

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## OVER ONE INCH RAIN

Jupiter Pluvius Soaks Merkel Country Once More.

## AMOUNT OF RAIN 1.02 INCHES

These Rains Insure a Big Part of Our Feed Crop and Make Prospects for Cotton Crops Best in Several Years.

Once more our country has been soaked just at the proper time to be of the most benefit to our stock, grass and crops. A slow rain, drizzling to good showers fell last Saturday amounting to .40 of an inch and continuing with cloudy weather more fell Monday to run the total for the spell to 1.02 according to our register. In many parts of the country the rainfall was much heavier, some places reporting as much as two inches and but few receiving less than the amount that fell at Merkel.

This rainfall at this time will make grass continue growing, insure a big part of our feed crop and puts our section as a whole in the best condition for several years. The crops are growing as fine as could be desired and stock of all kinds fattening. There is a good season in the ground and with little more our farmers will make good general crops.

The total rainfall for the year to date is 9.14 inches against 3 6-16 for the same period last year.

## MERKEL PASTOR RESIGNS SUNDAY

Rev. G. L. Hamilton is to resign as pastor of the Presbyterian church of our little city and will preach his last sermon for his congregation here Sunday.

This action on the part of our pastor is taken that he and Mrs. Hamilton may make an extended tour of the old world during which time Rev. Hamilton will continue his studies. According to their plans they will first spend a week or ten days fishing and hunting on the Brown, Lee & Farr ranch west of San Angelo, afterward attending the chatauqua at Waxahachie and will sail from Galveston about the first of August. They plan to visit Cuba and some other islands before reaching Bremen, Germany, and will tour Switzerland, Italy, France and Scotland. It is at Edinburgh, Scotland, that Rev. Hamilton will take his graduate work.

Besides Rev. and Mrs. Hamilton Mrs. Cheatham and Miss Ivey Cheatham of Waxahachie will be in the party and it is planned to return to America in April of next year.

The Mail with the many friends wishes them a happy voyage and safe return.

### Childrens Day.

Service at the Methodist church Sunday at eleven o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. B. D. Black, supt.

Lewis H. King was transacting business in Abilene Wednesday.

## COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION

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A town, to be a "good" town, must have good stores—stores that handle large assortments and offer the same values and styles at the same prices asked elsewhere.

Good local shopping facilities, however, depend entirely upon the extent of patronage accorded merchants by community consumers.

Those who live in the smaller towns often say they are forced to shop elsewhere because their local stores do not carry the specific articles they want. If these people would make their wants known to their home merchants, in nearly every case these merchants would supply them. Bear in mind that a portion of every dollar spent in your local stores applies to the building and maintenance of your schools, churches, good roads, streets and sidewalks—in fact every improvement that goes to make your community attractive from every commercial and social standpoint. If you have children to educate, if you are interested in religious matters, if you own a home or other property in your community you should patronize your local merchants whenever practicable. It is to your interest to do this.

Of course there are merchants in every town who will not carry standard lines and who expect their customers to buy their unknown goods at standard prices. However, there are progressive merchants in every locality who handle brands that are sold everywhere at uniform prices whose quality is known to all who read and keep up with the times. Trademarked-advertised merchandise always offers maximum values and can be secured in smallest towns to as good advantage as elsewhere. No manufacturer will put his name and trademark on an article and then spend large sums of money advertising it unless his goods come up to his claims in every respect.

## MERKEL STORE IS TO CHANGE HANDS

One of the most important changes in our business interests is made known this week by the announcement of the purchase by R. L. Bland, Arthur C. Rose and Alex A. Wisdom of the entire stock and fixtures of the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company. The work of invoicing has been in progress for the past week or ten days and will be completed this week when the transfer will be made. The business will be continued for the present in the same quarters but upon the completion of the new brick building the purchasers will move into their own home. The buyers are among our most successful young business men and they have the best wishes of our town and country in their ambition and effort to build and maintain one of the largest mercantile establishments in this section of the state.

Jno. D. Gaither, manager of the Merkel store has not made known his plans for the future except to the extent that Merkel will continue to be his field of labor. He has been in the business line-up of our little town for a number of years and we hope that he will continue with us and do good.

## REV. N. F. GRAFTON CLOSES MEETING

Rev. Grafton of the Presbyterian church closed a very successful two weeks meeting at the Tabernacle Sunday.

During the entire meeting Mr. Mallard assisted by developing the choir into a valuable working part of the meeting. His personal selections were always given careful attentions and seemed to put more interest in the preaching that followed.

There were during the meeting many professions of faith and a number of additions to the church.

### A Big Onion.

The Mail was presented this week with a home-grown onion measuring sixteen inches in circumference. The tear-producing variety of vegetable was grown by Mrs. M. J. Marlow one of our most successful gardeners and who says that the rest of her garden is just as good. In our acquaintance are a number of citizens within the city limits who almost make a living for their families out of a small garden partially irrigated with our abundance of water.

### Summer Comforts.

The Herrick refrigerator and Perfection oil stoves. Both for sale at the Anchor Hardware Co.

Mrs. Bartley Smith after visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson left Tuesday morning for Stanton where she will join her husband for a few days visit to the formers parents before returning to their ranch near Odessa.

NO. 7481  
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF  
THE  
**Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank**  
AT MERKEL  
in the state of Texas, at the close of business  
June 1, 1913:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$110,083.12
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	2,435.79
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds to secure Postal Savings	1,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	200.00
Furniture, and fixtures	3,000.00
Other real estate owned	6,057.25
Due from Nat. Banks (not reserve agt)	2,427.05
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies, and saving banks	21.12
Due from approved reserve agents	28,400.57
Checks and other cash items	605.63
Notes of other National Banks	2,500.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	166.25
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	16,406.75
Legal-tender notes	4,000.00—20,406.75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	312.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$184,557.03</b>
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	7,457.51
National Bank Notes outstanding	6,250.00
Due to state and private banks and bankers	537.67
<b>Individual Deposits subject check</b>	<b>117,495.62</b>
Demand certificates of deposit	1,926.45
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	501.60
Postal Savings Deposit	388.15
Notes and bills rediscounted	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	None
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$184,557.03</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:  
I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Thos. JOHNSON, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of June, 1913.  
H. C. Williams  
Notary Public  
Correct—Attest:  
J. T. Warren, }  
G. F. West, } Directors  
Ben T. Merritt }

### Card Of Thanks.

To our many friends and the good people of Merkel, who lent their assistance and sympathy to us in the recent burial of our loved son and brother Bernie L. Hill, we wish to extend to you our heart-felt thanks and pray that God will reward each of you for the kindness shown us during this great loss of ours. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hill and family.

