

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## D-SCHOOL EXAMS

for First Half of School Year is Now Complete.

## ROLLMENT ON INCREASE

Independent Black High Passed With Good Averages Being Made by the Student

The first four months of our public school work is now closed and examinations being held in all departments. The work done by the pupils constitutes the closing of the year. The mid-term however, there will be five more months of school. At the beginning of the year the enrollment of the school and the ward schools was 480, the number has gradually increased until there are now 732 in attendance with an almost perfect percentage, that of 96 for the first month in average attendance of students.

The high school is composed of 129 students, eighteen of which constitute the senior class and are as follows: Misses Wilcoats, Carrol Rister, Maggie Wheeler, Velma Hogg, Georgia Moore, Sallie Toombs, Eva Walters, Ethel Jones, Ola and Lula Sharp, Messrs. Booth Warren, John Moore, Ennis Grimes, Ollie Haffer, George Smith, Fred Harrell and Urbin Shannon. This is the largest senior class the Merkel school has ever had. According to Superintendent Lack and his assistant Professor, the work that is being done now in the schools is the best of the year. More enthusiasm seems to be demonstrated in individual work by the students than at any other time since the beginning of the present term.

The following honor roll for the fourth month of work gives the names of students who have averaged over 95 percent. According to the grades they are as follows:

Eleventh Grade: Urbin Shannon, Georgia Moore, Velma Hogg, Ola Sharp and Ethel Jones.

Tenth Grade: Jasper Tucker, Iva Teaff, Shirley King, Willie Combs, Della McLean, Mollie and Chester Hall.

Ninth Grade: Josie Smith, Mel Foster, Joe Hartley, Ulysses and Mamie McNeese, Osee Teaff and Velma Dennis.

Eighth Grade: Mary and Willie Tucker, Charlie Bell, Thomas, Eunice Russell, Beatrice Liver, Vida McNeese, Malissa Lamb, Stanley King, Madge Hill, Alice and Page Baxendale and Leslie Bradley.

Seventh Grade: Laura and Merial Christopher, Luoyacy, Uva Baxendale, Gladys Niels and Lee Baker. North and Seventh Grade: Vesta Parks, Vernon Coats, Robert Arnick, Ida Meeks, Julia Marshall, Rowena Allen, Lee Burns, Annie Burns, Games and Janie Weir and Beulah Walker.

Sixth Grade: Lucille Smelser, My Campbell, Clara Beard, Mpie Counts, Flossie Cybert, Vin Smelser, Louis Balch, Christie Ayers, Nellie Perry, Christine Collins, Herley Willis, Rena Frazier and Charlie

## OUR STREET LIGHTS

Some time ago the City Council agreed to keep up and maintain 15 street lights out of a possible 27 that were to have been erected about the business portion of the town. Out of the 27 lights the cost of maintenance of 15 would be to the city while a majority of the others would be to the Texas & Pacific Railway Company.

Evidently this matter has not received much attention of the late for nothing has been done. The primary cost of the lights would be to the individual business men and patriotic citizens of the town while even a portion of the cost of erection would be placed upon the Texas & Pacific Ry. Co. This is undoubtedly one addition to Merkel that can easily be made and will do more to improve appearance of our business streets than any other improvement at the present. The local electric company is prepared to furnish the light post, which would be of solid metal for actual price they could be laid down here from the wholesale supply houses.

With the addition of this number of lights to the business of the local plant it will be much easier to obtain all night service than it now is. It will not only add to the appearance of our town but will have us in line for better electrical service and an all night run.

We do not believe the issue is a dead one from the reason it has been dormant for some time, the only thing wrong with the movement is the absence of a backbone to carry the project through. Let every Merkel citizen who has the interest of the town at heart make an effort to get this matter completed and we will in a short time see our town the best lighted place of any town its size in our section of the country.

## FORMER MERKEL MAN PASSES AWAY

Mrs. S. P. Foster of this city received a message Monday from Colorado City telling her of the death of her father, T. W. Phillips. At the time of his death Mr. Phillips had reached the age of 77 years, having lived in Merkel from 1884 until last summer when he moved to Colorado. In all his life as a citizen of this place Mr. Phillips was one of the most respected christian gentlemen. His remains were interred at Colorado Tuesday afternoon.

The deceased is survived by a wife, and nine children as follows Sam Phillips, of Breckenridge, Edgar and John Phillips of Westbrook, Hiram Phillips of Dora, Robert and Aubrey Phillips of Eastland, Mrs. Amanda Sporer of Colorado, Mrs. Duncan Powell of Marble Falls and Mrs. S. P. Foster of this city.

### Late Birth Statistics.

C. P. Stevens and wife of Merkel a boy, W. B. Jones and wife of Tye a boy, R. D. Allen and wife of Stith a boy, R. D. Tyler and wife of Merkel a boy.

### Visitor has Typhoid Fever.

Mr. Arch Anderson of Tampico, Mexico who came here during the holidays to visit his brother, R. O. Anderson, of the Farmers State Bank, is very sick with typhoid fever. Although Mr. Anderson's condition is in no way alarming his condition is such that he will not be able to return to his home for some time even with a speedy recovery.

### Tucker.

Fifth Grade: Annie Mae Swann, Payette Parks, Aaron Hellums, Pearl Thornton and Madge Dean.

Fourth Grade: Ruth Newberry and Christopher.

Third Grade: Ora Holloway made 100 per cent, Homer McConnell.

First Grade: Fairy Orr

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Our Rates

For District Offices.....	7.50
For County Offices.....	7.50
For Precinct Offices.....	5.00
For City Offices.....	2.50
Subscription Price per year.....	1.60

### ALWAYS CASH IN ADVANCE

### TAYLOR COUNTY CANDIDATES

For Sheriff:	Geo. M. Cauthen W. F. (Frank) Whaley
For District Clerk:	J. Fuller (re-election)
For County Clerk:	A. H. Balch Miss Fannie Tippett
For Tax Collector:	D. T. Harkrider (re-election)
For Commissioner Precinct No. 2:	T. R. Lassiter

## EARLY MORNING BLAZE TUESDAY

One of the houses owned by Mrs. Laura Baulch in south east Merkel was burned Tuesday morning about one o'clock.

The home had been occupied by a family recently but at the time of the fire they were out of town. Their entire household effects were burned with the exception of one rocking chair and a feather bed, their being no insurance on the furniture. Mrs. Balch was fortunate in having the house partially covered by insurance to the amount of \$650. Prompt work of the fire boys who sleep at the station probably saved the adjoining property which caught fire twice but was quickly extinguished.

### Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Jan. 10, 1914:

Smith, Mrs. B. D.  
Sharp, Mr. S. W.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Jan. 24, 1914.  
H. W. Derstine, P. M.

Mrs. J. L. Mann is at home from Kermit where she visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Leeman.

## FIRE DESTROYS FARMERS HOME

The home of Dick Kelly, farmer of the Trent country was burned Friday Morning of last week.

Soon after breakfast Mr. Kelly started to the farm, Mrs. Kelly leaving their small child in the house alone while she did the milking. The fire had evidently been under way for some time when both Mr. and Mrs. Kelly noticed that the roof about the room where their child was, had partially fallen in. On reaching the house both the mother and father rushed for the child which through some miracle had gotten behind an open door in the interior of the house and was protected from the flames, the other side of the door being almost burned through. In rescuing the child Mr. Kelly was severely burned about the hands and face and for some time afterward was thought to be in a dangerous condition, his wife suffered from slight burns about the face her hair being burned very badly.

