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WOMAN MISSIONARY

Society for Abilene District in Two Days Conference.

INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE

The Local Society and Friends Hosts to Charming and Talented Delegates and Visitors During Conference.

The Woman's Missionary Society Conference for the Abilene district has been in a most interesting, entertaining and very instructive session in our little town this week, Tuesday and Wednesday and the Merkel Auxiliary has been host to most charming and talented guests, the delegates to the Society.

The Society was called to order by Mrs. Harris, district secretary and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. R. A. Clements.

The welcome address was delivered by Mrs. G. H. Adams and the response was made by Miss Clara Tate of Abilene. There was the enrollment of delegates, and the following committees elected:

Resolutions: Mrs. Bass, Mrs. Royston and Mrs. Wathem. Layety rights: Rev. Clements, Mrs. Stephens, Miss Day and Mrs. Crawford.

The secretary's message was very interesting and instructive and as well encouraging for those so fortunate to be present.

The discussion of the "Work of Each Officer" by Mrs. Bass and a letter read by Mrs. Stephens from Miss Winn, deaconess at Houston concluded the first day's program. There was special music by Miss Fannie Burroughs.

On the second day Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Bass, Miss McKeown and Mrs. Merritt played important parts in the program which made the last the best day. There was special music by Miss Gaddy, Miss Burroughs and Mrs. Bass.

Wednesday Evening

The last service of the conference was enjoyed by a house filled to its utmost capacity.

The songs, "From all the Dark Places of Earth's Heathen Races," by the choir and "Home Sweet Home" by Mrs. Bass were illustrated by Mrs. Simeon Shaw upon canvas. The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Stephens and the principal address of the evening was delivered by Miss Smith of Ft. Worth.

The service was concluded by a play illustrating by word and character the various work and the good accomplished by the society. A solo by Miss Gaddy was a part of the interesting play.

Delegates Present

The following were among the delegates and visitors:

Abilene: Misses Clara Tate and Ruby Edwards, Mesdames Henry, Bass, Harris, Crawford, Shaw and Smith.

Anson: Mesdames Stephens, Clyde, Hudson, Bailey, Beird, Day and Wathem.

Cross Plains: Mesdames Butler, Royston, Nuguet; Mrs. Yates; Stamford, Mrs. McKeown; Colorado, Mrs. Merritt.

Welcome Address

The Mail made a request and has received but too late for publication this week the address of Mrs. G. H. Adams to the Society. The same will appear in our next issue and be of interest to others than members of the Society.

Trent's Busy.

The reports reaching our office from our bustling little neighbor city Trent are to the effect that cotton is coming in at a lively clip, the gins are buzzing and merchants are busy. The crops are very good in the Trent country and the Mail rejoices with our good friends in that section.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gilliam are in Waxahachie where Mr. Gilliam has accepted a position in a Drug store.

YEA-EXTEND WATER MAINS-NAY?

The extension of the water mains is a worthy enterprise which the Mail commends to the new mayor and again to our council.

It matters not who favored or opposed the bond issue—we have a system of waterworks at a cost of \$25,000 and certainly should make the best of same possible. So far as it goes we have a good system and with it one of the best fire departments of volunteer organization and support. This is true and yet we have about one-half of our citizens paying for this improvement and without any direct benefit or protection.

It is possible to extend the water mains to cover the rest of our town at a cost of approximately \$2500, only about one-tenth of the original cost of the system which gives protection, water connection and a saving in insurance rates to the favored sections—then should it not be done? If the system is worth maintenance for the favored section then is it not worth one-tenth of its cost to give the benefits, saving and protection to the other half of our town? The system as it is with our fire department has saved property to the value of more than its entire cost and then, is it not possible if not reasonable to suppose that the extension of the mains would do as much for the rest of our town? If no other benefit these good citizens and properties beyond the limits are entitled to the protection and reduction in their insurance rates. They are now helping to pay for the protection and saving of the others and without the benefit themselves.

This valuable improvement can be made at a cost of about \$2500 and paid for by the city out of the special water fund without any increase of taxes—then should it not be done? It is true that the greatest part must be arranged on a credit, but if the entire city is bonded and put in debt for the cost of the original system \$25000, then our aldermen should not take stage fright at the little debt which is necessary to extend and complete the system and give the benefits and protection to the others. These others are now paying their part on the original investment. The system and fire department saves in insurance rates money for many of our citizens and the extension will make this saving for others.

This proposition has been presented to our city dads, but like many other good propositions, squelched or put aside to die a natural death without any consideration. The aldermen who are unfavorable to the extension are among the very same who opposed spending \$500 for our fire team and wagon and advocated instead spending \$3000 to \$4000 for an AUTOMOBILE TRUCK to haul our fire-

GOOD ROADS.

(By Homer D. Wade.)

Secretary Texas Good Roads, Assn. The road to ruin is the road with bad ruts.

Do not worry too much about the kind of roads, but get good ones.

Good roads are monuments to mankind. Let every man build his own monument.

Since good roads are for all the people, they should be built by all the people.

The only thing that Julius Caesar did that exists today are the good roads he built.

One good turn deserves another, and one good road begets another, with much pleasure thrown in.

The most antiquated laws upon our statute books are our road laws. Good roads can never be made a reality until these laws are modernized.

The children going to school, the farmers going to market, the old folks going to town, and the tourist in his auto, all enjoy the benefits of good roads.

Long life to auto tires, much happiness to draught wagons, eternal pleasure and comfort can all be attained by having good public highways.

Arkansas and Alabama are to follow Missouri in having good roads day. How long will Texas let her sister states outstrip her in the improvement of public highways.

The man who trods his beaten paths continually will eventually make a rut for himself. The state that permits her people to mire in the mud, will drop behind, educationally, morally and commercially. Build good roads and be happy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dugger of Weakly, Tenn. were here visiting the family of the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collins.