NO. 366  
Official Statement of the Financial Condition of  
**The Farmers State Bank**  
at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business  
on the 4th day of June 1913, published in  
the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 13th day of June, 1913:

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$68,414.29
Loans, real estate	5,323.50
Overdrafts	464.55
Bonds and Stocks	600.00
Other real estate	2,419.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,300.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents	15,166.98
Cash Items	746.20
Currency	6,319.00
Specie	945.55—8,011.75
Other Resources as follows:	
Int. dep. G. F. and Ass. Cty. Fund	503.20
Bills of exchange, cotton	59.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$103,162.48</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	2,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	3,299.54
Individual Deposits subject to check	75,032.84
Cashier's checks	330.30
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	7,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$103,162.48</b>

State of Texas, County of Taylor:  
We, J. S. Swann as president, and R. O. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
J. S. Swann, president.  
R. O. Anderson, cashier.  
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 11th day of June A. D. 1913. WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.  
(SEAL) W. T. Potter, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest:  
R. O. Anderson }  
H. C. Moore } Directors  
J. C. Connegys }

### 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.  
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### Money to Lend.

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Russell & Young,  
Abilene, Texas.

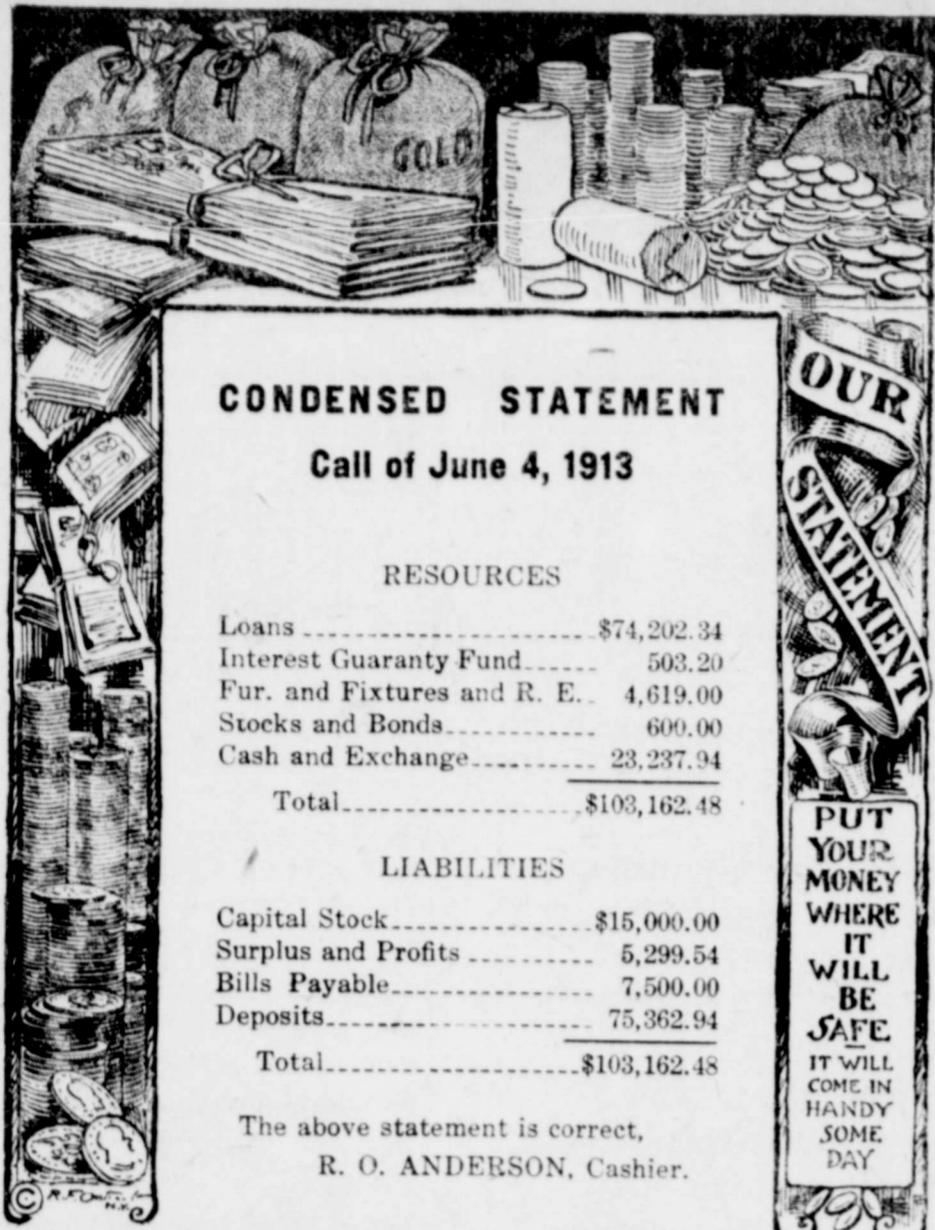
Above all things we want the ladies of Merkel to visit our bakery establishment and see how clean we keep it. Warren Bakery Company.

### Entertainment At Blair.

In last weeks issue of the paper there was a notice of a benefit cream supper at Blair on Saturday night June 14, but no mention was made of the entertainment that is to take place in connection. The ladies have arranged to have a literary society for the benefit of the visitors and to make the occasion all the more interesting.

Look at the bakers sweets at Warrens Bakery.





**CONDENSED STATEMENT**

Call of June 4, 1913

**RESOURCES**

Loans	\$74,202.34
Interest Guaranty Fund	503.20
Fur. and Fixtures and R. E.	4,619.00
Stocks and Bonds	600.00
Cash and Exchange	23,237.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$103,162.48</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock	\$15,000.00
Surplus and Profits	5,299.54
Bills Payable	7,500.00
Deposits	75,362.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$103,162.48</b>

The above statement is correct,  
R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier.

**PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE IT WILL BE SAFE. IT WILL COME IN HANDY SOME DAY.**

J. S. Swann, President  
R. O. Anderson, Cashier

J. C. Moore, Vice-President  
B. C. Moore, Assistant Cashier

**FARMERS STATE BANK, MERKEL, TEXAS**

We call attention to the statement herewith. The deposits of this Bank have increased over the statement issued sixty days ago—at a time when other banks' deposits are showing a decrease. There is a reason for this. Get the safety habit.

**REMEMBER THIS IS THE ONLY GUARANTY FUND BANK IN MERKEL**

It is Better to be Safe than Sorry

**CONTRACTORS ON NEW IMPROVEMENT**

The contractors began work this week on the new improvement for the Burrough's drug store. The old front has been torn out and will be replaced with a new modern front, consisting principally of plate glass and metal frame. The columns and brick work will be faced with the buff brick and as a whole the improvement will add much to the attractiveness of the place of business as well as make for the improved looks of the business part of our little city.

**Woodroof Sale.**

As advertised the ten days sale at Woodroof's opened this week and will continue all next week. The sale is in charge of Mr. Murphy of Abilene, sales manager originator and owner of the 5-m system of advertising. Considering the busy season with our country people the proprietor and sales manager are both well pleased with the sales thus far.

