

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## HAMM HOME IS BADLY DAMAGED

The home of J. P. Hamm in southwest Merkel was badly damaged by fire Tuesday evening about 3 o'clock.

The fire originated in the kitchen from a defective flue and before the department could respond to the alarm the flames had spread through almost the entire roof of the house and about the kitchen and dining room. The work of the fireboys was very efficient and the flames were soon extinguished. Some of the furniture and household goods were taken from the house and saved in good condition, while a majority of the things left in the house were either damaged by heat or water. The loss on the house was not covered by insurance, there being some insurance on the furniture although it was not completely covered.

In summarizing the work of the fire department it was the best that has ever been done in the resident section of Merkel. The scene of the fire being 12 blocks from the station and slightly over 4 blocks from the nearest plug where hose connections could be made. No mishaps occurred and the boys had a stream of water plying on the flames in a very few moments and in a very short time the fire was completely extinguished.

### Wild Cats Plentiful.

T. J. Purdom of Route 5 community was in town Saturday with a large "bob cat" the fifth one he has caught in the last two weeks he has been trapping. He has also caught about 25 skunks during the same length of time and reports good luck at catching all varmints but wolves. The cat he brought to town Saturday was sold to E. P. McMillen and is now on display in the windows of the Behrens McMillen Furniture Co. It was much alive when brought in but will soon be on exhibition, mounted, and as harmless as a house cat, for the present owner is a taxidermist of no mean ability and is always in the market for good additions to his collections.

### T. T. Spann for Sheriff.

T. T. Spann of Abilene announces this week to our readers as candidate for the office of sheriff of Taylor county subject to the action of the democrats primaries of next July.

Mr. Spann announces for sheriff solely upon his own merits, he has always voted the democratic ticket and asks your honest consideration of his claims when you cast your vote. He has lived in the county during the past ten years, being in the grocery and market business in Abilene during most of his residence there.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reid visited relatives in Trent the first of the week. Mr. Reid has almost recovered from the severe spell of La Grippe he contracted some time ago.

## Carload and Express Figures of Merkel's Business in 1913

A Recapitulation of all Imports and Exports of Our Town  
During the Year 1913. Taken From the Records Kept  
by the Texas & Pacific Ry. Co. and Wells Fargo Express Co's Books

Summarized the records of imports in live stock, horses, mules and cattle show to have been 1680 head during 1913 with an export of 4680 head. 183 cars of cotton and 82 cars of cotton seed were shipped. The dairy shipments show 25000 pounds of butter and the home consumption. In case lots 45000 dozen eggs were shipped when added to the amount used by Merkel people.

The export of poultry shows that 25,000 chickens were exported adding to the farmers pockets another \$10,000 from the post.

The most astounding figures found in the records of either was the fact that during the first nine months of 1913 there was shipped approximately 3000 gallons of beer and 5000 quarts of wines and liquors for alcoholic drinks. These figures are careful estimates of the total.

The following statistics are taken from the comparative press company's books and are self explanatory.

## NEGRO MINSTREL FOR NEXT MONTH

A committee has been appointed by Chief Ferrier of the Fire Department to arrange for a negro minstrel to be given during the first part of February.

While some outside assistance will be called upon most of those who will take part in the black face farce and musical comedy will be members of the fire department. Several of whom are able to do most any foolish fantastic step that could be imagined and every one has some old stale joke laid up that he will not crack at this intertainment but will bring into play all the newest songs and jokes that can be obtained. Everybody talk the minstrel and then go when they have it.

Popular prices of \$1.00 per seat will not be charged for this occasion so watch for the prices and then buy a ticket. Seats on sale some time in the future, at some place in Merkel and at some price to be advertised later.

### J. D. Hilton for County Clerk.

We wish to announce to our readers this week the name of J. D. Hilton of Tye as candidate for the office of County Clerk of Taylor county subject to the action of the Democratic primaries in July. Mr. Hilton has, since his coming to Tye 10 years ago, been a successful farmer of that country and now asks the voters for their careful consideration to his claims, and if found qualified he asks that you vote for him if consistent with your views.

Mrs. C. E. Whitaker visited in Abilene the latter part of last week.

Miss Zora Coggin who has been visiting her sister Mrs. A. G. Crouch of Douglas, Ariz. for the past four months has returned home. She also visited her brother W. A. Coggin of El Paso while on her way home.

	Carload Imports	Carload Exports
Agricultural Implements	4	1
Automobiles	1	
Bagging and Ties	6	
Brick	17	
Cattle (beef)	13	123
Cement	4	
Coal	47	
Cotton		183
Cotton seed		82
Cotton seed meal & Hulls	80	
Dry Goods		3
Flour & mill products	88	5
Apples	3	
Furniture	3	3
Grain (domestic)	37	10
Gravel	1	
Hay	49	6
Hogs	3	4
Household Goods	20	38
Ice	38	
Iron, steel & old iron	3	2
Lime	4	
Live stock (except beef cattle and hogs)	43	33
Lumber & shingles	39	1
Machinery	2	3
Merchandise (various in description)	515	46
Twine	1	
Oil	2	
Petroleum and its products	2	
Poultry		1
Salt	4	
Stone and sand	5	
Sugar	13	
Potatoes	8	
Vehicles	9	
Wire and nails	1	
Wood (oak)	1	

The express shipments are as following: Butter shipped 25000 pounds, milk 500 gallons, eggs 1500 cases, hides and skins 16,855 pounds, poultry 25,000 in number. The import express shipments are as follows: Beer 3000 gallons in nine months, 500 crates of bananas for year, 500 cases apples, lemons and oranges, 5000 quarts of wines and other liquors and 600 gallons of mineral water.

