

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## DR. M. M. CARRICK INSPECTS MERKEL IN HOLLAND'S CLEAN TOWN CONTEST

The Doctor of Health and Happiness Was Here Monday.

### MERKEL NEEDS SEWER SYSTEM

Once More Physician Urges Upon Our People Importance of this Improvement for Better Conditions.

Our little city was visited Monday by Dr. M. M. Carrick, who made an inspection in the Holland's Magazine clean town contest.

This was the second visit to our little city by Dr. Carrick, he having visited us last year on a similar mission. He is admirably qualified for the work he is doing for Holland's Magazine and for the good of our public health. This is a hobby with the doctor who studied and learned medicine principally for the benefit of his own health and who is devoting a good part of his time and lots of space in Holland's Magazine to give to us common people the benefit of his knowledge thus acquired.

#### Merkel a Clean Town.

It is not the purpose of Dr. Carrick to find the good and clean spots of a town but rather the ugly and unsanitary conditions which need correction but he complimented our place. In speaking of the conditions in the residence part of town he was especially complimentary and gave all of the credit to the good women and children of our town. He knows they are the best housekeepers and while perchance they do not love their husbands and children any better than they are loved yet it is a fact that women appreciate the importance of sanitary work and civic improvement more than men. Men are engrossed in their business affairs and devote all of their time, thought and energies to the acquirement of the almighty dollar while the same time, thought and energies of the good wife and mother are devoted wholly in the interest of the health and happiness of her loved ones.

#### Merkel's Greatest Need.

In talking about conditions in the business part of town Dr. Carrick stated that our city marshal and the authorities in charge were to be especially complimented for the conditions but that it was impossible to have a sanitary town without a modern sewerage system and for the second time urged that our citizens become interested in this movement and at least provide a system to cover the business district of our town. He said: "If you could tell me the value of a human life and the value in dollars and cents of a mother's love for a husband or child she may lose by the neglect of this improvement, I could calculate on the value of a sewerage system to Merkel. There is no excuse by ignorance and neglect for typhoid fever. A victim may not be such as the result of his own but it is the ignorance or neglect of some other. There are at least 75 per cent of the cases of illness preventable.

#### Health is Best Asset.

"Our people should be advised by their physicians along these lines and the physicians and officers should have the cooperation of all of the people in their efforts for better sanitary conditions and better health. Health is happiness and the best asset of life. I had rather be a healthy tramp than a sickly millionaire. I had rather live in the humblest cottage and most modest walks of life and have healthy and happy loved ones than be the biggest banker and living in the handsomest mansion in the land and be unhealthy myself or have unhealthy loved ones."

#### Correct Living.

"An important phase of a child's

education has come to be 'correct living.' This portion of the public health field has not been as thoroughly developed as it should be. Too many of our children are taught the principles of the action of the several digestive juices, without being taught what constitutes proper stuff to put into their stomachs and often without regard to whether or not they have anything to put into their stomachs. Our public schools have great opportunities to advance and develop in the scheme for a large and profitable social service. Too many of our children are required to learn and recite the physiology of the lungs and blood circulation, while housed in rooms entirely unfit on account of improper, or lack of ventilation and cleanliness. Our educational systems have not yet realized the proper balance between physical and mental development or education proper. I believe that school sanitation is one of the most important propositions before the health officials today. It is an untouched problem in our rural and urban schools and only slightly considered in the city schools of Texas. We need legislation on this phase—more than legislation, we need sanitary education. Our children should be taught that by the time they reach the grammar grades they will demand sanitary school conditions conducive to good health as well as efficiency. Too many children reach school age in such condition that under no circumstances can they become efficient citizens."

#### Drinks Carbolie Acid

FORT WORTH, Sept. 2.—After borrowing five cents from a friend to add to five cents that he had, Charles Wilson, 35, a waiter, took the dime, bought two ounces of carbolie acid and drained the phial on the courthouse lawn Tuesday morning. He died an hour later in the Medical Hospital. Wilson's wife killed herself about two years ago in Amarillo, according to the testimony of Walter Wallis, a friend of Wilson, before Justice T. Maben.

Wilson had been in ill health for a long time. Monday night he gave up his room at the Park hotel, Weatherford and Houston streets, telling the proprietress that he was "going to work somewhere else."

Tuesday morning he appeared at the saloon of G. W. Wallis, facing the courthouse on Houston street, and sat around talking to a number of men who were in the saloon. He met a man whom he had known in Oklahoma and in the course of the conversation told him "I've slept on the grass my last time."

Several minutes later he reappeared in front of the saloon and then walked across the lawn on the courthouse lawn. There he drew the phial from his pocket and placed it to his lips, throwing it from him empty. Immediately he began to scream and a crowd gathered about him.

He was taken to the office of Dr. R. B. West and later was removed to the hospital. Wilson's father, said to be a barber of Paris, Texas, was notified by wire of his son's death. Justice T. J. Maben conducted an inquest.

Wilson was fairly well known in Fort Worth, having worked in restaurants here at different times during the past twelve years. He had a job in "Jim and Ed's" restaurant on Weatherford street at the time of his death.

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\* AVIATOR PROVES FEAT \*  
\* WAS NOT ACCIDENT. \*  
\* VERSAILLES, France, Sept. 2. \*  
\*—Just to show that his thrilling and daring feat of turning a somersault with his aeroplane in the air, which was accomplished yesterday at the height of 1,500 feet was not an accident, French Aviator Pegoud today described a huge aerial "S." He flew fifty seconds with head downward. \*  
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### FEAR "WILD CAT" BANKING

American Bankers Committee Outlines Ideas Of Kind of National Paper Currency Should Be Issued

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—A committee of the American Bankers Association today outlined to the Senate Banking Committee their ideas of the kind of national paper currency that should be issued under the administration bill.

They declared in favor of notes issued by the federal reserve board to banks and from banks to the public, the federal reserve banks being responsible for the whole issue of the notes. They do not favor asset currency by individual banks because of the danger of "wild cat" banking.

### RALLY FOR SCHOOLS

All in Readiness for Meeting at the Tabernacle To-Night

### REGULAR GET-TOGETHER AFFAIR

All Parents, Pupils and Patriotic Citizens Urged to be Present and Give Encouragement to Board and Faculty.

The following program will be rendered at the tabernacle Sept. 5th, beginning 8:15 p. m.

Invocation—Rev. W. M. Gaddy.

Piano Duett—Misses Mary Gunn and Carrol Rister.

Piano Solo—Miss Tommie Burroughs. Vocal Quartet—Misses Zora West, Fannie Burroughs, Dorothy Lee Potter, and Jackie Jennings.

Piano Solo—Miss Evaline Williams. Vocal Solo—Miss Nina May Adams. Vocal Quartet—Messrs. Jim Black, Robert Hicks, Ira Armstrong, and Chas. Bankhead.

Address by Rev. W. E. Harrison.

This is to be one of the most interesting programs ever given here. Rev. Harrison is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Abilene. He is one of the greatest pulpit orators in Texas. Come out and hear him. It will do you good.

The teachers will all be present, and they want to meet the parents of the children they teach, as well as the children. Your presence will be a great encouragement to the teachers thus making possible greater success to the Merkel Public Schools, which means a great deal for your children.

Pray and look for the day to be hastened when Merkel School shall be one of the best schools of her size. Come, Come.

B. D. BLACK, Supt.

SHERBROOKE, Que., Sept. 3.—Harry K. Thaw lost his fight today, and the writ of habeas corpus releasing him was sustained by Judge Hutchinson.

It has not been determined this afternoon yet whether he would be deported.

### OUR COTTON MARKET

Merkel Sustains Reputation and Pays Highest Prices.

TOTAL RECEIPTS, 864 BALES

Competing Towns Make Bigger Noise But Our Buyers Pay Top Prices and get Most of the Fleecy Staple.

There are some towns in this section making more noise and bigger claims but the fact remains true as ever that Merkel is the best cotton market in this part of the state and these top prices are bringing the staple to our town.

The receipts are now nearly 1,000 bales as shown by the statement from our yards:

Public Yard.....504 bales  
Gazzoway Yard.....358 bales

Total to date.....862 bales

The prices paid Wednesday and Thursday ranged from 12.90 to 13 cents, shown by the tickets at yards.

## COUNCIL MEETING AT THE CITY HALL

City Dads Hold Regular Monthly Meeting Monday Night.

### MAYOR POTTER'S RESIGNATION

Only Action of Interest Outside of the Audit and Allowance of Regular Accounts for Running the City.