The entire contents of the home was a loss, only a machine being saved and it was badly burned. The house was the property of a Louisiana man.

### R. R. Horn Dead.

R. R. Horn age 71 of Noodle died at his home Monday evening from old age.

At the time of Mr. Horn's death he was attended by most all the members of his family, he being survived by a wife and several children whose names we were unable to get. He was an old settler in the Noodle country and was a highly honored gentleman.

Burial services were held Tuesday evening at 2 o'clock at the Shiloh cemetery. Rev. Robenette preaching the funeral.

Mrs. M. D. Ussery and little daughter Neta Merle visited friends and relatives in Abilene.

## CITY DADS CONFER

First Meeting of New Year Sees Few Changes.

## GRAVEL WORK TO CONTINUE

New Pound Keeper Appointed and Salary Raised Without Ordinance on Same Being Changed.

The city council met Monday night with all aldermen present except Alderman Williams who was out of town.

Some of the delayed matters coming before the body on opening for business was the franchise wanted by the Southwestern Telephone Company. This matter tabled for the second time on account of City Attorney Mims not being present with a report on same. The petition from O. F. Rogers to allow the peddling of vegetables in the resident portion of town was again tabled on account of no report from the city attorney. The Mayor at this point pronounced himself against delay in matters when such could be avoided.

New business coming before the body. M. D. Angus was allowed to instal an underground gasoline tank at some point on Front St. Said tank to be removed when city deemed it advisable. The Mayor was instructed to ask the Texas & Pacific Ry. Co., to compensate Nightwatchman King for services to be rendered in the future in keeping order about the depot and looking after other matters for the railway company.

The late graveling work about the town was brought to discussion and the Marshall was instructed to continue the work and in addition to the general street and sidewalk work Mayor Stallings appointed Alderman Hamilton to personally look after the construction of graveled walks in the neighborhood of the south ward school building. He was further instructed to have the work done as early as possible for the convenience of the school children in muddy weather.

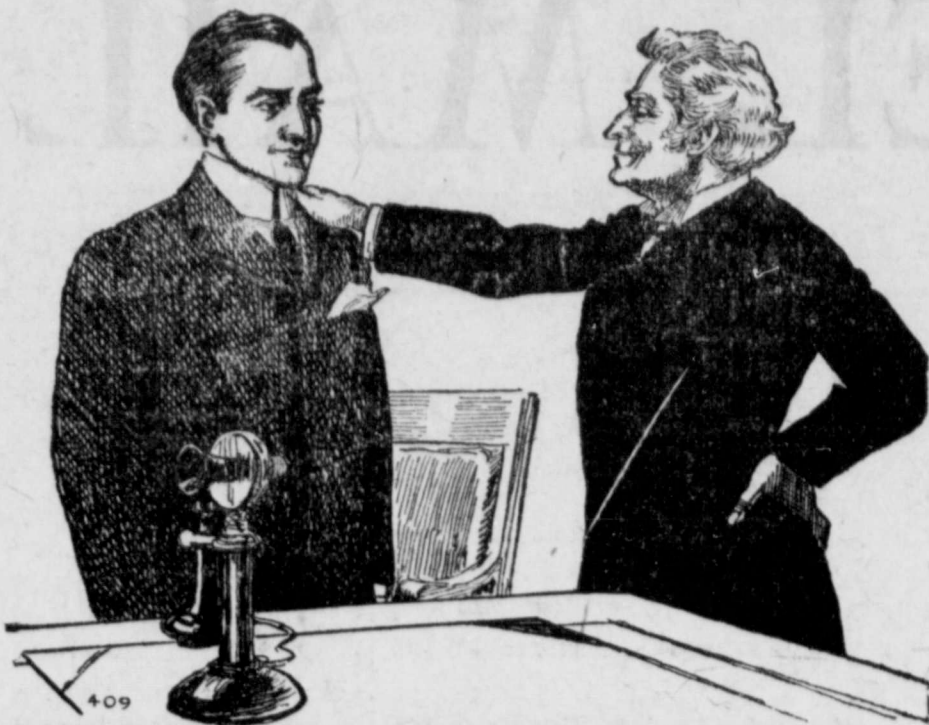
The matter of the Marshall using extreme care in the street work that is now being done was discussed for some time but at length was disposed of without action further than it be continued under supervision of the street committee.

J. H. Witcher was re-appointed as city scavenger for the town at the salary of \$50.00 per month so long as his services continued to prove satisfactory. The only new appointment made was that of W. A. Armstrong as city pound keeper, with \$1 allowed on each animal taken up. The city ordinance regulating the care of the city pound says that a fee of \$1 shall be charged but that the keeper shall receive fifty cents and the city fifty cents of the fine. This ordinance evidently remains in effect until amended.

The following accounts were allowed and paid:

J. J. Stallings, salary.....	\$15.00
J. O. Hamilton, salary.....	15.00
G. W. Boyce salary.....	15.00
J. L. Banner, salary.....	15.00

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### CITY DADS HOLD INTERESTING MEET

(Continued from page 1)

G. H. Adams salary	15.00
O. W. Williams salary	15.00
Dr. Cranford salary	6.25
C. D. Mims salary	8.75
H. C. Burroughs salary	18.75
R. L. McClain salary	25.00

The above salaries are for the last quarter of the year 1913.

Other accounts were as follows:

W. N. Hall, salary	\$ 75.00
J. W. Witcher salary	50.00
W. N. Hall care of water works	20.00
W. N. Hall sundry amounts and for street work	225.35
J. W. Wheeler rent	2.50
Brown & Bell	1.25
Burton Lingo paint	3.75
Cash Grocery	.20
J. B. Bell & Son	2.50
J. B. Bell & Son hay	29.02
G. M. Sharp oats	39.45
Behrens-McMillen	1.50
McClain Drug Store	2.85
Merkel Electric Co., lights for November and December	8.95
Sam Foster batteries	2.80
H. M. Rose gas	32.70
Merkel Lumber Co.	3.75
Joe Holmes rent on city dumping grounds for the year 1914	50.00
C. L. McNees grading street in east Merkel	139.05
West Texas Hardware Co.	6.65
Geo. Brown, blacksmith	3.75
Jno. Banner labor	3.00
R. H. Dean gravel	19.30

Total paid out \$872.07

Collections for the past month are as follows:

J. H. Witcher	\$ 50.25
Pound fees	3.50
Water rents	32.35
Eines	6.00
Taxes paid to date	426.93

Total collections \$519.08

#### Improving Farm Home.

J. N. Teaff who lives one mile west of town is making very extensive and modern improvements on his home. Carpenters are busily engaged in the work which when completed will make Mr. (First Bale) Teaff's home one of the most attractive and convenient in Taylor county.

#### Hats! Hats! Hats! Hats!

We will allow 50 cents for any kind of old hat or cap in exchange for any man's new hat in our house. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

#### Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our heartiest thanks and appreciation to all our friends who so faithfully assisted us in the recent illness and death of our beloved mother and grandmother. May God's richest blessings rest upon you all. R. L. Moore and family.

T. J. Coggins left the first of the week for Douglas, Ariz., after spending the holidays with his family at this place.

It will pay you to figure with us on clothing, the price is right. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

O. M. Coggin and mother Mrs. T. J. Coggin motored to Eskota Tuesday in the latter's Ford.

If its shoes or boots for men we have them, call and see Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. Roscoe Tyler of Baird who has been here for the past few days visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lamar returned to her home Monday morning.

