

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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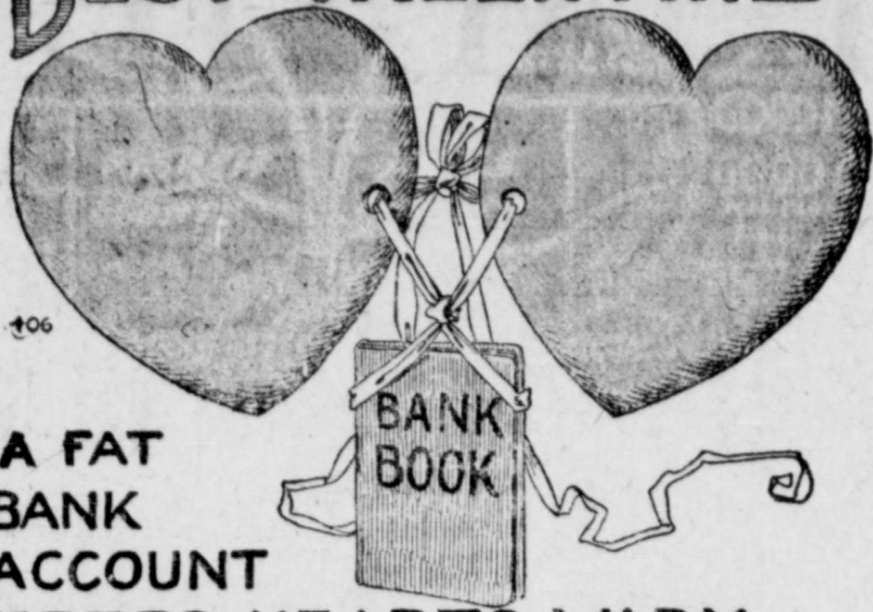
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A FAT  
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KEEPS HEARTS WARM  
*"When poverty comes in at the door love flies out at the window"*  
START A BANK ACCOUNT

# THE FARMERS STATE BANK

It is lots easier for a girl to love a boy who has a BANK ACCOUNT, and it is easier to love a husband with a bank account. Girls are looking for the boys with money in the bank, so are the girls' PARENTS. Add to your charms a bank account and she will take lots more interest in you. Do your banking with us. We will serve your interests. Make OUR bank YOUR bank.

## ONLY GUARANTY FUND BANK IN MERKEL

## \$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 licens 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.

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### Body of Young Man Identified.

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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.

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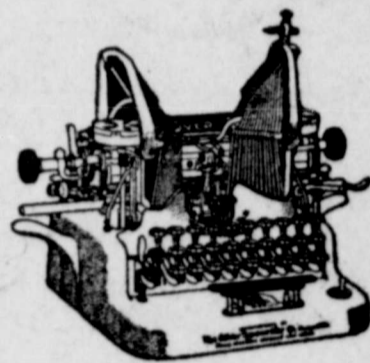


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### DIXIE

The New York Times has become the latest defender of "Dixie," a song dear to the south and sung in all sections of this great country of ours.

It seems that a crabbed gentleman from the rocky-ribbed State of Maine addressed a communication to the Times in which he complained of the frequency with which the orchestras in New York restaurants played "Dixie." He admitted that at one time "Dixie" might have been acceptable, but that it had been played to death and he was very tired of the tune.

It is but natural that we should tire of all songs sooner or later, but because we do is no indication that they will be shelved for good. Nearly all of our popular tunes have grown wearisome to many people. Even "Annie Laurie," "The Old Folks at Home" and "The Last Rose of Summer" have palled on us at times, but they still preserve that perfect harmony and will be played and sung in the future generations just as they have in the past.

As the Times suggests, "Dixie" is now a national melody. It was a favorite tune in the north during the days of the war. It was adopted in the south as the militant song of the Confederacy.

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Perhaps the critical gentleman from faraway Maine is a little old-fashioned and looks upon a restaurant as a place to eat and not a place to sing and dance.

There are many who still cling to this old-fashioned idea. When our ancestors went into the dining room of their hotels it was with the purpose of gratifying the inner cravings for food and not to be entertained with vaudeville, but since the times have changed and since the demand of the public is for entertainment as well as food, the gentleman from Maine must accustom himself to the music of today, and so long as men play music "Dixie" will be one of the popular airs played. It was the tune dear to our fathers, and it is the tune cherished by our sons. It is typical of the south and the proper song of the nation.

According to all tradition we are to have more cold weather. Snow, ice and storms. Always when the noted little ground hog comes out of his long sleep and sees his shadow it is a sure sign we are to have more cold weather. Monday

was ground hog day and there was no excuse for him not seeing himself to his content for three months during which time we are to have more winter weather.

Abilene is getting into the picture show business right. Two new movies are being erected and a new opera house is under way. Saying not much about that 6-story office building, which by the way seems to be almost a sure proposition.

Merkel has two postmasters now. One is and the other is going to be. The latter one is just getting on-to the ropes prior to taking the whole thing away from the former. They are both working thirteen hours per day.

Last Sunday was Go-to-Church Sunday over the country and even in the face of one of our West Texas sand storms, the majority of our people braved the gale and went to church.

And the little groundhog says: "Wee' wee, wee! I see my shadow, look out for snow."

If he runs from his shadow its going to be cold; if there isn't any shadow winter's lost its hold.