### Stores to Close at 6:30

After February the 15th all stores of Merkel with the exception of the drug stores and confectioneries will close their doors at 6:30 each evening. A petition was circulated and the signatures of all the business men secured to same.

### 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.

## GOOD ROAD MEET

Mayor Stallings received a request from Homer D. Wade of the National Good Road Association last week asking him to appoint six or more delegates to attend the Good Road Convention to be held in Fort Worth, January 26, 27 and 28th.

Those appointed are J. W. Briggs, J. L. Banner, Austin Boyd, Jno. G. Jackson, C. D. Mims, B. W. Robinson, and B. C. Gaither. All these men have signified their willingness to attend this convention if possible. It is to be of Nation-wide importance and the factor of good roads all over the state is to be one of the strongest points to be worked on.

### Improving Offices.

G. F. West has been making some improvements during the late to the offices of his building that are now occupied by Dr. S. L. Davis. The rooms are being treated to a new coat of paper and other accessories which give the offices a very neat appearance.

### J. N. Routh for District Clerk.

We wish to call attention to the name of J. N. Routh in our announcement columns this week as candidate for the office of District Clerk of Taylor county subject to our July primaries.

Mr. Routh is well known in this county, having been connected with the schools at this place as principle of the north ward, he was also superintendent of the Trent schools before coming here and accepted the position of superintendent of the Tye schools on his departure from Merkel. We feel that Mr. Routh is well qualified to fill the position to which he aspires and ask that you give his claims careful consideration.

Mrs. G. H. McDonald and children visited relatives in Abilene last week.

## FIREMEN HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The Merkel volunteer firemen met in regular session Monday night for their annual election of officers, who were elected as follows:

J. T. Warren, president; J. O. Hamilton, vice-president; Frank J. Ferrier was re-elected chief of the department, J. C. Comegys assistant chief and O. M. Sharp second assistant chief; Ocie Burns captain of Hose Co. No. 1 and W. L. Burns captain of the Chemical Engine Co. The election of a sponsor was taken up but deferred until the next meeting night. A committee was also appointed to carry out the plans of having a Negro Minstrel for the benefit of the department.

Chief Ferrier submitted the following interesting report showing what the department has done during the past year.

Hon. J. P. Sharp, President Merkel Fire Department.

Mr. President:—

In accordance with the constitution of our department it becomes my duty as chief to submit to you the annual report for the year ending Jan. 10, 1913. In this you will find a complete list of fires and losses as near as could be secured, the cost of maintenance, the amount of work done, the amount of apparatus in service and a few recommendations that would be for the more successful operation of the department.

There are two horses in the service at present, both in good condition and well trained for the work. The apparatus now in service consists of one combination hose and ladder wagon, one American La-France chemical engine. We have 500 feet of hose in first class condition and 800 feet in serviceable condition.

The department has responded to 16 alarms, 14 of which were fires, the other two being false alarms. The department has been called to protect property valued at approximately \$94,853.00 on which there was a loss from fire and water of \$19,692.00 showing a saving of \$75,261 to our property holders through the efforts of the department. The causes of the fires as near as can be ascertained are as follows. Burning trash 3, incendiary 2, lamp explosions 1, cigarettes 1, flues 1, unknown 6, total 14.

During the year, 41,500 feet of hose was laid, the chemical engine discharged 10 times. 356 men answered the various alarms.

The cost of maintenance: salaries nothing, feed \$54.00, man to feed team \$23.50, lights \$11.65, coal 50c, repairs and blacksmithing \$72.25, supplies for engine \$18.75, laundry \$4.50, oil \$1.15. Total \$186.30

Recommendations to the city council. 500 feet of new hose is needed very badly as we only have 500 feet in good condition. This matter should be attended to before we have a big loss through the bursting of these old hose. Our alarm system should be improved upon as it is

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SECRET



**MY DEAR MAN**  
**IT DOES N'T MATTER WHO YOU ARE, OR IN**  
**WHAT WALK OF LIFE; YOUR FIRST DUTY IS TO**  
**START A BANK ACCOUNT. IT GIVES YOU SAFETY**  
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**YOUR MONEY IS SAFE IN OUR BANK AND WHEN**  
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MERKEL

THE SAFE WAY

### FIREMEN HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

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very poor at the present especially day time alarms. An electric gong at the station with a line to the central office would be a great improvement. A few coats and boots are badly needed. The services at the pump station that has been given in the past could be improved upon, as the water supply and pressure are not always what they should be.

The discipline of the entire membership of the department has been of the very highest. The department as a whole has worked in more perfect unison than during any previous year.

In conclusion I want to thank Mayor Stallings and the entire council for their kindness and favors extended during the past year. I also want to mention the work of my two assistants J. O. Comegy and Geo. Cauthern. They have always displayed good judgment on all occasions and have been of great assistance to me. Thanking the foremen of their respective companies and especially the members who sleep at the station who receive the brunt of the work and also the boys who exercise the team. I beg to remain.

Yours for the success of our department. F. J. Ferrier.

#### Lindale Man Visits Here.

R. A. Miller of Lindale was in Merkel Saturday and Sunday visiting friends, coming here from Abilene where he and his wife are spending a few days for the latter's health.

