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MULE'S KICK IS ALMOST FATAL

The four-year-old baby of Cleve McCormick who lives on the C. M. Largent Blue Ribbon stook farm north of Merkel was killed yesterday afternoon when kicked by a mule. The blow landed on the little one's head and the skull was fractured. Although some of the brain was lost the little girl still lives and there is a faint hope for her recovery.

Plenty of oats, shorts and chops at the Kent Street Grocery.

MISS BRADY WINS BEAUTIFUL PIANO

The piano voting contest which has been in progress for the past several months by the West Texas Hardware Company came to a close Saturday afternoon when the growing interest reached the climax.

There were a number of contestants and the race has been close for the past several weeks and it was impossible to know the winner until the last day's voting was cast and counted when it was learned that Miss Erah Brady was the winner of the beautiful piano. She was muchly elated and called at our office to have us speak her thanks to the hardware company and the many friends who contributed to her success.

The total of the vote for Miss Brady was 3,785,685 and Miss Virginia Hamblet was second with a total vote of 3,359,795. The enterprize was a success and the results very pleasing to the management of the store.

The Mail joins in congratulations to Miss Brady and thinks she is all the more deserving being handicapped by such a slow paternal ancestor as Pete Brady, and he should not be allowed to "cut old buck" by music from this instrument.

A Kick.

The Mail is in receipt of a one-cent post card from R. A. (Bob) Miller kicking just because he missed two or three copies of our paper. You know he is got to kick about something, because he has never been satisfied since he left the banks of the Navasot river in Limestone county 37 years ago. We will explain that we mail a paper to his address every week and if not received he must address all complaints in the future to one H. W. Derstine, Merkel. He is to blame.

Society News.

The Mails ask the assistance of all of our readers in the work of our society editor. On account of sickness in her home she cannot keep in touch with social, church, local, personal and civic improvement matters as well as heretofore and any items of news telephoned to her will be a favor for her, our paper and our readers. Please help her to make the social page the best in paper.

CLEAN TOWN PROCLAMATION

Whereas the City of Merkel has for a number of years enjoyed the enviable reputation of being one of the most tidy and cleanest towns in all Texas.

And whereas, while this distinction is still hers, we covet the honor of being heralded as the CLEANEST TOWN in the entire state, both for the honor, and for the greater reason that we desire to conserve the GOOD HEALTH and happiness of our citizenship.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Merkel, as well as by the consent and sanction of the city council of said City, I do hereby declare, designate and set apart Tuesday, August 12, 1913 as general "CLEAN-UP" day for the people of said City, and urgently request that each and every citizen of Merkel join in this Crusade against all vegetation and any and all character of waste and offensive matter which may exist in and near any individual premises, with the assurance that the officers and employees of said City will co-operate in this movement in furnishing any necessary assistance in the way of teams, etc. necessary to the hauling away and disposal of any waste matter which cannot be cremated on or near the premises.

Don't permit noxious weeds and other disagreeable forms of vegetation to grow on and adjacent to your premises, at the expense of the muscular development of the manhood and buoyant youth of the city.

In witness whereof witness my hand this the 5th day of August, A. D. 1913.

W. T. POTTER, Mayor.

ANCHOR BUILDING NEAR COMPLETION

The contractors and carpenters are at work putting in the plate glass front for the Anchor building and it is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy about the middle of the month.

When this building is completed and the iron structure moved out of our streets and the new awning made for the Neely building there will be noticeable improvement on this end of the street.

CITY COUNCIL IN REGULAR SESSION

Our city council met in regular monthly session at the city hall Monday afternoon with the mayor, secretary, marshal and all aldermen present.

The regular routine of monthly business was transacted and the accounts allowed in short order when there was presented by Secretary McClain and Chief Ferrier of the fire department a request that the council buy for the fire boys the fire team, wagon and apparatus offered for sale by the city of Abilene for \$500.00. The proposition was one new to the most of the members and action was delayed by the appointment of a committee of Williams and Hamilton to act with Chief Ferrier and Secretary McClain to make investigation of the proposition and report back to a special meeting of the council to be held Wednesday afternoon to consider and act upon the proposition.

The bond of the Farmers State Bank as city depository with J. S. Swann, John Sears, Dr. M. Armstrong and H. L. Propst as sureties was approved.

An ordinance prohibiting the staking or grazing of cows, horses or other animals upon the streets, alleys or sidewalks of the city was passed and providing a fine of not more than \$100 for violation.

The council voted to buy a Siamese coupling for the fire department and adjourned.

A Fine (?) Rain.

The rain Sunday afternoon was timely, just in time to save the crops of our country and it is a shame that it did not extend out of the city limits.

The greatest precipitation was in the vicinity of our rain gauge which registered a total downfall of one-tenth of an inch.

It served to cool the atmosphere anyway and helped the man who does the street sprinkling and we are thankful for this and hopeful for more.

Judge W. W. Wheeler and T. J. Cross became involved Tuesday afternoon in a very heated debate which threatened serious trouble but for interference of mutual friends. The argument started over the question of "whether or not No. 3 had gone west."

AN APPEAL FOR OUR FIRE BOYS

At an adjourned session Monday night will be resubmitted and finally decided the proposition of buying for our town and fire boys the trained team and wagon offered by Abilene for \$500 and on terms to suit.

In the regular session of the city council it was the sense that the council make some provision for the fire boys and a special committee of J. A. Hamilton, Otho Williams, R. A. McClain and Chief Frank Ferrier were appointed to make investigation of the proposition. The committee recommended the proposition as a bargain and advised that if the council would provide a team for our fire boys this was an opportunity.

The Mail is willing to back the judgment of this committee and urges that our council make the purchase. The fire boys have been making horses of themselves for four years in a volunteer service and their work and the results justify this investment and expense for the city. There is nothing too good for Merkel and it is a fact that 11 out of 14 towns the size of Merkel in the state have teams and they are driven by volunteer firemen.

Our council desires to do the wishes of the people and we believe that the majority of citizens and property owners of our town would provide this team and additional equipment for our faithful fire boys and that the same should be paid out of the funds of the city and no part of it by

subscription by the firemen or business men.

If you are a friend of the fire boys and want them to have the team for our town speak to your aldermen and sign the petition for the proposition.

MERKEL FIXTURES SHIPPED HASKELL

The groceries and all of the fixtures of the Merkel store were sold to Courtney Hunt of Haskell. The groceries were latter resold to Geo. F. West of our town and the fixtures shipped to Haskell where Mr. Hunt has sold part of them and will use the balance in his stores at that point and Rule. The building has been rented to the Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company and will make possible for this progressive firm some improvements in arrangement and display of their stock.

