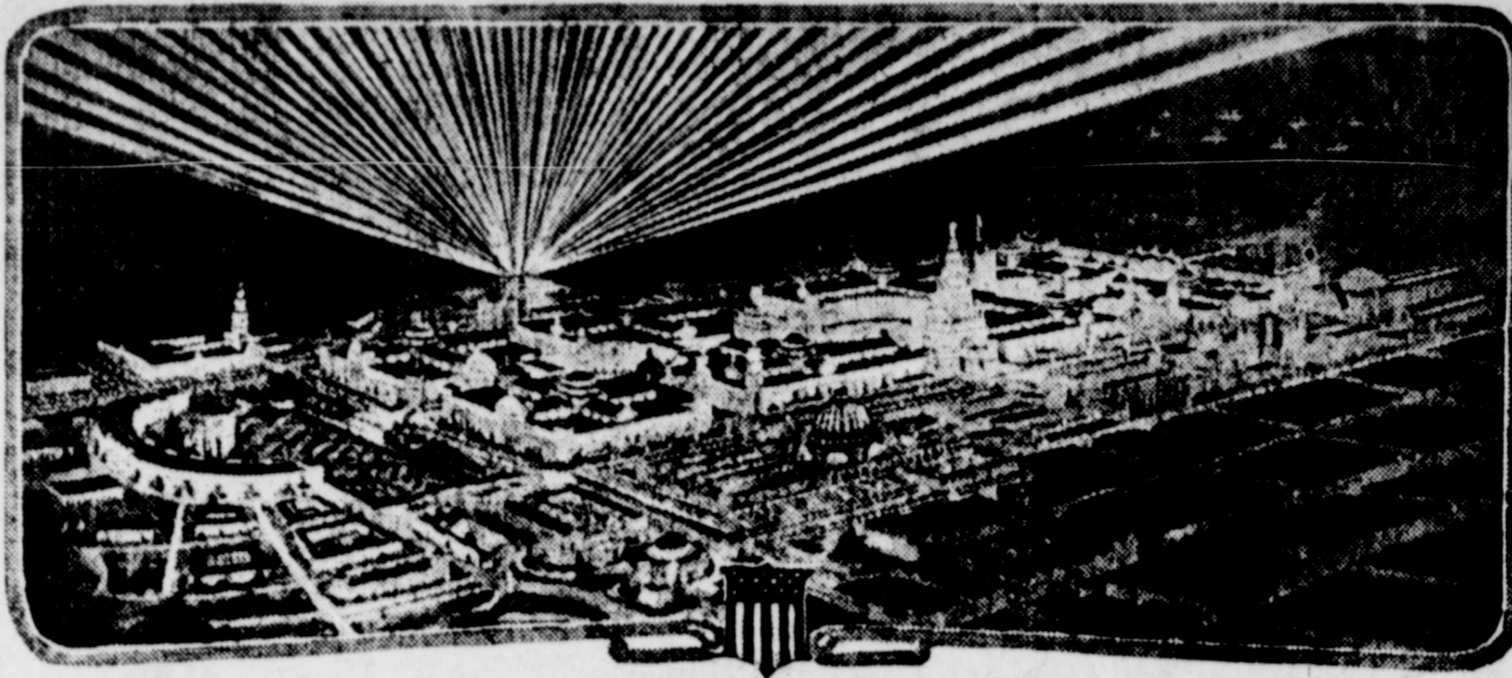
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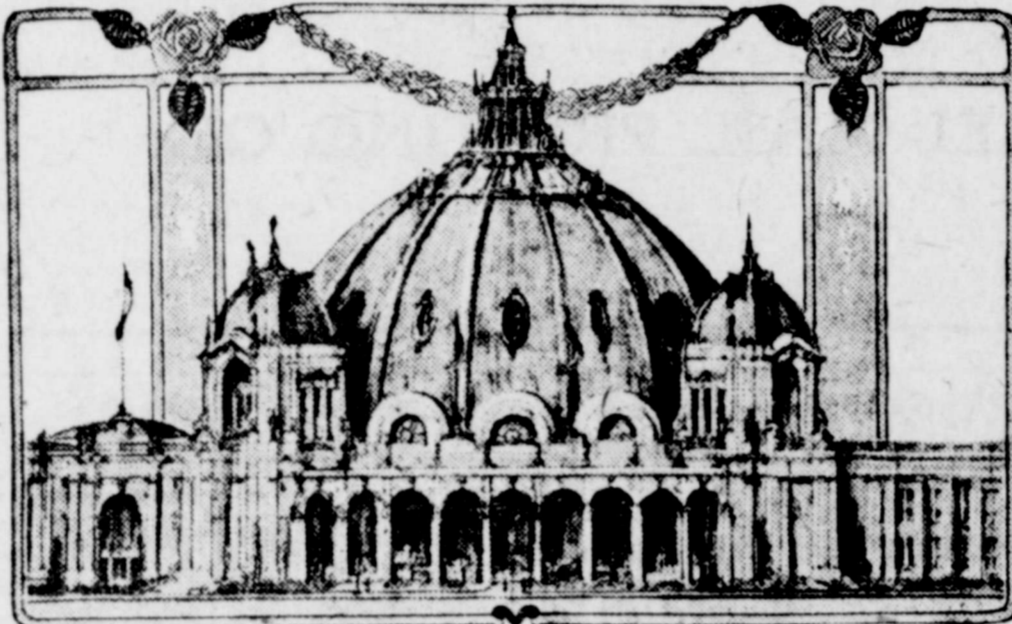
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Merkel Enters Prize Contest.