**Cotton Grading School.**

R. E. Dolman will open his cotton grading school in Fort Worth, July 7.

My experience as a teacher for the new beginner is well known to the cotton trade. I was teacher for the Farmers' Union six years.

The demand for cotton buyers at good salaries, is increasing every year. I promise everyone who attends my school to make him competent to grade and buy cotton, or I will keep you all summer trying.

The opportunity is open to you to learn a business that pays good salaries. For information, write R. E. Dolman, Paris, Texas.

**Dead Letter List.**

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending June 14, 1913.

Hurley, Lewey  
Strickland, Mrs. M. P.  
Taylor, Dr. L.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office June 28, 1913.  
H. W. Derstine, P.M.

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**STATEMENT**  
**Farmers and Merchants National Bank**

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of Business June 4, 1913

**RESOURCES**

Loans	\$ 112,518.91
U. S. Bond and Premiums	7,450.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,000.00
Real Estate	6,657.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Cash and Exchange	54,618.37
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$184,557.03</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	32,457.51
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscunts	None
Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	120,849.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$184,557.03</b>

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**The League to Miss Hawkins.**

Fortunate indeed was the Merkel Epworth League in the year 1907, when Miss E. Love Hawkins of Huntingdon, Tennessee, became an active member.

During the past six years Miss Hawkins has given her very best talents and service to the Merkel Epworth League. Holding the responsible office of first vice-president, her programs have been second to none, and marked signs of tact have skillfully been used in drawing every member into the active service of the league work; and as a result these league gatherings

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**A TEXAS WONDER.**

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

**For Shoe Lace Tips.**

The tips of shoe laces sometimes come off quite good laces. In this case they may be replaced with im promptu tags of sealing wax. Cut the tag, smear it over with sealing wax, then press it to a point while the wax is still warm.

**The Only and Best Itch Medicine**

Says Dr. W. V. Brockingham of Kingstree, S. C. He writes "Please send me by mail at once one dozen Hunt's Cure, the only and best itch medicine to be found in the U. S." 50c per box, and money promptly refunded if it fails in itch, eczema, ringworm, tetter, etc. All druggists. Manufactured by A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

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Bring Coupon With You

**West Texas Hardware Co.**

rigorous will that she may return to Merkel at the end of her summer's vacation and continue her good with and for us. God bless her service wherever she may be.—Editor Epworth Visitor.

**Clocks the Late Mikado's Hobby.**

Small clocks were the hobby of Mutsuhito, the late emperor of Japan. He took the greatest interest in small time-pieces of every kind and collected so many of them that every room in his palace heard their tiny ticking.



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## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Humulus L. Easterwood our  
ad, bus and local generalissimo  
is this week sojourning in the  
southeastern part of our big  
state, probably considering in-  
vestments in some interesting  
tick and chigger ranch properties.  
He will be back soon and then  
our paper will be as full as usual.

Plenty fruit jars and rubbers  
at Crown Hardware Company.

Mrs. A. J. Leighty came in  
Wednesday afternoon from Abi-  
lene to visit her husband A. J.  
Leighty of the T. & P. company.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Vaughn  
stopped off here Friday to spend  
a few days with the latter's  
mother Mrs. L. S. Sanders. They  
had been visiting relatives and  
were enroute to their home in  
Big Springs.

Only three miles to Bland's  
Tank, July 4.

Mrs. Jim Gilliam left Monday  
morning for Italy where she will  
spend some time visiting her  
parents Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ad-  
cock.

J. L. Banner our county com-  
missioner was looking after legal  
business matters in Abilene the  
first of the week.

Miss Ina Wheeler left Tuesday  
morning for El Paso on an ex-  
tended visit to her sister Mrs. W.  
L. Johnson.

Crown Hardware Company  
is the place to get your fruit  
jars and rubbers. They have  
them for sale.

Elder S. W. Williams of Mar-  
quez, Texas, will give a free lec-  
ture at the Southside Christian  
church Saturday at 8:30 p. m.,  
subject "Paradise Lost" and  
Sunday morning at 11 o'clock  
subject "Paradise Restored."  
All welcome. No collection.

Mrs. G. G. Knight and children  
of Fort Worth came in Tuesday  
to spend a few days here visiting  
at the home of Mrs. E. Hall.

Mrs. Geo. L. Miller, Misses  
Maud Martin and Roxie Mount  
were visiting in Abilene Wednes-  
day.

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or one cent an  
ounce.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—McCormick row binder,  
rake and mower; used but little and in  
good order. H. M. Rainbolt. 13tf

Bernie L. Hill Dead.

The remains of Bernie L. Hill  
who died at House, Texas, were  
laid to rest in Rose Hill ceme-  
tery here Sunday afternoon.

The services were held at the  
home of Mrs. J. E. Costephens,  
a sister of the deceased and were  
conducted by Rev. A. A. Baker.  
Other relatives in attendance  
were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. J. W.  
and W. C. Hill, parents and  
brothers, who live north of Mer-  
kel, Ben Hill of Abilene, Emory  
Hill of Stephenville and George  
Hill of Plainview, brothers; Mrs.  
Iva Chambers, Mrs. Andrew Hill  
and daughter of Abilene and  
Mrs. Lonnie Johnson of Roscoe.

The Mail editor labored for  
several years with Foreman Ben  
Hill of the Abilene Reporter one  
of the brothers and joins in the  
sympathy of our community to  
all so grieved.

J. R. Curb of route 3 was on  
the streets Saturday, looking  
easy after getting his cotton so  
well in hand and seeing a rain  
come just at the right time.

F. H. Duncan and Will Miller  
of Trent were in town Saturday  
looking after business matters.

Sweet Part.

"How sweet it is to have a friend  
whom you can trust!" "Yes, especially  
if he doesn't ask you to trust him."—  
Sacred Heart Review.

Very Many Women.

Continuous self-sacrifice is some  
women's idea of living a useful life.  
—Florida Times-Union.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our sin-  
cere and heart-felt thanks to our  
many friends and neighbors for  
their loving kindness and sym-  
pathy in the sickness and death  
of our beloved husband and  
father, J. P. Hamm who died  
June 4, 1913. Mrs. J. P. Hamm  
and family.

Terrible, indeed.

"These bridge disasters are terri-  
ble," remarked the man who was  
reading of bridges being swept away  
by the river floods. "I should say  
so," replied his friend. "My wife lost  
all of her year's pin money in a game  
of bridge last night."

Sympathetic Judge.

A middle aged woman, who was  
charged at Marylebone (Eng.) with  
being drunk, was said to have been  
found lying fast asleep in a garden  
of a quantity of cut flowers. "I must  
say I feel a little sorry for you," said  
Mr. Plowden. "Asleep on a bed of flow-  
ers—wakened up and brought back  
to this wicked world. It must have  
caused you a shock. You may go  
with a caution."

