

# MERKEL NEW PASTOR

Bishop's Cabinet Sends Our Pastor to Colorado.

## REV. WALLACE COMES HERE

New Minister Has Record of Success and Recommended as Good and Strong Minister

Rev. R. A. Clements and H. C. Williams returned the first of the week from Vernon where they attended the Methodist conference and report Methodist matters improved. The reports and tabulated statistics show a very encouraging growth and progress for the recent conference year just closed.

Our popular local pastor who has served two years on our charge was transferred by the cabinet to Colorado City. Our town and church regrets very much to lose him and rejoices that he will not be far from us. His place here is to be taken by the Rev. Lew Wallace of Fort Worth. In speaking of the new pastor Rev. Clements stated that he knew him to be a good and strong man in his work and that we are to be congratulated for securing his services.

H. C. Williams made the acquaintance of our new pastor and was very much pleased with him, especially his record of service. He stated that Rev. Wallace had served successfully for four years each at Munday, Arlington and Fort Worth. Continuing he said: "He will preach his first sermon Sunday morning and we urge that all members and others hear him."

## NEW APPOINTMENT FOR METHODISTS

VERNON, Texas, Nov. 17.—Visiting ministers, attending the Northwest Texas Methodist conference here, yesterday filled the various pulpits of the city. The memorial service was held at 3 p. m. Sunday.

Bishop Atkins announces the following appointments:

Abilene District—Presiding elder, C. N. Ferguson, Abilene, First Church, C. W. Hearon; Abilene, St. Paul's, C. M. Woodward; Anson, A. M. Martin; Baird, A. W. Waddell; Capps, R. E. L. Stutts; Clyde and Eula, J. W. Smith; Cross Plains, E. L. Sisk; Hawley, J. T. Ross; Merkel, E. R. Wallace; Nubert, E. L. Yates; Ovalo, A. D. Jameson; Tuscola, George Smallwood; Putnam and Moran, J. W. Cadwell; Trent; C. W. Young, supply; Tye, M. H. Hudson; View, T. H. Davis, supply; Clyde, C. A. Duncan; district commissioner of education, Comer M. Woodward.

Big Springs District—Presiding elder, W. H. Terry; Andrews, A. C. Stone; Big Springs Mission, J. T. Price, supply; Big Springs Station, A. L. Moore; Brownfield, J. B. Reynolds; Coahoma, Thomas Hanks; Gail, W. C. Hart, supply; Lamesa, S. H. Adams; O'Donnell, T. A. Jackson; Plains, S. B. Cox; Post, D. W. Hawkins; Seminole, C. H. Ledger; Stanton, W. C. Hinds; Tahoka and Station, J. P. Calloway; district commissioner of education, A. L. Moore.

Hamlin District—Presiding elder, G. S. Hardy; Aspermont, M. M. Beavers; Hamlin, J. E. Stephens; Knox City, J. H. Hamblen; Jayton, A. B. Keene; McCauley, C. B. Smith; Peacock, G. W. Smith; Pinkerton, to be supplied; Rotan, M. L. Story; Rotan mission, to be supplied; Rochester, R. D. Stewart; Rule, O. M. Addison; Sanger, L. W. Malone, supply; Spur, G. J. Irvin; Spur mission, to be supplied; Sylvester, F. T. Johnson; Vera, C. D. Pipkin; Tuxedo, M. L. Good; district commissioner of education, J. E. Stephens.

Plainview District—Presiding elder, J. T. Hicks; Afton, J. M. Owens, supply; Bartonite, D. C. Ross; Crosbyton, C. E. Lynn; Dimmitt, I. A. Smith; Floydada, G. W. Shearer; Happy, B. T. Sharp; Hale Center, J. A. Sweeney; Kress, B. W. Wilkins; Lubbock, W. M. Lane; Littlefield, B. Y. Dickinson; Lockney, E. D. Williams, Lorenzo, S. J. Upton, supply; Lockney mission, V. L. Fromway, supply; Matador, J. B. McCarty; Plainview station, S. A. Barnes, Leon Henderson, supernumerary; Plainview mission, Z. R. Fee; Silvertown, G. R. Fort, supply; Tulla, M. S. Leveridge; Turkey, T. C. Willett; district commissioner of education, S. A. Barnes.

## NEW PLAYHOUSE FOR OUR TOWN

The picture show has abandoned the Airdome, its summer home for more comfortable, convenient and cozy winter quarters. The Wheeler building so advantageously located has been leased and improved for the purpose. The entrance elevated floor and entire arrangement reflects credit upon the managers of the play house and will serve to make the same even more popular if such a thing is possible.

tion, S. A. Barnes.  
Stamford District—Presiding elder, J. G. Miller; Albany, O. P. Clark; Avoca and Bethel, H. H. Liles; Bomartin, L. N. Lipscomb; Goree, J. H. Watts; Haskell station, W. P. Garvin; Haskell mission, I. L. Mills, supply; Munday, W. C. Childress; Seymour station Ben Hardy; Seymour mission, W. M. Murrell, supply; Stamford, St. John's, W. E. Lyons; Throckmorton station, F. L. Meadow; Throckmorton mission, to be supplied; Ward Memorial and Leuders, W. B. McKeown; Weibert, V. H. Trammell; Woodson, J. W. Watson; Westover, E. D. Tharp; president of Stamford College, W. K. Strother; Commissioner of education of Stamford College, C. B. Meador; students Southwestern University, O. B. Anness; Missionary to Bohemians, Charles Chval; district commissioner of education, Ben Hardy.

Sweetwater District—Presiding elder, J. M. Sherman Blackwell; G. H. Gattis; Colorado, R. A. Clements; Camp Springs, J. E. Yeats; Fluvanna, S. H. Young; Hermleigh and Dunn, C. C. Wright; Ira, J. R. Piant; Lorraine, C. E. Jameson; Roby and Royston, J. D. Crockett; Roscoe, M. W. Clark; Snyder, J. W. Hunt; Sweetwater mission, J. C. Moore; Westbrook circuit, C. F. Carnack; district commissioner of education, J. W. Hunt.

Transfers — A. C. Smith, Central Texas conference; S. R. Twitty, Little Rock conference; T. S. Barcus, Central Texas conference; L. N. Meyers, West Texas conference; T. E. Graham, East Oklahoma conference; D. B. Doak, Ira C. Kiker, Gordon B. Carter, North Texas conference; W. E. Garrison, East Oklahoma conference; Lavinc C. Jackson, New Mexico conference.

HOUSTON, Texas, Nov. 19.—Father Thomas Hennessy, fifty years a priest and thirty-five years in charge of the church of Annunciation here, was found dead this afternoon in the church.

ar. limit.  
In our town has greatest co-operation history of our town. tracted sister republic is this spirit which made for our towns which mutual interests with the right

The mutual interests of the a mountain to a mole hill in company. citizen who can not view the magnificence of the mole hill is in dire need of an oculist. personal interests and selfish ends is digging himself and his friends, company but not content in the laws for town assassins as those under the deriders. It should be a hanging offence in the forehead slap on the wrist or tweak of the nose in the latter.

We know that we are not made to see and think tiresome monotony but on the other hand we are so made to reason and work together on half-way grounds. It is not our place ever place any blame for if so when a town and community is in a would be to dope it up like the Englishman's drink, 'alf and 'all. a sentiment to rule or ruin and then there we would dump the whole of responsibility.

In this present pre-holiday season let us plan and pray for a spirit of understanding and cooperation that will make for the progress of our town and country, morally and materially, then let us work together better and harder next year for our mutual interests.

