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MAIL OFFICE HAS OLD TIME PAPERS

The Mail is in receipt of some very interesting documents pertaining to the frontier days in Texas. The papers in question are property of Mrs. Geo. L. Hamilton of this place and were given to her by her father Judge Charles Soward, deceased May 11 of this year.

In the year 1871 Charles Soward was Judge of the 13th District of Texas, Weatherford, Parker county. Trouble had been outspoken for some time between the Whites and Indians of that section and the term of court was drawing near when Judge Soward should go to Jacksboro, in Jack county and hold a session of district court. The principle trial was to be the State of Texas vs. Big Tree (Adoette) Chief of the Kiowas, Satanta a chief of the Comanche Indians. The charge against the Indians being murder. They together with Big Bear son of Settainte, commonly known to the white people as White Bear had been depredateing all parts of that country much to the uneasiness of the government authorities and the Texas people.

In advance of Judge Soward holding the session of court he was sent the following:

State of Texas, County of Parker. To the Honorable Charles Soward, judge of the 13th judicial district of Texas.

We the undersigned members of the Bar, practicing attorneys most respectfully request and petition your honor not to hold the ensuing term of district court at Jacksboro, Jack county and state as reasons therefor, that is a well known and undisputed fact that the County of Jack and the whole country between here and Jacksboro is to an unusual and very dangerous extent infested with large bands of hostile Indians, that on this account travel between here and Jacksboro is unusually dangerous, that owing to the number of Indians in the country we do not think it would be humane and just to force litigants and jurors of Jack county to leave their families and attend court. We therefore hope your honor will not hold court at Jacksboro. (Dated). Weatherford, Texas, June 22, 1871 and is signed by S. W. T. Lanham, (Governor of Texas from 1905 to 1907), A. I. Hood, J. L. L. McCall, R. J. McKenzie, A. J. and Thos. Ball, J. C. Stone and H. F. Hensley.

The trial was called in July of the same year at Weatherford, Judge Soward, presiding and Thomas Ball, now of Houston counsel for the defendants. The charge was murder and a jury found each defendant guilty of murder in the first degree and assessed their punishment at death by hanging. An appeal was made but the court decided that the evidence was in the court's favor and overruled the motion. Sentence was then passed on the two noted Indian chiefs and their execution set for Friday the first day of September 1871.

The execution of the two In-

COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION

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Until recently the average merchant in the towns and smaller cities has thought that money spent in advertising was an investment of doubtful profit. Everybody in the community, the territory from which his trade must come, already knew he was in business, knew what sort of goods he sold and on what terms. If he did any advertising at all it was a kind of general announcement in the spring, and again in the fall, that he was still "doing the same kind of business at the same old stand."

But a few progressive spirits in very recent years have come alive to the fact that the small-town merchant can use advertising space to advantage. In fact, many of them are doing it, and their number is increasing. I know of one dry goods firm in a town of 4,000 people that plans each year to spend from \$1,000 to \$1,200 in advertising—a sum equal, if not greater than the salary of any one of their salesmen. Their manager considers his advertising space his most efficient salesman, and his advertisements each week are prepared with rare care and judgment.

For \$20 to \$25 a month any merchant in a small town can use half a page in his local paper, or a quarter page in proportion, and change his advertisement each week. He can thus with no great expense send into a thousand homes in his trade territory each week a convincing, business-pulling message, for there is hardly a town in the southwest of 2,000 population but has at least one paper of 1,000 or more circulation. There is no other means by which he can get such a message into those homes for as little cost. And 52 such messages, conscientiously prepared and conscientiously lived up to, can not fail to pay for themselves over and over during the year in added profits.

'13 OUR GOOD READERS '14

The Old and The New

City—Mrs. E. Hall, J. S. Robertson, J. L. Banner, Mrs. M. J. Lowe, Seth Hamilton, Fred Guitar, W. T. Daniel, W. C. Ayers.

Routes—Mrs. O. M. Holland, A. J. Hartley, W. M. Hays, Jno. W. Lyles, B. L. James, E. C. Richards, A. R. Jones, Chas. Hughes, Jno. Wheeler, J. R. Hester, T. C. Allen, T. W. Clark, T. W. Ferguson, W. L. Blair, Roscoe Bland.

Others—J. D. Jones, Nubia; W. U. Beene, John Rosson, Noodle; First State Bank, J. T. Vessells, Trent; Homer Jobe, Rule, Miss Mattie Murphy, Abilene.

Foreign—S. E. Mezes, Austin; Miss Orra Long, Mason; Sam Jones, Broxton; Clark Welch, El Paso, C. A. Ely, Canyon; Jno. M. King, Albany; J. M. McWilliams, Fairlie; Paul Cranford, El Paso; G. B. Adcock, McCool, Miss.; W. E. Hall, Covington, Tenn.; Fain Wilson, Warren, N. M.; J. H. McDonald, Vivian, La.; J. T. Anderson, Tulsa, Okla.; J. F. Crawford, Granite, Okla.; G. C. Sargent, Oklahoma City, Okla.

dians did not take place in accordance with this court order. After a more careful consideration of the case Judge Soward, petitioned Hon. Edmund J. Davis then Governor of Texas, asking that the sentence of these two Indians be commuted to life imprisonment. On August 2nd., Judge Soward received a letter from Gov. Davis, commuting the sentence passed on Big Tree and Satanta from death to life imprisonment.

Even after these two leaders were placed in confinement the trouble with the Indians did not stop as is shown from a letter

from the Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, dated August 15, 1872, almost a year from the time the Indian leaders were to have been hanged. The letter is to Judge Soward and is signed by T. A. Walker, commissioner of Indian affairs. Mr. Walker states in his letter that it has been the constant efforts of the department to keep these hostile Indians on their reservation but so far they had been unable to accomplish much, but at that time a special Indian Commission was on its way from Washington to Texas and that the President had reasons to believe that their efforts will result in material advantage to the citizens of Texas and to the whole Indian service.

Among the papers are two old time photographs, one of Big Bear and the other of Big Tree, the pictures were taken in 1871, prior to the time the execution of Big Tree was to have taken place.

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.

DON'T FORGET THE FARMERS MEETING

A convention of farmers and people in all lines of business is to be held in Merkel on Saturday, June 21st., for the purpose of selecting delegates to attend a meeting of the farmers congress and state farmers institute at College Station, July 28 to August 1st. Everybody is invited to be present, and especially the ladies, boys and girls over 16 years of age. The possibility of being selected as a delegate to this very important agricultural meeting or assisting your neighbor in being selected, should interest every patriotic citizen, and I predict a large gathering at Merkel on said date. Bear in mind also that there will be a strong man present to present the plans of the southern states cotton corporation, showing how you are to get 15 cents for your cotton.