SUFFRAGETS FAIL IN ARSON ATTEMPT TODAY

LONDON, Sept. 17.—A suffragette arson squad today attempted to burn the Penhurst Place, the historical county seat of Lord De-Isle, but the servants succeeded in saving the great mansion, which contains many of the most precious art treasures of England.

fighting apparatus. Ye channel cats! and pollywogs, alive!! If they could favor such an investment to haul our hose they will certainly upon consideration vote to spend a lesser amount for the extension of the mains so that the fire department could use their hose after they get there. One who would spend \$189.75 for a gun should invest and risk a little bit for ammunition before going in quest of game. It would be a pretty consequence to see a \$3000 to \$4000 automobile truck, engine puffing, gong clanging and horn tooting, rushing madly over our streets to a fire just beyond the limits of protection and there rest in the shade of some mesquite and let the properties burn—for lack of mains and water. It would be bad for our fire team and wagon and we should not take the chances.

The opponents suggest to build one block at a time, like they gravel streets one block each year—a procrastination, an action so indefinite as to promise nothing. The rest of the system was not built that way. One who hears so much talk about the city not being able to do anything for improvement must wonder what becomes of his tax money. If it takes it all for salaries, we should cut down the salaries or raise the taxes. The people do not object to paying taxes if they are getting anything for the money.

There is a bare majority of the council left who have rightly reserved their opinion until the evidence is all submitted and to these our citizens should speak and show them the reason and right of the proposition, and mayhap we will get the improvement.

If so we would have a waterworks system, fire department and fire protection second to no town of our size in the state—an enviable accomplishment and there is no reason on earth why it should not be so.

This is a proposition which commends itself to every believer in fair and square dealing—one who is willing that the smallest and humblest citizen and property owner receive the same benefits as his friend and fellow citizen, more centrally located with property of more value.

It is up to the new mayor, our aldermen and the people again to decide—yea or nay.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Daniels of Nolan County were here visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniels.

EIGHTEEN LICENSES IN AUGUST.

During the month of August there were only eighteen marriage licenses issued by County Clerk W. J. Young. August is always a dull month in the marriage market, and if the records of the present month keep up as they have been, there is no question but that September will be the banner month of the present year, despite the drought. For the thirteen days of the present month some twelve licenses have been issued. The following are the licenses which were issued during the month of August:

- H. M. Le May and Lukie L. Curry.
- H. C. Luton and Lula Bush.
- W. F. Scales and Vinnie Salyers.
- Arthur Gohar and Beulah McCormick
- Rube Shaw and Edna Cumby.
- G. C. Campbell and Mary Webb.
- W. D. McDearman and Marie Axe.
- Hooper Chrance and Eula Dotson.
- W. P. Ashe and Liddia Moro.
- Chester Jacobs and Edna Halley.
- R. C. Flowers and Alpha Sibley.
- J. S. Harwell and Mrs. Rosa Griffin.
- J. M. Davis and Lucy Williams.
- M. L. Douglas and Chloe Biggs.
- A. V. Hawkins and Beulah Logan.
- Bert Anderson and Lela White.
- E. C. Barrington and Elsie Ballard.
- D. C. Doan and Laura Belle Dean.

New Telephone Directory.

The new directory for the Southwestern Telephone Company has been finished and delivered by our office. The new directory does not compare with the usual standard of our office nor the Southwestern who boasts everything including service first-class, but our explanation is that the job was done according to specifications and the company excuses itself with the statement that the advertising in this edition did not justify their customary standard of work. The new book is neat and will well answer the purpose.

TAFT HAS LOST 80 POUNDS; WEIGHS 240

BROOKLYN, Mass., Sept. 17.—William H. Taft has lost eighty pounds since leaving the presidency, he announced today. But he still weighs two hundred and forty.

ILLUSTRATED TALK TO PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mrs. Simeon Shaw of Abilene gave to the children of the public school a very interesting illustrated talk Wednesday afternoon. She uses the crayon that Chautauqua Lecturers use so beautifully. Her work was so quickly done that the children were spell-bound and it was all too short, the work was so wonderful but she stressed the fact that it was only chalk and paper—but a great purpose behind it all, that all children are talented. All have dreams and talent and ability to make those dreams come true.

The Mail offers to the child who brings in the best original sketch, his or her own ideas, representing "School Days" for the upper grades, and "Going Fishing" for the lower grades one of Mrs. Shaw's crayon pictures, from now until the 15th of October. Either bring or mail to this office your sketch. Mrs. Shaw will be the judge. Now let us take an interest in this work and see who will be the one to win the nice prize, so you may have privilege of putting up in your school room for this term.

From Abilene Daily Reporter.

The Taylor County Board of Commissioners met with County Judge E. M. Overshiner yesterday afternoon and approved the tax rolls of the county recently completed.

The recapitulation shows some interesting statistics. The total assessed taxes reach \$170,299.17 for the year 1913 as compared with \$119,882.00 for the year 1912. The total number of polls assessed are 3,903, which is the number who should pay their poll taxes for the year. This is an assessment of 67 over the year 1912, which indicates a good increase and an advance in adults.

The taxable valuation is \$14,124,920 for the year 1913. The state tax is \$32,482.16. The state school tax is \$24,017.56; Confederate pensions, \$1,967.73; State revenue poll, \$1,951.50; county tax, \$58,614.87; county special, \$10,822.81; county district school, \$30,453.73; county poll, \$975.75.

The county tax rate for the year 1913 is 41.50, and the state tax 45 cents on the hundred dollars valuation. In precinct No. 1, Abilene precinct, there is a special 15 cent tax.

Mrs. Foy Wallace Dead.

Members of the Christian College faculty received a telegram yesterday informing them of the death of Mrs. Foy Wallace at Corpus Christi during the morning. The burial will be in Georgetown tomorrow.

