

OLD SOLDIER HAS GONE TO REWARD

Uncle Jack Coggin, as he was familiarly known by his friends and associates since the early days of our country, one of the pioneers, one of the few remaining Confederate soldiers and one of our most revered aged citizens died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Coggin at eight o'clock Oct. 10th.

This peaceful end to a long and most useful life extending over a period of three quarters of a century and then another year came after several weeks of lingering illness but it was just the last week that his condition was announced so serious and the relatives of the family notified. T. Coggin, a favorite son was in New Mexico when advised by telegram of the serious condition of his father and came to his bedside as soon as train connections would permit. The sick and suffering father stated that he was ready to die and only wanted to live until he could see his son once more and it is pleasing to reflect that this desire was granted. Then he was ready and willing to go and did not wish that those who remained grieve at his going. Until the very last moment of life although suffering the pains of death the old soldier retained his cheerful disposition and no friend or relative was able to administer to his wants without receiving his thanks and a blessing. It was but the happy and peaceful closing of a contented and worthy life.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. A. Baker at the north side Christian church and the entire service was simple and appropriate, an earnest tribute to the memory of the deceased. Rev. Baker spoke of the deceased as he had known him, a brother pioneer, a brother soldier, a kind neighbor, good citizen and true Christian. The song service included the singing of "We will Gather at the River," "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" and "Nearer My God to Thee". There were many floral offerings and the service was concluded with interment of the remains in Rose Hill cemetery.

COM. L. BANNER PROMISES ROADS

The petition recently circulated among our freeholders for the roads extending east and west and connecting up with the south end of Oak street was presented to the commissioners court while in session this week at our county capitol.

The action of the court was to let the matter for investigation but the building of the road was left to the discretion of our local commissioner J. L. Banner provided the proper interest and action was taken by the property owners interested, all of which is necessary for the successful termination of the enterprise. It is the desire of the court and interested citizens to have the road at least sixty feet wide and forty feet of this is contributed by T. J. Toombs, Vol Martin and Mr. Clark on the south side. The additional twenty feet must come off the properties of owners on the north side of the proposed line and all seen thus far have contributed the amount. There are a few foreign property owners to be communicated with and it is the hope of Com. Banner to have the road opened and built just as soon as possible.

In the event of the opening of this road before the "good road" days of next month it will be one of the opportunities for our citizens interested in good highways leading into our town. There should be many volunteers and much good done on all of our main public roads.

10 KILLED; MANY HURT IN RAILWAY COLLISION

LIVERPOOL, Eng., Oct. 15.—Ten passengers were killed and several were injured in a railway collision near here today.

FIREMEN CARNIVAL HERE ALL WEEK

The great White Way Carnival Company will be here all next week, Monday Oct. 20th. Reports from many places they have played shows that Merkel is lucky to book these attractions. Big Springs, El Paso, Merkel and Wichita Falls is the four week's line up.

The Fire Department is guaranteed \$125.00 by the Carnival Company, which is quite a help. Of course the "Merry go round" and the ferris wheel will be running in full blast, and seven shows of various kinds. Free attractions, brass bands, etc.

Come yourself, bring the children and lets have a good time. Remember this Street Carnival will be on same street as usual and the dates Oct. 20-21-22-23-24-25.

NOT ANSWER WARNING.

It is Believed at Capital Mexico Will Not Take Any Action on the United States Note.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 15.—It is now believed that Mexico will not answer the United States note, disapproving of the imprisonment of the deputies.

Newspapers here are expressing moderate views on the incident.

PARIS, France, Oct. 14.—Many of the survivors of the liner, Voltorno, which was destroyed in mid-Atlantic Thursday with a total loss of life totaling 136, are reported to show signs of violence. One woman was bruised and scratched in a fight to enter a life-boat.

One child was rescued absolutely naked from the Voltorno. One hysterical mother threw her baby into the sea. A seaman rescued it.

WAXAHACHIE, Oct. 14.—The sixty second annual convocation of the grand encampment of Texas Odd Fellows opened in Waxahachie Monday morning.

Addresses of welcome were delivered by Mayor Prince and Hon. C. R. Gibson. Grand Patriarch Brumbaugh responded.

The following officers were installed: J. W. Christopher, Abilene, grand patriarch; B. W. Turnbow, Beaumont, grand high priest; C. C. Pangle, Amarillo, grand senior warden; E. Q. Stestall, Waxahachie, grand junior warden; Charles L. Sauer, grand scribe; S. W. Porter, Sherman, grand treasurer; J. H. Story, Sherman, grand marshal; Ed Plumhoff, Waxahachie, grand sentinel, and W. W. Watson, Waxahachie, deputy general sentinel.

The following officers were elected for the year 1914-15: B. W. Turnbow, Beaumont, grand patriarch; C. C. Pangle, Amarillo, grand high priest; E. Q. Vestal, Waxahachie, grand senior warden; W. H. Wray, Dallas, grand junior warden; Charles L. Sauer, San Antonio, grand scribe; S. W. Porter, Sherman, grand treasurer; W. C. Robinson, McKinney, representative to sovereign grand lodge. The past grand patriarch's jewel was presented to retiring Grand Patriarch Brumbaugh by Grand Representative Emmins of Dallas.

Thorpe Signs Contract for Life. Carlisle, Pa., Oct. 14.—James Thorpe, the Sac and Fox Indian, of Oklahoma, athlete and member of the New York National League baseball club, was married here today to Margaret Iva Miller, a native of Oklahoma and former student of the Carlisle Indian school, where Thorpe attended.

The bridegroom was attended by Capt. Gus Welsh, of the Indian football eleven, and the bridesmaid of honor was Miss Margaret Chisholm of Oklahoma.

Chicago, Oct. 14.—Albert "Rebel" Russell, of Bonham, Texas, and one of the star pitchers of the Chicago Americans, was married today to Miss Charlotte Benz, of Indianapolis, a cousin of Joe Benz, another of the league's twirlers.

BUSINESS REVIVAL

Proposition to Draw New Trade to Our Town.

BIG ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

Meetings of Business Men Called This Week at City Hall to Discuss Plans for Campaign for New Business.

There was a movement started this week which promises a revival of business and a stimulation of co-operative work by our local business men. It was a called mass meeting of the business men and citizens at the city hall and several more later for the submission and discussion of plans to extend Merkel's trade territory and attract business to our town.

There were a number of propositions submitted and after consideration it was decided that the merchants make for the balance of the year at least special inducements in the way of prices for the attraction of new trade to our town. In addition to this campaign of price-reductions it is proposed that the merchants make contributions in money to pay for some valuable premiums to be awarded and an extensive co-operative advertising campaign.

A feature of the proposed advertising campaign is the visiting and meeting personally with the friends and customers in the Merkel country. The idea suggested is that a meeting be arranged and advertised at the different points for a certain date and the entire business and professional citizenship of our town go out in automobiles and meet with our country friends and discuss propositions of mutual interest.

There were several committees appointed for the work and at the time of going to press the plans have not been completed.

TEMPLE, Texas, Oct. 13.—Walter Shook, proprietor of the Park hotel here, was shot five times and instantly killed at the corner of First street, in the heart of the business district this morning.

