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FARMERS ENROLL OVER 500 NAMES

The farmers institute of Merkel met in regular session at the Tabernacle at 3.30 p. m., Saturday with President Lassiter in the chair and W. A. Campbell, secretary. There were 26 papers present and each paper carried enough signatures asking for membership to the organization to permit one delegate to attend the Farmers Congress at College Station. The papers contained 691 names, these added to the 77 charter members brings the total membership of the local organization up to 768.

In addition to those elected Saturday, June 21 as delegates the following people have been selected as delegates to attend the congress from here. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Porter, Misses Altha Chambliss and Mattie Campbell, W. T. Cox, J. T. Dennis, Chas. Orr, J. H. Craig, R. H. Dean, Roy Harrell, L. R. Campbell, W. T. Bird, J. B. Jones, W. P. Deerington, Ford Smith, Austin Robertson, Dent Gibson, Chas. Beard, Bob Redding, Holland Teaff, J. H. Oliver, Arthur Clark, W. E. Adams, J. E. Petty and W. H. Brown. With the four delegates already selected this makes a total of 30 names which have been forwarded to the proper authorities to be passed on and passes issued for railroad transportation.

The meeting adjourned to meet Saturday, July 26 at 3.30 p. m.

Merkel Country Pea.

Night Watchman King came into the Mail Office last Saturday with an exhibit of a home grown pea that measured 24 inches. The vegetable is of a nice juicy variety and is a very savory vegetable according to Mr. King. He has a nice garden and a good crop of these giant peas.

MERKEL COUNTRY IN GOOD SHAPE

In looking over the weekly correspondents that come to the Mail from various parts of the country we find that practically every section of Merkel's trade territory has been visited by local showers during the past few days.

While there has been only a tenth of an inch rainfall at Merkel during the last week, and it falling it two or three little showers the surrounding country has fared much better and many places report good rains and fields too wet to work. The work of cutting and harvesting grain is about over and the work of early feed stuff is well in hand. With the conditions favorable for the later feed crops such as maize and kaffir corn there will be no limit to the amount of feed made by our farmers this year.

C. T. Mershon and wife of Terrel have returned to Merkel to make their home after an absence of several months.

COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION

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Those people in your community who either send out of town for purchases or go away for them do so for one or two reasons: They either cannot get the specific articles wanted in local stores or prices are lower elsewhere.

"Trademarked-Advertised" brands of merchandise will solve both of these questions for the small-town merchant when he has brought his customers to recognize the advantages of quality and service. Postal and express service, railways and interurbans have made the mail order houses and large stores of the cities competitors of the small-town merchant. His customers can order goods direct or shop in the large cities at small expense of time or money. However, he can keep their trade at home by handling lines of merchandise which are well known to the buyers in his community and on which his prices are as low as in the largest city stores. On "Trademarked-Advertised" goods the prices are the same everywhere—their style and quality are just the same in the smallest town as in the largest city. To properly appreciate the advantages of handling well-known brands of goods you should bear in mind the fact that no matter how well a salesman explains the merits of his unadvertised lines to you he is leaving you to go over the same line of argument with every prospective buyer. It isn't what YOU know about certain lines of merchandise but what THE BUYING PUBLIC knows about certain lines that makes easy sales for you.

Remember that ONLY GOOD MERCHANDISE IS WORTH ADVERTISING. Manufacturers who spend large sums of money advertising depend upon a steady demand from the public for their brands—their goods must be right to induce repeat orders. Quality must be maintained year after year or the demand will cease, and, unlike the manufacturers of unadvertised brands, they cannot change their brands when their goods fail to give satisfaction, for the reason that they have spent too much money establishing them.

Make your store headquarters for standard brands of merchandise, well advertised in reputable mediums reaching your trade territory. Keep only goods the quality and advantages of which are known factors to your prospective customers. Explain to your trade that your store offers the same class of merchandise to be found in the large stores of the cities and that your prices are the same as elsewhere. No matter how small your town or store if you handle standard brands of "Trademarked-Advertised" goods, you offer the same shopping facilities afforded in the largest city. In handling this class of merchandise you get the same benefits from the manufacturers' advertising as the largest store in the largest city.

Manufacturers who sell you goods owe it to you to establish their brands in your section—and to help you create a demand for their line. You should insist upon their doing so—it will increase your sales.

10 DAY MEETING BEGINS THE 9TH

A ten-days meeting will begin Wednesday at the Tabernacle with Eld. W. F. Ludlowe of Fort Worth in charge of the services. Eld. W. G. Cypert will assist in conducting the meeting but will leave the work in proper to the visiting man.

Eld. Ludlowe comes highly recommended as an interesting preacher. He has just completed a seven-years course of study in the Polytechnic College at Fort Worth and is now getting into his first active evangelistic work, though he has been preaching for some time. Eld. Cypert asks the assistance of the people in general in making the meeting a success through the short time it will continue.

Services will be held each afternoon and evening, short song services will be held in advance of each sermon and owing to the extremely hot weather the length of time of each service will be shortened as much as possible in order to insure comfort to the hearers.

H. F. Groene, photographer and local moving picture man returned Wednesday from an extended business trip through south Texas where he has been doing panoram work under auspices of the Groene Studio.

I have the Light Crust flour. Walter Clark.

CLASSIFIED ADS

STRAYED—Large bay horse branded DB connected on left shoulder, collar-marked, right ear split. Last seen at Davis' on Btlwagon. Reward. G. I. Clinton, Nubia, Texas. 1tpd

FOR SALE—Good mares and horses to the highest bidder. Sale will be made on streets of Merkel, July 5. Will take good approved notes on fall time. J. B. Warnick 27t2

FOR SALE—One fine full size violin known all over West Texas, in good condition, with case, stand, bow and chin rest; a "fiddle" that talks...\$50
One 1/2 size violin, good quality...\$7
One fine G. S. cornet, A B C low and high pitch, in perfect condition...\$40
One B flat cornet, A and B shanks, good case...\$12
One low pitch C clarinet, a splendid instrument, fine tone, no checks, good case and one doz. extra reeds...\$35
A good mandolin and guitar, both have cases; price low.

Don't worry me unless you mean business. Call on or address
S. S. Scheidler, Merkel, Texas.