Mr. Miller reports his wife having been stricken with paralysis on the nineteenth of last month and for some days after her condition was regarded as very serious. However Mrs. Miller is improving to some extent and is able to move about some. They are now on their way Andrews to visit their daughter Mrs. Geo. Logsdon. Mr. and Mrs. Miller formerly made their home in our city for a number of years and have a host of friends here who regret very much to learn of Mrs. Miller's condition.

#### Knockers.

A haberdasher complains that cans do not find a ready sale in this town. This may be because it is difficult to carry a cane and a hammer at the same time.—Topeka Journal.

#### THANKS FOR ASSISTANCE.

We wish to thank the people of Merkel for having assisted so liberally both financially and otherwise following the loss of our entire household goods from fire. We also wish to especially thank the Masons for their liberality. It has indeed been a great help to us.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Grogan

#### To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVES' signature on each box. 25c.

#### Cribbed.

"Waggles read a very thoughtful paper, don't you think?" "Yes, full of other people's thoughts."

#### Friendship.

To contract ties of friendship with anyone is to contract friendship with his virtue.—Confucius.

#### New Name for "Central."

We know of an excited German who rushed to the telephone, seized the receiver and shouted: "Hello, hello! Is this the middle?"

#### Was Nothing to Worry Over.

A clothing designer of Philadelphia committed suicide because he couldn't figure out the season's styles. Who can?

#### Art of Living.

The art of living rightly is like all arts. . . it must be learned and practiced with incessant care.—Goethe.

#### Keeping Water Hot.

Insulate the hot water boiler by building around it a box filled with sawdust. Let the fire go out immediately after breakfast, and find the water in tank hot at ten p. m.

#### Dillard for Tax Collector.

W. F. Dillard of 501 Cedar St., Abilene announces to our readers this week for the office of tax collector of Taylor county subject to our Democratic elections of next July.

Mr. Dillard in making the announcement asks that the voters of Taylor county look into his claims and to pay special attention to his needs of having the office. Promising in return faithful service to the people whose affairs he will be placed in charge of. Give Mr. Dillard's claims careful consideration when casting your vote.

#### Advertised Letters

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Jan. 15, 1914

Deans, John  
Yan Mikeska  
Throp & Co. D. S.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Jan. 30, 1914.  
H. W. Derstine, P. M.

#### PROFESSIONAL

**DR. S. L. DAVIS**  
DENTIST

Office over Woodroof and Company.  
Phones—Office 154, residence 34

**O. F. McMASTER**  
DENTIST

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Notary Public.  
Office over Farmers State Bank

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The most up-to-date  
SHOP IN MERKEL

**CITY BARBER SHOP**  
WEST & PATE, Proprietors

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

Office in First State Bank and Trust Company  
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Your work appreciated.  
Prompt Service at Reasonable Rates  
**GEO. C. BISHOP :: Manager**

**C. D. MIMS**

Attorney-At-Law

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Land Title Work a Sp  
Office over Farmers State Bank.

#### Grandma Bolles Dead.

Grandma Bolles, age 70 years, of the Shiloh community died at the home of her daughter Mrs. O. B. Tatum Sunday afternoon and was buried at the Shiloh cemetery Monday afternoon. Mrs. Bowles had been in very bad health for some time, coming here from Buffalo Gap in order that she might be with her daughter during her last days.

TO EVERY LADY IN OUR CITY  
**Pair of Scissors Free**

With any Purchase of the Nyal or Rexall  
Guaranteed Remedies we will give you  
absolutely free

A NICE PAIR OF  
**SCISSORS**

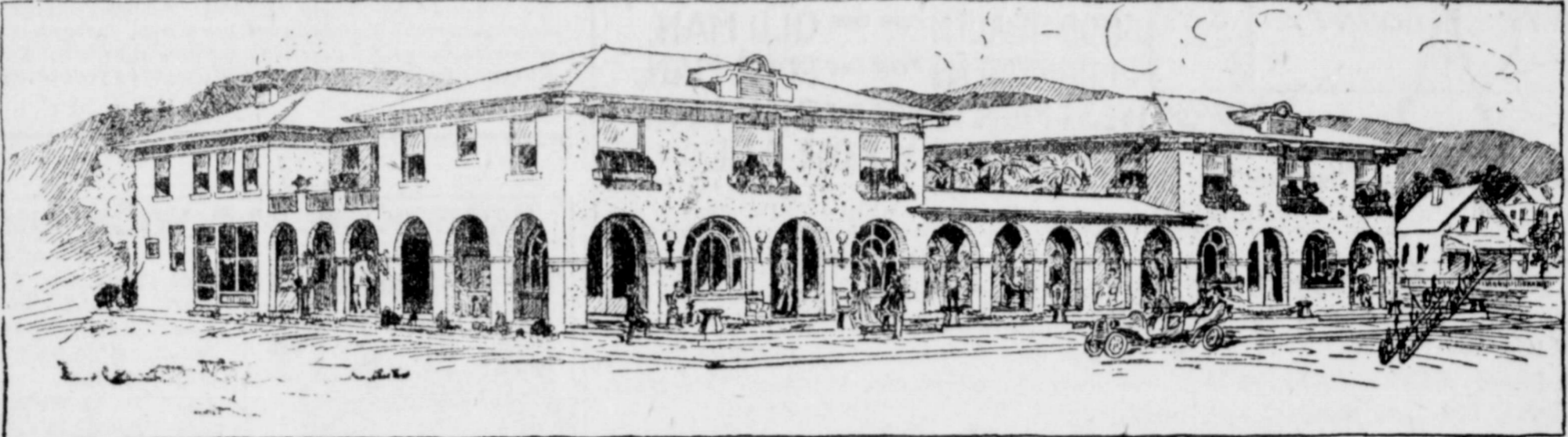
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If you are interested write to or call on

**DR. R. G. MILLING, Masseuer in Charge,** PUTNAM -- TEXAS

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Jno. Childress of Trent spent Tuesday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes.