Dave Osborne, an extra policeman, surrendered. Family troubles are believed to have been the cause. Shook leaves a widow and several children.



Wanted—Heavy work for mule team. S. J. Roberts

FOR SALE—150 cords of good wood. A. B. Cranston, Route 1. 1t Pd.

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

FOR SALE—Thorough bred White Orphington Chickens cheap. See Mrs. S. S. Scheidler. tf

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

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-tf.

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

WANTED—Three families to pick 150 bales of cotton and gather feed besides other work. Good houses, water and wood. Address me ten miles southwest, Rural Route No. 2 from Colorado. W. C. Clark.

WANTED—Farm and ranch hand. Sam Butman.

FOR SALE—2 young mares, 4 and 5 years old. Also one horse 7 years old. Smooth, good sizes, no blemishes. See Dr. J. A. Adkisson.

WOMEN ASSIST IN KEEPING TOWN WET

REDONDOBEAC, Cal., Oct. 15.—Women assisted yesterday in keeping this place wet, polling more than half of the wet votes cast in the local option election. The wets won 929 to 654.

IDYLLIC POEM STIRS SOLONS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—A little protective pastoral entitled "Girl With One Stocking," enlivened the Senate proceedings today when presented by Senator Tillman, who recently illuminated the pages of the Congressional Record with cartoons of his income tax cow. Mr. Tillman claims no credit for the contribution but acknowledged that it was originally presented by Senator Zeb Vance, in the tariff bill of 1889.

"Our Mary had a little lamb and her heart was most content," it rhymed, to make its wool beyond its worth, bring 56 per cent.

"Now, with free wool," said Senator Tillman, "Mary will have to let her woman friends wear stockings on both legs, instead of one—something they have not been able to do in twenty years."

TELLS OF DISASTER.

Fourth Officer of The Voltorno Arrives At New York and Relates His Experience

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Between eighty and ninety passengers of the Voltorno, which was burned in mid-Atlantic last Thursday, were trapped in compartment No. 1 by the first explosion Thursday morning and that they either perished immediately or were burned to death.

This is the statement made by the Voltorno's fourth officer, who arrived on the Grosser Kurfuerst today.

This officer said that the fire started from an explosion of chemicals or oils in the forward, and that almost immediately other explosions followed. The flames burst aloft and the officer thought that the ship might sink in five minutes. Several boats were immediately lowered. The rush of passengers to the rails hampered the launching of the boats. The captain decided not to risk the boats any further and gave orders to fight the fire.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—The details of the Voltorno disaster, which occurred in mid-Atlantic last Thursday, were learned today from one of the rescue ships, the Grosser Kurfuerst, which is approaching New York.

The fire began in an explosion, which killed some of the passengers and members of the crew. When the Grosser Kurfuerst arrived, the flames were leaping to a height of eighty feet from one hatchway of the Voltorno and fifty of the crew and passengers were dead.

It is certain that two boats of the Voltorno, carrying a total of sixty to fifty persons, got safely away but were never picked up in the storm.

All day the crew of the Voltorno kept the flames under semblance control, but the fire stopped the pumps. At night the whole forward portion of the ship began flaming and the second explosion occurred.

The second officer of the Voltorno while repairing the wireless fell twenty feet, and though badly hurt he continued to send out calls for help. At night in a small boat with four men he carried the line almost to the side of the Carmania, before the boats were smashed and the line lost. This officer and his men were saved.

During the morning the Carmania approaching so close to the Voltorno that her passengers could talk through megaphones to persons on the burning vessel.

AUSTIN, Texas, Oct. 14.—The state has taken about all the testimony it deems necessary in the suit instituted against the Katy railroad. At this time the record comprises seven sections of testimony of from 380 to 400 pages each, making a total of 2,660 pages, or approximately 900,000 words.

Assistant Attorney General Luther Nickels returned today from Walnut Springs where he has been conducting the hearing on behalf of the state. Mr. Nickels said:

"Until the case comes to trial there is enough testimony at hand for the state. I feel well pleased with the progress of the case and there is no indication at this time that the suit will be dropped."

SOME MORE DOPE ON DEEP PLOWING

It is a well known fact that even in the most humid climates a crop is seldom raised that has not at some time during its growth suffered for the want of water. This need of moisture is especially felt over the larger portion of Texas and the western country. Yet even in the driest section of our country the annual rainfall is generally ample to make at least one crop a year. The great trouble is not that there has not been sufficient rain, but that a large portion of that rain came at a time when the crop did not need it, and instead of being held in the soil until it was needed, the greater portion ran off or evaporated. Twenty inches of rain, the average for even the driest sections, if it were all saved and supplied to the crop as needed, would supply enough water to make one hundred and twenty-six bushels of corn. Of course, it will seldom be possible to save all of this rainfall, but by proper handling of the soil much larger quantities of this moisture, than is usually done, can be saved.

By deep plowing before the rains, followed by good cultivation to save the water, the amount of water available for our plants can be increased nearly fifty per cent. With such an increase there should never, even in our driest sections, be such a scarcity of water as to cause a loss of the crop. The best insurance against a drouth next summer is deep plowing this winter and early spring. Turn the land if possible to a depth of at least eight inches, and then follow this plowing with some implement in each furrow that will stir the soil at least another four or six inches. With such preparations before the rains come, such soil should and will absorb enough water to insure a crop next summer, whether the rains are scarce or not.—Texas Industrial Congress.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Daniel and Sterling P. Miller motored to Abilene Tuesday on their motorcycles via Anson.

STREET CARNIVAL COMING TO MERKEL

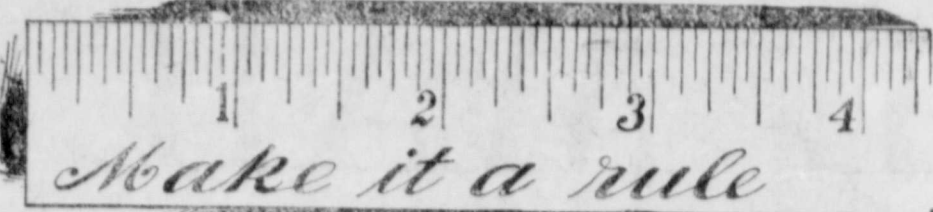
There was a special called session of the city council this week to consider a proposition by the fire boys asking for the use of a great portion of Front street for use by the "Great White Way" Carnival Company.

There was but little if any opposition and the request of the fire boys was granted and according to the contract signed up by the fire department with the carnival company our local fire department is guaranteed \$125.00 for the week. Chief Ferrier speaking for the fire boys stated that this amount of money would be used at this particular time to good advantage by the fire department.

There was later a petition circulated protesting against the giving of the use of the streets to the carnival for the benefit of the fire boys and there were a number of signers and again another petition approving the action of the council was circulated by the fire boys and signed liberally.

The Mail is assured that the action of the council will not be rescinded and the carnival will be in full blast next week with the merry-go-round, "whoop-a-la" and the customary attractions to make life interesting and happy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren and children, Miss Lucile Peak, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnson and children, Mrs. H. C. Burroughs and Billie Bob and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harkrider were



MAKE IT A RULE TO GO TO THE BANK EACH MONTH AND DEPOSIT SOME MONEY, IT WILL BE A GOLDEN RULE



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

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

When you have a bank account, you have a bank connection. Your CREDIT is better. You have more confidence and self reliance. It will help you in every way. Ask those who bank with us how we treat THEM. We want your business, and offer you every accomodation consistent with safe Banking. Form a Banking connection that will be permanent. Make OUR bank YOUR bank.