I want to state also that there will be a very important meeting at Abilene on Saturday, June 28 of the Taylor county farmers institute, at which time some important business of the institute will be transacted, mainly the selection of delegates to represent said organization at the state farmers institute at the A. & M. college the last of July.

F. A. Peel.

Free Lecture.

Capt. E. D. Russell of the Christian Volunteers will lecture on the subject of "White Slavery" at Campbell Chapel, five miles southwest of Merkel, Sunday, June 22 at 3 p. m. All are invited to attend.

PLANT PEAS ON STUBBLE LAND


Our lands are rapidly becoming depleted in certain elements of plant food, and many farmers are charging the cause of crop failures to the lack of moisture alone, when his land in many cases is devoid of that particular element of plant food necessary to grow and mature said crop. Potash, Phosphoric Acid and Nitrogen are all important factors in producing vigorous plant growth and the maturing of most crops, but our lands lack nitrogen more than potash or phosphorus, and did you know that the much coveted nitrogen is floating over our fields, and that it is in our power to catch and store same into the land by planting such crops as have the characteristics of extracting nitrogen from the air and storing into the soil.

Therefore I insist that you plant peas on your wheat and oat stubble lands. If your feed crop is going to be short and you must plant the stubble land to maize or other feed crops, then plant same in alternate rows with peas and you will be pleased with the experiment. In all probability you will harvest more grain from the same land and then you can turn under the maize stalks and peavines together, thereby supplying nitrogen and humus to the hungry soil that has been so unmercifully robbed of for many years. I insist that you try this plan. It is practical. Don't turn the land now as we would recommend in the fall or winter, but create a good mulch with the disc harrow and then plant in drills and cultivate so as to create a vigorous growth of the peavines, realizing that the more vines you have the more of both nitrogen and humus.

I recommend the speckled, or as commonly known as the "whippoorwill" pea, but any kind will do that can be procured. The iron pea is immune from the fungus disease that causes cotton and other crops to die in the summer but they are very hard to get. The blue goose pea is a good one also, producing a very luxuriant growth of vine, but I don't know of any place where they can be procured. The only objection to the black eye pea is that it does not grow so much vine, and that is the main thing that we want as the object sought in the whole proposition is to supply a large amount of humus together with the nitrogen that is naturally supplied to the soil by the peavine. F. A. Peel.

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.)



CONDENSED STATEMENT
Call of June 4, 1913

RESOURCES	
Loans.....	\$71,202.34
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
Total.....	\$103,162.48
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock.....	\$15,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	5,299.54
Bills Payable.....	7,500.00
Deposits.....	75,362.94
Total.....	\$103,162.48

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

OUR STATEMENT

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

LOUDY WEATHER AND LIGHT RAINS

This week has added .16 of an inch more to our rainfall in this section of the state and the weather conditions have been cloudy all the week. This small amount of dampness in addition to the inch rain of last week continues to make our prospects look good.

Practically every farmer of the Merkel country is very busy at the present keeping his crop clean from weeds, as every conceivable class of vegetation is growing in a hurry.

You will miss a good time if you don't come to Bland's Tank July 4.

Texas & Pacific Change.

The familiar faces of the auditors on the Rio Grand division of the T. & P. Ry. is a thing of the past, conductors will now do the collecting fares. This change is made through the influence of a new vice-president of the road, who declares it will save the company at least \$10,000 per year. Some changes have been made on the eastern Texas & Pacific lines but there are yet some of the old auditors who are holding their places.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending June 21, 1913.
Glass, Miss Clyde
Mays, Edgar
McKenney, J. D.
If not called for will be sent to dead letter office July 5, 1913.
H. W. Derstine, P.M.

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.

TOO MUCH RAIN

Is the Cause of Woodroofs Sale Being Continued 10 Days

FROM ADVERTISED CLOSING DATE

The past 10-days sale has been a great success, but owing to the weather conditions and conditions of the crops over the country in general we know a number of our customers have not had an opportunity to attend this sale of slaughtered prices. It is for this reason the sale is being continued.

Sale Continues Until SATURDAY JUNE 28

Prices in several departments are cut even lower than they were during the first 10-Days' Sale prices.

All Men's Clothing Now Cut to Half Price for Saturday and Next week

Ladies Ready-to-Wear Absolutely to Sell at
ONE-HALF THE REGULAR PRICE

Don't fail to take advantage of the miraculous cut prices during the next 10 days.

Prices Advance when Sale is Over

W. D. Woodroof & Co.

Mrs. A. J. Coggin Dead

Mrs. Margaret Coggin wife of A. J. Coggin of Noodle died at the home of her daughter Mrs. W. L. Barbee, Friday of last week.

Mrs. Coggin had been very low for some months and at several times of the late her conditions had been regarded as extremely dangerous, her death coming at a time when she had seemed to be slightly improved. Mrs. Coggin has a host of close friends in this place and throughout the country. She came here with her husband during the year of 1886, but had lived in this section of the country for some time before that. At the time of her death she was nearing her 77th year, coming to this state from Georgia when she was a young lady. She was married to A. J. Coggin in 1857 at the home of her parents in Lampasas county. Throughout her married life Mrs. Coggin had been a staunch member of the Church of Christ. She is survived by a husband, and eight children as follows: Mrs. L. S. Carruth of Wewoka, Okla.; Mrs. Anna Cordill, Tucson, Ariz.; Mrs. Bettie Tow of New Mexico; Mrs. W. L. Barbee of Noodle; Mrs. Georgie Easterwood of Midland, Mrs. Frankie Hill of Sylvester; C. M. Coggin of Los Angeles and T. T. Coggin of this place.

Funeral services were held at the Northside Christian church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with burial services immediately afterward in Rose Hill cemetery, Rev. Whiteside conducting the services. The heartfelt condolence of many friends of the bereaved family is extended.

Hotel Changes Hands.

J. Z. Martin, owner of the Southside Hotel, has sold same to Mr. Diltz a hotel man of Clyde. The trade was made the first of the week and Mr. Martin at once prepared to give possession, moving his family to Clyde Thursday. We are informed that Mr. Diltz intends to remodel the hotel and make it a first-class place throughout.

Don't forget about the Air-dome.

Plenty of kaffir chops and bran at G. M. Sharp's.

