

THIS WEEK'S RAIN

Rainfall at Merkel Over One Inch—
Heavier South of Here.

SEPTEMBER RAIN 5.45 INCHES

Season Will Make More Roughness, Insures
Good Winter Grass and Ideal for the
Sowing of Grains.

The clouds assembled again Wednesday and beginning that afternoon distributed more wetness over Merkel country, the total precipitation as shown by our gauge at the time of going to press was one full inch. It is reported that the rainfall south in the Canyon valley was much heavier and such that all of Thursday the Mulberry was on a rampage and threatening the wagon bridge on the Abilene road.

This makes a total of 6.45 inches of rain registered by our gauge since September 9th, about three weeks. The total rainfall for September was 5.45 inches and with the start this week October promises at least sufficient more to retain the good season which is so desirable for grain and grass. Our country has hundreds of fields of good volunteer oats and it is promised that the biggest acreage in the history of our country will be sown to wheat and oats. Many farmers report some wheat up to a good stand and that they will sow more.

In addition the rains will with a late frost make some additional feed stuff, a little more cotton and good grain and grass.

Sow Wheat.

Since the splendid rains that we have been so bountifully blessed with the past few days I think there should be a large acreage sown to grain and should be done just as early as it is possible to do so. We now have sufficient moisture to sustain a crop for quite a while, it said moisture is properly cared for and it begins to look as if the prolonged drought was broken. We can feel assured of good winter grazing if we plant with good judgment and if we get no more than that, it is worth a strong effort since we see that feedstuffs are very scarce in the country and high priced at the feed stores.

Where land was broken well last fall or winter and well cultivated in row crops very little preparation is necessary. A treatment with the disc harrow is good enough and on some cotton fields it is hardly worth while to do even that, as the land has never become packed hard. But put the seed well into the ground and firm the soil on top of seed. Where land has not been well broken good and deep in the last 12 months and most especially where there is a chance to turn under a crop of any kind of vegetation, then I would say turn it by all means and secure an application of humus that is so badly needed on almost every acre of Taylor county land.

Don't be afraid of humus or bare yard manure; it will improve the mechanical condition of your land, enable it to better receive and retain moisture and produce plant food. We must think of these things. Remember the importance of good seed, and if I can assist you in procuring same, let me hear from you.

Be considering the matter of terracing for the purpose of receiving and conserving more moisture. And if interested let me know and I will help you. F. A. Peel, Special Agent.

Star Store Sale.

In this issue we call your attention to the two page advertisement of the Star Store, announcing a sale beginning next Saturday and lasting ten days. This offers an opportunity for you to save money on anything carried in their line and you owe it to yourself to take advantage of the items you need.

DEEP PLOWING PAYS

The Trent correspondent this week takes unwarranted and unpardonable liberties in painting a word picture of our solemn and dignified editor with the hinder part of a feline animal in his hand marching up and down cotton rows, all just to describe the kind of farming done by some people in the Trent country. We serve notice on it as well as other writers for our columns not to be so familiar and free with this sacred sanctum-sanctorum.

If the Mail played to the galleries, for popularity instead of working for a real purpose all of the time—the improvement of our methods and for real progress, we would praise every man's work, no matter how unworthy but we do not waste our space thusly. We know that we have many good farmers in this country but there are as many more who do not know anything about their chosen vocation. Our country as a whole and class is far behind many sections we know. There has been wonderful improvement in farming methods here in the last few years but there is room for as much more.

Oh, yes! It takes rain to make a crop with any kind of farming but this very fact teaches us to prepare, catch and conserve as much of the moisture as possible. Early and deep plowing is the first step in the right direction. Tear up the ground, turn over the sun-baked crust you have been scratching for several summers and give the soil a chance. This old simply plant-in-the-spring and scrape-in-the-summer system of farming is going out of style. It takes brain work, study and thought as well as lots of hard work with big teams and good implements all of the year around to farm. Farming is a big business and should keep a man busy all of the year instead of just a few months in the spring.

Umph! Humph! It takes good and big teams and a man with a pair of tassell-tailed ponies can not cultivate properly 160 acres of land. It is better to put the ponies in as the first payment and buy a good team on a credit for if you use good judgment you will not lose money on a good team. The man who buys raises and feeds scrub stock is the man who loses and a man who can not arrange to get hold of a good team should quit the farming business or get a crop on the shares. A man would not try to run a store without a stock of goods and it takes good investment of \$1,000 or \$1,500 to go in the farming business.

The short cotton crop and our recent good rains gives our country a chance for an early start on the right kind of farming and let's get busy right now, plowing early and deep and all of the time studying and thinking and trying to improve our methods of doing business. The man who stands stands still gets rooted in his tracks.

If you have anything to say about farming and preparation of land, write it out and send it to us like the man at Trent, but be very careful how you take the editor's name in vain.

Damon Sick.

"Damon," one of the faithful fire horses was very sick Monday night of this week and is still somewhat under the weather, causing much uneasiness for Chief Ferrier and the fire boys. Of course a horse, even like some human knockers are liable at any time to lay down and die for none of us have any special long-time lease on this earth but Chief Ferrier and the fire boys would hate to lose "Damon" for more than any one or half dozen reasons, one of which is that they fear some would say: "I told you so." The Mail is glad to report that "Damon" is feeling better and while not entirely well he stands in his stall ready to answer the fire alarm or death summons and should he go we will give him a suitable obituary in these columns, as much as we could give many men, under the caption, "Faithful even unto death" and commend his work and service for human emulation.

A New Sidewalk.

Contractor Robertson has this week completed a new cement sidewalk in front of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Rose which is a valuable improvement for the property and one enjoyed by Oak street residents. There should be seventeen miles of concrete walks laid in Merkel before next spring and the grades should be established and regulated by the city ahead of time, so that when done work will be in line and harmonize. This is just a suggestion to our city dads anent civic improvement lines.