BIG MEETING AT BLAIR A SUCCESS

Rev. Young who has been holding a meeting at Blair for the past two weeks closed the services there Sunday.

As a whole the meeting has been the most successful one that that part of the country has ever had, in all there were 26 conversions and reclamations to the church. After the last ser-

FORMER MERKEL MAN'S HOME BURNS

Wednesday night of last week shortly before 11 o'clock the residence of J. E. Pitzer of Sweetwater was discovered to be on fire. Mrs. Pitzer was the only member of the family at home and she didn't know how the fire originated unless it caught from an explosion of a gasoline stove. She had used the stove not long before the fire was discovered in heating some water.

Only the piano and a few articles of furniture were saved from the Pitzer home.

The loss to Mr. Pitzer we are informed is about \$2000 and he carried insurance to the amount of \$1,500.

Miss Pet Sears returned Thursday of last week from an extended visit over part of the west and central west. Going to St. Louis, Denver, Colorado Springs and Manitou returning home by the way of Paducah where she visited her sister Mrs. Della Campbell. Miss Sears had been in school at Nashville, Tenn., for the last five months prior to her western trip.

Services were over the work of organizing an M. E. church was taken up by Rev. Young and a charter membership of 22 was secured. Jasper Tucker and F. D. Addison were selected as the first stewards.

TRENT HAS BIG DAY SATURDAY

Saturday of last week was a red letter day for Trent. It also was the second trade day for the place within the last two months.

At 4:30 Saturday evening various prizes were awarded, the principal ones being \$25.00 and \$10.00 in gold. The first prize going to J. W. Williams of the Newman country, the second prize of \$10.00 was awarded to J. W. Peterson. A box of Clean Easy soap given by Radford Grocery Co., of Abilene, was awarded to T. W. Neill. Several other prizes were given by the individual firms of the town. The merchants of Trent have decided to have another trade day Saturday, July 12 and have already arranged a bunch of premiums for the occasion.

Some of the late improvements to our sister town is the erection of a new and modern cotton gin. The new enterprise is being put up by G. B. Brown formerly of this place. The Continental Oil Company have also announced their intentions of making ready for the gin season there by remodeling their gin and having it in order to handle a large amount of the cotton the people expect to gather in that section this fall.

Leaves For Colorado.

Mrs. Hibbits left Saturday night for Colorado via Fort Worth where she stopped for a short visit with relatives. At Fort. Worth she was met by Misses Jewell Garrett, Maud Jenkins, Willie and Mae Valentine and from there the crowd goes to Boulder, Colo. to spend the summer and attend the Colorado Chatauqua. The latter mentioned ladies did not leave here until Tuesday noon and left Fort Worth the following day.

INTEREST GROWS IN BIG MEETING

The Baptist meeting now in its third week continues to become more interesting with each service.

Rev. W. M. Gaddy is very much elated over the success of his work here, there having been over 40 additions to the church up to Wednesday evening. This in itself is evidence of growing enthusiasm but the fellowship of the church in general seems to be on a constant increase and to become more unifying each time the services are held.

Rev. Gaddy announced that he was not sure just when the meeting would close and that as long as the interest improved he intended to continue the services. The work will probably be carried into next week before being closed.

Miss Leila Nisbet of Fluvanna came in Saturday night, staying over until Monday with her sister Mrs. Carl Evans. From here Miss Nisbet went to Abilene to visit other relatives.



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Don't Mistake the Cause of Your Troubles—A Merkel Citizen Gives a Valuable Hint.

Many people never suspect their kidneys. If suffering from a lame, weak or aching back they think that it is only a muscular weakness; when urinary trouble sets in they think it will soon correct itself. And so it is with all the other symptoms of kidney disorders. That is where danger often lies. You should realize that these troubles often lead to dropsy or Bright's disease. An effective remedy for weak or diseased kidneys is Doan's Kidney Pills. Read the experience of a resident of Merkel who has tested Doan's.

Mrs. H. D. Wilson, Merkel, Texas, says: "Different ones of my family have used Doan's Kidney Pills with good results. One of us suffered from kidney trouble for a long time and finally he used Doan's Kidney Pills. They cured him. We give Doan's Kidney Pills great praise and recommend them to anyone suffering from kidney trouble."

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

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

Noodle Mexican Killed.

Natuida Narino a Mexican who has made his home in the Noodle community for some time was killed near Anson the first of last week. Marino had gone to that section of the country to attend an all night dance. Much drinking was going on and in some way Marino became involved in a quarrel. Marquez Rodriguez at whose home the dance was seemed to be angered at the trouble and pulled 38 caliber pistol and began shooting. In all seven shots were fired only one of which struck Marino.

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.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending July 5, 1913.

Glass, Mrs. Carrie
Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. C. F.
Martin, Mrs. Mary
Moore, L. C.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office July 19, 1913.
H. W. Derstine, P.M.

See The "Girl Thief" at the airdome Sat. night.

Do You Want Results

THEN TRY A WANT AD IN THE MERKEL MAIL

Tin Shop Changes Hands.

The Mayfield Tin Shop formerly owned by H. M. Mayfield was sold by its owner the first of the week to the West Texas Hardware Company.

The new owners will for the present handle the business of the shop through the Hardware office and have an ad in this paper to that effect.

During this month we want to practically clear our stock of all summer goods and are making some very attractive prices at Harkriders.

Buggy and wagon paint at the Anchor Hardware Company.

We invite our customers to weigh every article purchased at our store and see if the weights we are giving are correct. The Cash Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rose and little daughter Ona Fae returned last week from an extended stay at Mineral Wells. Mr. Rose going there for his health and returned to Merkel apparently much better because of his outing.

J. T. Vessells of Trent was in the city Wednesday looking after business matters.

See the Anchor Hardware Co. for corn binders.

Book Notice.

"Isn't it lueer! We have an authoress among us. Let everyone lend encouragement to home talent by reading her most intensely interesting romance. The Noble Earl of Fleetwood, a thrilling love story. Copies on sale at Rust & McCauleys Drug Store.

Mrs. H. E. Cathey who has been here visiting the family of Mrs. J. C. Calvert returned to her home Wednesday.