A Business Notice

This is to advise you that the accounts of the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company have been placed with me for collection.

I wish to personally thank you for your favors while in business and regret that we could not continue and share your valuable patronage but this was impossible and I have suffered a great loss as the result of the conditions over which I had no control.

The prompt payment of your account will help me and will ask that you attend to this business matter at once.

Yours sincerely
Jno. D. Gaither
Merkel Texas, Aug. 2, 1913.

MERKEL BANKER FROM ARKANSAS

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren returned Wednesday morning from a visit to points in Arkansas. They spent several days at their old home in El Paso and visited Little Rock and Hot Springs, returning home from the latter point.

The Mail editor interviewed the Merkel banker to get him to tell our readers "what he saw in Arkansas," and among other things he said: "I saw it rain two times the same day and then another big one next day. In the vicinity of my old home crops and conditions are the best in 10 or 15 years. The farming methods have been improved in the last year or two by the government demonstrators and results more than doubled. They have quit the old bull-tongue plow and use modern implements as well as the most modern methods. The part of Texas traversed on our return is not so good. From Forney to Merkel the crops are very sorry with the exception of spots and they are small. On the high-priced black land I saw many crops no better than in our country."

Mr. Warren was interested to know than an "old oaken bench" in front of the store where he sold goods nearly a quarter of a century ago is still in service although almost whittled in two.

Our new fall tailoring samples and styles, for ladies just received and we invite your inspection. Woodroof & Co.



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IF HE HAD ONLY
HAD IT IN OUR
BANK HE WOULD
HAVE IT NOW.

FARMERS STATE BANK, MERKEL, TEXAS

Young man, you have no friend as good as YOUR OWN MONEY. It can always be relied upon. If you lose your job, or get hurt or sick, if other friends forsake you, which they would, your money will stay with you. Have it in OUR BANK where it is safe and where you can get it when you want it.

Make OUR bank YOUR bank

ONLY GUARANTY FUND BANK IN MERKEL

City Council Meet.

An adjourned session of the city council was held Wednesday afternoon to receive the report of the special committee appointed to investigate the proposition of the purchase of a team and wagon for our fire boys and in spite of the favorable report of this committee, the endorsement of our mayor and the petition of our fire boys a motion to purchase a team for the department lost by a majority of one vote.

The vote was as follows: For, Williams and Hamilton; Against, Boyce, Banner and Adams.

Later a motion to reconsider was made by Alderman Banner and the meeting was adjourned until Monday night for additional and more tangible information when the proposition will be finally decided.

Ben Ainsworth, Dead.

The news of the death of Ben F. Ainsworth which occurred at Pelasant Hill, La., was brought to Merkel this week in a letter to one of the deceased's friends. This young man will be remembered by many friends here for his clever and jolly disposition which was always in evidence in spite of his affliction. He spent several months here in the hope that our climate would be beneficial to him but nothing could stay the ravages of the dreaded tuberculosis. He was attended by many Merkel people and made friends here who grieve to know of his untimely death.

Weather Forecast.

Merkel and vicinity: The coming (?) week will be one of increasing cloudiness and much precipitation.

The indications are that we will get a big rain by reason of the fact that it is usually a long time between such downpours and this time has elapsed since the last such like blessing.

Amen, by thunder.

Dental Notice.

This is to give notice that I will leave Monday, Aug. 11th, for Port Lavaca and will be absent from my office for thirty days. Dr. Green will be in my office during my absence.

2t. Dr. O. F. McMaster.

Mrs. Arthur Harris has returned to her home at Dallas after a visit here with relatives and friends and she was accompanied on her return trip by Miss Almeida Harris who will visit in the metropolis.

Morris Carter of the Mulberry school house community is reported sick with fever.

Do You Want Results

THEN TRY A WANT AD IN THE MERKEL MAIL

J. N. Shelton and Jonathan Bradley left this week to visit Galv. Mr. S. anticipated great joy riding the snow-capped breakers of the gulf and for this purpose carried with him a home-made bathing suit borrowed from G. H. Adams in which he would shock the modesty of his pious brother and sisters at home but they are here and he is there and we hope he has a good time.

Ollie Sharp is hobbling about with crutches as the result of an injury received while playing tennis Monday with G. E. Cumegys. In a clash together the young man suffered injury to the muscles of a leg and is very lame as a result.

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)

Closing Notice.

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

Freeman Rogers formerly Mississippi but now Merkel has accepted a position at the Parten store. He is of a quiet, non-talkative disposition specially adapted to the dry goods business and we predict that he will make a good salesman.

A good barn has been put up on the Mason place in the View country. The owner J. C. Mason of Deport knows that he has a good piece of property and is putting the improvements in harmony with the grade of land.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buford are visiting this week at Blackwell and in attendance upon a primitive Baptist meeting in progress there.

Tree Absorbed Lamp Post.
When an old elm tree in the avenue at Bushey Park, near London, was cut down, the iron framework of an old street lamp was found embedded in the trunk to a depth of several inches about 25 feet from the ground. It is believed that the lamp must have been nailed to the tree many years ago and gradually became surrounded by the wood.

One Limit He Is Afraid to Pass.
"As a general proposition, I care little for the plaudits of criticisms of my fellow men," stated Pip Maudlin, the blase young clubman of Skeedee. While I am not defiant of public opinion, I am to a great extent indifferent to it. But, try as I may, I have never been able to persuade myself that my feet are small enough to permit me to wear white shoes without violating the laws of physical prosody."

Raw Meat Popular in Italy.
Travelers report that in Italy the devouring of raw meat in restaurant is now so common as to be—no wonder, at any rate—a public annoyance. The waiter brings the slab of beef steak and exhibits it to the eyes of the man about to lunch, who watches the process of cutting and of sprinkling with a little oil and vinegar. Over the dish is then poured a raw egg.

Wondering Where the "Space" Is.
You know how crowded a second-hand furniture store is, always piled high with odds and ends of household goods. Well, there is such a shop on the South side, in a one-story shack, which the other day posted this sign in the window: "Space for rent." "I suppose," remarked a man who was passing, "there must be a vacancy under one of the tables."—Kansas City Star.

Simply Do One's Best.
Everything that happens to us leaves some trace behind it, everything contributes imperceptibly to form us. Yet often it is dangerous to take a strict account of that. For, either we grow proud and negligent or downcast and dispirited; and both are equally injurious in their consequences. The safe plan is, always simply to do the task that lies nearest us.—Goethe.