So mote it be, and if so then that will be the banner year in the history of our town and country and we will take our rightful place in the progress of this old world.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A livery barn and wagon yard combined, one residence, all in the town of Merkel, free from incumbrance. What have you to offer. Write or come to see me at Merkel, Texas. A. C. Boney. Spt-ft

FOR SALE—I am offering for sale my Registered Berkshire Boar, Clifton Premier 30th, 174,821. Until sold, service \$5.00. E. M. Benson, R. F. D. 1, Merkel, Texas. 11-2t-pd

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One pair of small mules. See Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

FOR SALE—I have 5-year old work mules cheap for cash or good note. Thos. Johnson.

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

LOST—Iron fence gate, taken from my home Halloween night. Will appreciate information or return. W. D. Woodroof.

FOR SALE—At a bargain "The Encyclopedia Americana" in 16 large volumes. 1903-1906 print, in good condition as new. This is a most valuable reference book, especially to teachers and advanced pupils. Original cost, \$112.00. Will sell for \$21.00. Books can be seen at my office. C. D. Mims. 14-1t

LOST—One ruby ring, somewhere in Merkel. Finder return to Miss Virginia Hamblet.

FOR SALE—A limited number of my famous Wyandotte chickens. H. M. Rose, Merkel, Texas. 8pt

FOR SALE—Work stock, sulky plow 12-inch hand plow and wagon cheap for cash or good note. Dr. Armstrong.

## MERKEL DEFEATS THE ROSCOE HIGH

Saturday was the scene of the second game of football on the home field this season in which M. H. S. defeated Roscoe High, 19-12. The M. H. S. started in to win from the first and scored in the first five minutes of play when Shaffer made a touchdown on a foul and pass. No goal was kicked. Roscoe boys failed to make the required ten yards several times in the first quarter and did not score. Grimes scored next for the M. H. S. in the second quarter by intersecting a foul and pass. Shaffer kicked goal. Roscoe did not score in second quarter. Roscoe succeeded in scoring in the third around right end of M. H. S. No goal. Moore scored for the locals in the third quarter. No goal; score Roscoe 6, M. H. S. 19. The most of the fourth quarter was fought out on M. H. S. Twenty and thirty yards line the ball going over several times. The visitors used some line plunges and scored a touchdown just as time was called. M. H. S. did not score in fourth quarter. Score 19-12.

Burroughs, Ref.; Boring, Umpire; Brittain, Head, linesman. M. H. S. line up: Moore, Fb. Grimes, Q. B. Adams R. H., Jobe L. H., Shaffer, Smith, R. E. Petterson, R. T., Coats R. C., Pat C. Harrell, L. G., Wills, L. T. Walker, L. E.

### To Terrace Farm.

The Mail is informed that Demonstration Agents W. C. Calvert and F. A. Peel of Nolan and Taylor counties will meet next Wednesday morning at the farm of C. T. Beckham near Trent where they will do some constructive terracing. All farmers interested in terracing and contouring are invited to meet them on the field and watch the work. Agent Peel also requests us to announce to the farmers of the Merkel and Trent communities that he will be prepared to do this work for them in the future and all interested and desiring their land terraced will let him know at once.

## FIVE IN T. & I.

FT. WORTH, Nov. 18.—Five were injured when the Texas Pacific Louisiana Limited No. 5, running as first section of No. 3, ran into an open switch near Eagle Ford, six miles east of Dallas, Monday at 9:20 a. m. The engine was thrown on its side. Two day coaches, a combination car and a baggage car left the rails but remained upright.

Fireman C. A. Rasmussen and Engineer Tom Watts of Marshall, were seriously injured. It necessitated the cutting away of the entire engine cab to remove the men from the wrecked engine. Bursted steam pipes made the work tedious and slow. Engineer Watts was scalded badly about the arms and legs. Fireman Rasmussen was severely bruised and badly crushed about the chest. He expressed the desire to be brought home, but both he and Engineer Watts were taken to a Dallas hospital.

Conductor Fred Richards was stooping in in the vestibule of one of the coaches to raise the vestibule floor door when the train left the track. He was thrown to the car floor, wrenching his back and bruising his left hand and wrist slightly. He came to Fort Worth, going direct to his home, 108 Galveston avenue.

### Ambulance Meets Train.

All of the passengers on the wrecked train were picked up and brought to Fort Worth on the St. Louis-El Paso train, regular No. 3. No. 3 due in Fort Worth at 9:15 a. m. arrived here at 12:30 p. m. Three ambulances met the train but were unused.

Mrs. B. B. Goodrich of Phoenix, Arizona, was thrown against an opposite seat in one of the Pullman cars, receiving slight injuries to her side. Mrs. Goodrich was able to walk from the Fort Worth Texas and Pacific station to the Terminal hotel. She was given medical attention. B. B. Baumgardner of Dallas, another passenger and the fifth injured person, was bruised about the legs. He came on to Fort Worth.

Conductor Richards has been in the employ of the company for 26 years, and has been running out of Fort Worth for seventeen years. He has been in one serious wreck prior to this, but escaped uninjured.

Trainmen estimate that the train was running about thirty-five miles an hour when it hit the open switch. No reason is given for the condition of the switch.

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at once if you want a loan. I  
have the best contract ever  
offered. **V. E. Muir,**  
Abilene Texas. 28-tr.

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Girand at the  
Wednesday  
forming him of the  
the Tye postoffice  
the night Tuesday. The  
is were very meager and it  
uld not be determined how  
much was stolen, nor whether  
the postoffice safe, if there was  
one, was cracked.

Mr. Girand expects to hear  
from the robbery. Officers are  
investigating the robbery.

Officers and Commissioner W.  
D. Girand left for Tye about  
noon Wednesday and had not  
returned early in the afternoon.  
But it was learned that something  
like \$5 in stamps had been  
taken by the nocturnal visitor to  
the postoffice. Officer Weir is  
working on the case.— Abilene  
Reporter.

### Gin Days

Tuesday, Friday and Saturday  
and we will appreciate your busi-  
ness. McDonald & Dunagin.

W. O. W.

Merkel Camp No. 719 meets  
second and fourth Friday nights  
of each month.

W. L. Burns, C. C.  
S. Hamilton, Clerk.

### Ginners Notice.

For the week beginning Nov.  
24th we will gin on the following  
days: Tuesday, Friday and  
Saturday. Brown Gin, Merkel.  
Fred Gaither.

### Buggies for Sale.

Am closing out my line of  
buggies and have several which  
I will sell at bargain prices.  
E. D. Coats.

Mrs. M. J. Combs left Monday  
for Broadfork, Va. after spending  
a few days with her daughter  
Mrs. M. Ensminger.

Miss Olevia Sandlin of Pales-  
tine is visiting her grandmother  
Mrs. N. E. Sandlin.

Matinee Saturday from 2 to 4  
o'clock.

### Shell Cameos

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a beautiful and becoming orna-  
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ad other things for exhibit this  
week. Be sure to notice the hand  
work and think on its merits. If  
you do not come we shall be very  
much disappointed. Do not  
believe what the child or some  
other person may tell you about  
the school work, but come and  
see for yourself.

Come and I'm sure you will be  
more than glad you visited us.  
B. D. Black. . Supt.

### Mrs. Powell Dead.

Mrs. Lorena Powell, wife of  
Lum Powell, died near Tye, Nov-  
ember 18, 1913 and was buried  
Tuesday in the Tye cemetery at  
3:00 o'clock. Mrs. Powell was  
the daughter of Rev. J. H. Rister.  
She leaves a husband and several  
children. She was born in  
Milan county 38 years ago.

### Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in  
the post office at Merkel, Texas,  
for the week ending Nov. 22 1913:

Valentine, F. R.

