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SPECIAL SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL TO TAKE FINAL ACTION DELAYS MATTERS

Fire Boys Present Petition with over 200 Signatures.

MAYOR POTTER MAKES TALK

Aldermen Hamilton and Williams Urge Fellow Officers to no Avail—But Negative Majority Outwitted by Fire Boys and Caught in Own Trap.

The adjourned special session of the city council for the special purpose of the reconsideration of the proposition to buy for our fire department some conveyance for the fire boys and their fire fighting apparatus was held at the city hall Monday night with the Mayor, Marshal, Secretary, all of the Aldermen and a number of the fire boys and citizens present.

A petition to the mayor and council with more than two hundred signatures of business firms, property owners and citizens, requesting that the said body buy for the fire boys the team, wagon, harness and hangers offered by the city of Abilene for a consideration of \$500 or some other suitable conveyance to be approved by the council and fire department and specially urging that this be done now was presented and read by the mayor. The mayor and council were petitioned by a dozen names to buy specifically an auto truck but all of the other signatures left this matter of selection to the judgment of the council and fire boys.

In answer to inquiry the mayor read for the council a letter from the Wichita Motor Company, submitting prices on automobile trucks suitable for our little town and pricing the same at \$3,000 to \$3,500 on terms.

The mayor next read for the information of the council prices and descriptions of new wagons for the department and submitted a proposition on a two-horse wagon suitable for the needs of the department for \$1,000. The cheapest wagon submitted or printed in the catalogue was for \$800 but of insufficient capacity.

Mayor Potter's Talk.

After the reading of the petitions and submission of all information possible Mayor Potter talked to the Alder-

MERKEL STORES TO MAKE CHANGES

A contract for the lease of the Neely building was closed this week by the Behrens-McMillen Furniture company as announced in our columns recently. The furniture people are now arranging the interior for the display of their goods. All of the counters and shelving, together with the display windows will be removed and the store remodeled in arrangement for the convenience of the business. A contract has been let for a new modern awning around the property and the front will be painted.

The large West building now occupied by the furniture business has been contracted for by W. D. Woodroof & Company and this building is to be improved with a new modern awning and the interior rearranged for the enlargement of the dry goods business.

The two firms mentioned have been enjoying remarkable success in spite of the conditions and we trust and predict that their improvements will be justified by a corresponding increase in business.

men for a few moments in a most fair, frank, friendly and impassionate manner, asking for due consideration of every phase of the question and deliberation of the same in a sweet manner. He stated that the necessity of some action needed no discussion and that the petition of the people, supplementing the request of the fire department placed the responsibility

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OUR TOWN HELPS STAMFORD SCHOOL

In the campaign to save Stamford College by the raising of funds to pay an indebtedness of approximately \$65,000 Revs. Young and McCarley with the assistance of Rev. R. A. Clements and others over \$1,000 was subscribed by our citizens here Monday.

This is good in spite of the worthiness of the proposition considering the conditions. The enterprise is a Methodist problem but several of our citizens who are members of other denominations and others who were not members of any church contributed to the success of the undertaking so far as our local town and community was concerned.

Rev. Clements is at work this week in the Hamlin district and the success thus far justifies the prediction that the required amount will be raised in ample time.

MARSHALL—The two trades day conducted here recently were the most successful ever held in this city and were largely attended. Over 5,000 people witnessed the aeroplane flight by Aviator Smith. The livestock and agricultural exhibits caused considerable comment. A number of premiums were awarded.

MERKEL RECEIVES 1ST. BALE COTTON

The first bale of cotton for the season was brought to our little town Saturday by A. J. Meeks and sold to the Crown Hardware Company.

A neat little premium, below the customary amount however for the first bale each year was raised by the business men and citizens and given to the cotton grower. This honor has heretofore gone to J. W. Teaff, another of our enterprising farmers so often that he has been advertised as F. B. Teaff and when reminded of his loss by our reporter Mr. Teaff said: "The first bale is brought in by another man and I am glad of it, for my loss is because I happened to get a rain and the benefit of the shower making my cotton later will be more than the premium this year."

On account of the continued dry weather cotton has been opening prematurely which is bad rather than good news and at the time of this writing five bales have been sold on our streets.

LUCKY AUTOISTS.

An auto party composed of Vol Martin, owner, W. T. Daniel, G. W. Boyce and W. O. Boney made a very pleasant trip to Abilene and back toward home as far as Tye when the machine stopped. There was nothing the matter except that it would not run but the party walked on their way home as far as the domicile of Bob Allen. Here they caucused and appointed W. O. Boney a committee of one to inform their farmer friend that they desired him to take them to town or else they would spend the night and take one or two meals with him. He decided on the first proposition and brought them home. And in automobile experiences it was just ever thus, sometimes.

BIG SPRINGS, Texas, August 12.—T. H. Levees, a banker of Texarkana and Omaha, Texas, dropped dead at his hotel there this morning. He was returning from California with his wife and daughter.

School Building Approved.

On account of criticism of the condition of the north side school building the Merkel School Board employed D. A. Winter of Abilene to make inspection of the property. This investigation was made the first of this week and the report of the Abilene contractor to the board was that the building was perfectly safe and ready for the approaching opening of the school term.

MEMPHIS—A. W. Reed of this place is in receipt of a telegram from G. G. Granville of Clayton, New Mexico, which says that city is enthused over securing the next meeting of the Colorado-to-the-Gulf highway association. The date of the next meeting is August 28th and the citizens of Clayton have raised \$500 to be used as an entertainment fund.

MERKEL WILL BE ON AUTO HIGHWAY

The news that Merkel is to be on the route of the Southern National Highway, one of the cardinal roads of the American Automobile Association is brought to us this week in the large daily papers.

The route from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast is definitely decided and the only question is the proper help and cooperation of the towns along the route. It is reasonable to suppose that all towns will appreciate the value and benefits of this enterprise and will do their part.

Col. Deil M. Potter and party are this week making a trip over the route as logged and so far as our section is concerned is from Fort Worth to Mineral Wells, Abilene, Sweetwater, Snyder, Roswell, El Paso and to Los Angeles. If successful this will be worth much to the towns and country along the route. The auto travelers are as a class wealthy and their travels and visits will be a great help in advertising and developing our country.

The only condition is the cooperation of the towns and counties in the improvement and building of first-class roads.

VOTE TO BUY TEAM FOR OUR FIRE BOYS

The special committee of ten appointed by the city council and instructed and authorized to buy some conveyance for our fire department met at the city hall Tuesday night, at the call of Chairman Hamilton.

Those present were: Chairman Hamilton, Alderman Williams, Fireman Cauthen, Anderson, Burns, Cowegys and McClain.

On account of the absence of Aldermen Adams, Boyce and Banner of the committee Chairman Hamilton waited until a half hour past the time for meeting before calling the committee to order and then stated his regrets that the other members did not meet with them. Alderman Williams stated that he had telephoned them and ascertained that they would not meet with them and the chairman stated that the meeting had been postponed and arranged to suit the convenience of those absent and that he would leave the matter up to those present.

After discussion of the conditions which had developed to cause the lack of harmony and after consideration of the various and sundry propositions submitted since the beginning of the agitation a motion was made that the committee accept the proposition made by Abilene and it was voted un-animously.

Chairman Hamilton after a motion carried providing for same appointed a committee to notify Abilene of the acceptance but urged that the committee counsel further with their mayor, know that they were acting within their authority and try again to have the same satisfactory to all concerned and the meeting adjourned.

On Thursday evening Misses Virginia and Venona Hamblet were hostesses to a number of their friends. Five tables of progressive 42 were greatly enjoyed by the devotees of the game. They were Misses Mary Gunn, Fannie Burroughs, Elma Sheppard, Gene Rister, Carroll Rister, Mattie T. Mann of Sweetwater, Flay Gunn, Winnie Warren, Mattie Wilson of Abilene. Messrs. Jesse Ferguson, Aron Birdsong of Medina, Tenn., Luke Woodroot, Ben Merrit, Freeman Rogers, Earnest Rogers, Frank Ferrier, Taylor Jennings, Jack Provine and the hostesses. Cream and angel food were served at the conclusion of the games.

CITY NEEDS OF PRESENT HOUR

The present administration of our city affairs can do much good by co-operation and working in harmony along progressive lines.

The purchase of the team and wagon for our fire boys improves the efficiency of our fire department and the small expense makes possible the extension of our water mains which will increase the effectiveness. This matter has been discussed and considered by our aldermen for some time and the conditions are such that now is the opportune time for action.