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

Buggy and wagon paint at the Anchor Hardware Company.

COATED TONGUE MEANS LAZY LIVER

A Lazy Liver Needs a Dose of Dodson's Liver Tone—Guaranteed to Take The Place of Calomel.

When your doctor looks to see if your tongue is coated, he is trying to find out if your liver is working properly. A few years ago doctors had to prescribe calomel—there was nothing else to give.

Recently in many sections of the country Dodson's Liver Tone had practically taken the place of calomel as a liver remedy. Dodson's Liver Tone is mild, pleasant tasting and harmless which makes it a fine medicine for use when your children become bilious and constipated. But the most remarkable feature of Dodson's Liver Tone is the fact that Rust & McCauley who sells it guarantee it absolutely. The druggist will return your money without argument if a bottle fails to give entire satisfaction.

Price, 50 cents. We suggest that you get a bottle today and have it ready for the next member of your family whose liver goes wrong.—adv.

Old Settlers Association.

In commemoration of the organization of Jones county, the old settlers will have a grand picnic at Anson, the county seat, on Thursday, July 17th. All old settlers having resided in the county as long as 20 years are eligible to membership, and everybody far and near have a special invitation to attend this great celebration and bring along their baskets with well filled picnic provisions.

There will be a meeting at the county court room in Anson next Saturday, July 5, for the purpose of arranging a program for the occasion, and as many citizens as can are requested to be present at this meeting also. Citizens, let us lay aside all cares and false burdens for one day and come together as a happy family of pioneer settlers of this glorious country. We may never again have this opportunity of assembling on such an occasion, and let us accept this privilege with the freedom of the westerner whose heart is always on the side of friendly fellowship.

W. G. Thomas,
Publicity Manager.

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. Glieson, General Passenger Agent, "The Denver Road"—Fort Worth, Texas. Little vacations in those directions are always worth more than they cost! (a16.)

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Jim Gilliam the popular prescription druggist heretofore with the Grimes Drug Store has severed his connection with that business and is this week basking in the shades of the tall timbers of Italy in Texas. Mr. Gilliam will probably return to Merkel soon for a short stay but at the present intends to move his family to the plains country although he may decide to continue his home in Merkel. Here is hoping Jas. decides to stay with us.

See The "Girl Thief" at the airdome Saturday night.

This is our month to clear our stock of summer clothing. Our entire stock of men's suits in fancy mixtures, regular prices from \$15 to \$20 per suit, your choice for \$13.50, at Harkriders.

Mr. and Mrs. Burri Wheeler moved to Abilene Tuesday where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Wheeler has accepted a position as butcher with one of the Abilene markets.

Another July Special—Your choice of our ladies dress skirts at one-fourth less than regular prices at Harkriders.

Miss Ruby Jones returned Wednesday from Santa Anna where she has been for some time.

Mrs. E. W. Strickland and Miss Anna Pee are in Clyde this week visiting an uncle of Mrs. Strickland.

Linen dresses, regular price \$5.00, to close at \$4.10, at Harkriders.

Prof. E. V. White of the Departments of Education at Austin, formerly connected with the city school here stopped off between trains Thursday to shake hands with friends and relatives.

Our July "clean-up prices" on all summer dress goods means good money saved for our customers. We kindly ask you to investigate. Harkriders.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Haley of Gorman are here this week visiting their daughter Mrs. T. A. Johnson.

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LOOK HERE! Aug. 2

Is absolutely the last day that you can vote for your friend to win that

\$400.00 PIANO

Get busy and work—make hay while the sun shines. See that your friends get votes for what they purchase at our store. 10 votes to-morrow for **EVERY CENT PURCHASE**

West Texas Hardware Co.

J. B. Annis of Colorado spent Sunday with his mother Mrs. S. F. Annis of this place. On returning he was accompanied by his little niece Margaret who will make her home in Colorado until her grandmother returns to Merkel. Mrs. Annis left the following Tuesday for Weatherford and points in Oklahoma where she will visit for a month.

Prompt service and Cotton White flour at The Cash Grocery.

Bill Wisdom who has lately been associated with his brother Si. of the Anchor Hardware company is in Thorp Springs for a months stay. Visiting relatives and on business.

Bring your wheat and oats to Gaither Bros., and get the highest market price.

Ottie Coggin came in from the plains country Thursday for a short stay with home folks.

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

Dr. J. A. Adkisson and family and F. A. Sanders and family are in the Putnam country visiting and fishing. They will return Sunday.

Wanted—All the wheat and oats you have at the highest market price. Gaither Bros.

J. Ben Campbell was in the Hawley and Eskota country last week looking after business matters.

See The "Girl Thief" at the airdome Sat. night.

Our goods are always marked in plain figures, so when we advertise reduced prices—you may look up the regular prices and figure your own savings at Harkriders.

Wanted—All the wheat and oats you have at the highest market price. Gaither Bros.

Mrs. Clint Connor who has been here visiting her sister Mrs. H. C. Reid left Monday for her home at De Leon.

Bring your wheat and oats to Gaither Bros., and get the highest market price.

Mrs. Ed Young of Lampasas, formerly Miss Willie Bigham of this place, returned to Merkel Monday for a short visit with relatives and friends.

We will pay the highest market price for your wheat and oats. Gaither Bros.

W. C. Hutcheson was called to Trent Monday afternoon to see his brother Chas Hutcheson who was reported dangerously ill. On returning to Merkel Tuesday Mr. Hutcheson stated that his brother was much better.

J. A. Collins handles watermelons and all kinds of fruit. Crenshaw Block.

Banker J. T. Warren was in Abilene Wednesday looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bigham came in from El Paso Sunday to visit friends and relatives.

We are expecting another car of corn binders in any day. Anchor Hardware Company.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Duke Evans of Dallas was here the first of the week visiting his parents. From here the former Merkel Mail man intends to stop at Clouderoft, N. M. for rest purposes. He will thereafter return to his position.

Anchor Hardware Company handles corn binders, both the Deering and McCormick.

Mrs. Della Campbell of Paducah came in last week to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sears.

Miss Lexa Gray Neal of Commerce was here this week visiting Misses Pet Sears and Irene Swann. From here Miss Neal went to Midland to visit.