Mrs. W. A. SoRelle returned to her home at Eskota Tuesday afternoon after spending several days with her daughter Mrs. W. A. Scott.

Mrs. N. A. Parker and son Don of Alvin, Texas, are the guests of Mrs. J. T. Vantreas this week.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier were in Sweetwater Thursday evening for the play.

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

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. Austin Fitts has gone to St. Louis to buy goods.

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. Wm. Elliott visited her brother D. I. Shelton at Union Ridge.

Miss Jessie Rodgers of Quanah visited Mrs. E. M. Brown and other friends here this week.

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

Mrs. C. F. Dunning was in Eskota the first of the week visiting her daughter Mrs. McConnell.

Mrs. E. Henderson was the guest of her sister Mrs. J. C. Hammer of Trent the first of the week.

Watch and clock repairing by Sublett the jeweler at Rust & McCauley's Drug Store. 16 t 4

Mrs. H. C. Williams and daughter Miss Evelyn Williams were visitors in Abilene Saturday.

**Milks Emulsion at Grimes Drug Store.**

Miss Madalyn Adkisson left Friday for Putman to visit her uncle Y. A. Orr and family.

Mrs. R. E. Bowles and Mrs. E. Bennett were the guests of Mrs. E. M. Bowles of Abilene Tuesday.

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**LaFrance Flour**

Biscuits are until you have tasted them for yourself. They are

- So Crisp
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- So Good

It's so easy to please him when you use LaFrance Flour

Why not order a sack to-day?

**G. F. WEST & SONS**

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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 respectively. One farm wagon \$10.00. Real bargains. Speak quick if you want them. Dr. Geo. L. Miller.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One 7 room house in McCauley for city property in Merkel. A. J. Bill, McCauley Texas, Star Route.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One bay and one brown horse. Will exchange for town property. W. O. Ash.

FOR SALE—Red rust proof seed oats, clean of trash and other seeds. 60 cents per bu. C. R. Horton, 1 mile east of Noodle. 16t2

FOR SALE—Bundle maize 4 cents. Then heads \$1.10 per hundred. S. H. L. Swafford, Merkel, Route 1.

FOR SALE—One pair small mules and a good horse, Kent Street Grocery Company. 19t2

Mrs. E. C. Reeves and little daughter of Lookney were the guest of Mrs. W. A. Scott the latter part of last week.

Mrs. H. B. Reid of Lubbock is here visiting her sister Mrs. Vol Martin.

Miss Clara Will McNatte of Abilene is visiting Miss Frances Burroughs.

Davenport Gaither was in Abilene attending to business matters Monday.

Mrs. G. J. Jones and little daughter Ruth are at home from Nevada, Texas.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. W. J. McCollum returned to her home at Clyde Monday after spending the past week with her daughter Mrs. J. K. Cauthen.

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

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 GOOD CHURCHES; GOOD PEOPLE;  
 THE CITY TO LIVE IN;  
 THE CITY TO INVEST IN  
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 GOOD HEALTH FOR THE OLD MAN,  
 EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POOR MAN,  
 INVESTMENTS FOR THE RICH MAN  
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If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

### THE MAIL ORDER HOUSES

The great American mail order houses are fast putting the country merchants out of business, asserts Representative Hinebaugh, the Illinois Progressive, who recently inserted in the Congressional Record in the house an argument in support of his bill taxing these concerns for rural benefits. His measure proposes that the revenue thus raised shall be expended in building country roads.

Mr. Hinebaugh says that the decrease in village populations is due to the elimination of local merchants by mail order competition and that a social deterioration of rural centers is the net result.

"One mail order house in the city of Chicago has sixty-three acres of floor space" he says. "Another one in the same city, according to a statement under oath of its presents, made a net profit of \$17,000,000 on last year's business. A million dollar building is to be erected by Montgomery Ward & Co in Kansas City to duplicate its present building at Nineteenth and Campbell streets.

This mail order corporation is also about to enter New York, San Francisco and Portland.

It should be perfectly apparent to every thinking person that the country merchant must go out of business as the great mail order houses gradually close down upon the local markets. In eight of our great states many towns have lost population during the last ten years.

"It is contended by the friends of the mail order houses that as a great economic question the rights of the consumer and purchaser to buy wherever he can obtain the lowest prices should not be raised and that if the extension of the mail order business means the elimination of the country merchants then the country merchant must go.

"If such arguments were logically sound, which I do not admit, there is still the social, moral and religious view to be considered. The retail merchant is the backbone of the country town. The Mail order house is the worst enemy. The farmers need the town, and the town must have the farmers."

Representative Hinebaugh concluded his statement with the assertion that "the great mail order houses have no difficulty in underselling the retail dealer, no matter how much he may reduce his margin of profit. Buying as they do from prison contractors the products of convict labor, they secure many of their manufactured articles at prices that would be utterly impossible to obtain if made by free labor. This source of supply is, of course, not open to the small retailer even if he was inclined to avail himself of it."

Motor boats instead of gondoliers, will make Venice as prosaic as a valley town during an overflow.

### WAGES AND AUTOMOBILES

Mr. Henry Ford's system of making \$5 a day the minimum wage for everyone in his extensive automobile factory will not add anything toward the solution of the high cost of living or the labor problem.