Mrs. Foy Wallace was the wife of one of the leaders of the Christian church in the state and well known to all of the faculty and many people in this section of the state.—Abilene (Tuesday) Reporter.

The above item is sad news for many of the Christian people of our community for the deceased was known and loved by many of our citizens.

987 Bales to September 1.

Wm. Young, Government agent for Taylor county, reports that there were 987 bales on cotton ginned in Taylor county to September 1st of this year against 3436 for the year ending Sept. 1st, 1912.

Mr. Young visits every cotton gin in the county regularly twice a month and furnishes the Government accurate reports of all ginnings in the county.—Abilene Reporter.

FORT WORTH, Texas, Sept. 16.—The shortage which existed in the accounts of the State National Bank of Fort Worth, due to the alleged speculations of Mike L. Woods, a former trusted employe of that institution, has been wiped out. James Harrison, Mrs. C. A. Cufferson, Mrs. Mary H. Schuller, F. H. Sherwood, and E. E. Baldrige, the largest stockholders of the bank, have paid the money into the bank, which now is in the same condition it was prior to the defalcation. The announcement of this was made to the stockholders in a letter mailed out a day or so ago.



IT IS YOUR DUTY TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY WITH A BANK ACCOUNT WHAT WOULD BECOME OF THEM SHOULD YOU DIE PENNILESS ?

J. S. SWANN, Pres. R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier
JNO. SEARS, V-Pres B. C. MOORE, Ass't. Cashier M. Armstrong
ALL HOME FOLKS

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Just look at this picture and THINK. This Bank is run on a conservative basis, is a Guaranty Fund Bank and thoroughly dependable. Make OUR bank YOUR bank.

THE ONLY GUARANTY FUND BANK

Notice Everybody.

TO THE PEOPLE WHO EAT: That means everybody. Hard times are looking us in the face and it is going to pay the people to look after their interests. Every dollar you save in buying your groceries means something.

You can save money by buying your groceries from me. I will pay you 12 1-2 cents per dozen for your eggs and sell you the best flour that comes to Merkel for only \$2.85.

Come around and see me and I can show you better than I can tell you.

WALTER CLARK.

There is no reason why the other new awnings should not be erected now and as a tip to property owners we might add that it will be a help in making the rental contract for the new year. A progressive merchant is not going to by choice locate in a building not up to the average.

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.

Advice is given us by Sweet-water that the automobile highway has been logged and definitely established by our little town and will be shown in the next issue of the A. A. A. Blue Book. The autoists will come to Merkel.

Kodak Scout With A Kodak.

There's no better sport for boy, girl, or grown up than picture taking. The kodak way puts the sport within easy reach of all. Kodaks and kodak supplies. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

When on your way to the post-office just step in the front door of Behren-McMillen Furniture Co., and pass on through to the north door, just to look at our new furniture. You are always welcome at our store.

A. L. Reneau of McKinney, Collin County is one of the best black land friends of our country. He was out this week looking after property interest and of course renewed his subscription to our paper.

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 catarrah) that cannot be cured by Hall's Cattarrh. Send for circulars, free. F. J. Cheney, & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. Adv

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. C. King have bought the Turner home on South Oak street and are making some improvements and addition.

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

Going to Circus

At least one big week there is no thought of short crops, stringent finances nor early maturities for Saturday is the day of the big show, Ringling Bros., at Abilene and Merkel and Merkel country will be represented by its usual train load to say nothing of the hundreds of vehicles that will wind their way Abileneward early Saturday morning. Yes, we are going and so are you.

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. 28-11.

Writing with a Conklin is a regular joy ride over the paper. Conklin's Self Filling Fountain Pen for sale and guaranteed for 5 years, by Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Shoes, at a big discount for cash. Star Store.

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.

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.

Best 10 oz. duck at 14 cents Saturday only. Parten Dry Goods Co.

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

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. McMillen made a business trip to Abilene Friday.

The best cigars in town at Burroughs.

Otti Coggin was a pleasant caller in Sweetwater Friday night.

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

Rev. G. Balcon stopped off and spent the night with Rev. Gaddy and family enroute to Brownfield to preach.

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

T. E. Sears and family left Friday night for their home at White-right after spending several days with relatives.

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

M. D. Ussery attended the Singing Convention at Tuscola Sunday.

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

Mrs. L. Baulch spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Rucker of Caps.

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

Miss Mattie Moore spent Sunday in Abilene visiting friends.

Have your prescriptions sent to our store. Grimes.

All the best brands of gingham 10 cents. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. J. W. Dale left for her home at Winters after spending a few days with W. M. Hope and family.

Toilet articles, at Grimes.

Simpson Christopher left for Abilene Saturday to attend Simmons College this winter.

One stick of candy, sugar or flint for everyone, little and big people, young and old, who visit our store Saturday. The Elite.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Dodd spent Saturday and Sunday in Abilene visiting their daughter Mrs. Gentry.

Stick Candy Day, Saturday, at the Elite.

Mrs. T. S. Gant of Valley View is here visiting her brother J. J. Stallings and wife.

The Elite has a fancy box candy on ice.

The Nyal Store

Rust & McCauley Drug Company

QUALITY

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JNO. W. WHEATLEY, Manager

The Eastman Kodak Depot

The Conklin Fountain Pen Store

John West left for Fort Worth Sunday night to attend the T. C. U.

Better Shoes at cheaper prices at, Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Biggest and best tablets in town for the money at the Elite.

W. H. Kendrick left Monday night for Houston to spend a few days with his mother.

Desk clocks, novelty paper weights—the very latest and only \$1.50, at Grimes.

Come to see us and eat stick candy Saturday. The Elite.