We will pay the highest market price for your wheat and oats. Gaither Bros.

Ted Lamar came in from Fort Worth Tuesday to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lamar.

Miss Sallie Orr who has been here visiting her sister Mrs. J. A. Adkisson is in Putnam this week visiting relatives.

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

Mrs. Jess Dowdy of Stanton was here the first of the week visiting Mrs. B. Jenkins.

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

Mrs. Nannie Shreves of Putnam, Texas, was here this week visiting her nephew Rev. A. L. Jobe.

Rev. A. L. Jobe left Thursday for Putnam where he will assist in holding a meeting.

Mrs. A. C. Rose and little daughter Ona Fae were in Abilene Wednesday visiting.

C. L. Barker left Wednesday night for a short business trip to Fort Worth.

Deering binder twine at the Anchor Hardware Company.

E. A. Click of the Trent country was in Merkel Monday on his way to Abilene to look after business matters.

Miss Blanch Walker of Abilene came in Monday afternoon to visit her sister Mrs. E. Hall.

Mrs. W. G. Cypert left for Nugent Monday to attend the bedside of her sister-in-law Mrs. Owens who was reported very low.

Thos Smith left Monday for Oklahoma to visit relatives for a short time.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

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

C. O. D. PARCEL POST SYSTEM.

Beginning July 1 the C. O. D. parcel post service begins for the first time and simultaneously the issue of parcel post stamps will be stopped. The C. O. D. feature in connection with the parcel post service is one that has been eagerly sought, it is said, and it is expected to prove a great convenience to the users of this branch of the postal service.

Packages will be accepted up to \$100 value, with the ordinary carrier charge of 10c and for the maximum amount return charges of 30c, making a total of 40c charges for delivering such a package and returning the money to the sender. Packages will be sent under such service only from money order offices and only when addressed to offices having money order service.

The sale of parcel post stamps was discontinued at the close of business June 30. Hereafter ordinary stamps will be accepted on parcel post matter. Announcement is made that all unused parcel post stamps now out will be honored not only for fourth class matter as heretofore, but for any kind of postage.

THE 9.30 CLOSING LAW.

Promptly at 9.30 Tuesday evening the Allison liquor bill went into active effect in Texas and saloons throughout the state closed their doors to open no more until Wednesday morning. At the same time the man who lives in the dry country is seriously handicapped by the same law. He cannot order any liquor of any kind from a house in the state and get same shipped to him as has been the custom heretofore. The law now is if you want anything to drink other than water you must go to some town where the goods are sold and bring home what you want. As to how you bring it home is alright so long as you do not try to carry too big a load under your belt.

BEATS ALL EGG EATERS.

Some man up at Cario, Ill., had nerve and stomach enough to devour 61 eggs the other day. The eggs were cooked as follows. 15 scrambles, 16 soft boiled, 15 hard boiled and 15 fried. This beats the world why some men will make a hog of themselves. But for the average man will make a hog of himself for \$25 and this is what this champion egg eater received for his feat.

Texas lawmakers are responsible for firetrap buildings called "homes and schools for the deaf and the dumb and the blind." This is a progressive age. Why should firetraps be permitted under the Texas sky? There are state buildings in Texas without fire escapes, and there are poor children kept in these buildings. And yet State Senator James Clayton McNealus has the nerve to talk and write about "the bond issuing craze." —Fort Worth Record.

Some fight, this proposition of Joint Resolution No. 18. Every day there comes to our desk a

bunch of letters some are for and some are against the matter. All in a way have their good points and some of them have awful bad ones. July 10th from all indications will be as big a day as is to-day, at least some of our state reform and refrain men will look at it so.

In the last issue of the Record-Times there appeared a "want ad" inserted by Manager Miller of the Orient hotel. A housekeeper and general house girl were wanted. That ad will not appear in this issue of the Record-Times. Why? Because, not only did Manager Miller secure the help he wanted, but received a telegraphic reply from Midland. Think of this and advertise in the Record-Times when you want anything from a housegirl to a customer. Pecos Record-Times.

That's nothing in last week's issue of the Mail there appeared a "want ad" about a lost cow. Well, that ad is not in this week's paper. The cow is dead but the owner did not know of the cow being dead until a Merkel Mail want ad found a reader who had seen the cow in question. He promptly notified the owner of his loss. Moral: Use want ads and get results.

The Ballinger Banner-Ledger came out last week with a 32 page special edition celebrating Ballinger's 27th anniversary. The rag is well gotten up and marked throughout with half-tone illustrations of the town and surrounding country. The curious part of the paper is that they are celebrating Ballinger's 27th anniversary and yet the volume mark on the Ledger shows the paper to be almost 32 years old or something like 5 years older than the town in which it is situated. Sure would like to see Vol. 1, No. 1 if Ed Sledge has it, wonder how many pictures of the then thriving town the sheet then contained.

City Council at Brownwood has passed an ordinance prohibiting children under sixteen years of age from driving autos or motorcycles on the streets of that city. A mighty good move.—Ex.

Sounds like it might have hatched out in the 32nd. legislature. There are some old heads down there driving cars who ought to have never been allowed to ride in an auto. We should worry and get run over by the old head careless driver.

The new big ocean liner did not meet any icebergs or break any speed records, and so came into port "safe and sane." That's the way to travel.

A water famine in St. Louis? Well, with the exception of Milwaukee, such a famine could not have picked a better place to locate.

The Rev. Mr. Stuck is sticking to it that he climbed Mt. McKinley, but the public has been "stuck" with the same story before.

Uncle Joe says "women will vote for the handsomest men." Ah! here is uncovered Uncle Joe's opposition to woman's suffrage.

This is a great year for California; she turned out 87,000,000 barrels of oil and a near-Japanese war scare.

You can't expect your auto to have horse sense; so you've got to have enough for two.

Four more months to Mexico's election day, and even then they may not find out who is boss.

If the Senate committee catches an insidious lobbyist, will they put him on exhibition?

From his persistency in taking, McNab should have been called Confab.

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Many men are getting untold pleasure out of the Liggett & Myers Duke's Mixture sack. One 5c package holds many pipefuls of pure, mild smoking—or, if you please, it will make many cigarettes of the good old-fashioned kind that you roll yourself.