Quite Naturally.
A funny mistake occurred lately in printing labels for a meat-preserving company. The printer had been in the habit of labeling tins of beef or mutton, as the case might be, with the words "without bone" prominently displayed. The company having added kidney soup to its list, the new article was duly ticketed as "Kidney soup—without bone."

Considerate.
My little brother William had been staying up rather late and went to bed without saying his prayers. Mother said to him: "Why, Willie, I'm surprised at you! You haven't said your prayers." "Aw, gee!" he answered. "What's the use of waking the Lord up at this hour of the night?"—Chicago Journal.

Gave Her All Her Rights.
A woman was charged at Greenwich (England) police court with allowing a donkey to stray, immediately after a young man had been fined for a similar offense. Mr. Symmons—"You won't have a feminine grievance if I fine you the same as the man. If I charged you less you would say you were not having your rights. No, the same as the man."

A ROLL-OF-HONOR BANK

Is one that has Surplus and Profits
Equal to or Greater than its Capital

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank

Of Merkel has the distinction of being the only Roll-of-Honor Bank in Taylor county. Organized in 1904 it has grown through all the years without change of policy or management. We invite accounts not only on what we Promise to do but on the records of what we have done

CAPITAL & SURPLUS OVER \$50,000.00

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Henry James Ben T. Merritt Thos. Johnson

Read The Guarantee!

WE GUARANTEE ABSOLUTE SATISFACTION.—Simply return to us any unsatisfactory purchase or report to us within ten days' time and we will adjust it satisfactory with you or give your money back.

QUALITY FIRST -- THEN THE PRICE

It seems unnecessary to say anything about the price on our goods (all marked in plain figures) but there are so many shoddy, worthless goods offered for sale now-a-days that we feel compelled to ask our customers to always consider the quality of an article when comparing our prices with those of other firms, and to remember that we refuse absolutely to handle any but the best grade of home furnishings possible for the price. Don't believe we are under sold just because other firms sometime make low prices on certain articles. It looks bad just at first, we will admit, but just be honest with yourself and with us—bring in your catalogue or article purchased and compare them with what we have or can get for you. Nine times out of ten upon investigation it is found to be merchandise of inferior goods. We guarantee absolute satisfaction.

"MACK"

Behrens=McMillen Furniture Co. FURNITURE AND Undertaking

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Odis Burns left Sunday for Gainsville.

Roscoe Sharp and Talley Holloway left Sunday night for Wichita Falls.

A. C. Boney was attending to business in Fort Worth the first of the week.

J. L. Hunter left Sunday night for Fort Worth to attend to business matters.

Rotan Cypert of Abilene was here Sunday visiting his parents.

Judge N. D. Cobb is this week attending to legal matters in Cameron.

Miss Agnes Hall has returned from a visit to Abilene where she has many friends.

Capt. Brown and grandson Clayton have returned from a trip of several weeks over the lower territory and report that crops are very spotted.

Tom Toombs, Jr. who has been sick for two or three weeks with fever is reported convalescent.

Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong visited this week at Lampasas.

A very handsome and healthy looking young man is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otho Williams since last week.

Mrs. T. J. Coggin left Tuesday afternoon to join her husband on a business trip to the north and west.

Earnest Rogers of Water Valley, Miss., came in Monday morning to accept a position with the Hamlet & Rogers Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rogers returned home Friday afternoon from an extended visit with relatives at Water Valley, Miss.

A. J. West of Mulberry Canyon left Monday for an extended business trip to Sweetwater.

Miss Orpha Owens is spending this week in Trent, visiting relatives.

Messrs. R. A. McClain, Frank Ferrier and H. C. Williams were attending to business matters in Abilene Monday.

Mrs. W. R. Walker is this week visiting her sister in Ellis county and the hotel proprietor is living the life of a bachelor.

Miss Velma Clark who has been connected with the Southwestern Telephone Company of this place left Sunday night for Venus to accept a position with the Independent Telephone Company.

WHAT IS HOME WITHOUT A MAXIMUM HOT WATER BOTTLE

AN EXTRAORDINARY OFFER. We will allow you 50c for your old Hot Water Bottle

Bring us your old hot water bottle. No matter what make or whether it leaks or not, we will allow you 50c for the old one in exchange for a money back hot water bottle that sells regularly for \$1.75. This offer is made for the purpose of convincing you of the superiority of our GUARANTEED MONEY BACK RUBBER GOODS. ASK US ABOUT THEM.

RUST & MCCAULEY DRUG COMPANY
PHONE 43 JNO. W. WHEATLEY, MANAGER.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Turner left yesterday for Fort Worth and Thorpe Springs and from there will go to Arkansas where they will likely make their home. It is with sincere regret that we lose these good people and the Mail and its best wishes will follow them to their new home.

Cotton White, the favorite flour of the south, at the Cash Grocery.

Dr. Geo. Howard of Dallas was here this week visiting his father J. T. Howard, from here Dr. Howard will visit in San Antonio before returning home.

Mrs. Eugene Hargroves left Monday morning for Abilene to spend a few days visiting her sister Mrs. Charlie Fryar.

Miss Maxie Banner left Tuesday for Fort Stockton to spend a few days visiting relatives and friends.

A CARD OF GRATITUDE

This store desires to express our thanks and appreciation of the work of the young ladies in our recent PIANO CONTEST and for the trade and favors of their friends

OUR AIM IN BUSINESS

Is to give a fair deal in every transaction and with a full and complete stock we ask a continuation of your trade. Come to see us when in need of anything in our line.

WEST TEXAS HARDWARE COMPANY

Merkel, Texas.

W. A. SCOTT, Manager.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Eat Pure Food Bakery bread.

F. R. Jones of Abilene was in the city Sunday visiting friends.

Oran Edwards returned to Colorado Sunday after a short visit here with his brother Wesley Edwards.

Emmet Boring returned home Sunday from Big Springs where he has been connected with a shoe store.

Geo. Ferrier was in Dallas the first of this week attending to business.

Frank Hunter of Fluvanna returned home Sunday for a short stay with his relatives.

Cashier R. O. Anderson of the Farmers State Bank was in Fort Worth and Dallas the first of the week on business.

Miss Estelle Tooley of Weatherford returned home Monday.

Jack Provine returned home Tuesday from Galveston and other points east where he has been spending a part of his vacation.

Lytton Howard came in Monday night from Stamford where he has been visiting for some time.