The extension of the mains from the Templeton boarding house to the Stallings residence and the extension of a main running south three or four blocks from the corner two or three blocks west of the Methodist church will give water privileges and fire protection to some of our best residence sections which have heretofore received little consideration at the hands of this department.

This is but one opportunity of the present progressive mayor and council. They have before them to solve the lighting proposition for our town and streets, much street improvement work and other matters of importance.

They need to work in perfect harmony and have the co-operation of our people and if this is done we can accomplish many more good things for our town during the year.

Let's keep busy, thinking and working for the interests of our little town and improvement of our properties.

ACTION IS FINAL AND UNANIMOUS

At a special called session of the city council Wednesday afternoon all were present and the dove of peace with an olive branch in her beak.

There was a report of the action of the committee often, buying the Abilene team, etc., for our fire boys and upon motion of Alderman Adams the same was ratified unanimously. Upon motion of Alderman Banner the terms were made one-half cash and the balance to be paid on or before eight months at six per cent interest.

A Committee of Aldermen Adams, Williams and Fireman Cauthen was appointed by Mayor Potter to arrange the city hall for a fire station so as to take care of the team.

The meeting was adjourned for all to take a milk shake at the expense of Secretary Whickerbill McClain.

The Baraca class met in business session Friday evening August 8th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher. A goodly number was present and much interest is shown on the part of the members. Plans for better attendance were discussed, also for new members. After the class adjourned delicious candy was served.

We call your attention to the above statement and solicit your account. We are able and willing to take care of our customers and have always done so. **THE ONLY GUARANTY FUND BANK IN MERKEL**

J. S. SWANN, PRES. JNO. SEARS, VICE-PRES. R. O. ANDERSON, CASHIER B. C. MOORE, ASST. CASHIER

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CONDITION
THE FARMERS STATE BANK
MERKEL, TEXAS
AUGUST 9TH, 1913

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$118,244.05	Capital Stock	\$15,000.00
Interest Guaranty Fund	500.00	Surplus and Profits	367.91
Banking House	9,500.00	Increase of Capital Stock	20,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00	Bills Payable	13,000.00
Real Estate	2,419.00	Dividend unpaid	5.00
Stocks and Bonds	600.00	Deposits	123,098.72
Cash and Exchange	35,708.58		
Total	\$171,471.63	Total	\$171,471.63

The above statement is correct.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

DIRECTORS

John Sears M. Armstrong Jim Swann B. C. Moore R. O. Anderson
ALL HOME FOLKS

SPECIAL SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL TO TAKE FINAL ACTION DELAYS MATTERS

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upon the council and he urged that they not squirm from their responsibility in the matter but discharge their sacred duty according to their honest convictions. Among other things the mayor said:

"We have had this matter up before and appointed a special committee (J. A. Hamilton, Otho Williams, Frank Ferrier and R. A. McClain) to make investigation of the proposition submitted by Abilene for their trained team, wagon, etc., and it was the recommendation of this committee, harmoniously and unanimously, that if we would provide a team and wagon for our fire boys that we accept the Abilene proposition. It is not for me to say but for you but if it was left to me I would buy for our fire boys the Abilene proposition and this opinion of my own that it is the best we can do within our means is based on the report and judgment of these conscientious, thoughtful and considerate men who made the investigation and report.

"I would favor the purchase of an automobile truck if I thought that we were able to make the investment and maintain same but I do not think we are able and as a matter of pride I would like to see by administration practice a policy of economy. And if you decide to buy a team I would urge that you buy a trained team for the reason that there is a great risk in buying a raw team. You may take a raw horse and train him to answer the gong and go to his place ready and rearing to go with the wagon and then when he is at the fire refuse to stand the gaff and stay at the fire. The Abilene team is trained and tried out and while they may be old and may die, it is true that a young horse can die and further an automobile truck can have its gears stripped or be turned over and figuring the worth of the wagon and harness the Abilene team is costing us not exceeding \$200 and should answer our purposes and serve us for 5 to 10 years.

"My views are that a raw team suitable for fire horses would cost us at least \$300; it would cost \$50 to \$100 to train them; a new hose wagon would cost us at least \$500 to \$700; harness would cost us \$112.50 to \$137.50, making altogether over \$1000 and the Abilene outfit for \$500 will answer our purposes. In the proposition of an automobile truck outside of the original investment and interest on the money I want you to consider the cost of maintenance. The motor company tells us the tire expense will be about \$60.00 per year; the oil, gas, etc. will cost us at least \$100 per year or 25 cents per mile and we must figure on this or any other piece of machinery of the kind depreciation at 10 per cent or \$320, making a total of at least \$480.00, providing for no interest or accidents and we know that it would not cost us this much to keep up and maintain a good team and wagon.

"I want you to do the right thing and believe that you will do it and let's give the fire boys relief. I am not playing to the galleries and at the risk of being charged with being everything from an anti down I am going to make you a proposition.

Tom, Dick and Harry.

I do not care what people say. I try to do right and do what I think to be right and have the satisfaction of my own conscience. Tom says the mayor and fire boys are trying to run the council; Dick says that somebody is getting a commission out of the deal and Harry says something else but it does not matter to me. At the expense of being charged with all of this or anything else I am going to make you this proposition.

Mayor's Proposition.

"If you are willing to buy a team and put it in charge of the fire boys and believe that the expense of maintenance is too much, I will say that the city pays me a salary of \$60.00 per year and you the same and there are six of us, making our salaries \$360.00 and if necessary I propose to you that we contribute our salaries to maintain this team and wagon for the fire boys who are organized and work to protect the lives of our citizens and property. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander and let us reflect that we meet here on business for the city only 20 to 30 times during the year and at our own convenience and get this pay for it while in comparison to our little handful there is an army of fire boys who stand ready to answer the fire alarm at any hour of day or night and without pay and with a loss of sleep and their clothes they work to save our property and if in the dead hours of night we just snooze on.

"Now gentlemen, it is up to you and whatever action you take I will be just as fair and friendly with you as ever and if I do talk about you it will be to your face and not to your back and let us consider this proposition in a fair and friendly manner but let's get busy and do something."

Alderman Banner's Motion.

Immediately at the conclusion of the remarks of our mayor without any deliberation on the part of the council Alderman J. L. Banner made a motion that the city council buy some conveyance for the fire boys and that the street and water committee be instructed and authorized to make the purchase.

Alderman Williams reminded all present that the motion as made was equivalent to doing nothing but putting the matter back in the hands of the members of the council for the street and water committee included all of the members and urged that the council do something, and not try to shirk the responsibility by sparring for more time.

Alderman Hamilton spoke in opposition to the motion and urged that if

the council was going to do anything they do it now and stated that there was no use for the fire boys to have to pull the fire-fighting apparatus another time. He gave as his opinion that the automobile truck was beyond the means of the city and the only thing to do was to buy a team and wagon and that if no better could be done the council buy the Abilene outfit, the council had investigated everything and knew what they could do.

The mayor at request from the fire boys reminded the maker of the motion that the petition asked for something to be done now and suggested that a reasonable length of time be stated but the suggestion was not accepted. For information Alderman Banner explained that the committee could buy it when they thought best in one day or one year.

The motion carried 3 to 2: For, Adams, Boyce, Banner; Against, Hamilton and Williams.

Motion is Amended.

At the suggestion of Chief Frank Ferrier who reminded the council of the petition asking for the approval of the fire department of any apparatus purchased that the council should allow a committee of five from the fire department to be added to the council committee to have equal representation Alderman Hamilton with the permission of Alderman Banner made the motion for the amendment and it carried unanimously. Alderman Hamilton being designated as chairman of the committee of ten, including all of the Aldermen and Firemen Geo. Cauthen, R. O. Anderson, W. L. Burns, J. C. Comegys and R. A. McClain.

Caught in Own Trap.

It was plainly evident in the meeting that the motion and proposition to vote to buy some conveyance and to put the instruction and authority back in the hands of the individual members of the council, with no time limit, which the three controlled was a cut-and-dried arrangement for in the face of the petition the mayor's counsel and the urging of their fellow aldermen the makers and supporters refused to swerve from their program and were ready for the question right off the bat. It was for this reason the question right off the bat. It was for this reason the fire boys immediately after adjournment of the council let it be known to their opposition on the board that they had been caught in their own trap by adding the fire boys and giving them 7 out of the 10 favorable to some action for their benefit.

