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STITH I. O. O. F. HAVE BIG MEET

The Stith I. O. O. F. Lodge entertained twenty members of the Merkel lodge Thursday night to one of the most interesting meetings held in that lodge since its organization.

The Merkel visitors assisted in conferring the initiatory degree on one candidate and the first degree on three candidates. After this work a spread was tendered the visitors and all partook of the refreshment but Dr. Armstrong and Geo. Cauthen who departed early in the evening on thinking that there would be no feast. The other Merkel men who remained were amply paid for their trouble. Several talks followed the supper during which time all but the speakers busied themselves with an after supper smoker. The principal speakers of the evening were Thos. Johnson and H. M. Rainbolt.

Those going from Merkel were: Thos. Johnson, J. M. Pate, W. H. Laney, W. D. Woodroof, J. R. Toombs, J. F. Shaffer, H. M. Warren, Sam Roberts, Roland Goens, J. W. Moore, W. P. Duckett, R. F. Bland, Will Hutcheson, T. L. Grimes, Finley Martin, H. M. Rainbolt, H. H. Tittle, R. E. Counts, George Cauthen and Dr. M. Armstrong.

Five autos furnished transportation for the Merkelites.

Rabbits Plentiful.

Several Merkelites were hunting on the J. S. Swann place north of Merkel Friday afternoon and in a short time bagged 32 rabbits. They report them very plentiful. Those going were W. R. Walker, Jno. D. Gaithor, Emmitt Counts, J. S. Swann, J. G. Hale, Frank Sears, Emere McDonald, Rev. Ed. R. Wallace Austin Boyd and Jno. Wheeler.

SAFE BLOWN OPEN AT BRECKENRIDGE

At an early hour Wednesday morning the post office safe at Breckenridge was blown open \$400 in money being taken and a quantity of stamps.

The first information received of the burglary was when the post master of Breckenridge telephoned to Officer Ben Peevy of Abilene. It seems that there is no clue as to who did the work. Officers have been detailed to make investigations.

Other recent burglaries are reported at Slidell where the outer door of the bank vault was blown off. The yegmen were forced to flee before getting any money. At Lake Victor near Lampasas yeggmen blew open safes of two different stores and the post office. Only about \$50.00 were secured from the safes, the loss to the post office is unknown.

Mrs. J. C. Brown and Miss Bertha Hobbs were the week end guest of Mrs. Mollie Griffith of Abilene.

COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION

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Natural advantages do not make a great state or a great nation. Some of the richest countries of the globe are inhabited by some of the most worthless and most dissolute peoples. In semi-tropical climates where fruit ripens and falls ready to be consumed, the natives are so lazy that they won't even shake the trees to make it drop. Their few wants are easily supplied. A brush arbor will do for a shelter, a loin cloth for clothing, bananas and coconuts for food. They prefer to lead lives of indolence and ease rather than possess themselves of the many good things they might have by small exertion.

New England is naturally one of the most bleak and barren sections of America. It was settled by English Puritans who were industrious, frugal and thrifty. They made the most of their own resources and then branched out to trade with the outside world. We all know the result, New England became rich and powerful and has wielded a tremendous influence on American life and manners from the beginning to the present time. Suppose the early settlers of that section had spent their time in bewailing the fate which had cast them on that rugged and inhospitable coast instead of on the fertile shores of Louisiana or in sun-kissed Texas. By such a course they might have wrecked their own lives and have bred a race of weaklings who would have soon disappeared from the view of men.

There are many towns and communities here in the Southwest that fail to accomplish anything because they haven't the right class of citizens. The prevailing note is one of doubt and pessimism. No enterprise can be started that is not already doomed to failure according to these gloomy prognosticators. And for this very reason most of the enterprises do fail for they are talked to death before they can be got under way. I dare say there isn't a small town or a country community in the entire Southwest that could not be vastly improved within the next year if the people would only work together for the common good. And a majority of these same towns and communities might be absolutely made over in a few years time if there was the proper spirit of co-operation among their citizens.

YOUNG LADY IS SLIGHTLY INJURED

Miss Eva Williams of Sweetwater narrowly escaped serious injury here Friday afternoon by being knocked to the ground by the incoming westbound passenger train No. 3.

Miss Williams who was standing near the track had her attention attracted by what some of her friends were saying and did not know of any danger until the pilot of the engine struck her. She was stunned by the fall but escaped further injury owing to the slow speed of the train.

Wild Cat on Display.

E. P. McMillen local taxidermist has one of the most perfect specimen of a wild cat mounted and on show in the windows of the Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co. The cat was purchased by him some time ago from J. T. Purdom of the route 5 community. The work of getting the cat mounted in perfect shape is brought out very clearly and a person passing the place would almost think the animal alive, so natural is its poise of a wild cat ready to fight.

Mrs. Dan Rawlings of Trent visited Mrs. J. E. Hallingsworth the first part of the week.

Miss Artie Cypert is visiting her uncle Henry Owens of Trent.

Mrs. R. E. Russell left Tuesday morning for Arlington. Mr. and Mrs. Russell will make Arlington their future home.

Chas. K. Russell left for El Paso Tuesday afternoon with the purpose of shipping some cattle from the border country to the Fort Worth market.

Merkel Wins From Sweetwater

The Merkel high school basket ball girls and foot ball boys each won a game Friday afternoon from representatives of the Sweetwater schools.

The Merkel Basket Ball team defeated the visitors in a score of 16 to 0. The game was hard fought but the home girls play throughout the game demonstrated that they were better trained than were the visitors. The score of the foot ball game was 23 to 11 in favor of Merkel and again the Merkel team showed a marked superiority to the visitors.

Leaves for Dallas

W. A. Cozart left Saturday for Dallas where he will make his home in the future. Mr. Cozart is the owner of the patented maize header and is going to Dallas with the intentions of either selling his patent or having it manufactured for the market. People who have seen the machine say it is one of the greatest labor saving farm implements on the market today.

Operated on for Appendicitis.

Ed Mashburn of this place was taken to Abilene Sunday afternoon where he was operated on for appendicitis immediately after his arrival there.

The operation was successful and Mr. Mashburn is resting as well as could be expected.

Tomorrow The Last Day.

If you have not paid your poll tax you have yet today and tomorrow in which to make this patriotic purchase.

Before going to work tomorrow call at your bank and have them pay your poll tax. This is absolutely your last chance and if you fail to take advantage of this opportunity your vote this year will do you no good whatever, neither will it do your candidate friends any good.

TEMPERATURE FALL IS VERY SUDDEN

The sudden fall in temperature that reached this country yesterday morning is reported by the weather bureau to be the coldest snap this section of Texas has had this winter.