The city council met in regular monthly session Monday night with Mayor Potter, all of the aldermen, Secretary McClain, Treasurer Burroughs and Marshal Hall present.

The minutes of several meetings held since July 9th were read by the secretary and approved. The accounts were audited and allowed and the reports of the marshal's department received and filed.

A complaint was made as to the alley running west from the north of the Crenshaw block and request for an opening of same through the Boney block and this matter was referred to the street and alley committee with authority to act upon the advice of their city attorney.

#### Mayor Potter Resigns.

At the conclusion of the regular routine of business the resignation of W. T. Potter as mayor was read by the secretary and Mayor Potter had the following to say in regard to the same:

"I regretted to take this action because of its meaning that I am breaking asunder ties of citizenship and friendship formed during several years of association but an opportunity has presented itself to me which after careful and prayerful consideration I think best to accept.

"There are some things as mayor of your little city I would like to have seen accomplished and now that I will not be with you I hope they will be accomplished, and hope that you will do your best to bring them about. In the first place I want to see you extend the water mains. I know you can for I am a believer in the doctrine that what ought to be done can be done. (With a nominal expense you can give water service and fire protection to nearly all of the property interests of this town. If you will extend the mains three blocks east from the Warren corner, one block south on Oak street, three or four blocks south from the southside Christian church and three blocks west on Elm street you will approximately have as good protection as any town of this size in the state. About the only objection we had in the waterworks bond issue election was from the biggest taxpayers who objected to the small property owners on the outside being taxed to protect their property and now the extension of the mains will receive their hearty approval for this will give the little property owners the protection they are entitled to and this should and must be done.

#### Municipal Ownership.

"We can accomplish many things by persistent and cooperative effort and another thing I hope to see some day and that is that Merkel will own her light plant. A town is not supposed to make money out of its enterprises but to give the people better service and save them all possible. By the application of a small motor

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\* YUAN SHI KAI TO RESIGN \*  
\* WHEN PEACE IS RESTORED. \*  
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ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 3.—Provisional President Yuan Shi Kai, of the Chinese Republic, today announced at Mukden that he will resign as soon as peace is restored in his country.

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## MERKEL'S MAYOR HONORED BY STATE

Judge W. T. Potter left this week for Austin where he goes to make his future home, having been elected secretary of the State Board of Irrigation Engineers.

Judge Potter is deserving of the office and honor voted him by the members of the new state board and is admirably qualified for the position, his knowledge of legal matters and experience suggesting his name to the committee.

At the recent meeting of our city council Judge Potter resigned as our mayor and an election has been ordered to name a man to take his place. The Mail regrets with many friends and progressive citizens to lose Judge Potter as our mayor and a citizen and wish him continued success in his new location and labors.

### ABILENE BOYS GO 250 MILES IN A CANOE TO SCHOOL

AUSTIN, August 30.—Two Abilene youths saved car fare and built up appetites by coming to this city in a canoe from Ballinger to attend the state university. They started at Ballinger, south of Abilene, and paddled the entire distance of 250 miles.

They are Ted Sayles and T. F. Jones. They expect to take a course in journalism. The young men took seven weeks for the trip. They took their time and camped for several days at a time at some of the most beautiful spots on the river. They and they not only narrowly escaped hunted and fished and never went loss of boat and supplies but nearly lost their lives as well. The boys are now in camp at Deep Eddy, near here, where they will remain until school opens.

you could save on your fuel bill for the pumping for the waterworks system. These are simply suggestions from me for your investigation and action. I want to see you provide a man to care for the team and apparatus of the fire department for this paid man will entitle us to a reduction and save for our people more than he will cost the city. Every dollar saved for the citizens and property owners of Merkel on insurance or anything else is the same as saving them that amount on their taxes. I want to see Merkel put in a sewerage system that will at least cover the business part of town. It can be accomplished for a whole lot less money than you would think and it should be done. I beg of you to protect the health of our town for this is ten times more important than the saving of any taxes or insurance. You may ask any reputable physician in town or pick up any medical journal or magazine and ascertain the value and importance of such work for our town or any other community. I remember tonight what an improvement we have made in sanitary conditions for in our first campaign for waterworks I remember that by the word and statement of practically all of our physicians there were ten to a dozen cases of typhoid fever traceable to one well which was used for a source of water supply. We have made some improvement but we should make more and I believe that you will in the interest of the people of our town do your best."

#### Extension of Mains.

The resignation of Mayor W. T. Potter was accepted and Mayor protom Hamilton taking the chair the extension of the water mains was considered for about one moment, to the extent that the Mail reporter learned that a majority were not in favor of any action now—some time in the hazy future, maybe, there will be such action taken.

In the meantime some of the smallest property owners but best citizens are without this protection and improvement for their properties.

An election was ordered held, J. J. Stallings election officer for the purpose of electing a mayor, and the body adjourned to meet again next month.



WE WILL WELCOME  
YOU IN OUR BANK



J. S. SWANN, Pres.  
JNO. SEARS, V-Pres.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier  
B. C. MOORE, Ass't. Cashier

# THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Whenever you are thinking money or bank, think OUR BANK. Our business is MONEY; YOUR MONEY is BUSINESS. We welcome anyone in our bank and always have time to listen and advise. If you need a bank consult us. What would you do without a progressive bank in your community? Your first duty to yourself is to have MONEY IN THE BANK. It is a faithful friend.

Make OUR bank YOUR bank.

## THE ONLY GUARANTY FUND BANK

### 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.

### Good Blood Means Good Health.

You will never regret having used Nyal's Hot Springs Blood Remedy. It will put you on your feet. \$1.00 the bottle. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

### 8 PER CENT MONEY

Plenty of it on 5 or 10 years time, with the privilege of paying 1-10 each year. See me at once if you want a loan. I have the best contract ever offered. V. E. Muir, Abilene Texas. 28-1f.

### Some Men "Jus' Nat'r'ly" Lucky.

Flint, Mich., Aug. 60.—Alderman Fred Behrendt had a house to fall on him yesterday. As a result he probably will be confined to his home until Monday. He sustained several bruises.

The alderman's two-story home, supported on one side by cedar posts, is located on a hillside. Recent rains undermined the posts, and Thursday the house began to slide slightly downward. Yesterday it moved again, so Mr. Behrendt decided to anchor it more securely. Armed with jack-screws, he crawled under the building, placed the screws in position and turned one—then it happened.

The house slid forward and Behrendt was pinned against a pile of debris. His wife rushed out seized a shovel and tried to extricate her husband. Failing, she called the police, and sounded a general alarm. It took an hour and a half to dig out the prisoner. The rescuers said his escape from death was miraculous.

After Behrendt was turned over to a physician, the house was pushed back where it belonged.

### Notice to School Pupils.

Do not buy any school books until you get your course of study mapped out by the instructors. B. D. Black, Supt.

### 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.

### Notice.

Owing to the irregularity in the school work the first week of school, I will not begin actual lessons in piano until Monday Sept. 15th. Studies at both school buildings make it convenient for any pupil to take their lesson during school hours. All pupils will have advantage of Musical History and Theory classes, free of charge. Terms \$4.00 per month. Miss Eva Williams. 2t.

### The Kodak Way

Pictures taken in the home atmosphere and home surroundings have a quality and charm their own. The Kodak enables you to take just such pictures of your family and friends, indoors or out. Take a Kodak with you. Kodaks for rent and films for sale at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

### Mrs. Criswell Dead.

At her home north of Noodle Mrs. Susan McKindree Criswell, wife of A. Criswell died Sunday morning.

The deceased was born November 13th., 1851 in Mississippi and at the age of five or six years moved to Texas and was married to A. Criswell December 2nd., 1875 in Fayette county, Texas. They were among the pioneers of this section moving to Jones county in July, 1882.

Rev. Baker had charge of the funeral services and read the favorite Psalm of deceased. The burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery Monday afternoon.

### AIR GUNS FOR BOYS

for the boys. Buy your boy an air rifle as it encourages outdoor exercise. We have these air guns from \$ to \$ We also carry a full line of sporting and athletic goods and would appreciate your examining our line. Our motto is: "Once a customer, always a customer."



### YOUR HARDWARE NEEDS



can be quickly and satisfactorily filled here. We have everything in the line from nails to the finest door plates and other household hardware. To be asked for anything in hardware that we could not supply would be a novelty. Try it for yourself.

## CROWN HARDWARE CO.

J. T. WARREN, President

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

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Postal Savings.