It was the desire of some of the fire boys to have Chairman Hamilton immediately call a meeting and take some action in harmony with the petition but in the spirit of fair and due consideration which has characterized the minority aldermen from the beginning they declined and Chairman Hamilton said they would wait until next day and give them more time to submit any proposition they wished and if they could submit the best proposition he would vote with them and run it; then, if they refuse to join with us we can then go ahead and do what we think best.

Better Than Silence.

Silence is golden unless your answer will make people laugh.

IF YOU CAN GET A HORSE

as handsome and stylish looking as one of our carriages you'll have a dandy. It's all the same which carriage you choose—pony carts to open barouches—there will be a beauty and finish to it which stamps it as high grade. And it will be high grade even if we do sell carriages at rather



LOW DOWN PRICES

YOU NEVER SAW A SAW

that would saw better than the saws you see here. Flexible almost as a watch spring, balanced just right for easy working. They are samples of the kind of hardware we sell exclusively. You won't find any trashy tools, etc., at this shop. We sell satisfaction with every sale we make as any of our many customers will testify.



CROWN HARDWARE CO.

STATEMENT

Farmers and Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of Business Aug. 9, 1913

RESOURCES

Loans	\$112,623.36
U. S. Bond and Premiums	7,450.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,000.00
Real Estate	6,657.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Cash and Exchange	44,372.83
Total	\$181,418.94

LIABILITIES

Capital paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits	4,712.81
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	15,000.00
Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	105,456.13
Total	\$181,418.94

Paid 10 Percent Dividend, July 1, \$2,500

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren C. P. Warren G. F. West
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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

W. F. Derrick of Farmersville, came in Tuesday to visit his son, C. T. Derrick of the Noodle community. Mr. Derrick is contemplating purchasing some of our west Texas land.

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

New post cards received daily at Burrough's.

Mrs. Ruth Darsey, of McGregor, is here visiting J. T. Darsey.

W. Parten leaves Saturday night for St. Louis to buy his fall goods.

Alta Vista ice cream at Burrough's, only.

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

J. W. Briggs was in Abilene Wednesday attending to business matters.

W. P. Duckett was in Abilene Wednesday on business.

The best smokes at Burrough's.

James Q. Thornton from Texas City is here visiting his brother A. H. Thornton.

Mrs. M. V. Boynam, of Rogers, is visiting her sister Mrs. G. A. Rister.

Fresh vegetables and fruits at Cash Grocery.

Mrs. W. F. Sharp and little son William, of Rogers, are here visiting their aunt, Mrs. G. A. Rister.

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

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.

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

Mrs. Vol Martin and daughter Maude left Tuesday for Austin to visit Mrs. E. V. White. They will visit in San Antonio and Galveston.

Mrs. J. E. Young left Thursday evening to join her husband at Toyah after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bigham.

The latest standard magazines at Burrough's.

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

MONEY BACK HOUSEHOLD RUBBER GOODS ARE GUARANTEED FOR TWO YEARS

They are of Money Back Quality—the very purest and best Para rubber possible to obtain. Money Back Workmanship—the highest degree of technical and mechanical skill in every process of manufacture. Money Back Utility—reinforcements where needed, extra thickness where needed, extra size where needed. Money Back Good Looks—perfection of outline and finish that stamps every piece a work of art. The thing back of all this is the UNIQUE, UNEQUALED GUARANTEE FOR TWO YEARS.

No Guarantee Like This, Good Anywhere, has Been Offered on Rubber Goods. Phone 43. Ask Us About Them

Rust and McCauley Drug Company

JNO. W. WHEATLEY, Manager

R. L. Bland, W. C. Hutchinson and T. J. Toombs were in Abilene Wednesday attending the I. O. O. F. convention.

A stitch in time saves 9—look around the place and get up all those old hot water bottles, Fountain syringes and bring them to us and we will allow you 50c in exchange for one of our Money back hot water bottles, with a 2 years Guarantee with each bottle.

Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Roy Bradley came in Wednesday afternoon from Ailene.

In business for your health, Burroughs.

C. D. Mims was in Abilene Monday transacting business.

It's the little, intimate, everyday home scenes that make up the home story we would like to keep.

The KODAK will keep just that picture story for you and the talking is fun.

Phone, 43 Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Election Officer J. J. Stalling, was in Abilene Monday attending to official business.

H. L. Propst was a business visitor in Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis left this week for Temple where the former has accepted a good position with a drug store.

Miss Alice Reid, of Winters is here visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Eoff.

Misses Nell and Lucy Tracy, Ruth Wheeler and Maurine Angus left Wednesday for Sweetwater to visit Misses Louise and Mildred Hogue.

New Directory.

The Merkel Mail is informed by Mr. S. A. Duckett, Local Manager, for The Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Company, that a new telephone directory for Merkel will go to press Sept. 1st. All who desire to be listed in this business and social register and anyone desiring a change in present listing, should communicate with Mr. S. A. Duckett at once.

IT WILL HELP YOU

Vianol is warranted to help you, if you buy and use it for any of the ailments for which it is recommended. If the first bottle does not, bring it back and have your money returned.

This warrant covers the use and return of one bottle only. \$1 per bottle by Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. H. F. Groene and son George and aunt Mrs. Greer left Sunday night for Galveston to spend a few days visiting the formers brother W. G. McGarr.

C. S. Smith of San Marcos is here this week on a purely personal mission.

Earnest Waddell and Will Bogar of Abilene were social callers to our city Sunday.

Miss Daniels left Sunday morning for Hamlin where she will visit Miss Mae Elliot for a few days.

Mrs. Eugene Hargroves returned from Abilene Sunday where she has been visiting her sister Mrs. Charlie Fryar.

B. D. Rogers and C. A. Bickley, of Collin and Hunt counties, are out this week looking after their extensive land interests in this section.

Special attention given to your prescriptions. Grimes.

Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Witicha and daughter, Mabel, of Honey Grove, have been visiting the family of J. B. Campbell.

Miss Mattie Wilson returned to her home in Abilene Sunday night after a few days visit here with Miss Hamblet. She was accompanied home by Miss Hamblet.

Just a few more of those Guaranteed money back hot water bottles left for exchange, at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Dr. J. M. Britton, Specialist, eye, ear, nose and throat, will be in Merkel on Wednesday afternoon of the 20th and Thursday morning 21st office with Dr. Armstrong.

Fancy box stationery at Burroughs.

Miss Mattie T. Mann, of Sweetwater, who has been here visiting her aunt, Mrs. Alice D. Templeton, for the past few days returned to her home Monday afternoon.

Our Commissioner, J. L. Banner, was attending to legal matters in Abilene the first of this week.

Misses Virgie Mae and Ruth Williamson returned to their home at Fort McCavit after a few days visit here with their sister Mrs. R. J. Adcock.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Eat Pure Food Bakery bread.

Misses Ina May and Lotta Chambers and Edith Stephens who have been here for the past few weeks visiting their aunt Mrs. W. H. Roach, returned to their home at Stephenville Tuesday night.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nix left Tuesday for Sweetwater to visit the former's parents for a few days.

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.

See N. Roberts for your melons, fruits cold drinks, etc., located back of Farmers State Bank.

Joe Largent and T. C. Marlow, of McKinney are here visiting C. M. Largent and Tom Largent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. O'Zee, of Fort Worth are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs and family.

Mrs. Roy Largent, of McKinney, is here visiting Mr and Mrs. C. M. Largent and family.

J. V. Howerton, of Abilene, was in Merkel Tuesday attending to business.

Miss Maggie Wheeler left Sunday for a few days visit to her aunt Mrs. W. M. Turner and family at Rule.

Miss Genevieve Rust has returned from Big Springs where she has been visiting her friend Miss Margrette Wills.

W. L. Harkrider will leave Sunday for St. Louis where he will purchase his fall goods.

Mrs. E. M. Rust and son Q returned from Cottonwood where they have been visiting Mrs. Rust's father who was very ill but is improving now.

Mr. C. McCauley and family passed through here enroute to their summer home in Boulder, Colo., to spend a month.

Miss Eula Estes, of Stanton, is here visiting her cousin Miss Johnie Warren.

Mrs. Welson, of Caster Lake, has been here visiting the family of E. O. Baker.

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.

The MERKEL MAIL

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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.

ALL IS WELL THAT ENDS WELL.

It is the duty of a newspaper to its readers to keep them posted in matters affecting their interests and this is our only apology for the publicity given the recent proposition to buy a team and wagon for our fire boys.