M. G. Hale of Hood County is here visiting his son J. G. Hale and wife.

Its good goods you want they are cheaper at Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. Henry Bass of Abilene is here visiting Mrs. H. C. Burroughs and family.

Best 10 oz. duck at 14 cents Saturday only. Parten Dry Goods Co.

Jim Black is in Abilene this week attending court.

A nice line of Men's youths and boys suits just arrived call and examine them they are cheap. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

The Elite is the tablet store.

Miss Robbie Davis returned to her home in Abilene Friday after a very pleasant visit with friends in this city.

School supplies of all kinds at Burroughs.

Ernest Duckett left Saturday for Snyder where he will spend a few days visiting his brother Walter Duckett before returning to Dallas.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Oliver typewriter No. 5, in good condition. Price \$50.00. Jno. G. Jackson. 28-dh.

STENOGRAPHER—Letter writing and special work; charges reasonable. Fannie Moore, at Merkel Mail Office.

FOR SALE—Jersey cow and heifer calf; cow two years old, good color, gentle. Burton-Lingo Co. 18-1f.

FOR SALE—A rubber tire run-about buggy in good serviceable condition, cheap for cash or secured note. Jno. G. Jackson. 28-dh.

COW FOR SALE—Jersey heifer, 2 years old; cheap for cash. McClain's Drug Store. 18-2t.

You can get made to your order at popular prices, church seats, pew ends, and school desks, at J. Y. Grier Plaining Mill near A. & S. Depot, Abilene, Texas. 12-3t.

FOR SALE OR RENT—A good house and home; 5 room, chimney and two porches; good shed barn; east front and lot and half. Will sell at sacrifice for cash or rent for \$5.00 per month. Jno. G. Jackson. 28-dh.

FOR SALE—160 acres improved, within three miles of Merkel, good place and home, at best bargain in Merkel country and liberal term to good man. Jno. G. Jackson. 28-dh.

FOR SALE—Jersey milk cow, 5 years old, giving two to two and one-half gallons per day. Price, \$50.00 if taken at once. W. Parten. 18-1f.

WANTED—100 cotton pickers. Apply to J. R. Porter, Loraine, Mitchell county, Texas. Paying from 65c to 85c per hundred. 4t.

COTTON PICKERS—Wanted to pick cotton crop; house, good water and stove. S. F. Haynes, Merkel. 18-2t.

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

The self filling Conklin won't sweat neither will you if you use it. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Buy your groceries from the firm that buys your cotton. Hamblet & Rogers.

Buy tablets at the Elite.

O. J. Adcock left Saturday for Evansville, Ind, where he was sent as a delegate to the National Rural Letter Carriers' Convention.

Just received a fresh shipment of cigars. Grimes.

Dr. M. Armstrong made a business trip to Fort Worth the first of this week.

New picture frames and molding at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co. 17-2t.

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

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Thornton is reported quite sick this week, the cause of much anxiety to the parents and their friends and the Mail joins with them in wishes for recovery.

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

Mrs. Lee Bacon and children of Big Springs are this week visiting friends in our city.

Trade your old furniture to Mack for new Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Mrs. W. B. Moore of Fort Worth came in Thursday evening to join her husband who is our new T. & P. agent.

When in need of Druggist Sundries Burroughs has them.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

We handle checks at par on any bank, anywhere. We solicit your account. Farmers State Bank.

The Anchor Hardware Company completed this week their new cement sidewalk which extend to the postoffice, a convenience as well as good looking improvement for their property and this part of town.

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

Buy shoes now—Florsheim, of course and save money. Star Store.

Eat Pure Food Bakery bread.

Mrs. Geo. L. Miller spent Wednesday in Abilene.

Wall paper, price 9 cents double roll up to best. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co. 17-2t.

R. H. Collins left for Fort Worth Wednesday where he is shipping a car load of cattle.

Plenty corn at G. M. Sharp.

Mrs. J. J. Shaffer or Stephenville is visiting her son J. F. Shaffer and family of this city.

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

H. C. Burroughs was in Abilene on business Wednesday.

You can save money by buying your suit, shoes and furnishings of us now—a big discount for cash. Star Store.

Mrs. A. H. Richard left Thursday for Fort Worth where she will spend two weeks visiting friends of that city.

Make our bank your headquarters when in town and use our accommodations. Farmers State Bank.

Mrs. L. R. Medford has returned to her home at Boston, after spending several days with her son Dr. Atwood of Truby.

Deposit your cotton checks with us. We want your business. Farmers State Bank.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Sept. 20 1913

Carter Ed
Dunn Miss Bernice
Thoop D. S. & Co.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Oct. 4, 1913.
H. W. Derstine, P.M.

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THE END OF PERSONAL PREJUDICES WILL BE BEGINNING OF OUR PROGRESS

It is Written that a House Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand and the Scriptural Truth Applies to Town and Communities as Well as to Individual Homes—Our Town Is but One Big House, Our Home.

It is thus the future historian will chronicle the beginning of the era of real progress, permanent development and the universal peace, prosperity and happiness of our people. Oh, glorious time, happy day—when our people lay aside all personal matters to work for their mutual good.

There are many things about our people which we love and commend—there are no better people anywhere. We love them as a people and for that reason try in our humble way to accomplish something with them while we are among them. There are many things commendable and yet if we were asked to name one thing that is most condemnable we would unhesitatingly and most-haps truthfully say: Our susceptibility to prejudice. We have many virtues and this is our one greatest fault, prejudice. This has been the greatest stumbling block in our path of progress. It has made itself manifest in almost every progressive, political and material proposition. This one thing has caused disunion and hard feelings among an otherwise liberal and conservative people and, to our shame as a people, has caused to be written some chapters on the minutes of our councils, in the history of material things and even on the sacred pages of our churches' history, would that we could erase and destroy from memory.