Ennies and Emmett Grimes returned home Tuesday from an extended visit at Vernon.

Mrs. W. C. Mathews is spending this week in Trent, visiting her aunt Mrs. J. R. Leanon.

Ben T. Merritt is spending a part of his vacation at Dublin, just visiting and prospecting.

Miss Tennie Pope has returned from San Marcus school.

Mrs. Sammie Rohde of Houston is this week looking after her property and business interests.

Miss Edith Stephens of Stephenville is the guest of Mrs. W. H. Roach this week.

Mr. J. V. Jones of Nevada, Texas is visiting G. J. Jones this week.

Mrs. J. M. McPher and daughter of Clerburne are visiting Mrs. J. G. Hale this week.

Mrs. I. A. Meadows and son of Abilene and Miss Alice Reid of Winters are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Eoff.

Mr. and Mrs. Oualline who have been visiting relatives here left Tuesday for Texico, New Mexico. They were accompanied by the latter's father J. A. Hamner of this place and brother W. E. Hamner of Trent.

THE MERKEL MAIL \$1.00 per year

MERKEL

GOOD HOMES; GOOD SCHOOLS,
GOOD CHURCHES; GOOD PEOPLE;
THE CITY TO LIVE IN,
THE CITY TO INVEST IN

THE MERKEL COUNTRY,
OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,
GOOD HEALTH FOR THE OLD MAN,
EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POOR MAN,
INVESTMENTS FOR THE RICH MAN
PROSPERITY FOR ALL.

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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.

MERKEL MAIL BUSINESS NOTICE.

This issue of our paper is printed without the help of Mr. Homer L. Easterwood our local editor and business manager and Mr. Henry T. Merritt, our foreman for the past five years.

The management is not to apologize for the same for it is the best that we can do under the circumstances. The loss of our business manager and foreman is not the fault of either, for all of their work and our relations have been the most pleasant and is a result of the business conditions.

A print shop is like any other business enterprise and must be adjusted and operated in harmony with the conditions of our town and country and the business at present does not justify our past force and salary account. It is our belief that business will pick up and that our merchants will go after the same in our columns to the extent that we will have to increase our force to the regular number and add a linotype with fast operator.

At the present our type-setting force consists of Masters Will Merritt and Clyde Bond, better known as "Black Bill" and "Red Bond" and we promise that the amount of reading matter will not suffer any deterioration so long as we can retain their services. The composition this week is their work and besides they have kept the office clean, chased copy and delivered printed matter all over town. If you have any business for the Mail just tap the telephone and they will do the rest.

In the absence of our foreman the mechanical part of our shop and the ad and job work is in the hands of Mr. John Morgan, a transient sight-seeing young man who happened to get broke and fall in love all at the same time in our midst and who will be a permanent fixture for our shop and citizen for the town.

The editor recognizes his inability for his labors after so long a vacation and kindly asks the special assistance of the country correspondents and our friends and readers.

The Mail has been here almost a quarter of a century and will be the same old rag at work for this same town and country when Gabriel toots his horn and calls all good newspaper men to their eternal reward.

All subscriptions are still in advance and the paper will stop when your time is out.

MERKEL CLEAN-UP DAY.

Tuesday, August 12th., 1913.

This date and the sentiment, patriotism and injunction contained in the proclamation of Mayor W. T. Potter and published on the front page of this issue should be indelibly impressed upon the mind of every boy and girl, man and woman, friend and citizen of our town.

The mayor, marshal and council offer the assistance of our municipal department and there should be a response to this proclamation and cooperation that would clean up our little town from

center to circumference. It is well written that cleanliness is next to Godliness and we wonder why the inspired writer did not add that filthiness is the devil, disease, deterioration, death and destruction. At this season, especially this should be the best observed clean-up campaign of the year.

This work should appeal to every citizen regardless of the clean town contest for any observant person must know that without a sewerage system we labor continually under disadvantages to safeguard our health as well as looks of our little city.

It is the time now to get busy and let's do one clean-up job that will be the best yet in the history of our town.

OUR COUNCIL AND FIRE BOYS.

The Mail has been a friend and supporter of our volunteer fire department and realizes its value to our town and citizenship. We appreciate the faithful work of the boys whose only reward or remuneration is a lot of soiled clothes and lost sleep and on a hot day they have our sympathy pulling the heavy hose cart and hook and ladder wagons.

It is for these reasons that we hope that our council will see their way clear to buy for the department the team and wagon offered by Abilene at such a bargain price. We hope this but we have not sufficient information to know that this should be done. The proposition is one to be decided by the council. If it is plausible we believe the boys will get the team and wagon.

But if the council can not do this we hope that the fire boys will show their stickability and spunk by staying with their job and not as insinuated on our streets resign from their duties. This is not right and does not reflect the real sentiment of the fire boys. We can not get everything we crave in this life and must suffer some disappointments, and it is the losses that show the real manhood.

Here is hoping the boys get their team and wagon but if not trusting that they will remain the same faithful department, making the best of the conditions as they exist and develop.

COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION.

The Mail has just concluded a very valuable series of articles on this subject furnished us by Holland's Magazine and we hope that our work is not to be in vain.

If there ever was a time in the history of a little town that cooperation was needed this is the time in the life of Merkel. All that is necessary to kill any town anywhere is to have a division in its citizenship and the result is the story of the house divided against itself.

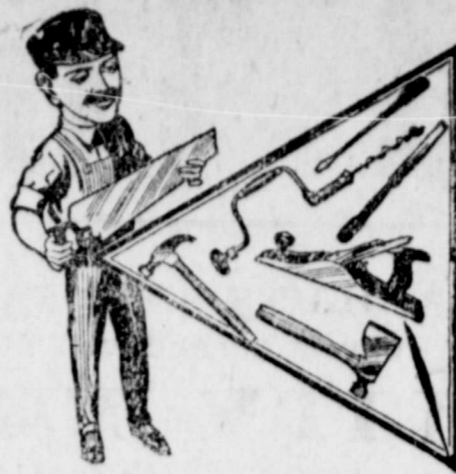
There is much that should be done for the interest of our town and country and as a cold-blooded business proposition it is up to the business people of our town to get together and get busy. It is easy enough to sit easy, do nothing and wait for the business revival but the results are ever in proportion to the effort.

Merkel has many advantages but it has some real, live and progressive competition and unless there is cooperation and continued efforts there will be a slow but sure and gradual loss of prestige as a trading center and cotton market.