The fall was from about 70 degrees on Wednesday to near freezing by Thursday morning, and a report of a fall to 18 to 24 degrees by this morning.

Ladies Aid Market.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold their market at the West Texas Hardware Co's., building Saturday between the hours of 10 and 2. All kinds of good things to eat will be on sale, call and see them.

Advertised Letters

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Jan. 31, 1914

Brown, Maria Josephine
Chastain, Mrs. M. B.
Davis, Miss Estell
Ewert, M. D.
Gladstone, J. S.
Moore, Miss Hailie
Moore, Mrs. B. S.
Myers, S.
Sandlin, Mrs. J. R.
Sandlin, Mrs. Pink.
Smith, Mr. Ernest

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Feb. 14, 1914.

H. W. Derstine, P. M

Felix G. Thompson one of the aspirants for governorship of Texas has announced that he will withdraw from the race. In doing so endorses Lane and Thomas for our next officials,

SHERIFF KILLED BY WOMAN FRIEND

Tuesday evening of last week Mrs. Latham of Sterling City shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Jno. Y. Stewart on the streets of Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Latham had arrived in Snyder on the previous day, Mr. Latham going to Roscoe while his wife remained in the city and it is alleged, registered at the hotel under an assumed name. She was seen the next day walking the streets. She was dressed in a very neat manner and was apparently looking for some one. On meeting with Deputy Stewart she drew an automatic pistol from her coat and began firing point blank. It is said that the first shot would have caused instant death. Several shots were fired, the victim falling in the gutter directly in front of the First National Bank building. Officers were on the scene in a few moments and placed the woman under arrest, she was very calm and seemed to show no excitement whatever.

Birth Statistics.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp of Elm St. Merkel a boy on Monday morning of this week.

To Mr. and Mrs. Newt Lancaster of the Canyon country, a girl on Friday of last week.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blassingame of Shiloh a girl on the 24th.

To the Unthinking Man.

Before you were married how often did you take a box of candy to your present wife. The question with us is why not buy a box of our candies the best made and let wifey know that you have not forgotten. The Elite Confectionery.

EXPRESS RATES SOARING DOWN

Agent J. A. Provine of the Wells Fargo Express Co. at this place has been informed of new rates to take effect the first of February on interstate shipments.

Under the old rate a 5 pound package from Merkel to New York would have cost 80 cents while under the new rate the package could be sent for 49 cents. From St. Louis the old rate on a 5 pound package would have been 70 cents, under the new rate it costs the shipper only 40 cents. Rates are lowered in proportion to all points where in the shipment constitutes an interstate shipment.

For Sale.

Summerhours famous half and half cotten seed at \$1.50 per bushel. Made 43 per cent lint last year. See me at once or send in your order as my supply is limited. Will ship from Merkel or you can get them at my farm near Stith. T. W. Collins, Merkel, Texas, Route 4. 80T4pd.

COMPARATIVE DEPOSITS

Aug. 9th. 1913 = \$123,098.73
 Oct. 21st. 1913 = 146,450.12
 Jan. 13th. 1914 = 151,696.27

Our Steady Growth in the Past Year Reflects the Confidence of the Public.

Condensed Statement of Condition of

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MERKEL : TEXAS

Close of Business January 13, 1914.

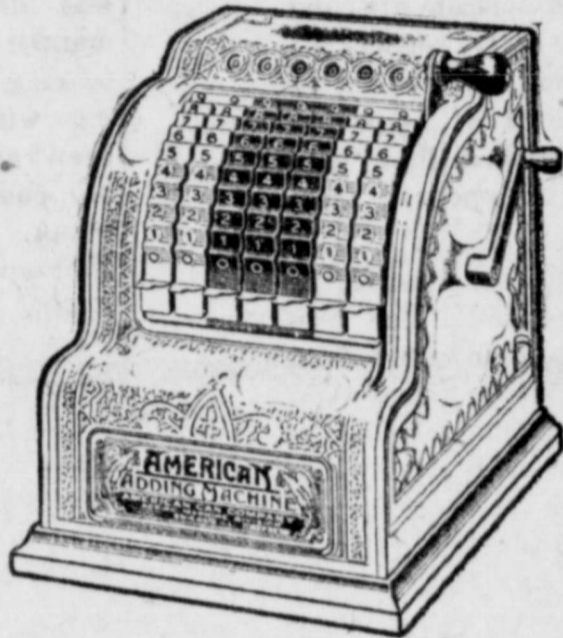
RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$117,911.13	Capital Stock	\$35,000.00
Overdrafts	875.24	Surplus & Profits	3,809.02
Ass'mnt Gty. Fund...	745.08	Reserved for Taxes	200.00
Furniture & Fixtures.	4,500.00	Borrowed Money	None
Banking House	9,500.00	Deposits...	151,696.27
Cash & Exchange	57,173.84		
Total	\$190,705.29	Total	\$190,705.29

The above statement is correct, R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

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Zoologically Mixed.

A little boy near here was given a pair of white rats, and when they had their first litter of young ones he took his little sister to the cellar to see them. She came running upstairs all excited and called to her mother: "Mamma! Mamma! Come quick! The hen rat has nine kittens."

His Revenge.

"Let me take that wretched rat home," said the patient, as the dentist relieved him of his aching molar. "I want to take it home and poke sugar in it and see it ache."

To Keep Cut Flowers Fresh.

An interested reader writes that whether the stems of flowers be either hard or soft, they may be kept fresh longer if the stems are cut off about a quarter of an inch after placing them in water. Use a sharp pair of scissors, and be sure that the cut end is not exposed to the air at all.

But No Man Does.

A man would save a great deal of valuable time if a list of addresses important in his business were as easy to remember as a bunch of funny stories.—Washington Star.

Far-Seeing.

"Carson seems to be getting mighty friendly with everybody all of a sudden." "Yes, he is going to be married soon and he wants to have as many friends as he can invite and get presents from."

Orator Slightly Mixed.

A former senator of the United States was addressing a meeting in his home town to celebrate the appropriation by the legislature of funds for the erection of a new state capitol. "My fellow citizens," said he "we will build here the greatest capitol under God's green footstool."

Cornered.

"Tommy, this is the second time you have asked to be let off to go to your grandmother's funeral." "I know it, sir, but I got two grandmothers, sir."

Area of the Oceans.

The Atlantic ocean has an area 24,536,000 square miles; Pacific, 369,000; Indian, 17,084,000; Arctic, 781,000, and Southern, 30,592,000.