We have a bargain counter on hats this week and until all are sold, \$2.00, \$2.50, and \$3.00 hats now \$1.50. Get one while they last. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Miss May Valentine and Mrs. Robert Deaton were visitors in Abilene Saturday.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

County Superintendent J. S. Smith of Abilene was in the city Tuesday night leaving town early Wednesday morning to continue his visit to the inland schools in this section of the country.

Spring gingham now in stock at 10 cents. Very best brands. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

H. C. Reid one of the oldest citizens of Merkel and Merkel country was seen on the streets Tuesday after a very severe spell of Grippe that had confined him to his home for over 20 days. He stated that he was feeling some better when seen by our reporter and believed he would be able to be among his friends as usual in a few days.

Cash Market price paid for all fresh eggs in the country. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

We want all eggs in the country. Market prices paid in exchange for the freshest groceries in town. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Let us figure with you on that bill of groceries, they are cheap. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Don't forget our Dollar shoes, some 3, 3 1/2, 4 and 4 1/2 sizes left. They are real bargains if you can find your fit. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

W. E. Britian has been spending most of the last two weeks in Eastland attending to the erection of a light and power plant for the Eastland Electric Co.

Mrs. E. M. Rust was in Baird Tuesday looking after some business affairs she has there.

W. L. Harkrider and family and Mrs. Asa Sneppard motored to Abilene Tuesday afternoon in the former's car.

Bud Sears was in Fort Worth last week.

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### Putnam Men Here.

Dr. R. G. Milling of the H. Milling Sanatorium of Putnam and Jess Scarborough were in town Tuesday and Wednesday looking over some property in the country belonging to Mr. Scarborough's mother. Their interest here was in interest of a section of the land to Dr. Milling was highly pleased with section of the country.

A choice farm to rent to a good farmer. C. M. Largent.

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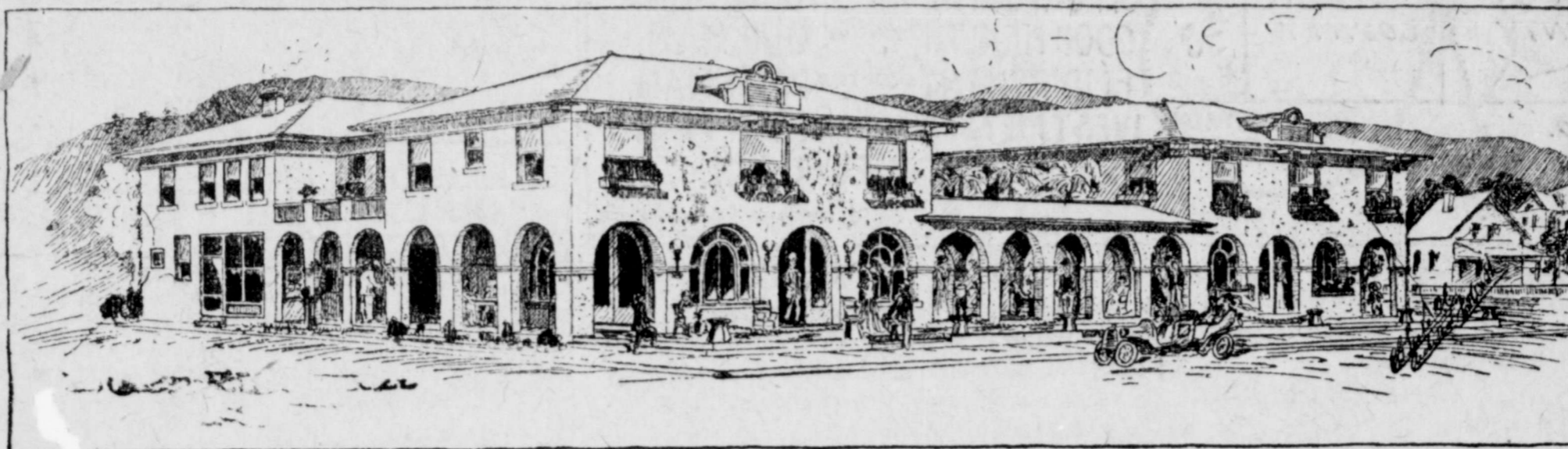
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## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Hugh D. Wallace of Rule returned to his home last week after a short visit with his parents Rev. and Mrs. Ed R. Wallace.

Miss Ema Elliott returned to her home at Hamlin after a short visit with Miss Eleanor Daniel and relatives here.

J. A. Collins for fruit and potatoes at the Pure Food Bakery.

M. J. Whisenhunt returned from Lone Oak, Saturday where he has been visiting his brother J. Whisenhunt.

Mrs. J. A. Adkisson visited in Abilene the latter part of last week.

Beautiful line new spring nighams at 10 cents. Partentry Goods Co.

Pair of Scissors free at Rust & McCauley's Drug Store with each \$1.00 cash purchase of any of our Nyal and Rexall line of remedies.

Mrs. W. J. McCollum of Clyde came in Monday afternoon to visit her daughter Mrs. J. K. Authen.

W. B. Farmer made a business trip to Clyde Tuesday.

Mrs. E. M. Rust visited her mother Dr. Ramsey and family at Baird the first part of the week.

Beautiful line new spring nighams at 10 cents. Partentry Goods Co.

Eld. W. G. Cypert preached at Stamford Sunday.

H. F. Groene returned home Tuesday morning from San Angelo.

N. O. Leerstang, Fred Hale and Jack Smith of the Trent country where in town Tuesday looking after business matters.

J. A. Woodard visited his father M. E. Woodard of Roscoe last week, going from there to San Angelo to court, returning home Tuesday of this week.

Milks Emulsion at Grimes Drug Store.

W. R. Walker left Saturday afternoon for San Angelo to attend court. The case he was called on was postponed until the next term of district court at San Angelo.

High Sheriff Weir of Abilene and Deputy W. F. Whaley were in town Tuesday on official business.

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Miss Louise Schmid who taught here in the High School last year, but who is now teaching in the High Schools at Henriettea spent Thursday and Friday with Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

Milks Emulsion at Grimes Drug Store.

Mrs. Sterling P. Miller who has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniels left Sunday for Bonham where she is studying music and voice in the Carleton College.

J. S. Burns was in Abilene attending to business matters.

Pair of Scissors free at Rust & McCauley's Drug Store with each \$1.00 cash purchase of any of our Nyal and Rexall line of remedies.

Mrs. Rufus Grisham and baby are visiting Mrs. Grishams father J. T. Howard and family.

If you are in need of a prescription filled call on us. It is our specialty. Grimes Drug Store.

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

Milks Emulsion at Grimes Drug Store.

Miss Jettie Davis who has been visiting Miss Ruby Jones returned to her home at Rawls.

Master Harry Merritt visited relatives and friends here last week but returned to Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gilliland of Midland are here visiting Mrs. Gilliland's mother Mrs. J. F. Pickkerel and her sister Mrs. O. F. McMaisters.

Miss Alice Mangum of Trent was the week end guest of her grandfather B. M. Black.

Miss Rose Norris visited Mrs. J. A. Woodard at her country home from Saturday, until Tuesday of this week.

D. E. Compton was in Abilene Monday looking after business matters.

Jno. West returned to school at Fort Worth Sunday.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Wanted: All the ladies in the country to see our new dress shoes. They are beautiful and fit for a queen. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. W. G. Cypert visited her brother H. Owens and family of Trent this week.