The Mail hates prejudice for we know it to be the deadliest and meanest poison that can be injected into the life's blood veins of any people. There should be none but there has been and it is our duty to ourselves to see that there shall be none in the future. In the past it has been brought into play to defeat or carry a given point, only an advantage for the time being without thought of the damage for the future or the danger if brought into general use. It is more foolish than dangerous and to be frank with our subject we must say that prejudice goes only with ignorance and meanness and vanishes with education and fair dealing. We live to learn and the more we learn the broader we become, more liberal, more considerate and more progressive.

There is no reason why a people whose interests, lives and loved ones are thrown together should not live, think, plan and work together for their mutual interests, the betterment of conditions and the improvement of their properties as a whole. There should be no personal differences in community work and no personal prejudice but instead a unity of purpose and a perfect harmony in work to that end or goal. It is true that we do not think alike, for this was not intended so but there should be the freest, frankest and friendliest discussion of all matters of public interest. This one change in our custom would make the necessary correction, for you can depend upon the people as a whole if they have the opportunity to read and know the facts without prejudice or favor, to vote and do right. If there is not this publicity but the narrow tongue-to-ear-keep-it-mum campaign to spite somebody else, the result will be different. All of our people are to blame for a lack of interest in public matters. It is so often the case that what is everybody's business is nobody's business, and individual citizens refuse or refrain from coming out and making known their ideas and wishes. This custom or habit leaves a clear field and track for those with selfish ends to accomplish for they are always on the job, never asleep at the switch and to be dead sure the wrong signal out for the bene-

fit of others using the right-of-way, in secret if not wholly under cover.

There is to be a new mayor elected the latter part of this month and we suggest to him a change in this respect. We offer him our columns gratis to make known his ideas and ambitions, just what he hopes to accomplish and in his work he should have the hearty cooperation of the entire council. It has not been so, we are sad and reluctant to relate. There has been real strife and some animosity between aldermen among themselves, between council and fire department and mayor and council in the past. It should not be so and any proposition, no matter how seemingly insignificant should receive the fairest and fullest consideration before decision and action. It has been otherwise. We have seen propositions submitted which were suggested for the good of our town decided in one moment—the same proposed negatively of course. This decision before any of the facts were brought out and even decided negatively after the facts were established favorably, matters recommended by mayor, special committee and requested by a petition with ninety per cent of the voters. This is a bad state of affairs and should be corrected.

The editor recently attended a council meeting in which was proposed the extension of the water mains. This is a worthy proposition, deserved and demanded by many of our best citizens but like many other good propositions it was squelched the same moment it was broached in the solemn deliberation of our council. This action or expression before the cost of the installation, the value of same, the saving of same or any of the other evidence was submitted—the jury deciding the case as soon as they take their seats in the box. All of the aldermen are our friends and we have no personal feeling whatever in the premises. We do not really blame them for they have been in the same old rut, in the habit and custom of meeting, allowing the accounts, running the regular routine of business and earning their little pittance of \$5 per that it is a habit. The people take no interest and why should they worry and wrangle over perplexing propositions, even though they promise good for our town? It matters not what is proposed it should receive the fairest of consideration and for a vote an aldermen should have a real good logical reason, yea or nay, and no excuse for his ballot. Not alone should these propositions receive consideration but there should be an occasional original idea advanced—something of their own motion and accomplished—to show their interest in the progress of our town.

Almost every advanced step, all in our memory with exception of the city hall and fire first fighting apparatus, have been accomplished at the cost of an extensive and oft times repeated agitation, laboriously circulated petition, many times the subscription by private citizens of the greater part of cost and always some unnecessary hard feeling in the matter. Many of them with the opposition of a majority of those who draw pay and whose duty it is to think and work for the good of the town. This town has been incorporated many years and think of its improvements and the sources which made them possible.

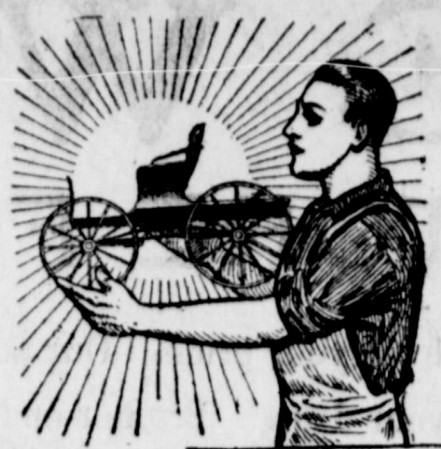
There have been almost as many streets graveled by private subscription as paid for out of the city's tax receipts, our only fair and equitable system for public improvement. It is like any other business—no system and no real purpose in view, just drifting with the winds, or just for pure contrariness going in the opposite direction. The Mail loves every officer of the present and past administration and there is no reference to personalities—we like them but want to change their ways and habits. There is a "do-nothing" policy we would like to see changed to "do-something." The people want something for their money and they should get it without so much labor and strife.

There are many matters which demand the attention and thought of our people and the Mail, as ever before, again offers the use of its columns by mayor, aldermen or private citizens for the free and fair discussion of all matters of public or community welfare. Let us now, at this important stage in the development of our town and country lay aside all personal differences and prejudice and get to real honest work for our mutual good.

Then we will begin to prosper, have peace and plenty and until then we do not blame the dispenser for withholding any special blessings, for a people unwilling to help themselves should not be helped, methinks right.