We are going to do our duty as we see it and if permitted will do so without prejudice or personalities. We urge this same policy upon others who have refused to meet the issues fairly and squarely and refrain from personalities. All of the opposition, prejudice and unfriendly feelings is the result of this method which has always been practiced in our little town. It is regrettable and it is more—it is dangerous. It is a game two or more can play but should not play. In the future let us meet issues fairly, squarely and friendly, out in the open and not under cover. There is a limit where patience ceases to be a virtue and let us not reach that limit in our little community affairs.

It is unpleasant history but true that it took a campaign of publicity, a canvass with petitions and all of the personal influence, patience and perseverance of our mayor, two aldermen and our fire boys with their friends to get a measly, pitiful sum of \$500 appropriated for the needs of our fire department who work without remuneration to save our property. This same opposition and the same kind of work has been the result and necessity of every advanced step made in the history of Merkel. It should not be so in the future.

The Mail has no more interest in our city affairs and fire department than any citizen and in this did not take any hand until after the proposition was submitted to the council, investigated and recommended by their special committee, urged by their mayor and voted down and lost. It was then we suggested to the fire boys that they go before the people for relief and the response has sustained them, our mayor and their friends on the council.

The fire department is as valuable to our city as any department of same, and there is no more reason or necessity that they should have to pull their apparatus than the marshal should have to pull the trash wagon. All others who serve the city are paid for their work—the mayor, aldermen, marshal, secretary and all except the fire boys—and the interest and response of the people speaks plainly their appreciation of the work of our fire department and there should be harmony in the future.

It is well that our city did not spend \$3000 to \$3500 for an automobile truck for it was beyond our means as all acquainted know to be true. The purchase of the Abilene outfit was the economical plan and will leave the finances of the city in shape that we can have some extension of our water mains, street lighting and street improvement and this should be done at once.

If our water mains were extended three or four blocks into the southeast and southwest part of town we would have the best waterworks system, the best fire department and the best fire protection of any town this size in the state; and the best mayor and city council in the world if they will work together and do it now.

MERKEL ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY.

In this issue is a brief news item to the effect that Merkel is on the route logged for the Southern National Highway which means much for the good of our town and country if the enterprise is completed as designated.

The route is definitely decided so far as the American Automobile Association is concerned and the only conditions are the co-operation of congress, the state governments and the counties and precincts traversed by the route in building good roads.

The highway extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast and is one of the main cardinal lines of the nation for automobiles. It means that all auto tourists passing thru the south will use this road. The writer has examined the map as published and appreciates the value and importance of the enterprise, credit for which is to be given to Abilene and Sweetwater parties and others for the route was logged differently at the beginning.

In our humble opinion the highway as proposed approaches near in measure of benefit and value to our town and country that of a railroad. The autoists as a national association include the wealthiest men of our country, men who will come through in the cars, see our country and our possibilities whatever they are. And in comparison with older and settled sections east and north where land values are so high we know that our country offers the best opportunities for investment. The larger per cent of bona fide prospectors who visit our country make investment in our lands and this will help us to advertise our section, get more prospectors and more buyers. We need the assistance of new men, new money and new energies for the improvement and development of this section and the national highway will be one of the factors which will make for our progress.

The demand on our town and precinct will be very moderate and when we know what is our part to do, let's get together and do it promptly and properly.

The Merkel country must suffer a short crop and conditions below normal for another season but our country and people can do this if necessary. There was never a more resourceful country and our people are the best in the world.

This is the time to plant your money in Merkel country land for it is a dead-shot-sure-sinch money-making investment. The values are at their lowest and will go up. Ask any of our enterprising real estate agents or interview any of our good farmers.

A division or dissension among a people whose interests are mutual is much more damaging and discouraging than short crops or material disaster. The people who prosper are those who work together for their mutual progress.

There may be war in Mexico and for this reason there should be peace, harmony and co-operation in Merkel and our country.

The Mail is the best paper published in this town right now.

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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, Prea.

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

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OUR CLEAN-SWEEP SALE NOW ON

This special pre-going-to-market event is in full blast and our visitors and customers are getting the greatest money saving values offered anywhere in this section of the state. It does not matter how much nor how little you need in the general dry goods line it will pay you to visit our store, see our goods and learn the specially reduced prices. Big reductions in every department and on every article in our store. Our buyer will go to market the last of this month and we must sell goods to make room for our fall stock. This is Your Opportunity. Another Beautiful Art Square Free Saturday at 4:30

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OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

BY SUPT. B. D. BLACK

The Merkel Public Schools will open September the eighth and continue nine months.

We wish to say that everything indicates a most interesting and profitable year. We have spared no time nor pains in securing the very best talent for your teaching force, and have selected only teachers who have proven their ability and worth by years experience, either here or elsewhere. We believe the Merkel people to be considerate, broad-gauged, and intelligent to a degree far above the average.

This same high average of intelligence, we believe, will guide our people, not only to be charitable and sympathetic in regard to the school room, but will cause them to recognize and appreciate true merit in the work of the several teachers. Teachers everywhere expect their work to be inspected and criticised. They only ask that such criticisms, so far as possible, to be constructive and not destructive. All teachers are human individuals, and just like others make mistakes. However they do not need to be censured for the like. As a rule the real teacher sees her mistakes long before the public sees them. If you want to be of help to your child and its teacher, give the teacher that inspiring effect of approval. The persons who can help some one else are the only persons on earth that are worth while. There are four fundamental factors in the making of every public school; the child, the patron, the teacher and the board. Each one has its peculiar task to perform, and failure on the part of any one of these means failure on the part of the other three.

We ask the patrons and friends of education to visit the teachers often and spend enough time to know what they are doing and how they do it. This, we believe, will help the teacher, the pupils, and will help you. After you have done all that is possible for you to do, the teacher is still a failure, censure that teacher. But be sure you have done all you can do for the school and for your child.

We realize that nine months is not any too long a term, it is only the length of the term all good schools must have. There is no sane reason why our children should not have as good advantages educationally as is necessary to make of them the best possible citizens. Teachers are

slow to accept a position in an eight months school when they know of an opening in a nine month's school. To get affiliation with the State University, which is a very high recommendation to any school, we must have nine months.

We have raised the school standard to that extent that it has been classed by the State Department of Education as a First Class High School. But it does not mean we have any affiliation with the University whatever. It means that we are of first class, we must study certain adopted text books. Those of second and third class study different texts. We have high hopes of securing affiliation with the State University this year. The course of study has been examined and approved by the University Visitor of Schools.

Let us all enter into this school year with a determined effort to succeed. Help us to make this the most profitable school year that your children have ever had.

Notice.

I am unloading a fresh car of Boquet flour, I have just sold one car of Light Crust flour and I find that my trade had rather have the Boquet flour at the same price, but listen I can sell the Boquet at \$2.85 per hundred and I will guarantee it to be as good flour as you can buy and I don't care what you pay for it, so try a sack of the Boquet and you won't buy anything else.

Walter Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Gaddy and daughter Miss Elizabeth Grace, of Muskogee, Okla., are here visiting the former's parents Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Gaddy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pate, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney, H. M. Rainbolt, Misses May Freeman and May Derstine were in Abilene Wednesday attending the I. O. O. F. Convention.

Will Beckham, of Abilene was in our city a few hours Wednesday.

Mrs. W. R. Walker returned home from Hillsboro where she has been for the past week visiting her sister Mrs. Lucy Greer.

Mrs. J. A. Adkisson and children returned home Monday night from Clouderoft, New Mexico, and El Paso where she has been for the past ten days visiting relatives and friends.

Dont 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.

Church Scott, of El Paso, is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rister.

Call at W. D. Woodroof and see their new brocaded velvet and satin ribbons.

Call at W. D. Woodroof and see the medici collars.

Come to W. D. Woodroof for men's tailored suits.

M. L. Estess left Wednesday afternoon for Sweetwater transacting business.

Mrs. I. S. Allen and son, Ray, who have been here visiting Mrs. Allen's sister, Mrs. W. Parten, left Wednesday afternoon for Sweetwater to spend a few days visiting relatives and friends, before returning home to Denton.

W. H. Roach, John Briggs and A. C. Boney were transacting business matters in Abilene Wednesday.

C. A. Lamb who has been conducting a meeting at Tye for the past few days returned home Wednesday afternoon.

John Ayers of Amarillo stopped off here to visit his uncle, Will Ayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Will Howell, of Nolan and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Smith, of Norton were here visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black.

Mrs. Fred Kelsoe, of Stith visited her mother Mrs. B. M. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar and children were in Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Daniel and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain visited Mineral Wells and Fort Worth on their motorcycles.

Miss Louise Schmid of Abilene was here visiting Mesdames J. E. Young and W. H. Dickson.