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Everything in The Store at Sharply Reduced Prices
Many Articles Below Cost in Order to Effect a Complete Clearance of our Spring Stock as Quickly as Possible

COME AND SEE THE UNADVERTISED BARGAINS

We can not quote prices in this advertisement on all the goods that will be offered you during this sale. Many of the unmentioned items are equally as great bargains as the advertised ones.

Saturday July 5

The great event you have been waiting for opens Saturday, July 5, with as much a feast of bargains as you have been able to enjoy. Our entire stock of merchandise will be offered at prices so far below real values that not even the wealthiest can afford to overlook the opportunities for economy presented by these prices.

THIS SALE CONTINUES 15 DAYS

TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS 'BOUT THIS SALE

When they come and see what handsome goods and high qualities they can buy for the prices they will certainly thank you for telling them about it. Come early, you can't afford to wait

We are beginning this early to prepare for fall. We have placed orders for an extra large stock and for this reason, as well as closing spring goods, we have made exceptional prices. You can profit immensely by taking advantage of this great money-saving opportunity.

CLEARANCE PRICES

MEN'S SHOES

\$4.50 men's oxfords, clean-up price	\$3.75
4.00 men's oxfords, clean-up price	3.50
3.50 men's oxfords, clean-up price	3.00
3.25 men's oxfords, clean-up price	2.75
3.00 men's oxfords, clean-up price	2.50
One lot of Florsheim and Burton Packard at One-Half price	

MEN'S CLOTHING

Our \$15.00 men's suits for	\$9.00
Our 14.00 men's suits for	8.50
Our 20.00 men's suits for	14.50
Our 25.00 men's suits for	17.50

ODD PANTS

\$2.00 men's pants going for	\$1.35
2.50 men's pants going for	1.85
3.00 men's pants going for	2.35
4.00 men's pants going for	3.25
5.00 men's pants going for	4.00

STRAW HATS

\$1.50 men's straw hats, special	\$1.00
2.00 men's straw hats, special	1.25
3.00 men's straw hats, special	2.00
3.50 men's straw hats, special	2.25
Special on all other hats	

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LADIES' OXFORDS

\$4.00 ladies' oxfords	\$3.00
3.50 ladies' oxfords	2.50
3.00 ladies' oxfords	2.25
2.50 ladies' oxfords	2.00
2.00 ladies' oxfords	1.75
1.75 ladies' oxfords	1.50
1.50 ladies' oxfords	1.25

SHIRTS

\$1.50 men's shirts in this sale	\$1.25
1.25 men's shirts in this sale	1.00
1.00 men's shirts in this sale	85c
.75 men's shirts in this sale	55c

UNDERWEAR

50c elastic-seam drawers for	45c
50c athletic drawers going for	38c
50c athletic shirts during this sale	38c
25c open-knit shirts during this sale	20c
25c open-knit drawers this sale	20
20c dotted swiss during this sale	10c
20c figured lawn	10c
25c figured lawn, 45 inches wide	15c
9c bleaching	7½c
10c bleaching	8½c
12½c bleaching	10c

CLEARANCE PRICES

SILKS

\$2.00 charmeuse, clearance price	\$1.45
2.00 crepe metior, clearance price	1.54
1.25 messaline	90c
1.00 messaline	75c

OTHER DRESS GOODS

\$1.00 bordered ratine, 45 inches wide	65c
85c bordered veil, 45 inches wide	60c
65c ratine, 40 inches wide	45c
50c mercerized charmeuse	35c
50c silk crepe	38c
35c corded melrose	23c
25c poplin	18c
85c 27-in. embroidery founcing	60c
35c 27-in. embroidery founcing	25c

GINGHAMS

12½c red seal gingham going at	10c
10c utility gingham for	7½c
10c york gingham for	8½c
10c staple gingham for	8c
8½c staple gingham for	7c

These are a few of our Clearance-Sale prices from which you can judge that it will pay you to visit our store during this sale.

YOU KNOW THAT OUR SALES ALWAYS MEAN BIG VALUES

Sale Starts
Saturday, July 5th

J. P. SHARP

Sale Stops
Saturday, July 19th



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

"Mrs. W. T. Potter, Mrs. J. D. Sheppard, Miss Potter, at home Thursday, June 26, 1913. Remembrance Shower, Miss Jess O'Briant, 4 to 7. R. S. V. P."

In response to the above invitation. Promptly at the appointed hour gowned matrons and maidens arrived at the home of Judge and Mrs. Potter on Cherry street. The home was made beautiful for this occasion. The hall and parlor being in red cut roses, the living room in pink carnations and the dining room in yellow with sunflowers profusely used in the decorations.

Upon entering the home the guests were greeted by Mrs. Doss Sheppard, Miss Potter, Mrs. Ross Ferrier and Mrs. Potter who presented the honoree Miss Jessie O'Briant. Miss O'Briant was gowned in an elegant creation of white satin brocaded in pink roses, with pearl trimmings. In the living room the guests each wrote a wish in a hand painted book, a gift to the honoree from Miss Potter.

Misses Tommie Louise Coggin and Genevieve Rust presided at the punch bowl. At the appointed time the honoree was ushered into the dining room where in an obscure corner stood the old well with its old oaken bucket overflowing with beautiful and handsome gifts. As the guests gathered around the well Misses Potter and Largent sang the old oaken bucket. Mrs. Doss Sheppard then graciously presented Miss O'Briant with these gifts from her friends, and she in her own sweet way accepted them.

Beautiful and charming solos were rendered during the afternoon by Misses Largent, Potter and O'Briant. Delicious cream and cake were served to Mesdames, Anderson, Barker, King, Hale, Counts, Duckett, Henck, Coggin, Gaither, Sheppard, Groene, Boden, McClain, Cross, Whitaker, Cobb, Largent, Miller, Ferrier, Davis, Misses Zora and Tommie Louise Coggin, Olga and Elma Sheppard, Rust, Williams, Lednum, Largent, Martin, Browning, Mount and Greer.

A social affair that was greatly enjoyed was an all day quilting, happily interspersed by conversation and the loveliest noonday dinner which was also a birthday celebration, was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bowles, Thursday the 26th. The ladies vied with one another in the art of needlecraft, but the men scored high in helping Mr. Bowles celebrate his birthday—at the dinner. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler, Mrs. Will Burns and children, Grandmother Barnard of San Angelo and Mother Bowles.