Merkel is again in the contest for the Hollands Magazine Clean Town, Prize Money. The entry was filled immediately after the application blanks were issued and it now remain for the Merkel people to do the rest.

The application placing Merkel in the list of towns that will enter the contest was signed by Mayor W. T. Potter and City Health Officer, Dr. W. V. Cranford. In the contest last year Merkel was entered in a class of towns, many of which were much larger and were fortunate enough to have a sewerage system. This year Merkel is placed in Class C. of town that have over 1000 inhabitants and not over 2500. With this restriction, our town if the proper spirit is shown in keeping it clean, should stand a good chance of winning a destination of being one of three towns in the state received a part of the Holland's Magazine \$1000 cash prize for being the cleanest town in the state. If conditions are permitted to continue as they now are Merkel has not the least chance of winning a prize, for the weeds are growing at a furious rate and in many parts of town the back alleys are regular eye sores, though this is not the case in all sections of town for as a general rule we have a naturally clean town.

Counting Your Money



will occupy your entire time when you become a regular advertiser in THIS PAPER. Unless you have an antipathy for labor of this kind, call us up and we'll be glad to come and talk over our proposition.

Legacy to Have His Health Drunk.
Mr. John Dipple of Leytonstone, II censed victualler, who died on September 21, bequeathed £250 to the treasurer of the Leyspring lodge of Free Masons upon trust to apply the income in providing for a silent toast to be drunk to his memory, to be proposed at the installation banquet of the lodge by the master.—London Times.

A LETTER FROM AGENT F. A. PEEL

Abilene, May 26., 1913.
Editor Merkel Mail,

How had we best proceed to get in shape to have a good number of delegates appointed to attend the State Farmers Institute and Farmers Congress at College Station, July 28 to August 1st. We just simply can't afford to miss this splendid opportunity of getting so much for so little outlay of time and money, and it is up to us to handle the matter. Have the farmers any kind of an organization at Merkel? If not, then we must try to get them organized. You understand that we can secure these free passes only through some kind of an organization, and the only question is can we get them organized.

Well it seems to me that every farmer, whether he is interested in better methods or not, should be perfectly willing to loan his name to an organization if for no other reason than to help his neighbor or his neighbors boy secure a pass for this occasion. It will cost no one anything to join this institute as the state department will even furnish the blank forms, etc., and all it will cost at all is just time enough to meet and effect the organization.

We ought to get at least 100 members at Merkel, and 200 would be better, as I am impressed that we are entitled to only 1 delegate at large for each local, and 2 for every 25 members or fraction thereof. These delegates get free passes for the round trip, and free lodging on the campus, and there is a strong probability that there will be arrangements made for meals at \$1.00 per day at the mess hall. If not that, there will be lunch stands on the grounds where cheap meals can be obtained.