Mrs. Estel Church left Sunday for Odessa to visit relatives.

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 GOOD HEALTH FOR THE OLD MAN,  
 EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POOR MAN,  
 INVESTMENTS FOR THE RICH MAN  
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### TO-DAY

What is today?

A bubble on the stream of time; a breath in the windstorm of the years; a faintest whisper in the ceaseless pean of eternity.

And yet it is all of life that is given us, all of time—space that our mortal perceptions could grasp at once.

Hour by hour, one day at a time, we must fill out our span of years. There can be no crowding nor any retarding; patient or impatient, we must await the sun's rising and the first faint glimmer of stars.

And this is the blessedness of life, this law that gives us a new beginning of things with each dawn. Each Today comes to us as a special gift of God, with a new opportunity in its hand, a new smile in its eyes, a new whisper for our hearts. There is something in the freshness of the morning—be the day cloudy or clear—that spells courage and engenders hope. The beginning of everything has its element of inspiration, else we could never attain the heights of success. And so it is that each morning has its spirit of uplift that draws our eyes to the east, where the light is shining.

There is something essentially sweet in the thought that Today is ours. Yesterday, with its splendid attainments or its bitter failures, is folded away irrevocably, irretrievably. Tomorrow with its plans and aspirations, can be but a dream at best. We cannot tell what it will hold, or, indeed if for us it will ever dawn.

But Today belongs to us; it is ours to make or mar, as we meet it with serenity and courage, or shirk its responsibilities with cowardice.

To surrender to disappointments or discouragements or temptations is to play the craven's part and give the day back to God like a blotted scroll of which a child would be ashamed. To fight against the besetting ills, to give the word of cheer to toiler beside you, to listen for the note of gladness in the striking hours, and speed it on with a fuller sound—this is to lift the scroll to the Giver amid the evening shadows, illuminated as some golden text of old.

This is the new year; three hundred and sixty-five of these Todays make up its roster. How shall we send them again one by one to the Reader of all records? It is a solemn thought if we take it to heart, a serious question if we ask it seriously.

The best way is to live each Today as if it were our last; to put aside the evil whispers; to fill our hearts with the sweetest thoughts; to keep the golden rule of fair dealing ever before us; to be sorry of mistakes but not to dwell in the depths of regret; to be a helper and not a hinderer. If we live thus, each even-song will find a day well

spent, and if one of these coming three hundred and sixty-five Todays should be our last, it will find us with our eyes not darkened with the valley-shadows, but lifted serenely to the heavenly hills, ready for the amethystine dawn of that unending Today, which is eternity.

Huerta is a new but unrevised edition of Diaz. He knows no other methods than those of Diaz, nor has he any other ideals than those of Diaz. It is questionable if Huerta could sustain himself in power by any methods, and it is certain that in the effort to sustain himself he would have to resort to methods as despotic as any Czar of Russia has ever employed. Would the United States have been justified in promoting and even fomenting that reign of terror, even if it could have been assured that it would accomplish peace? And how much less indefensible would that course be in face of the certainty that it would not accomplish its low end? The Mexican revolution has a just provocation. Those who are in arms against Huerta have a genuine grievance against him as a self appointed legatee of Diaz. Every consideration of humanity gives them a right to emancipate themselves, and the United States would have been forever shamed if it had pursued a course which would have impeded them in the effort to realize that high ambition. The President's course is instinct of a statesmanship both loftier and profounder than his critics are capable of appreciating.—Dallas News.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram comes out with a statement that a woman tried to drown herself in a bath tub at the city prison. The woman filled the bath tub with icy water and held her head beneath the service until she had lost consciousness. This is news to us we did not know that the city lock up was equipped with any such luxuries for the kicks the people have been making down there during the past year about the conditions of their old jail and city lock up seemed evidence enough to show the county without many conveniences for their regular boarders. The article appearing in the Star goes to show that not many of the people of Tarrant county are informed of what fixtures their city home really has. Perhaps those who made the kicks are the ones who have not visited the lock up and are not in position to know the conditions.

The inventor of the cash register has cashed his life checks.

Calumet means peace pipe, but they are not smoking it in the Michigan town.

When you try to stop talk with money it shows there's something to talk about.

As the slang-slingers would have it. Lind did not make any "mash" on Huerta.

Those who are sticking are crying to those who did not resolve: "Get on, the water is fine."

An eagle sits on our currency, but a hen does her sitting on eggs, and hatches out something.

The man who swore he wouldn't swear off is about the only New Year resoluter left on the job.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO SUBSCRIBE**

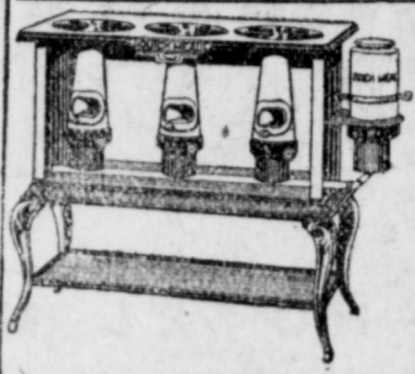
## THE BEST HOT WEATHER TONIC, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL

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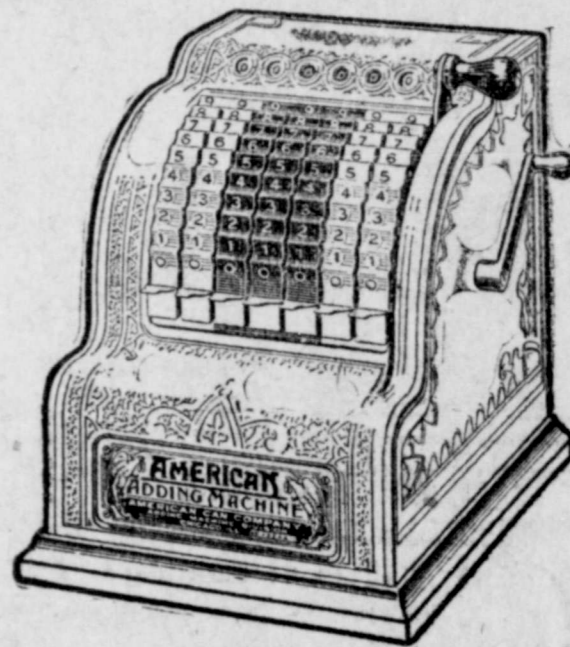
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## NER ON COURT HOUSE

County Judge E. M. Overner was here Wednesday afternoon and reported that work on the new county court house would begin within the next 30 days. The contract as it is written up allows 320 working days in which to complete the building and is dated from the 1st day of December, 1913. In giving a description of the building Judge Overshiner said it would be of three stories and a basement. The basement being 10 feet high and will only extend 6 and one half feet under the ground, there by making the building have the appearance of a four story building. It will be arranged for both steam and gas heating and the only wood used in its construction will be the best of its kind and the various doors and windows of the various rooms. The building throughout will be of re-enforced concrete with brick and stone facings. The roof will be one solid concrete slab. To make the records of the county and district all the more safe, the doors of the county and district clerks office will be made of metal to guard against any kind of fire whatever. The seating capacity of the court room will be about 800. Outside measurements the new county home will be 140 by 80 feet.

### Stomach Trouble Cured

If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klote of Lina, Mo., says: "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Tablets to be the most beneficial than any other remedy ever used." For sale by all dealers.