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## CAPITAL & SURPLUS OVER \$50,000.00

We are appreciative of all business done with us and invite accounts on a basis that will be mutually satisfactory and profitable---that will last

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AN ESTABLISHED BUSINESS

### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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G. F. West

Ed S. Hughes

Henry James

Ben T. Merritt

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### Hamblet & Rogers.

Don't forget Hamblet & Rogers when you have the cash this fall and winter. We have furnished the farmers for the past 7 years through cold, hot, dry, sand storms and would like to see the time when we could supply you through a wet time. If you don't know that we have fed three fourths of the farmers in the Merkel Country ask your neighbors if this is not true. We are going to meet all cut prices. Come to see us before you buy your groceries. Good Kansas flour (that is good as any Texas flour you can buy anywhere) for \$1.30 per sack. Try a sack.

Yours respectfully.

Hamblet & Rogers.

### Here's A Pill That will

Did you suffer head ache, become nervous and irritable, lose your appetite, have stomach trouble and have your sleep broken, come around and get you a bottle of Nyal's Little Liver Pills. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

### A Man Killed

All His Neuralgia pains with one bottle of Nyal's pain Killer. Try it. 50c the bottle at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

### Notice to Parents.

All sixth grade pupils will go to the North Side School. All others below the High School will go to their respective schools just as before—north siders to north side and south siders to south side. B. D. Black, Supt.



# THE WONDERFUL

## STORE FOR HOME LOVERS

Your friends will delight in your pride. Our prices are lower than you can get anywhere else. Our goods are of a uniform high quality. Our service is at your door. Prompt and satisfactory in every way you pay no freight, no waiting, all goods ready for your inspection and set up ready to be placed in your home. How many times have you said, I could have done that well at home or wished I had figured with "Mack" first and then if its not just what I want I will not have to keep it.

WE GUARANTEE ABSOLUTE SATISFACTION

"MAC K"

**Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.** FURNITURE AND Undertaking

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Simpson Christopher was a visitor to Abilene Monday.

Plenty corn at G. M. Sharp.

Cecil Humphrey of Abilene was a social caller here Sunday.

Supt. B. D. Black was looking after business matters in Abilene Monday.

Try White Leghon Flour only \$2.25 per hundred G. M. Sharp.

G. W. Johnson was attending to business matters in Abilene the first of the week.

Judge C. D. Mims was among the business transactors in Abilene the first of the week.

Alta Vista, the purest and best Ice Cream at Burroughs.

Conna Adams returned home Friday from Harold where he has been for the past few weeks visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Pauline Johnson left Monday for Stamford where she will enter the Stamford M.E. College.

When in need of Druggist Sundries Burroughs has them.

Charlie Williams and Ben Clark were social callers in Anson Sunday.

Miss Katherine Anderson of Tulsa, Okla., came in last week to visit her brother R. O. Anderson.

Go to G. M. Sharp's for Best Bran and Shorts. It.

Mrs. Roscoe Tyler returned to her home at Baird Saturday after a few days visit with her mother Mrs. L. R. Lamar.

Miss Effie Thornton returned home Sunday from Putnam where she has been for the past few days visiting friends.

The best cigars in town at Burroughs.

Mrs. Fred Bigham came in Saturday from El Paso to spend a few days visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. Chas. Cheaten, Bill Bogar and Tubin Winter of Abilene were in our city Wednesday.

Special sale book in window for 10c Saturday only. Merkel Variety Store. 3-1t

John Warnick left Monday morning for Abilene where he will enter the Cooper Training School for the ensuing term.

We have the late styles in fall and Winter shoes. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

### SCHOOL BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

This is the school book and supply store for Merkel and the Merkel country. We have the **School Book Agency** and can make the **Exchanges** with you for your used Books. **All books strictly cash.**

TABLETS, PENCILS, ETC.

We wish for you to know that we are prepared to fit your boy or girl for school and will give you more for your money.

### Rust and McCauley Drug Company

JNO. W. WHEATLEY, Manager

School supplies of all kinds at Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hall left Wednesday morning for Abilene to spend several days visiting.

Miss Ruth Holmes who has been here for the past few days visiting friends returned to her home at Abilene Wednesday morning.

A fresh shipment of King's candy just received now on ice, call and get a box. The Elite.

Mrs. W. F. Hamblett and three children Quay, Vannie, and Rodger left Wednesday morning for Stamford where they will spend several days visiting friends.

Miss Bernice Rainbolt returned home Tuesday evening from Cisco where she has been visiting friends for the past week.

King's candies for "American Queens." They are kept on ice at the Elite.

Mrs. John Milliken who has been here for the past few days visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Thomas, returned to her home in Dallas Wednesday morning.

Miss Mary Pitzer of Abilene is here this week the guest of Miss Zora West.

The highest market price paid for your eggs. W. P. Duckett.

Mrs. J. H. Witcher and children left Tuesday night for Fannin County where they will spend several days visiting relatives.

Cleaning and pressing neatly and promptly done. Cash, the Tailor.

Misses Willia, Ina and Maggie Wheeler are visiting relatives in Abilene this week.

Elder and Mrs. J. M. Rice are entertaining a young son who applied for "board and keep" at their home Sunday.

For Sale or trade for wood or most anything 2 nearly new Drop head machines also needles and attachments. Merkel Variety Store. 3-2t.

Miss Mamie Moore returned Sunday afternoon from Abilene after a few days visit there with friends.

Miss Gertrude Thornton of Dallas stopped off here the latter part of last week to visit friends. Miss Thornton has been in Sweetwater the past few days visiting her sister Mrs. A. L. Hogue.

The most extensive line of School Tablets to be found is at Burroughs.

C. A. Lamb returned home Tuesday morning from Cohoma where he has been visiting friends and relatives for the past few days.

L. E. Perkins of Nubia was a pleasant caller to the Mail office last Tuesday. Mr. Perkins while here made his annual contribute to our "large subscription fund."

The Elite has a fancy box candy on ice.

Miss Katherine Anderson left Tuesday morning for Abilene where she will spend several days visiting friends before returning to her home at Tulsa, Okla.

Mrs. W. N. Hall left Tuesday morning for Baird to visit friends. Before returning home Mrs. Hall will visit in Crossplains, Abilene and Ovalo.

For school tablets and pencils Grimes has a full line of them.

When in need of fancy box stationery call at Grimes and get same.

E. W. Price of the Mulberry Canyon left Monday afternoon for Eskota where he will spend several days visiting friends and relatives.

Eat Pure Food Bakery bread.

Mrs. I. S. Allen and son Ray who have been here for the past few weeks visiting the former's sister Mrs. W. Parten returned to her home at Denton Tuesday morning.

Spend your cash with the firm that will let you have goods without the cash. Hamblett & Rogers.

Curl Shropshire of Plainview who has been here for the past few days visiting friends returned to his home Monday afternoon.

What we want is more business. Call and see us. The Elite.

Mrs. Alice D. Templeton went to Sweetwater Sunday afternoon to meet her mother Mrs. M. J. Leeman who has been in Guymon, Okla., visiting her son E. A. Leeman for the past few weeks.

Buy your groceries from the firm that buys your cotton.

Hamblett & Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Williams and children of Big Springs who have been here visiting the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cannon of Crossroads returned home Tuesday.

Weather kind shoes for children are just the thing for service for school wear. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. W. C. Mathews left Monday afternoon for Trent where she will join her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Mathews will make their future home at that place.

Vinol for weak and run-down people. \$1.00 per bottle at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Miss Ethel Roberts has returned to Port Aransas where she has been engaged to teach another term in the public schools.

See N. Roberts for fruits, vegetables, cold drinks etc., first door west of Farmers State Bank.

H. T. Merritt left last week for his first vacation in about ten years. He will visit at Heber Springs, Ark., and his old stamping grounds in Sunny Tennessee. He will be gone for a month or six weeks.

Just received a fresh shipment of cigars. Grimes.

The cotton is coming at a lively gait and the improvement in the business section of our town goes merrily on.

New line of men's dress shoes just arrived. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. J. A. Hibbatts is visiting her sister Mrs. Jim Hunter at Odessa this week.

All lawns and summer goods must go regardless of cost. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

New fall showing in Ratine, Poplin, Serges and all late dress goods. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

The attention of our readers is called to the change in the schedule of our trains, the same being shown by the schedule which we carry in this issue of our paper.

Burroughs has what you need when it is in the tablet article line.

Miss Gertrude Thornton of Sweetwater is visiting friends here this week.