J. D. McCluskey attended to business in Abilene Tuesday.

TO AID IN MARKETING PRODUCTS

The recent action of the Wells Fargo Company Express in tendering the good offices of that powerful organization to the producer in the distribution and sale of farm products, is in my estimation the most important single event of its class in the industrial life of the country during the last quarter of a century. At least it will reach that dignified zone when their precedent is followed by other common carriers, which I have reason to believe will be done at a very early date.

When the marketing plans, as formulated by the Farmers Union, are adopted by the transportation companies, it should move at least two billion dollars worth of perishable farm products that now annually rot on the ground, or is dumped at destination, and it will increase the efficiency in distribution of non-perishable products at least thirty-five per cent. It is the most weighty economic project now before the American people and the most gigantic co-operative plan that has ever been submitted in which the prosperity of the producer, carrier, dealer, consumer and all the people, is mutually and equitably involved.

While the detailed plans announced by the Wells Fargo people are considered only first aid to the producer and are subject to such modification as experience may dictate, they contain two cardinal principles of co-operative marketing which should be carefully studied by carrier, shipper, and buyer, to-wit: Information and assistance. To express the plans in the language of the farmer, they will: First, establish a market bureau which will estimate production and consumption and keep a check on market conditions for the information of their patrons; second, they will assist in securing the best market for far products.

To handle this new feature of their business, the Wells Fargo people have established an order, commission and food products department, and in a circular issued from their New York headquarters August 1st, signed by F. S. Holbrook, general traffic manager, and approved by B. D. Caldwell, president, they announced that they "will make a specialty of the distribution of food products through assistance to growers and producers in finding suitable location, soils and markets, and by aiding them in securing to best advantage sanitary packages or containers in which to ship their products, particularly perishable. Corresponding efforts will be made to serve the dealers and consumer in placing them in direct touch with the source of supply," and the president of the company has instructed all employees to co-operate with the new department.

The Wells Fargo will make itself a factor in distribution by lending assistance without charge, and where it is possible to do so, will send cash buyers to the producers. They will instruct the shipper in the kind of packages desired by the markets, how to pack and crate their products and the size packages to use in order to secure lowest rates.

The common carrier has, in many instances, been satisfied to look upon the distress of the farmer with indifference, and has given small concern to a glutted market. He usually gets his before the stuff is dumped and sends a glib-talking agent to express sorrow to the producer and collect any balance due on the freight and then sets about to encourage an increase in farm tonnage next year, but now these mighty agencies of commerce are looking toward the marketing side of the farmers' problems and the common carrier never faced more golden opportunities for usefulness than now confronts it.

The common carriers are public

servants and like all faithful laborers, should endeavor to render more than a mechanical service. The servant who does only what he is compelled to do will never gain favor with his employer. To be worthy of esteem and merit promotion, our public servants must do something more than work out court sentences. Ability, efficiency and vision will always receive a prompt reward.

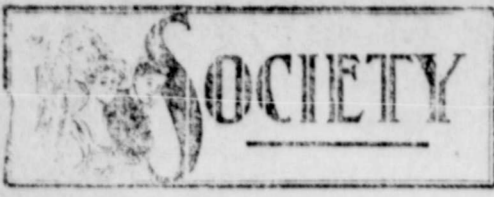
The common carrier can make no better financial investment than to a market bureau for the information of the producer, and he could not do more to popularize his services than by bringing the buyer and the seller closer together. He possesses the machinery, the facilities and the ability for render a most useful service to associate industries. The farmer asks no favors, but is seeking only co-operation on a basis profitable to all parties concerned in the transaction. On no other foundation can business be permanently built.

The nation's business is suffering from industrial selfishness. We need to study each other's problems and understand our relationship and recognize community responsibility. We should get closer together.

The condition now confronting our transportation systems is one that justifies the deep concern of every producer and makes the highest call upon the intelligence of our citizenship. Our common carriers have made mistakes. They have endeavored to become masters and sit in the councils of the great, and they have paid the penalty for getting out of their place. They are the teamsters of civilization and belong in the servants' quarters. The politician has been making a saddle horse of the common carrier and riding into office; the courts have, in some instances, whipped him repeatedly and the commissions have cut down his rations, but he will never have peace of mind or ease of body until he returns to the barnyard and eats out of the hand of his master—the producer. He will then be properly protected, sheltered, clothed and fed, and given such privileges and favors as belong to faithful and efficient servants.

The heads of these great institutions whose giant intellects illuminate the pathways of commerce, should come back to the soil and renew their acquaintances with Mother Earth. They should occasionally swing a scythe, wield an axe and plow a round or two so as not to forget their raising. A touch of the plow handles makes us all kin. The heads of great railroads cannot look out of private car windows and comprehend our problems; neither can they acquire understanding by sending a messenger with a standing collar and a long title to make typewritten reports. The heads of these institutions must get back to the soil, and take hold of the plow handles if they want to feel the heart throb of agriculture.

The federal agricultural department has received its initial appropriation for the study of distribution and with the common carrier now going to market, we have at work on the selling side of agriculture the most powerful agencies in the land. These gigantic forces, with their keen vision and clear understanding, can work magic in the solution of our difficulties, but the problem is not going to be solved today or tomorrow. Many seeming impossibilities will appear and disappear, and there will be failures and disappointments. First of all the farmer must co-operate. He can only help himself or be helped by others through organization and co-operation. He must be in a position to co-operate and receive co-operation of other agencies. Let all farmers join the union and get together in an organized effort to uplift agriculture.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Early last Tuesday morning covered wagons were seen going north. Their destination was pecan camping grove, near Hawley and their object fun, fishing and boating.

Misses Jackie and Mary Jennings entertained with an all day party last Wednesday in honor of their guests Miss Lillian Jennings, of Abilene, and Misses Lorene and Jerra Edwards, of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Edwards were host and hostess Thursday and Friday to a few of their friends. The crowd went to Mulberry where they fished, waded and enjoyed various types of camp life especially the "eats."

The District Conference (Abilene) of the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, will convene here the last week in August, exact date to be given later.

Mrs. M. D. Ussery entertained Tuesday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Eoff on Oak Street, with a slumber party, in honor of her nieces Misses Alice Reed and Beulah Coleman, of Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Fitts spent Wednesday evening out at the Bland tank fishing. Look out for fish stories.

League Program.

Subject—Our Neglected Neighborhoods. Leader—Miss Pauline Johnson. Song. Scripture Ref. Luke 24:47. Acts 1:8-17. Prayer. Topic discussed by leader.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Sunday August 17. Leader—Miss Beulah Garrett. Song. Prayer. Business report of special committees. Prayer. "Introduction". A review on our last Bible study and connect it with today's study—Sadie Collins.

You. The contest on Carmel—Miss Carroll Rister. "Ahab and Naboth's Vineyard"—Miss Ola Sharp. "Ahab and Elijah"—Miss Ether Roberts.

Outspoken Intelligence. A letter addressed "To my dear God in Heaven," written in a child's handwriting, was recently posted in a Russian townlet. As the address was written in German, the Russian post authorities forwarded it to the German frontier post office at Tilsit.

For Weakness and Loss of Appetite The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system.

Resented the Secrecy. A new little brother had come to small Carew, and it was observed that he looked sulky. Being asked if he were jealous, or what ailed him, he made outspoken answer: "No, I don't jealous, but I like the new kid well enough, for a baby, but I think I might have been told he was coming."

The Best Hot Weather Tonic GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC enriches the blood, builds up the whole system and will wonderfully strengthen and fortify you to withstand the depressing effect of the hot summer.

Glory of Doing One's Duty. To do what we ought is an altogether higher, diviner, more potent, more creative thing than to write the grandest poem, paint the most beautiful picture, carve the mightiest statue or dream out the most enchanting combination of melody and harmony.—Get MacDonald.

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

Three High Mountains. Mount Mitchell is the most lofty mountain in the eastern part of the United States. It is located in Yancey county, N. C., and according to the United States Geological Survey is 6,711 feet above sea level.

To Prevent Blood Poisoning apply at once the wonderful old reliable DR. PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL, a surgical dressing that relieves pain and heals at the same time. Not a liniment. 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

Out of His Class. The young man with a perpendicular measurement of six feet and breadth in proportion had asked the demure little maiden of four feet six feet to marry him. "Harold," she said, flashing a resentful glance up at him, "that ain't fair! It isn't sportsmanlike! Take one of your own size!

Not Really His Fault. Willie, aged five, was one day set away from the dinner table for misbehavior. He went into the kitchen, and the maid said: "Willie, I'd be ashamed to be sent away from the table, as a boy as you are." "Well, that's what a fellow gets for being born in preacher's family," rejoined the little fellow.