### Grammar School Commencement.

The work has been planned this year so that it is no longer necessary for the seventh grade, at happened to be promoted from the sixth grade in the middle of the year, to spend a year and a half in that grade. They are being promoted to the eighth grade, which will make it possible for them to finish the high school work one year earlier, by faithful efforts on their part. To encourage and inspire those being promoted, we have prepared a commencement program, which will be rendered Friday night, January 16th., at the Baptist church. Everybody who is desirous of seeing good accomplished has a special invitation to come and hear the following program rendered:

Chorus: "Love's Old Sweet Song."

Invocation — Rev. W. M.addy.

Reading—Robert Balch.

Instrumental Duet — Gladys Zgyn and Ina Mae Adams.

Reading—Lucy Tracy.

Quartette.

Reading—Lee Baker.

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Presentation of certificates.

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Again we invite you one and all.

No charges.

B. D. Black, Supt.

**Fever Sores.**

Never sores and old chronic sores will not be healed entirely but should be kept in a healthy condition. This is done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for its purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

# A NEW TAILOR SHOP

For the new year we have equipped and arranged a complete and new tailor shop in the rear of the Star Store building. This is done for the convenience of our friends and customers and we are going to serve you with different cleaning and pressing, superior to which you have been accustomed. ALTERATION WORK THAT IS GOARANTEED TO PLEASE

## THE STAR STORE TAILOR SHOP

C. L. CASH, MANAGER

**W. O. W.**  
Merkel Camp No. 719 meets second and fourth Friday nights of each month.  
W. L. Burns, C. C.  
S. Hamilton, Clerk

**His Stomach Troubles Over.**  
Mr. Dyspeptic, would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles were over, that you could eat any kind of food that you desired without injury? That may seem so unlikely to you that you do not even hope for an ending of your trouble, but permit us to assure you that is not altogether impossible. If others can be cured permanently and thousands have been, why not you? John R. Barker, of Battle Creek, Mich. is one of them. He says, "I was troubled with heartburn, indigestion and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, then my trouble was over." Sold by all dealers. Adv.

**Notice to Patrons.**  
There will be a primer class at the north side school building for all who wish to begin school next week.

No new pupils will be admitted in the first grade on the south side on account of the crowded conditions. Early entrance to the above mentioned primer class is very necessary.

B. D. Black, superintendent

**Chamberlain's Cough Remedy**  
This remedy has no superior for coughs and colds. It is pleasant to take. It contains no opium or other narcotic. It always cures. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

**IS IT YOUR KIDNEYS?**  
Don't Mistake the Cause of Your Troubles. A Merkel Citizen Gives a Valuable Hint.

Many people never suspect their kidneys. If suffering from a lame, weak or aching back they think that it is only a muscular weakness; when urinary trouble sets in they think it will soon correct itself. And so it is with all the other symptoms of kidney disorders. That is where danger often lies. You should realize that these troubles often lead to dropsy or Bright's disease. An effective remedy for weak or diseased kidneys is Doan's Kidney Pills. Read the experience of a resident of Merkel who has tested Doan's.

Mrs. H. D. Wilson, Merkel, Texas, says: "Different ones of my family have used Doan's Kidney Pills with good results. One of us suffered from kidney trouble for a long time and finally he used Doan's Kidney Pills. They cured him. We give Doan's Kidney Pills great praise and recommend them to anyone suffering from kidney trouble."

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.

Seeds, price list free. Book 10 cents giving all the rain periods for 1914, killing of johnson grass and some insect pests, making ensilage without a silo, growing pecans, corn, water-melons, etc. H. A. Halbert, Coleman, Texas.

**Blair**  
Jan. 6—Rev. Green, Missionary of Sweetwater Baptist Association preached at Center Point Saturday night and Sunday.

The Center Point church has called Rev. Evans of Abilene to be their pastor for this year.

The Blair Sunday School had a re-organization Sunday and started in with bright prospects for this year's work.

Rev. H. T. Purser of Trent will preach at Blair next Saturday night and Sunday.

On last Thursday night the Ladies Circle and W. O. W. Camp of Blair met in a joint installation. Their families and some invited guests were present. After the business had been attended to refreshments such as cake and fruit was served and everybody went away feeling that it was good to have been there.

Grandma Powell has been very sick but is better at this time.

F. D. Adkisson was summoned to Gainesville to attend county court as a witness Monday.

Leslie Powell returned to his home at Buffalo Gap Saturday.

Jerry King is back from Alabama among his friends at Blair again.

Jno. E. Campbell and Mrs. Campbell were visitors at the home of John Meeks Saturday night.

The farmers are all getting very busy preparing their land for their next crop.

**Chronic Constipation Cured.**  
"Five years ago I had the worst case of chronic constipation I ever knew of, and Chamberlain's Tablets cured me," writes S. F. Fish, Brooklyn, Mich. For sale by all dealers.

## 1000 LBS. BUTTER SHIPPED WEEKLY

During the late the butter supply of our town has gradually increased until the farmers and dairy owners over the country are bringing enough to town to supply our local needs and have some over.

During Christmas week W. P. Duckett, local produce dealer, shipped over 1000 pounds of butter and thought he was doing exceedingly good for the price then was higher than at the present. During last week he again duplicated the feat while this week's shipment will exceed 1250 pounds. The supply is gradual. Mr. Duckett informs us and at the prevailing prices which range from 12 1-2 to 17 1-2 cents this continued export of butter will swell the pockets of our dairymen and farmers who keep good cows.

### \$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 dollars for any case that 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.

### Rheumatic Pains.

Every last one of them leaves. The hurting is gone almost the instant Hunt's Lightning Oil is used. The aching stops so quickly it is surprising. Hunt's Lightning Oil is especially compounded to relieve pain. For neuralgia and headaches it is a boon to humanity. For cuts, burns and bruises it acts as a healing ail, soothing the hurting parts and preventing soreness. Nothing better for chilblains. All druggists in 25c and 50c bottles. Adv.

Archie Rose left Wednesday for Ballinger.

### Dies of Consumption.

Mrs. W. A. Ingram age 35 died Monday evening at her home in north-east Merkel of tuberculosis, having been ill for something like a year.

Mrs. Ingram has been sick in Merkel for only a short time and during her stay here was assisted in many ways by the good people of our town in order that her life be as cheerful as possible while on earth. She is survived by a husband and four children, two of which are very small.

Burial services were held in Rose Hill cemetery Tuesday morning.

### Best Cough Medicine for Children.

"I am very glad to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy" writes Mrs. Lyda Dewey, Milwaukee, Wis. "I have used it for years both for my children and myself and never fails to relieve and cure a cough or cold. No family with children should be without it as it gives almost immediate relief in cases of croup." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is pleasant and safe to take, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to young children. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

# OUR NEW STORE

Opposite the post office is receiving new goods almost daily and we especially invite our customers and friends to visit us when in town and examine our goods and get our prices. Our prices are so low any one needing goods in our line can save almost half by buying from us. We quote you a few of our prices:

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|---|---------|--|--------|
| Mens \$7.50 Rain Coats.....               | \$4.00  | Ladies \$2.75 Silk Waists.....   | \$1.48 |
| Mens 50c Blue Shirts.....                 | 38c     | Ladies \$1.75 Waists.....  | 98c    |
| Mens 25c leather tip Canvas Gloves.....   | 10c     | Ladies \$3.50 All Wool Sweaters.....   | \$1.95 |
| Mens 35c linen Initial Handkerchiefs..... | 17 1/2c | Ladies 35c Gingham Aprons.....   | 20c    |
| Mens 25c Assorted Ties.....               | 10c     | Ladies 25c Windsor Ties.....   | 15c    |
| Mens 50c Silk Ties.....                   | 25c     | 50c Rings.....   | 15c    |
| Ladies \$7.25 Rain Coats.....             | \$3.75  | 25c Brooches.....  | 10c    |
| Ladies \$6.00 Skirts.....                 | \$3.75  | 25c Cuff Buttons.....  | 10c    |
| Ladies \$5.00 Skirts.....                 | \$2.95  | An assortment of Pocket Knives less than wholesale cost. Come in and see us. |        |
| Ladies \$3.50 Skirts.....                 | \$1.95  |  |        |

These are only a few of the many bargains to be found at our store. You can't afford to miss them. We will continue to pay cash for your produce. Bring us all your produce.