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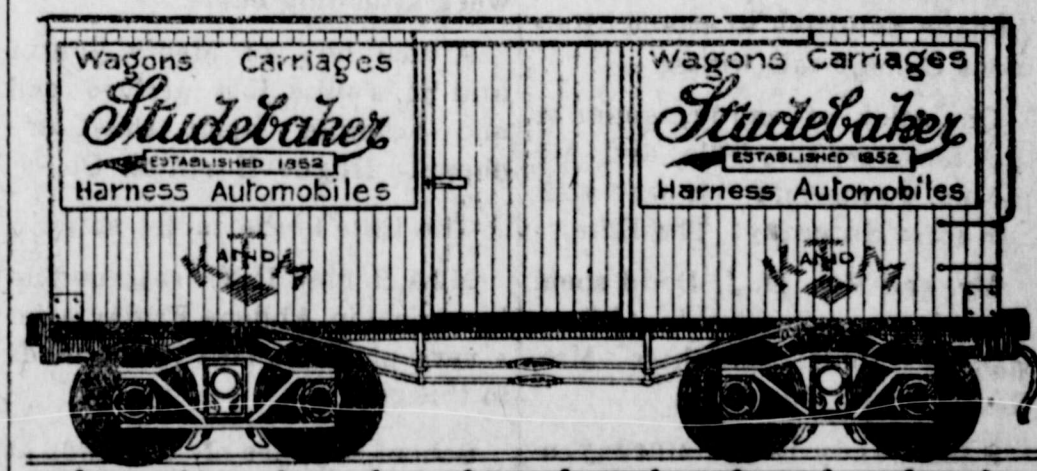
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HUERTA MESSAGE TO HIS CONGRESS

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 16.—President Huerta read his message before Congress. The message was in part as follows:

"Besides the fratricidal strife which exhausts us, the tenseness of our diplomatic relations with the government of the United States, although luckily not with that people, has put us in a state of apprehension, and made us suffer more than one affliction, which was not merited, and retarded the complete pacification of the republic.

"As this affair is so delicate a nature, and as the permanent commission of congress has already been informed of the state of negotiations, which as yet have not been broken off, I have only to indicate that the government hopes, with good ground, to see quickly solved the differences which, day by day, keep in suspense that good friendship which of old, united and for a definite future should unite us to our powerful civilized neighbors.

"Upon taking charge, by virtue of the law, of the presidency of the republic, complying with the international established practices, I communicated the fact of my having taken possession to all the foreign governments with which Mexico cultivates relations of friendship. Of these there hastened to answer by autograph letter the following: Germany, Austria-Hungary, Belgium, Colombia, Costa Rica, China, Denmark, Ecuador, Spain, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Holland, Honduras, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Montenegro, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Salvador, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey and Uruguay.

"I would call the attention of the congress to the fact that in this list are not found some of the small governments of Europe, but this is due to the fact that we have no diplomatic relations with them, or that their replies already have been announced through the proper channels and did not reach the chancellery. It has caused surprise, and at the same time

regret, to the honorable chamber, as to the executive, that some of the countries to which Mexico is united by ties of blood, language and customs, and no less by identical aspirations and destinies, have not vouchsafed a reply to the letter.

"The executive is ignorant of the causes which may have prompted this conduct, and it certainly may be entirely worthy of respect. He abstains from endeavoring to learn, and contents himself with putting the result before your honorable body.

"There have been sent to our ports various foreign vessels, with the object, it is said, of extending protection, if that should be necessary, to the lives and interests of the citizens of subjects of the powers in question by reason of the state of insecurity, it is presumed, growing out of the revolution. In view of this departure in foreign relations, I entered into correspondence with certain foreign diplomats, calling attention to the actions of their respective governments, and upon receiving due explanations, dictated orders toward the fulfillment of the law in such cases.

"Since the law prohibited warships from remaining more than a month in international waters, the Senate authorized said ships to remain, but with the understanding that those remaining should not entail an attack on the dignity and sovereignty of Mexico. Such authorization limited them to a period of six months, dating from April 25, last, and it was not thought advisable to renew this authorization upon its approaching expiration. Other ships which made visits of courtesy and not of vigilance have been received by the Mexican authorities, according to international laws and customs."

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Two more crimes were placed today on the police record against Rev. Hans Schmidt, confessed murderer of the Anna Aumuller and counterfeiter, when detectives found evidence that Schmidt stole four hundred dollars from the eastern collection of St. Joseph's Church and that he robbed a visiting priest, who spent the night with him.

Schmidt maintains that he made the bogus money for philanthropic purposes.

Miss Maud Dean of Tulsa and Miss Bessie Holmes of Big Springs were the guests of Miss Irene Swann. They were enroute to Abilene where they will attend Simmons College.

From Abilene Daily Reporter.

Judge E. M. Overshiner returned to Abilene yesterday afternoon from Austin, where he had gone to register bonds for the new court house. The bonds were registered and sent to Chicago.

Mr. Overshiner was a student in the University of Texas for some time, and met some of his old friends while away. He conversed with John Real Sneed, who was a fellow student of his at varsity. Mr. Sneed is contemplating selling his possessions in this state to go to the Northwest, where he would go into the stock business.

While in Austin Judge Overshiner called on George W. Kyser, commissioner of pensions, who informed him that he was swamped with business, but would give all consideration to the applications of veterans in Taylor county. When he assumed his position he had applications from more than a thousand pensioners, and there is a total of 12,000 now on the list. The old Confeds have been receiving a quarterly stipend of approximately \$10, but are now receiving \$25 per quarter.

Judge Overshiner also visited at the insane asylum, and reports that conditions there are very cramped, and an application for the entrance of a feeble-minded man was turned down awaiting room.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Despite Huerta's declaration yesterday that they will be unwelcome after another month, American warships will probably remain in Mexican waters as long as the present insecurity of Americans warrants it, was the intimation of government officials here today.

It was stated that the warships would adhere strictly to the injunction not "to entail an attack on the dignity and sovereignty of Mexico," but further than that President Wilson would not accept any dictation from Huerta as to leaving vessels along the coast.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Sept. 17.—Thousands of Northern veterans marched in a parade here today in the first re-union ever held in the South.

"Three cheers for the South," called out one Ohio veteran in the line. The cheer dislodged his false teeth, and he had difficulty in recovering them on the wet asphalt. The "Yankees" were given an ovation.