Work. The beauty of work depends upon the way we meet it—whether we arm ourselves each morning to attack it as an enemy that must be vanquished before night comes, or whether we open our eyes with the sunrise to welcome it as an approaching friend who will make us feel at evening that the day was well worth its fatigues.—Lucy Larcom.

Peaceable. His parents always had trouble inducing David, age four and one-half years, to eat. He was given a plate of tomato soup, and his mother asked if he liked it. He replied, "No, I don't like it"—and then was asked why he was eating it, and replied, "I ain't looking for any trouble."

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

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.

For Auto Service see Birdsong Brothers.

Damascus Given Credit.

The question of who invented real paper has apparently been settled by means of a catalogue of manuscripts in the Royal library of France, made by a Greek scholar at the command of King Henry II. of France.

ANGEROUS CALOMEL GOING OUT OF USE

A Safer, More Reliable Remedy Has Taken Its Place in the Drug Store and in the Home.

A few years ago, men, women and children took calomel for a sluggish liver and for constipation. They took risks when they did so, for calomel is a dangerous drug. Your family doctor will be the first to tell you this if he discovers you dosing yourself with calomel.

But the drug trade has found a safer, more pleasant remedy than calomel in Dodson's Liver Tone. Rust & McCaulley Drug Co., tell us that their drug store sells Dodson's Liver Tone in practically every case of biliousness and liver trouble where calomel used to be taken.

Dodson's Liver Tone is a vegetable liver tonic that is absolutely harmless for children and grown people. It sells for 50 cts. a bottle and is guaranteed to be entirely satisfactory by Rust & McCaulley Drug Co., who will refund your money with a smile if it does not give quick, gentle relief without any of calomel's unpleasant after-effects. Adv

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Aug. 16, 1913.

- Easley, L. T. Harris, Via Morrow, J. H. Morrow, Mrs. J. H.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Aug. 30, 1913.

H. W. Derstine, P. M.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

We the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm. National Bank Of Commerce, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly up on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

has not affected our job printing prices. We're still doing commercial work of all kinds at prices satisfactory to you.

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.

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.

I wish every suffering woman would give

CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good." Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

Get a Bottle Today!

THE MERKEL GARAGE

Repair work promptly done and Satisfaction Guaranteed.

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S. P. FOSTER : PROPRIETOR

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

Table with columns for Train No., Direction (East/West Bound), and Time. Includes entries for Train No. 8, 4, 6, 7, 3, 5.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

Church Directory

METHODIST CHURCH—Preaching each Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.45 p. m.; Sunday school at 9.45 a. m.; Junior League at 3 p. m.; Senior League at 6.45 p. m.; Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7.45; Womens Missionary Society each Monday at 4 p. m. R. A. Clements, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST—Preaching each 4th Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.45 p. m. Sunday school each Sunday at 10 o'clock. Regular church services at 3 p. m. each Sunday. W. G. Cypert.

BAPTIST CHURCH.— Preaching each Sunday 11 A. M. and 8.15 P. M. Sunday school 9.45 A. M. Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening. Rev. W. M. Gaddy, pastor.

Moral Lesson Wasted.

"Say, mother," asked a dreamy Edgar, "when I grow up I'll be a man, won't I?" "Yes, my son," seizing the opportunity to press home a needed moral, "but if you want to be a real man you must be very industrious at school and learn how to behave yourself. You must not be dull or lazy, if you want to be a man." "Why, mother," came the wondering query. "Do the lazy boys turn out to be women when they grow up?"

Plenty of Grandfathers.

Little Helen's father had been looking up his genealogical tree, and frequently spends his leisure evenings poring over papers from the various historical societies relative to the matter. One day while Helen was playing with her little friends, a dispute arose as to which was the best looking. Helen, almost in tears, declared: "Well, Alice may be the best, and Dorothy has the best dress, but I have more grandfathers at home."

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Sugar Imports Into United States

WASHINGTON, August 11. — More sugar was brought into continental United States in the fiscal year just ended than in any other year in the history of the country, according to the latest figures of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce. The quantity of sugar entering from foreign countries and our own islands in the year ended June 30, 1913, was six and one-half billion pounds and exceeded by 500 million pounds the figures of the former high-record year, 1912, when the imports from foreign countries and the islands were, in round terms, six billion pounds. Of the six and one-half billion pounds brought in during 1913, 4 1-4 billion came from Cuba, one billion from Hawaii, three-quarters of a billion from Porto Rico, nearly a quarter of a billion from the Philippines, and the remainder chiefly from South America. Java, which has in some years sent as much as one billion pounds of sugar, sent but 13 million pounds in 1913, while the quantity from Europe, chiefly beet sugar, was 182 million pounds, against but 6 1-2 million in 1912, but being materially less than in certain earlier years, the total quantity of beet sugar imported in 1901 having been 908,683,078 pounds and in 1897, 1,965,495 lbs.

In value, however, the year's receipts of sugar fell nearly thirty million dollars below those of last year, despite the fact that the quantity received was 500 million pounds greater. The total value of sugar imported from foreign countries during the fiscal year 1913 was \$104,639,823; and of that coming from Hawaii, \$36,607,820; from Porto Rico, \$26,619,158; and from the Philippines, \$4,593,199; the latter, however, being included in the figures of imports from foreign countries. The average value per pound of the sugar imported from foreign countries in the fiscal year 1913 was 2.2 cents, against 2.81 cents in 1912, 2.46 cents in 1911, and 2.6 cents in 1910.

These figures, which show that the sugar imported in 1913 exceeded that of any other year, suggest that the sugar consumption of the United States in 1913 will be larger than ever before and will, for the first time, exceed 8 billion pounds.

What Shall I Give Her?

If funds are low and a wedding present is a necessity to a friend, make her a "memory" book—or books—any of our stiff backed blank books with white satin or pretty silk. Inside have the titles indexed—books, business, addresses, Christmas list, garden lists, invitations, new dishes. A companion book can be made and filled with "own" tried recipes from friends.

Protection Against Bores.

Paley, the theologian, had an ingenious method of warding off the time waster. When thinking out a problem he betook himself to the river bank with a fishing rod. He never really fished, but he found that people who thought nothing of disturbing his thoughts would keep at a distance so as not to disturb the fish. To give color to the ruse he had his portrait painted with fishing rod in hand.

NO. 7481
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
THE
Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank
AT MERKEL

In the state of Texas, at the close of business August 9, 1913:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$119,244.07
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	382.29
U. S. bonds to secure circulation.....	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds to secure Postal Savings.....	1,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds.....	200.00
Furniture, and fixtures.....	3,000.00
Other real estate owned.....	6,957.25
Due from Nat. Banks (not reserve agt).....	716.44
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies, and saving banks.....	9.50
Due from approved reserve agents.....	22,780.07
Checks and other cash items.....	339.92
Notes of other National Banks.....	3,265.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	290.15
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie.....	14,974.75
Legal-tender notes.....	2,000.00—16,974.75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....	312.50
Total.....	\$181,418.94
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock paid in.....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund.....	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	4,712.81
National Bank Notes outstanding.....	6,260.00
Due to other National Banks.....	3,108.27
Due to state and private banks and bankers.....	1,059.82
Individual Deposits subject check.....	95,869.73
Demand certificates of deposit.....	4,886.80
Cashier's Checks Outstanding.....	352.66
Postal Savings Deposit.....	378.85
Notes and bills rediscounted.....	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed.....	15,000.00
Total.....	\$181,418.94

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS: I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Thos. JOHNSON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of Aug, 1913. G. W. Johnson, Notary Public

Correct—Attest: J. T. Warren, G. F. West, Ben T. Merritt } Directors

COTTON REPORT SHOWS DECLINE

East of Mississippi Cotton is Doing Well—West the Crop Has Deteriorated

East of the Mississippi river the promise of the cotton crop is nothing short of brilliant. There are some complaints of weevil in Mississippi, but the territory seriously affected is small. Otherwise there is nothing to be said of the present condition that is not good, and the weeks developments were almost wholly favorable. Extremely rapid growth has been made in the two Carolinas and Georgia recently, but withal the plant has taken on fret well and is not overgrown, though it does seem rather susceptible to drought, of which however there is at the present time no intimation. In Mississippi and Alabama the status is especially good and many correspondents look for record yields.