Meet your friends at Bland's Tank July 4.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Don't forget about the Air-dome.

J. C. Hamner of Trent was in the city Tuesday on business.

Anchor Hardware Co., headquarters for corn binders. Both Deering and McCormick.

Ed Swafford who has been away from Merkel for some time returned last week to visit his parents for a short time.

Get a free food chopper at the Cash Grocery. Only one week, come and see about this business.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens of Trent were in the city Tuesday afternoon on their way home from Abilene.

Mrs. Lester Ellis left Tuesday for Abilene to spend a short time with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Tandy.

Bring your wife to Bland's Tank July 4. Good shades for a dinner spread.

A Monday morning discovery in the business section of town was the face of H. C. Burroughs, Jr., mingled with those of the Southern National Bank force. The junior member of the institution is taking up the work from the bottom and hopes to climb to the top.

Mrs. M. R. Woodrum and daughters Misses Sadie and Ada left Wednesday night for Winfield to visit Mrs. Woodrum's sister Mrs. M. C. Trailer. This will be their first meeting in 36 years. Enroute home they will visit Mrs. W. R. Russell in Dallas.

The Mail is in receipt of a letter from J. P. C. Hunt, dated June 17 at Colorado Springs, Colo., and asks that we be sure and send the Mail to him at that place this week. Giving as his address for the next three weeks, Yellowstone, Idaho; San Francisco and Los Angeles, California. Mrs. Hunt accompanies her husband on the trip through the west.

Don't forget about the Air-dome.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

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Trent Teachers elected.

The Trent School Board at their late meeting elected the following teachers for the coming year. Prof. G. L. Farrar, principal, and in other departments Misses Missouri Starhan, Abbie Ferguson of Cottonwood and Miss Jaunita Harris of Merkel.

Relic of Spanish Armada.

An anchor of the Spanish armada period, recovered from the Wallett, a well-known "swatchway," three miles off Clacton, England, has been presented to Colchester (Essex) Museum. For generations this anchor has been an enemy to the trawls of local fishermen, but at length one of the flukes became worn partially away, and the last trawl that struck it thus lifted it from the ground.

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.

Steering Committee.

Registry Clerk—"It is necessary for me to ask the mother of the bride if she has nothing to say before I proceed with the ceremony." Voice of Mother (in background)—"All I have to say is that if I hadn't had a good deal to say already they never would have landed here."

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.

Big Crowd at Blair.

The public cream supper given at Blair Saturday night was a complete success. The Scheidler Orchestra furnished music for the occasion and made the evening all the more pleasant. A very large crowd gathered to eat cream and hear the music, the money they happened to spend going to the cause of buying an organ for the Sunday school. The ladies who had the undertaking in hand are all thanks to those who attended and assisted in making their work a success.

Announcement.

Having purchased my brother's interest in the Elite Confectionery, I now have the entire business and want to thank our patrons for their good business and at the same time asking a continuance of same. The business will be operated at the same stand. Our motto will be, "Please each and every person who enters the door."

The Elite Confectionery,
Frank J. Ferrier, owner.

Trent to Have Another Trade Week.

The merchants of Trent have advertised another trade week for June 28 and are making big preparations for same. The last trade day according to business men of that place was a complete success and they are not content with letting a good thing go by with only one trial. A premium of \$25 in gold is to be awarded to some person who visits that city on the 28th.

For Sale.

Bath tub, sink, hot water tank and piping at half price. See G. L. Hamilton. It

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

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

New oats at G. M. Sharp's.

Don't forget about the Air-dome.

W. H. Dickson is quite sick at his home on Oak street.

Mrs. Pheobe Greene of Shiloh is in Abilene visiting friends.

Mrs. B. B. Throop is in Van Horn this week visiting friends.

G. E. Comegys and W. D. Woodroof were in Abilene attending court Thursday.

Everybody goes to Bland's Tank July 4.

Miss Blanch Walker of Abilene is here visiting her sister Mrs. E. Hall.

New oats and binder twine at the Kent Street Grain & Grocery Company.

W. L. Harkrider left Tuesday for Mineral Wells to be gone for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Johnson of Roscoe came in Tuesday to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens.

Miss Leno Largent is in Abilene this week the guest of Miss Ina Dale Wooten.

Dr. G. M. Williams left Tuesday night for Dallas to attend a national convention of physicians which meets in that city.

Mrs. G. B. Tittle who has been here visiting relatives returned to her home at Abilene Wednesday.

The birth of two girl babies is reported to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rister on Tuesday night. The mother and children are doing nicely.

J. E. Faucett and R. O. Anderson, bankers of this place were in Abilene Wednesday in company with Editor Jno. G. Jackson.

Miss Bertha Boring is expected home soon to visit her parents. At present Miss Boring is touring the northeast in the party chaperoned by teachers of the Radnor College of Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Olga Sheppard returned from Fort Worth and Dallas Monday where she has been visiting the families of Sam Sheppard and Homer Magness for the past month.

Horace Leeper left Thursday for Weatherford and Waxahachie. He will make his home in Waxahachie with relatives while his mother Mrs. Geo. L. Hamilton and husband are touring the old world.

Buggy and wagon paint at the Anchor Hardware Company.

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GOOD CHURCHES, GOOD PEOPLE,
THE CITY TO LIVE IN,
THE CITY TO INVEST IN

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Any erroneous reflection on the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of The Mail will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the management.

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.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS NEEDED.

Loss of life by fire is a daily menace to the faculty and students of the University of Texas, according to the last report of the State Insurance board. A carelessly flung cigarette, a partly extinguished match or a defective flue might easily cause the total destruction of the educational plant at Austin, just as 19 other state buildings have been destroyed from such causes within the past two years.

"Fire occurring in the main building, chemistry building, or the boys dormitory ('B' hall,) 'reads the report,' would likely result in total destruction. A most serious menace to the protection of life exists in the auditorium of the main building.

"Located on third floor, 35 feet above the ground, and being a part of the main building which is extremely combustible, is an auditorium with seating capacity of 2000. The main entrance and only practicable exit is by stairways which lead to the rotunda of the main building. ... An enormous draught from fire would be created at this point and effectually cut off this means of escape. The iron stair on each side of the auditorium would be practically worthless as a means of exit, owing to the number of persons to be accommodated and the excitement..."

"The method of exit by means of stairways causes serious liability of personal injury in the event the audience should become panic stricken. This is not only a fire trap but is also a death trap."