These institutes are supposed to be organized by the State Department of Agriculture, but as there is no one available for that purpose just now, if you will get the farmers of the Merkel country assembled at Merkel at some time in the near future, and let me know several days in advance, I will meet them and assist in the organizing of them and make everything as plain as I possibly can. I am writing Commissioner Kone today for a more perfect understanding of any details of interest.

I am glad to state that ladies are eligible to membership in these institutes and I think that boys and girls over 16 are eligible also. So let's have several farmers, and a few ladies and also several boys and girls go. I will guarantee that every man, woman, boy or girl that attends this great meeting will be highly pleased with the trip and learn some valuable lessons.

I expect the people to rally in Abilene on June 7th., for the purpose of organizing, and also at Ovalo and Tuscola on 14th for the same purpose. So I will not be able to meet your people on either of the dates mentioned, but will do so at any other time that you think best and can get them together.

Let's get busy Bro. Jackson and make a good thing of this. It may be that newspaper men can be taken along and if so would be very glad to have you go provided you promise to be good.
F. A. Peel.

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."

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

Beauty of Woodwork.

There is a friendly atmosphere in the presence of much woodwork—not painted wood, but wood finished to show the beauty of its natural growth—that is entirely lost in an expanse of smooth, hard paint. Its mellow lights and soft shades form a far more restful background than any papered surface, and its strength and durability make a wood finish ideal for a house that is to suggest the feeling of permanence and stability that belongs to the true home.—Suburban Life.

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.

Clay Had Campaign Banners.

Jerome Carter Hosmer, president of the Dorchester (Mass.) Historical society, at the next regular meeting of that society will present a banner which was carried by the adherents of Henry Clay through the New England states at the time of Mr. Clay's candidacy for president of the United States. It is thought to be the only one in existence.

Twenty-seven states are represented, the stars encircling the portrait of Henry Clay. Within the circle are the words, "National Currency and Protection." In the four corners of the banner are the words agriculture, commerce, manufacture and encouragement. The flag is said to have been carried by enthusiastic followers of Clay in Worcester and Roxbury in 1844.

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.

A Colossal Scheme.

The great highway of the commerce of the future will be the Pacific ocean. Mighty capitalists throughout the world are putting their heads together to erect the most colossal system for wireless telegraphy in the world. The system contemplates the linking together of all points along the western coast of America from Bering sea to the Straits of Magellan, and spanning the isles of the ocean, to link with this chain the whole easterly shore of Asia, running on down to the Straits Settlements. The contemplated system will cost in the aggregate many millions of dollars.

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.

Diagram, Please.

A New York woman took her husband's clothes from him for the purpose of preventing him from "going out with the boys." He went, just the same. Is such a husband worth saving?

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Salt Branch News.

May 26—The farmers of this section are very busy making hay while the sun shines.

Ellis Petty and family spent Sunday with Oscar Mobley and wife.

W. M. Hays and family were guests of S. W. Taylor and family Sunday.

W. B. Robertson and wife spent Monday with Jim Ingram and wife of Mount Pleasant.

Miss Alma Hays spent Sunday with Miss Ruth Allen.

Misses Lyda and Nina Beavers took dinner with Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy Sunday.

Joe Higgins and family spent Saturday night in Abilene.

Miss Annie Petty took dinner with Miss Laura Taylor Sunday.

Miss Mae Rainer spent Tuesday night of last week with Miss Lyda Beavers.

Last week, most everybody out this way attended the carnival at Merkel.

Little Porter Petty and Earl Beavers are on the sick list this week.

J. P. Petty and wife spent Sunday afternoon with Wesley Hardy and wife.

Rheumatism Quickly Cured

"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.

Compere Items.

May 26—We had another good rain in this section of the country last week.

The weeds are growing about as fast as the crops are in this section. The grass prospects for our country are very good.

Fishing has been the order of the day for some time with our people. They are reporting some good catches.

Compere was well represented at the carnival at Merkel during last week.

Health of our community is good at this writing we are glad to report.