West of the river some deterioration occurred during the week, the loss in Texas and Oklahoma being sharp and in Louisiana and Arkansas slight. The rains of Sunday and Monday in Texas were generally light and not well distributed and the moisture thus supplied has been dissipated by the hot sun and extreme heat that have followed. Many sections of both Texas and Oklahoma have been without rainfall for more than 5 weeks and the plant has ceased growth and is shedding while premature opening of bolls is reported. It is not too late, however, for soaking rains to be of vast benefit.

The area in cotton west of the Mississippi River constitutes this year approximately 51 per cent of the total planting.

Missouri to Show the World.

Missouri is to "show" the world what can be done in good road making on the 20th and 21st of the present month. On these dates between 200,000 and 300,000 Missourians will, with mule teams, "work the road." It will be the greatest gathering of bullock whisksers and mules the world has ever seen. The governor of Missouri calls the occasion "the biggest and most stupendous two working days" this country has ever known. If the rate of \$3 a day be accorded as fair compensation for a man and team, then the 250,000 farmers of Missouri will have contributed \$1,500 to the cause of better highways. Nevertheless, it must not be forgotten that one day of a gully-washing rain in Missouri, soon following this stupendous contribution, will totally obliterate these two days of toil. The work of teams and scrapers on dirt roads is good only as long as the weather remains fair. The safe way, the lasting way, is to build the roads the way that Tarrant county is now building the cardinal and subcardinal roads across her territory. Make the road building a matter of permanence, and the workers will have something to show for their labor.—Ft. Worth Record.

NO. 368
Official Statement of the Financial Condition of
The Farmers State Bank
at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 9th day of Aug, 1913, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 15th day of Aug., 1913:

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral.....	\$112,483.95
Loans, real estate.....	5,255.49
Overdrafts.....	604.61
Bonds and Stocks.....	600.00
Real Estate (banking house).....	9,500.00
Other real estate.....	2,419.00
Furniture and fixtures.....	4,500.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents.....	22,869.48
Cash items.....	1,451.25
Currency.....	7,182.00
Specie.....	3,872.00—12,805.25
Other Resources as follows:	
Int. dep. G. F. and Ass. Gty. Fund.....	500.00
Expenses, net.....	61.16
Bills of exchange.....	42.85
Total.....	\$171,532.79
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in.....	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	429.07
Due to Banks and Bankers, sub. to check.....	4,892.34
Individual Deposits subject to check.....	115,187.09
Cashier's checks.....	3,219.29
Bills Payable and Rediscounts.....	13,000.00
Increase of Capital Stocks and Dividend Unpaid.....	20,005.00
Total.....	\$171,532.79

State of Texas, County of Taylor: We, J. S. Swann as president, and R. O. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief. J. S. Swann, president. R. O. Anderson, cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 14th day of Aug A. D. 1913. WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (SEAL) Jno. G. Jackson, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: R. O. Anderson, Jno. Sears, M. Armstrong } Directors

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CO. COMMISSIONERS AUDIT ACCOUNTS

The accounts against the county which had been presented occupied the attention of the Commissioners Court this morning. Few other items were given consideration. By a unanimous vote J. G. Bradshaw was elected janitor at a salary of 45.00 per month, to succeed John Duke, who resigned this situation Monday. At the last term of commissioners court the scale for a man and team working on the county roads was placed at 40c per hour and not 49c as was published. Besides the following accounts which were allowed, each judge at an election box in the recent state amendment election was allowed \$4.00 and each assistant \$2.00.

Lawson Childers, wolf scalp.....	50
W. R. McCartney, 6 wolf scalps.....	3.00
F. J. Smith, refund tax.....	1.00
W. K. Havinski 61 cedar posts.....	6.16
G. T. Harris, work on crt. house.....	1.00
S. E. Taylor.....	1.00
C. M. Cash, commissioner lunacy.....	2.50
S. R. Bates Comisnr. lunacy.....	2.50
L. W. Hollis Comisnr. lunacy.....	2.50
W. A. McBride, Comisnr. lunacy.....	2.50
C. W. Roberts, Comisnr. lunacy.....	2.50
H. Rob Keeble, atty lunacy case.....	5.00
W. M. Shelley, Attorney for Respondent.....	5.00
H. E. Wellen, advisory com.....	2.00
Jno. Campbell, 4 wolf scalps.....	2.00
J. B. Raynes, on county farm.....	1.50
J. H. Revels, 16 hr road work.....	3.20
J. A. McCracken 24 hrs road work.....	5.50
Earl Lowrie, 7 1-2 hours road work.....	1.30
T. & P. Ry. Co. ft charges.....	8.33
Frederick Disinfectant Co.....	39.52
T. C. Weir, patient to asylum.....	74.35
Wm. F. Fulton Co., Dallas.....	4.00
Western Cycle Co. 2 keys.....	.70
J. F. Morrison, Stove wood.....	1.00
E. L. Norton, Plb.....	75.00
Jennings Bros, Plb.....	45.75
Chandler Gro. Co.....	2.60
Star Hardware Co.....	1.05
Hargraves Ptg Co. ledger.....	37.80
Bennet Ptg Co. stationery.....	13.90
R. B. Compton, drugs.....	30.15
A. M. Edwards, Ovalo.....	25.00
Hotel Grace, rent.....	80.00
J. W. Newberry, road work.....	3.00
Clarke and Courts, stationery.....	51.05
A. J. Allison, groceries.....	4.50
B. W. Mitchell, work with team.....	74.00
John Duke, salary.....	45.25
Southwestern Phone Co.....	3.00
W. J. Young, ex officio sal, etc.....	182.30
J. Fuller, dist. clerk, sal.....	25.00
Maverick Clarke.....	42.50
Texas Printing Co.....	55.45
J. C. Stagg, blacksmith.....	4.00
Burton Lingo Co.....	169.30
D. L. Boyd, bridge work.....	4.50
Abilene Ind. Phone Co.....	7.50
D.G.Hill Co. board of edu.....	3.00
J. H. Davis, Co. board of edu.....	3.00
H. C. Williams, Co. board of edu.....	3.00
J. E. Casey, Co. board of edu.....	3.00
J. S. Smith, Expense Co. Supt.....	4.97
A. A. Hay, road work.....	16.50
J. D. Boring, Merkel, road work.....	4.00
T. M. Robinson, Merkel rd work.....	268.75
West Texas Hardware Co.....	20.15
E. M. Dean, carpenter.....	13.50
Dr. W. M. Cranford, Merkel health Officer.....	25.00
J. L. Banner, Quarterly acct.....	..
Road supt.....	150.00
J. H. Deaver, wolf scalp.....	.50
Abilene Sht. Metal Works.....	1.85
W. H. Cosper, road supervision.....	50.00
R. V. Bigham, road supervision.....	144.00
J. J. Clinton, pauper acct.....	11.70
T. C. Weir, sheriff ex-officio salary.....	92.33
E. M. Overshiner, ex officio salary.....	135.32
Abilene Water Co. water rent.....	50.50
J. J. Sattlins, pool hall election.....	4.00
G. R. Gazzaway, Merkel, pool hall election.....	2.00
F. Y. Gaither, Merkel, pool hall election.....	2.00
J. G. Hale, Merkel, pool hall election.....	2.00
C. M. Cash, salary for July.....	50.00
Dan O'Conner, road work.....	248.95
J. N. Finley, repair wagon.....	4.00
Ralph Paint Co.....	11.65
W. D. White (road work.....	6.00
D. F. Downing, wolf scalp.....	.50
W. B. Wade, road work.....	48.40
Wristen and Johnson.....	8.50
Dorsey Ptg Co.....	57.85
Harry O. Brown.....	7.83
W. J. Thompson, acct.....	125.67
F. A. Peel, salary.....	30.00
E. W. Turner, work on road.....	18.65
G. B. Tittle Co. treasurer.....	99.85
J. L. Roberson, road work.....	12.00
G. S. Richards.....	5.55
City of Abilene, pauper expense.....	63.05
City of Abilene, repair on roller.....	10.00
John Duke, janitor service.....	19.00
Western Union Tele. Co.....	5.67
R. A. Hill, cedar posts.....	3.00
W. A. V. Cash, Com. lunacy.....	2.50
M. R. Street, road work.....	25.60
Abilene Gas & Elect Co.....	41.45

Mother's Way.

A friend of mine, a teacher, had just received a very handsome fan, and took it to the classroom for the edification of the children. Selecting one of the pupils, she asked what the lovely thing was. The child did not know "What does your mother use to keep her cool in summer?" asked the teacher. "Beer," was the reply.

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BLAIR.

AUGUST 11.—Cotton picking is the order of the day and from present indications the crops will be light.