Merchants in Meeting.

At a meeting last Thursday night the Merkel Retail Merchants Association elected G. E. Comegys, secretary and Miss Ona Hamblet assistant. There was much interest manifested and the secretary and assistant are systematizing and arranging the work and in another week will have the machinery of the Association in good and regular running order.

J. J. STALLINGS MAYOR OF MERKEL

Although There was but the One Name on the Ticket a Total of Ninety-One Votes were Cast, Showing Interest of Our People.

The special election held Tuesday resulted in the election of J. J. Stallings as our mayor to fill the unexpired term of Mayor W. T. Potter resigned.

There was a total of 91 votes cast and this fact, taking into consideration there was but one name on the ticket and he received every vote save a single one is a compliment to the new mayor and reflects much credit upon our people. It shows that our people are interested in their city government and to walk around to the city hall and cast a silent vote for a mayor says stronger than words that the people are interested and anxious for a mayor to take hold of their affairs and accomplish some good for our town.

As stated in our last week's issue Mayor Stallings was not a candidate for the office or honors but since his election he will accept the office and do the very best that he can for our town and people. He asks the cooperation of the city aldermen and the citizens in his efforts and if the aldermen and people will do their part the Mail predicts that this will be the best administration in the history of our town. At this time we are in better position to do and there are so many worthy propositions which are needed now.

Let us all give the new administration our best assistance and go to work together for our town and our homes.

NEW HAVEN, Ky., Oct. 1.—Mrs. James Devers, three children and her sister-in-law perished today in a fire which destroyed the Devers Hotel here

Sunday Weddings.

Rev. A. A. Baker has been in our city and country for many long years and for this reason enjoys a very enviable popularity among the old timers and the sons and daughters of the pioneers.

Sunday was Bro. Baker's busy day. In addition to the usual services which he attends on the Sabbath he performed two marriage ceremonies Sunday afternoon. All of the parties are of the Blair community and of our best families. The contracting parties started upon matrimonial ways are the following:

Mr. Geo. W. Cox, Jr., and Miss M. Moore.

Mr. Chat. Burk and Miss Lizz Reeves.

Ft. Stockton Party.

There were quite a number of witnesses and friends from Merkel who visited Ft. Stockton the last week, in attendance upon the Elmer Lowe trial which was called but upon motion of attorneys for the defense there was a change of venue to Alpine where the case will be called in the spring term of court.

Those in attendance from Merkel were: W. D. Woodroof, W. O. Boney, G. E. Comegys, H. H. Tittle, J. L. and Jno. Banner, T. C. Jenkins, J. A. Woodard, G. M. Cauthen, J. D. and Davenport Gaither, S. J. Winters, J. M. and J. E. Bryson, A. G. Elliott, W. F. Evans, Judge N. D. Cobb, Jno. Patz and W. R. Walker.

Blair School House.

Contractor J. R. Dye who accepted the contract for the erection of the school house at Blair several weeks ago reports the building nearing completion and with good weather the house will be ready for occupancy in a few days.

Buys Home.

J. P. Sibley has bought a small farm from Banker J. T. Warren and will continue to make his home in the Merkel country, a home owner.

RAIN STOPS COTTON

Thursday's Receipts Practically Nothing
Account of Rain.

OVER 100 BALES WEDNESDAY

The Recent Rains Will Stop Cotton Picking
for Several Days and It is Believed that
the Price will Go to 15 Cents.

The cotton receipts at Merkel are nearing the 3,000 mark and the price is advancing with the receipts. The total receipts up to noon, Thursday were 725 bales; Tittle yard, 1400 bales; Gazzaway yard, 1325 bales.

There was no cotton received hardly on Thursday on account of the rains but the day before was one of our busiest days, more than one hundred bales selling on the street. The price has ranged the last two days from 11 to 14 cents, according to the grade. There is much of the cotton since the rains of bad grade and the cause of the wide margin in prices. The recent rains are so general and causing so much damage that it is the belief of many cotton men that the price of the staple will go to fifteen cents during the month.

Merkel Man at Seymour.

SEYMOUR, Texas, Sept. 28.—Editor Merkel Mail: Since leaving "The City in Clover," On Aug. 6th, we have spent the time in visiting friends and relatives at different points in Texas and Arkansas. First we spent ten days with friend at Thorpe Springs, visiting with friend at Thorpe Springs, visiting J. M. Black formerly of Merkel, and A. J. Wisdom (Alex father). From Thorpe Springs I went to North West Arkansas for a few days in "The Ozark Mountains". I found the fruit crop very fine except apples. The apple crop will be very short this year. North West Arkansas is a very fine country, and has some very attractive homes and beautiful towns but those people realize that their country is very valuable and is being sought by people from a goodly number of states. While in Fayetteville, Ark., I met men from Kansas, Mo., Neb., Iowa, Okla. and all parts of Texas, who were prospecting and quite a number informed me that they had bought land. Land values range from \$10.00 to \$150.00 per acre. So to own property in the Ozark mountains means you must have some cash.

After about two weeks stay in the mountains, I returned to Collin county, Texas and we visited relatives there for some time. On the 19th, of this month I received a letter from my "Old time honored friend," Courtney Hunt, advising me that my service was wanted at Seymour, Texas by a man who had bought a large dry goods stock and knowing that it meant "biz", when "The Old Boss," spoke I touched the wire and said, "I'm coming," I am at work for W. F. Thompson, formerly of Haskell, Texas but has just moved to this place with the intention of making Seymour his future home.

Wife and I reached Seymour on Sunday, Sept. 21, at 4:30 p. m. Owing to the fact that resident property is hard to rent we are at present boarding and are both working for same party. As to our opinion of this country we have not been here long enough to hand out information. We kindly ask that the Merkel Mail, be forwarded to us here, that we may keep in touch with the movement of the good people in and around The Clover City.