Let us presume that the wages of every mechanic and every laboring man in the United States were raised to \$5 a day. Follow the thing a little further and raise the wage of all farm hands to \$5 a day.

There would be an immediate advance in the price of flour to \$15 a barrel and beefsteak would go to \$1 a pound.

An arbitrary raise of everybody's wages in the United States would not solve a single question, but would merely emphasize the fact that men are worth exactly what they earn.

Some people may be paid a starvation wage. In some callings the wages are too small. But a horizontal raise will accomplish nothing.

The high cost of living will be solved when the output of labor is greater and the output of the farm is greater and when the outputs are cheaply brought into the kitchen of the consumer.

Mr. Ford's action is also out of line with another economic law. Of course his men ought to be paid good wages but if his profits are enormous from his manufacturing, he should give the ultimate consumer, who is the buyer of the automobile, the benefit by reducing to him the price of his car.

The automobile must finally become the poor man's necessity, just as it has been the rich man's luxury.

When bicycles were first put on the market they sold at an enormous price. Finally they were cut to \$50, and poor indeed was the man who did not have one. Mechanics, clerks and others rode them to work, and now they are enormously used by messenger boys and for delivery work.

The automobile must come to a price finally where the farmer may use it for going to town and the farmer's wife may take butter and eggs in it to market.

Mr. Ford and others must so economize the cost of manufacturing that this result can be soon brought about.—Commercial Appeal.

Hats off to the weatherman for last week's brand.

As between Villa and Huerta, Mexico wouldn't know which was the lesser evil.

While Roosevelt hunts the jungle inhabitants his press agent hunts the telegraph stations; both keep busy.

In Arkansas a cow ate \$30 that was in the owner's vest pocket, and we are wondering if the \$30 is now milk bills.

"Man makes his own hell," thundered a Washington preacher, and every politician in the city sat up and looked self-conscious.

A Portsmouth, N. H. policeman has lost her job because she was too young and pretty. All the dear boys probably wanted to be arrested.

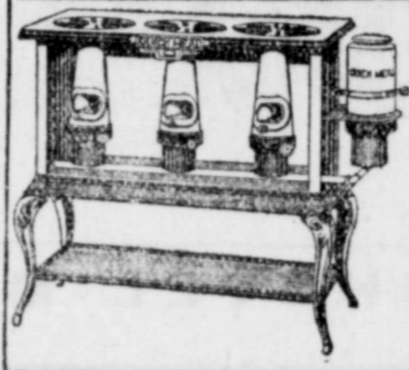
One Federal soldier says he has been short of breath ever since the battle of Bull Run. In spite of the misleading histories, the truth will finally rise, and all will know that the South won the Civil war, even without counting the last decisive battle when Wilson captured the White House.

## WHENEVER YOU NEED A GENERAL TONIC - TAKE GROVE'S

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

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

### "QUICK MEAL" WICK OIL STOVE



THE ONLY OIL STOVE EQUIPPED WITH A GLASS FRONT. SIMPLE AS A LAMP. MAKES A CLEAN AND POWERFUL BLUE FLAME. EASY TO RE-WICK OR REGULATE. HAS PORCELAIN BURNER DRUMS THAT CANNOT RUST, AND AUTOMATIC WICK STOP WHICH PREVENTS SMOKING.

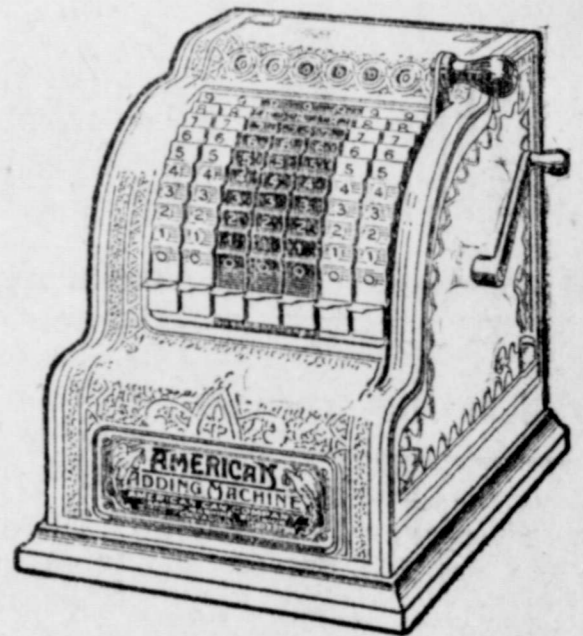
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We will gladly place in any office one American adder for a ten days test.

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Just send us this coupon and we'll send the machine.

Please send us an American Adding machine for ten days free trial.

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**OUR CORRESPONDENCE**

**Butman**

Jan. 13—The farmers are making good headway in preparing their land for a new crop.

A play party given by Miss Sallie Perry Saturday night was greatly enjoyed by those present.

A program was rendered by the school children at Butman school house Friday afternoon.

Mr. Earl Perkins and Drew Clark were pleasant callers at the home of J. T. Perry Sunday.

The Sunday school and prayer meeting at the Butman school house are progressing nicely.

The singing class at Butman was organized Sunday afternoon and some splendid singing was rendered by the class and visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Cook of Dora were visitors in our community Sunday.

A literary society will be organized at Butman school house next Friday night. Everybody is invited to come and take a part and make it a success. There will also be a program for that night to be rendered by volunteers.

**\$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

**Shiloh**

Jan. 12—As we have not seen any items from this place in the Mail for quite a while we try to send in a few notes this week with hopes that the editor will give them space in the paper.