## W. P. DUCKETT, PROPRIETOR



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

**Watch Party for Miss Mann.**

Wednesday evening December 31st Mrs. Jno. W. Wheatly entertained in honor of Miss Mattie T. Mann at her home on Oak St. Many games were played, Forty-two, Bunco, etc. Songs were sung by all accompanied by the guitar. Little Miss Katherine Wheatley sang a solo "Why don't they play with me papa?" After which the hostess served refreshments to Misses Bessie Touchstone, Lillie Dean, Amy Gunn, Mattie T. Mann and Mrs. Alice Templeton, Messrs. Brittain Jobe, Oscar Pate, Emmett Grimes and Ernest Rogers. As the midnight hour drew near the party went serenading after having purchased a number of tin horns from a downtown drug store. They then rang the old year out and the new year in.

The Philathea class of the Baptist church was invited by their teacher, Mrs. W. A. Scott, to meet at her home January 3rd to bring a present not to cost more than 10 cents also to invite a friend. Promptly at 2 p. m., the girls began to arrive wondering what was to happen or what kind of a game was to be played. They were met at the door by Mesdames Earl Lassiter and W. A. Scott. A business meeting was held. New officers were elected were Pres. Mrs. Earl Lassiter, Vice President Miss Irene Swann, Secretary and Treasurer Miss Jewel Hicks, Press Reporter Miss Dollie Teaff. Bro. Gaddy's talk was full of enthusiasm. A way to greater and better service for the coming year filled all with a desire to put forth their best efforts for 1914. As the guest passed into the parlor, each drew a number from the plate. A complete surprise awaited them here. A Christmas tree in all in its beautiful decoration of tinel pointsettas, etc., laden with gifts for all stood before them were numbered. Mesdames Lassiter and Scott called the numbers. There was lots and lots of fun as the guests claimed their bean shooters, bugles, tops, dolls and picture machines. A bag of candy and nuts was suspended from the ceiling one at a time and the guests were blind folded and given a short stick, three chances was given each. Miss Dovie Teaff succeeded in hitting the bag, bursting it, then such a lively scramble for the sweets. Mrs. Scott was assisted by Misses Maggie Wheeler and Sadie Collins in serving hot chocolate and cake. Those present were Misses Irene and Fannie Swann, Maggie and Ina Wheeler, Dollie, Dovie and Mary Teaff, Jesse Sutphen, Cecil Haley, Elizabeth Swafford, Mary Gunn, Pauline Johnson, Maud Martin, Jewel Hicks, Sadie Collins, Mary and Jackie Jennings, Beulah Garrett, Carrol Rister, Eva Walters, May Lassiter, Ola Sharp, Etta Ferguson, Mesdames W. M. Gaddy, W. E. Brittain, W. H. SoRella, T. Lassiter, W. L. Johnson, of El Paso, Mr. Gaddy and the hostess.

The E. Love Hawkins Literary Society met in regular session Friday afternoon, January 2nd. A short program was rendered. Song "Juanita" by the society. Reading, Miss Della McLean. Journal, Miss Willie Swann. Debate: Should women have suffrage in Texas. Affirmative: Miss Beulah Garrett and Ethel Jones. Negative: Misses Olive Teaff and Georgia Moore. The judges rendered their decision in favor of the affirmative. The society then went into business session. Miss Leorena Dry's resignation as corresponding secretary was accepted and Miss Nell Tracy was elected to fill the vacancy. The society then adjourned.

Miss Gladys Walters entertained Monday evening with a progressive heart party. At the conclusion of the games the hostess served hot chocolate and cake to Misses Mary Anna Mayfield, Mamie Moore, Jesse May Cox, Abilene, Kate Henderson, Madalyn Adkisson, Messrs. Q Rust, Clarence and Carl Hamm, A. Costephens, Carl Richards, Emzi Burroughs, Emmitt Boring, Virgil Bradley, Abilene, Ralph Bigham and Jake Walters.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Prospt served dinner last Wednesday at their home on Locust St. Their guest were Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rose, little Misses Ona Fay Bland and Ona May Rose.

On Friday evening of last week Miss Mary Anna Mayfield entertained a few of her friends with a Slumber party. At ten o'clock luncheon was served to the following girls: Misses Madalyn Adkisson, Jesse May Cox, Abilene, Kate Henderson, Virginia Swafford, Gladys Walters and the hostess.

Miss Agnes Hall was the guest of friends and relatives in Abilene last week. On returning home she was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Bertha Early who spent Saturday and Sunday in this city.

The B-Flat Club held their regular meeting Saturday afternoon at the home of their teacher, Miss Eva Williams. Those present were Misses Ina Mae Adams, Bessie Touchstone, Velma Dennis, Julia Martin, Tommie Lou Coggin, Gladys Coggin, Vera Jenkins, Ruby Cauthen, Ola and Lula Sharp, Madalyn Adkisson, Gladys Walters.

The Watch party Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Carrol Rister given by the Seniors and Juniors in honor of the high school teachers was a delightful affair. Luncheon was served in the dining room from well filled lunch baskets. Each guest having prepared a lunch. All enjoyed the shooting of roman candles, etc., until the ringing of the bells.

The Missionary Society of the Methodist church met January 5th, in business session at the church. Mrs. J. L. Harris presiding. The quarterly reports were rendered together with a summary of the year's work which showed the ladies had not been idle. The results of the past twelve months seemed very satisfactory. The attendance of this meeting was very good. They hope for greater results from the work in this society during 1914.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho Williams served a New Years dinner at their home Sunday. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams, Mrs. T. J. Coggin, Misses Evalyn Williams, Bessie Touchstone, little Misses Eula May Coggin, and Lenora Williams, Otti Coggin, the host and hostess.

**Program of W. M. Society**

Jan. 11th, 1914.  
Song—Who Givest All.  
Bible Study—The Missionary, John 16-17—Mrs. Jennings.  
What the Christian possesses—Mrs. H. C. Williams.  
What the Christian Needs—Mrs. Tom Grimes.  
Excused from giving to Missions. Mrs. Cobb.  
Events of the month and items from Bulletin. Mrs. Adams.  
Benediction by Mrs. Harris.  
Committee.

**Pomp in the East.**

"I understand the king of Siam has a white elephant." "Yes, and it gave him great prestige until the king of Cambodia visited Europe. He brought back a second-hand taxicab."

**Not Social.**

"Is your husband a Socialist?" "In deed not. He just hates to go with me to make calls."—Detroit Free Press.

**Look That Gives Joy.**

Gold and silver may supply us with the necessaries of life, with food and drink, clothes and houses; but they cannot give the joy of a kind look.—Lord Avebury.

**Often Overlooked.**

There is a difference between conversation and monologue that some gushers fail to grasp.—Atchison Globe.