We shall be glad to hear from any of our old friends and assure you that should you pass this way we shall be more than glad to have you stop and see us. We only ask that you do not all come at once. With best wishes to "The Mail" and its many readers, we are, Fraternally yours,

HAYDEN TURNER.

Miss Venona Hamblet spent Monday in Abilene.



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 SHOULD YOU DIE PENNILESS?

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OLD TIMER HAS GONE TO REWARD

From Abilene Daily Reporter.
 One more nonagenarian is dead. One more Taylor county citizen of mature age has passed over the Great Divide. "Uncle" Bob Howard is dead.
 Until a year ago "Uncle Bob" as he was revered and known in Hylton, Moro, and parts of Taylor county, had tilled his acreage. He had known little else than farming. Coming to Taylor county some twenty years ago he bought a parcel of land that has always provided even though he himself did all of the farm work. Originally he came from Eastland county and how long he had been there even he himself could not tell.
 His aged wife survives him. She is some younger in years than he was. She says he was almost a hundred years of age, though he himself claimed to be between 93 and 100, the records having been lost.
 Uncle Bob made his postoffice at Hylton, just over the line in Nolan county. He was known everywhere in that section. A short while before his death, which occurred September 5, he sold his property and moved into Hylton with his wife. He never could be induced to trust a bank and when the buyer gave him a check for the land he insisted so greatly upon its being given in cash that he would not sell. The buyer complied and Uncle Bob took the money and probably buried it.

He was a good farmer. Though he did not believe in latest researches in agriculture, he always managed to make his crops pay dividends. Of a summer day when the sun was shedding its sizzling rays down upon his slightly bent frame, he was seen in his orchard or cotton patch. He was always hospitable to his friends and though he lived in a secluded part of the country he always welcomed companionship.

During his latter days he sought much for the end of the rainbow. He had been informed by old settlers of the secreting of bullion in the white chalky hills near his farm, and during his spare time he gave his attention to digging for the treasure, which he never found.

The remains of the nonagenarian were interred in the Hylton cemetery and attended by numerous persons throughout the country.

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 30.—Governor Sulzer owed Harris & Fuller, brokers, \$180,333 on December 30 last as a result of dealing in Big Four Railroad stocks, which steadily declined, according to the testimony of Melville Fuller before the impeachment court today.

Sulzer's account began in March, 1910, Fuller said, and Harris & Fuller kept loaning Sulzer money to keep up margins and prevent the stocks from going about the streets.

Sulzer steadily increased his holdings while the stocks declined, Fuller said in his testimony.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Oct. 4 1913

Barnes, Jim
 Cave, Y. N.
 Duerson, John L.
 Harris, Martin
 Martin, Smith
 McKinney, J. D.
 Nordyke, Charlie

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Oct. 18, 1913.
 H. W. Derstine, P.M.

Osie Burns returned from Big Springs Saturday where he has been for the past month.

Ernest Duckett passed through Saturday enroute to Dallas where he has accepted a position as Traveling Salesman.

Miss Vera Farmer of Baird returned to her home Tuesday after spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Percy Jones.

Z. T. Lamar left Wednesday for Weatherford where he will spend a few days visiting.

Rev. Jno. M. Rice returned home Monday from Qunnah where he has been preaching for the past ten days.

Mrs. J. G. Hale was called to Dallas by the death of a cousin.

Watch our Nylo Chocolate window, always something new in our window. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Felix Jones was in our city Tuesday on business.

Mr. J. H. Johnson and wife of Goldthwait, Texas were visitors of the former's sister, Mrs. B. L. James. They were enroute to New Mexico on a prospecting trip.

Mr. Bill James and Mr. Hardie Rutlage of Shiloh made a business trip to Abilene the first of the week.

Walter Duckett of Snyder was a business visitor in our city last Sunday.

Miss Eather Williams returned Tuesday afternoon from Ovalo where she has been visiting friends of that city for the past week.

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-ft.

Rev. S. H. Blair of Houston has been the guest of J. T. Tucker for a few days.

Mrs. Robt. Grimes of Sylvester is visiting T. D. Grimes and family of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Daniels came in from the Ranch Monday to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniels. Archie Rose came home from Fort Worth Monday where he has been attending school.

T. L. Grimes is in Sylvester this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain and Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Daniels were visitors in Abilene Tuesday evening.

The Little Crescent Filler is the heart and soul of the Self Filling Conklin. Come in and let us explain to you about the Conklin Fountain Pen, the best made. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

Aaron and Ernest Birdsong of Abilene were visitors in our little city for a while Tuesday morning.

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 DENTIST

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 Phones—Office 154, residence 34

O. F. McMASTER
 DENTIST

Terms Cash
 Office over F. and M. Natl. Bank

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NO. 7481

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

THE COTTON CROP

While short is a little better than we expected and the price is better too. Merchants and business men report trade and collections fair. Timely rains have come and the public mind has ceased its restlessness. Good citizens have turned their faces again toward the rising sun and hope and ambition is spurring them on.

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WE GUARANTEE ABSOLUTE SATISFACTION

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Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co. FURNITURE AND Undertaking

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

It is our wish that every farmer in this territory get one of our pocket books, free. Farmers State Bank.

EZ EM! EZ EM! EZ EM! Make your feet happy with EZ EM. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Miss Nannie Davis of Abilene returned to her home Monday after spending a few days with Mrs. T. D. Garoutte.

Mrs. S. A. Sims is visiting friends in Abilene this week.

Miss Virgie Campbell returned to Abilene Monday where she is attending High School.

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

Howard Mills passed through Merkel Saturday enroute to El Paso.

Dennis McDonald returned home Sunday from Snyder where he has been visiting relatives.