Bro. Geo. Scott preached at this place Saturday and Sunday.

Bro. Horn was buried at this place the first of last week.

Mr. Jim Grayson is attending court at Anson this week.

Bro. Geo. Scott and family were the guest of Sam Grayson and family Sunday.

Will Boyd and children took dinner with Bud Brown and family Sunday.

There was a party at Mr. Wheelers Friday night.

**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.

Ernest Carter of Abilene was a social caller in Merkel Sunday.

**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.

**SPECIAL FOR JANUARY**

As usual we have a few mens winter and medium weight suits that we want to close out and in order to do so quick we are going to cut the price half into for the balance of this month.

**STOP AND THINK WHAT THAT MEANS**

- \$20.00 Suits of Hart, Schaffner & Marx for only - \$10.00
- 18 Suits of Hart, Schaffner & Marx for only - 9.25
- 16.50 Friebergs fine clothing for only - 8.25
- 15 Friebergs fine clothing for only - 7.50
- 12.50 Friebergs fine clothing for only - 6.25
- 10 Friebergs fine clothing for only - 5.00

**BOYS CLOTHING ONE THIRD OFF.**

- \$5.00 Boys all wool suits, pants linen lined . . . \$3.35
- 4.50 Boys all wool suits, pants linen lined . . . 3.50
- 3.50 Boys all wool suits, pants linen lined . . . 2.85

Lots of other good seasonable merchandise at reduced prices.

**W. D. WOODROOF AND COMPANY**  
THE QUALITY STORE

**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.

**Sweetwater Steam Laundry.**

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

Misses Eula and Pet Sears were visitors in Abilene Monday.

**Fever Sores.**

Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely but should be kept in a healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by all dealers. adv.

**Entertainment Tonight.**

The ladies who have in charge the work of getting up the play at Stith tonight (Friday) are very much enthused over their work and ask that as many from Merkel attend their play "The Old Maid's Club" as can. After the entertainment is over a box supper will be given, the benefit of which will be used for the Philathea class of the Sunday school at that place.

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.

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

E. C. Conner left Tuesday for Weatherford.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by Herbine. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

**OUR CORRESPONDENCE**

**Compere**

Jan. 12—Health of our community is good as far as we know.

The wedding bells rang at Compere. Mark Estes and Miss Martin of Merkel were married New Years evening. He brought his bride out to his home near Compere on Monday night and gave a few of his friends a sociable. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jake Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ashby, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Louis Moore and daughter and Master Billie Moore, Misses Emma May Mashburn, Carrie and Mollie Shannon and Mr. Harvey Warren of Merkel. After chatting until eight o'clock refreshments were served after which a game of snap was started out on the lawn, the old people run the snap game and the young people stretched their sides laughing. Several nice presents were given to the bride and bridegroom. At half past nine we wished them a long and happy life, then we all went home feeling young and lively. May Gods richest blessings be theirs through life.

There is some cotton to pick around Compere yet. Grain is fine. Good grazing for the stock.

W. N. Moore, Compere's merchant has returned from the east where he spent the holidays. He said people in the east were stuck up bad, but in a bog hole in the road.

Bro. Ross preached Sunday afternoon. We like him as a preacher being the first time I ever heard him. He will preach every second Sunday evening at 3 o'clock at Compere.

**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.

**Wanted**

25 good loans around Merkel in next 90 days. Come while I have plenty of money.

G. T. McCulloh,  
Box 37, Abilene, Texas.

**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.

**Blair**

Jan. 12—Elder Price Bankhead preached here Sunday evening to a large and appreciative audience.

Rev. H. F. Pursler failed to fill his appointment Sunday on account of the cold weather.

The Blair singing class was reorganized Sunday night. W. A. Campbell was elected president, Elzie Stanley and Ernest Moore were selected as leaders. They will order some song books and hope to improve. Their regular meeting time is the 1st and 3rd Sunday nights each month.

Mrs. M. A. Powell is very sick at this time. Her son, Dr. Powell of Buffalo Gap has been with her several days and Dr. Miller was called to see her Tuesday.

Quite a number of farmers are sowing spring oats now. The fall oats and wheat are looking fine and furnishing good pasture for all the stock.

W. A. Tittle went to Abilene Friday. New scholars are still coming and the Blair school is growing.

Miss Jessie Williams visited her parents at Abilene Saturday returning Sunday.

County Supt. Smith visited in Blair last week.

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, watermelons, etc. H. A. Halbert, Coleman, Texas.

**The Merkel Bargain Store**

Opposite Post Office

Every article in our store being a bargain we have named it the Merkel Bargain Store and cordially invite the people of Merkel and surrounding country to call and see our prices. On our bargain counters we have articles of value and to induce our friends and customers to buy where they can get the greatest value for the least money. We have arranged 3 counters for premiums. Any article on counter No. 1 will be given with each \$1.50 purchase. Any article on counter No. 2 will be given with each \$1.00 purchase. Any article on counter No. 3 will be given with each 50c purchase. Do not fail to get some of these premiums. Bring us your produce, we will pay you cash for it.

You can not lose by trading with us.

**W. P. DUCKETT, PROPRIETOR**



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Jones-Walker.