THE ONLY GUARANTY FUND BANK

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Toilet articles, at Grimes.
Our cigars are just right Burroughs.
Beautiful Servicable Premiums given free with your purchase at Parten Dry Goods Company.
Prof. D. E. Dortch of Loraine visited M. D. Ussery the latter part of last week.
Pumpkin yam sweet potatoes for \$1.25 per bushel at O. F. Rogers.
Meet the crowd at Anchor Hardware Co., Oct. 25th.
Mrs. S. F. Annis left Tuesday for Abilene and Anson to visit for a few days.
For all kinds and sizes of window glass see Burroughs.
Make our bank your headquarters when in town and use our accomodations. Farmers State Bank.
L. H. King of Meridian was on our streets Wednesday shaking hands with old friends.
Trade your old furniture to Mack for new Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.
Shoes, at a big discount for cash. Star Store.
Mr. and Mrs. Forest Adams of Texarkana are here visiting G. H. Adams and family.
All sizes of drawing tablets at Burroughs' Drug Store.
The highest market price paid for your eggs. W. P. Duckett.
C. R. Baxendale was looking after business matters in Abilene Tuesday.
Picture Show Friday and Saturday night.
Jacobs fine candies at Grimes Drug Store.
Mr. and Mrs. Pool of Sherman were here Tuesday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Gaiters.
Smoke our cigars, they are fresh. Grimes Drug Store.
We want every good egg you can find on your premises. We pay the highest market price for same. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.
Mrs. B. W. Moore left Tuesday for her home at Fort Worth after spending several weeks with her husband, B. W. Moore the depot agent.
Eat Pure Food Bakery bread.
Lest you forget. We give away the Studebaker wagon Oct. 25th. Come with your tickets. Anchor hardware Co.

Mrs. J. L. Tucker of Blair visited her children Friday at the home of Mrs. Jno. Ensminger. Jasper and his sister, Miss Mary are here attending school.
Classy hot drinks in due season at Burroughs' Drug Store.
Mrs. M. J. Lowe left Thursday for Baird where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. S. A. D. Grounds, for a while.
Picture Show Friday and Saturday nights.
Mrs. Eva Barnes of Midland who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt is in Clyde visiting her sister, Mrs. J. S. Berry.
Meet your friends at Anchor Hardware Company Oct. 25th and draw the wagon.
Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Rose of Dallas county are visiting the formers sister, Mrs. J. S. Burns.
Blacklegoids Vaccine at Grimes Drug Store.

More Than Enough is Too Much.

To maintain health, a mature man or woman needs just enough food to repair the waste and supply energy and body heat. The habitual consumption of more food than is necessary for these purposes is the prime cause of stomach troubles, rheumatism, and disorders of the kidneys. If troubled with indigestion, revise your diet, let reason and not appetite control and take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be alright again. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express to our good Merkel friends, our deep appreciation of their many acts of kindness and sympathy shown us during the illness and since the death of our dear son and brother, Logan H. Bowles.

"The kindly words how far it goes
Along life's way
The kindly smile, how it lights up
A sad, gray day.
The kindly deed, how it repays the
doer."

Gratefully,
Mrs. M. B. Bowles and family.

Chronic Dyspepsia.

The following unsolicited testimonial should certainly be sufficient to give hope and courage to persons afflicted with chronic dyspepsia: "I have been a chronic dyspeptic for years, and of all the medicine I have taken, Chamberlain's Tablets have done me more good than anything else," says W. G. Mattison, No. 7 Sherman St., Hornellsville, N. Y. For sale by all dealers.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Oct. 3, 1913:

Goforth, John
Page, Mrs. Tom
Grider, card, R. B.
Ervin, card, T. H.
Donell, card, M. E.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Oct. 18, 1913.

H. W. Derstine, P. M.

They Make You Feel Good.

The pleasant purgative effect produced by Chamberlain's Tablets and the healthy condition of body and mind which they create make one feel joyful. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

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DR. S. L. DAVIS
DENTIST

Office over Woodroof and Company.

Phones—Office 154, residence 34

O. F. McMASTER
DENTIST

Terms Cash

Office over F. and M. Natl. Bank

M. ARMSTRONG, M. D.

Practicing Physician
Office at Grimes Drug Store
Merkel, Texas

Telephones: Res. 1-2; Office 1-0-5



EYES PROPERLY TESTED. Glasses Correctly Fitted. All Work Guaranteed.
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Real Estate, Fire, Life and Accident Insurance Agents
Respectfully Solicit Your Business
Notary Public in Office
Office over Farmers & Merchants National Bank
Merkel :: Texas

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The most up-to-date SHOP IN MERKEL

CITY BARBER SHOP
WEST & PATE, Proprietors

Taylor County Abstract Co.

Complete Abstract of all Titles in Taylor county, including all City property.

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Abilene, Texas

Your work appreciated.
Prompt Service at Reasonable Rates
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C. D. MIMS
Attorney-At-Law

General Practice and Collections
Land Title Work a Specialty
Office over Farmers State Bank.

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.

J. T. WARREN, President

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

Designated by the United States Government as depository for Postal Savings



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HOME SWEET HOME

Make Your Home Comfortable With a Piece of New Furniture, New Wall Paper, New Art Square, Nice Linoleum, New Window Shades or Have That Picture Framed

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

WE GUARANTEE ABSOLUTE SATISFACTION

MACK"

Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co. FURNITURE AND Undertaking

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Window glass all sizes at Burroughs.

T. J. Coggia returned Monday to Douglas, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cordill visited relatives in Putnam Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Smith of Trent visited Mrs. Jno. Boden this week.

Fancy box stationery at Burroughs.

Roy Bradley of Abilene was a social caller in Merkel Sunday.

Carnival bargains Saturday the 18th and all next week. Parten Dry Goods Company.

Mrs. E. M. Rust is in Dallas this week visiting friends and looking after business.

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

J. T. Tucker is in Truby this week looking after business matters.

See J. A. Collins on Front Street in the Crenshaw building for all kinds of fresh fruit.

J. E. McDonald and family left Monday for Abilene where they will make their future home.

Carnival bargains Saturday 18th and all next week at Parten Dry Goods Company.

Mrs. J. W. Moore and daughter, Delphene, spent Sunday in Clyde.

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

Miss Clara Moore visited friends in Sweetwater the latter part of last week, also attended the Roscoe fair.

The Elite has for sale plenty of fresh bulk Blanke-Wenneker chocolates. Call and get some of them before they are gone.

Mrs. C. O. Byrne and children of Sacramento, Calif., is here visiting her mother, Mrs. R. B. Hancock.