**Things Worth While.**

The things that are really worth while are not the goals of a struggle for existence, but those which can be partaken of by every one and not be exhausted.—Dr. John Grier Hibben.

**Improved Incandescent Lamp.**

Incandescent lamps in which the filaments are in the form of an inverted cone have been found to give one-fifth more light than those of the same size in which filaments form cylinders.

**No Use for Boys Any More.**

Somebody has invented an electric device that will split kindling wood. Gradually we are getting it so arranged that the world will have absolutely no use for small boys.

Tom Nicholson of Ranger has been visiting his sister Mrs. S. L. Robertson.

Miss Irene Swann was in Abilene Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mrs. Loney of Snyder enroute to Dallas was the guest of Mrs. Geo. F. West last week for a few days.

Mrs. Alice Wood of Abilene returned home Friday after spending the holidays with her sister Mrs. C. E. Whitaker.

Mrs. C. Ferrier and son Martin of Minnesota has been visiting her sister Mrs. J. B. Ferrier.

Mrs. Roy Savage of Corpus Christi visited Miss Elma Sheppard and other friends here last week.

Mrs. Sallie Brumer and baby returned to their home at Branch, La. Monday after spending the holidays with Mrs. Brumer's parents Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hester.

Solarship to Roberts Business College of Weatherford for sale cheap if sold at once. Call at Star Store.

**Force of Habit.**

"Why did she want to set her husband's will aside?" "Merely because it was her husband's, and she had got in the habit of setting his will aside."—Houston Post.

**Led Astray.**

Judge (sternly)—"To what do you attribute your downfall?" Culpit—"The first drink I ever took was one you bought me when you were trying to get my vote."—Puck.

**Worth Knowing.**

When running curtain rods through thin curtains place a thimble on the end of the rod to prevent it from catching in the material.

**Words of a True Patriot.**

Pity me not. I am happier than you; for I am fighting to be free.—Francis Marion.

**Better Kind.**

There is this in favor of the thoroughbred dog: Its owner is more likely to keep it shut up.—New York Mail.

**Succeeded the Hour Glass.**

The first accurate clock was set up in England at Hampton Court, in 1540. Up to that time members of the royal suite used hour-glasses in their private rooms.

**All Bound Round with a Telephone Line**

In a Bell connected community it's not "how far is it to neighbor Perkins?" But "Is neighbor Perkins' ring three?" The ring of a bell and you have him.

In marketing, in matters of farm routine, in emergencies, the telephone adds to the farmer's ease and profit.

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To be on the safe side when buying baking powder, examine the label and take only a brand shown to be made from Cream of Tartar.

**COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT**

And For Three Summers Mrs. Vincent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst. I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework. I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off. I was certainly in a dreadful state of health, when I finally decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I firmly believe I would have died if I had taken it. After I began taking Cardui, I greatly helped, and all three bottles relieved me entirely. I fattened up, and grew so much stronger in three months, I felt like other person altogether." Cardui is purely vegetable and gentle acting. Its ingredients have a mild, to effect, on the womanly constitution. Cardui makes for increased strength improves the appetite, tones up the nervous system, and helps to make pale, sallow cheeks, fresh and rosy. Cardui has helped more than a mill weak women, during the past 50 years. It will surely do for you, what it done for them. Try Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper.

**The Old Maid's Club**

SUPPLEMENTED BY

Recitations and Musical Numbers will be a source of amusement at Stith, Friday, January the 16th.

NO ADMISSION WILL BE CHARGED

A box supper will also be given, the benefit from which will go to the Baptist Philathea Class.

**Everybody Come. January 16th**

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**S. P. FOSTER : PROPRIETOR**

# REV. GADDY AT BREHMAN SUNDAY

The following was taken from the Brenham Daily Press, gives an account of the visit of Rev. W. M. Gaddy of this city to that town.

One of the interesting features of religious services in Brenham Sunday was the sermon delivered at the First Baptist church by Rev. W. M. Gaddy who used to be pastor here. He left here ten years ago and went to Houston from which place he moved to Dallas and entered the Evangelical field. Ten years of his life were devoted to this work and he declared in the presence of his congregation Sunday that he regarded the ten years so spent as being the most active and important of his entire ministerial career.

In spite of the very cold weather Sunday morning and Sunday night, large audiences greeted the pastor and were glad to meet him once again and shake his hearty and friendly hand. There are a few men who have a real hearty and generous handshake—the shake that carries with it the very best there is in the soul and sentiment of the person who gives it, and one of these few people is Rev. W. M. Gaddy.

His theme for Sunday morning was the "Unutterably lost condition of Man" previous to the advent of Christ into the world for the purpose of saving sinners. He traced the progress of sin from the beginning of the world, in every age and in every clime and showed that in spite of the many and countless good things that God Almighty has done and continued to do for the salvation of men and women, the world has continued to grow worse and worse, till in the fullness of time the Creator causes his own spirit to live upon earth in the form and shape and flesh of man—Jesus Christ, in order that men might be led to salvation through and by faith in Christ, the Lord, the Only Son of the living God who was born of woman in order to lead the world to salvation. Through the entire sermon and in it all the preacher showed how absolutely necessary in the divine plan of things is Faith and that it is by this faith alone that the world must ultimately be led to Christ.

The sermons, morning and evening, will be long remembered by those who had the good fortune to be present, and they were delighted to know that the beloved preacher of other years, has lost none of his old-time fire and fervor when it comes to preaching Christ and Him Crucified.

### For Cold on Lungs.

Rub the chest well with Hunt's Lightning Oil. You will be really surprised how soon the soreness leaves. Cold on lungs is dangerous, often developing pneumonia. The use of Hunt's Lightning Oil in time is important. Sold by all reputable druggist everywhere in 25c and 50c bottles. Adv.

### Wanted

25 good loans around Merkel in next 90 days. Come while I have plenty of money.  
G. T. McCulloch,  
Box 37, Abilene, Texas.

### To the Voters of Taylor County.

In this issue of the Merkel Mail you will find my announcement as candidate for County Clerk of Taylor county.

In presenting my claims I desire to call your attention to the fact that I have had eight years experience in the office as first deputy and feel that I am thoroughly competent to conduct the affairs of the office as they should be. My work as deputy has brought me into close touch with all the details and I modestly claim to be perfectly competent to fill the place in an acceptable manner.

I will personally appreciate the support and influence of every voter in the county and promise in return, if elected, that I will extend every courtesy of which I am capable in conducting the affairs of the office.

It will be my purpose and pleasure to meet personally and present my claims to each and every voter, so far as I am able.

Assuring you of my sincere appreciation for all the courtesies that have been extended me in the past and for whatever support you may give me in the present race, I am,

Yours very respectfully,  
Miss Fannie Tippett.

### A Good Meat Preserver.

We absolutely guarantee our meat preserver to give absolute satisfaction. It is in bottled form and convenient to handle.  
Hamblet & Rogers.

A good remedy for a bad cough is Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It heals the lungs and quiets irritation. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### Announces for Sheriff

We wish to announce to our readers this week, the candidacy of W. F. (Frank) Whaley of Abilene for Sheriff of Taylor county subject to the next Democratic primaries.

Mr. Whaley has been connected with the sheriff's office of Taylor county during the past four years and his record reflects his ability as a peace officer of the highest type. He has made his home in Taylor county for the past six or seven years and is widely acquainted with the voting public. As a deputy peace officer his past work demands your careful attention when you go to the voting place next July.