#### Head Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Sept. 6, 1913.  
Anderson J. S.  
Buchanan W. Q.  
Foster Mrs. Cappee  
Phillips Miss Cordelia  
Story E. D.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Sept. 20, 1913.  
H. W. Derstine, P.M.



# 800 - Farm Mortgage Loans - 800

In my business I do my level best to subscribe to the doctrine that all things happen about for the best and that better times are coming just over the way. For this reason, I believe that there are going to be good times in this section in a year or more, but right now,

## IS THE PROPER TIME FOR YOU TO BORROW MONEY ON YOUR LAND

The prospects are that money matters are not going to be so easy at the beginning of another year and the time to make your arrangements is now when you can. If you know you are going to need money, give me your application and then at the time you must have it, it will be ready.

REAL ESTATE

# JNO. G. JACKSON

FARM LOANS

### The Merkel Mail

Published Every Friday Morning by  
THE MERKEL MAIL PRINTING COMPANY, INC.

Entered at the Postoffice at Merkel,  
Texas, as Second-class Mail Matter.

#### SAM SMALL ON MEXICO.

Sam W. Small in Atlanta Constitution.

It is the most natural thing in the world for an American living down in Mexico to feel, every now and then, that it would be a joy unspeakable and a great service to future humanity to have this country thrash the whole Greaser outfit to an everlasting frazzle.

Perhaps somewhere on the planet there is a more ignorant, arrogant, inhuman and brutal people—but I think not. Any fair rival of them disappeared, to my notion, with the taming of the Zulus and the extinction of the Modoc Indians.

On second thought, however, a sane Christian yields rather to pity for them than to enmity. Their genesis, history and practical peonage for so many generations explain the vagaries and viciousness that are their salient characteristic. They are an odd mixture, combining the proud independence of the savage with the subservience of the serf, who follows any hand that feeds him. Their traits and actions remind me most of those shown by our emancipated negroes, when, after the war, they were following the military satraps and carpet-baggers of that era.

But we do not want any war with Mexico. How would it profit us to spend a million dollars a day for an indefinite time, sacrifice thousands of good American lives, spread limitless sorrow over the lands, in a war with people who would never understand its purpose and whose feelings towards us could never be changed by its outcome.

President Wilson's attitude in the present crisis is the right one. If the Mexicans will not accept our friendly offices in securing to them peace, order and constitutional government, let them fight it out among themselves, unhelped and unhampered by us or by any other power.

There are 15,000,000 Mexicans and it should not take long for one faction to rule the roost, even though the roost does spread over 765,535 square miles.

Before the present fracas was started by Huerta, who "played like" President Madero and Vice President Suarez were trying to run away, and therefore had them conveniently and conclusively shot in their backs, the Mexican federal army was just short of 50,000 soldiers. Every seven soldiers had an officer, and every 520 of officers and men had a general! That was a total array of 107 generals, while we have only 21 in line and staff corps of our army. Manifestly we are not prepared to go to war with the Mexican generals just yet! Besides they may have many more now than they had a half year ago.

Another reason why we don't need any war with Mexico is that she already has a debt close to \$250,000,000. That is \$16.66 per capita, while our public debt is only \$10.74 per capita. Really, we would hardly do well to lick Mexico and stand sponsor for the payment of her debts.

That country is enormously rich in resources, undoubtedly, and greedy capitalists and adventurers from all

quarters are eager to exploit those resources and enrich themselves "beyond the dreams of avarice," as the orators say. And some of those speculators of our own breed, who are down in Mexico or back home now yelling for "intervention," could frisk old Hernando Cortez himself of his bankroll and his checking account in old Madrid. They don't care a rap who or how many of their countrymen are slaughtered in war, if only the war would confirm their conceptions and fill their alleys with mine and plantation goods.

The Mexican cry, "Muerte a los Gringos!" but we Americans should cry, "down with the jingos!"

Our righteous and humane job is to help the Mexicans to civilize themselves, and not to try to Americanize them. That is a job before which Sisyphus himself would lie down.

#### WHY BEEF PRICES SOAR.

From Pittsburg Post.

Predictions are being made in the West that the coming winter will witness beef prices as high as 50 cents a pound. In the face of this discouraging outlook the first thought of the consumer is as to the necessity of the jump to this almost prohibitive mark. The explanation is easy. For weeks the cattle grazing sections have been subjected to unprecedented heat and drouth. Pastures have been destroyed and corn crops burned up. The exigencies of the situation have forced the growers to ship the cattle to market because there will be no feed to fatten them on.

Conditions in the cattle raising regions are so bad that the owners are confronted by the unearned necessity of having corn shipped from distant points. This is an expensive way to feed cattle, and rather than face certain loss the cattle are being shipped to market as rapidly as possible. Next will be a shortage of beef and consequent record prices. For this desperate state of affairs the elements alone are to blame, for it is something over which a trust has no control.

For our meat we depend on the cattle raisers; for the cattle the raisers depend on the feed produced where it is needed. When the feed fails cattle cannot be raised. There is no alternative but to pay the price or stop eating meat.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—The government's fourth cotton crop report of the season was followed by an excited general buying movement in the market today, and prices sold \$3.30 per bale above Friday's closing. The trade had anticipated the official condition figures would be unfavorable and the market had advanced over \$7.50 per bale during the past two weeks, but actual figures proved even more bullish than expected, and the talk of still higher prices was strengthened by reports that there had been further deterioration in the crop outlook since the government's report was compiled.

Realizing was very heavy on the advance to 12.86 for December, but offerings were readily taken by further covering and the broadening demand for both trading and speculative account.

Local statisticians figure that on the estimated area the government condition of 68.2 against 79.6 last month, 74.8 last year, and a ten year average of 74.7 pointed to a crop of not more than 13,500,000 bales.

#### Supreme Test.

The supreme test of physical fortitude: To kiss a lady doctor.—Sma Set.

#### MEXICANS FLEEING TEXAS

Reports of Planned Massacre, Circulated by Secret Agents, Frighten Laborers.

SAN ANTONIO, Sept. 2.—Owing to the activity of secret agents, presumably of the Huerta government, who have been circulating the report among Mexican laborers that the Americans are going to massacre all Mexicans in the country, there has been an exodus from the cotton fields to Mexico during the past two weeks. In San Antonio alone nearly six hundred Mexicans have purchased tickets for various points in Mexico during that period, and reports from other Texas points near the border indicate that large numbers are leaving the country.

Railroad officials said last night that this travel is unusual. Last year this time very few Mexicans were returning to Mexico, and a much larger number were coming out of the republic to work in the cotton fields than are at present. There are still some of them coming to this country but the number leaving is greatly in excess of these.

Complaints are coming from the farmers on account of the activity of what appears to be agents of the Mexican government. These men go among the laborers in the field and impart to them what they claim to be information that a wholesale massacre of Mexicans by Americans. They advise them that the best thing they can do is to leave the country immediately. The volume of travel over the railroads to Mexico is indicative of the success of this propaganda. Cases are reported in which laborers have stopped their work in the fields and without waiting to collect the money they had already earned, made for the nearest railroad station.

The protestations of friendliness on the part of their employers, while effective with some who remain, have no effect upon others, who believe the wild stories told by the agitators. If it is feared by some of the farmers that if the activity of these secret agents continues it will seriously hamper the work of gathering the cotton crop. Just what their purpose is does not appear, but it is believed that it is to force the laborers to join the federal army.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—Following the tariff conference today between Majority Leader Underwood of the House and President Wilson, Mr. Underwood stated that the leader hoped to dispose of the differences on rates between the Senate and the House in less than two weeks.

"There are no differences of principle involved, but I believe that the Senate has cut too much revenue from the bill," he said.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—Addressing the Senate today on his amendment to the cotton futures tax where no delivery was intended, Senator Clarke declared that the New York Cotton Exchange, and "its parasite," the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, are no more than gambling institutions, and that those who speculated there engaged in a wholly selfish and illegal business.

He declared that the New York Exchange controlled the cotton price for the whole world, and that he believed that it had no right to exist.

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#### JOINS UNIVERSITY FORCES

Assistant State Superintendent E. V. White Accepts Position in the State University

Assistant State Superintendent E. V. White of Austin, Texas, formerly of Abilene, begun his duties as head of the division of information and exhibits of the University of Texas today. Mr. White was recently elected to this position and resigned as assistant state superintendent to accept this offer.

In speaking of the work which Mr. White accomplished while assistant state superintendent, Mr. Bralley had some very complimentary things to say. Before going to Austin Mr. White was county superintendent of public instruction of Taylor county and has many friends in this section of Texas who are glad to know that he is now in the State University.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 3.—The death list in the New Haven railroad disaster yesterday, stood at twenty-one today, while the hospital list was reduced to seventeen.