It Was a Holler Day.

"Come, come," said a distracted father, who had endured the children noise till patience ceased to be a virtue; "there's no reason why you should scream and holler so." "Why, father," said one of the little fellows "don't you know this is a holler-day?"

In Their Flats.

"I've a kitchenette in my flat. What's the feature of yours, Jones?" "A cellarette. And of yours, Smith?" "I've got a suffragette in mine."

Where They Lacked.

Poet—"What do you think of my verses?" Critic—"Too many feet and too little head."

Love.

An English publication offers a guinea for a personal proposal. Evidently the editor belongs to the bargain-hunting sex.

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Good board and rooms at \$15 per month. Close in town. See Bud Smith at Parten Dry Good Co.

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Cribbed.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Price of Baird were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Throp the past week.

Safety Hatch Incubators for sale by the Anchor Mercantile Company.

Chas. Skillen of Trent was in our city one day last week.

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Miss Kate Elliott of Sweetwater was the week end guest of Mrs. C. Clifton.

Miss Beatrice Niadever visited friends in Trent the latter part of last week.

Miss Madge Hale, who is attending High School here, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Hale of Trent.

Mrs. M. Meyers visited Mrs. Will Baack in Abilene the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Myrtle Pressler left Saturday for Dallas.

W. A. Burgess was a visitor to Abilene Saturday.

Milks Emulsion at Burroughs Drug Store.

Mrs. William Black returned to her home at Abilene Monday after a few days visit to Mrs. Orfan Ash.

Jno. Eoff left Monday for Winters to attend to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Vick of Tye were the guest of their old friends Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bazendale, Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Bigham left Saturday afternoon for El Paso to join her husband who is there.

Come in and see our new line of gingham.—J. P. Sharp.

The West Texas Hardware Co. have just received a shipment of J. I. Case Cell Drop planters.

Light Crust flour, try it. Its the best by test. Anchor Mercantile Co.

S. E. Adcock of Blair was in town Monday looking after business matters.

Milks Emulsion at Burroughs Drug Store.

Mrs. M. J. Whisenhunt and little son left Wednesday morning for Dublin to visit Mrs. Birdie Davis.

Miss Mary Louise Chandlers of Abilene was the week end guest of Miss Lucile Peek, one of the High school teachers.

Mrs. Chas. Stevens left Tuesday for Hamlin to visit her sister Mrs. W. L. Cash.

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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—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.

FOR SALE Some good work horses also milch cow. West Texas Hardware Company.

FOR SALE A few select buff orpington hens. Mrs. J. P. Sharp, Merkel, Texas.

LOST—Somewhere in Merkel a package from Woodroof's, belonging to W. O. Clinton. Finder return to Woodroof's Store.

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

Light Crust flour for sale by the Anchor Mercantile Co.

Miss Kate Elliott returned to her home at Sweetwater Tuesday evening after a few days visit to Mrs. Chas. Lofton.

Ed. Young of Lampasas is in the city for a short stay.

Miss Cecil Wilson of Abilene was here Sunday evening the guest of her cousin Mrs. W. A. Scott.

Light Crust flour for sale by the Anchor Mercantile Co.

Bring all the hides you have to J. B. Bell & Son.

Rev. Ed R. Wallace left for Fort Worth Tuesday morning on a business trip.

Blacklegoids Vaccine with injectors, in stock at all times at Grimes Drug Store.

Homer Evans of Stanton was a social caller in the city Sunday.

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Ladies messaline skirts, new ones just arrived. J. P. Sharp.

Mrs. T. J. Hinds who has been visiting her sister Mrs. W. C. Ayers returned to her home at Tye Wednesday.

Absolutely new. Our line of ladies and mens oxfords. J. P. Sharp & Sons.

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

The Merchants & Planters Bank of Humprey, Ark, was robbed Tuesday morning of \$3,300. Occupants of a hotel near were forced to remain indoors by members of the safe blowing party.

The Texas & Pacific Ry. Co. have laid off all daily laborers between Baird and Eskota until the first of February.

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

Bring your laundry to the Pure Food Bakery or 'phone 48 and we will call for it.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

W. A. Hanger of Fort Worth who announced several weeks ago that he would be a candidate for governor of Texas has withdrawn from the race. This is regarded by Sparks supporters as a great help for their candidate.

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

Be sure and investigate the improved J. I. Case Cell Drop planter now being exhibited by the West Texas Hardware Co.

Plenty of hay, oats, corn, brann and shorts at the Kent Street Grocery Co.

A contract was let last week to R. C. Lewis for the erection of a six story office building in Abilene. The plans of the buildings and specifications make it one of the most modern in all west Texas. The contract is conditional.

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

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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

HOMER D. WADE ON GOOD ROADS.

Good roads are the links that will connect the model home and the model country school.

Good roads will fill the seats in the churches, and will double the attendance in the country schools.

Good roads will add wealth to the farm, prosperity to its owners and happiness and contentment in the home.

Good roads will give the rural family the daily papers and fill their souls with renewed hope and courage.

Good roads will enlarge the school buildings, the grades and enable the boys and girls to have an academic education at home.

Good roads will enable the man in the country to get to town where he can realize the best price for his products. They will afford the city man the opportunity of getting pure air and God's glorious sunshine at will. Good roads will add to the happiness of all.

SAM SPARKS FOR GOVERNOR.

Sam Sparks, former sheriff of Bell county and former state treasurer, announces his candidacy for Governor, subject to the democratic primary to be held July 25. Mr. Sparks is well and favorably known in West Texas, especially with the school land buyers, which is largely in the majority. The voters in the west part of the state would be glad to have all the candidates for governor to come out to see us if they can arrange for a special train so that they could all come at one time. —Hamlin Herald.

We do not know Mr. Sparks personally but many people of our country are personally acquainted with him and not one of them has ever spoken disrespectful of him in the slightest way, on the contrary ever person acquainted with Mr. Sparks seems to have utmost confidence in him and we believe that if elected Governor of Texas that the state will have an excellent official.

SWAPPING DOLLARS

History will repeat itself and is now demonstrating the fact to our sister republic of Mexico. Huerta is about to be swapped off for the villain Villa.

Its a great game with the leaders of the hot-tamale country to get all the spoils they can while they are in power. Each leader seems to dread the outcome of his personal affairs. It is either imprisonment or a more popular form of disposing of unwelcome guests, that is to make them run and shoot them in the back. Between Huerta and Villa is hard to tell which is the lesser evil.