The Mail suggests that we get together and arrange for an extensive campaign for trade and cotton this fall and right now is the time.

Dr. Cranford, city health officer recommends the observance of the clean-up proclamation and modestly adds that those who will not do must be compelled to observe the same. Our city has a good record this season and our officer does not propose to take any needless chances of having this good record broken.

GOOD TOOLS FOR GOOD MECHANICS



are one of our hardware specialties. Tools that insure good work, that will wear long and never disappoint. We have them for every trade and the better class of workmen are our best customers- You cannot do good work with poor tools. You can and will if yours come from here.

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THE BEST HOT WEATHER TONIC, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC

The Old Standard, General Tonic. Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System.

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It is a combination of QUININE and IRON in a tasteless form that wonderfully strengthens and fortifies the system to withstand the depressing effect of the hot summer. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC has no equal for Malaria, Chills and Fever, Weakness, general debility and loss of appetite. Gives life and vigor to Nursing Mothers and Pale, Sickly Children. Removes Bilioussness without purging. Relieves nervous depression and low spirits. Arouses the liver to action and purifies the blood. A True Tonic and Sure Appetizer. A Complete Strengthenner. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50 cents.

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Have your prescriptions filled at Grimes.

Ollie Cordell was a purely personal visitor to Abilene Sunday.

Alta Vista ice cream at Burrough's, only.

Bring us your fat hen and friers. Kent Street Grocery Co.

A new line of toilet articles just received today. Grimes.

Miss. Oline Ewing of Leonard visited her aunt Mrs. L. H. King

New post cards received daily at Burrough's.

Mrs. Joe Elloit of Arlington visited Mrs Austin Fitts.

Colgate's toilet articles are best, at Grimes.

Mrs. W. D. Woodroof and son Don are in Bellevue visiting relatives.

For the best toilet articles in the city see our line Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. Sterling P. Miller of Dallas is here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel.

We have a complete line of Colgate's toilet articles, at Grimes.

Miss Lillian Jennings of Abilene is visiting Misses Mary and Jackie Jenings.

Will you come and let us show you some of the Ideal tailoring for ladies. It is a real pleasure for us to show you. Woodroof & Co.

Mrs. B. F. Teague and little son Willie who have been visiting Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Gaddy returned to their home in Brenham.

The necessities of life, what you eat at prices to suit the conditions of your purse, at Cash Grocery, and we always appreciate your trade.

Miss Mildred Pollard who visited Miss Clementine Barker returned to her home in Dallas Friday.

Have your physician to phone us your prescriptions where they are filled accurately, and delivered immediately Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs C. H. Brann of Leonard is here visiting her sister Mrs. L. H. King.

Miss Duncan Browning is at Corpus Christi an Epworth League visitor.

We have many notions at the Plain Price Nickel store, men's neckties, ladies' waist fronts and all real cheap. Call and see them.

Miss Jessie Sutphen has returned home from Durant, Oklahoma where she attended Summer Normal.

Miss Ruth Larner of Morgan Mills returned to her home Sunday after visiting her niece Miss Grace Counts.

If you feel bad, look sallow and no appetite, take a bottle of Podolax and you feel better next day. We sell and guarantee it (try it). Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren returned this week from a visit to friends, relatives and old home folks at different points in Arkansas and spent several days at one of the resorts.

J. S. Swann, banker, stock farmer, et cetera is making an addition and some extensive improvements to his home in northwest Merkel which makes us believe that he has given up the idea of removing back to Smith county.

Take a kodak with you. Let pictures tell the story of the motor trip, the hunting trip, the fishing trip, or the travel. The kodak way is the sure way, the simple way, the convenient way. Headquarters for kodak supplies, Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

A postal card from Mrs. W. A. Scott at Durant, Okla. where she is staying for the benefit of her health brings the information to her husband that she is improving and getting home sick to see her Merkel friends.

S. E. Adcock, the jovial merchant of Blair who recently underwent an operation at the Holts sanitarium at Abilene is reported sitting up and recovering rapidly. His wife returned from the sanitarium Tuesday afternoon and made us this report and further that her husband was just as sassy and contrary as ever, appendixless notwithstanding.

The Plain Price Nickel Store has a fine selection of embroidery, lace and other dry goods and notions. Call and see us for we will be pleased to show you the goods.

WILL RAISE MONEY STAMFORD SCHOOL

The Methodist pastor has been given a position with much honor and lots of real hard work. It is a compliment to his ability that he was summoned last week to Stamford by Bishop Atkins of Tennessee with Rev. H. A. Boaz of Polytechnic College and Revs. Young and Barton of the Southern Methodist University and some pastors of leading points to discuss the condition of the Stamford College.

It has been known by all Methodists that the Stamford College has been heavily in debt for a couple of years and a burden that almost threatens the permanency of the institution. It was decided to raise the money, a total of \$65,000 to pay the debt of the school and the territory of the Northwest Texas conference was divided and assigned to seven of the strongest pastors in this section, one of whom was our Methodist pastor.

The assignment of special work will take the pastor away from his charge here for the next thirty days, though he expects to fill his pulpit next Sunday morning. The work is a big task but the Stamford district pledged one-half of the amount, \$20,000 of which was raised at Stamford Sunday and with this start we predict success for the undertaking which means much for Methodism in this section.

Bids For Treasury.

Up to noon August 30, 1913 we will receive bids for the treasuryship of the school funds of this district. Rate of interest based on daily balances subject to call according to the State law governing Independent School Districts. By order of the board July 28, 1913. Bids to be filed with the secretary. Respt.

J. S. Swann, Pres.

Ginner Geo. B. Brown was down from Trent Tuesday and reported crop conditions good in the most of their territory. It is a fact that some of the best land in this section surrounds our little neighboring town and they have been specially favored this season by the rain god. We do not know why for certainly some of the ugliest if not meanest men in our country live and own land up there, the ginner, T. L. Stevens and Jas. Bright not excepted.

Try Cotton White flour at the Cash Grocery.

New School Catalogue.

Supt. B. D. Black has just recently returned from Austin and is busy arranging for the opening of our school for the new term. He just completed the copy for his new school book and turned the same over to the printers for work. The new book is larger in size and will be an improvement over the previous editions. Supt. Black realizes but does not recognize any of the difficulties in his way and he should have the hearty cooperation of every citizen of our town and country in his efforts for our school this coming term.

Notice.

To the Voters of Tayloy County: I wish to take this opportunity of stating that I am now out of the County Clerk's office.