Dr. J. M. C. King spent Sunday with homefolks. Dr. King is manager of the Drug Store at Trent.

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

Mrs. J. Cal Hamner, of Trent Spent Monday with her sister Mrs. E. Henderson.

J. J. Childress and son, C. S. Childress, went to Sweetwater Monday on business.

Miss Pearl Dobson of Abilene is the guest of Miss Mattie Moore this week.

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

School supplies of all kinds at Burroughs.

Toilet articles, at Grimes.

Am looking for car of corn, shorts and chops. G. M. Sharp.

Lewis Milliken left Monday for Trent where he will visit his Uncle, Lee Pribble, for a few days.

Jno. Williams and Ford Palmer are in Colorado this week on business.

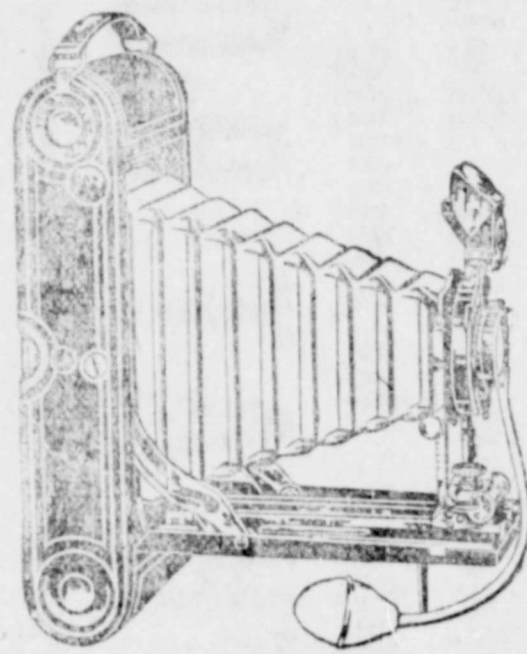
Mrs. C. D. Milliken and children of Dallas are visiting Mrs. Milliken's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Young.

Mrs. Lou Bufiend visited her mother at Sweetwater Saturday.

Elder and Mrs. G. W. Cypert left Tuesday for Putnam to attend the funeral of Mrs. J. W. Stedham.

Let THE CHILDREN Kodak

For the next 30 days we will give on each \$1 purchase 1000 votes on KODAK and KODAK SUPPLIES ONLY



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

Geo. Cox attended business in Abilene the latter part of last week.

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

Miss Elma Sheppard returned from Abilene Thursday where she has been visiting Miss Alice Boyd, Mrs. Lester Ellis and other friends of that city.

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

Misses Vernie and Orphie Owens of Trent visited Elder G. W. Cypert and family this week.

Mrs. Bishop Hunter left Thursday for Odessa where she will visit Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hunter for a while.

The best cigars in town at Burroughs.

Mrs. Bob Johnson of Trent was in Merkel Friday shopping.

Miss Charlie Bell Thomas is the guest of Mrs. W. A. Holt of Trent.

When in need of Druggist Sundries Burroughs has them.

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

Thurman Smith of Roscoe was a social caller in Merkel last Sunday.

Bud Sears returned from Jacksboro, Texas, Friday where he has been attending business for the past week.

Mrs. Lee Carter left for San Angelo Friday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Moore.

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

When out for a drive with your girl, don't be deprived of the pleasures of a Kodak when you can rent them for 25 cents a day. (Lady ask about Nylo). Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Geo. Ferrier is in Midland this week.

Rotan Cypert returned to Abilene Sunday after a few days visit with his parents.

E. Hall left Saturday for Waco where he will visit his daughter, Mrs. Will Clifton.

Miss Beulah Karns of Tye has been visiting Miss Gertrude Helm.

Miss Cora Hodges returned from Trent Saturday where she has been visiting friends of that city.

O. O. Thornton of Loraine was here on business the latter part of last week.

R. H. McClain left Friday for McCauley to attend to business.

Uncle Jack Coggin is reported quite low this week. The old timer has hundreds of friends in this section who hope for news of an early recovery.

Banker R. O. Anderson was in Dallas this week on business and visited with his father and brothers in the Texas Metropolis.

A. J. Corder of the Leuders country was among the visitors to Merkel this week and reported that he was going to make a half dozen bales of cotton.

S. A. Hawthorne of Carthage is here this week looking after his property interest.

Several of our farmer friends have suggested that we observe Nov. 5 and 6, as good roads working days, according to the proclamation of our governor. It is a good idea and we would like to hear from more of them who will voluntarily furnish a team and hand for a couple of days. The Mail editor will be there with "a shovel."

Mr. and Mrs. John Mann have rented the Emzi Burroughs place and will move there at once.

H. T. Merritt who has been fishing, hunting and eating with old friends relatives back in Tennessee is expected home this week.

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

Miss Bessie Page Hanks, an accomplished daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Hanks, known and loved by all Baptist and others of her acquaintance died at Brownwood last week.

Dr. M. Armstrong will appreciate any information as to the whereabouts of one Ford runabout automobile lost north of Merkel somewhere in the mud.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Trent were visitors in our city Wednesday after noon.

Will Graves of Odessa is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Graves.

C. T. Beckham of Trent spent Sunday in Merkel.

After the show, drop in and purchase a box of Nylo Chocolate and enjoy the evening. (Nylo). Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Farmers coming to town this week report bad roads and, almost all are enthusiastic about a good roads proposition. It is the only way to have good roads or anything else for that matter.

Mrs. Fred Bigham left Wednesday for Rule where she will meet her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boden were visiting the latter's sister Mrs. M. D. Angus.

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

Smoke our cigars, they are fresh. Grimes Drug Store.

The Parten Dry Goods Company makes announcement in this issue of an extraordinary price-reduction and campaign for business for the month of October. Read the ad and every one of the prices quoted.

Miss Jessie Hampton of Midland is the guest of Mrs. J. G. Jackson this week.