A pretty home wedding was celebrated Sunday afternoon, January 4th, when Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Walker of Stith gave their daughter, Georgia, in marriage to Mr. Edgar Jones of Hope, Texas. Elder Price Bankhead performed the ceremony. Promptly at 4 o'clock Miss Laura Winters, the brides aunt and Miss Mary Belle Walker, the brides sister, lead the way to the altar followed by the bridal couple. The bride was charming in a beautiful white satin robe trimmed with pearls. The groom wore the conventional black. The marriage service was witnessed by the immediate members of the families and a few near friends. The reception rooms were daintily decorated with white roses and foliage. A six o'clock luncheon was served. Mr. and Mrs. Jones left Tuesday for their future home at Hope, Texas. They received many lovely and useful gifts. The Mail joins their many friends in wishing them many years of health, happiness and prosperity.

On Tuesday evening Miss Frances Burroughs delightfully entertained at her home on Orange St., in honor of Misses Clara Will McNette and Cecil Haley of Matador. Forty-two, Bunco and Rook were some of the games played. The hostess served punch during the party hours. Those present were Misses Mary Gunn, Jessie Sutphen, Elma Sheppard, Virginia and Venona Hamblet, Pet Sears, Mattie T. Mann, Myrtle and Gertrude Davis, Zora and Tommie Coggin, Hattie Bell, Agnes Hall, Zula Huffaker, Minnie and Almeda Harris, Gladys Haynes, and the honorees. Messrs. Roy Bradley of Abilene, Ben Merritt, Ira Shaffer, Tally Holloway, Loyd McCarty of Abilene, Ross Green of Abilene, Robert Barlow of Abilene, Oscar Pate, Homer Easterwood, Dee Grimes, Ollie Dye, Frank Ferrier, Choc. Jones, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Emmett and Ennis Grimes, Sam Swann, Forest Gaither, Roger Haynes, Olly Cordell, George Woodrum, and Steve Duckett.

The "This and That" club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. B. J. Riney. Several hours were delightfully spent with many kinds of needlecraft interspersed with conversation. Those present Mesdames B. M. Black, J. G. Hale, Georgia Bagwell, Jno. Toombs, W. H. Laney, C. L. Cash, Jim Barnett, Jno. Ensminger, J. J. Stallings, Richie, Ponder and Hubbard.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Baxendale celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their marriage last Monday evening at the home on Edwards St. Progressive "42" furnished diversion for an enjoyable evening. A salad course with hot chocolate was served to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Saddler, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pate.

The annual business meeting of the Twentieth Century Club was held in the Library Saturday afternoon January 10th, 1914. The president Mrs. W. Parten presided over the meeting. Mrs. J. G. Hale was elected as a substitute. The election of officers was held and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. G. H. Adams; Vice President, Miss Evalyn Williams; Recording Secretary, Mrs. S. L. Davis; Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer Mrs. G. F. West; Library Manager, Miss Evalyn Williams; Members of the Ex-Board, Miss May Valentine and Mrs. W. Parten. Mrs. Davis then took charge of the lesson. After a brief review of the Merchant of Venice the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. R. A. Martin January 24th. The following members were present: Misses Duncan Browning, Willie and May Valentine, Agnes Hall, Mesdames G. H. Adams, J. A. Adkisson, S. L. Davis, J. G. Hale, R. A. Martin, W. Parten, A. C. Rose, and Geo. F. West.

W. A. Sheppard chaperoned a crowd of 13 to Castle Peak Sunday. The girls carried well filled baskets. After the long drive to the mountains luncheon was enjoyed before climbing the Peak. Kodaking featured in the afternoons enjoyment. The crowd included Misses Jamie Lee Ware, Nina and Geneva Warnick, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nix,

Dent Gibson, Lee and Andrew Baker, Gaines Ware, and Loyd Sheppard. 13 is considered a very unlucky number, all escaped the "hoodoo" with the exception of Miss Ware, who missed two Abilene friends who had motored over to see her and had returned to their homes before she arrived. Misses Willie and Helen Ware and Hugh Warnick joined the crowd at supper which was spread on the lawn at the Warnick home. After partaking of a delightful supper the crowd ended this ideal day by making candy at the home of the Misses Wares.

Epworth League Program.

January 18th, 1914.  
Subject—Honesty and Liberality.  
Leader—Sallie Toombs.  
Scripture Reference: Duet. 25: 13-15, Luke 6: 38.  
Song  
Prayer  
Leader's talk.  
Liberality and Honesty compared. Mammie McNeese.  
Liberality and Honesty contrasted. Robert Hicks.  
Solo—Miss Eva Williams.  
Reading Epworth Visitor.  
Miscellaneous.  
Benediction.

For Sale.

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

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.

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Because its the evidence of a Merkel citizen.

H. W. Derstine, postmaster, Merkel, Texas, says: "I still believe Doan's Kidney Pills are good for kidney trouble, although I never have to use them any more. You are at liberty to use my statement as heretofore. Backache bothered me off and on for years and Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Rust & McCauley Drug Co., relieved me. I believe they will cure any case of kidney trouble, if taken as directed."

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

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.

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with Ballards 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.

J. C. Mason of Deport was in the city the first of the week looking after his land holdings in the Rock Crossing community.

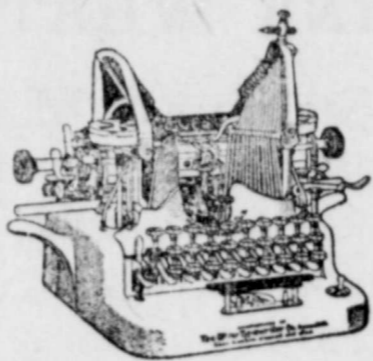
For Skin Diseases.

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.

Mrs. E. C. Conner who has been visiting in our city for the past few days left Tuesday for Abilene where she will visit Mrs. J. G. Barker.