As is well known, I have been connected with said office for eight years, most of the time as chief deputy. I am well acquainted with all of the affairs and details of same feel that I can make a competent official. At the proper time it is my purpose to announce as a candidate for the Office of County Clerk, and wish to assure all of my friends who have so kindly proffered me their support that I very much appreciate same, and will highly appreciate the support and influence of the entire citizenship of the county.

18:4 Miss Fannie Tippett.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities 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.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the business men of Merkel and the ladies of the town for the assistance given us upon loss of our home and household goods by fire. Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus.

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Miss Ella Walker of Luverne, Ala, is visiting her niece Mrs. Jno. W. Wheatley.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Lester Ellis, at Grimes.

The latest standard magazines at Burrough's.

Our Line of toilet articles is complete, at Burrough's.

Misses Winnie and Louise Warren were in Hawley Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Moss at Arlington is here visiting her mother Mrs. N. E. Sandlin.

Miss Ezma Allday is visiting relatives and friends at Franklin and Calvert.

Miss Mattie T. Mann of Sweetwater came in Sunday to visit her Aunt Mrs. A. D. Templeton.

W. F. Evans left Sunday night for Gainesville, Ga., to visit home folks.

Mrs. T. M. Larner of Morgan Mill was here visiting her daughter Mrs. R. E. Counts.

Miss Bernadine Freemon came in Monday from a visit with relatives at Wichita Falls.

Mrs. I. S. Allen and son Ray are here from Denton visiting Mrs. Allen's sister Mrs. W. Parten.

Mrs. Willie Joe Largent and Zora West left Monday for an extended visit with the latter's parents and family.

Will ('Skeeter') Leeman editor of the Sweetwater Record was in our city Sunday shaking hands with friends.

J. M. Watts and wife who were here visiting the family of H. P. Allen left Monday for Sweetwater to visit relatives.

Jno. R. Daniel and wife were in from their ranch Sunday to visit the former's parents and his sister Mrs. Sterling P. Miller of Dallas.

The "nickel night" feature instituted by H. F. Groene for his Airdome has proven very popular and a good advertisement for the amusement place. Tickets are distributed entitling the holder to admission for 5 cents accompanied by the ticket.

G. E. Comegys is considering retiring from business in the next five or ten years. He is not discouraged about the conditions but explained to our editor confidentially that his grandchildren require most of his time and now that he has another grandson he will have very little time to devote to business matters. Mr. and Mrs. Claud Comegys, mother and father as well as the grandparents are happy. Success to you, Skinny, Jr.

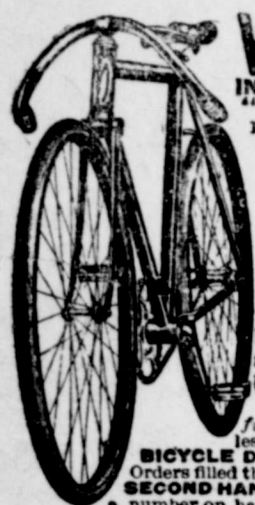
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YOU WILL BE ASTONISHED and study our beautiful catalogue and our superb models at the wonderful low prices we can make you this year. We sell the highest grade bicycles for less money than any other factory. You are satisfied with \$1.00 profit above factory cost.

BIKE DEALERS, you can sell our bicycles under your own name plate at double our prices. **SECOND HAND BICYCLES**. 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 \$3 to \$10. Descriptive bargain lists mailed free.

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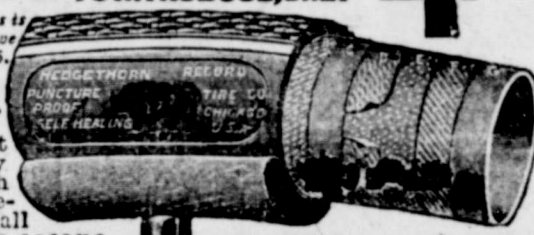
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IF YOU NEED TIRES don't buy any kind at any price until you send for a pair of Hedgethorn Puncture-Proof tires on approval and trial at the special introductory price quoted above; or write for our big tire and Sundry Catalogue which describes and quotes all makes and kinds of tires at about half the usual prices.

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Where She Was Webby. Edith is very timid, but she tries to do her duty, and not long since recited a "piece" before some school visitors with great credit and apparent calmness. Her mother, later complimented and praised her, especially for not seeming at all nervous. "Oh, but I was scared, really, mamma," the child explained ingenuously. "I held my hands still, but you should have seen my knees."

Pessimism of Mr. Frankenstein. "It is a great pity," a nobleman remarked Stanley Livingston, Esq., a shaw, who had several unpropitious Frankenstein's on his hands, a belt, his neck and a grand grouch on his soul, "that some children are so afflicted with bashfulness; and it is still greater pity that others are so law never dies and seldom resigns. And I believe we are going to get this season a darn sight more rain than we need!"

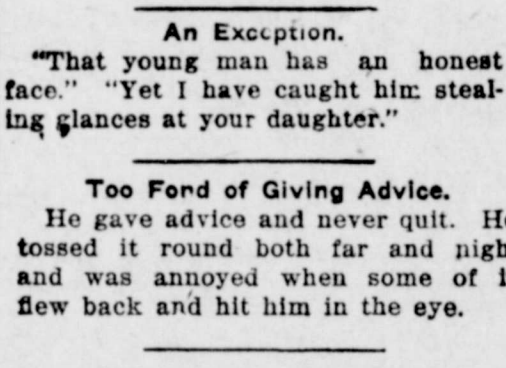
Scourge Cure Revived. After having been practically abandoned, the scheme of treating tuberculosis by compression of the lungs with nitrogen gas has been revived.

An Exception. "That young man has an honest face." "Yet I have caught him stealing glances at your daughter."

Too Fond of Giving Advice. He gave advice and never quit. He tossed it round both far and nigh and was annoyed when some of it few back and hit him in the eye.

Call Him Not Wretched. Call not that man wretched, who, whatever ill he suffers, has a child to love.—Southey.

A Hint to the Wise. A wise wife soon learns to manage her husband, while a wise husband never tries to manage his wife.

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

One Chance Left. "What a lively baby!" said Flahe ty. "Have ye had his picture too yet, I dunno?" "Not yet," said F garty, the proud father. "We thrie to, but after an hour's lost labor t photygrafer ayferred us to a mo in'-picture studio."—Lippincott's.

So Careless. Two little girls had a bird given t them, and were very anxious to see bathe. On seeing it get into the wter for the first time, the three-yea old child exclaimed: "Why, I declare If it isn't getting right in the wate with all its feathers on!"