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Popular Sun Bath.

The sun bath is said to be so popu-  
lar at present in Germany that in  
several cities one can buy a ticket for  
a sun bath just as in America one  
buys a ticket for a bath in the surf.  
The sun bath ticket entitles the hold-  
er to a room for disrobing, a bathing  
suit and a "place in the sun."

Not Really Serious.

"My cases are all simple ones, such  
as stealing boxes of matches and  
handkerchiefs, and bigamy," said a  
prisoner at Kingston-on-Thames  
court, after 28 previous convictions  
had been proved against him.—Lon-  
don Mail.

Relic of Interest to Scotsmen.

A razor which belonged to "Bob-  
ble" Burns was sold in London the  
other day. It had a bone handle bear-  
ing silver plates giving its pedigree—  
"The last razor that Robert Burns  
ever shaved with." Each successive  
owner since it was presented by Rob-  
ert Burns, Jr., to William Dunbar, in  
1839, has added a plate indicating the  
purchase.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

G. W. Johnson returned last  
Friday from an extended visit in  
Tennessee, going there to the U.  
C. V. Reunion, but spent most of  
the time at his old home in Day-  
ton. Mr. Johnson says there has  
been a decided change in that  
country since he was there last  
and that it looked awful good to  
him to see his old stamping  
grounds, but the curiosity of the  
people of that country made him  
home-sick. Every body there  
according to his statement want-  
ed to know so much about the  
wilderness of our land and if our  
native people wore horns or not.

Cash paid for chickens, eggs  
and butter. W.H. Young, rear of  
Southern National Bank.

E. P. McMillen, Jno. G. Jack-  
son, George Ferrier and Claud  
Whitley were transacting busi-  
ness in Abilene Tuesday.

Misses Zella and Addie Martin  
left Monday for Abilene where  
they will attend school.

Miss Clara Moore left Tuesday  
night for Fort Worth where she  
will spend a few days visiting  
relatives.

Cash paid for chickens, eggs  
and butter. W.H. Young, rear of  
Southern National Bank.

Quit your business July the  
4th and go to Bland's Tank.

Mrs. Courtney Hunt returned  
to Haskell Wednesday after a  
short visit with her parents Mr.  
and Mrs. G. E. Comegys, leaving  
her children with their grand-  
parents preparatory to a vacation  
trip which she will make with  
her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt  
will tour the Rocky Mountains  
and Pacific coast countries for a  
month or more this summer.

Good shades and cool places  
at Bland's Tank, July 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis were  
in Abilene Sunday visiting the  
latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. C.  
M. Tandy.

C. L. Shipp who has been here  
visiting relatives during the past  
week returned to his home in  
Paris, Miss. Tuesday morning.

Col. Clayton Holt of Abilene  
was on the streets of our city  
Tuesday shaking hands with  
friends.

Miss Mamie Rister came in  
Sunday morning from Hilleboro  
to spend a few days with home  
folks.

If you need fruit jars and  
rubbers go to Crown Hard-  
ware Company.



# WITH OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

## Trent Items.

June 9—Have had a nice rain and crops are looking fine in this community, the farmers are all smiles. They can almost hear the hum of the new gin.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bright and H. H. Jones were fishing east of Anson the first of the week. They report a fine time and plenty of fish.

C. B. Bryant of Whitewright was in Trent last week looking after business matters.

Arthur Sears was in town from his ranch Friday.

E. M. Graham of Abilene was here last week looking after business matters.

John Sears of Merkel was in Trent Friday.

Wess Allen, ranchman of Colorado City came in Friday to look after his cattle south of town.

## Manager of a Railroad Cured of Eczema by Hunt's Cure

At one time I had a very bad case of eczema. It troubled me for seven or eight years, and, although I tried all kinds of medicine and several doctors, I got no relief until I used Hunt's Cure. I used several boxes, and it finally cured me, and I have always kept a box with me for fear it will come back.

A. D. Goodenough,  
Gen. Mgr. Lida Valley Ry.  
50c per box at drug stores.

## Inkum Items.

June 9—The showers of last Saturday and Sunday will be a great help to feedstuff and cotton but the continued cloudy weather is interfering with the harvesting of oats.

Mr. Webb and family of south Texas were visiting friends in this section the past week.

There was a lawn party at Inkum Friday night. Music, conversation and games were features of the evening's entertainment. Refreshments were served to about one hundred and fifty guests.

Frank Wilson left Sunday for Abilene to attend school.

Mr. and Miss Hallmark of Guion were among the guests at the entertainment here Friday night.

Messrs Cozart, McGehee and Anderson of View were here Friday night.

Miss Edna Cosper of Winters, Misses Henslee, Hallmark, Carrington and McWilliams of Shep, Misses Gladys and Merrill Christopher of Merkel attended the entertainment here Friday night.

Ben Payne and Jesse McWilliams were trading in Merkel during the past week.

J. M. Smallwood returned Thursday from Fort Worth where he has been attending to some business matters.

Millard King of Tye was in this section Sunday.

Messrs Carrington, Reed, Hallmark and Sennings of Shep attended the entertainment here Friday night.

Mr. Parmlee of Tye visited the family of J. P. Fuqua Sunday.

Messrs Knight, Dillard and Higginbotham of Buffalo Gap joined the crowd of young people here Friday night.

Arthur and May Wilson visited in Merkel Sunday.

Miss Ithana Johnson of Ovalo visited the Misses Williams the latter part of last week.

T. J. Bureson and wife visited their daughter Mrs. Odis Denton near Merkel the latter part of last week.

## Take Plenty of Time to Eat.

There is a saying that "rapid eating is slow suicide." If you have formed the habit of eating too rapidly you are most likely suffering from indigestion or constipation, which will result eventually in serious illness unless corrected. Digestion begins in the mouth. Food should be thoroughly masticated and insalivated. Then when you have a fullness of the stomach or feel dull and stupid after eating, take one of Chamberlain's Tablets. Many severe cases of stomach trouble and constipation have been cured by the use of these tablets. They are easy to take and most agreeable in effect. Sold by all dealers.

## 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.

## Blair Items.

June 9—Signs of prosperity are making us all feel good. As we hear the constant ring of Joe Morrison's anvil sharpening sweeps for the boys to fight general green with.

Sunday school was well attended. W. N. Moore of Compere is here visiting his daughter Mrs. Addison.

Hayne Blackburn, an old settler of the Canyon country, but now of Knox county is visiting his daughter Mrs. Sim Moore of the Canyon.

Uncle Charles Williams spent a few days last week with S. F. Provine and family.

Jasper Tucker attended the commencement exercises of Simmons College last week.

Jim Moore and family spent Sunday with L. A. Shrrill.

Leslie Graham of Abilene visited his friend Jasper Tucker last week.