T. J. Coggin has bought the the bull calf crop of John Sears and will ship the Herefords west.

Jacobs fine candies at Grimes Drug Store.

Mrs. H. K. Reed and children left Wednesday for their home at Winters. Mrs. Reed's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Eoff, accompanied them home.

J. F. Shaffer and R. L. Moore were both in Abilene on business Wednesday.

Just received a new shipment of up-to-date post cards. Grimes Drug Store.

Ralph Bigham spent Sunday with his father, C. V. Bigham, on their ranch near Trent.

V. F. Trout left Sunday night for his home at Brawley, Cal.

Mrs. Claud Bigham is spending the week on the Ranch.

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

Mrs. Jno. Bell came in Sunday night from Mingus where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jack Burkhead.

We invite you to peep in our window and see what we want to sell you. (Nylo). Rust & McCauley Drug Co.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

GOOD RECEIPTS.

These recipes are copied from the Ladies Aid Society Cook Book of the S. S. Christian Church by request:

CHOW CHOW—One peck of green tomatoes, six large onions, one big head of cabbage, two bunches of celery ground or sliced, one teacup of salt, drain thoroughly over night, next morning boil in two quarts of water and one qt. of vinegar; drain in colander; then cook until done in four quarts of vinegar with two pounds of brown sugar, one half pound of white mustard seed, two tablespoons each of cloves, cinnamon, ginger, allspice and ground mustard, teaspoon cayenne pepper. Mrs. Geo. S. Berry.

GREEN TOMATO SWEET PICKLES—Slice one peck of green tomatoes and twelve medium onions sprinkle with salt, let stand over night; then drain off the liquor and add one pound of sugar two quarts of vinegar, two tablespoon of cinnamon, one of cloves, one of celery seed, boil fifteen or twenty minutes. Will keep without sealing. Mrs. Jno. C. Hamm.

Mrs. T. S. Grant of Pilot Point who has been visiting her brother J. J. Stalling left for her home Monday.

Miss Blanche Walker a missionary from China who is visiting her parents in Abilene will address the Baptist Philathea Class next Tuesday afternoon at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. Hall.

Capt. E. Hall has gone to Southeast Texas on a business trip. He will visit his children in Waco.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church will meet with Mrs. E. Hall next Wednesday. They hope to have the pleasure of having an address by Miss Walker.

The ladies of the Missionary Society wish through the Merkel Mail to express their appreciation of the assistance rendered by the young people and those who assisted with music, also Miss Gaddy who favored them with special songs during District Conference.

PERSONALS.

Miss Elma Sheppard returned from Abilene Thursday evening where she visited Mrs. Annie Hale King.

Dr. W. E. Brown of Zephyr who is convalescing from an attack of fever spent the week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown.

Miss Zora Coggin left Saturday evening for Douglas, Arizona, to visit her sister Mrs. Guy Crough.

Dr. O. F. McMasters has returned from a six weeks business and pleasure trip to the Coast country. He visited Port Lavaca and Goliad while away.

Davenport Gaiter is in Fort Stockton this week.

Mrs. T. J. Coggin went to Sweetwater Thursday to meet her husband.

Mr. C. T. Hogue left Monday for Rule to transact business.

Don't forget the Club meeting at Mrs. G. H. Adams Saturday afternoon. Important business.

Mrs. Mary Harris who has been visiting her cousin Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stallings is visiting her daughter Mrs. D. W. Ashby in Comper this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brown and left Tuesday for an auto trip through the San Angelo country.

J. J. Stallings was in Abilene Wednesday on business.

Lester Tucker, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tucker, fell from a horse last week and broke his arm.

Walter Bufford left Monday for Colorado City to spend a few days prospecting.

Mrs. S. D. Richard and children left Tuesday night for El Paso to visit friends.

From Abilene Daily Reporter.

The many friends of Oscar O'Neal and Miss Ola Bohannon will be pleased to learn that the couple were married in Fort Worth Saturday night, the marriage not being known to any of their friends until Monday.

Mr. O'Neal is an Abilene young man and is connected with the firm of G. R. Pain and Company. He has numerous acquaintances in Abilene and surrounding country.

League Program.

October 5th, 1913.

Subject: Choosing Chums; its influence on life, character and destiny. Leader: Miss Eva Walters.

Song.

Prayer.

Scripture: David and Jonathan; 1 Sam XVIII, I-IV. Rehoboam and the young men, 2 Chron. X: 10-16.

Paul's idea of friendship (2 Cor. VI: 14-18): Miss Sallie Toombs.

Discussion of life by Leader.

Song.

The Permant Tie—Miss Leola Coats. The Friendship of Christ: Ulysses McNeess.

Debate: Resolve that Environment makes Character. Affirmative: Dr. O. F. McMasters. Negative: B. D. Black.

Instrumental Solo. Miss Velma Dennis.

Miscellaneous.

Benediction.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Oct. 1.—One of the most daring robberies in the history of this state occurred at Dardanelle, east of here this morning when a gang of eight men looted the vaults of the First State Bank.

The bank refuses to give the exact amount of the loss, but it is believed that it will be many thousand dollars.

Two robbers blew up the safe of the bank while others surrounded the building and for one hour fought the citizens, who were awakened by the explosion of glycerine, of which sixteen charges were used.

One robber was injured, but they all escaped with a posse pursuing.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—The state department was advised today that the Constitutionalists' commander at Piedras Negras had given assurance to foreigners that they would be protected and that their property would not be destroyed.

The situation at Piedras Negras has assumed extremely critical proportions. Reports reaching the state department today say that thousands of refugees are flocking to the city and that further trouble is feared.

PIEDRAS NEGRAS, Mexico, Oct. 1.—Every responsible Constitutionalist chief deserted this city, their military capital, during the night leaving it at the mercy of the Federal filibusters from the American side and the army is advancing from the South.