If not called for will be sent to  
dead letter office Dec. 6, 1913.

H. W. Derstine, P. M.

### Card of Thanks.

I take this means of expressing  
my sincere thanks to the W. O.  
W. and other friends who picked  
my cotton last week, Wishing  
each and every one of you a  
most prosperous life.

J. C. Bickley.

J. T. WARREN, President

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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The following births are reported for the past week: To Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Pike, a girl, Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Phillips of the Shiloh community, a boy.

Work stock for sale. See Crown Hardware Co.

Mrs. R. L. Bland was in Abilene Sunday visiting her husband at the sanitarium.

Just received a shipment of solid gold band rings and 18 Karat tiffany (wedding) rings. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bigham, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and children and Miss Elma Sheppard motored to Abilene Sunday.

Gray Shorts at G. M. Sharp.

Misses Ola and Tennie Pope left Thursday morning for Anson to attend the Jones County Institute.

Corn chops and good bran at G. M. Sharps.

Mrs. C. V. Martin returned to her home at Putnam after an extended visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thornton.

Eld. W. G. Cypert visited H. Owens and family of Trent Wednesday.

Will Hutchinson was in Abilene Thursday attending to business matters.

White Leghorn flour for \$2.25 per hundred at G. M. Sharps.

Rev. R. A. Clements and H. C. Williams have returned from Vernon where they attended the Northwest Texas Conference of the Methodist church.

Seymour flour is best. G. M. Sharps.

Cecil, the little son of Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe was stricken with acute appendicitis last Saturday and removed to one of the sanitariums at Abilene where he underwent an operation. Late reports from his bedside are to the effect that he is rapidly recovering and will soon be well again.

W. W. Winniford, Stuart Logan C. M. Tandy, Pete Logan and others of Abilene were auto visitors to our city this week.

W. D. Woodroof was in Abilene on business Wednesday.

J. E. Faucett of Abilene was among our visitors one day last week.

Plenty of corn at G. M. Sharps.

Work stock for sale. See Crown Hardware Company.

Mrs. R. B. McRree of Trent visited friends here Monday.

The Philathea Class will give a "Dolls Bazaar" at Miss Freeman's Millinery store December 5th and 6th. Dolls, dolls clothes hats, trunks, in fact everything for dolls with many other things will be on sale. Your patronage will be greatly appreciated.

Fresh corn meal at G. M. Sharps.

**School Books and supplies at Burroughs Drug Store.**

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe were in Abilene with their son, Cecil.

Work stock for sale. See Crown Hardware Co.

Over \$3000 worth of brand new jewelery, cut glass and silverware on sale. We do not handle any cheap jewelery. We guarantee all of our goods to be best. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Roy Bradley and Frautt Compere came down Sunday morning from Abilene returning at 10:50 with Misses Fannie Burroughs and Grace Sandifer.

**Paints, Oils and Wall Paper at Burroughs Drug Store.**

Miss Eva Gaddy is visiting friends in Dallas.

One lot of broken sizes in corsets; sizes 18, 19, 23, 24, and 25. This lot of corsets range in price from \$1.50 to \$2.50, to close out at only 85c. W. D. Woodroof & Company.

Mrs. S. Johnson of Trent visited here Friday.

We want every good egg you can find on your premises. We pay the highest market price for same. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

Miss Grace Sandifer of Abilene visited Mrs. W. E. Brittain this week.

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

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Largent and little son and Mrs. C. M. Largent and children motored to Abilene Sunday to visit friends.

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

Received a nice line of stationery and bibles at Grimes Drug Store.

Eat Pure Food Bakery bread.

Mrs. J. Rogers of Trent visited here Friday.

The Elite will be open all day Thanksgiving. Come in and see us.

S. J. Smith was in Abilene Wednesday attending to business matters.

Mrs. S. E. Allyn of Eskota visited her daughter, Mrs. Claud Bigham Wednesday.

Matinee Saturday from 2 to 4 o'clock.

It will pay you to buy your Xmas presents of Mack. He guarantees to please you and save you money.

Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Clements leave this week for Colorado City where they will reside for the coming year.

Picture Show Friday and Saturday nights.

Don't over look the great Xmas specials at Behrens McMillen Furniture Co.

Judge C. D. Mims had professional business in Abilene this week.

**Try our hot chocolate. Burroughs' Drug Store.**

Reports received by the families and friends of Bud Sears and R. L. Bland who are confined in sanitariums at Abilene and Fort Worth are to the effect that both are convalescing and we join in the wishes of our community that both will soon be with us in their usual good health.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Eoff have returned from a visit to Coleman county, where they were called by the serious illness of her father W. L. James.

Matinee Saturday from 2 to 4 o'clock.

The Elite will be open all day Thanksgiving. Call in and see us.

Miss Nola Whitley of Abilene visited friends here this week.

Just received a large shipment of Merrimac's bulk chocolates at the Elite. Call and get a pound or so of them, they sure are fine.

**We want your door and window glass order. Burroughs Drug Store.**

W. B. Ferguson of Stamford spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ferguson of route 5.

Our cigars are always just right. Grimes Drug Store.

Mrs. J. T. Farmer and little daughter of Fort Worth spent Sunday and Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ferguson. Mrs. Louie Farmer and little son of Aledo are also guests of this week with Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson.

Oak barrels for sale at the Elite.

Merkel friends are saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. John R. Mackechney of Abilene which occurred at Dallas Wednesday. She was one of the best women we ever knew and leaves a host of dear and close friends who sincerely mourn her loss. Burial is to take place at Goliad.

Dr. J. M. C. King of Trent passed through Thursday enroute to Dallas and McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Dennis of Abilene are here this week visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. S. F. Annis left Tuesday for Abilene where she will spend a few days visiting Mrs. J. E. Shelton of that city.

Matinee Saturday, from 2 to 4 o'clock.

We have an up to date line of toilet articles. Grimes Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Birdsong and Mr. Askins of Medria, Tenn., were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collins Wednesday.

What we want is to see you in our store just a little more. (Please). Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. M. R. Woodrum visited her brother J. A. Boyce of Abilene, this week.

Mrs. C. S. Milliken and children left Tuesday for their home at Dallas after an extended visit to Mrs. Millikens parents, Mr. and Mrs. Young.

Mrs. N. E. Haley left Tuesday for Scranton where she will visit her son J. S. Haley.

Picture Show Friday and Saturday nights.

Mrs. N. E. Sandlin returned home Sunday afternoon from Rotan where she has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Oscar Cypert.

T. W. Collins was in Abilene Monday attending to business matters.

Complete line of Norris and The Texas Girl Chocolates. The sweetest in 48 states. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Picture Show Friday and Saturday nights.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Gaddy left Monday for the Baptist Convention at Dallas.

Mrs. McKee of Nolan is visiting her daughter Mrs. J. A. Buford.

See W. H. Laney at the meat market for cotton seed hulls.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. McFall of Lipan who were called here by the illness of their little granddaughter Cecil Bagwell, have returned home.

Mr and Mrs. W. N. Farris of Noodle were in the city Friday.

Picture Show Friday and Saturday nights.

Mr and Mrs. J. J. Toombs of Nubia visited Mrs. Toombs sister Mrs. M. D. Angus Monday.

Miss Mattie Kent of Abilene visited friends here Monday.

See W. E. Laney at the meat market for cotton seed hulls.

Matinee Saturday from 2 to 4 o'clock.

Arthur Browning and mother Mrs. W. P. Browning motored to Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gann of Nolan visited here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman of Butman were here Monday.

See W. H. Laney at the meat market for cotton seed hulls.