Employees who played a leading part in the wreck were held by the coroner while county, state, and federal investigations get under way.

Sixteen persons were killed yesterday outright when two trains of the New Haven Railroad, the White Mountain Express, and the Bar Harbor Limited, collided.

The track on which the wreck occurred is protected by the so-called "banjo signals," a type which the public utilities commission had ordered changed. The New Haven road had begun the reconstruction and the line from Hartford to Springfield already had been changed.

#### Two Marriage Licenses Issued

County Clerk Young registered two more marriage licenses this morning. They were signed to J. W. Greathouse and Miss Dorothy Carter. The former comes from Arkansas and the latter lived in Jones county. The other license was issued to L. C. Suddlett and Miss Gladys Belle Christopher. This is a good record for the commencement of September.

DALLAS, Texas, Sept. 3.—Motorman Jack Stubblefield, who was injured when two interurban cars collided on the Dallas-Fort Worth interurban late yesterday afternoon, died here today.

Stubblefield's sticking to the emergency brakes saved the lives of probably a dozen passengers.

Twelve people were injured when the cars collided yesterday. The car No. 318 limited from Fort Worth, and No. 23, a local, out of Dallas. The accident occurred at Crest Hill, and near the stop at that place, and it is said, that neither of the cars was going fast.

Motorman Stubblefield had one of his legs broken in four places and the skin on his body was peeled from his hips down.

All of the injured were brought here on a relief car that was dispatched to the scene as soon as the report of the wreck was received.

The cars telescoped each other the fronts of each were smashed and splinters for about halfway. Each car carried a trailer and the trailer telescoped each other, smashing the rear vestibules. Broken glass and splintered seats caused many injuries.

The following are those that were injured as given out yesterday.

W. B. Millen, Dallas, hurt about the head, probably fatally.

Rufus Falter, Tolbert, Texas.  
H. M. Thornton, Arlington.  
H. P. Flemming, Dallas.  
C. D. Allen, R. F. D. No. 2 Dallas.  
Mrs. Ed Smith, Dallas.

Miss Ruby M. Hert, Dallas.  
Arthur Derigo, Eldridge, Texas.  
Joe Johnston, Ft. Worth.

M. J. Y. Rankin, agent of the Interurban company, Ft. Worth.  
Rankin was only slightly bruised.

#### REBELS ASK FOR ARMS.

EAGLE PASS, Tex., Sept. 1.—The Constitutionalsists today petitioned the United States Government, through Vice Consul Blocker at Piedras Negras, for permission to import one thousand rifles and several rounds of ammunition to be used in the alleged protection of the property of Americans in Mexico.



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## DISTRICT COURT CONVENED MONDAY

The September term of the district court convened in the Federal building Monday. The following were selected as grand jurors and sworn in S. E. Millard, H. L. Probst, J. L. McDavid, J. U. Johnson, H. B. Cook, J. D. Harrison, M. G. Scott, Frank Knaus, James Dillard, W. J. Landers, R. G. B. Fain and W. C. Holly.

Judge Blanton charged the grand jury along all lines of crimes, especially of local option violation, embezzlement, maladministration of county officers, etc. He urged that the grand jury investigate into negligence in administration of county officers if such had been committed. He stated that he had been trying for a great while to have a delinquent tax roll printed for the county, but that those supposed to comply with the law in this regard had not done so.

The Sunday closing law came on for several minutes' discussion, and he asked that the grand jury probe into all cases of this nature. He read a letter charging violation of the local option laws by selling alcohol as Jamaica ginger and turpentine and read another that arrived in a following mail asking pardon for the charge saying that it was done in a fit of jealousy. The judge turned this evidence over to the grand jury stating that he did not know which of the letters was the true facts and that it was up to the grand jury to find out.

The jury retired to begin its deliberations and investigations about 11 o'clock and the civil docket was taken up. The following cases were called and the following dispositions made:

M. M. Clack vs Abilene Light and Water Company, set for Monday of the third week.

Mrs. W. C. Black vs Texas and Pacific Railway, set for Monday of third week.

B. F. Townsend vs Marvin Moore, set for Wednesday.

Horace Vance, by his next friend, John Vance, vs Texas and Pacific Railway, suit for damages, set for Monday of fourth week.

W. E. Dennis vs Gary C. Calkins, to try title and cancellation of deed, set for Tuesday.

T. F. Cobb vs J. R. Jones, foreclosure of vendor lien, set for Sept. 9.

M. J. Craig vs Lanus Press Brick Company, suit on debt, set for Tuesday of the second week.

Travis Harmon vs Sarah Harmon, suit for divorce, set for Sept. 28 at one p. m.

In the case of G. F. Brittan vs J. C. Mercer, the same was dismissed at the cost of the plaintiff, J. N. Wilson, administrator, vs Mrs. A. M. Watson, et al, set for Friday of second week.

Ex Parte George E. Ellison, application to remove disabilities of minority. W. P. Manaffey was appointed guardian ad lib.

Citizens Lumber Company vs C. W. Dudley et al, set for Friday of second week.

Hoyt Lacy, trustee, vs J. L. McDavid, et al, dismissed at cost of J. L. McDavid, by agreement.

Fannie Jones vs D. Jones, suit for divorce, continued for service.

B. E. Franklin, et al, vs W. P. Bounds, et al, injunction; dismissed at cost of defendant.



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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

For Mrs. Allen

Mrs. H. L. Propst assisted by Mesdames A. C. Rose and W. Parten entertained Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 at the Propst home on South Locust St. in honor of Mrs. I. S. Allen of Denton who has been here visiting her sister Mrs. W. Parten, old friends and neighbors.

Promptly at the hour appointed the guests were heartily greeted by the hostesses and honoree. In a short time all were busily engaged in fancy work, which in no wise checked the constant flow of conversation. There was so much visiting to be done and the time was limited. The reading of a pertinent tribute to the honoree came as a pleasant surprise. Sherbet and cakes were served to Mesdames: J. E. Black, W. T. Highsmith, W. G. Cypert, J. P. Sharp, E. Henderson, J. J. Stallings, G. F. West, J. P. Sutphen, J. W. Moore, Frank Hamm, W. L. Harkrider, A. H. Thorton, J. A. Adkisson, C. D. Mims, Jeffie Hibbits, G. A. Rister, M. J. Lowe, W. P. Browning, Jim Eoff, W. O. Boney, R. A. Martin, Thomas Clark, W. L. Burns, Misses Ida and Sadie Woodrum and Fort Smith.

Fishing Party

A midweek fishing crowd left here last Wednesday morning. They spent three days on the Clear Fork fishing, hunting and enjoying life to its fullness. Camping life and its "eats" will long be pleasantly remembered by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Shephard, W. A. Shephard, Bill and Roy Shephard, Fannie Burroughs Olga and Elma Shephard, Emzi, Merle, Charm and Billy Bob Burroughs.

B. Y. P. U. Social.

The B. Y. P. U.'s held their social meeting Thursday evening on the beautiful lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren. A very pleasing program was rendered. Miss Winnie Warren assisted by the B. Y. P. U.'s served punch to those present who were Misses Gene and Carroll Rister, May Reed of Hillsboro, Mollie and Pet Sears, Irene and Willie Swann, Jess Sutphen, Ova, Dovie and Mary Teaff, Eva Brady, Ruth Howard, Beulah and Wilma Garrett; Messrs. Bud Sears, W. H. Kendricks, Sam Swann, Taylor Jennings, Luther Woodroof, Oscar Pate, Freeman and Ernest Rogers, Earl Lassiter, Ben Merritt, Ollie Shaffer, Robert Hicks, Jack Walker, Emmett Boring, Leslie Brady, John West, James Brown and Dr. Green.

Complimentary Dance.

An informal Dance was given at the Opera House Monday evening in honor of Miss Katherine Anderson of Tulsa, Okla., and Miss Mary Reed of Hillsboro. Music was furnished by the Abilene Orchestra. The chaperones and dancers were Miss Zora Coggin, Mabel Collins, Elma Sheppard, Tommie Louise Coggin, Mary Reed, Katherine Anderson, Mesdames T. J. Coggin, R. O. Anderson, Fred Bigham and Davenport Gaither; Messrs. Otti Coggin, W. H. Hendrick, J. E. Faucett, R. O. Anderson, Davenport Gaither and Dee Grimes.

For Miss Reed.