Official estimates of the total number of state buildings that are subject to quick and total destruction by fire reach 95 percent. A serious fire would place state officials in a quandary; for, unless the legislature were authorized to issue bonds as provided for by the proposed amendment to the constitution known as Senate Joint Resolution No. 18, which would solve the problem of replacement of buildings and the building of new ones, the only other way would be by heavy taxation of the people to meet such deficiencies.

Japan is ready to renew its arbitration treaty with the United States for another five-year period. The little brown men of the Orient are for peace. There is a reason for it; they are poverty-stricken. The bankers of the world hold the peace of the world in their hands today. Without money nations are unable to prosecute war. This does not apply to West Virginia, where the feudal barons had a standing army of 2,000 men and sent armored specials on their railroads to shoot up camps of miners. In most wars women and children are not fired upon by invaders. In West Virginia women and children were not immune under the military despotism of ex-Governor Glasscock.—Fort Worth Record.

One consultation with the people of this country there is never any likelihood of such a disturbance coming up as the Record sees in West Virginia.

The proposition of whether we have money enough to start such a strife is not a matter that should worry our people for the recent statements of our banks show an increase in deposits of over 82 percent over the statement issued at the same time last year. No civil strife for west Texas and a treaty with Japan is not creating any unusual amount of interest. The farmers have not had time to keep up with such matters, but they can give a few of the Japs and strikers a good job chopping cotton if they will only take advantage of the opportunity.

BAILEY FOR GOVERNOR.

"Staff" correspondents of the daily papers in Texas are just now busily engaged in telling their readers who will likely prove formidable candidates for governor next year. We would advise some of them to put their ears to the ground and see if they do not hear a rumbling in "the old fifth" district that sounds like a Joe Bailey boom. The ex-senator is now a private citizen and while he is making probably ten times the salary practicing law that he would receive as governor, yet it must be remembered that no man has yet refused the office of governor of Texas and it is our opinion that Joe Bailey would not object to presiding over the destinies of the state for at least a term. Not only that, but there is not a man in all Texas that can defeat the ex-senator for the nomination should he decide to throw his hat in the ring.—West News.

While we believe H. B. Terrell's selection would be all right, for he is the one who contributed the above article. We also have reasons to believe there are others who have aspirations for the governor's chair. There is Thos. H. Ball of Houston, he has been asked about the matter and he replies that there is more trouble about the place than there is anything else, then former Attorney General Jewel P. Lightfoot is known to have had a "hankering" for the place, a certain Mr. Thomas is spoken of as a likely candidate and then there are some more who have been mentioned as good timber for the place. It looks as if the fight will be a very interesting one if all the likely ones get in. The expression of come on in the water is fine will no doubt be heard soon among the "Rankins."

MILITARY AVIATION SCHOOL AT SAN ANTONIO.

According to recent plans of the War Department, one of the largest military aviation schools in the United States is to be established on the military reservation adjacent to Fort Sam Houston near San Antonio.

Brig. Gen. George P. Scriven, chief signal officer of the United States Army, recently conferred with Brig. Tasker H. Bliss, commander of the Southern Department and following this conference it was announced that about twenty instructors and ample equipment for the training of about eighty men at the same time would be sent to San Antonio.

IN THE SWIM.

After a person spends a short time in other parts of the state and then returns home to see the illumious prospects of our immediate country it almost makes one believe this the place where the cross-cut saw originated. The story was told to Secretary of Agriculture Wilson in regard to some of the 1912 crop productions.

A farmer who was proprietor of a melon ranch, sent his hired hand to a neighbor's with a note saying:

"Friend Smith—Will you please lend me your cross-cut saw, as I wish to cut a watermelon up so as to get it into my dray?"

The neighbor wrote back:

"Friend Jones—I would be pleased to lend you my saw but same is stuck fast in a cantaloupe."

At any rate a person would hardly be surprised at a report of any agricultural conditions existing here this year for the Merkel country is strictly in the swim. Speaking in milder words she's a 'hum-dinger.'



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Liggett & Myers Duke's Mixture makes a great pipe smoke—and rolled into a cigarette nothing can beat it.

It is the favorite smoke of thousands of men who want selected, pure, Virginia and North Carolina bright-leaf tobacco.

If you have not smoked Duke's Mixture, made by Liggett & Myers at Durham, N. C.—try it at once.

Each sack contains one and a half ounces of tobacco that is equal to any 5c granulated tobacco made—and with each sack you get a book of cigarette papers FREE and

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

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

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"That's the sixth Studebaker we've passed—the only kind to invest in"

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"That's plain business as I look at it."

"That's why I say the price doesn't tell you anything at all. There's only one thing that talks—except the wagon itself. That's the name of the maker."

"When you buy a Studebaker you're buying a vehicle that has behind it and in it sixty years of experience—sixty years of success—and sixty years of reputation for the square deal. That's why a Studebaker always looks good to me."

"My father used to say that Studebaker honor was as sure as a United States bank note. He was talking after having used Studebaker vehicles since he was a lad, and he told me his father before him said, 'Be safe—get a Studebaker.'"

"Vehicle builders can't hold that sort of reputation now-a-days without delivering the goods. A Studebaker wagon has the best in it. That's why a man gets the most out of it—why it's always an economy."

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Let's Make Them Live Weeks.
You must win during these few weeks. Watch carefully and work hard. Double votes given with every purchase tomorrow

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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



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IN EACH TOWN and district to ride and exhibit a sample Latest Model "Ranger" bicycle furnished by us. Our agents everywhere are making money fast. **NO MONEY REQUIRED** until you receive and approve of your bicycle. We ship to anyone anywhere in the U. S. **without a cent deposit** in advance, **prepay freight**, and allow **TEN DAYS' FREE TRIAL** during which time you may ride the bicycle and put it to any test you wish. If you are then not perfectly satisfied or do not wish to keep the bicycle ship it back to us at our expense and you will not be out one cent. **FACTORY PRICES** We furnish the highest grade bicycles. It is possible to make at one small profit above actual factory cost. You save \$10 to \$25 middlemen's profits by buying direct of us and have the manufacturer's guarantee behind your bicycle. **DO NOT BUY** a bicycle of a pair of tires from anyone at any price until you receive our catalogues and learn our unheard of factory prices and remarkable special offers to rider agents. **YOU WILL BE ASTONISHED** when you receive our beautiful catalogue fully ten prices we can make you this year. We sell the highest grade bicycles for less money than any other factory. We are satisfied with \$1.00 profit above factory cost. **SECOND HAND BICYCLES**, you can sell our bicycles under your own name plates double our price. Orders filled the day received. We do not regularly handle second hand bicycles, but usually have a number on hand taken in trade by our Chicago retail stores. These we clear out promptly at prices ranging from \$5 to \$20 or \$10. Descriptive bargain lists mailed free.