### Miss Tippett for County Clerk.

We respectfully call attention to the announcement of Miss Fannie Tippett of Abilene as candidate for the office of County Clerk of Taylor county subject to the action of the Democratic party.

Some time ago Miss Tippett announced through the columns of the Mail that when the proper time came she would be a candidate for the office and now presents her claims to the voters of Taylor county. Her record as deputy county clerk is without censure whatever, her work at all times was extremely satisfactory and was dispatched with utmost rapidity.

If elected Miss Tippett will make the county an excellent officer, and deserves your most careful consideration when you visit the polls.

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with Ballard's Snow Liniment. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

LOST—Pair gold rimmed spectacles in aluminum case. Return to Burroughs Drug Store.

LOST—Small baby's plain ring between my home and W. Parten's residence. Finder please return to Mrs. Jno. Hamm.

LOST—Small embroidered baby pillow near Methodist church. Finder please return to Mrs. W. O. Booney.

FOR SALE—Work mules and horses E. D. Coats, Merkel, Texas. 2tf

FOR SALE—Work horses and mules sulky plow, planter and cultivator. Cash or approved note. M. Armstrong Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—A few choice white wyandotte cockerals. H. M. Rose, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—A good work mare. A bargain. Guaranteed safe for family use. W. W. Wheeler.

FOR SALE—Several span of mules, all about 14 hands high and well broke. Bargains if bought at once. O. M. Coggin, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—3 big farm horses, 6, 9 and 11 years old at \$50.00, \$60.00 and \$85.00 respectfully. One farm wagon \$10.00. Real bargains. Speak quick if you want them. Dr. Geo. L. Miller.

### J. Fuller for Dist. Clerk.

We are requested to announce for the office of District Clerk, Mr. J. Fuller of Abilene for re-election.

Mr. Fuller record as a public officer is above reproach, his services at all times being rendered in the most courteous and gentlemanly manner. In asking for your vote in the coming election Mr. Fuller is deserving in all respects and should receive careful consideration when you cast your vote.

### Acute Sore Throat.

There is nothing better for sore throat than Hunt's Lightning Oil. Put it on at night and the next morning the soreness is usually gone. Rubbed on chest is fine for sore lungs, often preventing pneumonia, Hunt's Lightning Oil is sold by all reputable druggist in 25c and 50c bottles. Adv.

### Roscoe Postoffice Robbed.

At an early hour Monday morning some parties entered the Postoffice at Roscoe and proceeded to blow up the safe with explosives. Several persons heard the explosions, but supposed it to be Christmas fireworks. The safe was wrecked and about \$20 in money together with some jewelry, the property of Mrs. Howard, wife of Postmaster L. S. Howard. Officers were notified and Sheriff Bond with his deputies, went over at once, but no definite clue has been found.—Sweetwater Reporter.

### Sweetwater Steam Laundry.

I am prepared to call for and deliver your laundry. I am agent for the Sweetwater Steam Laundry. M. B. Bell.

### Standing Reward for Cow Thief.

I will pay any person \$150 for arrest and conviction of any thief or thieves stealing any of my stock branded 3 bar T on left shoulder, marked crop off left ear; U T on left shoulder, marked crop off left ear and under-slope the right. Also will pay \$10.00 for recovery of any stolen stock of mine. This reward stands good all the time.  
Ed Dickinson,  
Golan, Texas.

### D. T. Harkrider for Collector.

D. T. Harkrider of Abilene announces in this issue of the Mail for re-election to the office of Tax Collector of Taylor county for his second term.

Mr. Harkrider is well known throughout the county, having made his home in this immediate section for the past thirty years and needs little introduction to our people. He has filled the office to which he was elected to the absolute satisfaction of everyone and deserves the most careful consideration for your vote in the July elections.

### For Skin Diseases.

Hunt's Cure is sold under a positive guarantee that your money will be refunded without question if it fails to cure Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, etc. You therefore run any risk whatever in purchasing a 50c box from your druggist. Adv.

Ragged wounds are painful and cause much annoyance. If not kept clean they fester and become running sores. Ballard's Snow Liniment is an antiseptic healing remedy for such cases. Apply it at night before going to bed and cover with a cotton cloth bandage. It heals in a few days. Price 25c; 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### Announces for County Clerk.

In this week's columns of the Mail will be found the name of A. H. Balch of Abilene as a candidate for the office of county clerk subject to the action of the Democratic election in July.

The following taken from Sunday Abilene Reporter gives an account of his announcement in that paper:

Mr. Balch is at present Tax Assessor and Collector of the City and for four years. He is a young man of splendid ability and is an experienced book keeper. He has lived in Abilene and Taylor County for 23 years and refers to his records both in public office and in private as to his qualifications. Give his claims careful consideration at the coming election.

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. Herbine is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength, vigor and cheerful spirits. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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### Talks on Real Estate Dealings.

Justin Stines, representative of the Peoples Land Bureau of Texas gave the Merkel real estate agents a short and interesting talk Wednesday afternoon.

The purpose of Mr. Stine's work with the Bureau is to have such laws passed by the state of Texas, wherein the fake real-estate dealers can be eliminated from the state and their misrepresentation of land values stopped. The proposed laws he is working in the interest of will if passed serve to out-land sharks and Blue Sky dealers. It received the hearty endorsement of the local reality men.

### For Sale or Trade.

One house and lot in Nubia, Texas, and 80 acres one mile east of Nubia. Can be bought at a bargain if sold at once. Will take stock of merchandise in exchange. D. L. Boyd, Nubia, Texas.

### For Sale.

Pure ribbon cane syrup. 60 cents per gallon. C. L. McNees.

## DRUGGIST ENDORSE

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Rust & McCauley sell Dodson's Liver Tone and guarantee 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 50 cents 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.

### Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank my many friends and acquaintances for their sympathy and assistance at the time of my mother, Mrs. S. A. Henderson's burial at this place. Respectfully,  
Mrs. West Edwards.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. J. H. Young of Canadian has been the guest of Mrs. J. W. Wheatley.

Mrs. S. P. Foster returned home Monday morning from Colorado where she visited her sister Mrs. Manda Spore.

Bill Sheppard was a social caller in Sweetwater last Friday evening.

Miss Eva Mae Murphy who has been here the past few days visiting her sister Miss Mattie Murphy, returned to her home in Abilene Sunday.

Miss Ruth Merritt of Abilene came in Sunday to spend a few days visiting her brother Ben T Merritt and friends.

Misses Winnie Warren and Holland Teaff returned to school at Waco after spending the holidays with their parents.

Mrs. W. H. Orr returned to her home at Putman the first of the week after a few days visit here with her daughters Mesdames J. A. Adkisson and F. A. Sanders

Peter Walton of Dallas has been visiting friends and relatives in our city for a few days.

Mrs. W. E. Davis and little daughter Ernestine returned to their home at Winters Friday after spending the holidays with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church.

Miss Fannie Bourroughs visited friends in Abilene the latter part of last week.

Mrs. R. C. Tyler of Baird has been here the past week visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lamar.

Mrs. Robert Deaton and son Bert of Ivan, Texas, are here visiting Mrs. Deaton's mother Mrs. L. I. Valentine.

Mrs. Kate Hancock visited C. A. Andrews and family at Abilene the latter part of last week.

Miss Emma Penny returned to her home at Winters Friday after visiting her sister Mrs. Eli Case the past week.

Miss Fannie Tippett of Abilene has been visiting W. L. Harkrider and family.

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