We have plenty of wheat and rye seed for sale at the right price. Call and get our prices. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

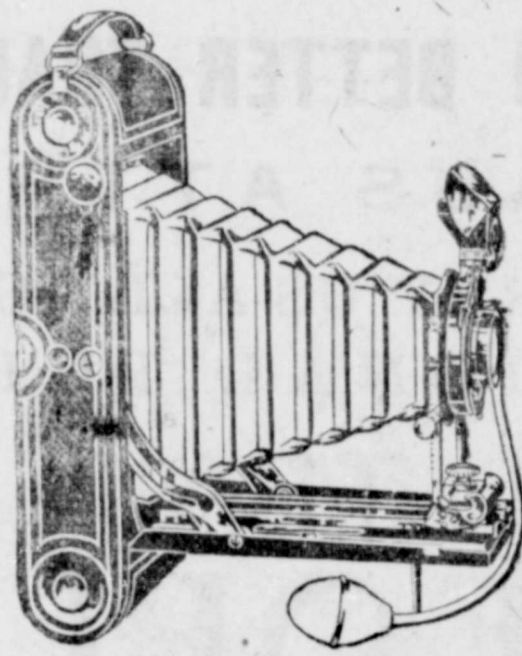
J. L. Harris returned home Sunday from a business trip to Big Springs, Sweetwater and other points farther west.

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

Picture Show Friday and Saturday nights.

Let THE CHILDREN Kodak

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



PHONE 43—RUST & McCAULEY DRUG CO.—PHONE 43

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Grimes has got it.

Picture Show Friday and Saturday nights.

T. J. Toombs was in Abilene Monday attending to business matters.

See J. A. Collins on Front Street in the Crenshaw building for all kinds of fresh fruit.

Early Cook of Clyde is here visiting his sister Mrs. Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Earl Morrison of Colorado spent a few days in our city this week.

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

G. E. Comegy, Mrs. Claud Comegy and little Mary spent Tuesday in Clyde.

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

Mrs. Fred Clark and children are visiting Mrs. Clark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Petree of Abilene this week.

Fresh shipment of Blanke-Wenneker's bulk chocolates just received at the Elite. Call and procure a pound or so of them.

Joe Hunter has returned from Fort Worth where he has been visiting his son, Bob Hunter of that city.

\$3.00, latest style hat free with every man's suit sold Saturday 18th and all next week at Parten Dry Goods Company.

T. C. Lee of the Lee Brother's ranch at San Angelo visited C. M. Largent's Blue Ribbon Stock Farm Sunday.

Free demonstration of the Western Coffee & National Biscuit Co., at Hamblet & Rogers Saturday.

Mrs. Lester Ellis of Abilene was here the latter part of last week, visiting relatives and friends.

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

Mrs. Jno. Daniels left Friday to visit her sister, Mrs. R. W. Mitchell, of Abilene, for a few days.

A fresh supply of fancy box candy just received at Grimes Drug Store.

\$3.00, latest style hat free with every man's suit sold Saturday 18th and all next week at Parten Dry Goods Company.

DOING THEIR DUTY.

Scores of Merkel Readers are Learning the Duty of the Kidneys.

To filter the blood is the kidneys' duty.

When they fail to do this the kidneys are weak. Backache and other kidney ills may follow.

Help the kidneys to do their work. Use Doan's Kidney Pills—the tested kidney remedy.

Merkel people endorse their worth. E. W. Dennis, N. Main St., Merkel, Texas, says: "We have used Doan's Kidney Pills off and on for some time. They have proven to be good for kidney trouble."

Mr. Dennis is only one of many Merkel people who have gratefully endorsed Doan's Kidney Pills. If your backaches—if your kidneys bother you, don't simply ask a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mr. Dennis had—the remedy backed by home testimony. 50c all stores. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. "When Your Back is Lame—Remember the Name."

Mrs. H. R. Gearhart and Mrs. Lee Thurman of Celina, Texas, returned to their home Thursday after an extended visit to their mother, Mrs. R. B. Hancock of our city.

When on your way to the post-office just step in the front door of Behrens-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.

Mrs. B. O. Mitchell and little daughter, Jettie Francis, of Midland returned to their home Sunday after attending the bedside of their grandfather, A. J. Coggin.

Don't forget to be on hand Saturday the 25th with your tickets for the Studebaker wagon. Anchor Hardware Co.



Telephone for Aid

The DOCTOR, for man or beast, is only one of those you may summon instantly by

Bell Telephone

A perfect means of guarding against emergencies and overcoming loneliness.

Now is a good time to learn how YOU can get this service.

THE Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Co. DALLAS, - TEXAS



Remember we give the \$90 Studebaker wagon away Oct. 25th. Anchor Hardware Co.

Mrs. Ellis Carroth of Wewoka, Oklahoma, returned to her home Monday after a few days attending the bedside of her father, A. J. Coggin who recently passed away.

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

Picture Show Friday and Saturday nights.

HEALTHY LIVER MAKES BEAUTY

Famous Actress Finds that a Healthy Liver is Necessary to good looks And Youthfulness.

One of the best known women of the American stage is writing a series of articles on the preservation of beauty. She attaches great importance to keeping the liver active at all times, and she is right. Neither good looks nor happiness will stay long with any man or woman who lets the liver get lazy and sluggish.

It is not always safe to take calomel, the old liver remedy. Doctors agree that it is a very uncertain drug. But Rust & McCauley drug store has a remedy for sale that they guarantee to take the place of calomel absolutely, and still be harmless, causing no restriction of habit or diet. This remedy is Dodson's Liver Tonic.

Dodson's Liver Tonic is a pleasant-tasting vegetable liquid, but it starts the liver gently and surely and relieves constipation and biliousness so promptly that it has become a dependable remedy in thousands of homes in the United States. There are scores of families in this vicinity who will not be without it in the house and who would not think of starting on a trip without a bottle of it.

Rust & McCauley has sold so much Dodson's Liver Tonic that they are convinced of its merit and will give any person his 50 cents, back, who buys a bottle and does not find that it takes the place of calomel to perfection.

Paul Cranford returned to El Paso Saturday after several weeks visit here with his parents Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Cranford and sister, Mrs. Davenport Gaither.

We pay the highest cash market price for your chickens and fryers. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Sharp were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis of Abilene Sunday.

Bring your tickets to the free drawing Saturday Oct. 25th. Anchor Hardware Company.

All Next Week

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AND

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\$3.00---PER CORD---\$3.00

This is good, dry and wooden wood and the price is for delivery to your home and measured.

Good Wood & Full Measure

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WOOD AND COAL

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Shiloh.

Oct. 13--There was church at Shiloh Sunday.

The Misses Hails and Wess Derstine attended church at Noodle Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sellers spent Sunday at Mrs. Cades.

Mrs. Green and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dora Green, were shopping in Merkel Monday.

Mrs. Lillie Wortham and children called on Mrs. Bryon Monday.

Mr. Walter Phillips happened to a very painful accident one day last week by getting his leg entangled in a stalk cutter and having a piece of the bone cut out he is able to be about on crutches but the wound is painful yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Winters spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James.

Mrs. Sam Grayson called on Mrs. Lon Martin one day last week.

If the editor and his staff gets out of a job and has time to idle come to Shiloh and pick cotton as it is the order of every one that comes to bring a sack along.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bryan attended church at Kale Sunday.

Several of the Kale boys have been busy hauling hay it seems as six loads have passed.

Bro. Young of Tye was in Shiloh Wednesday.