BRIDGE BLOCKED—The few Constitutionalist soldiers who remained in the city, suppressed all anarchy by shooting down the many looters.

The thousands of refugees fleeing before the advancing Federals have blocked the international bridge.

The rebel minor chiefs assert that the entire army is being mobilized to meet the Huerta troops in a final desperate battle.

ORDER ON THIS SIDE—United States troops are preserving order on the American side.

It is reported that dynamite has been laid ready to blow up Piedras Negras if the Federals are victorious.

2:30 p. m.—Six carloads of wounded Constitutionlists have just been brought across the bridge and turned over to the American army post.

PIEDRAS NEGRAS, Mexico, Oct. 1.—Terror has gripped this city, the provisional capital of the Constitutionalists, with the victorious northward march of the federals, and the arrival of hundreds of refugees from the surrounding devastated country.

A steady stream of people poured across the international bridge, many carrying on their backs what they had been able to bring with them when they fled from their homes. Many Americans were among them, following two official warnings to proceed to Eagle Pass, on the American side. Rioting and pillaging is feared as the disorder grows worse.

Failing to obtain assurance that the property of foreigners will not be molested, after formal protests of the United States department of state were lodged with the Constitutionalists chiefs through Consul Blocker, it is understood that an ultimatum will follow the first attempt to interfere with foreign property. What form this will take has not been made known.

Major Caldwell of the Fourteenth cavalry has requested reinforcements for the American garrison at Eagle Pass.

Reports from the front assert that fighting is expected to start at Sabinas anytime. The Constitutionalists are short of ammunition, and it is feared here that they will be forced to fall back on Piedras Negras or Matamoros.

BOY 15, MURDERER

OF SEVEN PERSONS. MANTES, France, Oct. 1.—Marcel Redureau, aged fifteen, last night murdered with an ax his employer, George Mabit, Mabit's wife, mother, three children, and a servant, and then went to bed and slept peacefully. The seven bodies were discovered by villagers today.

WILL PRODUCE COLDWELL

Counsel For Sulzer Will Bring Much Wanted Witness To Court If Arrest Immunity Promised

ALBANY N. Y., Sept. 29.—Frederick L. Coldwell, long missing witness in the impeachment trial of Governor Sulzer, is ill in a sanitarium, but is ready to come to court and testify as a witness for the governor, providing he is not placed under arrest by the board of managers for having previously refused to testify, according to Judge Herrick of Sulzer's counsel. "One of counsel for the respondent," said Judge Herrick, "has seen Coldwell. He is in a sanitarium and is outside the jurisdiction of this court. He is under the impression that a warrant has been issued for his arrest. He will come here and testify, providing guarantee is given that he will not be arrested or molested. If the counsel will give assurance of this we will guarantee to place him on the stand as a witness."

"Does that statement," asked Attorney Brackett of counsel for the prosecution, "include a guarantee that if he comes here will accept service of a subpoena as a witness in behalf of the impeachment managers?"

"We can give no assurance as to the day he will be here—no assurances whatever unless it is stipulated that he will not be placed under arrest," answered Judge Herrick.

"Since our interview with him we are more convinced than ever that we need him as a witness."

Attorney Brackett said that counsel for the managers would take the question under advisement.

Tells of \$2,500 Contribution—John Sorenson, first witness, gave his business as "coffee importer and general exporter," and testified to handing \$2,500 to the governor last October. "I handed the money to him and said: 'Mr. Crossman, my employer, wished me to hand you this.' He replied: 'Thank Mr. Crossman for me.'"

The witness said that Mr. Crossman died in January, 1913. Sorenson was not cross-examined. Edward E. O'Dwyer, judge of the city court of New York, testified to having given a check for \$100 to Sulzer on Oct. 10, 1912. The check was endorsed by Boyer, Griswold & Co., brokers.

John F. O'Brien of New York told of handing Sulzer a check for \$50. Attorney Kressel of the prosecution switched to the governor's alleged Wall Street transactions, calling Arthur L. Fuller, head of the New York stock exchange firm of Fuller & Gray. The witness said he was a brother of Melville B. Fuller of the firm of Harris & Fuller. Sulzer is alleged to have invested campaign contributions with both of these firms.

Did Not Deal on Margin—Fuller produced ledgers of his firm and turned to "account No. 500." It was opened, he said, Oct. 21, 1912, and showed the purchase of 100 shares of "Big Four" on that date. No margin was deposited for the stock. "I asked my partner if we were to carry this stock without margin," said the witness. "He said: 'No, it is to be paid for.'"

"Did you ask him who the account was for?" "Not until after I testified before the Frawley committee."

"Who did he say it was?" "Objection to answering was sustained."

Reading further from the account, the witness said that 100 more shares of "Big Four" were bought Oct. 22, and that two payments, one of \$1,500 and one of \$1,000 were made on the same day. On Oct. 28 there was paid \$500 and on Oct. 31, \$8,825 more, this, with the exception of \$14.25 interest, balancing the account. On Nov. 4, 100 shares of "Big Four" were bought, for which \$5,512.50 was paid Nov. 6.

"Account 500" Was Sulzer's.—All the payments, the witness said, were in cash and amounted to \$17,337.50. There were many accounts in his office designated by number, he said, and added that to designate accounts by numbers "was quite the common thing in Wall Street." He testified that so far as he knew there was no record in his office that would tell the name of the person to whom the account "No. 500" was credited. He said the account was not bought on margin as "it was understood it was to be bought outright."

Fuller was succeeded by Effingham E. Sutton, manager of the firm's Brooklyn office. "Do you know whose account No. 500 was?" asked Attorney Kressel. "William Sulzer's."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—The administration has reluctantly concluded that there is no constitutional means of opening official communication with the insurgent parties in Mexico.