On last Tuesday afternoon Miss Carroll Rister assisted by her sister Miss Eugenia entertained at her home on South Oak street in honor of Miss Mary Reed of Hillsboro. Progressive "42" and Rook were the diversions. Punch was served during the party hours. At the conclusion of the games banana cream and cakes were served to Misses Zora West, Dorothy Lee Potter, Nell Tracy, Eva Calvert, Tommie Louise Coggins, Eva Walters, Jackie Jennings, Jessie Sutphen and Honoree.

League Program, Sept. 7, 1913. Subject—League Rally Day. Leader—R. A. McNeese. Remarks—Leader. Outlining the Ensueing Year's Work—Newly Elected Officers. Instrumental Music—Eva Williams. Suggestions—Simpson Christopher. Remarks. Announcements. Benediction.

Williams—Kirk.

Mr. Frank Williams of Knox County, but formerly of Shiloh and Miss Clara Kirk of Shiloh were married Sunday afternoon and left that night on the 6 o'clock train for Mr. Williams home in Knox County. Miss Kirk is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk of Shiloh. Our best wishes go with the young couple to their new home.

Douglass—Briggs

Mr. Marvin Douglass of Kale and Miss Cleo Briggs formerly of Kale but was in Brown County on a visit to relatives Mr. Douglass surprised his many friends by going to Brown County and bringing home his bride. Miss Briggs is a sister of Mrs. Will Weed of Kale and Mr. Douglass is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Douglass of Kale. We wish for the young people just starting out on the sea of matrimony a long and happy life of prosperity.

Mr. H. C. Williams celebrated his birthday Sunday at his home on North 1st Street. Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Williams, Lenora and the baby were dinner guests, and greatly enjoyed the dinner prepared by the daughter of the house, Miss Evelyn Williams.

Society Personals.

Miss Ura Hall of Waco who will teach in the High School is with Mrs. G. A. Rister for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Magness and two children Dr. and Mrs. Whitfield and baby of Dallas passed thru here Monday in the Whitfield car enroute to Scott, N. M., where they will visit the parents of Mr. Magness and Mrs. Whitfield Mr. and Mrs. Magness.

Mrs. Sterling P. Miller of Dallas returned home Saturday after a months visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniels.

Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Gaddy and daughter Miss Eva, were week-end guests of Mrs. Gaddy's brother L. C. Griffin in Anson.

Mrs. H. L. Propst visited her Aunt Mrs. Shelton in Abilene.

Miss Genevieve Rust is in Cisco. Mrs. Jack Crowley of Denison is here visiting Mrs. J. P. Hamm and other relatives.

Mesdames J. P. Hamm and Jack Crowley were in Abilene Tuesday.

Miss Birtie Diltz returned to Van Horn Sunday after a weeks visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz.

Mrs. Harry Reading of Abilene visited her nephew R. O. Anderson and family.

Mrs. Joe Roy and little daughter of Cleburne returned to their home Saturday after visiting Mrs. Roy's sister Mrs. C. E. Whitaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier returned home Tuesday after a two months visit in Riverside, Cal., with Mrs. Ferrier's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. M. O'Brian.

Mrs. I. S. Allen and son Ray left Tuesday for Denton after visiting Mr. W. Parten and numerous friends.

Miss Katherine Anderson of Tulsa, Okla. visited her brother and sister Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

Mrs. Fred Bigham is visiting home for a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bigham have been making headquarters in El Paso the past summer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Daniels were in Colorado City Sunday visiting the latter's parents Judge and Mrs. Coe.

Miss May Valentine is at home from Boulder, Colo., where she spent the summer while there she attended Chautauqua.

Miss Evelyn Williams is at home from Mineral Wells where she spent two very pleasant weeks.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Sept. 3.—In its report to Secretary Daniels today, the naval inspection board declares that "the extent of our naval activities is more unsatisfactory than is realized when compared with our resources for turning out modern armament."

The New York and Boston navy yards probably will have to be abandoned soon, the report says.

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AMERICANS REPORT BATTLE IN MEXICO

EL PASO, Aug. 31.—Seven troop trains carrying a federal force under General Felix Terrazas from Chihuahua west, were attacked and captured by rebels under Pancho Villa and Toribio Ortega, and all of the federals except thirty were killed, according to reports reaching here Friday.

From the city of Chihuahua American refugees who arrived in El Paso Friday afternoon bring news of the defeat of General Terrazas and a force of 1200 federals under him, who were defeated by Gens. Villa and Ortega at San Andres, Chihuahua, on August 26th, at which time Villa, after defeating them, took seven of the trains away from them and slaughtered all the federals except Terrazas and thirty of his men, who escaped to Chihuahua City.

Reports in the newspapers at Chihuahua say the battle started at San Andres on Aug. 26 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and was a very bloody affair. The federals under Gen. Terrazas began an assault upon the forces of Villa and Ortega and suffered great losses. Todeo Perez Campos was killed and Col. Jose Delgado was seriously wounded. Captain Francisco Renteria, secretary of General Terrazas, was also killed.

Federals in a Trap.

The fighting continued, the reports say, from five o'clock in the afternoon until eight at night, and the federal forces were defeated, Villa taking the town of San Andres. The rebels had occupied all the hills around San Andres and caught the federals in a trap in the San Andres canyon, where they poured shot into them.

The train of Americans which arrived in El Paso Friday afternoon consisted of three passenger coaches a baggage car and two box cars of the Mexican Northwestern railroad which left Chihuahua city at eight o'clock Thursday morning and proceeded as far as Montezumas, where the night was spent. Friday the train proceeded northward again without any armed escort.

Declined Federal Escort.

Gov. Mercado had desired to send an armed escort of 200 picked men, but the refugees thought it safer to travel without an escort, believing that both rebels and federals would recognize their white flags and would not molest them. In this they were right, for the train passed the federal troop trains at Agua Nueva, close to Chihuahua city Thursday afternoon.

Refugees Carried Food.

There were no mishaps along the road and all of the passengers were in the best of spirits. They ate their lunch from baskets, with which they provided themselves before leaving Chihuahua, and the seats in the cars served as their beds Thursday night. They spread their blankets on the benches and slept there without molestation.

There were a carload of Chinese on the train and these were brought to the detention station at the Santa Fe bridge, where they are to be cared for by the United States government.

Prisoners Brought to Juarez

At Gallego the train was stopped by 18 of Salazar's men who put two prisoners on the train under guard of four soldiers and sent them to Juarez. It was declared that one of them was a paymaster who had been captured in the hills far south of Juarez after having fled the town with \$71,000 Mexican money which should have been paid to the soldiers.

"I'LL PULL YOUR NOSE."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—A nose pulling contest between John Kirby, former president of the American Manufacturers Association, and Martin M. Mulhall, was threatened today before the House Lobby Committee.

Mulhall said that Kirby was making faces at him and that if Kirby would meet him outside he would pull his nose. Chairman Barrett ordered Kirby to change his seat.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 2.—Thirteen persons were killed and fifty injured when the first section of the White Mountain Express crashed into the rear end of the second section of the Bar Harbor Express on the New Haven Railroad this morning, one mile north of North Haven, Conn.

The Bar Harbor Express had stopped for signals, and the collision occurred during a fog.

Both of the trains were loaded with tourists returning from a summer resort.

Three persons had died in the hospital at noon today, making the number of dead total sixteen.

Engineer Miller of the White Mountain Express said that the brakes of his train failed to hold on the tracks which had been wet from the fog, causing it to plunge into the rear of the limited.

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T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND Train No. 2, leaves Merkel... 10:01 p.m. Train No. 4 " " " " 10:57 a.m. Train No. 6 " " " " 11:54 p.m. WEST BOUND Train No. 1, leaves Merkel... 4:00 a.m. Train No. 3 " " " " 5:44 p.m. Train No. 5 " " " " 5:13 a.m. The Mail is the Paper the People Read

Church Directory

METHODIST CHURCH—Preaching each Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.45 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; Junior League at 3 p. m.; Senior League at 6:45 p. m.; Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:45; Womens Missionary Society each Monday at 4 p. m. R. A. Clements, Pastor.

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.



# PARTEN DRY GOODS CO'S GRAND FALL OPENING SALE

Despite hard times and the gloomy out-look for business this fall we have placed in our store the greatest line of merchandise that it has ever been your pleasure to behold, believing that our great number of staunch customers and the host of new ones that we will be able to align with them will suffice to justify the extensions we have made in every department of our store. We have not only made substantial additions in quantity but we have made greater additions in quality.