There is a rumor that there is going to be another wedding in Shiloh before many moons. Watch out you young folks, Dan Cupid has been very busy since the first of August as that was the seventh wedding since then. I don't know why so many get married in the fall except the groom wants a cotton picker.

Miss Annie Mae Johnson of Newnan is visiting in Shiloh this week.

Weather Forecast.

Colder with rains causing rheumatic pains. Hunt's Lightning Oil stops all Aches and pains whether from Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Cuts Burns or Bruises. The quickest Liniment known. 25c and 50c bottles. All Druggist.

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This line includes the leading styles in millinery and in this and our other lines we can suit your taste at the PRICE YOU WISH TO PAY.

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A GENERAL TONIC - TAKE GROVE'S

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is Equally Valuable as a General Tonic because it Acts on the Liver, Drives Out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. For Grown People and Children.

You know what you are taking when you take Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic as the formula is printed on every label showing that it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic and is in Tasteless Form. It has no equal for Malaria, Chills and Fever, Weakness, general debility and loss of appetite. Gives life and vigor to Nursing Mothers and Pale, Sickly Children. Removes Biliousness without purging. Relieves nervous depression and low spirits. Arouses the liver to action and purifies the blood. A True Tonic and Sure Appetizer. A Complete Strengthenner. No family should be without it. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.

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With our three big salesrooms fairly packed with the newest merchandise of the season bought in large quantities direct from the best mills and factories for spot cash by experienced buyers we know we are in a position to offer you the best merchandise at prices that mean an absolute saving to you on practical every item you buy from this store.

Our Stock Complete in Every Detail

You can find just what you want here without tiresome shopping around from house to house. We solicit your business on basis that we can serve your interests better than any store in this section of the state. A careful and intelligent comparison will bring you straight to this

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good 36-inch unbleached domestic only. **6 1-4c**
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Nice soft finished bleached domestic... **8 1-3c**
Lonsdale hope bleached domestic, best quality on the market..... **10c**
Dress Outing, also solid colors, splendid line of fall patterns at 6 1-4c, 8 1-3c and..... **10c**
27-inch dress flannelets, pretty patterns 8 1-3 cents, 10c and..... **12 1-2c**
Strong line of dress ginghams in fast colors 8 1-3c 10c and..... **12 1-2c**
Cotton flannels in bleached and unbleached 7 1-2c, 8 1-3c and..... **10c**
Cotton Checks in dress and shirting styles 5c, 6 1-4c 7 1-2c and..... **8 1-3c**

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Big stock of cotton and wool blankets bought from the largest mills at exceptionally low prices. We can save you 10 to 15 per cent on your winter bed covering.

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Our splendidly equipped Mail Order Department brings the benefit of this big stock to your door. We prepay carrying charges on all out of town orders and if goods are not satisfactory you may return them at our expense.

We give all Mail Orders our special attention and solicit same.

Wonderfully good values and correct styles in Ladies Ready-to-Wear Department

LADIES SUITS

The very best values we have ever shown in correctly made tailored suits are here this season. The splendid business that we have already had on these suits is the best evidence that we are right, both in style and prices. We can fit you perfectly from our big stock in a new and fashionable suit at **\$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.00, \$15.00, \$16.50, \$17.50, \$20.00** and up.

SEPARATE SKIRTS

Beautiful new wool skirts at **\$2, \$3, \$4** and **\$5**

PRETTY MILLINERY MODERATELY PRICED

This popular Department is literally teeming with beautiful becoming hats for ladies, misses and children—not a good style missing.

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Made in the latest styles of popular wool fabrics; also Silk Charmeuse, etc., trimmed in the pretty new fall trimmings. Prices are very low, beginning at **\$5., \$7.50** up to **\$25.**

WARM STYLISH COATS

Made of heavy rough mannish coating also plush Astrican and Chinchilla. Every coat correctly tailored in the best models. Ladies Coats **\$5.00** up to..... **\$20.00**
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LADIES AND MISSES SWEATERS--COAT & JERSEY STYLES

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Many pretty fashionable waists in every wanted material. Just the waists you want for every occasion. Prices are **75c, \$1.00, \$1.50** up to..... **\$7.50**

LET US SAVE YOU MONEY ON DRESS GOODS & SILKS

Big buying makes low prices in this Department and you'll find here the most complete stocks of dress goods, silks and trimmings ever assembled in Abilene under one roof. Every new weave and color combinations that comes with dame fashions stamp of approval for this season will be found here—priced as low as good merchandise can be sold for. The new trimmings to match. Silk and dress goods are also here in almost endless varieties.

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Come to us for your all-leather, dependable shoes for the whole family. You'll find here the largest and most varied stock of good shoes ever shown in this section of the state. We bought shoes early before the last big advance in leather and can show you a shoe stock without a doubt 10 percent cheaper than any store in this section. We handle only reliable makes, give expert attention to fitting.

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Overcoats **\$10.00** to..... **\$20.00**

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We specialize on boys good clothes. Strong sturdy suits made in fashionable Norfolk and double breasted models with full peg trousers in blue serges and all the leading colors. Just the suits to please young Americans and their mothers. Prices range **\$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.50,** to..... **\$7.00**
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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

The first meeting of the xx Century Club was entertained Saturday afternoon by Mr. G. H. Adams at her home on Elm Street. The first business was the election of Mrs. W. Parten as president to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. W. H. Dickson. Miss Eva Gaddy was elected to membership. Mrs. Forest Adams of Texarkana was a visitor. The program was carried out. The following members answered to roll call: Mrs. G. H. Adams, Mrs. S. L. Davis, Mrs. W. M. Jenkins, Mrs. R. A. Martin, Mrs. W. Parten, Miss Eva Williams, Misses May and Willie Valentine, Mrs. G. F. West and Mrs. O. W. Williams. The hostess served Sherbet. Mrs. M. D. Angus will be hostess Saturday October 18, with Mrs. G. H. Adams leader.

Owing to the interest manifested in the little word of warning given last week, we feel it our duty to tell our many friends more about what we heard over the phone about the coming wedding. "It is to be a rainbow wedding." Several of the attendants will be popular young people from other Texas cities, who will begin to arrive this next week, since the wedding is to take place the latter part. "It is said that the maid's gowns are to be very elaborate and the bride's are imported ones. Quite a number of out of town guests are expected. The wedding will be quite the swellest event of the season. Decorators from Dallas. Invitations will be out next week.

Tuesday evening Will Boring transferred a number of ladies to his cotton field, west of town. 'Twas a merry crowd laden with cotton sacks and lunch baskets, when they left town via the float route. The Baptist Aid Society and a few friends were bent on making money for the Baptist Aid. We are told the ladies picked 549 pounds and received \$1.25 per hundred. Mrs. Allday headed the list by picking 69 pounds; Mrs. Dennis was a close second having picked 68. Those who were faithful to the trial and enjoyed the evening were: Mesdames Cranford, Sears, Rogers, Dennis, Hamblet, Hicks Allday, Valentine, Counts, Walker, Mashburn, Hamm and Boring.