This fact was developed today as a result of the inquiry whether John Lind was about to get into communication with the Constitutionalists with a view of securing their promise that they would respect a truce while the October elections are under way.

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NEGROES AMUCK START A RIOT

HARRISTON, Miss., Sept. 29.—The ghastly sight of two bodies hanging from a coal chute, and the sorrow of the inhabitants were the only signs today of the riot Sunday which cost the lives of ten persons, when Walter and Will Jones, two drug-crazed negroes, ran amuck killing three whites and five negroes before they were lynched.

Sixteen persons were wounded. E. B. Appleby, one of those injured in the fight, may die.

The trouble started about two Sunday morning and continued intermittently until ten o'clock, when Walter Jones, the elder of the two negro youths, who started the fighting, was lynched just after the soldiers arrived. His brother Will, had been shot by citizens earlier in the day. Soon after people who had barricaded themselves in their homes began to cautiously emerge from their hiding places and by noon the town was quiet.

The dead:
SHERIFF G. W. HAMMETT, of Jefferson county, shot while leading a posse to where the negroes were in hiding.

EX-CONSTABLE FRANK KEINSTLY, shot at his home after being called to a door.

CLAUD FREEMAN, white, of Fayette, shot at railway station while awaiting a train.

JOHANNA AIKEN, negro.
TOM WEEKS, negro.
JESSE THOMPSON, negro.
THEAD GRAYSON, negro, all killed during promiscuous shooting.

WALTER JONES, negro.
WILL JONES, negro. The two latter were lynched.

The wounded:
Orrin Gillis, former sheriff, shot in shoulder and may die.

E. B. Appleby, conductor of the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley railroad, shot in breast, leg and arm; dangerous.

William McCaleb, shot in leg and thigh.

William Keinstly, son of Frank, shot in hand.

William Dennis, shot in leg.
W. C. Bond, shot in leg.

The shooting was started by Walter Jones, aged 20, in the negro quarter where the negro woman and Thead Grayson were shot and killed. Walter



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then went to the home of his mother and roused his brother, 18 years of age. Together they proceeded thru the main street of the little town, firing at every one in sight. Citizens, aroused by the shots, peered out of their windows and then hastened to cover.

The negroes went to the home of former Constable Frank Keinstly and when he came to the door he was shot through the head. Death was instantaneous. Keinstly's son, William, made for a gun when he saw his father fall, but before he could fire he received a bullet in one of his hands.

El Paso, Sept. 28.—Three hundred federal troops are said to have left Chihuahua to attack Agua Prieta, Sonora, which is garrisoned by Sonora rebel troops. The federals will enter the state of Sonora through the Ojitos pass. Rebel commanders in Sonora have sent 300 rebel reinforcements to Agua Prieta to withstand the federal attack.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—The confirmation of the defeat of the Constitutionalists under Gen. Gonzales at Barroteran by General Maas reached the State Department today from the American consul at Piedras Negras. It is related that the rebels destroyed much property.

Americans, who were last week ordered to leave the disturbed district, arrived from the front today, and asserted that the great mining properties at Menor, Agupita, Rosita and possibly Esperanza, as well as the town of Barroteran, have been destroyed to prevent their capture by the invading federals.

Heavy loss of life is reported in the two days' fighting, which began Saturday below Aura, when Constitutionalists massed for a desperate attempt to check the long expected federal invasion of Coahuila, the constitutionalists stronghold, under General Maas. The federals moved north, passing west of Aura along the line of the destroyed Mexican National railway,

between this place and Monterey, gradually forcing the constitutionalists back under heavy artillery fire.

At Barroteran the Constitutionalists endeavored to make a stand, but General Pablo Gonzales decided it useless to risk his men until reinforcements arrived. All property which might have been used by the federals was blown up or burned, much of it owned by foreigners.

Murquiz was abandoned by the constitutionalists, and a number of federal prisoners executed when it was learned the federals had occupied Barroteran. The retreating constitutionalists halted last night at Sabinas, reorganizing for a determined assault on the federals tomorrow with the assistance of 1,000 cavalry reported en route from Matamoros to join them.

The Constitutionalists advisory board assert that they had contemplated the evacuation of the captured territory for some time, as troops could be used to better advantage elsewhere.

EXPECT TROUBLE IN COAL FIELDS

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 30.—Conditions in the strike district of the Southern Colorado coal fields assumed a violent aspect this morning and there was a distinct feeling of uneasiness on every hand, particularly in coal fields, where the seat of trouble is. An outbreak among the miners was expected during the day.

Governor Is Warned

A warning has been sent to Governor Ammons. It is stated that an outbreak which will be of a very serious nature and in which there might be heavy loss of life and destruction of property, may occur at any moment, and it was urged that action by the governor in dispatching troops to the scene of the trouble might be necessary.

Governor's Ammons' reply to the warning, if he had replied, was not made public this morning. It is not known just what the governor will do.

To Eject Strikers

The largest companies affected by the threatened outbreak today were determined to eject the strikers from the company's houses, and thereby put an end to the trouble, supposedly. It is stated that this move contemplated by the companies holding the largest interests in the fields, might tend to enrage the strikers and cause even a greater outbreak than might result otherwise.

There is much concern over the final outcome, and trouble, likely serious, is expected to occur before the day has passed.

Terms of agreement between the strikers and the companies are not considered likely to be entered into soon. The strikers are maintaining a defiant attitude, and the general belief is that they will not accede without a struggle to demands made on them by the companies who are affected by the strike. The situation was tense this morning.

DYING FROM SNAKE BITE

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Oct. 1.—Rev. Haslop, a "holy roller" preacher, is probably dying near here today as a result of a rattlesnake bite. He claimed divine healing powers and that he was immune from harm. Two boys brought him a snake, which he allowed to bite him five times.

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TRENT.