A few neighbors and friends armed with well filled baskets spent the day at J. L. Barker's Tuesday. The men with their teams worked out the crop of Mr. Barker's, his aged mother having been ill for weeks had put him back with his crop. Dinner was served by the ladies, those participated were R. E. Bowles and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler and Mrs. Case.

On last Friday evening Mr. Bill Sheppard honored Miss Jessie O'Briant and a few of her most intimate friends with a theatre party at the Airdome followed by a most delightful treat at the Elite. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Mr. and Mrs. Olly Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis, Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Davis, Judge and Mrs. W. T. Potter, Mrs. Doss Sheppard, Misses Zora Coggin, Dorothy Lee Potter, Jessie O'Briant, Elma and Olga Sheppard, Messrs Frank Ferrier, Ernest Faucett, Dee Grimes and Bill Sheppard.

(Omitted From Last Week.)

On last Thursday evening Miss Madalyn Adkisson entertained a number of her friends at the home of Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Miller on Elm street. 42 and kindred games were played during the evening. At an early hour the guests were served with delicious refreshments. At eleven sharp the guests after having thanked their young hostess for a jolly evening and hoping that she repeat it again soof bade her good night.

The home of Mrs. R. O. Anderson on Oak street was thrown open to the young matrons and girl friends of Miss Elma Sheppard and Mrs. R. O. Anderson Friday afternoon from 4 to 7. This prettily arranged event was complimentary to Miss Jessie O'Briant and Mrs. J. D. Sheppard of Dallas. The reception suite was daintily decorated with cut flowers carrying out the color motif of pink and white.

At 4 o'clock a bevy of prettily gowned guests were greeted by Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Miss Elma Sheppard, Miss O'Briant, Mrs. J. D. Sheppard, Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Mrs. W. T. Potter, Miss Olga Sheppard and Miss Dorothy Lee Potter all beautifully gowned.

Lovely score cards were passed for the game of progressive 42. The honorees being present with couple 1 and table 1. Their places were designated at head table by pink and white bows of tulle. Mints in dainty cut glass bowls were on the tables during the games. Little Miss Matalyn Hunt punched the games.

Music selections by Misses Evalyne Williams, Leno Largent and Dorothy Lee Potter added to the pleasures of all. While the reading by Mrs. Doss Sheppard was an enjoyable feature. At the conclusion of the games Mrs. L. D. Gaither had made a perfect score and was presented with a handsome cut glass bowl. Souvenir spoons were presented to the honorees. Angel food cake and brick cream, in the pink and white and new almonds were served to about forty guests.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co. Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by druggists. Price 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. —adv.

My Duty.

There is an idea abroad among moral people that they should make their neighbors good. One person I have to make good: Myself. But my duty to my neighbor is much more nearly expressed by saying that I have to make him happy—if I may.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Surprising Cure of Stomach Trouble

When you have trouble with your stomach or chronic constipation, don't imagine that your case is beyond help just because your doctor fails to give you relief. Mrs. G. Stengle, Plainfield, N. J., writes, "For over a month past I have been troubled with my stomach. Everything I ate upset it terribly. One of Chamberlain's advertising booklets came to me. After reading a few of the letters from people who had been cured by Chamberlain's Tablets, I decided to try them. I have taken nearly three-fourths of a package of them and can now eat almost everything that I want." For sale by all dealers.—adv

Discriminating Sparrows.

An Atchison man planted lettuce, but as fast as it came through the ground the English sparrows ate it off. He finally got a few small flags and stuck them in the lettuce bed and not a sparrow would consent to touch that lettuce as long as Old Glory floated over it.—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

The Best Medicine in The World

"My little girl had dysentery very bad. I thought she would die. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy cured her, and I can truthfully say that I think it is the best medicine in the world," writes Mrs. William Orvis, Clare, Mich. For sale by all dealers.

Business.

"Mirandy, Mirandy! Git up! They's ten automobiles gone by a'ready this mornin', an' th' chickens ain't been turned out into th' road yet!"—Judge.

Uriah Jones, Hezekiah Brown and John Peter Smith all say that Hunt's Lightning Oil stops neuralgia, rheumatism and other pains. Just try a 50c or 25c bottle from your druggist.—adv.



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Advertisement for Kill the Cough and Cure the Lungs with Dr. King's New Discovery, featuring text: "KILL THE COUGH AND CURE THE LUNGS WITH DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY FOR COUGHS AND ALL THROAT AND LUNG TROUBLES. GUARANTEED SATISFACTORY OR MONEY REFUNDED. Price 50¢ & \$1.00 TRIAL BOTTLE FREE."

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Advertisement for T. & B. V. service, featuring text: "Remember Direct Connection is Made at FORT WORTH with the T. & B. V. 'The Shortline' TO SOUTH TEXAS Ask your agent to route you via the 'B. V.'"

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

County Surveyor W. A. Riney was in the city Wednesday.

Deering binder twine at the Anchor Hardware Company.

Rev. C. M. Woodson and wife of Joshua, Johnson county, were here this week visiting the latter's brother Rev. A. L. Jobe and family.

Mrs. M. L. Henck who has been here visiting her mother Mrs. Austin Pitts left for her home in California Monday evening, she was accompanied by Mrs. W. P. Browning of this place. Mrs. Browning will spend some time in the west visiting before returning home.

Emphatic Comment.

It was held by the duke of Wellington that the true story of the battle of Waterloo had never been written. A contemporary relates how he once sat in a carriage with the duke and "watched him read a ponderous quarto recital of the battle of Waterloo. Against paragraph after paragraph he traced the letters 'L.' or 'D. L.' with a great blunt ended pencil. I ventured to ask what these mystic letters meant. The pithy reply was: "Lie" and "Damned lie." to be sure."

By Installments.

The "epoch-making advice" of a bookmaker to a colleague in distress is related in Vanity Fair. The colleague had been paid £25 on a bet by a certain captain, who, in a fit of absent-mindedness, paid him the same amount again next day. "What shall I do about it?" asked the bookmaker of his friend; and prompt came the answer: "Ask him for it again."