ENFORCING THE LAW

Our Mayor has within the last few weeks collected three fines from offenders of an ordinance prohibiting persons driving vehicles over fire hose. One was a preacher who was uninformed

of such an ordinance, but as soon as he was apprized of the fact, made his appearance at the Mayor's office and presented the city with a ten dollar william. The other two fines had to be collected.

The good road bondelection held in Justice Precinct No. 5 of Bell County carried by an overwhelming majority. The amount voted on was \$600,000 and the proceeds of the election will be used to construct a complete system of highways in the precinct concerned. The farmers in this section are strong advocates of good highways and they voted almost unanimously in favor of the issue. The bonds will be disposed of at an early date and road work will commence shortly. The precinct embraces Temple.

Appendicitis promises to become even more popular than ever since Julia Marlowe has adopted it. The American people like Julia, and since she has shown no disposition to intrude foolish fads, they should followed her willingly in this. It is presumed that the surgeons will operate while she is under the influence of the potion given her by Friar Lawrence.

A reformed convict is making the race for governor in Oklahoma. Well thats not so bad look at the bunch that is coming out for governor in Texas. We do not recall that any of them have ever served time for burglary but there are so many of them we have not had time to vouch for their standing and we, too, may have a crooked one in the race.

If you have paid your poll tax you are patriotic in every sence of the word. If you have not you a grafter on the goodness of the country to make yourself a living and give back no returns. Tomorrow is your last chance, do it then or you will not have a chance. Be a patriot.

Dallas is in the race for one of the regional reserve banks and if they keep up their past record of landing what they go after, they will wake up some morning and find out that Uncle Sam has gratified their wish. And why not?

The Memphis Commercial Appeal in speaking of the Rio Grand river and Mexicans says that the Mexican soldiers must be web-footed, from the way they are swimming the Rio Grande river.

The man who really deserves to be hanged is the fellow who stops you on one of these fine spring mornings and asks how you would like to go fishing.

It will soon be too late to pay your poll tax and save the country, but you can still plant hogs and save yourself.

Lent falls late this year, Ash Wednesday being Feb. 25. This puts Easter near the middle of April.

Another revolution is predicted in Mexico, but it is hardly probable. There is no room for it.

Villa's war cry is: "On to Mexico," and Huerta is sitting up to to take notice.

Only one straw hat has been seen in Texas, but the strawberries are plentiful. To say that every family had tried out on them probably would be an exaggeration.

NATIONAL CORN EXPOSITION DALLAS

February 10th to 24th

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Seniors Entertained With Colonial Party.

On Friday evening the Seniors of the M. H. S. gave quite the swellest entertainment of the season. Their guests were the Juniors and the High School teachers. Promptly at eight o'clock the doors of the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sears on Oak St., were thrown open to admit the guests who came in colonial style. The maidens were becomingly gowned in hoop skirts and tight basques and wore the most bewitching natural (?) curls. The boys were equally as attractive in their costumes of ye colonial times. The comfortable rocker gave place to the straight back chair. A short program was well rendered. The opening address was given by the president of the Senior class. Senior class song, "Thantopsis" read by Miss Carroll Rister to rhythm of soft music furnished by Miss Lula Sharp. Prophecy of the Junior class was given by Ollie Shaffer, Ennis Grimes and Miss Carroll Rister led the military march and old Virginia Reel: Prof. B. D. Black was toast master. Toasts were given by Misses Carroll Rister, Eva Walters, Ethel Jones, Messrs. Ollie Shaffer, George Smith, Fred Harroll and Booth Warren. A colonial menu consisting of baked beans, brown bread, sponge cake and hot tea was served.

Brown-Wilson

A pretty home wedding was witnessed at high noon New Years day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown of the Canyon when they gave their daughter, Ada, in marriage to A. D. Wilson of Inkum. The bride is a charming young lady, a graduate of the Merkel High school and at one time made her home here. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have a wide circle of friends here who join the Mail in wishing for them many years of happiness and prosperity in their home near Inkun.

E. Love Hawkins Literary Society Met.

The E. Love Hawkins Literary Society met in regular session Friday January 16th. The following program was rendered:

- Prayer—Chaplain.
- Reading—Mamie Ellis.
- Duet—Mary and Jackie Jennings.
- Autobiography—Carroll Rister.
- Journal—Willie Swann.

The duties of each officer were read by the secretary. The president appointed the following committees: Program committee—Jackie Jennings, Almada Harris and Booth Warren. Excuse committee—Grace Diltz, Velma Hogg and Mollie Hall. Relief committee—Mamie Ellis, Geo. Smith and Ola Sharp. Query committee—George Moore, Ethel Jones and Mr. Black. The society then adjourned.

Questions on Othello.

What is known of the early editions of Othello, of the date of its composition?

What can you say of the original stage Othello, of the source of the plot.

What is the duration of action in this play.

How was Venice ruled at the time of the play?

What was the office of Duke of Venice, that of Senator?

What was the council of state?

Why had it been convened.

What of the Cyprus evans of which Iago refers? What was the Sagitory? (Cyprus cender Venetian rule 1470 to 1571.) Where does Iago first make known his hatred of Othello? What reason does Iago give for it? What impression is made by Iago's estimate of himself? How account for Othello's influence over Desdemonia? For Brabantio's reference of Desdemonia's submission to Othello to Witchcraft. Act. I, Sc. 1, 2, 3 to line 120.

Leader Mrs. R. A. Martin.

Fields-Wallace

On Monday evening Mr. H. T. Fields of Fort Worth and Miss Elora Lee Wallace of this city were married at the Methodist church at the conclusion of the evening service. The altar had been beautifully decorated with ferns pot plants and rugs. The wedding march was played by Miss Frances

Burroughs. The bride and the bride's maid, Miss Elma Ernest of Rule, entered at the south entrance. The groom and the best man, Hugh Wallace the brides brother, of Rule, entered from the north entrance. The bridal party were met at the altar by Rev. C. N. Ferguson of Abilene who read the impressive marriage ceremony. The bride is a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ed. R. Wallace, who moved here from Ft. Worth only a few months ago. The bride was charming in a going-away suit of blue. She wore violets. The bride's maid was becomingly gowned in brown and white silk. The groom and his best man wore the regulation suits. A brief reception was held at the church where a large number of friends had met to wish them God speed and happiness in their new home Mr. and Mrs. Fields will spend a few days in Fort Worth before going to their home at Ransdell, Texas. The Mail extends congratulations.

Shower for Miss Wallace.