Absent-Minded. "Smalley is an absent-minded fel aw," said Bilkes. "When he was en gaged to Mrs. S, he asked her to go to the opera with him one night and bought only one ticket. He explained t to her by saying that he was so oded to occupying a single chair with her that he didn't think."

Far Off. Some day somebody will invent a aw to prevent hard times. But by hat time everybody will be comfort- ably well fixed.

Daily Thought. There are natures in which, if the love us, we are conscious of having sort of baptism and consecration they bind us over to rectitude and pu ity by their pure belief about us, an our sins become the worst kind c sacrilege, which tears down the it visible altar of trust.—George Eliot.

The Flower of the Day. To this day the Italians call the or- ange portugall because they had this fruit first from Portugal.

Post Facto Wish. Helen, five, and grandma grasped nds of the chicken wishbone, and made wishes. The bone flew apart, and Helen danced around the room saying: "I'll get my wish! I'll get my wish!" "What did you wish elen?" asked her father. With great ee she answered: "I wished our dog adn't died!"

All That Happened. "Lo, Jim! Fishin'?" "Naw! Drown- a' worms."—Harper's Weekly.

Named Residences. In England one is taxed for calling one's house by a pet name. Some of- fenders ought to be taxed a lot; for instance, "Happholme" is the name of one dirty, decayed, originally cheap little house.

Aid That Is Wanted. To render aid to the worthless is sheer waste. Rain does not freshen the Dead sea, but only enables it to dissolve more salt.

When Her Memory Failed. Mrs. Worldley—"If, as you say, you master kissed you against your will why did you not cry 'Help?'" French Maid—"Ah, madame. Zat sees just vord of vich I could not sink at z moment."—Puck.

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O That Memory! A woman may say that she will forgive and forget, but she will never let you forget that she forgave.—Wom- an's Home Companion.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Salt Branch.

Aug. 4—Several from here attended the singing at Stith, Sunday afternoon there was a large crowd out and had fine singing.

W. W. Hendersou and wife of Ovalo spent a few days here last week.

Mr. Buford and Rush of Merkel are in this community hauling in their rent fee to day.

Willie Wheat of Coleman returned to his home Sunday after spending a few days here with relatives and friends.

S. W. Taylor and family left Tuesday of last week on a prospecting trip through some of the eastern countries.

Professor Miller and Clyde Garrett of Merkel were in this community Monday.

Miss Gardie Higgins is spending a few days this week with Miss Oma Taylor.

J. W. Teaff and wife spent a few hours Friday night with W. B. Beavers and family.

Mr. Peoples and family of Mount Pleasant spent Saturday night and Sunday with Charles Higgins and family.

R. D. Allen spent a portion of last week in Knox county and reports fine crops up there.

Oscar Mobley and family took dinner Saturday with Ellis Petty and family.

Burley Taylor, Carina Lyles and Houston Robertson are attending the Singing school at Hodges this week.

AN ORDINANCE.

An Ordinance prohibiting the staking and grazing of cattle and other stock upon the public streets, alleys and sidewalks of the City of Merkel, and fixing punishment for the same.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Merkel, that from and after the passage and publication of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person to stake or graze any horse, cow or other animal of the horse or cow species upon any public street, alley or sidewalk within the corporate limits of the City of Merkel; and any person violating this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding One Hundred Dollars. Passed August 4th., 1913. Approved August 6th., 1913. Attest: W. T. Potter, Mayor. R. A. McClain, City Sec.

Trent.

Aug. 4—The Methodist meeting is progressing nicely with several conversions.

Mr. Cryar and wife of Winters are visiting their daughter Mrs. Will Craddock.

L. E. Adrain and wife made a flying trip to Loraine in their automobile.

Mr. James Bright and wife came in Sunday evening from San Angelo where they have been visiting for several days.

D. S. Rollins has painted his store house.

Isaac Bright left Saturday night for his home in Grant, Oklahoma.

I will try to give your readers a little write up of our town and country next week.

So Many People Die of Blood Poison

A little scratch on the hand a splinter, or small abrasion of the skin is often fatal because the poisonous germs starts the infection. That's where Hunts Lightning Oil comes in handy as an application on the abrasion, kills all germs which may have lodged there, thereby preventing infection and death. It pays to keep this remedy in the home, especially where there are children. All drug stores in 25c and 50c bottles.

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It means quite a lot to our success when we put ourselves in the right attitude toward others. The figure 1 increases its value ten times when it gets on the right side of the 0.

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When a man has suffered for several days with colic, diarrhoea or other form of bowel complaint and is then sound and well by one or two doses of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, as is often the case, it is but natural that he should be enthusiastic in his praise of the remedy, and especially is this the case of a severe attack when life is threatened. Try it if in need of such a remedy. It never fails. Sold by all dealers.

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Tenderness has no deeper source than the heart of a woman, devotion no purer shrine, sacrifice no more saintlike abnegation.—Germaine Francois Pollain De Saint-Foix.

Remarkable Cure of Dysentery.

"I was attacked with dysentery about July 15, and used the doctor's medicine and other remedies with no relief, only getting worse all the time. I was unable to do anything and my weight dropped from 145 to 125 pounds. I suffered for about two months when I was advised to use Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I used two bottles of it and it gave me permanent relief." writes B. W. Hill of Snow Hill, N. C. For sale by all dealers.

Meanest Man.

There are some men mean enough to live on their father-in-law and then complain of the visits of their mother-in-law.

Costly Treatment.

"I was troubled with constipation and indigestion and spent hundreds of dollars for medicine and treatment," writes C. H. Hines of Whitlow, Ark. "I went to St. Louis hospital, also to a hospital in New Orleans, but no cure was effected. On returning home I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets, and worked right along. I used them for some time and am now all right." Sold by all dealers.

Two Long Words.

The longest word in the French language is said to be "anticonstitutionnellement," and the longest word in the English language, "antitransubstantiationism." The old saying, "Brevity is the soul of wit," still holds good, however, particularly with poor spellers.

How the Trouble Starts.

Constipation is the cause of many ailments and disorders that make life miserable. Take Chamberlain's Tablets' keep your bowels regular and will avoid these diseases. For sale by all dealers.

ASK YOUR DRUG-GIST ABOUT IT

There is a New Remedy that Takes the Place of Colomel. Recommended and Guaranteed by the Druggists.

Rust & McCauley drug store never sold a remedy that gave more complete satisfaction than Dodson's Liver Tone—a mild vegetable remedy for constipation, sour stomach and lazy liver.