HARRY K. THAW SCORES A POINT

COLEBROOK, N. H., Sept. 17.—Harry K. Thaw was removed to Concord, the state capital, today to await his extradition hearing on Tuesday before Governor Felker.

Thaw was happy today in the knowledge that the Federal Court will review his case on the habeas corpus writ, even if he should lose in his extradition fight. This comes about through the decision of Judge Aldrich made at Littleton yesterday. It was another victory for Thaw and the New York authorities, headed by Jerome, were outwitted. Judge Aldrich yesterday suspended the proceedings after he had heard the argument in Thaw's application for a writ of habeas corpus, setting no date when the proceedings should be resumed.

When one of Thaw's lawyers pointed out that the extradition hearing would probably be held today and asked that the habeas corpus hearing be postponed, Jerome objected. "There is no federal issue involved here," he said. "This writ has been obtained merely for delay under circumstances which approach very nearly to trifling with the court." Judge Aldrich in postponing the proceedings spoke thusly:

"The immediate question is whether the proceedings shall go on or be suspended. It is the judgment of the court that a suspension would not menace the interests of either side and in view of the fact that the governor hesitates to proceed with the extradition hearing the status of this matter is assured, I suspend it. It is not adjourned, and I suggest that either side notify me within six days when they are prepared to go on with it."

LONDON, Sept. 16.—A workman today found on the sidewalk a practically entirely new pearl necklace valued at \$650,000, stolen in transit from Paris to London last July. The reward of \$50,000 offered probably will be given him.

The necklace is the most valuable in the world. It was said to have been destined to Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt.



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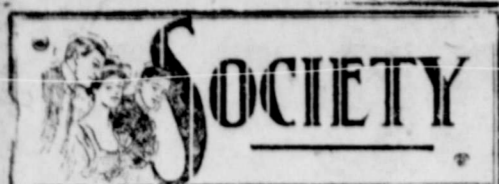
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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Civic Improvement Notes.

It does seem that with our natural level streets, the inexhaustible supply of good gravel so handy and other natural advantages that all of the streets in our little city should be graded and graveled.

Merkel is soon to have a new mayor and the society editor hopes that with the coming of the new administration there will be many new improvements for our little town.

The Gospel of life and liberty admonishes us to "let our lights so shine" and in this our little town has almost utterly failed.

Gather up all tin cans and trash which water can stand. A little carelessness on your part may cause illness in your own family and in your neighbor's family—you are your brother's keeper.

Baraca Business Meeting.

The M. E. Baraca Business Session convened Friday evening Sept. 1, 1913, at the home of F. Smith. Reports from the regular and outstanding committees were received.

PRESS REPORTER.

LEAGUE PROGRAM.

SEPT. 21, 1913. Subject: Bible Study. Leader—Miss Tennie Pope. Song 156. Prayer. Scripture: 2 Tim. 2:2-15; Luke 27:27-32; Ps. 37: 31-40; Isa. 7:20.

At the Methodist Church.

The following Layman's program will be rendered for the eleven o'clock service Sunday: Master of ceremonies—Dr. M. Armstrong.

Miss Winnie Warren visited friends and relatives in Abilene Thursday.

Society Personals.

Miss Kathleen Stephens is visiting Mrs. Harry Harris in Abilene. Miss Katherine Anderson of Tulsa, Okla., who has been visiting her brother R. O. Anderson is visiting in Abilene this week.

Billie Teaft has returned to Waco where he will attend Baylor University this year. Luther Grimes left Monday night for Dallas to spend a few days visiting.

Miss Ruby Edwards of Abilene visited Misses Mossie and Eula Sear. Mrs. Baylor Crawford was visiting Mrs. Scott this week.

Mrs. J. J. Largent is at home from Plainview where she visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Saffies.

Mrs. Will Provine and children are here from Blair, Okla., visiting the family of Mr. J. C. Provine.

Miss Fannie Tippett who has been here visiting her sister Mrs. W. L. Harkrider and family returned to her home at Abilene Tuesday.

Miss Bonnie Abernathy and Frank Smith were married at Trent Wednesday. Rev. Scott officiating.

Why not organize a Civic Improvement Club, now?

Talk Civic Improvement. It means a prettier cleaner and healthier Merkel—for 1914.

Merkel needs a sewerage system. Parents should watch their youthful Williams Tells who carry "nigger Shooters."

It is nothing unusual to see chickens with only one eye. The result of good marksmanship on the part of somebody's darling.

Now is the time to prepare the Annuals for next year.

Miss Mary Reed of Hillsboro returned home Saturday from an extended visit with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes and her Aunts Mrs. E. M. McDonald and Gred Guitar. Mr. Jno. Eoff returned home Monday from a visit in Winters with his daughters.

Miss Fannie Burroughs visited in Abilene last week the guest of Misses Clara Will McNatt and Neva Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis of Abilene visited the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ellis Sunday.

L. Sparkman of Abilene visited Merkel friends.

Virgil Touchstone of Childress is visiting Merkel friends and relatives.

Mrs. B. Jenkins has returned from Stanford where she visited Mrs. J. W. Dowdy.

Miss Sadie Collins and brother Grady are visiting relatives in Weakly, Tenn. They visited in Alabama enroute to their old home in Giles County.

Miss Claire Tate of Abilene attended the Womans Missionary Society and visited Mrs. W. H. Dickson this week. Mrs. Jeffie Hibbites left Thursday for Uvalde where she will teach school.

Miss Ethel Wilson of Abilene enroute to Hereford visited Misses Virginia and Venona Hamblett Thursday.

Miss Sophia Howard left Sunday for McCauley where she will teach this year.

Miss Eugene Rister has gone to Jayton to teach this Winter.