A shower very unique in its appointments was given Monday afternoon in honor of Miss Flora Lee Wallace who was married Monday evening to Mr. H. T. Fields of Fort Worth. As many members of the church wished to have a share in the shower. It was arranged to have the gifts carried to the home of Miss Frances Burroughs on South Rose St., and Miss Minnie Harris on N. Reynolds St. A committee composed of Mrs. Jack Provine, Misses Frances Burroughs, Minnie Harris, Mary and Jackie Jennings, Pet Sears and Mattie T. Mann took the lovely and dainty collection of gifts to the Methodist parsonage at the appointed hour to rehearse the wedding march. The bride elect had gone to the church to keep the appointment. After the committee had arranged the gifts the honoree was sent for. The surprise was complete. Tears of happiness filled her eyes as she expressed her surprise and appreciation to her new friends for their thoughtfulness. Delicious refreshments were served.

Missionary Society.

On Monday January 27th the ladies of the Missionary Society held their social meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. J. L. Harris on Reynolds St. Scripture reading by Mrs. H. C. Williams. Then came the social hour when dainty refreshments were served after which preparations were made for packing a box for the orphans home at Stamford.

This and That Club.

The "This and That" Club met at the home of Mrs. J. J. Stallings on Orange Street Tuesday afternoon. The guests were all busily engaged with various kinds of needle work. Those who enjoyed the hospitality of this pleasant home were Mesdames B. J. Riney, C. L. Cash, Jno. Toombs, J. G. Hale, B. M. Black, M. Armstrong, W. H. Laney, Georgia Bagwell, Grace Cozart, Ponder and Hubbard, Misses Ora Brady and Christine Fredrickson.

News of the marriage of Miss Isla McDonald reached her Merkel friends last week. Miss McDonald's parents moved to Vivian, La., last May. The marriage to place New Years day at nine o'clock p. m., at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald. The decorations were holly and white carnation, mistletoe, holly and carnations formed the arch on the porch where the marriage vows were exchanged. The bride wore a mahogany coat suit with accessories to match and carried white caanations. The groom, H. B. Leeton, wore an imported blue black suit. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Leeton of Paris, Ark., formerly of Oxford, Miss. Mr. Leeton was educated in Paris and Oxford and finished in a business school at Memphis, Tenn., and is with the Standard Oil Co., at Vivian, La. The bride graduated from the Merkel High school last May. Mr. and Mrs. Leeton spent their honeymoon in Shreveport, La. On their return home their friends gave them a reception followed by a dance. They received many handsome gifts of silver and linen. The Mail joins their many friends in wishing them much happiness.

The members of the Twentieth Century Club were delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. R. A. Martin, on Travis St., Saturday afternoon. An interesting program was carried out. Fourteen members answered to roll call. The new play, Othello, was discussed. Mrs. Parten gracefully cast her mantle of glory on the shoulders of

Mrs. G. H. Adams, the new president. All the other new officers were duly installed. The hostess served cake and grape juice to Misses Duncan Browning, Mary Gunn, Una Hall, May Valentine, Agnes Hall, Mesdames G. H. Adams, J. A. Adkisson, S. L. Davis, J. G. Hale, W. Parten, A. C. Rose, G. F. West and Otho Williams. Miss Una Hall will be next hostess.

The B-Flat club met Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Evelyn Williams on North First St. Four new members were added to the club: Misses Jackie and Mary Jennings, Nina and Geneva Warnick. Other members present were Misses Ina May Adams, Velma Dennis, Julia Martin, Ola and Lula Sharp, Vera Jinkins, Ruby Cauthen, Gladys Walters, Gladys and Tommie Lou Coggin, Madalyn Adkisson and Bessie Touchstone.

On Sunday January 25th Miss Lucy Tracy invited a few of her friends to dine with her. Whether or not the carefully prepared duck was baked by mama or Miss Lucy they were not able to learn but a lovely dinner was served and just as the sun began to hide his face in the west the guests reluctantly took their departure for home praising the young hostess and all joined in the chrous, "I never ate such a dinner in all my life." Those present were Misses Julia Martin, Ina Mae Adams and Uva Baxendale.

Baraca Class.

The young men that do not come to the Baraca Class at the Baptist church, do not know what they are missing. An interesting discussion of the lesson, by a large class of twelve, last Sunday showed that there is interest in the class. The interest for the advance of God's kingdom was expressed effectively by the contribution of \$2.15 to the Buckners Orphan Home through the Sunday school. The class was enlarged by having two new members to take their stand with us for the purpose of studying the word of God. There was one visitor who was welcomed. Young men come and join the Barraca class and receive your part of the enjoyments and benefits. Press Reporter.

Miss Agnes Hall entertained the Philathea and Baraca classes of the Baptist church Tuesday evening at her home on Oak street. "42," Bunco and Parchesia afforded amusement for the evening. The hostess and her mother Mrs. E. Hall served fruit salad and angel food to Misses Carroll Rister, Sadie Collins, Dollie, Dovey and Mary Teaff, Irene and Fannie Swann, Una Hall, Era Brady, Messrs. Jack Walker Wilber Whitaker, Jasper Tucker, Ben T. Merritt, Dewitt Turner, Leslie Brady, Barney Garrett, Homer L. Easterwood, Sam Swann, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scott and Master Ed and little Miss Louise Scott.

Trent Society.

Mrs. T. R. McLoyd was the hostess Thursday afternoon for the W. W. V. C. Three new members were enrolled. An hour was spent pleasantly and profitably with the crochet hook and embroidery needle. Those present were: Mesdames J. A. McRee, J. I. Leeman Ed Burks, L. E. Adrian, Estep, E. Bowers, J. C. Howell, C. T. Beckham, W. W. Johnson, and Misses Tennie Brown, Gertrude Smith, Genevieve McRee, Mattie Scott and Geta Beckham.

A musical entertainment was given by Mr. and Mrs. T. R. McLeod Friday night. Quite a crowd was present had several pieces by the string band. "42" was also enjoyed.

Saturday night a "42" game was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Clinton those present were: Misses Eather Williams, Gertrude and Ethel Smith. Messrs W. R. McLoyd and J. Hutchinson.

The ladies of the M. E. church met Friday afternoon and organized a Womens Missionary Society. The charter members are Mesdames Tom Wallace, R. Dingle J. A. McRee, Estep, R. B. Johnson, Dingle, M. Strahan, E. L. Man, Misses Tennie Brown and Alice Mangum.

A box supper will be given by the W. M. Society Friday night at the M. E. church the proceeds go to the church. A program will be rendered. Everyone is invited to come and bring a box.

Last Thursday afternoon Mrs. J. G. Jackson invited about fifty friends to a miscellaneous shower at her home on Oak street in honor of Mrs. Jno. C. Hamm. A "Pecos" rain prevented

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Mr. and Mrs. Mace Sharp are entertaining a new son at their home on Elm street.