COASTER-BRAKES, single wheels, imported roller chains and pedals, parts, repairs and equipment of all kinds at half the regular retail price.

\$10.00 Hedgethorn Puncture-Proof **\$4.80**
Self-healing Tires A SAMPLE PAIR TO INTRODUCE, ONLY

The regular retail price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but to introduce to you a sample pair for \$4.80. **NO MORE TROUBLE FROM PUNCTURES** NAILS, Tacks, or Glass will not cut the air out. A hundred thousand pairs sold last year.

DESCRIPTION: Made in all sizes. It is lively and easy riding, very durable and lined inside with a special quality of rubber, which never becomes porous and which closes up small punctures without allowing the air to escape. We have hundreds of letters from satisfied customers stating that their tires have only been pumped up once or twice in a whole season. They weigh no more than an ordinary tire, the puncture-resisting qualities being given by several layers of thin, specially prepared fabric on the tread. The regular price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but for advertising purposes we are making a special factory price to the rider of only \$4.80 per pair. All orders shipped same day letter is received. We ship C. O. D. on approval. You do not pay a cent until you have examined and found them strictly as represented.

We will allow a cash discount of 5 per cent (thereby making the price \$4.55 per pair) if you send **FULL CASH** with order and enclose this advertisement. You run no risk in sending us an order as the tires may be returned at **OUR** expense if for any reason they are not satisfactory on examination. We are perfectly reliable and money sent to us is safe as a bank. If you order a pair of these tires, you will find that they will ride easier, run faster, wear better, last longer and look finer than any tire you have ever used or seen at any price. We know that you will be so well pleased that when you want a bicycle you will give us your order. We want you to send us a trial order at once, because this remarkable tire offer.

IF YOU NEED TIRES don't buy any kind at any price until you send for a pair of Hedgethorn tires (price quoted above), or write for our literature and Sundry Catalogue which describes and quotes all makes and kinds of tires at about half the usual prices.

DO NOT WAIT but write us a postal today. **DO NOT THINK OF BUYING** a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone until you know the new and wonderful offers we are making. It only costs a postal to learn everything. Write it NOW.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Rev. R. A. Clements was in Abilene Saturday.

Look at the bakers sweets at Warrens Bakery.

R. L. Godwin of Trent was here on business Monday.

Miss Winnie Sandlin went to Abilene Monday to visit relatives.

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

Diamonds on easy terms and small payments. See Mrs. E. M. Rust.

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

J. W. Powell left Monday night for Bridgeport to look after business matters.

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

James West returned last week from College Station where he has been in school.

Miss Nina Gambol of Abilene returned to her home Monday after a short visit here with Miss Faye Douglass.

If you need fruit jars and rubbers go to Crown Hardware Company.

Miss Dota Garroute is in Abilene attending the summer normal at Simmons College.

County Commissioner J. L. Banner was in Abilene Saturday looking after official matters.

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

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

Mrs. J. S. Robertson left Monday morning for Ranger to visit her brother W. T. Nicholson and family.

Miss Bessie Fuller of Putnam who has been here visiting the family of J. R. Hester returned to her home Monday morning.

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

Messrs. W. D. Hutcheson, J. D. Gaither, J. H. Warnick, N. D. Cobb and W. O. Boney were in Abilene Monday looking after business matters.

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

Miss Elma Wilson of Abilene was here from Thursday of last week to Tuesday of this week the guest of Mrs. Lester Ellis.

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.

Frank J. Ferrier, proprietor and manager of the Elite, was away from Merkel the last part of last week and part of this. Mr. Ferrier was in Bellevue, Texas on a purely social mission. Denials are not in order.

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

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Official Statement of the Financial Condition of First State Bank, Trent, 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 20th day of June, 1913.

RESOURCES

Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$27,554.57
Loans, real estate	1,656.65
Overdrafts	29.52
Other Real Estate	670.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	\$2,975.50
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to c.k., net	617.73— 3,606.23
Cash items	11.60
Currency	1,709.00
Specie	319.32— 2,039.92
Interest in depositors guaranty fund	333.23
Other Resources as follows:	
Assessment for guaranty fund	28.59
Total	\$37,293.71

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, net	1,897.76
Individual deposits, subject to check	18,865.15
Cashiers checks	30.80
Bills payable and rediscounts	1,500.00
Total	\$37,293.71

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, R. B. Johnson as vice president and L. E. Adrian as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
R. B. Johnson, Vice Pres
L. E. Adrian, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 11th day of June A. D., 1913. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
(SEAL) E. D. Teuton, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: J. T. Warren }
G. F. West } Directors
L. E. Adrian }

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, our heavenly father in his infinite wisdom has called from the home of our esteemed sovereign Nannie Canon, her little son Howard. Therefore, be it resolved that we the members of the Katy Grove extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their sad bereavement and be it further resolved that our Grove send a copy of these resolutions to the sorrowing family and a copy to the Merkel Mail for publication.
Myrtle McDonald, guardian,
Arthur C. Lyles, clerk.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, our heavenly father in his infinite wisdom has called from this earthly home to a home not made with hands, the sister of our sovereign Minnie Benson. Therefore, be it resolved that we the members of the Katy Grove extend to the bereaved sovereign our heartfelt sympathy. And be it resolved that our Grove send a copy of these resolutions to the bereaved sovereign and a copy to the Merkel Mail for publication.
Myrtle McDonald, guardian,
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Card of Thanks.

To our many friends at Merkel and Noodle we wish to thank you for the kindness shown us during the continued sickness and at the death of our wife and mother. To each and every one we trust that the blessings of God maybe with you.
A. J. Coggin,
T. J. Coggin,
Mrs. W. L. Barbee,
Mrs. Georgie Easterwood.

Bakery Notice.

When you are in need of bakers bread or any kind of bakers sweets 'phone the Pure Food Bakers and we will deliver what you want in short order. To please is our aim. Phone your orders. H. M. Warren & Co's. Bake Shop.

Money! Money!

Plenty of 8 per cent money on 5 and 10 years time with the option of paying or not. Get in your application in time.
V. E. Muir, Abilene, Texas.

Plenty fruit jars and rubbers at Crown Hardware Company.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

25 cent bluing going at 20 cents at Whitley, Son & Co.

Oscar Pate was attending court in Abilene Monday.