The Blair Debating and Literary club has suspended business for the summer meetings.

Rev. Young expects to begin a protracted meeting at the Blair school house next Sunday.

S. E. Adcock and G. W. Goens made a business trip to Merkel Monday.

Miss Altha Chambliss opened the doors of her hospitable home to the young people Sunday night and they enjoyed themselves singing.

James Doan is reported to be on the sick list.

Mrs. J. W. Mayfield who has been sick is reported better.

H. H. Tittle and family spent Thursday night with relatives in Blair.

## Sore Nipples

Any mother who has had experience with this distressing ailment will be pleased to know that a cure may be effected by applying Chamberlain's Salve as soon as the child is done nursing. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the babe to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with best results. For sale by all dealers.

## Shiloh News.

June 9—Miss Ester Ballas of Baird is here visiting her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Slate Eason.

Mrs. R. B. Bryan and little Miss Gladys Eason took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ford of Sweetwater creek Sunday.

The Misses Hails and Reece Hail attended childrens day at Kale Sunday and report a nice time in spite of the weather.

Reece Hail made a business trip to Noodle Monday.

Ernest Sellers has some cotton choppers from Merkel.

Roger Grayson happened to a very painful accident Sunday by getting thrown from a horse.

Misses Vivian and Essie Hail spent the afternoon Monday with Mrs. Myra Sellers.

There was a crowd started over on Sweetwater creek fishing Saturday and it began to rain and they had to return home.

R. B. Bryan and step-daughter Miss Pearl Faubian made a business trip to Anson this week.

There is to be an ice cream supper at Mrs. Legg's Saturday night.

We had a fine rain Saturday and Mr. Bryan said he thought he would get a stand of cotton.

## Compere Items.

June 10—Health of this community is fine. We have been too busy to get sick.

Walter Spurgin took his wife to Dr. Alexander's sanitarium for treatment last week. We learn that she is improving.

Mrs. Robert Spurgin was visiting in Abilene the past week.

Rev. Busby filled his regular appointment here last Sunday.

Mesdames Joe Adkins and Ollie Tarvin went to Colorado to see their sister who is very low.

The farmers in this section of the country are getting their weeds under control. Crops are looking fine, and a good rain would be of much benefit.

Mrs. Edmonson of Spur is here this week visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Palmer.

Mrs. Murtice Addison of Blair visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Moore Saturday and Sunday.

W. N. Moore made a business trip to Blair Friday.

Rev. Lynn failed to fill his appointment at this place Sunday.

## Salt Branch News.

June 9—Rev. Walker of Stith filled his appointment here Saturday.

Rev. Green of Abilene preached two fine sermons for us Sunday which resulted in six conversions. We invite him back again.

Arthur, Oscar and Paul McMurray of Trent attended the services here Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mae Rainer was the guest of the Misses Teaff Sunday.

S. W. Taylor and family took dinner Sunday with W. B. Robertson and family.

Everybody enjoyed the song service Sunday afternoon which was conducted by Prof. Stevens of Abilene.

We were pleased to see Lester Wheat able to attend services Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cartha Lyles were visiting in Stith Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lyles.

Quite a large crowd of young people took dinner Sunday with Ed Shipley.

Miss Ruth Allen was the guest Sunday of the Misses Hays.

W. M. Hays and W. B. Robertson took dinner Monday with W. B. Beavers.

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

Miss Edna Lyles of Stith attended services here Sunday afternoon.

Miss Maggie Allen spent Sunday with Miss Gertrude Higgins.

W. B. Beavers and family spent last week on their farm near Shiloh.

Miss Neva Hays took dinner Sunday with Miss Annie Petty.

Rev. Green of Abilene spent Saturday night with S. W. Taylor and family.

Prof. Stevens of Abilene took dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Teaff.

The farmers are all rejoicing over the fine rains we have had recently.

## Route Three Items.

June 9—The farmers of our community are all busy chopping cotton.

The health of this section is good at this writing.

Sunday school was dismissed on account of the bad weather.

W. H. Hathaway and wife were in Merkel Monday on business.

Mrs. Noel and daughters were visiting in our community the latter part of last week.

Virgil Davis of Jones county is visiting his mother here this week.

Mrs. Baccus and daughter Miss Pearl were in Merkel Saturday.

Frank Whisenhunt and family were visiting relatives at Nubia Sunday.

Almer and Elmer Barnes and Johnie Johnson were in Merkel Saturday transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sullivan spent Saturday night with the latter's father W. P. Moore.

## Itching Piles

I want you to know how much good your Hunt's Cure has done me. I had suffered with itching piles for 15 years when I was traveling through Texas a man told me of your Hunt's Cure. I got one 50 cent box and it cured me. John Bradley, Caney, Kansas.

## Mulberry News.

June 10—There was no preaching or Sunday school here on account of the disagreeable weather.

We had a fine rain in this section of the country Saturday.

Misses Chanceys and Daniel visited in Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. J. D. Daniel's niece who has been here visiting returned to her home in Fort Worth Sunday.

Basel Billingsley was the guest of Uncle Bob Britton Monday.

Robert Britton was visiting in Abilene the latter part of last week.

Ed Kelso and family visited O. McCormick Sunday evening.

Mrs. Clark Church was the guest of Mrs. Annie Rogers last Monday week.

John Childress and Jess Hendrix were out wolf hunting Monday but returned without the wolf.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Daniel were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cal Britton Sunday.

Miss Lula Britton visited Mrs. Annie Rogers Tuesday.

## Can't Keep Secret

The splendid work of Chamberlain's Tablets is daily becoming more widely known. No such grand remedy for stomach and liver troubles has ever been known. For sale by all dealers.

# ENTHUSIASTIC BUYING

## Characterizes Opening Day At Woodroof & Co's

### "NOTICE TO MEN"


The opening hour of the 10-Days' Sale at Woodroof & Co's. store was awaited with eager expectancy by a good many of the thrifty people of Merkel and surrounding country—even though they expected to save they were not prepared for the surprise that awaited them on the inside of the store.

Hundreds of items were on display, each and every one marked down to the lowest possible point and every item in the big stock is marked in plain figures that offer splendid and substantial savings.

The Management desires to say a word to the public of the firm in offering this stock to the people. They are aware that the word "sale" is the most abused word in the English language. Bearing that fact in mind they have hewn straight to the line and have conscientiously carried out every price statement made and customers find each item exactly as advertised. The people could just as easily have been told that they were going to receive a \$1.25 article for 69c when the article never was or never will be worth over \$1.00. So when the people come expecting to find a \$1.00 article for 69c they found that and nothing more, nothing less. Laudatory exclamations came from every hand. People were not slow to speak their approval and the remark that "This is a sale that is a sale" was often heard. It is exactly along these lines that Woodroof & Co. will always advertise. The sale lasts only ten days. People will gather every day of the ten days to save on needed merchandise.