A very handsome little son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Casey at their Canyon country home last Friday night.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Finnis Hogan yesterday morning a son.

**Best and freshest chocolate candies at Burroughs Drug Store.**

Miss Eather Williams who is teaching near Trent spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks.

Mesdames T. J. Coggin, E. M. Rust W. V. Crawford motored to Abilene Sunday in the formers car.

Picture Show Friday and Saturday nights.

Mrs. J. T. Farmer and baby returned to their home at Fort Worth Tuesday after spending the past week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ferguson.

A. C. Walker of Baird was in our city the first part of the week attending business matters.

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The day is coming in the history of Merkel and it is not far away when the majority of our reading and thinking people will stick together for that which is right, for that alone and not be influenced or prejudiced by any selfish interests.

Then, we will be working all of the time and overtime for the progress and development of our town and country and there will be such a general prosperity that all will get their full share, individually.

An Interesting Letter for the Abilene Reporter and Merkel Mail by a Merkel Boy in a Far-Away Land. Some Patriotic Suggestions from a Youth but one Who Has Trotted the Globe.

Now, that the ancient institutions of China have been fused in the melting pot and the result east, much to the astonishment of the world. As a republic it becomes a vital international matter to know what is to be the outcome; what is the attitude of the great nations of the world, and what their relative situations for endorsing, with the strong hand, the diplomatic position which each decides to assume.

First, as to the outcome. Here is a nation which after 5,000 years of civilization, or a kind of civilization, has produced a ruling class so corrupt that the new republic can not raise a national loan of a few million Taels from the honest farmers and merchants, although there is plenty of money with the rich people. Nor can they raise a foreign loan without conceding a supervision which is humiliating. The same 5,000 years of this kind of civilization has brought the soldier to the lowest social grade, hence he is a mere bandit without patriotism who fights only for his pay, and, if that is not forthcoming, he loots and kills his officers. He will fight very well when well led, but he will run away without shame. Foreign drill masters in China know that it requires unrelenting and untiring persistency on their part to keep the arms servicable. I have seen a Chinese soldier of two years foreign drill, after a firing exercise of marvelous perfection, deliberately plunge the whole of his rifle, with all of these delicate breach mechanism, into a pond, simply to wash the barrel.

China is composed of eighteen provinces, one might say nations, which are as populous and almost as different in language and interests as the nations of Europe. The Yang Tse river cuts the country nearly in halves, the southern part is rich, while the northern half is poor, and they have almost nothing in common. The thrifty mercantile and agricultural classes have heretofore taken no interest whatever in the government. The great mass of the people are uneducated coolies, scarcely considered human by those above them and always treated as beasts of burden. I doubt if the bulk of the people care anything about the form of govern-

ment, provided that they are protected from robbers and not over taxed. Hence the difficulty there has always been of keeping out of the foreign concessions. The love of country as we understand it is undeveloped. The oldest nation in the world is now the most helpless, and I believe will be partitioned among the great nations of the world, while personally I have always felt this was wrong, I have now decided it is the easiest way to settle the problem, as these people are incapable of self government just like our friends, the Mexicans, and are always keeping the trouble going. Woe unto the foreigners that are unfortunate enough to fall into their hands, for he almost invariably meets a cruel death. Only last month a man that I knew near Peking, the capital, was captured and the news has just reached us by the searching party's return saying that he was murdered on the borders of Mongolia, and even now we are expecting hourly the news of the second great revolution as the South is dissatisfied with the present president, Yuan Shih K'ai, which is undoubtedly the man of the hour and is the only salvation for China. Fighting is going on daily just a little over 100 miles south of here in Hankow, and dozens of heads are being cut off daily, and the next revolution, if it comes, is expected to start with a great anti-foreign feeling, as they know the foreign nations are trying to grab them upon the smallest pretext, and again, knowing this will be the finishing of China, too, they will try to make use of their last hour. I was transferred from Tienstin back there in the interior over three months ago. Am now about 500 miles due south of Peking and over 600 miles from the sea. There are only six of us foreigners in this place. Two are Canadian missionaries, one a German stationed here representing the Singer Sewing Machine Company, one young British fellow representing the Peking Syndicate, Ltd., a British mining company, and a young Danish fellow representing the Standard Oil Co., of New York, and myself, an American, representing the British American Tobacco Co., Ltd. My company has

the largest number of foreigners in the field than that of the combined other corporations. We have as you can see a mixed population. Less than 100 miles from here, located on the same railroad we are on, is a British settlement, and we all have our plans cut and dried as to how we will make our escape in case of trouble by marching through the country to the sea.

Already through force of circumstances, Russia, Japan and Great Britain have each taken one of the largest provinces, Mongolia, Manchuria and Tibet. France already has a railroad into Yunnan. Germany is well planted in Shanstund with two more provinces in sight.

From what has been said it is evident that the United States is the only one that is vitally interested in the open-door, and, at the same time the only one of the powers that has no foot-hold on the coast or frontier of China, where we can keep ships, soldiers and supplies in case of an emergency.

Since being in China I have seen men and soldiers from every nation of any importance in the world; have talked many times with men of different nationalities that was well posted on worldly subjects and that could speak unprejudiced, and, also I have heard other intelligent men of power and authority, express their opinions of nations and of their strength, etc. I have found that from many sources that the United States are making themselves the laughing stock of the nations by their goodie-good policies changed every year by some new politician and then this everlasting dream we continually have of PEACE and of talking of disarmament and no army and failure of congress to see fit to keep adding to our navy to keep place among the nations. This will result in our awakening some of these days soon, when we find that we have almost been destroyed by some little second-class nation.

Personally I would be glad to see perpetual peace if such could be had, but that is impossible. No European nation will consent to it until every power will come down and that has proved a failure several times. What



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is the sense of us trying to stop by ourselves? Only to be massacred later when some little power gets the upper hand. The European nations just gives us an insulting laugh, for every time we have a new statesman in power out goes another one of those peace plans.

Personally, I think it is all rot. The U. S. A. is committing suicide. Take for example the international Hague, never has there been anything of importance brought before that tribunal. Look at the different wars that have occurred since then and even the ones that are in progress at this writing.

When two great powers come together, it is the strength of the big navies and armies and they have no time nor confidence in these peace plans of ex-Secretary of State Knox, Andrew Carnegie and W. J. Bryan. It is just like Ex-President Roosevelt once said: "The way, and the only way, to have perpetual peace is to have such strong navies and big armies until they will be scared into peace."

While other great powers are continually training millions of soldiers and building powerful navies to keep pace with the progress of the world, the United States have stopped, and are still dreaming of the coming peace and serving grape juice at the national capitol. With practically no trained or standing army, and navy, which is second to none, so far as it goes; but, at the present time ranks as third in the world. At the present rate of other powers building, it will rank sixth in less than ten years.

We are fast losing that power and influence that we have had in the world abroad. Just take in small places like our possessions, and even the many small republics of South America which is also under our wing on account of the Monroe doctrine, and which we have protected so long from the hungry powers of Europe that are just itching to come over and gobble up, these natives do not even respect us for that, while they are glad of it, etc. But still they don't respect Americans simply because we do not demand it. If they kill an American they have fear, for our government is for peace and will over look it, while other nations demand an indemnity and also an apology, and they get it. Therefore, are respected through the force of fear.

I realize that this fast building of large navies is certainly on the extremes and is a waste of money for the world, but at the same time we can not afford to stop by ourselves. If it is a question of being financially

able, America could build the largest and most efficient navy in the world and have an army of not less than ten millions of trained soldiers in a few years and then our people would not be so heavily taxed as are the people in the British Isles, and the Japanese people. But this is not necessary. Only keep abreast of the leading nations.