Buggy and wagon paint at the Anchor Hardware Company.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blassingame were in the city shopping Monday.

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

J. A. Brown and W. H. Craddock were in Merkel Monday on their way to court at Abilene.

Fruit jars, rubbers and covers at the Anchor Hardware Co.

S. D. McCloud of Trent was in the city Monday afternoon on his way home from court at Abilene.

R. J. Adcock and daughter Mrs. Hibbits were in Abilene Monday visiting friends and relatives.

Deering binder twine at the Anchor Hardware Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis and Miss Wilson of Abilene were in Sweetwater Monday afternoon visiting friends.

65 cent "lasses" now 55 cents at Whitley, Son & Co.

Miss Wye Leeman of Duncan, Okla., came in Sunday afternoon to visit her aunt Mrs. Judd Sheppard.

Condy Hardeman of Dallas came in Monday to visit his brother H. D. Hardeman, proprietor of the Model Shoe Store.

Deering binder twine at the Anchor Hardware Company.

Miss Alice Williams of Abilene returned to her home Monday morning after a short visit with Misses Susie Penn, Maud Martin and Mamie Rister.

Wanted—A man with small family to do farm and ranch work. C. M. Largent. tf

L. R. (Long Razorback) Hogg who is connected with the superintendent's office of the T.&P. road at Marshall was here last week visiting relatives and friends.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Barnhill and children who formerly lived here passed through Merkel Tuesday on their way to the plains country from south Texas where they have made their home of the late. They will perhaps make their new home at Lookney or Plainview.

Mrs. B. S. Dunn of Odessa who has been visiting the family of W. U. Beene of Noodle returned to her home Monday afternoon. Mrs. Dunn was accompanied by her sister Miss Lucy Hancock of Noodle who will visit in Odessa for a short time.

Freeman Rogers, popular with the Hamlet & Rogers Grocery firm because of his "Mester vont ye by some of dis here," has departed for a short visit with home folks at Watervalley, Miss. Mr. Rogers in coming to Merkel from the malaria state, did so with the intentions of only staying a short time until his health could improve, but now he has improved so much in every respect he is afraid to risk his personage to the unhealthy snares of his native land and will return to Merkel soon. Vy not, it's hes business and good judgment. Moral—Come to Merkel.

Fruit jars, rubbers and covers at the Anchor Hardware Co.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Friday evening, June 13, while Rev. and Mrs. Gaddy were out making a neighborly call a crowd headed by Rev. R. A. Clements the Methodist minister gathered at their residence bent on giving the minister a generous pounding, one he would remember. Rev. Gaddy returned home, accompanied by his wife, to find his yard and porch filled with people who were singing "Will there be any stars in my crown?"

A hearty welcome was extended to all. Then as each stepped into the hall Mr. Gaddy was surprised to find none were empty handed—no concealed weapons, but each was armed with an article of food, cooked or uncooked.

A wagon had been called into service to carry the shower of good things from the Baptist church where the Methodist and Baptist had met earlier in the evening. A short devotional exercise brought this happy meeting to a close.

On Friday evening the Methodist Philathea class entertained in honor of the Methodist Baraca class at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. O. F. McMaster. The decorations of the lawn and porch were in keeping with the occasion. The welcome address was made by Miss Annie Smith and the response by John Moore. Tables were arranged on the porch for games while outdoor games were enjoyed on the lawn.

At nine o'clock the hostesses served a dainty and delicious luncheon. Dr. and Mrs. McMaster then served an ice course to Misses Touchstone, Harris, Johnson, Coats, Freemon, Tucker, Pate, Duckett, Bell, Merritt, Swann, Rust, Potter, Mary and Jackie Jennings, Allday, Harris, Smith, West, Mashburn, Calvert; Messrs. Pate Duckett, Brown, Christopher, Moore, McNeese, Hall, McDonald, Shaffer, West, Smith and Rogers.

Among the social events of the past week was a delightful slumber party given Saturday night by Miss Maude Martin in honor of Miss Mamie Rister of Hillsboro who is spending the vacation here with her parents. A lovely six o'clock dinner awaited the guests who arrived promptly at seven. The guests were Misses Susie Penn, Mabel Collins, Elma Sheppard, Alice Williams of Abilene, and the honoree. A visit to the picture show featured in the pleasures of the evening. Ere the clock had sounded the hour of three the last "really and truly" story had been told.

Friday evening Miss Mary Mayfield was the charming hostess of a crowd of young girls in honor of her cousin, Miss Jessie May Cox of Abilene. A ten o'clock supper was greatly enjoyed as was the midnight stroll in the beautiful moonlight. Many wonderful tales were told before the last guest had entered into slumberland. Those present were Misses Lucile Bell, Kate Henderson, Virginia Swafford, Zora West, Madalyn Adkisson, Jessie Mae Cox and the hostess.

The Baptist Philathea girls met with Miss Ruth Merritt Tuesday afternoon. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Ova Teaff; secretary and treasurer, Miss Ruth Merritt; assistant secretary and treasurer, Miss Maggie Wheeler; press reporter, Miss Irene Swann. Lemonade was served to the guests. All enjoyed a social period with music and conversation.

On Friday evening Miss Zora West honored her cousins Jessie Mae Cox of Abilene and Mary Mayfield with a party. Various games were enjoyed and dainty refreshments were served to Misses Kate Henderson, Madalyn Adkisson, Kittie Lou Jenkins, Lucile Bell and the honorees; Messrs. Robert Dennis, Emmett Boring, Emzi Burroughs, Horace Leeper, Ely Pate.

Wednesday evening of last week a few ladies who enjoy good music and a social hour met at the home of Mrs. Deavenport Gaither and enjoyed a "ben-hop." At an early hour delightful refreshments were served to Misses Elma Sheppard, Zora Coggin, Maude Martin, Mabel Collins, Mamie, Gene and Carroll Rister, Leno Largent, Elizabeth Swafford, Mesdames Doss Sheppard, J. W. Daniel, W. H. Dickson and the hostess.

League Proram.
Topic: The social basis of the last judgment.
Leader: Steve Duckett.
Instrumental solo—Eva Williams.
Responsive reading, 43 Psalms.
Solo—Dorothy Lee Potter.
Scripture lesson, Matt. xxv, 31-36.
Matt. xxv, 32, The revelation of character—Annie Smith.

Matt. xxv, 34, The permanent kingdom—Ona Johnson.
Debate: Resolved, that the League has as broad field of service as the Sunday school. Affirmative, T. A. Johnson; negative, Dr. O. F. McMaster.
Mission study course—Bertha Harris.
Announcements.