League Program.

- February 1st, 1914.
- Subject: Reverence, the root of purity.
- Song.
- Prayer.
- Leader: Robert Hicks.
- Lesson: Job XXVIII 1-28.
- Song.
- The spirit of filial reverence and fidelity; Jno. Moore.
- The folly of disobedience; Ollie Shaffer.
- Solo, Fannie Burroughs.
- Duty of reverence for our parents and older persons; Ulysis McNeas.
- Epworth visitor.
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Mrs. W. A. Cozart who is here with her children will leave the last of the week for her new home at Dallas. She will be accompanied by her sister Miss Christina Frederickson who will remain in Dallas for a short time after which she will go to Arizona. Together they have been visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Frederickson.

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The Sabbath.

A world without a Sabbath would be like a man without a smile, like a summer without flowers and like a homestead without a garden.—Beecher.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

W. L. Robertson was given two years in the penitentiary by an Eastland county jury Monday morning. Robertson was charged with the theft of a horse. The jury was out eight days in arriving at their verdict.

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

"Shoo" the hens off the nest and bring us the eggs. Kent Street Grocery Co.

Miss Claude Crockett age 20 of Dudley near Abilene died Sunday afternoon from injuries received a month ago from being thrown from a horse.

Three negroes were arrested at Abilene Friday in connection with the numerous robberies that have taken place in that town lately.

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

Light Crust flour, try it. Its the best by test. Anchor Mercantile Co.

Several deaths have been reported from a storm on the Pacific coast the first of the week.

The Rev. Frank Norris who has been on trial in Fort Worth charged with having burned the Baptist Church there on February 5, 1912 was acquitted last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Abilene came in from Abilene Tuesday to visit their daughter Mrs. Austin Boyd.

Friends of Doyle Kirkham formerly of this place will be glad to know that he is resting better after a very dangerous attack of pneumonia. Mr. Kirkham now lives at Burleson.

Alva McClain left last week for Oklahoma where he will be for some time with friends.

Blacklegoids Vaccine with injectors, in stock at all times at Grimes Drug Store.

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

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Blair

Rev. Herbert Bullock of Galand Texas preached here Sunday evening. Quite a number of Merkel people attended services.

It was announced that Rev. J. P. Sibley would be here at his next regular appointment, the 1st Sunday in February.

The singing class have received their new books and had a large attendance Sunday night at the song service.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell gave the young people a social Thursday night.

Miss Haley Moore entertained a few of her friends in a social way Friday night.

F. R. Erwin had the misfortune to get one of his horse's legs broken by being kicked by another horse Sunday night. The injury was so great he had to have the horse shot Monday to get him out of his misery.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Bland gave the young people an entertainment Saturday night.

Commissioner Banner is having some road work done in our vicinity that has long been needed.

R. C. Lyons of Buffalo Gap was in Blair one day last week on business.

Little Cynthia Wilson was reported on the sick list last week but is able to be in school this week.

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.

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.

Shiloh.

Brother Horn of Noodle, preached at this place Sunday. We enjoyed his sermon very much. He handled his text well which was "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon"

Brother Geo. Scott preached at Newman Sunday.

Prayer meetings was very well attended Sunday night.

There was several from here attended services at Noodle Sunday night.

Miss Mae Grayson was on the sick list a few days last week.

Mrs. Geo. Scott and children were the guest of W. B. Beavers and family Sunday.

Mr. Lilly and family of Abilene passed through this community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Williams and Miss Howard Barnes passed through this community Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. McWright and family attended services at Noodle Sunday afternoon.

Brother Geo. Scott will preach at next Sunday.

Stomach Trouble Cured

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.

W. O. W.

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

W. M. Elliott, C. C. S. Hamilton, Clerk

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.

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.

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. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

The Sanitary Grocery OPENS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Whatever you understand by SATISFACTION, we contract that you shall have. You are to be the judge. We shall deem it our duty at all times to carry a thoroughly complete stock of high-class groceries, and to keep them in the most sanitary conditions possible with a perfectly modern equipment. We shall give you the best service of which we are capable, and we hope, by good service, courteous treatment and sanitary methods to merit a liberal share of your grocery business. We bind ourselves to leave nothing undone until your purchase meets your every expectation—until you are satisfied in every particular. We guarantee to offer to you the best of everything; common to a high-class grocery stock and assure you that our greatest desire shall be to please and satisfy everyone. We especially invite the ladies to visit our store and note the sanitary conditions and to remember every article in our store is NEW AND FRESH. Nothing old in our entire business but the management. Take advantage of our long experience in "Grocerydom" and note the net results in "PURE SATISFACTION." A trial will convince you.

"THERE'S A REASON"
Cleanliness and Quality.

THE SANITARY GROCERY

HAYDEN TURNER

JIM BLACK

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

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.

Sweetwater Steam Laundry.

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

Wanted

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

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

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.

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.

ORDERING ELECTION.

Order for Election to Determine whether or not horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle shall be permitted to run at large in Commissioners Precinct No. 2.

Abilene, Tex. Jan. 17, 1914.

Whereas a petition signed by more than fifty freeholders of Commissioners' Precinct No. 2, Taylor county, Texas, has been presented to the commissioners court of said county, asking that an election be held in said precinct to determine whether or not horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle shall be permitted to run at large in said precinct, in considering said petition it is ordered by said court that an election be held in said precinct on Saturday, February 21, 1914, to determine whether or not horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle shall be permitted to run at large in said precinct.

The polls will open at 8 o'clock a. m. and close at 7 o'clock p. m. and will be held at the following election places in said precinct by the regular election officers at said places, viz:

Election Precinct No. 6, City Hall, Merkel.

Election Precinct No. 5, School House, Nubia.

Election Precinct No. 11, School House, Trent.

Election Precinct No. 20, S. Y. Reese, Residence, Tye.

Election Precinct No. 12, Taylor's Store, Caps.

All votes shall be by ballot and the voters desiring to prevent the animals designated in this order from running at large shall place upon their ballots the words "For the Stock Law" and those in favor of allowing such animals to run at large shall place upon their ballots the words "Against the Stock Law."

The territory and subdivision of said county in which said election is to be held is defined by said commissioners court as follows, to-wit: Commissioners Precinct No. 2 with the following metes and bounds, viz:

Beginning at the N. W. cor. of Taylor county. Thence East with the N. B. line of said county to the W. B. line of the David Bruce Sur. No. 135. Thence S. 15 E. with survey lines to the S. E. cor. of the Wm. B. Hardin Sur. No. 130. Thence S. 75 W. to the S. W. cor. of same. Thence N. 15 W. to the N. E. cor. of subdivision No. 38 of the M. Oliveras Sur. Thence S. 75 W. with survey lines to the S. W. cor.