Great Britain is the recognized strongest naval power having more heavy fighting men-of-war than any other two nations combined. She now has 65 first-class heavy armored war vessels, saying nothing about the light armored cruisers, gun-boats and torpedo boats, etc. She is now building or will have built by 1917, eighteen more heavy dreadnaughts. The United States has at present only 36 of these kind of war vessels and some of them are old. France has now building, and ordered, 11 battleships, besides the big navy she already has. The United States actually has one dreadnaught ordered to be built. This is what our democratic congress did for us the first thing in order to start in cutting expenses. Such a shame that we must stop the building of our navy, our nation's only protector, in order to save a few dollars.

Germany has the finest drilled and trained army in the world, with about 800,000 as a standing army, while in case of war she could raise immediately nearly 9,000,000 trained soldiers. Our department could in an emergency raise nearly 200,000 trained soldiers which would not be a drop in the bucket. We only have a little over 100,000 men as a standing army, and part of those are abroad. The little we have are record breakers. We have 1400 soldiers stationed at Tientsin, China, and they have just recently won the prize of all North China as the best shooters in a contest that was entered into by all of the foreign armies that are stationed in Tientsin, and that means at least twelve different nations of one kind to go all the way round. In Tientsin one day I heard an officer of the French army stationed there ask an American officer what was the regular American uniform, saying that he had seen as many as five different uniforms worn at the same time by our privates. The American officer had to agree that it was true, and tried to offer some kind of an explanation, but the truth of the matter was that some had on the new uniform caps while others wore those flop hats and the old Spanish-American war uniforms, etc.

The American officers will acknowledge the weakness of the army

and also its inefficiency just now.

During the Mexican trouble we tried to mobilize even 20,000 on the Texas border, and then they found out that many of the commanding officers were unable for several days to carry out those orders even in time for peace. What would they do in case of actual war?

Today we are almost confronted with one of the greatest national dangers the country has ever seen. The little almond-eyed Japanese with a trained army of hundreds of thousands, and with powerful and experienced navy just waiting for some little excuse to declare war. Their mouths are even wailing to get the opportunity to seize not only the Hawaiian and Philippine Island, but the Pacific coast states of California, Oregon and Washington, of our own dear land. As bad as I regret to acknowledge it, as does all the foreigners as well as Americans of the far east, that Japan could, without very much difficulty, in thirty days after war has been declared, land half of a million of her trained soldiers on the Pacific coast and then what next? No fleet to protect all of those hundreds of miles of coast except a few light armored cruisers which would never dare to give open fight with Japan's big dreadnaughts.

Oh, you will hear some narrowly minded people say: "We are undoubtedly trying to land on our coasts, for we would send out an army of our citizens and cow-boys and drive them away. What would be the end of such a battle? It would be suicide to attempt to put them before a trained army. There is no use for us to close our eyes to facts. We are weak and the Japs know it better than any body. They have in recent years whipped the two most populous nations of the world, and we are the third most populous. Unless something is done pretty soon, we will have ours coming."

Our presidents and other statesmen keep boasting about us protecting the Monroe Doctrine. If any of the first class powers should want to take the chance, she would have little to fear from the U. S. A. If we can't protect our own coast, then how are we to protect another continent.

I hope the reader of these lines will not think me a pessimist, for I am not. It humiliates us Americans over here to have such things continually thrown into our face. There would be none happier than I, if the U. S. A. would assert herself as she easily can, but not so long as we sit up and howl for peace. Any one who is not

familiar with these subjects can easily verify my statements by looking into the records. These are not alone my sentiments, but are the majority of the thousands of Americans of the Far East, as well as that of other nationalities.

Only the other day a crowd of Japanese citizens and soldiers went to the American consul's house in Tokyo Japan, and left a big sign hanging on the door as follows: "You aristocratic Americans who think we are not your equal, wish to drive us from your land. This we will not stand for. We are your equals. We will banish you from your land with our swords." What did our government say to this? Not a word. We can't for we have no fleet in the Pacific. Any other nation would demand an apology. If this had been with Germany, the German Kaiser would have demanded that Japan send over one of her diplomats to apologize in person and after he had done this, kneeling before the Kaiser, the Kaiser would have risen and kicked him down the steps, as he has already done once before. While I do not exactly approve of this, it is far better than to have to swallow it like America has done. If this war takes place between Japan and America now or even later, which every sign points out that it must some day take place, all the white nations will be interested in it, and will expect America to destroy them, for it is a case now whether the white race will control the Pacific and parts of the western world of the yellow races.

The Japanese are over crowded at home and must have more room, and America is their hearts desire. Already England is seeing danger of Japan taking Australia from her, so it is to her interest too, that Japan does not defeat America.

The governor of California is right in signing that land bill, and it is up to the government to back him up. It would be the best thing America could do, to run every one of them off North America. Their own laws in Japan does not allow any kind of a foreigner to hold land, so why should we allow it to an inferior grade of people, that are working day and night to get the upper hand of us?

I am a personal admirer of both William Jennings Bryan and Woodrow Wilson, and was glad to see them get in power and believe they are honest, etc., but they, as well as our Democratic Senators, are for this peace talk much to the detriment of our nation, and unless they get busy and make some preparations for protecting the honor of our nation, I hope they will be defeated in the next election

and a man like Governor Hiram Johnson of California put in that has some nerve. A man who will push things along with our fear and add to our navy and get an army, and forget about PEACE business, keep the stars and stripes high in the air, with a strong hand, that all nations will salute them. If President Wilson has some of the Roosevelt qualities in him he would, with some of the good ones he already has, be an ideal president. But we can't have every thing in one man, so here is hoping they will change the war policy of their administration.

I did not intend running into politics, for it is not interesting to very many people, however, you can gather an idea of how we feel here in the Far East. Yours very truly,  
E. S. COUNTS.

### Ministerial Rigs.

We have one citizen, happy and proud, who is driving about our community in his labors in a brand new rig, one entirely becoming his reverend but soldierly and aristocratic bearing, a recent present to Rev. W. M. Gaddy by one of his good members J. N. Tarr. Bro. Gaddy, usually so sociable and friendly is now speaking to only his best members and very few outsiders and pausing but a moment to let us know how glad he is that he is living and making so many good friends. There is but one chance for the new Methodist pastor to even keep pace with this popular Baptist preacher and here is hoping that he can afford and operate a Ford or an automobile, and then he dare not go with him in the deep waters. There is nothing too good for our ministers and here is both suggestion and inspiration for all other denominations. Come to Merkel.

### Cole Younger Here.

An interesting and instructive address was delivered to a full and appreciative house at the new play house Monday night by Cole Younger. The talk was a good sermon, full of good advice to young and old, the speaker giving his hearers the benefit of his experience of a most interesting life.





MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

#### Miss Gaddy Entertains.

Saturday afternoon Miss Evelyn Gaddy was hostess at the regular meeting of the XX Century Club. The President, Mrs. W. Parten, presided over the meeting. Library matters were under discussion. All members, who had been absent three consecutive meetings without accepted excuses were dropped. Miss Mary Gunn was unanimously elected to membership. Roll call was answered by quotations from play. "Men who have played Shakespeare" by Mrs. S. L. Davis was greatly enjoyed. The lesson in the Merchant of Venice was led by Mrs. G. H. Adams. The hostess served a salad course to Mesdames G. H. Adams, S. L. Adams, S. L. Davis, R. O. Martin, W. Parten, G. F. West. Misses May Valentine, Mary Gunn and Evelyn Williams. The next meeting will be held in the library room at the Rust and McCauley Drug Store.