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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. 30Jnpd W. L. Dodds, Merkel.

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"And now I mean to handle your witnesses without gloves," said a counsel, whose witnesses had met with rather severe treatment from the other side. "Indeed! That's more than I should like to do with yours," smilingly retorted his learned friend.

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.

Well Answered.

When he once asked a London class of girls, added Dr. Macnamara, what they would say if he told them he saw the sun rise in the west, he got the reply that it was impossible. "But," he persevered, "supposing I still declared I had seen the sun rise in the west?" "Well," one of the girls at length replied, "I should think you must have got up rather late."

Origin of Famous Phrase.
"Write like an angel" is a corruption of Angelo. Among the Greeks who emigrated to Italy and afterwards into France in the reign of Francis I was one Angelo Verjecto, whose writing excited the admiration of the learned, so that his name became synonymous for the beautiful writing and gave birth to the phrase, to "write like an angel."

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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.

Useful for Orators.

At a musical exposition in Berlin an invention for increasing the resonance of the voice was exhibited. It consists of a film, which is applied to the roof of the mouth and acts as a sounding board. It is intended for the use of orators, officers, and any one wishing to increase the reach of the voice, as well as musicians.

Whistler's House.

Whistler wrote jestingly over his door: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. E. W. Godwin, F. S. A., built this one."—"Famous Houses and Literary Shrines of London," by A. St. John Adcock.

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.

And Put Dishes in it.

Our only fear of a woman in the president's cabinet is that she would put scalloped paper on its shelves.—Chicago News.



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Train No. 6 " " " " 11:28 p.m.

WEST BOUND

Train No. 7, leaves Merkel... 4:32 p.m.
Train No. 3 " " " " 5:45 p.m.
Train No. 5 " " " " 6:12 a.m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

Church Directory

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

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Sunday school at 9:45. E. P. McMillen, superintendent. Excepting the first Sunday in each month there will be preaching morning and evening at the usual hours. On the first Sunday evening in each month there will be song service. Prayermeeting each Wednesday evening with International Sunday school lesson as a subject. The public cordially invited. Geo. Hamilton, Pastor.

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COUNTY COURT IS IN PROGRESS

Judge Overshiner is some what over run with business in the county court this week and a special judge is assisting in dispatching the business. Monday there were three sections going at one time.

The following case have been set, some of which have already come to trial.

In Judge Overshiner's office in the Hotel Grace the case of the State of Texas vs. J. F. Elder, defendant being charged with slander, was finished. Attorney John Sayles presided in the trial of this case. It was given to the jury shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon.

After considering the case about one hour, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

In the room adjoining, Judge Overshiner is presiding in the case of J. R. Rhodes vs. J. W. Wood, suit on note. The case went to trial Monday, and it is likely that all of the afternoon will be required to finish it.

In the office of Justice of the Peace T. M. Willis another county court case, that of T. G. Jackson vs. T. M. Anderson, suit for commission, is in progress. Judge E. M. Overshiner was disqualified and Judge J. W. Moffett was elected to preside.

Wednesday, June 18—H. H. Smith vs. H. O. Drummond et al. Abilene Horse & Mule Company vs. Abilene & Southern Railway Company.

J. C. Mason vs. J. K. Ward.
State of Texas vs. Joe Williams,
State of Texas vs. Dick Hefferman.

Thursday, June 19—Abilene Real Estate Co., vs. W. D. Gamble.

The Cable Co., vs. H. H. Slaughter.

W. V. Triplett vs. Southwestern Peanut Co.

State of Texas vs. Clayton Brown.

The Herald Printing Co. vs. Merkel Mail Printing Co.

Friday, June 20—J. H. Russell et al vs. H. H. Slaughter et al.

L. A. Miller vs. T. & P. Ry. Co.
Saturday, June 21—W. R. McCoy vs. G. A. McElroy.

Monday, June 23—P. H. Hammock vs. S. C. Galbraith et al.

J. F. Daley vs. A. G. Britton et al.

Tuesday, June 24—W. McCullough vs. R. L. Osborn et al.

Russell & Young vs. P. K. & H. P. Taylor.

Wednesday, June 25—A. F. McDonald vs. M. L. Mertz et al.

Friday, June 27—The Wichita Valley Ry. Co. vs. Consumers Lignite Co. et al.

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank vs. Browne Grain Co. et al, Dallas, dismissed as to Collin County National Bank; judgment by default against C. B. and E. B. Browne, as plaintiffs and individually.

The First State Bank & Trust Co. vs. S. A. Fisher et al, debt; judgment for plaintiff by default.

R. G. Hall vs. J. M. Chandler, debt; dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

J. D. Gaither vs. R. H. Reeves & Co, conversion of cotton; judgment for plaintiff by default for \$36.99.

State of Texas vs. Charlie Coleman, charged with unlawfully carrying a pistol; plea of guilty and fine \$100.

State of Texas vs. Lafayette

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Bennett, charged with unlawfully carrying a pistol, plea of guilty; fine \$100.

State of Texas vs. Joe Williams, aggravated assault; dismissed on motion of county attorney.

State of Texas vs. Joe Williams, unlawfully carrying pistol; plea of guilty and fined \$100.

State of Texas vs. Dick Hefferman, aggravated assault; dismissed on motion of county attorney.

Estate of Willie Tipton et al., minors; Mrs. Fannie Tipton appointed guardian; bond fixed at \$4,000; Jno Bell, J. S. Thomas and R. A. McClain appointed appraisers.

The jury in the case of T. R. Rhodes vs. J. W. Woods, suit on contract, a verdict was returned in favor of the defendant.

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Merkel Lady an Author.

Mrs. S. F. Annis is this week in receipt of an advanced shipment of books from a New York publishing house. The book in question, "The Noble Earl of Fleetwood" is the work of Mrs. Annis and contains over 600 pages nicely printed.

Summer Comforts.

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

City Secretary R. A. McClain was called to Abilene Thursday morning to attend court. His city books instead of his personage were wanted and he was allowed to return home at once.

J. S. Blair of Nubia was in town Thursday shaking hands with friends.

Don't forget about the Air-dome.

All About the Frog.

"The frog is a very queer-looking animal which lives on land and in water. If we notice we will find that tadpoles develop into frogs. They first have a tail and no feet and legs; then it loses its tail and two pairs of feet and legs grow on it; and it comes from the water and lives chiefly on land."—From a Schoolboy's Essay.

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Very Human Wish.