Friday afternoon at the home of Dr. and Mrs. O. F. McMasters, Mrs. J. F. Pickeral entertained the members of her Sunday School class and a few special friends. Among various diversions the hostess handed slips of paper to the guest each contained a topic that called for a minute talk. The guest were Misses Johnnie Warren, Ethel Irwin, Olga Sheppard, Miss Wear, Grace Diltz, Mesdames Diltz Bland, Baxendaie and Scheidler. The hostess daughter, Mrs. McMasters assisted in serving cream and cake.

Ollie Shaffer entertained the 1914 Seniors and the High School teachers at his home on South Oak Street. A delightful social hour was spent with music and games after which the host and his mother served the guests with delicious cream and cake.

Miss Evelyn Williams entertained the teachers of the Methodist Sunday School Friday evening at her home on North 1st St. At the conclusion of study period the hostess served punch and cake.

League Program

Oct. 19th, 1913. Subject—The Mission Study Rally Day. Leader—Miss Bertha Harris. Song. Prayer Asking special guidance. Hymn, 647. Talk by Leader. Why have a Mission Study class: Mrs. Clements. A Season of Prayer. Scripture side Lights: Matthew IX 35-38; Luke XI: 2; Isa. 11: 1-5; Acts 1: 6-9. Instrumental Solo—Miss Fannie Burroughs. The field and facts of Missions: Miss Tennie Pope. The plans of Mission Study: Jno. Moore. Miscellaneous. Song. Benediction.

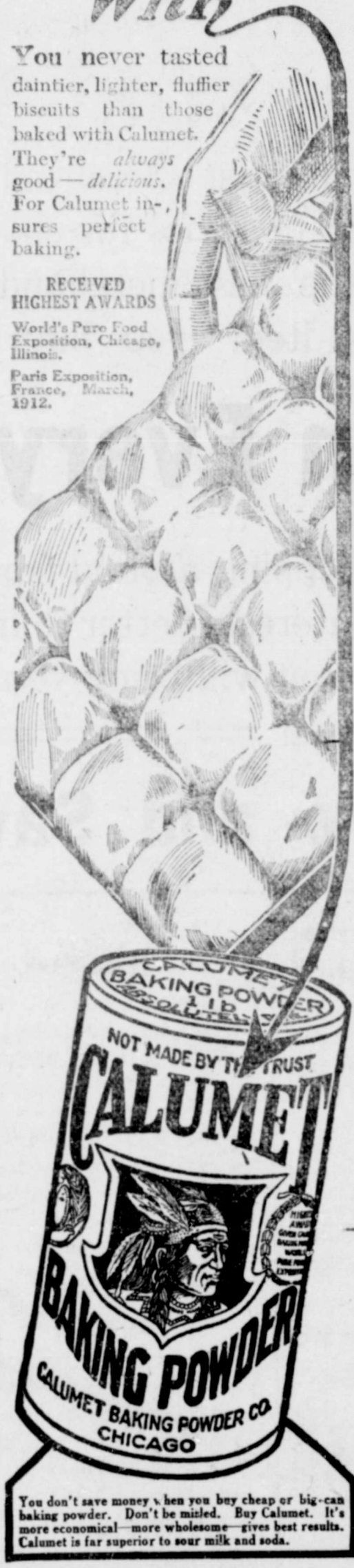
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B. Y. P. U. Program.

Bible Study Meeting. Asa. Leader—Miss Carroll Rister. Song. Scripture Reading. Psa. 34. Prayer. Song. Asa's Religious Zeal. Miss Hull. His victory over the Etheopians. Ollie Shaffer. Vocal Duet—Miss Ova Teaff and Robert Hicks. Asa's covenant with the Lord—Miss Mary Teaff. Asa's Wrong doing—Miss Carroll Rister. Vocal Solo—Miss Flay Gunn. Prayer.

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If you want to contribute directly to the occurrence of capillary bronchitis and pneumonia use cough medicines that contain codine, morphine, heroin and other sedatives when you have a cough or cold. An expectorant like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is what is needed. That cleans out the culture beds or breeding places for the germs of pneumonia and other germ diseases. That is why pneumonia never results from a cold when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is used. It has a world wide reputation for its cures. It contains no morphine or other sedative. For sale by All Dealers. Adv.

PROVINE-McCONNELL.

A quiet home wedding was solemnized Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Provine when Miss Mollie McConnell became the bride of their son Mr. J. A. Provine. Rev. R. A. Clements read the beautiful marriage service which was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Provine, parents of the groom, Mr. T. B. McConnell, brother of the bride and Mr. J. W. Briggs.

The bride is no stranger here having come to the west nine years ago from Boydville, Ky. With the exception of two years spent in Paris, Tenn. she has made her home in Taylor county with her sister Mrs. B. M. Williams. The groom is the agent here for the Wells-Fargo Express Company and is very popular.

The Merkel Mail joins with the many friends of the popular young couple in wishing for them happiness and prosperity. They will make their home at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Provine.

Twentieth Century.

Then Twentieth Century Club will meet Oct. 18th, with Mrs. M. D. Angus. The following program will be carried out.

Roll call, scientific researches. Descriptive of Venice, Miss Evelyn Williams. Shylock, general discussion. Act 1, Scenes 1, 2 and 3, Mrs. G. H. Adams, leader.

Society Personals.

Mrs. George L. Brown of Fort Stockton came in Tuesday to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner. motoring in Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Britain was called to Fort Worth Sunday by the illness of her sister-in-law.

Mrs. E. M. Rust is in Dallas this week.

Mrs. H. F. Groene has been appointed chairman of the Red Cross Seals committee in Merkel. Mrs. W. H. Dickson having resigned on account of sickness in the family. Let us all work together to make this a successful year.

Mrs. Lester Ellis of Abilene visited Mrs. R. A. Ellis for a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Adams and baby of Texarkana are here visiting the parents of the husband, Alderman and Mrs. G. H. Adams.

Dr. and Mrs. C. M. McCauley and little sons, Dallas and Elmer of Abilene were visitors in our city Friday evening.

Mrs. W. Parten visited her sister Mrs. G. W. Black and her niece Mrs. Will Calvert in Sweetwater last week. Friday was spent at the Roscoe fair. Arthur Browning of Dallas spent Sunday with home folks in the city.

Miss Fort Smith of Blooming Grove who has been visiting her sister Mrs. A. H. Thornton returned home Friday.

J. W. Briggs and J. A. Provine were in Abilene last Wednesday to interview the man who sells licenses wed.

Mrs. E. M. Britain left Sunday for Amarillo to join her husband after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain.

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. McCauley and little sons were in Merkel Friday evening. They motored in from Abilene.

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.

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.



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The special "Premium" process of curing and smoking gives it a genuine tenderness and unexcelled flavor that makes parboiling needless.

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FOR FIVE YEARS

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery.

taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it.

I have now been taking Black-Draught for three months, and it has cured me—haven't had those awful sick headaches since I began using it.

I am so thankful for what Black-Draught has done for me."

Thedford's Black-Draught has been found a very valuable medicine for derangements of the stomach and liver. It is composed of pure, vegetable herbs, contains no dangerous ingredients, and acts gently, yet surely. It can be freely used by young and old, and should be kept in every family chest.

Get a package today. Only a quarter.

Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with stomach trouble for five (5) years, and would have sick headache so bad, at times, that I thought surely I would die. I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good. I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I would die. He advised me to try Thedford's Black-Draught, and quit

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For two days - - - - - **\$12.25**

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Carefully tailored, Fashionable, Serviceable.

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Made to suit the man who knows quality and value.

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For Chapped Skin.

Chapped skin whether on the hands or the face may be cured in one night by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It



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We have in stock a full and complete line of John Deere Implements, Disc Harrows, Disc Plows, Sulky Plows, Disc Harrows with Drill Attachments. In fact we have and can get you anything that is carried by a first-class implement house. We ask you to call and see our line of Implements and let us figure with you on anything that you may need in this line

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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.

The Best Hot Weather Tonic

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC enriches the blood, builds up the whole system and will wonderfully strengthen and fortify you to withstand the depressing effect of the hot summer. 50c.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—After a conference with President Wilson, Chairman Bacon of the Foreign Relations Committee, expressed the opinion today that even had the United States recognized Huerta, the imprisonment of the deputies would be ground enough for a withdrawal of the recognition.

Wilson Shocked at Huerta. The text of President Wilson's note to Mexico last night was made public today.

It says that the president is "shocked at the lawless methods employed by General Huerta." It calls the arrest of the deputies, "an act of a bad faith" against the United States.

Plans are under way to keep a strong naval force in the Mexican waters.

The Spanish minister's action in calling a conference is regarded as of the deepest significance, because he was a friend of Ambassador Wilson, and never had supported the

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Mrs. Clarence Mackay, suffrage leader and wife of the head of Postal telegraph and cable company, broke her silence today about the million dollar alienation suit for husband's affection, filed against her by Mrs. Catherine K. Blake, the wife of the noted New York surgeon.

Mrs. Mackay says that Mrs. Blake has a "jealous disposition and ungovernable temper," and "no affection or love for her husband" whom she threatened to kill.

Mrs. Mackay charges that the Blakes agreed to separate and have lived in separate establishments since 1904, which was five years before Mrs. Mackay met Blake.

LONDON, Eng., Oct. 15.—American Ambassador Walter H. Page, was the only person appearing without decoration and bright uniform at the wedding of Prince Arthur of Connaught and Princess Alexandra Victoria.

Ambassador Page wore plain evening clothes. Only three hundred select were present.

 + POPULATION OF HOUSTON 130,000 +
 + HOUSTON, Tex., Oct. 15.—The city directory, which has just been completed here, gives Houston practically a 130,000 population. +

The press dispatches from Washington Sunday which stated that Hon. W. R. Smith would soon resign his seat in congress to accept a United States Judgeship, created considerable stir politically in Abilene.

During the forenoon it developed that in case Mr. Smith does resign that Hon. J. M. Wagstaff will immediately enter the race to fill out the unexpired term. Judge Thomas L. Blanton was also mentioned as a probable candidate, but when seen by a reporter for this paper did not commit himself definitely as to his intentions.

Hon. B. A. Cox wired Judge Smith Sunday afternoon for confirmation of the dispatches and received the following message:

Washington, D. C., Oct. 13, 1913.
 E. A. Cox, Abilene, Texas
 "No foundation for report. Am a candidate for re-election to congress."
 W. R. SMITH.

FT WORTH, Oct. 14.—Mrs. S. M. Stallings, whose husband was murdered in Dallas a few weeks ago, went to that city Monday, accompanied by her attorneys, to make an attempt to obtain bail for her brother, R. A. West, who is in the Dallas county jail, charged with Stallings' murder. An attempt will be made to sue out a writ of habeas corpus to force West to an early trial, unless the grand jury should return an indictment against him at once.

Mrs. Stallings said Monday that her husband met his death at the hands of conspirators, and she believed a woman was behind the whole affair. She denied there had been any trouble over the settlement of an estate in Kentucky, and maintained that her husband and West had always been the best of friends. The statement, however, is denied by County Detectives Blanton and Lopp.

Milwaukee, Oct. 14.—Ad Wolgast and Charley White, lightweights, were today sign for a ten-round, no-decision contest in Milwaukee on the night of October 14. The boys are to weigh not over 133 at six o'clock that evening.



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From the cheapest Chair to the finest Oak,
Mahogany, Mission Finish, Varnished
Floors, Ceilings, Picture Frames, Leather
or imitation upholsterings. Makes them
all new, clean, safe and lasting, like the
smile that won't come off. Try it on ev-
erything varnished or painted in your home
costs little and you will think your varnish
man has just left you.

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VERY LARGE BOTTLE - 50c
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Only One Box to a Customer Each Day.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Compere.

Oct. 13—Weather has fared up again everything is moving nicely.

Brother Lynn filled his regular appointment here Sunday evening. Good attendance.

Hughy Williams is back to see the home-folks.

Grain is sure looking fine. There will be a good acreage of wheat and oats sowed yet.

Miss Annabel Moore visited Miss Myrtle Tarres Saturday.

The apple wagon came through here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Moore gave the young people a singing Sunday night. Real good attendance, good singing and all report a good time.

Health is reported good at this writing.

Causes Further Talk.

Because so many people are telling their experience with Hunt's Lightning Oil for Headaches, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, etc., others are lead to give it a trial, and are convinced immediately of its merits as a pain killer. Are you yet to be convinced? Ask the Druggist. Adv.

Noodle.

Oct. 13—The people are busy sewing wheat and picking cotton. Some of the wheat is up and looking well. They like a great deal of being through picking cotton.

Brother Young preached at the Methodist church Sunday.

Misses Lucille Beene, Lettye Jones and Stella Goode visited Bertha Ely Sunday afternoon.

A great many of our Noodle people are going to move away. We regret to give them up but wish them success.

Walter Green has moved away and Mr. Clyde Herring has recently moved into the house where Mr. Green lived.

Clyde Herring and Walter Witt will run the blacksmith shop at Noodle.

Mrs. W. J. Ely and Bertha Ely made a business trip to Abilene Saturday.

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Hardest to Do.

Chilon being asked what were the most difficult things, replied: "To keep secrets, to make a good use of leisure, and to bear being wronged."

A Marvelous Escape.

"My little boy had a marvelous escape," writes F. F. Bastians of Prince Albert. Cape of Good Hope. "It occurred in the middle of the night. He got a very severe attack of croup. As luck would have it, I had a large bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house. After following the directions for an hour and twenty minutes he was through all danger." Sold by all dealers. Adv.

During the past week several important deeds have been filed on record with County Clerk W. J. Young, indicating that the real estate transfers of the county are very active. The following are the records shown in the county clerk's office for the week ending Friday:

John C. Ham and Harry H. Ham and Frank P. Ham to M. D. Angus, lots Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12 in block No. 41, city of Merkel; consideration \$200.

C. Q. Collins to R. N. Collins one-half interest in 50 acres of land out of the east end of 320 acre tract deeded to S. Glenn, being a part of the Pedro Martinez headright survey No. 297; \$1 and other considerations.

W. P. Ross and wife, Mrs. A. T. Ross, to W. A. and S. A. Bowles, the north half of the west one-half of section No. 58, Lunatic Asylum Land, containing 160 acres and being situated in Taylor county; consideration \$2,100 and others.