# Why Not Try The 17c-a-Day Plan?

The beauty of the Oliver Typewriter 17-Cents-a-Day Plan is that it works out satisfactorily for everybody concerned. This plan ties up a very large sum of the company's money in typewriters sold on time. But we have an abundance of capital. We are glad to use our resources to bring this great business aid within easy reach of all who have use for typewriters.



Thousands tell us they bought their Oliver Typewriters without noticing the outlay. Here's the way the plan works: You make a small first payment and get the machine at once. Then save 17-Cents-a-Day and pay monthly exactly same as rent. When you complete the payments the typewriter is yours forever. And you pay only the regular list price.

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

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

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

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

For making quickly and perfectly, delicious hot biscuits, hot breads, cake and pastry there is no substitute for

# Dr. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

MADE FROM GRAPES  
Sixty Years the Standard

## STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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S. P. FOSTER : PROPRIETOR

## DON'T LET CONSTIPATION RUIN YOUR HEALTH

It Deadens the Brain and Weakens the body. Nature Needs Real and Harmless aid to Overcome it.

Nature does her best to fight constipation and its evil effects. She fights to the last atom of her strength, but usually she has to have assistance.

To avoid the sluggish brain and weakened body, the sick headache, coated tongue and biliousness, it is unwise to use unpleasant calomel, a medicine so strong that it leaves most people "all knocked out." Don't take chances with your health.

A great number of people have learned that Dodson's Liver Tone (50c) makes one brighter, healthier and happier in a perfectly easy and natural way, with no pain nor gripe and no bad after-effects.

Rust & McCauley Drug Co., guarantee it without condition and will refund purchase price if you are not entirely satisfied. Dodson's Liver Tone is an absolutely safe, pleasant tasting vegetable liquid and a wonderful liver stimulant which takes the place of calomel, but be sure you get Dodson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Boaz left Friday for Breckenridge to visit Mrs. Boaz's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hobson.

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You don't save money when you buy cheap or big-can baking powder. Don't be misled. Buy Calumet. It's more economical—more wholesome—gives best results. Calumet is far superior to sour milk and soda.

Pure mebane cotton seed.  
See me. Jno. D. Gaither.

L. Sparkman of Dallas spent several days here with friends.

Miss Jessie Rodgers of Quanah visited Mrs. E. M. Brown and other friends here this week.

## WATCH THIS SPACE EVERY WEEK FOR Grimes Weekly Drug Report

It will contain news of interest whether you are a drug user or not.

## GRIMES DRUG STORE FOR QUALITY

**To Prevent Blood Poisoning**  
apply at once the wonderful old 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.

**Resolutions of Sympathy**  
Whereas death came to the family circle of our beloved Sov. Horn is and esteemed and worthy member of Lone Mesquite Camp, No. 1983 W. O. W. of Noodle Texas; and whereas we as a lodge and individual members do deeply sympathize with our worthy sovereign and his loved ones in their deep bereavement and affliction. Be it resolved, that we do extend our brother heartfelt sympathy as members of our camp; and that we direct him and his loved ones to our Heavenly Father for strength and sympathy in this hour of sorrow.

Resolved further that we do implore our Heavenly Father to support and comfort our brother and his loved ones; that a copy of these resolutions be furnished Sov. Horn and family a copy be spread on the minutes of the Camp and a copy be furnished the Merkel Mail for publication. Respectfully submitted.

A. B. Ely.  
J. E. Jones.  
L. T. Goode.  
Committee.

**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.

If your clothes need mending take them to C. L. Cash the tailor.

Miss Clara Will McNatt of Abilene is visiting Miss Frances Burroughs.

Mrs. H. B. Reed of Lubbock is here visiting her sister Mrs. Vol Martin.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gilliland of Midland have returned to their home after visiting Dr. and Mrs. O. F. McMasters.

Miss Lura Winters of Stith is visiting her sister Mrs. H. L. Propst.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell are at home from Honey Grove, Ala. where they spent the holidays.

Have C. L. Cash the tailor to press your clothes. We will deliver them to your home.

Send your children to Burroughs Drug Store for all kinds of school supplies.

Mrs. O. J. Lawrence of Arlington who has been visiting her brother H. C. Burrough and family has returned home.

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J. N. Routh

For County Clerk:  
A. H. Balch  
Miss Fannie Tippett  
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Mrs. G. J. Jones and little daughter Ruth are at home from Nevada.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Pure mebane cotton seed.  
See me. Jno. D. Gaither.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church will meet Monday afternoon to begin the study of their work in Mexico.

Miss Ruby Jones will entertain T. K. Club Saturday evening.

See N. Roberts for frostless cabbage plants and fresh Texas cabbage, etc.

The B-Flat Club will hold its regular meeting at the home of Miss Williams Saturday afternoon.

Raymond Hall came in Saturday from Waco to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Turner came in from Seymour Thursday morning to make Merkel their home in the future.

If your clothes need mending take them to C. L. Cash the tailor.

Terrell and Joe Winter of the Shiloh Community were in town Wednesday looking after business matters.

Paints, oils and window glass at all times. Burroughs Drug Store.

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several days here with friends. He reports Mrs. Sparkman as improving which is good news to friends.

Miss Ruth Merritt returned to her home at Abilene Friday after spending the past week with friends and relatives in our city.

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

Miss Pauline Johnson returned to Stamford Monday where she is attending school.

Mrs. P. B. Casseaux and little son spent Monday in Abilene.

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