Merta was five years old, and she had been told so many times that she was a big girl now and must be good that her very soul had sickened. "I don't want to be five years old any longer," she grumbled. "I'm tired of being five and good enough to kill you. I'd rather stay four and be just medium and have a good time."

Never Too Far.

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Trent Items.

June 16—The W. O. W's. gathered at the home of W. E. Miller last week and helped him clean out his crop. Mr. Miller has had a very sick son for some time and his crop was badly in need of working on that account.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bright left Thursday night for Roxton where they will visit Mrs. Bright's sister for three or four weeks, they will also visit points in Oklahoma before returning home.

S. P. Smith of Abilene was transacting business in Trent Friday.

J. A. Thomas of Abilene was here Saturday.

Mr. Williams of Newman was in Trent Monday after binder twine, he is harvesting his grain crop which he says is fairly good.

R. H. Reaves one of our hustling merchants made a flying trip to Roby Monday.

Mrs. W. C. Copeland who has been visiting her daughter Mrs. L. E. Adrian returned Sunday to her home at Lorraine.

We are glad to report Howard Miller improving.

T. L. Wallace says he has fine bean vines and if nothing happens will have blooms later on.

Some of the machinery for the new gin has arrived and Mr. Brown is expecting the remainder any day. When in Trent go down and take a look at it, it sure is a dandy.

S. D. and T. R. McLeod, John and Chas. Skillern, L. Z. Titsworth, J. S. Stevens, J. A. Brown, W. H. Craddock and C. A. Johnson were in Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers of Crowel have been visiting the latter's parents the past week.

Mrs. W. H. Craddock left the latter part of the week for Winters to spend a few days with her parents.

W. C. Dunn of Newman had business in Trent Monday.

John Howell is prospecting in south Texas this week.

Mr. Brown of Pyron was down to see home folks Sunday.

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.

Comperre Items.

June 16—Rev. Tucker filled his regular appointment here Sunday. He preached a fine sermon.

Sabbath school is progressing nicely at this place.

The farmers of this country are very busy killing weeds that in some places have almost taken the crops.

Mrs. Mattie Spurgin has returned from the sanitarium at Abilene where she has been for some time undergoing a treatment. We are glad to report that she is greatly improved.

Miss Emma Mae Mashburn was visiting in Comperre Sunday.

Mrs. Atkins and daughter Marthy visited Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Sunday. Crops in this vicinity are looking good.

Daily Thought.

There are two elements that go to the composition of friendship—truth and tenderness.—Emerson.

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Salt Branch News.

June 16—Sunday school and singing were well attended.

J. W. Teaff and family were visiting near Tye Sunday.

Miss Mae Rainer was the guest of Miss Oma Taylor Sunday.

We are sorry to report Grandma Barker not doing well at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. West of Merkel spent Sunday with W. M. Hays and family.

Joe Higgins and family of Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Brown of Fort Stockton visited Chas. Higgins and family Sunday.

Misses Lois Smith and Willie Hardy took dinner Sunday with Miss Lyda Beavers.

Miss Mollie Hardy was the guest of Miss Annie Petty Sunday.

Miss Nina Beavers took dinner Sunday with Misses Maggie and Mary Allen.

H. S. Shipley and family spent Saturday and Sunday up on the river.

Clint Allen and family visited Will Higgins and family Sunday.

Will Barker and family of Abilene were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barker Sunday.

Shiloh News

June 18—R. B. Bryan was called to Tarrant county last Friday to attend the funeral of his granddaughter Mrs. Lela Ketchem.

Miss Ether Ballas spent the night with Miss Pearl Faubian Saturday and Misses Ether and Pearl spent Sunday with Mrs. Myra Sellers.

Misses Essie and Vivian Hail attended the singing at Noodle Sunday.

Adam Sibley of Merkel is chopping cotton for his cousin Ernest Sellers.

The party at Mr. Leggs was well attended and a nice time was reported.

West Derstine of Merkel attended the party Saturday night.

Health of this community is good.

Farmers are very busy with their crops and are getting ready for another rain.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ford of Sweetwater creek are the proud parents of a fine boy, born June 12. Mother and babe are doing well.

Mrs. Slate Eason and children and Miss Ether Ballas spent Wednesday evening with Mrs. Bryan and daughter Miss Pearl.

R. B. Bryan and Slate Eason made a business trip to Merkel Monday.

Allen Cade spent Sunday with Rece Hail.

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Inkum Items.

June 16—Mrs. Mary Bush has been on the sick list the past week but is up now, we are glad to report.

Miss Lola Hallmark of Guion spent the past week with relatives here.

Ernest Perry and family visited relatives at Buffalo Gap the latter part of last week.

Grandpa Hallmark was real sick the latter part of last week but has now regained his usual health.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wills attended preaching Sunday at Nubia.

Some of the young people attended the singing convention at Buffalo Gap Sunday afternoon.

J. N. Hallmark and family visited at Guion the first of the week.

Misses Ora and Nellie Travis were trading in Abilene Thursday.

Leslie Hill of Nubia visited his parents near here Wednesday.

Little Thelma Fuqua swallowed a marble which she had been playing with and was carried by her frightened parents to Merkel to a physician. She seems to have suffered no ill effects from the experience.

Mrs. Ben Payne visited her parents near Shepp during the past week.

Binders and movers are running now in this section but the small grain is somewhat light.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart who have been living in our midst for several months have moved back to near Ovalo.

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Blair Items.

June 16—Sunday was a busy day at Blair, two preaching services and Sunday school between. All the services were well attended.

Rev. Young postponed his protracted meeting at this place. It is now scheduled to begin June 22.

A singing class was organized at the school house Sunday night, W. A. Campbell was elected president and Nathan Noel, leader with D. C. Doan and Ernest Moore as assistants.

Hayne Blackburne departed Saturday for his home in Knox county.

Misses Fannie and Anna Clack were in attendance at the public cream supper Saturday night. They are now spending a few days with friends here.

Miss Lillie Fitzgerald of Merkel is visiting Miss Sallie Hall and other friends here.

County Treasurer Blueford Tittle was with us Saturday night shaking hands with his many friends. He returned home Sunday. Mrs. Tittle and the children remaining for a longer stay with relatives.

C. H. Williams visited his daughter Mrs. S. F. Provine Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Velma Clark of Merkel visited home folks here Sunday.

Patt Addison has returned to Blair after a few months absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Tittle visited relatives in Jones county Sunday.

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

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Lucky Adam.

Another advantage Adam had was that when he came back from a party he didn't have to talk to Eve about what the women had on.

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