## Saturday August 6th We Will Be Ready

Ready from every point of view. Ready to show you; ready to sell you; ready to make your shopping the most pleasant of all your duties; ready with beautiful premiums that will lend greater enchantment and enhancement to great values that illumine our entire store; and most of all, in these stringent times, ready to meet the great demand for low, low prices. We invite inspection of our styles, quality and prices from every body.

## PARTEN DRY GOODS COMPANY The Cash Store

Merkel

Texas

The store with the goods you want at the price you want. Watch our big price "ad" next week.

### Arkansas Village Dazzle by Autos Fine Dresses

Dozens of mountaineers and country folk, many of whom had never before seen an automobile, today pitched their tents here to get their first glimpse of what they call "real city life."

For today a Twentieth century civilization was implanted in the mountain village. It is the occasion of the trial of Ed Spears, a well known politician and sporting man, charged with engineering a deal whereby Frank P. Fox, millionaire oil-magnate and automobile manufacturer of Terre Haute, Ind., was fleeced out of \$2,000 through a crooked roulette game in Hot Springs Ark., last January.

More than 200 witnesses, most of whom are men and women of fashion, motored forty miles from Hot Springs over a mountainous road to attend the trial. Never before has Mt. Ida seen such affluence and brilliance.

At Spears first trial in Hot Springs the jury disagreed and immediately thereafter the defendant took a change of venue. —Fort Worth Star Telegram.

### Business Notice.

To the debtors of the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company:

Dear Sirs:—

This letter is written to advise you the arrangement for the collection of your account by Mr. John D. Gaither of Merkel, Texas, has been completed.

You may ignore my former instruction to you to the contrary and you now have my permission and authority to pay your account to Mr. Gaither. I will respectfully urge that you do this at once and save unnecessary cost in the

## NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY YOUR FALL MILLINERY

I have just moved my Millinery Parlor from the J. T. Dennis Store to the corner room in the Neeley building, formerly occupied by Merkel D. G. & G. Co.

## JUST BACK FROM MARKET

I have just returned from market where I purchased a full and complete line of Fall Millinery. The public may depend on seeing styles that are exclusive combined with reasonable prices. YOUR PURCHASES and VISITS will be APPRECIATED.

## MISS LIZZIE MAE FREEMON

"The Home of High-Class Millinery."

same.

Please give this matter your prompt attention and accept a receipt signed by the party holding this letter.

Very respectfully,  
GEO. Q. McGOWEN,  
Atty. for Creditors.

### Stonewall J. Garoutte

Stonewall Jackson Garoutte, son of T. B. Garoutte died at the home of his father north of Merkel, Wednesday afternoon. The patient had suffered for several years and just recently returned from an extended stay in New Mexico for the benefit of his health but the change of climate and all medical aid was of no avail. The burial was made

in Rose Hill cemetery yesterday at noon, Rev. A. A. Baker officiating.

### Good Bye Painful Corns.

Nyal's Corn Remover, that's all there is to it just apply it and don't fuss with bandages. 25c the bottle. Guaranteed by Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

### PULLMAN CO. IN PROBE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 3.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today announced that the Pullman Co. would be made a party to the investigation into the New Haven railroad wreck.

The Commission will seek to find out why the Pullman Company continues to operate wooden pullmans in the fast passenger service.

### Election Notice

Whereas, at the regular monthly meeting of the City council of the City of Merkel, held in said city on the 1st day of September, 1913, the resignation of Hon. W. T. Potter as Mayor of said city was tendered and accepted by said city council; and thereupon an order was made ordering and directing that an election be held in the City of Merkel on the 30th day of September, 1913, for the purpose of electing a Mayor of said city for the unexpired term for which the said W. T. Potter had been elected; notice is hereby given that an election for the purpose of electing a Mayor of the City of Merkel will be held at the usual voting place in said city of Merkel on Tuesday the 30th day of September, 1913, and J. J. Stallings is hereby appointed presiding officer of said election. J. O. Hamilton  
Mayor pro tem City of Merkel,  
R. A. McClain  
City Secretary

## FARMERS MEETING WILL BE AT HAMLIN

STAMFORD, Texas, August 30.—The ninth quarterly meeting of the Central West Texas Agricultural Association will be held jointly with the annual meeting of the Jones County Farmers' Institute at Hamlin, Texas, September 12th and 13th, 1913.

The following program has been arranged for the occasion.

### September 12th

Meeting place, Hamlin Opera House. Called to order at 10:00 a. m. by A. D. McLaughlin, president. Address of welcome—Judge J. P. Lamar, Hamlin. Response—Judge L. M. Baile, Stamford.

Address, Farm Demonstration work—J. L. Quicksall, assistant agent farm demonstration work.

Address, H. E. Webb, agricultural agent, Fort Worth & Denver Ry.

General discussion.

Afternoon, meeting called to order at 1:30 p. m.

Address, How to succeed in the west—J. W. Neill, state department of agriculture.

Address, Stock raising as a business in the West—Chas. A. Jones, Spur, William Ganzer, Denton.

Address, Development of the West—R. B. Elmore, Sweetwater.

General discussion. Evening session. High school building at 8:30 o'clock.

Stereoptican lecture on domestic science—Miss Amanda Stoltzfus, University extension department.

How to help ourselves—F. M. Bralley, ex-state superintendent public instruction.

### September 13th

Meeting called to order at 10 a. m.

Address, Relation of education to agriculture.—County Superintendent Cunningham.

Address, Social center in rural districts—Mrs. J. W. Williamson, Hawley.

Address, Conservation—Col. Henry Exall, president Texas Industrial Congress.

### Noon

Afternoon session. Meeting called to order at 1:30 p. m.

Peanut growing—Captain J. M. Waters, president of National Peanut Growers' Association, Hawley.

Address—B. L. Nance, state department of agriculture.

Business session. Announcement of prize awards.



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We protect you in quality and price. Your business is always appreciated.

All new patterns at the right price. A look at our stock is better than words can tell. Let us figure on your shopping bill we can sell you as cheap as any one else and you can return any full rolls, yards not used. If you need more we have it. Quality guaranteed.

Your money gladly refunded on any merchandise that is not satisfactory.

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### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

#### Blair

Sept. 1—Blair is soon to have a new school building. The old one has been torn down and the new one will be erected on the same site.

The Blair W. O. W. Camp with their families assembled at the arbor Thursday Aug. 28th and a pleasant time socially together with plenty of ice cream and cake for refreshments. May there be many more such days.

S. E. Adcock is still improving and will soon be able to attend to business again.

Mrs. J. H. Madderra has been very sick with fever but is reported better at this time.

Douglas Hannah had the misfortune to cripple himself by sticking a nail in his foot.

J. C. Morris of Henderson is spending a few days with his grandmother Mrs. Campbell while he is recovering from a spell of fever.

J. A. Meeks and family were visitors in the home of J. H. Madderra Sunday.

The singing at James Doans Sunday night was well attended.

Mr. C. D. Doan and Miss Laura Dean two of Blair's popular young people were married Sunday evening. They in company with a number of the young people got in their buggies drove to the residence of Rev. A. A. Baker of Merkel where they were married.

The Sunday School and preaching services will be under the arbor until the new school is built. Rev. Jno. Sibley preaches next Sunday evening.

#### Inkum

Sept. 1—The weather has been unusually warm in the mountains until the recent shower of rain cooled the atmosphere.

William Fain left for his home near Graham Thursday.

Lem Dudley left for Wichita Falls on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wills returned Monday from a visit to relatives in Arkansas and Oklahoma. They reported the heat in Oklahoma as being very oppressive.

Key Wilson purposed leaving for Rockwall County Monday via Merkel.

Professor Evans and Mr. Cogner of Abilene made a trip to this section the past week.

Armour Booth and E. B. Owens left for Jerome, Arizona last week.

Mr. Yeargin of View made a trip to this section Friday.

John Collins and family are visiting the formers mother near Colorado.

R. P. Hale made a business trip to this section Friday.

Lee Hill and family visited relatives near Nubia Saturday and Sunday.

#### Notice.

The Southern National Bank located at Merkel in the State of Texas is closing its affairs. All note holders and other creditors of the association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment. Dated August 8th, 1913.

J. E. Faucett, Cashier.

#### 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.

### IT'S A MISTAKE Made By Many Merkel Residents.

Many people in a misguided effort to get rid of kidney backache, rely on plasters, liniments and some other makeshifts. The right treatment is kidney treatment and a remarkably recommended kidney medicine is Doan's Kidney Pills. Merkel is no exception.