Folks who have suffered for years rather than resort to dangerous calomel have found after one trial that this pleasant-tasting vegetable liquid gives them a long sought relief without bad after-effects.

Dodson's Liver Tone is guaranteed by Rust & McCauley to be a safe liver stimulant and to be absolutely harmless—without bad after-effects. You will find many persons in this locality who have tried it and every user will speak a good word for Dodson's Liver Tone. It livens up a torpid liver and makes you feel fresh, healthy and clean.

The price of a large bottle is 50 cents—money back if not pleased. The success of Dodson's Liver Tone has brought many medicines into the field that imitate its claim's, and some have name very similar and package same color, but remember Dodson's Liver Tone is guaranteed by Rust & McCauley who will give you back your money if you want it.

There a Limit.

Every man boasts of his self-control, though there never was a man who had so much he could hold a lead pencil in his hand without marking with it.

The Mexican Situation

The trouble in Mexico has developed one face of importance to the U. S., and that is that both the Federals and Constitutionalists are firm believers in Hunt's Lightning Oil, the great American remedy for neuralgia rheumatism, cuts, burns and other aches and pains. No wonder, since it makes the pain go away almost at once. All druggists sell it in 15c and 50c bottles.

Earth's Centrifugal Force.

If the earth were to revolve 17 times faster than it does bodies at the equator would lose their weight and remain stationary in the air without support.

What is Best for Indigestion?

Mr. A. Robinson of Drumquin, Ontario, has been troubled for years with indigestion, and recommends Chamberlain's Tablets as "the best medicine I ever used." If troubled with the indigestion or constipation give them a trial. They are certain to prove beneficial. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. Price, 25c. For sale by all dealers.



FOR SALE—Two young mules, span of mares and 250 cord of wood. A. B. Cranston. It

Granulated Sore Eyes Cured

"For twenty years I suffered from a bad case of granulated sore eyes," says Martin Boyd of Henrietta, Ky. "In February, 1903, a gentleman asked me to try Chamberlain's Salve. I bought one box and used about two-thirds of it and my eyes have not given me any trouble since." This salve is for sale by all dealers.

The Higher Equity.

Bismark used to delight in telling the story of how, when foraging for food with two companions in an almost deserted village, he came upon a man from whom he procured five eggs. Unable to divide five among three, he began by swallowing two; then, calling his companions, shared the three remaining eggs with them—a truly Bismarkian idea of an equitable division.

A WORD WITH WOMEN

Valuable advice for Merkel Readers.

Many a woman endures with noble patience the daily misery of backache, pains about the hips, blue, nervous spells, dizziness and urinary disorders, hopeless of relief because she doesn't know what is the matter.

It is not true that every pain in the back or hips is trouble "peculiar to the sex." Often when the kidneys get congested and inflamed, such aches and pains follow.

You can tell it is kidney trouble if the secretions are dark colored, contain sediment; the passage are too frequent or scanty. Then help the weakened kidneys. Don't expect them to get well alone.

Doan's Kidney Pills have won the praise of thousands of women. They are endorsed at home—Read this Merkel woman's convincing statement:

Mrs. Ada Walker, Texas, says: "Doan's Kidney Pills did me a great deal of good and I highly recommend them. When I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, I had severe pains in my back and side and my kidneys and bladder were weak. Doan's Kidney Pills quickly cured me."

For sale by all dealers Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agent for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Sickroom Screen.

A screen in the sickroom is indispensable, for it is needed to keep light from the patient's eyes, to keep the bed from drafts, or shot out of sight of medicine bottles and so on. An excellent sanitary screen is made by tacking white oilcloth over the frame, then painting on in oil a scene as birds or butterflies. These screens can be washed as often as necessary.

Scratching For Fun

We would have great sympathy for those who have to scratch continually if there wasn't a remedy for the trouble, but as Hunt's Cure is Guaranteed to cure or money refunded, it would seem that those who scratch do so for the fun of it. It's a special remedy for Itch, Eczema, tetter, ringworm, etc.

The Really Poor.

How many referred to by the unthinking world as eminently successful are really poor—poor in home and poor in friends, poor in reputation, poor in the power of enjoying life—poor and subjects for pity.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Inkum.

Aug. 4—Mr. Cunningham of Abilene was in this section Thursday to look after his recently purchased real estate.

Mr. and Mrs. Mackey of the Winters country who are visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. R D Fullerton, were so unfortunate as to lose a valuable horse Tuesday night.

E W Burleson and wife of Mulberry Canyon visited relatives in this section Tuesday.

Prof. Evans and mother, Mrs. Tubb, of Abilene are attending the Baptist meeting which is now in progress at Elm Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wills left Saturday via Fort Worth for Oklahoma and Arkansas to spend a month with relatives.

Mr. Bloodworth of Abilene is conducting a meeting at Elm Grove school house this week.

Oscar Deerington and family of near Merkel were in this section the past week.

Jim Richards of View was among those at Inkum the past week.

Otho Cutbirth a former resident of this country but now of north Texas came in Friday to visit for a while.

Key Wilson was in from the Guion country Sunday attending the meeting.

Calomel is Bad.

But Simmon's Liver Purifier is delightfully pleasant, and its action is thorough. Constipation yields, biliousness goes. A trial convinces. In yellow tin boxes only. Tried once, used always.

Two of a Kind.

Some people look almost as pleasant when they are going to the photographer's as when they are going to the dentist's.

Blair.

Aug. 4—Interest is still growing in the Baptist meeting, being conducted by Rev. Ray of Weatherford, it will close Wednesday night.

Messrs H B Chambless and W A Campbell, Misses Altha Chambless and Mattie Campbell returned Friday from College Station.

S E Adeock who is in the Hollis sanitarium at Abilene is reported better at this writing.

C H Williams returned home Monday after a few days visit with his daughter Mrs. S F Provine.

Mr. Blackburn of Knox county is visiting his sister Mrs. Jim Moore.

Vernon Trout of California is visiting his many friends in the Blair community this week.

Mrs. W N Moore and grandson Billy of Comper are here visiting her daughter Mrs. Addison.

J N Shelton and Johnathan Bradley of Merkel boarded the Santa Fe special at Blair, August 2nd for a trip to Galveston.

John Johnson is a visitor in the home of Henry Stubbs this week.

Miss Mollie McConnell is spending the week with Miss Vera Provine.

Miss Mamie Graves of Merkel is visiting her friends at Blair this week.

Mace Brown who has been very sick is reported better.