#### 20th Century

Questions on Act III Sc. 1 and II and Merchant of Venice.

Show how a cumulative effect is produced by revealing the losses of Antonio.

How is Thive, in parity with this revelation of his amiable qualities?

How is he effected by the flight of his daughter? Has Shylock any knowledge of Antonio's losses as evidenced by his reply to Salario? Is it a general defense of his right to his bond, irrespective of any knowledge that it was forfeit, that he delivers?

Show what essential traits Tubal and Shylock possess in common and how they differ in superficial ones. Summarize the passion displayed by Shylock in this scene with Tubal. What traits are human and pathetic? What is Portia's emotional state while Bassanio is making the choice of the caskets? Explain the meaning of fancy in the song while Bassanio is examining the caskets what is his comment? Describe Portia, express the ecstasy of live? For what is it a preparation? What is Bassanios' declaration concerning it? What is the dramatic effect of the flight of Gratiano and Nerissa?

#### The Girls Club With Miss Allday.

Saturday evening the "13" Club members were royally entertained by Miss Ezma Allday. Three new members were present to work their way into the mysteries of the Club. At the conclusion of the social hour Miss Allday served delicious salad, hot chocolate and cake to Misses Pet Sears, Maude Marin, Venona and Virginia Hamblet, Zula Huffaker, Una Hall, Mary Gunn, Mossie Sears and Ruby Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Boyce and daughter Loraine are at home from a months visit with relatives in Dallas, Beaumont and Houston.

Mrs. E. Hall left Saturday for Waco where she will visit her daughter Mrs. W. I. Clifton.

Mrs. Harry Harris of Abilene was here last week visiting the family of J. D. Gaither.

#### S. S. Class Entertained.

Friday evening Miss Laverna McNeese entertained in honor of her Sunday School Class at her home in east Merkel. Various games were played out on the lawn in the moonlight while some enjoyed the music and conversation in the reception room. Those present were Misses Madalyn Adkisson, Lucy Tracy, Gladys Walters, Ina May Adams, Katharine Henderson, Blanche Rawlings, Ruby Caughen, Gladys Bell, Mattie and Merial Christopher, Edith Brown, Agnes Lassiter, Vera Jenkins, Florence Holmes, Charlie Bell Thomas, Lorena Dry, Mary Mayfield, Viva and Mamie McNeese. The hostess served hot chocolate and cake. At ten o'clock the guests said a reluctant good night.

#### Monday Evening Dance.

An informal dance was greatly enjoyed Monday evening at the Thornton building. The dancers and chaperones were Miss Elma Sheppard,

Genevieve Rust, Mattie Kent of Abilene, Mesdames R. O. Anderson, Fred Bigham, E. M. Rust, Davenport Gaither, Jno. R. Daniel, J. W. Daniel, T. J. Coggin, Messrs. R. O. Anderson, Fred Bigham, Davenport Gaither, Otti Coggin, Dee Grimes, C. H. Fulwiler of Abilene and Mr. Lavender.

#### Guests of Miss Walters.

Friday evening Miss Eva Walters entertained with a chafing dish party in honor of the "14" Seniors. The boys were busy preparing the nuts while the girls made the candy both "Divinity and Patient" while the candy cooled. The guests were delightfully entertained with various games and music. At the conclusion of the games all enjoyed the candy. Seniors present were: Misses Grace Diltz, Lula and Ola Sharp, Carroll Rister, Maggie Wheeler, Willie Coats, Sallie Toombs, Georgia Moore, Messrs. Urban Shannon, Booth Warren, Fred Harraff, Geo. Smith, Jno. Moore, Oly Shaffer. The visitors were Miss Ina Wheeler and Robert Hicks.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met in regular session Monday afternoon at the church for the study of Mexico to-day. The lesson was conducted by Mrs. R. A. Martin and was both interesting and entertaining. Next Monday will be the regular monthly social meeting.

#### Epworth League Program.

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The three greatest causes. Mr. H. C. Williams.

Four lesser causes. Ollie Shaffer.

Special prayer of Thanksgiving.

Epworth Visitors.

Miscellaneous.

Benediction.

#### T. & P. TIME TABLE.

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Train No. 2, leaves Merkel... 10:01 p.m.  
Train No. 4 " " " " 10:57 a.m.  
Train No. 6 " " " " 11:54 p.m.

WEST BOUND

Train No. 1, leaves Merkel... 4:00 a.m.  
Train No. 3 " " " " 5:44 p.m.  
Train No. 5 " " " " 5:13 a.m.

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#### 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.

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#### 23 FEDERALs EXECUTED

Rebel Officials Declare Only 11 Been Put To Death, But Americans Contradict Report

EL PASO, Texas, Nov. 17.—Rebel officials admit the execution of eleven Federal officers since the capture of Juarez Saturday, but Americans leaving Juarez claim twenty-three have been executed.

A federal, who was compelled to dig graves for the executed men, attempted to escape and was knocked down and shot to death.

HOUSTON, Nov. 17.—The Southern Pacific strike was settled today when the company yielded to the Federated Employees Committee and agreed to meet a joint committee.

It was agreed that prompt action should be taken in the matters over which the controversy has resulted.

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10 pound bucket Soda.....	55c
10 pound bucket Diamond "D" Syrup.....	50c
Best Corn in Town, per bushel.....	97 1-2c

I am looking for a car of Trico and am going to sell it at \$1.00 per 100 pounds. Don't forget to come around, for you will always find me with the goods and prices to suit the hard times. I give Trade Coupons with \$1 purchases

# Walter Clark

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blair left Thursday for Putman where they will go to the sanitarium for treatment.

Miss Ola Pope and Aunt, Mrs. A. Hamilton visited Mrs. M. P. Glasscot in Abilene the latter part of last week.

The Richard Hudnut Toilet articles are known for quality and rich odor. Complete assortment at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. A. Abernathy of San Angelo spent a few days with R. J. Adcock and other relatives last week.

Miss Ona Bumpus of San Angelo is visiting her aunt Mrs. W. L. Burns.

Oak barrels for sale at the Elite.

Choice of 200 Columbia Double-disc records for \$6.00 per dozen. Call at the Elite and see and hear them.

Miss Sallie Orr left Friday for Putman to spend a few weeks.

Richard Ferguson and brother Eddie, of Roby visited relatives in our city last week.

Miss Jessie Williams of Abilene is here visiting her sister Mrs. Austin Boyd, this week.

Choice of 200 Columbia double-disc records for \$6.00 per dozen. Call at the Elite and see and hear them.

Mrs. Claud Bigham and little daughter returned home Saturday from Eskota where she has been visiting her mother Mrs. Allen for the past few days.

Get your fire works from the Elite. We have a large supply.

Miss Jessie Sutphen, Mrs. Arthur Rose and little daughter Ona Fay spent Saturday and Sunday visiting friends in Abilene.

Miss Tennie Pope visited Mrs. T. P. Rainbolt of Cisco Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Sharp spent Sunday in Abilene.

Misses Daisy Russell and Flora Hendricks of Abilene were the guests of Miss Esther Williams Sunday.

Just received a new line of griffon manicure sets and fancy cases for gents and ladies. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Miss Eolon Cress of Roscoe enroute to Waco spent Saturday with Mrs. H. F. Groene.

Mrs. F. M. Garrison who has been visiting Mrs. R. E. Bowles for the past few weeks, left Monday for Abilene where she will visit Mrs. F. W. Whaley before returning to her home at Amarillo.

We have just received a new line of fancy ruffling in the newest colors. Call in and let us show this to you. W. D. Woodroof and Company.