Miss Venona Hamblett is in Abilene visiting Miss Nora Wilson and Robbie Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harris came up from Abilene Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Jno Duskin Gaither.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillard and children of Tuscola are visiting the family of B. C. Gaither this week.

Misses Hollis and Eufia Cypert and Fanny Moore were in Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. H. K. Reid of Winters is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Eoff.

Mrs. Fred Bigham visited in Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. E. M. Brown is at home from Zepnyr where she visited her son, Dr. W. E. Brown.

Rev. W. M. Gaddy officiated at the marriage of Miss Ava Dyess of near Merkel and Leonard Morrison of Doan who were married on the lawn at the home of Rev. Gaddy's Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

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.

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

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Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its tiring me, and am doing all my work."

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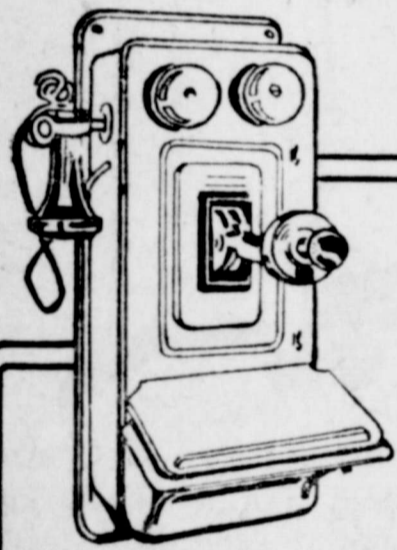
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Miss Gertrude Thornton returned to Sweetwater Monday afternoon after spending a few days with friends of this city.

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Mrs. Davenport Gaither visited in Abilene Thursday.

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C. P. Warren of Abilene visited his son J. T. Warren this week, looking after property interests in our country.

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Mrs. Lessie McCall who has been here visiting her sister Mrs. J. W. Powell for the past two months returned to her home at Dallas Sunday.

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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

Mrs. A. C. Roberts returned to her home at Temple Saturday after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. M. Roberts of this city.

Mrs. W. C. Matthews and little son Odgar returned to Trent Monday afternoon after spending a few days with Mrs. Matthew's mother Mrs Dowdy.

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.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

SALT BRANCH.

SEPT. 16.—After an absence of two weeks we will try again to fill out space in the columns of the Merker Mail.

Brother Walker of Stith, filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. Adkisson was called out Sunday afternoon to see the little babe of Cartha Lyles and wife, we regret to say it is very low at this time.

There was singing at Mr. Thorntons Saturday night.

S. W. Taylor and family and Miss Lula Higgins were guests of W. M. Hays and family Sunday.

Austin Robertson and Miss Oma Taylor attended the singing convention at Tuscola Sunday.

Joe Higgins and family of Warren spent Sunday with Charles Higgins and family.

Misses Selena and Olive Teaff and Garchie Higgins took dinner with Miss Lillie and Lois Smith, Sunday.

Will Higgins and family were guests of W. B. Beaver and family Sunday.

Tom Harvel and family of Warren spent Sunday with Porter Petty and family.

Uncle Bill Harris and wife took dinner Sunday with Ralph Golight and family.

Elmer Shipley and wife called at the home of W. B. Robertson and family Sunday afternoon.

W. B. Beaver and family returned home Wednesday of last week from two weeks stay on their farm near Shiloh.

Burley Taylor is at Loraine at this writing busy gathering the fleecy staple at that place.

Will Higgins and wife were visitors at W. B. Robertson Monday afternoon.

Holland Teaff leaves Monday night for Waco where he will enter school at Baylor University.

BLAIR.

SEPT. 16.—S. E. Adcock has been confined to his bed for several days with fever.

Rev. H. F. Percer has an appointment to preach here Saturday night and Sunday, Sept. 20 and 21.

The workmen are at work on the new school building this week.

Misses Lizzie and Myrtle Reeves, and Messrs. Chap Burke, Willie Brown, Henry Spears, and Adrian Farmer attended the Singing Convention at Tuscola Sunday. They report a large crowd and good singing.

S. F. Provine and John Meeks attending Court at Abilene this week as witnesses.

Dr. Powell of Buffalo Gap is visiting S. E. Adcock this week.

C. E. Williams spent Saturday night with his daughter Mrs. S. F. Provine.

Rev. Young will preach Sunday evening under the arbor.

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

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

COMPERE.

SEPT. 16.—Have had rain, rain enough to stop cotton picking and soil lots of the open cotton.

Health of our community is real good as far as we can learn.

Mr. Earl Foster and wife gave the young people an Ice Cream Supper Thursday night. All report a real nice time and a feast of cream.

The neighbors picked Brother Childers a bale of cotton last Thursday all he had.

Brother Lynn filled his appointment Sunday evening, he also married a couple on the road home. Mr. Eugene Spurgin and Miss Ethel Williamson. We wish them a long and happy life. Mr. Jake left this week to pay his old friends at Venus, Texas a visit. He will be gone a week. We wish him a very pleasant trip.

Mr. Palmer gave the young people a singing Sunday night. All report a good time.

Mr. W. N. Moore made a business trip to Merkel Monday.

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 and feel better than I have at any time 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

INKUM.

SEPT. 15.—Every one is rejoicing over the good rain which fell last week.

J. H. Davis preached at Elm Grove Sunday. Quite a large crowd attended.

Quarterly Conference was held at Elm Grove Saturday. Rev. Ferguson the Presiding Elder was expected to attend but was unable to do so.

Jno. Denton and family visited in this part Saturday and Sunday.

Robert Steen and Burl Bush left for the Shep Country Sunday.

Quite a number of people of our community attended the Singing at Tuscola Sunday. All report a lot of dinner and a good time.

Mr. Maxwell and family of Buffalo Gap visited relatives in this part last week.

N. C. Bush and family went to Shep Sunday.

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.

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