J. V. Howerton to E. B. Bynum, lots Nos. 5 and 6 in block No. 116, city of Abilene; \$10 and other considerations.

J. P. Rye to R. L. West, 5 acres in square out of the southwest corner of block No. 27 of the North Park addition to the city of Abilene; consideration \$10.

R. L. West and wife, Mrs. D. E. West, to J. F. Cunningham, same as one immediately preceding; consideration \$2.00.

J. P. Hackley to C. T. Gamble, part of H. T. and B. Ry. Co., survey No. 1, part of J. M. Saucedo survey, quitclaim deed; consideration \$1 and others.

John Wells to F. J. Billingslea, north half of public school section No. 10, in block No. 3, S. P. Ry Company survey; consideration \$5,000.

F. J. Billingslea and wife to William Dixon, same as above; consideration \$5,000.

E. N. Kirby to Mrs. D. A. Olive and Maude Oliver, lots No. 9 in block No. 70, city of Abilene; consideration \$1,000.

W. M. Jenkins to D. A. Ham, lots 7, 8, 9, and 10 in block N, in Bettles Heights Addition to city of Merkel; consideration \$500.

D. A. Ham to J. F. Young, same as above; consideration \$200.

J. L. McDavid and J. E. Arnold to Tom Russell, lot No. 2 in block 2, Graham Addition to Tuscola; consideration \$100.

George W. Tabb to S. W. Hayhurst, 80 acres land out of N. W. one-fourth section No. 9, block 6, S. P. Ry. Company; consideration \$1,200.

Seth Hamilton and wife to I. D. Walton, 124 acres off east side lot No. 7 of J. A. Evans Subdivision of D. B. Corley's surveys 2, 3, and 4, and H. Hand survey and the J. A. Nabors survey No. 9, save strip 20 feet off of and along east side of Lot No. 7; 38 1-3 acres out of N. E. corner of lot No. 11 of J. A. Evans subdivision and D. B. Corley's survey Nos. 2, 3 and 4, and the H. Hand and J. A. Nabors survey No. 9; consideration \$4,890.

William Vance and wife to J. M. Estes, lots 4, 5, and 6 in block No. 32, city of Abilene; consideration \$1,500.

D. M. Oldham, Jr., to G. B. Roberts, out of Edward Ramirez survey No. 34; consideration \$10.

T. A. and J. H. Russell to Charles Warfield, lots Nos. 10, 11, 13 and 14, block No. 13, North Park Addition to city of Abilene; consideration \$1,600.

G. B. Roberts and wife to W. N. Estes, 76 1-2 acres land out of Edward Ramirez survey No. 34; consideration \$4,000.

Ed S. Hughes and Henry Sayles to Henry Sayles Jr., lots 4 and 5 in block C of Sayles and Hughes Subdivision of lot No. 2 in block 108, city of Abilene; consideration \$433.75.

J. A. Collins and wife to R. O. Anderson, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in block No. 28 of the town of Merkel; \$750 and other considerations.

Mrs. Willie L. Seabrook to J. M. Wagstaff, 25 feet off west end of lots Nos. 5 and 6 in block No. 14, city of Merkel; consideration \$1,000.

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TO LIVE DOWN CHARGES.

Enlisted Men of 5th Brigade Begin Campaign Against Existing Immorality in Army.

GALVESTON, Texas, Oct. 14.—The enlisted men of the Fifth Brigade, United States Army, have undertaken the task of living down the charges of existing immorality among the enlisted men of the army, made by Secretary of War Garrison at the "get-together" banquet given by cavalry officers in Washington last Monday night.

At Tuesday's mass meeting several citizens of Galveston addressed the 1600 enlisted men in attendance. The matter was discussed from all sides and the enlisted men openly plead guilty. The fact that the army contains both a good and an evil element was most forcibly advanced, the evil element being given credit for predominance. Enlisted men, speaking to the subject of army morals, traced the source of the trouble to the apparent exclusion of the man in uniform from the more refined places of amusement.

"While this does not apply to Galveston, where the civilians have outdone themselves in entertaining the enlisted men, it is a fact that in other places the enlisted men have been exiled from respectable circles," said one speaker. "There are numbers of enlisted men who believe that only the saloons, pool halls, and dens of vice are open to them. There are enlisted men who live clean lives without mingling with civilians. The churches of Galveston have evinced more interest in the welfare of the enlisted man than those of any city within our memory. To this fact we owe this new movement for the improvement of army morals."

Impetus was given the movement when petty officers representing every company in the Fifth Brigade met Wednesday afternoon with the Regimental Chaplains. It was estimated that no less than 1500 enlisted men will be organized into societies of Christian endeavor within two weeks, each society holding a weekly meeting and all societies coming together weekly for a mass meeting. Personal work extending to the utmost reaches of the Brigade is the plan of action. The Regimental Chaplains occupied pulpits of the Galveston churches Sunday and presented appeals for the hearty co-operation of the citizens of Galveston in the effort of the enlisted men.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Trent.

Oct 14—Well, Mr. Editor as I have had pretty good luck stirring up the farmers to the extent of causing some of them to begin to write and give their ideas I feel very well paid for my little weak ideas that Bill Carson's letter was strictly fine. If all the old rusty farmers that know how to farm like Carson would give their ideas on farming that way and show the world what they are doing it would help Taylor county to get on a higher plan of farming more than she has ever been before. Mr. Peel told us some good things to study on. Now I hope that every farmer in Taylor county will put his shoulder to the wheel and advertise what we are going to do and get up and do it and I believe that our editor has something more stored away in his anatomy that he will turn loose soon and he is hard to beat and if he don't, I know how to bring him across.

Local news is scarce here now as everybody is picking cotton while the sun shines.

I notice old Brother Cotton is doing some nice plowing now.

Let's see about twenty-five good letters in the Merkel Mail next week.

B. C. Moore and wife visited relatives in Trent Sunday.

Mr. Taylor, the photographer, left Sunday night for Arkansas to accept a traveling job for a hardware firm.

Arrested.

Further arrests are being made daily—of persons, but of pain. Hunt's Lightning Oil that so many people are talking about because it arrests and stops pain, and affords almost instant relief in cases of Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Headaches, Burns, Just try it if you want pain to go.

Salt Branch

Bro. Walker filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Taylor and wife, Westly Hardy and wife visited at Porter Pettys Sunday.

The farmers of this vicinity are very near through picking cotton.

Miss Cora Hays visited Miss Ruth Allen Sunday.

Misses Gardia Higgins and Mae Rainer visited Miss Alma Hays Sunday.

There was a fruit sapper at Charls Higgins Saturday night. Ever boy present seemed to have a nice time.

Misses Lula and Annie Higgins visited Miss Ida Taylor Sunday.

Marvin Shipley visited Austin Houston Robertson Sunday.

S. W. Taylor and wife, Will Higgins and son, Ollie, W. M. Hays and Houston Robertson attended the Sweetwater Baptist Association.

Jim Ingram and wife of Mt. Pleasant were visiting at W. E. Robertson Sunday.

W. Z. Harris and wife visited Ralph Golithly and wife Sunday.

Several from this community attended services at Stith Sunday evening.

Mrs. Hays and Grandma Hays visited Mrs. Robertson Monday evening.

Mrs. Taylor visited Mrs. Ellis Petty Sunday.