Mr. Hannie captured a large armadillo last week. The animal was injured in being captured and died soon afterward. This is the second one to be caught in this section of the country lately.

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.



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His Mother.

The poet Goethe owed much of his greatness to his mother, a woman well made to bear such a son, a perfect mother, and, better still, his intimate friend and confidant. Brought up in strictly bourgeois and limited circles, with very little education, such was her natural intelligence and sympathy that she afterwards became the friend of princes, poets, and philosophers, and her house a rendezvous for the great minds of her day.

Route Three Items.

May 26—The farmers are all busy plowing their crops.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely.

Rev. Sibley filled his regular appointment at Castle Peak Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barnes left Sunday night for Oklahoma to attend the bed side of Mr. Barnes brother who is very sick.

Rev. Rister will fill his regular appointment at Castle Peak next Sunday.

Quite a number from this community attended the carnival at Merkel Saturday.

Miley Burrus and Miss Thresie Watford were pleasant callers at the home of Miss Ludie Dulin Sunday.

Misses Mell Davis, Lulu and Bsulah Reidenbach, Mae Rister, Messrs Will Teaff, Emiss Reidenbach were pleasant callers at the home of Miss Pearl Baccus Sunday afternoon.

Inkum Items.

May 26—Another rain Wednesday has broadened the smile on the face of our farmers wonderfully.

Insurance men, Messrs Hart and Harvey of Abilene were in our section the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin of View were visiting the latter's sister Mrs. J. A. Wills Saturday and Sunday.

D. F. Williams, a student of Simmons College, preached at Elm Grove Sunday.

Messrs T. E. Reynolds, W. O. Perry, J. P. Fuqua, W. C. Perry, O. L. Owens, Lem and John Dudley, G. W. and Arthur Wilson, V. C. Bush and John Atkins were among those from this community that visited Merkel Saturday, seeing the carnival and looking after business matters.

Oscar Knight of Buffalo Gap was in this section Sunday.

The singing at Bethel Sunday afternoon was largely attended.

Wiley Miller of Buffalo Gap was among those from a distance at preaching at Elm Grove Sunday.

P. R. Steen and wife were trading in Merkel Saturday.

Ben Dillard of Buffalo Gap attended the singing at Bethel Sunday afternoon.

J. E. Hallmark of Mulberry Canyon with his family were visiting relatives here the first of the week.

W. N. Hallmark of Shep visited his parents near here Sunday.

Miss Fay Gann who has been attending school at Sweetwater has returned home.

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

FEEL RIGHT ALL THE TIME

Don't Let Periodical Spells of Lazy Liver Ruin Your Temper and Spoil Your Work.

If your liver doesn't behave right all the time—if it sometimes stops working and you become bilious and "headachy"—don't take calomel, but try Dodson's Liver Tone.

You are safe in taking Dodson's Liver Tone. It's a harmless, pleasant vegetable remedy that starts the liver without stirring up your whole system as calomel often does. It is especially good for children who need a liver tonic once in a while, but who should not be dosed with strong drugs.

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When Traveling.

Take a candle in your bag and a box of safety matches. When they are wanted you will be glad they were put in. The space required for them is small. A passenger on a steamer that was wrecked had a small candle, which enabled her to collect some of her most valuable possessions when the lights went out after the collision.—Today's M

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.

Preserving Wood.

Instead of treating wood to preserve it from rot, an inventor of Budapest arrives at the same result by a reversal of the operation, for he treats the earth to surround the posts in such a manner as to destroy all germ and insect life. This process serves as a substitute where it is difficult to secure the treated lumber. It is called "peristerilization."

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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.

Justifiable.

"Why, it is a nasty old photo. It's not like me. I am better looking than that," said a woman at Lambeth who, when charged with disorderly conduct, handed the magistrate her photograph to look at. "Look at that," she said, indignantly, "and see if you wouldn't swear if you were took like that."

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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.

Fishing, Their Occupation.

Over 1,200 small boats are used along the north coast of New Brunswick in fishing. Nearly every resident is a fisherman during portions of the year, while a majority follow fishing as an occupation. The greater number of smelt fishermen are farmers who find smelt fishing a profitable side line during the winter months.