There is a crew of hands at work on the Blair gin this week it will soon be ready for business.

Quite a number from Blair attended the protracted meeting at White church Sunday which is being conducted by Rev. Young.

Mrs. Tackey is visiting her son T. O. Tackey this week.

John Blackburn has just returned from a trip to Knox county and reports crops fine there.

Jim Moore and family were visitors Sunday in the home of Dick Payne.

Zeb Moore has been visiting his father in Hall county and reports very fine crops of Maize and cotton in those parts.

Miss Lela Clark left for her home in Weatherford Sunday.

Miss Theresa Watford returned home Sunday. She was a delegate to College Station and has been visiting in east Texas since the adjournment.

The friends of S. E. Adcock are expecting him home this week from the sanitarium.

Grandma Powell and son Mart are visiting Dr. Powell of Buffalo Gap this week.

W. A. Campbell returned Saturday from Herndon where he visited his nephew Campbell Morris who is again confined to his bed with a relapse from fever.

The singing class met Sunday night at the school house and had an interesting practice.

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.

FILLING HIS SILO

Interesting Sight To Witness The Filling of New Silo On The Faucett Farm

Abilene Reporter:
W. J. Faucett is not a man to let anything get by without getting all there is out of it. Consequently he has purchased a fine new 100 ton silo and is now busy filling it. Several wagons are being run daily and the large feed saver is about half full. A trip to this splendid farm will prove interesting to any one who will take the time to drive out there. A large field of cotton is growing and putting on a crop that will yield from one half to a bale per acre. A fine silo is being filled with good silage and on every hand there are evidences of intelligent effort. Some of the cotton has been irrigated and will make a bale per acre. A small patch of the new feed fertilizer, 24 long rows, shows what this feed will do. Planted only two months ago with no rain at all it is still green and growing and will mature good heads, while maize a month older is very inferior. It will help anybody to visit this farm. It will show you what water means when applied to this soil and what the silo means as a feed saver.

So Many People Die of Blood Poison

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Don't Forget

That the meeting of the Taylor county Farmers Institute held in Abilene July 19th, adjourned to meet again Saturday, August 16th, at the Chamber of Commerce at 1:30 p. m.

President Fred Cockrell will make the opening address, giving an account of his trip to the Farmers Congress and State Farmers' Institute. All delegates of the County Institute are expected to attend this meeting and make reports of their trips also, and we will be very glad to have the delegates of the different locals who attended said convention to meet with us and give us something of their experience and the lessons that they learned on said trip.

Everybody is invited to come out and see what our delegates may have to say.

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\$2,500 ADDITIONAL NEEDED

This Amount Necessary For State To Prepare Its Case Against Houston Oil Company.

AUSTIN, Texas, August 13.—The House today adopted a resolution instructing the House conferees to insist on an additional appropriation of \$2,500 for the attorney general's department to prepare the state's case against the Houston Oil Company for the recovery of 80,000 acres of school lands.

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.

WATSON GOT \$150 WEEK.

Former Representative Employed By Adjunct of National Manufacturers, Says H. R. Towne.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Henry R. Towne, of New York, told the Senate lobby committee today that former Representative James E. Watson was employed by the National Traffic Association after he left Congress at a salary of two hundred and fifty dollars a week.

This Association is an adjunct of the National Manufacturers Association.

Inkum

Aug. 11—Miss Willie Pruitt, of Wienert, is visiting Miss Bertha Reynolds this week.

Misses Monnie and Beulah Wetsel, of Nubia, are visiting Miss Ardie Atkins and attending the meeting at Elm Grove.

Quite a large crowd from this section attended the meeting at Buffalo Gap Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. S. E. Bush, of Headrick, Okla., who has been visiting her son here returned to her home Saturday.

Mrs. R. A. Hill spent several days with her daughter, Mrs. John Denton, near Nubia.

Messrs. R. C. and Romie Wetsel, Jim Blackburn and Joe Riney, of Mulberry Canyon attended preaching at Elm Grove Sunday.

P. R. Steen, J. J. Denton and G. W. Wilson were transacting business in Merkel Thursday.

Miss Bertha Reynolds spent several days the past week with friends at Moro.

Robert Steen made a trip to Merkel Thursday.

O. H. Wilson and wife visited the latter's parents near Buffalo Gap Sunday.

Joe Bickley, of Merkel, made a business trip to Inkum Monday.

D. B. Payne was trading in Merkel Thursday.

T. J. Burtleston and family, visited relatives near Nubia Thursday.

J. E. Hallmark and family, of Mulberry Canyon visited the former's parents here the first of the week.

Mrs. Tubb, Professor Evans and Horace Bloodworth who have been engaged in a meeting at Elm Grove returned to Abilene Monday.

TEXAS INDUSTRIAL NOTES

TEAGUE—The new cotton gin being erected in this city by Hendrix and Webb is nearing completion and it is one of the best equipped and most modern gins in Texas. The plant has a capacity of one hundred bales in ten hours.

FREEPORT—The only National Bank in Brazoria county has opened for business in this city. The Freeport National Bank has a capital stock of \$50,000, and a paid in surplus of \$12,500. S. M. Swenson is president of this new financial institution and G. C. Morris cashier.

GROESBECK—Over 5,000 people attended Groesbeck's first stock show and trades day, held here under the auspices of the Business Men's Club. The agricultural exhibits were excellent and were the features of the day. Three hundred dollars in cash prizes were awarded. The prize stock and farm products at this fair will be exhibited at the different fairs over the state this fall.

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, 25. For sale by all dealers.

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.

WILSON WELL GUARDED

Supt. of Police Disguised Attempts to get in White House, and Is Temporarily Arrested

WASHINGTON, August 13.—Superintendent of Police Sylvester this morning satisfied himself that President Wilson is well guarded. Supt. Sylvester tried to get into the White House himself in the guise of an intruder before daylight and was caught and temporarily arrested.

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.

FIRST BALE OF COTTON.

Raised By J. W. Williamson and Weighed 497 Pounds—Premium Is Being Raised.

Abilene Reporter:

The first bale of cotton for the 1913 season was brought in this afternoon by J. A. Williamson, who lives west of Hawley. It was sold at public auction in front of the First State Bank and Trust Company, and brought 13c. The weight was 497 pounds. Mr. Williamson picked over twenty acres to get the bale. A premium is being raised this afternoon for the first, second and third bales.

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.

TRENTON—Eight hundred and sixty-six bushels, or forty-five and one-half bushels to the acre, was the yield from nineteen acres of wheat planted by Gus Holmes, a farmer living near here. The grain crop in this section this year is the finest ever seen.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

SALT BRANCH.

AUGUST 12—Bro. Godfrey preached at this place Saturday.

Bro. Dodd of Merkel preached here Sunday.

Mr. Dee Jones and wife of New Mexico are visiting relatives and friends here at present.

Stanford Robertson and family of Merkel were visiting J. P. Petty and family Sunday.

Tom Higgins of the plains country is spending a few days with relatives here.

J. M. Ingram and wife of Mount Pleasant spent Sunday at W. B. Robertson's.

Grandpa Dennis of Merkel was a guest at dinner with W. M. Hays and family Sunday.

Miss Oma Taylor spent a portion of last week with Miss Edna Lyles of the Stith country.

Holland Teaff and Arthur Jones have purchased new buggies. Some of you fair maidens watch out now.

Oscar Mobley and family Emory Petty and family and Jess Higgins and wife went on a fishing trip a few days last week and report plenty of fish and a good time generally.

Will Higgins and family spent Sunday afternoon with Clint Allen and family.

Ezra Barker and wife of Warren spent Monday at J. L. Barker's.

J. W. Hardy and daughter Willie and Mollie spent Sunday with Wesley Hardy and family.

J. W. Teaff and family spent Sunday with Nim Teaff and family of Merkel.

The Trustees of this place have employed Barney Garrett of Merkel to teach the next term of school.

Burley Taylor and sister Oma and Austin Robertson attended singing at H. C. Floyd's Saturday night.

Wesley Hardy and wife spent Monday with J. W. Hardy, wife and daughters.

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.

The Texas Experiment Station at the A. and M. College will soon issue a bulletin on 'Hog Cholera.' This bulletin will be off the press within a few days and may be had by addressing the Director of Experiment Stations, College Station, Texas. The book was compiled by Dr. R. P. Marsteller, of the A. and M. College veterinary department. It gives a history of Hog Cholera, its signs, how to combat it and gives valuable information on the production of the hog cholera serum which is produced extensively at the A. and M. College.

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.