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.

For Sale.

Cheap for cash or good note, 1 five-year old, 15% hand mule. See Jim Denton or J. T. Warren. Mule will be in Merkel Saturday.

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.

For Sale.

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

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.

of Sur. No. 145, Guadalupe county School Land. Thence S. 15 E to the Northern cor. of Sec. No. 15, Blk. No. 4, T. & P. Co. Land. Thence South with survey lines to Elm Creek at the S. E. cor. of section No. 2, Block No. 5, T. & P. Ry. Co. land. Thence up Big Elm Creek with its meanders to the W. B. line of Taylor county, Thence North with the W. B. line of said county to the place of beginning.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Nubia

The people of our community are making good use of the pretty weather. Some of the farmers are sowing oats.

Sam Butman Sr., and Kirk Tucker were in Abilene last week on business.

Miss Lillie Latimer had a light touch of pneumonia last week but is improving fast.

A crowd met at Butman school house Friday night for the purpose of organizing a literary society. A short program was also rendered by volunteers.

A play party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Anderson in honor of their daughter, Miss Jewel. All present reported a jolly time.

Earl Sewell is on the sick list.

Brother Davis filled his regular appointment at Butman Sunday.

Louis Butman who is attending school at Abilene spent Saturday night and Sunday with home-folks.

Every one in our community is getting along well with their work.

Both the B. Y. P. U., and the Literary society had a call meeting at the school house Wednesday night.

County Supt. Smith visited in our community last week.

A nice singing was given by the Butman singing class Sunday afternoon at the school house.

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 druggist in 25c and 50c bottles. Adv.

Route 3 News

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely.

The farmers are all busy turning their soil to make another crop.

Almer Barnes was contracting business in Merkel Wednesday.

Quite a number gathered together Monday and moved Mrs. Baccus's house to the northeast corner of her place and she wishes to thank them for their kindness.

Some of the farmers have lost a few cattle with the black leg. We are in hopes they will get a cure for it before it kills any more of them.

Mr. and Mrs. West Lancaster are the proud parents of a fine girl born January 21st.

Miss Lillie Latimer is reported very sick with pneumonia.

Our school is progressing nicely. Numbering about twenty-five scholars.

Bob Paden called on W. P. Moore Wednesday on business. He has rented a place in our community.

Mrs. C. R. Roland spent Monday with Mrs. Davis at Merkel.

The entertainment at John Cozarts was enjoyed by all present.

Misses Laura and Lottie York of Merkel attended Sunday school at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Dee Taft of Tye made a pleasant call at Mr. Cambbells Sunday.

The young people had an entertainment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs Saturday night. All reported a nice time.

The singing at Mr. Lute Huddlestons Saturday night was attended by Misses Lula and Beulah Reidenback, Pearl Baccus, Sallie Curb, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frazier, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burman, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kelly, Messrs. Earl White, Ennis Reidenback, Jno. Curb and Dutch Huddleston.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hathway were in Merkel Monday.

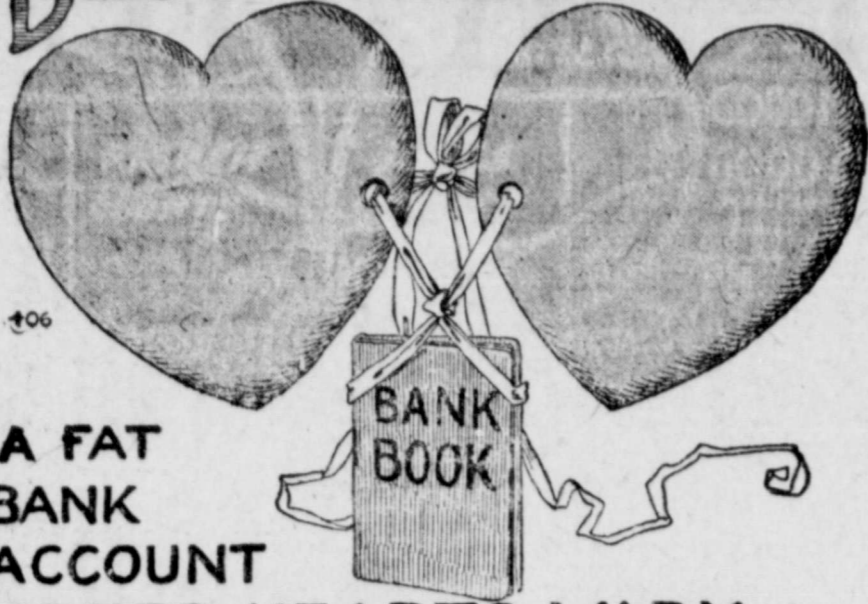
Fever Sores.

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.

For Weakness and Loss of Appetite

The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILI TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic. A sure Appetizer. For adults and children. 50c.

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\$4,308 TAXES PAID

Last Payment on Fire Team Made to Abilene

DRUGGIST KICK ON PEDDLERS

Franchise for Southwestern Tel. & Tel. Co. is Reported Favorable by City Attorney Mims.

The regular council meeting of Monday night showed that the amount of taxes paid for the year 1914 surpassed the amount of last year by quite a margin. Many small amounts of back taxes having been paid.

The last payment of the fire team and wagon was made to the city of Abilene, Judge C. D. Mims reported favorable to the franchise for 25 years to the Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Co., he also reported the matter of changing the city ordinance regulating the peddling of vegetables and wares within the city limits of Merkel as under consideration but further recommended that it in no way be changed. At this point a strong kick was registered by the druggist of Merkel in that this ordinance was being abused by medicine, soap, extracts and chemical peddlers who were doing a land office business here without paying the city any taxes whatever. One druggist related that a certain kind of pill reputed to be worth 50c per box was being sold at an awful discount of only 25c per box and that the agent advised the purchaser to lay in a good supply as he would not be back in town for another year and that the goods were only being introduced into the country. Another agent is reported to have recently placed her second order of 14 dozen pills since the first of January.

Attorney Mims recommended that this matter be looked into and all such peddling of soaps or extracts of any descriptions be stopped as it was strictly against the city ordinance regulating same.

The City Marshall was instructed to deposit any money collected for the city as soon as convenient in order to net the city as much interest as possible and not to delay for over a week turning over to the city treasurer any funds collected.