Purple Patches.

It's always a pity when a man doesn't get married. He can't help slipping into queer ways with nobody to tell him how silly he is. There is no one whom you so really learn to dislike as a person you have injured.—"The Browns," by J. E. Buchrose.

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Desire for Long Life.

There appears to exist a greater desire to live long than to live well! Measure by man's desires, he cannot live long enough; measure by his good deeds, and he has not lived long enough; measure by his evil deeds, and he has lived too long.

Aphorisms of Lady Grant.

It is such a relief to "let go," as my aunt said when she gave up Keeping a waist! Women find a man dull and uninteresting when he proposes to another woman.—"The Chequer Board," by Lady Sibill Grant.

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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.

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The terrible itching and smarting, incident to certain skin diseases, is almost instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Salve. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.—adv.

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Steel stays have saved many a woman's life. Not long ago Mary Henessy was taken to Bellevue hospital with a flesh wound in the side, and Dr. Drury discovered that had it not been for a steel stay which deflected the bullet the wound would have been fatal, for the slug had been traveling toward a vital organ.

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When a sewing machine will not work, stand it near the fire so that the oil may melt, and then clean with pure paraffin, putting it into every oil hole. Work the machine well, and then wipe every part with a clean cloth. When perfectly clean, lubricate with machine oil.

Hunt's Cure rapidly destroys itch, ringworms, itching piles, eczema, tetter and like troubles. Under its influence the diseased cuticle scales off leaving a smooth white, healthy skin in its place. A wonderful remedy and only 50c a box.—adv.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Trent Items.

July 1—The Trent people are rejoicing over a good rain that fell here Sunday afternoon. At present we are unable to say whether it was general or not.

W. V. Roberts one of our most substantial farmers was in town Monday with a home grown beet that tipped the scales at 5½ pounds. From this we see that any kind of vegetable will do well in West Texas.

B. E. Porter of Kingston was transacting business in Trent Thursday.

J. W. Hendrix and B. T. Elliott of the White Flat country passed through here Friday enroute to Abilene.

Mrs. L. W. Ross and children returned Sunday evening from Abilene where they have been visiting Mrs. Ross' mother.

The balance of the machinery for the new gin has arrived and Mr. Brown is getting things in proper place and we expect the new plant to be ready to hum before long.

Local members of the W. O. W. met at W. C. Kelley's last Tuesday and worked his crop for him. Mr. Kelley has been very sick for some time and the assistance was a good deed.

R. H. Reaves made a business trip to Abilene Saturday.

C. T. Beckham and daughter Miss Beuna left Thursday night for Arkansas where they will spend a month visiting friends.

Mr. Williams who was awarded the \$25.00 in gold Saturday announced that he would give half the amount to an orphan's home and that he would use the other for a good cause.

Mrs. E. D. Teuton left Saturday morning for Mineral Wells to spend two or three weeks. Her mother Mrs. W. A. Ross of Abilene who has been in very bad health for some time will join her on the trip.

Carl Howell of Goree came in Sunday to spend a few days with home folks.

John Howell has returned from his prospecting trip in south Texas. John says south Texas certainly looks good to him but says the old reliable Trent country looks better.

Prof. Farrar of Loraine was shaking hands with Trent people Saturday.

Misses Kate Faulk and Maud Massey left Friday for Lubbock to spend a few days with their uncle J. C. Newton.

Salt Branch News.

July 1—Arthur, Oscar and Paul McMurray of Trent attended the singing here Sunday.

Tom Harvel and family and W. E. Petty and family spent Sunday with Porter Petty and family.

Wesley Hardy and wife are the proud parents of a fine boy born June 24th.

S. W. Taylor and W. B. Beavers attended the fifth Sunday meeting at Anson.

Miss Mae Rainer was the guest of Miss Lyda Beavers Sunday.

Misses Oma Taylor, Gardie and Annie Higgins were the guests of Mrs. Maud Lyles Sunday.

W. B. Beavers and family returned Wednesday from a ten days stay on their farm in Jones county.

We are sorry to report Miss Ora Hester on the sick list again.

Grandma Hays returned home Wednesday from a two months stay with relatives in the Haskell country. She reports crops doing well in that section.

J. W. Teaff is having his wheat thrashed. Have not heard the yield per acre.

Mrs. S. W. Taylor and daughter Oma and Mrs. Ada Higgins were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Young Mr. Shipley and wife spent Saturday night up near the river with relatives.

Mrs. Beavers was shopping in Merkel Monday.

How Foolish

To suffer from skin diseases, itch, eczema, ringworm, etc., when one 50c box of "Hunt's Cure" is positively guaranteed to cure or your money promptly refunded. Every retail druggist in the state stands behind this guarantee. Ask your druggist and see the guarantee with each box. You don't risk anything in giving it a trial.

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West Texas Hardware Co.

Mulberry News.

July 1—The farmers are very busy going over their crops the second time.

John Childers and Clark Church are the proud owners of some of the finest maize in the country. In fact all the feed in this section looks good. Cotton looks very well.

Caloway Chancey and family, Hamilton Chancey and family, Misses Frankie and Maggie Lee Chancey spent Sunday on the river.

Mr. Billingsley and wife visited Mr. Oden near Hodges Sunday.

Uncle Bob Britton made a flying trip to Delk Sunday.

Misses Annie and Ethel Britton spent Sunday with Bob Britton.

Robert Britton visited at Iberis Saturday and Sunday.

Help for Those Who Have Stomach Trouble.

After doctoring for about twelve years for a bad stomach trouble, and spending nearly five hundred dollars for medicine and doctors' fees, I purchased my wife one box of Chamberlain's Tablets, which did her so much good that she continued to use them and they have done her more good than all of the medicine I bought before.—Samuel Boyer, Folsom, Iowa. This medicine is for sale by all dealers.—adv.

Blair Items.

July 1—The Blair country was visited by a nice shower yesterday.

There was a large attendance at Sunday school.

Hugh Campbell returned from Herndon Sunday morning having been attending the bedside of his nephew Campbell Morris who has been very low with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Julia Tucker of Sweetwater was a visitor last week in the home of J. L. Tucker.