Men often think they can't get waited on for the rush of ladies trade. Woodroof & Co. have cared for this feature and each man will be waited on speedily and quickly. Suits, shoes, shirts, underwear, work clothes, in fact everything offered for men in this house affords splendid savings. Extra sales people will be pressed into service to handle the great crowd on Saturday.

The sale closes June 21st.—Adv.



**Studebaker**

*"The wagon that stands up like the reputation of its makers"*

When you buy a Studebaker wagon you buy a wagon that will last until you turn the farm over to your son and he turns it over to his son.

One of the first Studebaker wagons ever made saw constant service for thirty years, and we will gladly send you the names of farmers who have in their possession wagons that have been in constant use anywhere from 17 to 48 years—and there are thousands of them. We are building the same kind of wagons today.

A Studebaker wagon is an investment that will give you full return for your outlay. It is built on honor. Iron, steel, wood, paint and varnish used in its construction are tested and retested to make sure each is the best.

For work, business or pleasure—for town or country use—there is a Studebaker vehicle to fit your requirements.

Farm wagons, dump carts, trucks, buggies, surreys, runabouts, pony carriages, business vehicles of every description—with harness of the same high standard.

See our Dealer or write us.

**STUDEBAKER** South Bend, Ind.

NEW YORK CHICAGO DALLAS KANSAS CITY DENVER  
MINNEAPOLIS SALT LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND, ORE.

## 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.

## To Cure a Cold in One Day

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



## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

**Yes we have Binder twine, both Deering and Mc Cormick. Crown Hardware Co.**

J. W. Permitter was transacting business in Abilene the first of the week.

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

Miss Nina Cox of Abilene is here this week the guest of her cousin Miss Zora West.

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

D. L. Boyd of Nubia was in town last Friday looking after business matters.

Mrs. Omer Wheeler came in Saturday morning to visit relatives in the Noodle country.

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

Miss Mae Collins of Stith is in Abilene attending the Summer Normal at Simmons College.

C. E. Lawrence of Anson who has been visiting his sister Mrs. L. A. Hurd of the Stith community left for his home Saturday.

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

Miss Eleanor Daniel who has been visiting her brother D. F. Daniel of Bay City returned home last week.

L. R. Hogg of Marshal came in last week for a short visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hogg of Route 1.

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

Miss Frazier of Abilene returned to her home Saturday after a short visit with her brother H. C. Frazier of this place.

**We have Binder twine—Deering Binder Twine and Mc Cormick Binder Twine. Crown Hardware Co.**

J. T. Howard returned home Sunday from Chattanooga, Tenn. where he attended the U. C. V. reunion.

Mrs. M. B. Bowles who has been here with her son R. E. Bowles for some time left for Abilene Saturday where she will visit for some time.

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

Misses Roxie and Niece Morrow who have been here visiting relatives and friends for some time left Monday afternoon for home at Lamesa.

Miss Mabel Terry of Dublin is here visiting her friend Mrs. B. H. Wheeler. Miss Terry will be here for some time before returning to her home.

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

Ocie Burns returned last week from Greenville where he has been connected with a telephone company for several months.

**Crown Hardware Co. have Deering Binder Twine and Mc Cormick Binder Twine. Call and see us.**

# Important Business Notice

This is to advise our friends, customers and buyers of merchandise in the Merkel country that we have recently closed a deal for the entire stock and fixtures of the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company. This mammoth stock of goods has been bought by us at a great big discount—below the first wholesale cost—and just as soon as our inventory can be completed and the stock filled in we are going to open this store and share with our friends and customers the bargain we have secured.

## WE PROMISE THE BEST BUYING OPPORTUNITY IN THE HISTORY OF THE MERKEL COUNTRY

Our first ambition is to show and convince the people of this section that we can sell them goods cheaper for the cash than they can buy them elsewhere, and in order to reduce and clean up the stock before moving into our big new brick business house we are going to advertise and sacrifice this big stock for the benefit of those needing dry goods and groceries. It will pay you to make out the biggest want list possible and wait for this opportunity.

It will be our continual aim to operate a store beneficial to our town and country and worthy of your continued friendship and patronage.

## Anchor Hardware Company

ARTHUR C. ROSE R. L. BLAND ALEX A. WISDOM

## Free Vote at The Star Store

You are entitled to a Free Vote each day until Saturday, July 5th. On this date we will give Free \$5.00 in merchandise. You must be in the store at 4:00 o'clock July 5th. You will be entitled to one extra vote with each 50-cent purchase.

## THE STAR STORE

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

Join the Southern Methodist University's Second Annual Personally-Conducted Special-Train Excursion to Yellowstone National Park. It is easily America's Greatest Scenic and Health-Getting Trip and will leave Fort Worth July 4th. Total Expense \$110 to \$140.

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.)

### Closing Notice.

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

A. J. Hartley of Route 1 was in town Saturday trading.

### 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.)

Chas. Creswell of Hale Center who has been here for some time visiting his father A. Creswell of the Noodle country, returned to his new home at Canyon Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. SoRelle of Eskota came in Tuesday morning to visit the family of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scott.

### KEEP THE KIDNEYS WELL

Health is Worth Saving, and Some Merkel People Know how to Save it.

Many Merkel people take their lives in their hands by neglecting the kidneys when they know these organs need help. Weak kidneys are responsible for a vast amount of suffering and ill health—the slightest delay is dangerous. Use Doan's Kidney Pills—a remedy that has helped thousands of kidney sufferers. Here is a Merkel citizen's recommendation.

Mrs. N. Thompson, Thornton st., Merkel, Texas, says: "A few months ago I used Doan's Kidney Pills for weak kidneys and was quickly cured. When I began taking this remedy, my kidneys were weak and I had pains across the small of my back. I got Doan's Kidney Pills from Rust & McCauley Drug Co., and was quickly cured."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Isenhower of Putnam who have been here visiting the family of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro returned to their home Wednesday morning.

Mrs. J. J. Harkins of Roscoe returned to her home Tuesday evening after a short visit here with her sister Mrs. W. O. Boney.

W. O. Boney of Bay City was here Tuesday visiting his brother A. C. Boney.

J. B. Brandon of Putnam was here visiting relatives and friends the first of the week.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

**Yes we have Binder twine, both Deering and Mc Cormick. Crown Hardware Co.**

Roy Hudgens came in Friday from Dallas to visit friends for awhile.

Messrs Dem Rust and Forrest Whitley were in Abilene Sunday visiting.

T. J. Coggin left last week for Dalhart to look after some cattle interests he has in that section.

R. H. Collins and son John were in east Texas last week buying some cattle to place on pasture.

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen left for Abilene Saturday to visit the families of E. B. Bynum and Mr. Hower-ton.