The extensions of water mains is a proposition on foot at present. More mains will perhaps be bought and something like two or three blocks of mains next to the north ward school building

will be taken up and placed at points in the city where they will afford more protection to property owners. This work is to be started at once.

The following accounts were allowed and paid:

W. N. Hall for water works	\$ 20.00
City of Abilene (Fire Team)	256.67
Moore & Meeks, work	3.40
J. O. Hamilton, salary	5.25
Merkel Lumber Co., lime	5.40
R. H. Dean, gravel	9.70
Burton-Lingo, cement	.85
W. N. Hall, sundry amounts for street work	142.82
Chas. Stevens, stock food	1.00
Elite Confectionery, electric gong for fire station	4.75
McClain Drug Store, drugs	.50
Merkel Mail, stationery	20.70
West Texas Hardware Co.	2.60
H. C. Burroughs, drugs	.25
Star Store, gloves canvas	1.25
H. M. Warren, coal	2.60
W. N. Hall salary	75.00
J. H. Witcher salary	50.00
J. W. Wheeler, rent	2.00
Total paid out	\$605.35

The following taxes and fines were collected and turned over to the city.

Taxes	\$4,062.16
Occupation Taxes	1.00
Street Taxes	141.00
J. H. Witcher, scavg. work	55.60
Fines, running over hose	20.00
Water rent by W. N. Hall	29.12
Total collected	\$4,308.88

8 Marriage Licenses For January.

During the month of January only eight marriages licenses were issued by County Clerk W. J. Young.

The following are the parties to whom licenses were issued during the month of January:

- Mark L. W. Estes and Miss Stella Martin.
- Edgar Jones and Miss Georgia Walker.
- Newt Young and Miss Madge Newberry.
- Robert W. Martin and Miss Myrtle Wilkerson.
- Robert Morton and Miss Wilma Dark.
- R. E. Walker and Miss Mary E. Greenway.
- L. L. Higgs and Miss Joe Wilkinson.
- Plennie L. Wingo and Miss Idala Richards.

No More Pain.

Pain cannot exist where Hunts Lightning Oil is applied, says one user. No other liniment acts so quickly. You simply rub it on and the pain is gone almost instantly. Those who suffer from rheumatism, neuralgia, headaches and similar troubles should get a bottle at once. For cuts and bruises, burns and sprains and abrasions of the skin it acts as a healing oil, soothing and quieting the pain and preventing soreness and irritation. We have never known it to fail to relieve chilblains. For sale in 25c and 50c bottles by druggist. A. B. Richards Medicine Co. Sherman, Texas. Adv.

Ernest Birdsong Dead.

Ernest Birdsong died at the family home in Abilene Saturday morning of tuberculosis. The body was immediately prepared for burial by the Laughter Undertaking Co. and prepared for shipment to Tennessee.

Mr. Birdsong was well known in Merkel having moved here from Median, Tenn. some months ago for his health and later on moved to Abilene being accompanied by his brother and parents who have been with him for some time.

Rev. R. A. Kimbrough conducted short funeral services at the residence in Abilene. Immediately afterward the body was shipped east on the noon train. It was accompanied by all members of the family.

Eczema and Itching.

Sold under a positive guarantee to refund the purchase price if it does not cure itch, ringworm, tetter and all other skin diseases. Hunt's Cure has proven itself the standard medicine for skin diseases. Ask any druggist and read the positive guarantee that goes with each package. Price 50c. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Leaves for Market.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Woodroof left Saturday, Mrs. Woodroof going to Bellview to visit her mother while Mr. Woodroof goes on to St Louis to market. Miss Davis milliner of the Woodroof Dry Goods Co. is also in St Louis looking after the purchase of a complete line of millinery and finery for the store.

The buyers will return the latter part of this week.

Stop That Pain Right Now

If your head aches just rub a little Hunt's Lightning Oil on. This wonderful liniment has a peculiar effect on pain. It drives it away at once. Rheumatic pain quickly yields to the touch of this liniment. Neuralgia is quickly gone after Hunt's Lightning Oil is applied. For cuts, burns, bruises, abrasions of the skin and sprains, it acts as a healing oil, soothing and quieting the pain, and preventing soreness and irritation. Sold by all reputable druggist in 25c and 50c bottles. A. B. Richards Medicine Co. Sherman, Texas. Adv.

Body of Young Man Identified.

The body of the young man killed by a Texas and Pacific train three miles east of Eastland, was identified Saturday as that of Paul Rothel of Hamlin, Tex. Identification was made by H. C. Rothel of Hamlin father of the dead boy.

Later it was found that Paul Rothel was much alive and at Carbon, Texas. The body remains unidentified.

Baseball Goods Arrive.

A complete shipment of Reach Baseball gloves and supplies just received at Grimes Drug Store.

T. & P. Making Improvements.

The Texas & Pacific Ry. Co. is making extensive improvements here for furnishing better water supply to trains. The bridge and building crew have been here for several days at the work of erecting a new tank for the company.

Man Smokes 1440 Cigars.

One of our customers smokes an average of 1440 cigars per year. He says our cigar stock is complete and in the best condition possible and that each smoke is enjoyed. When you smoke try our moist cigars. Grimes Drug Store.

The Chicago White Sox baseball team has been signed to play a game with the Abilene Bankers in the early spring. The date of the game is not known yet.

\$150,000 has been offered by the Panama-Pacific Exposition for the first man to circle the globe in an airship. Ninety days is allowed for the flying time.

It is reported that Pancho Villa the Mexican rebel leader has mobilized 10,000 men and is marching on Torreon for an assault to win.

Miss Nanette Warren was found Sunday in Los Angeles in a room with the corpses of her sister Mary who the doctors declare has been dead for at least two weeks. The surviving sister cannot be made to talk.

The Jim Crow law in Oklahoma was upheld the other day when the courts decided that a wealthy Chicago negro lawyer was forcibly put off a Pullman when the train he was on reached the Oklahoma line. He was made to go into the negro section of the smoker and was very indignant over the affair.

\$340,000 was lost in a fire at Italy, Texas Sunday when the compress and fifteen box cars were burned. 4000 bales of cotton were destroyed. The loss is said to be fully covered by insurance.

Texas and Pacific Agriculture men are supposed to talk at the various schools over Taylor county today on better agriculture and stock raising.

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Over forty people were drowned last Friday when the steamer Monroe sank off the coast of Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Coggin left Wednesday night for Fort Worth for a short stay. Mrs. Coggin will return home from there while Mr. Coggin goes to Vera Cruz, Mexico, via Galveston on a water route. He will leave Galveston Saturday.