SEPT. 29.—Who wouldn't smile at such a season in the ground as this? We notice some of our farmers are beginning to think about farming, as they are advocating plowing their land in place of scraping it over with an old sweep bolted on to an old cotton planter and pulled by a pair of little old ponies doing about as much good as the editor of the Merkel Mail would do by dragging a cat by the tail up the rows and just so long as we farm that way lookout for failure. What we need is to get up and plow early in the fall and don't be afraid to plow too deep: Go down and get new soil and let it pulverize by spring and you will be surprised to see the difference. If anyone else has ideas about farming send it to the Merkel Mail and let's discuss this question pro and con and if you know anything tell it. By doing so you may accomplish much good on the earth.

We have a new drug store in Trent and we look for more improvements soon.

Floyd Smith cut his foot pretty badly with an axe Saturday.

We understand there is a good many people wanting to rent farms around Trent on account of good schools.

Dr. Sandefer will lecture here Thursday night on the theme of Education. Come out and hear him.

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BLAIR.

SEPT. 30.—The rainy weather of last week retarded the work on the new school building, but the work is moving nicely this week.

Rev. Williams preached at Centerville Sunday at eleven.

Jim Williams and family spent Monday night with the family of Sam Provine.

Messrs. George Reeves of Newman and Beasley of Trent attended the Burk and Reeves wedding Sunday.

W. A. Hall made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

The singing class met at the residence of J. M. Reeves Sunday night song practice.

Mrs. W. A. Visited in Merkel last week returning home Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. Tucker and son, Charlie, were guests of Merkel friends Sunday night returning home Monday.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank you kind people in the recent illness and death of our husband and father Isaac B. Hancock. Especially do we thank Dr. Armstrong who stood by him until the last.

Mrs. I. B. Hancock and son Ben F. Hancock; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thurman; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gearhart; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ely.

DORA.

SEPT. 28.—The people of the Dora community had a two and one half inch rain last Wednesday night which was needed on the small grain. Since the rain the oat and wheat fields are looking fine.

Mr. Bledsoe of Abilene was here on business last week.

J. K. Porter made a business trip to Merkel the latter part of the week.

T. C. Jenkins left for Fort Stockton Saturday.

Claud Elliott and sister Pearl left this week for Abilene where they will attend school.

Velta Brownfield made a business trip to Sweetwater Saturday.

Mrs. Powers is wearing a long face this week on account of old Bob, her buggy horse, getting into the barb wire fence.

Tom McCoy and family were visiting his father Jasper McCoy Sunday.

Omer Cook of the Butman community was at Dora Sunday.

J. T. Perry says jack rabbits are getting scarce over at his house.

Cliff Perry was on Elm visiting this week.

Jim Cook had the misfortune of getting his saddle horse cut up on the barb wire fence this week.

There was a singing at Mr. Oliver's Sunday night. All report a fine time.

There was a large crowd at Dora Saturday evening and the game of forty two was interesting. Some were trying to trade horses, some were trying to sell their cattle; some were throwing mud balls; and Mr. Dalton was wanting to roll some little man in the mud.

Mrs. Nola Pierce of Wheeler county has been visiting her sister Mrs. C. Perry this week.

The little child of Mr. Bert Sims was reported real sick last week.

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SALT BRANCH.

SEPT. 30.—There wasn't any Sunday school and singing Sunday on account of bad weather.

Ellis Petty and family were visiting at Ported Petty's Sunday.

There was a sad death in our community last Friday night. Mr. Stonecipher died very suddenly. He had consumption.

Mack Busbee of the Warren community spent Saturday night with Houston Robertson.

Hobson Robertson spent Sunday night with Charley Higgins.

Mrs. Charley Higgins and daughter Miss Gardia spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Hester.

Auston Robertson was a pleasant caller at S. W. Taylor's Sunday evening.

Cartha Lyles wife and baby were visiting in the Stith community Sunday.

W. B. Beaver and family have gone to Sylvester to pick cotton.

W. B. Robertson and wife were vis-

iting at J. P. Petty's Sunday.

The community met last Wednesday and picked about three bales of cotton for Cartha Lyles.

Emory Petty and wife were visiting the latter's brother in the Warren community Sunday.

Westly Hardy and wife visited the latter's parents Sunday.

Ralp Golightly and family visited at W. T. Harris Sunday.

Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy spent the past week with their brother Westly Hardy.

Lester Wheat left Friday night for Coleman and other points.

Ellis Petty and wife were shopping in Merkel Monday.

Arrested.

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CETTINJE, Montenegro, Oct. 1.—Only the forcible measures used by the police saved the lynching of actors, who represented Turks in the King Nicholas play, "The Siege of Scutari," here last night.

A youth jumped on the stage and attempted to shoot the actor, who played the part of Essad Pasha.

When the third act showed the Turks in retreat, the entire audience made rush for the stage. The police took quick action and prevented any injury being done to the actors.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 29.—Edward McDonald, who was found ill in a cheap lodging house here last night, was found to have one million, two hundred and seventy thousand dollars worth of negotiable bonds sewed inside his clothing. McDonald is in a state of coma, and no explanation of his huge wealth could be obtained this morning.

Report Bubonic Plague.

Douglas, Ariz., Sept. 28.—Americans arriving in Douglas tonight reported a plague, pronounced bubonic by some, had broken out at Guaymas, and that many Americans were leaving that port because of it.

LAKE CHARLES, La., Sept. 29.—Enormous damage has been done here by the heaviest floods in the history of Southwest Louisiana and the rain is still falling today.

The rice industry is the heaviest loser, while the lumbermen have also suffered heavily.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—President Wilson has determined to remain in Washington while the currency bill is under consideration.

He has abandoned the idea of taking a trip to Panama this fall, unless the currency legislation is concluded sooner than it is expected that it will be. This was the announcement given out today.

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