R. J. Adcock left Tuesday for Midland where he will visit relatives for a few days.

Mrs. G. F. West was in Abilene the latter part of last week visiting Mrs. B. A. Cox.

Miss Eufie Cypert returned home Tuesday morning from Temple where she has been visiting her sister for the past week.

Mrs. L. L. Farr who has been visiting the family of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Hamilton for the past week returned Sunday to her home in San Angelo.

Judge C. D. Mims returned Saturday from an extended visit to cities in east Texas. Most of his time was spent in Tyler visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Mims and the children will not return for some time yet.

**We have Binder twine—Deering Binder Twine and Mc Cormick Binder Twine. Crown Hardware Co.**

Prof. R. L. Krigbaum left last week for Carlton where he will make his home for a while. Mr. Krigbaum was not in position on leaving here to state his future business intentions but we are informed that he has the offer of a very lucrative position in case he sees fit to accept.

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.

We were misinformed last week as to where Rufus McNeese has been employed as a teacher in the city schools of Marshal and was not in the Normal at Huntsville as was stated. He will go from here to Austin in a short time to take up summer work in the University.

The many friends of Miss Louise Schmid who taught in the high school here last year, will learn with pleasure that she has been elected as Latin and German teacher in the high school at Henrietta. A splendid salary goes with this position. Henrietta is to be congratulated on their wise selection.

Mesdames R. B. Valentine, Clyde Reid and Thos. Smith returned home Monday afternoon from Dallas where they have been attending the International Bible Students' Association which was held in that city the latter part of last week.

**Crown Hardware Co. have Deering Binder Twine and Mc Cormick Binder Twine. Call and see us.**





MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

On the evening of June 10th Miss Eva Gaddy entertained the Baptist Baraca class at her home on Oak street. A business session was held in which the following officers were elected. W. E. Britain, president; John West, vice-president; Robert Hicks, secretary and treasurer; Lytton Howard, asst. secretary and treasurer; R. G. Collins, press reporter. The installation will take place June 30th. A social half hour with music and conversation followed the business period. A goodly number of the members and four visitors were present to share in the hospitality of the home. Cream and cake was served to those present.

In spite the rainy weather the M. E. Baraca class held its semi-monthly business meeting at the home of F. J. Smith Monday evening. After the scripture lesson and prayer the class transacted its usual business and received reports from the out standing committees concerning the "Baraca." Later, the class elected the following officers. Simpson Christopher, president; Noel Moore, vice-president; Steve Duckett, secretary; Adam Sibley, John Moore, treasurer; Dennis McDonald, librarian, press reporter was re-elected. The class adjourned by repeating the Lord's prayer.—Press Reporter.

Misses Bertha, Almeda and Minnie Harris were charming hostesses last Wednesday night. The occasion being a slumber party. At 7.30 a lovely supper perfect in all its appointments was served to Misses Pauline Johnson, Geneva Warnick, Virginia Hamblet, Bessie Touchstone, Ruth Merritt, Mamie Ellis and Dorothy Duckett. All went to church at the tabernacle. The hour following this was spent in conversation and music—at the coming of the midnight hour the crowd enjoyed an ice cream and cake spread. Then one, two and three o'clock and all were in slumberland.

Miss Ruth Merritt entertained Sunday evening in honor of her brother Ben who celebrated his twenty-first birthday. A beautifully appointed eight o'clock luncheon with an ice course was served to Misses Bessie Touchstone, Eva Walters, Almeda Harris, Messrs Oscar Pate, Robert Hicks, Choc Jones, Ben Merritt and the hostess.

Mrs. G. A. Rister served a noonday dinner Sunday in honor of the home-coming of her daughter Miss Mamie who is spending her vacation at home. Misses Maud Martin and Susie Penn were the guests on this occasion. Miss Rister will return to Hillsboro Friday evening.

Epworth League Program.

Topic, The Cross of Every Man. Leader, Gladys Christopher. Song. Prayer. Discussion of topic, leader. Duet—Misses Mary and Jackie Jennings.

Matt. 16, 24-25, the sign of our fellowship—Lavenia McNeese.

Matt. 10, 34-39, a contest—Pauline Johnson.

John 12, 25, self-love and sterility—Ira Shaffer.

Debate, Resolved, that Peter was a greater character than John the Baptist—T. A. Johnson, affirmative; H. C. Williams, negative.

Prayer. Epworth Visitor. Song. Announcements.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy

Every family without exception should keep this preparation at hand during the hot weather of the summer months. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is worth many times its cost when needed and is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over. It has no superior for the purpose for which it is intended. Buy it now. For sale by all dealers.

Cash paid for chickens, eggs and butter. W. H. Young, rear of Southern National Bank.

DRUGGIST GIVES YOU YOUR MONEY BACK

Dodson's Liver Tone Gets a Four Square Guarantee From Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

When an article is sold a druggist who is willing to give it his personal guarantee, it's a mighty strong proof of real merit.

That's exactly the case with Dodson's Liver Tone. It is a pleasant-tasting, vegetable remedy for a slow and sluggish liver. Since Dodson's Liver Tone came on the market the sale of calomel has gone 'way down. The reason is simply this: Dodson's Liver Tone is safe and harmless and guaranteed to be satisfactory—Calomel is often uncertain, sometimes dangerous, and no druggist wants to guarantee that it won't knock you out of a day's work and maybe send you to bed. Rust & McCauley sells Dodson's Liver Tone and guarantees it. For you and for your children, it's a good thing to keep a bottle always in the house.

Rust & McCauley will give you your money back if you think Dodson's Liver Tone is not worth the price. "Keep your liver working and your liver will not keep you from working," is good advice to go by.

After the Battle.

The Comedian—"From the sounds in your dressing room I judge that you girls had a hair-pulling time." The Rough Soubrette—"Not me. I poked her in the eye. It wouldn't hurt none to pull the hair she wears."—New York Globe.

Shake off Your Rheumatism

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism. Try a 25c bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and see how quickly your rheumatic pains disappear. Sold by all dealers.

Notice Farmers.

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

When Is a Man Old?

A man of 70 writes to the New York Times to complain because a reporter referred to a man of 60 as "aged." To the cub reporter it seems all right to refer to a man of 50 as "venerable."—Boston Globe.

Stomach Troubles

Many remarkable cures of stomach troubles have been effected by Chamberlain's Tablets. One man who had spent over two thousand dollars for medicine and treatment was cured by a few boxes of these tablets. Price 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

Not for the Ladies.

Cut a piece of material the size and shape desired, round, square, or octagon, and sew on this felt or flannel. On the reverse side sew on flat bone, pearl, or china buttons, all of one size, putting them on in rings or other patterns. These will hold the hot dish up from the table.—National Magazine.

Put One Eye out. Suffered 36 Years From Skin Disease

I suffered from a skin disease for 36 years, and about six months ago it attacked one of my eyes and put it out. After it was too late, I got a box of Hunt's Cure and began to use it, and I must say that it is the best remedy I have used in 36 years, and I believe it will cure any skin eruption. P. H. Chaney, Caney, La.