Mrs. W. M. Isenhower returned to her home at Putman after spending the past week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones.

Merrimac bulk chocolates at the Elite.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. L. Sparkman will be pleased to hear that Mrs. Sparkman has been moved to her home from the St. Paul sanitarium in Dallas where she has been for over two weeks. It will be months before she can hope for a complete recovery.

# Real Estate Announcement FOR MEN AND WOMEN ONLY

**Who Have First-Class Properties to Sell at a Bargain for Cash or Trade at Real Value, or Who Have Money to Invest in Real Bargains or Good 8 and 10 Percent Vendor's Lien Notes; or Who Wish to BORROW MONEY ON LAND**

**WANTED**—1,000 acres of first-class land, raw or improved but must be good land, desirably located for future development and must be a real bargain. I have a client who will buy such a tract and pay all cash. He has asked me to find it for him. Now you know I will be glad to make the deal for you and incidentally get the commission but it must be a good body of land and the price must be right. He is no fool or he would not have the money on hand now to pay for this much land. Please give full, fair and accurate detail definite description and submit your very best offer the first crack-out-of-the-box. He is a business man and will say "yes" if the right kind of proposition and otherwise "no."

## BUYERS FOR LARGER AND SMALLER TRACTS

It is my honest conscientious belief that there is a buyer for every real bonafide bargain in good desirable farm, stock farm and ranch properties in this country—the only trouble is to get the bargain and then find the buyer. The only trouble about the real estate business is that good bargains and cash buyers are few and far between. BUT, if you have the bargain I will contract for the other end of the work. I think I am about the best bargain land man in this section. I like the game of hunting for men with money to invest when I have something to show them after I find them. The trouble with my business this week is I have the cart before the horse. I have a man with the money and I do not have a real genuine appetizing bargain in 1,000 acres on my list. I have sold in the past two years over \$400,000 worth of sure-enough bargains and could in half of the time sell \$1,000,000 worth of the same kind of propositions. I knew at the beginning of my real estate career that men with money were not fools. They have sense or they would never have money. All of my clients are smarter than I am for they all have land or money but I know as much about values and bargains in this section as anybody except the man that made the land. I know a bargain when I see it and if you will show me I will do the rest or bust my advertising main spring.

## MY PLAN AND MY CONTRACT

Its simple—simply bringing the owner, the bargain and the buyer together, that's all. My plan is to get the bargains first and then hunt the buyers and I am going on the biggest hunt this season ever pulled off in this section. I am going to scatter information about this country and my list of bargains all over the middle and east end of this state and then some. I will sign a contract to find a buyer for every sure-enough bargain in high-class desirable property. I can not sell junk and do not know how to juggle inflated values. Most buyers are larger than I am and as a matter of self-protection outside of my ambition to be fair and square I have to stay around in running distance of the truth of the matter. I advertise that I will make good on any proposition I guarantee. I have thus far made good and will make good so long as I am in the business. I want good bargains to make good on and my exclusive contract offers an opportunity for every property owner who is willing to give a good all-round deal for the right kind of a square deal from myself and my clients. If you have land to sell it will pay you to see me. I do not want this whole country but the best propositions for cash business. I believe specializing is the secret of success in any line of effort. I am going to conduct an extensive advertising campaign this season and I have good reliable connection in the east for good reliable bargain business in the west. Come to see me or write giving detail description of your proposition.

## MY LOAN CONTRACT

In conclusion let me remind you that after continued efforts I have the agency at Merkel for some of the biggest and best loan companies in the world. I can make you a loan on your farm, stock farm or ranch for 5, 7 or 10 years at 8 per cent interest, nothing payable but interest, and I will guarantee to match any deal you can make anywhere, so you can do as good if not better by patronizing your home agency. My inspector will be out here next month and if you desire to borrow money see me right now. Do not forget any of this. Yours in realty.

# JNO. G. JACKSON

**EXCLUSIVE BARGAINS**  
P. S. NOTARY PUBLIC AND STENOGRAPHER IN OFFICE



# THANKSGIVING DINNER

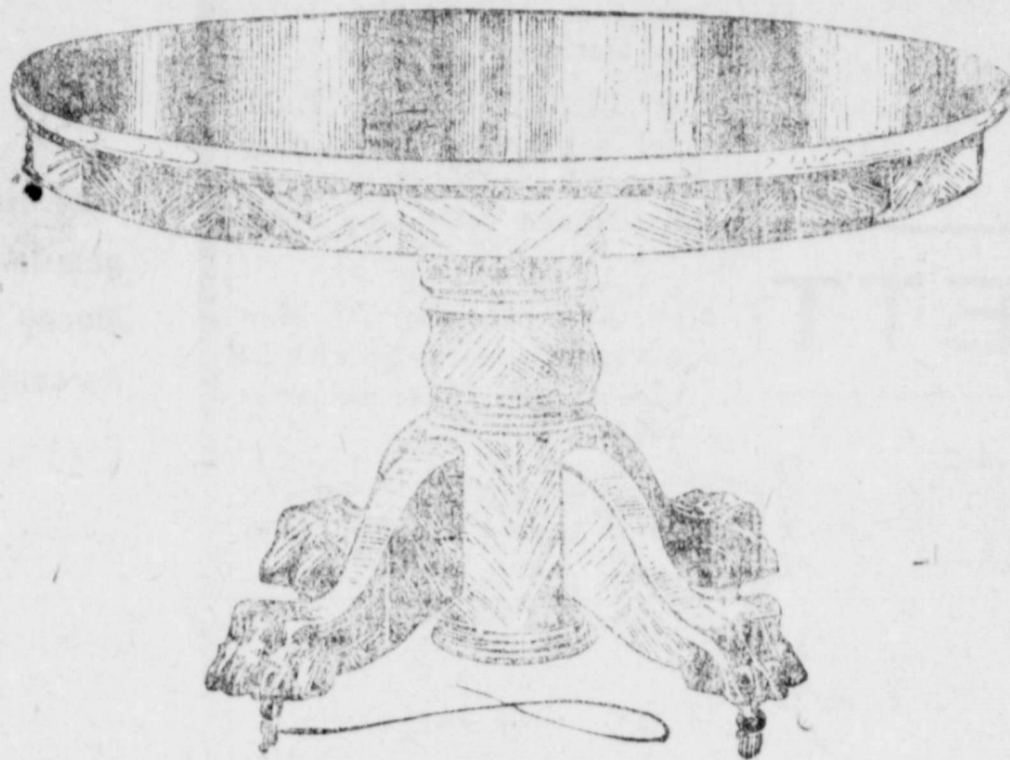
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YOUR COMPANY WILL TAKE PLEASURE IN YOUR PRIDE

Our Special

High Grade  
Pedestal  
Extension  
Table

\$10.65



A Handsome

Well Made, Solid  
Oak Durable Table  
at Almost  
Manufacturing  
Cost

\$10.65

It has 42-inch round top, opens to 6-foot wide, solid oak, round pedestal, does not divide, 7-inch pillar, claw feet, legs made of good heavy oak

**BEHRENS-McMILLEN FURNITURE CO.**

## OUR CORRESPONDENCE

### Trent.

Nov. 17—Mr. Editor: What has become of our good farm talkers? I think they must be gone in for the winter as they have all quit talking. There is where we all make our mistakes, we should all be glad to exchange our ideas as to the best mode of farming and the raising of stock and poultry and the improving of planting seeds. I am glad to see so much wheat sowed this year and it is up and looking fine. I think there will be lots of oats sowed in the spring and I would like to hear some one that understands that good road system the way they want to work it, explain the principles of it thoroughly so everybody would understand it. As far as I know about it I am strictly in favor of good roads. They are the best advertisement of a country.