The proof is at your very door. The following is an experience typical of the work of Doan's Kidney Pills in Merkel. Mrs. T. J. King, Kent St., Merkel, Texas, says: "One of my family used Doan's Kidney Pills over two years ago and was cured of kidney trouble. This person had severe pains across the small of his back, making it almost impossible for him to get about. He used two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills and was quickly cured. The time that has since passed has proven the cure to a permanent one."

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

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

#### Indefinite.

Harry—"What polish Miss Flirt has." Mayme—"Do you mean in her manners or her face enamel?"

#### Mother of Eighteen Children.

"I am the mother of eighteen children and have the praise of doing more work than any young woman in my town," writes Mrs. C. J. Martin, Boone Mill, Va. "I suffered for five years with stomach trouble and could not eat as much as a biscuit without suffering. I have taken three bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets and am now a well woman and weigh 169 pounds. I can eat anything I want to, and as much as I want in ten years. I refer to any one in Boone Mill or vicinity and they will vouch for what I say." Chamberlain's Tablets are for sale by all dealers. Adv.

#### The Makeup Forces.

"Did you ever help put a puzzle together?" "No; my wife always assembles herself alone."—Judge.

#### Caught a Bad Cold.

"Last winter my son caught a very bad cold and the way he coughed was something dreadful," writes Mrs. Sarah E. Duncan, of Tipton, Iowa. "We thought sure he was going into consumption. We bought just one bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and that one bottle stopped his cough and cured his cold completely." For sale by all dealers. Adv.

#### Intuition.

Intuition has been defined as a quick method of arriving at a totally incorrect conclusion.—Puck.

#### Lumbago and Rheumatism.

A quick relief from lumbago and rheumatism is had by the application of Hunt's Lightning Oil, the quick acting liniment. A friend writes, "We have been using Hunt's Lightning Oil for 13 years and deem it above all others."—Mrs. J. T. Nevels, Gordon, Texas, Route 2, Box 31. 25 and 50c bottle. All dealers.

#### Despondency

Is often caused by indigestion and constipation, and quickly disappears when Chamberlain's Tablets are taken. For sale by all dealers.

### Deafness Cannot be Cured

by any local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucus lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh. Send for circulars, free. F. J. Cheney, & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. Adv.

#### Family Debate.

The debaters of the family circle have before them this important resolve: "That the house should be painted, the ceilings whitewashed and the rooms papered." It is likely to pass and a committee appointed to try to jolly the landlord.

### Remarkable Remedy for Skin Diseases.

While we were living in Montechriste, Texas, last winter and spring we had a severe breaking out on our hands and it was so severe at times it made us get up at night. We put on some of your "Hunt's Cure" and only had to rub it on a few times till we had it cured.—H. Mendenhall, Audubon, Iowa. Positively guaranteed. No cure no pay. Price 50c. All dealers. Adv.

#### Not All Hours Spent in Labor.

When a man says he works six hours a day, he is seldom exact. I count in the time he spends listening to funny stories or talking baseball.

#### Severe Rheumatism.

Grove Hill, Ala: Hunt's Lightning Oil cured my wife of a severe case of Rheumatism and my friend of toothache. I surely believe it is good for all you claim for it.—A. R. Stringer. 25 and 50c bottles. All dealers. Adv.

#### A Mixup.

"When do you expect to take a hand in this business?" "When I get a footing in it."

#### Gave Away Formula.

About forty years ago there was advertised on London billboards a drink called Robur, said to be good for every ailment and, incidentally, the long sought after elixir of life. One was invited to send for free samples, and its marvelous properties were the subject of everybody's conversation. Robur might have been sold to this day had not some one, without the fear of a libel action before his eyes, divulged its secret formula—cold tea enlivened by rum. From that moment it fell rapidly as it had risen, for people could make their own Robur if they wanted it.

#### 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. 50c.

### USE OF CALLOMEL PRACTICALLY STOPPED

#### Dangerous Drug Giving Way for Safer, More Reliable Remedy.

Hundreds of people in this vicinity alone have stopped the use of dangerous calomel when their liver is acting slowly, and take Dodson's Liver Tone instead.

Dodson's Liver Tone is always safe and has none of the bad after-effects which so often follow the use of calomel. It is a pleasant-tasting vegetable liquid that starts the liver gently and surely, and relieves constipation and biliousness and causes no restriction of habit or diet.

Many preparations have sprung up that imitate the claims made for Dodson's Liver Tone, but remember Dodson's Liver Tone is the tried and tested remedy that has proven such a good medicine and is so satisfactory to every user—is the reason these imitations are on the market.

Dodson's Liver Tone cannot hurt anyone and if it fails to do all that is claimed for it Rust & McCauley who sells it, will give your money back with a smile. Adv.

#### How Simply Awful!

"Just think!" said Mrs. Twickenbury, "those horrid women have been throwing bric-a-brac at the prima donna of England!"—Christian Register

#### Best Treatment for a Burn.

If for no other reason, Chamberlain's Salve should be kept in every household on account of its great value in treatment of burns. It allays the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a severe one, heals the parts without leaving a scar. This salve is also unequalled for chapped hands, sore nipples and diseases of the skin. Price, 55 cents. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

#### Daily Thought.

Let friendship sweep gently to the heights; if it rush to it, it may soon run itself out of breath.—Thomas Fuller.

#### Lightning in the Winter

Is a queer phenomenon, but there is nothing queer about the quick relief given to Rheumatism by Hunt's Lightning Oil. John Coffman, Route 4, Shawnee, Okla., says: "My wife is over 66 years old and had Rheumatism in her neck and the first application did the work, and we will keep it on hand always. 25 and 50c bottles. Adv.

#### Daily Thought.

Remember, no effort we make to obtain something beautiful is ever lost. Sometime, somewhere, somehow, I shall find that which we seek.—Helen Keller.

#### Good for Biliousness.

"I took two of Chamberlain's Tablets last night, and I feel fifty per cent better than I have for weeks," says J. J. Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness." For sale by all dealers. Adv.

#### Record for Laziness.

The laziest man is reported in Kansas, where he conducts a store in a little town. A woman entered his shop one day and said she wanted to buy a pair of shoes. "A lazy man, who was sitting on a box at one end of his establishment, looked at her, yawned wearily, and then said: "I can't wait on you today. Come in some time when I'm standin' up."—San Francisco Argonaut.

### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

#### Compere

Sept. 2—The health of this community is good. Brother Childress is improving.

Miss Moten of Plainview is visiting her sister Mrs. Lee Estes.

Miss Emma May Mashburn of Merkel was in our midst Sunday.

Cotton picking is the order of the day out here.

Mr. Joe Adkins leaves tomorrow for Plainview. Mr. Adkins will make Plainview his future home. We regret very much to lose such a man as our neighbor.

Miss Ruth Moore visited her sister Mrs. D. Addison at Blair.

Mr. Ramon Palmer our cattle buyer made a trip to Ft. Worth last week.

Mr. W. Moore, Earl and Clarence Foster are in the city of Abilene this week.

Brother Walker of Stith filled his regular appointment last Sunday, the fourth Sunday. Compere called him for their Pastor for another year. Brother Walker speaks of having a ten days or two weeks meeting when we get through with the cotton. He says it will be a good idea to while away the time in religious services.

#### Shiloh.

Sept. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong of Oklanoma who have been here visiting their daughter Mrs. Mary Kirk left Sunday night for a few days stay down on the Coast before returning home.

Wilmer Grayson and wife of Dallas are here visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. Jim Grayson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ideas Alexander from the Shinery were here visiting the family of F. E. Hail Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan and Mr. Treat and family spent Sunday visiting the family of R. L. Foard on Sweetwater Creek.

Elmer Pomroy and wife spent Sunday afternoon at Mrs. Joe Winters.

Mrs. Laura Brown and children left last week to visit her brother in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Martin are the proud parents of a fine boy, which was born August 30th 1913.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hail spent Saturday night and Sunday visiting on Sweetwater Creek.

Prayer meeting was well attended Sunday night.

Mrs. James called on Mrs. Martin Monday afternoon.

#### Diarrhoea Quickly Cured

I was taken with diarrhoea and Mr. Yorks, the merchant here, persuaded me to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After taking one dose of it I was cured. It also cured others that I gave it to," writes M. E. Gebhart, Oriole, Pa. That is not at all unusual. An ordinary attack of diarrhoea can almost invariably be cured by one or two doses of this remedy. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

#### Tired of Being Poor.

"Oxford undergraduate scholar, who is tired of being poor, wishes to be adopted by wealthy people."—London Times.