Hideos Trousers.

Further, it is pointed out, the trouser leg was draughty and cold, and at the same time drags itself into hideous contortions with every movement of the leg. In the nether garment of celebrities distortions were described suggestive of concertinas, corkscrews and buckled tubes.—Exchange.

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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.

Mementoes of Sir Walter Scott. The Edinburgh Corporation museum has been enriched by the presentation to it of two letters written by Sir Walter Scott, the quill the great novelist used, a lock of his hair, and a box of quill points with portrait of Sir Walter on the lid.

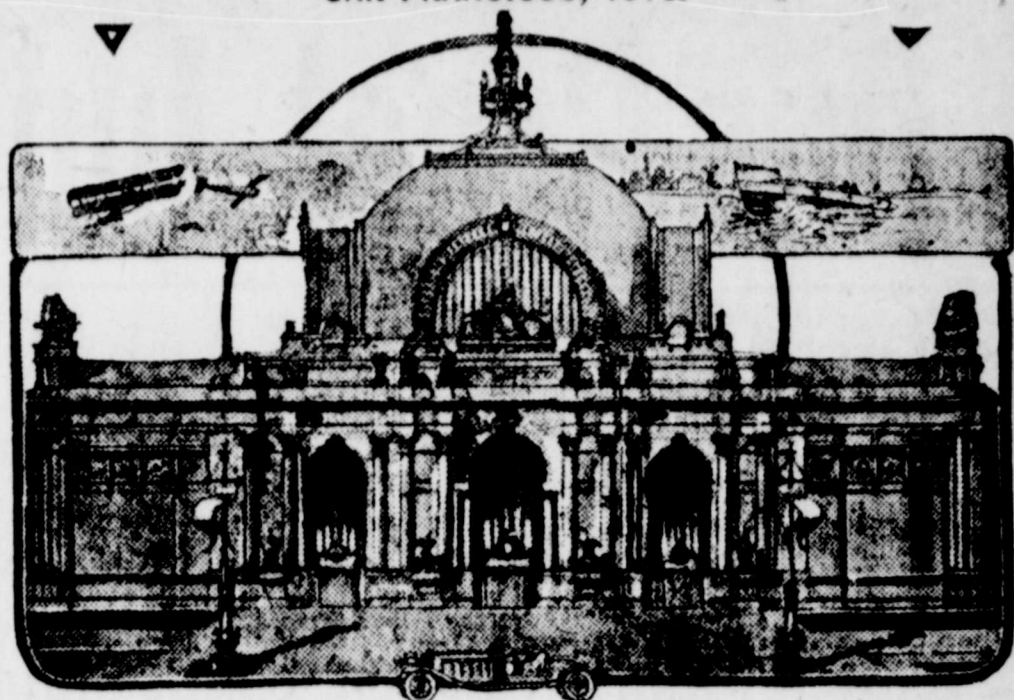
Cheap Medical Treatment. There is a little medical mission in the East end of London which in the last ten years has treated a quarter of a million patients at a fee of four cents each. A physician attends to give advice and medical assistance every day from 11:30 to 12:30 in the forenoon and from 4:30 to 5:30 in the afternoon and always finds a long line of patients waiting to consult him.

Mark Twain in Satirical Humor. "Even the cleverest and most perfect circumstantial evidence is likely to be at fault, after all, and therefore ought to be received with great caution," said the late Mark Twain. "Take the case of any pencil sharpened by any woman. If you have wit nesses, you will find she did it with a knife; but if you simply take the aspect of the pencil, you will say she did it with her teeth."

Method of Bleaching Ivory. To bleach ivory ornaments or piano keys the following method works well. The ornaments are first washed or "soaked," if possible, in a bath of unslaked lime, which has in it a few ounces of bran and water. This should make a pasty solution if properly mixed, and will bleach the ivory which is discolored or stained. It should be rubbed off with a cloth and the ivory dried in magnesia powder. After a few minutes a few strokes with a cloth gives the ivory a brilliant polish.

Speak in Truth. Speak not at all, in any wise, till you have somewhat to speak; care not for the reward of your speaking, but simply and with undivided mind for the truth of your speaking.—Carlyle.

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



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DESIGN of the Motor Building at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. This structure will be one of the largest of the exposition palaces, approximately 275 feet front by 800 feet deep, covering about 210,000 square feet, or more than five acres. The dome, which surmounts the center of the front portion of the building, is 130 feet high and surmounted with a turret composed of the prows of modern motor boats, each carrying a searchlight. This point will be used by Mr. Ryan, the chief of illumination of the exposition, for the purpose of lighting up the grounds and adjacent buildings. Other groups at the base of the building will convey, allegorically, the uses of electricity, gas and other mechanical devices which compose the motor. Its modernity is in harmony with the nature of the exhibits which it will house, and its triumphal character is emblematic of that triumph of modern transportation, the automobile. The groups of statuary surmounting the attic will be allegorically carried out to typify the triumph of the motor over the elements. The main group in front will be a sort of quadriga of automobiles typifying the conquest over the land. On the sides will be allegories of the motor boat and the aeroplane, respectively, typifying the victory over the sea and air. On either side of the entire length of the building there will be a frieze 10 feet high in bas relief, giving the history of transportation from the early log cart up to the most modern development of the automobile.

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Kitten in Revolt. A remarkable case of filial ingratitude on the part of a black kitten has occurred in Liverpool, England. A few days ago a customer threw a piece of meat between them, which was secured by the mother cat. To the surprise of everybody, the kitten sprang at his mother and drove her out of the house. Since then he has mounted guard over the doors to prevent her return, and, although she has attempted time after time to return to her old home, her stern, unbending, and ungrateful son bars the way.

Dust Laying in England. The highway department of the city of Leeds, England, has recently treated portions of a macadam roadway with granular calcium chloride to combat the dust. Solutions of the latter had previously been tried at greater cost and without such satisfactory results. The road is first well swept and two applications of the chloride are made on succeeding evenings of about one-half pound per yard.

Simplify the Problem of Living. I do believe in simplicity. It is as tonishing as well as sad, how many trivial affairs even the wisest man thinks he must attend to in a day; how singular an affair he thinks he must omit. When the mathematician would solve a difficult problem, he first frees the equation of all incumbrances, and reduces it to its simplest terms. So simplify the problem of life, distinguish the necessary and the real—Thoreau "Letters."

Ocean Denizens. According to Sir John Murray, one of the greatest authorities on oceanography, the bottom is a desert of pitch-black darkness, penetrating cold and eternal silence. Worms, sea puddings, and coral polyps sluggishly crawl or sway in the almost currentless depths, and only two species of fish, both of them, with much head and little body, have been found deeper than a mile and a quarter down.

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