Jim Williams and family spent Sunday with his sister Mrs. S. F. Provine.

J. H. Campbell and wife were visitors in the home of John Meeks Saturday.

Curtis McLean is on the sick list.

W. A. Hall is able to be out after a few days sickness.

C. H. Williams and Miss Mollie McConnell returned home this morning after a few days visit with S. F. Provine and family.

Miss Mamie Graves of Merkel visited friends in Blair last week.

H. H. Tittle and family of Merkel were visitors in the home of Mrs. Eliza Campbell Sunday.

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Compere Items.

July 1—A small shower visited this country Sunday, but we need more in order to protect the crops.

Ed Breeze of Vivians who has been here visiting his sister Mrs. Jake Foster returned to his home last week.

Health of the community is very good at the present.

Roland Raines was in Merkel this week after lumber preparatory to building himself a new home.

Grandpa Childers is on the sick list we are sorry to learn.

Many of the people from this part of the country went to Sears Bend today to attend the picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rister the past week.

A Good Investment.

W. D. Magli, a well-known merchant of Whitemound, Wis., bought a stock of Chamberlain's medicine so as to be able to supply them to his customers. After receiving them he was himself taken sick and says that one small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was worth more to him than the cost of his entire stock of these medicines. For sale by all dealers.—adv.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Shiloh Items.

June 30—A large crowd gathered at Mr. Harts' Sunday evening and took some kodak pictures.

Several people from this section were on the river Saturday night fishing.

Most everyone in this country is up with their work. The shower which fell here Sunday evening will be of great help to the farmers.

John Winters, Tom Winters and Atlas Phillips are putting in a new phone line this week.

Messrs Terrel Winter, Lige Hand, Sam Grayson, Wilmer Woods, Scott, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Royd and Mrs. Foglerman were attendants at the Baptist convention at Anson last week from this section of the country. They report a very enjoyable time.

The cream supper at Ernest Sellers last Wednesday night was enjoyed by a large crowd. Music for the occasion was furnished by Messrs Phillips, Hale and Winters.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bryant afforded a most pleasant evening Friday night at their home east of Shiloh. A play party was the nature of the entertainment.

Wess Derstine of Merkel was present at the party at Mr. Bryant's Friday night.

Mrs. Sam Grayson spent from Saturday until Sunday with Mrs. Jim Grayson.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the proud parents of a fine boy born Tuesday of last week.

Jerry King and John Turner of Blair have been chopping cotton for Mr. Bryant the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pomroy and children spent from Saturday until Sunday with their daughter Mrs. Frank Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander and children spent Saturday night with the latter's father Mr. Hall.

Mrs. Pearl Allen and children have returned to their home in Oklahoma after a visit with her aunt Mrs. Jim Grayson of this place.

Mrs. Foglerman and daughter Miss Ola were visiting Mrs. Laura Brown the first of the week.

Adam Sibley has returned to his home at Merkel after a short stay at Shiloh.

Quite a lot of Shiloh people are going to attend the picnic at Bland's Tank July 4.

Inkum Items.

June 30—We are again rejoicing over the showers have fallen in this section. It has been badly needed.

Mesdames T. J. Burleson and J. J. Denton visited their children near Merkel Sunday.

Mr. Hallmark is very sick. Dr. Miller was out to see him Friday.

Mrs. W. O. Perry received a telegram from Graham Friday telling her that her mother was very low. She left immediately via Merkel for her mother's home.

O. H. Wilson and wife attended the burial services of the latter's aunt Mrs. William Knight at Buffalo Gap Monday.

T. J. Burleson made a trip to Mulberry Canyon Friday.

Mrs. Allison of Colorado was visiting relatives in this country last week.

Misses Maud and Verna Hogan of Mount Pleasant made a trip to Merkel Wednesday.

G. W. Wilson and daughter Miss May were in Merkel trading Friday.

Tom Young of Moro made a trip to this section of the country Friday.

Adrian Hallmark and wife were shopping in Merkel Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Pruitt of Haskell are visiting the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Reynolds this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pruitt formerly of this neighborhood but now of Haskell came in from that point Sunday.

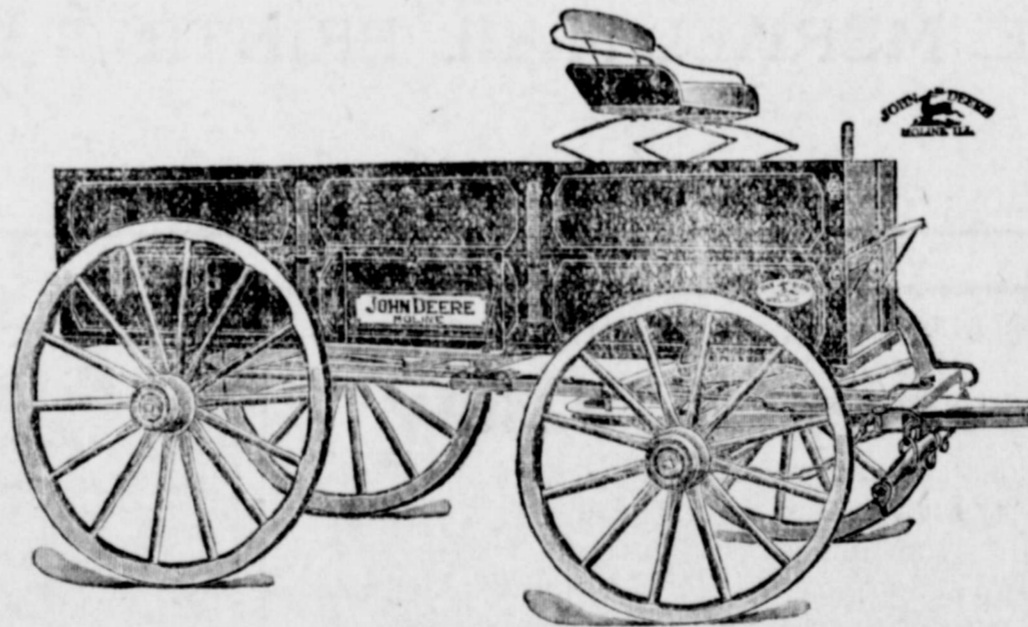
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