Brother Perser living on White Flat got badly hurt Saturday evening. His horse ran away with him and he is not expected to live.

Mrs. Roy Dingle's little boy was shot in the leg Saturday with a target. We do not know the particulars about the shooting but though don't think he is seriously hurt.

Albert Moore and son, Curtis, of Abilene were in Trent Saturday and spent the night with Jas. Bright.

Mrs. Nancy Merritt of Roxton is spending the week at Merkel with B. C. Moore and family. She will spend the winter in this part of the country for her health.

Success to The Merkel Mail and all its readers.

### \$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred for any case it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. Adv

### To Prevent Blood Poisoning

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

## DRUGGIST ENDORSE DODSON'S LIVER TONE

It is a Guaranteed Harmless Vegetable Remedy that Regulates the Liver Without Stopping Your Work or Play.

A dose of calomel may knock you completely out for a day—sometimes two or three days. Dodson's Liver Tone relieves attacks of constipation biliousness and lazy liver headaches, and you stay on your feet.

Rust & McCauley Drug Co., sells Dodson's Liver Tone and guarantees it to give perfect satisfaction. If you buy a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone and do not find it the safest, most pleasant and successful liver remedy you ever took, this store will give you back the 50c you paid for it without a question.

This guarantee that a trustworthy druggist is glad to give on Dodson's Liver Tone is as safe and reliable as the medicine and that is saying a lot.

### A Good Excuse.

A choir boy recently gave as an excuse for missing choir practice that he had to sit up with a dying friend, but an investigation proved that it was his best girl who was "just dying to see him."

### What is Good for Headache.

One lady says after suffering dreadfully for about seven years, she tried Hunt's Lightning Oil which almost instantly relieved her, and has been entirely free from those dreadful headaches since. Ask your Druggist. Adv

### In Boston?

You can always recognize a stranger in town by the way he keeps one hand on his pocketbook and the other on his watch.—Boston Transcript.

### 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.

### Sick Headache.

This distressing disease results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. For sale by all Dealers.

### Compere

Nov. 17—We are having a cloudy spell, something not common for West Texas.

Brother Tucker filled his regular appointment Sunday. They will have services Thanksgiving day.

Sunday School is progressing nicely.

The grain in this part is sure fine. People are having it cut down to keep the cold weather from killing it. Cotton is about all gathered.

Jake Foster is real sick. Dr. Armstrong has been waiting on him and he thinks he is slowly improving.

Miss Martha Adkins and Jno. Williams were married Sunday on their way to preaching. We wish them many sunny days in their pathway of life.

### Wins Eastman Kodak.

In the popular voting contest just closed at the Rust & McCauley Drug Company store Miss Fannye Pearl Moore was declared the winner by the counting committee, receiving a total of 74,900 votes. Manger Wheatley expressed himself as well pleased with the interest manifested by his trade and the Mail is requested to express the thanks and appreciation of the winner and others receiving such favorable votes.

### Declare War on Colds.

A crusade of education which aims "that common colds may become uncommon within the next generation" has been begun by prominent New York physicians. Here is a list of the "don'ts" which the doctors say will prevent the annual visitation of the cold:

"Don't sit in a draughty car."

"Don't sleep in hot rooms."

"Don't avoid the fresh air."

"Don't stuff yourself at meal time."

Over-eating reduces your resistance."

To which we would add—when you take a cold get rid of it as quickly as possible. To accomplish that you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy most excellent. Sold by all Dealers.

### A Painless Headache.

Is there such a thing as Painless Headache, Painless Neuralgia, Painless Rheumatism? Hunt's Lightning Oil will make the pain go away, and the suffering cease. That's why Hunt's Lightning Oil is so popular, and praised so much. Ask your druggist. Adv.

### The Reason.

Dead men tell no tales, which why so many widows find it easy marry again.—Smart Set.

### Pain, Pain, Pain.

To those who suffer pain, let us say Hunt's Lightning Oil is truly wonderful in the way it destroys pain. So many praise it that you cannot doubt. You simply rub it on, and the pain goes away. Adv

### KEEP THE KIDNEYS WELL.

Health is Worth Saving, and Some Merkel People Know How to Save it.

Many Merkel people take their lives in their hands by neglecting the kidneys when they know these organs need help. Weak kidneys are responsible for a vast amount of suffering and ill health—the slightest delay is dangerous. Use Doan's Kidney Pills—a remedy that has helped thousands of kidney sufferers. Here is a Merkel citizen's recommendation.

Mrs. N. Thompson, Thornton St., Merkel, Texas, says: "A few months ago I used Doan's Kidney Pills for weak kidneys and was quickly cured. When I began taking this remedy my kidneys were weak and I had pains across the small of my back. I got Doan's Kidney Pills from Rust & McCauley Drug Co., and was quickly cured."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50c. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

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

### Has Temperament.

When a girl is intense that means her mother needn't expect much help with the housework.

**WANTED**—A bad case of Rheumatism. If you have Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headaches, we want you to just try Hunt's Lightning Oil. You will be convinced of the truth of the statement of one customer that "as a reliever of pain it is without equal." All Druggist sell it. Adv

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their loving kindness and attention during the sickness and the death of our dear mother and grandmother, Mrs. Lucinda Adcock.

R. J. ADCOCK,

MRS. J. W. MOORE,

C. J. ADCOCK,

MRS. TOM FERGUSON.

### What Would You Do?

In case of a burn or scald what would you do to relieve the pain? Such injuries are liable to occur in any family and everyone should be prepared for them. Chamberlain's Salve applied on a soft cloth will relieve the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a very severe one, will cause the parts to heal without leaving a scar. For sale by all Dealers. Adv.

### Tonight.

Tonight, if you feel dull and stupid, or bilious and constipated, take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will feel all right tomorrow. For sale by all Dealers. Adv.

## OUR CORRESPONDENCE

### Salt Branch.

Nov. 17—Sunday School and singing were very well attended Sunday.

W. E. Petty and family were visiting Will Higgins and family Sunday.

W. Z. Harris and wife spent Sunday with R. D. Allen and family near Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. Wynn Teaff of Tye spent Sunday with J. W. Teaff and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. West of Merkel were the guest of W. M. Hays and family Sunday.

Ralph Golightly and family spent Sunday afternoon with Emory Petty and wife.

Several of the Warren young people attended singing here Sunday.

Homer and Marion Shipley and Ollie Higgins took dinner Sunday with Willis Taylor.

Misses Lula and Annie Higgins, Mae Rainer and Lyda Beaver took dinner with Miss Ida Taylor Sunday.

Miss Martha Bird, the assistant teacher at this place spent Saturday and Sunday with her folks at Mulberry.

Misses Laura Taylor, Annie Petty and Nina Beavers were visiting Miss Gertrude Higgins Sunday.

Neal Sargent and family of Oklahoma came in Monday and after spending a few days with W. M. Higgins and family they will move to their farm in the Warren community. We welcome them back to our midst.

Mrs. Dora Teaff was quite sick last week but is feeling better at this writing.

### A Night of Terror.

Few nights are more terrible than that of a mother looking on her child choking and gasping for breath during an attack of croup, and nothing in the house to relieve it. Many mothers have passed nights of terror in this situation. A little forethought will enable you to avoid all this. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a certain cure for croup and has never been known to fail. Keep it at hand. For sale by all dealers. Adv

### God's Own Church.

Learn this summer to worship God in the big church with the blue dome and the green carpet.

### Cause of Insomnia.

The most common cause of insomnia is disorders of the stomach and constipation. Chamberlain's Tablets correct these disorders and enable you to sleep. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

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