The Macon Telegraph says: "Women's hats will be more dangerous than ever this spring." Will the danger be of a purse or personal nature?

"Fifty dollars and 60 days on the county roads" is Judge Neil's sentence for some of the Nashville liquor law breakers. It is a safe bet that those 60 days will be as a life term to the amazed culprits.

Huerta's notice is called to the fact that the president of Haiti has taken refuge on a German warship. The south country president who runs away may live a little longer day.

Where are the mistaken men who said that Wilson would have the title, but Bryan would have the office? They have a revision of opinion coming to them.

The weather man has begun to back up the groundhog.

The seat of war in Mexico seems sadly in need of a patch.

Looks as is if Felix Diaz was deliberately monkeying with the buzz-saw in returning to Mexico.

The Illinois man who says he is Jeffersonian-Jacksonian-Wisconsin Democrat did not let anything escape him.

Haiti in a state of revolution? Well, she would not know herself in any other state. That is what the doctors call her normal temperature.

When some men see the high split skirts They give a loud guffaw, And then not thinking how they look, They don a mackinaw.

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J. M. Garrett announces to our readers this as candidate for Public Weigher of precinct No. 6 of Taylor county subject to the Democratic Primaries of July 25.

Mr. Garrett has never asked for a public office before and does so now solely upon his qualifications for filling the office. He has been a resident of Merkel for nine years and needs no introduction to our people. If elected he will make a good officer and deserves the most careful consideration from all voters.

### Telephone Co.s Change.

Traveling auditor J. G. Maben of the Southwestern Telephone Co. was here Tuesday checking up the local office preparatory to turning it over to manager J. F. Holdridge formerly of Stamford. The former manager S. A. Duckett leaving the next day for points west where he will be for a short time after which he will return here and later go to Dallas where he accepts another position.

Mrs. C. E. Stamps and baby visited the formers parents Mr. and Mrs. John L. Wood at Putnam the latter part of last week.

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Kidney trouble is dangerous and often fatal.

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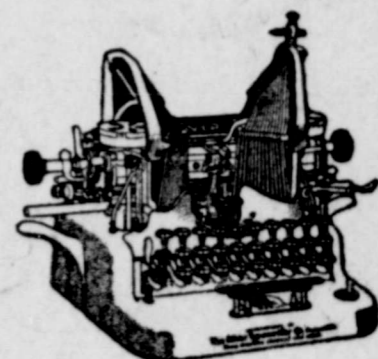
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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Eugene Pierce, Roy Barton, Fred Hoppe and Ernest Carter of Abilene were visitors in Merkel Sunday.

Miss May Robins of Trent was the week-end guest of Mrs. I. E. Valentine.

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

Otis Jones formerly of this place was in the city a few days this week, having shipped a car of mules here. Mr. Jones reports Mrs. Jones has been in very bad health for some time but is slowly improving.

Mrs. J. H. Simmons spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister Mrs. I. T. Weed at Abilene.



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### DIXIE

The New York Times has become the latest defender of "Dixie," a song dear to the south and sung in all sections of this great country of ours.

It seems that a crabbed gentleman from the rocky-ribbed State of Maine addressed a communication to the Times in which he complained of the frequency with which the orchestras in New York restaurants played "Dixie." He admitted that at one time "Dixie" might have been acceptable, but that it had been played to death and he was very tired of the tune.

It is but natural that we should tire of all songs sooner or later, but because we do is no indication that they will be shelved for good. Nearly all of our popular tunes have grown wearisome to many people. Even "Annie Laurie," "The Old Folks at Home" and "The Last Rose of Summer" have palled on us at times, but they still preserve that perfect harmony and will be played and sung in the future generations just as they have in the past.

As the Times suggests, "Dixie" is now a national melody. It was a favorite tune in the north during the days of the war. It was adopted in the south as the militant song of the Confederacy.

"Dixie" has been found by official investigation to be the logical national song. It is popular in all sections. It is a song that will survive when others are forgotten. No doubt the gentleman from Maine has been moved by the tuneless ragtime of today, but he must remember that these ragtime compositions rarely last three seasons, whereas "Dixie" has been whistled and sung ever since the days of Uncle Dan Emmett.

Perhaps the critical gentleman from faraway Maine is a little old-fashioned and looks upon a restaurant as a place to eat and not a place to sing and dance.

There are many who still cling to this old-fashioned idea. When our ancestors went into the dining room of their hotels it was with the purpose of gratifying the inner cravings for food and not to be entertained with vaudeville, but since the times have changed and since the demand of the public is for entertainment as well as food, the gentleman from Maine must accustom himself to the music of today, and so long as men play music "Dixie" will be one of the popular airs played. It was the tune dear to our fathers, and it is the tune cherished by our sons. It is typical of the south and the proper song of the nation.

According to all tradition we are to have more cold weather. Snow, ice and storms. Always when the noted little ground hog comes out of his long sleep and sees his shadow it is a sure sign we are to have more cold weather. Monday

was ground hog day and there was no excuse for him not seeing himself to his content for three months during which time we are to have more winter weather.

Abilene is getting into the picture show business right. Two new movies are being erected and a new opera house is under way. Saying not much about that 6-story office building, which by the way seems to be almost a sure proposition.

Merkel has two postmasters now. One is and the other is going to be. The latter one is just getting on-to the ropes prior to taking the whole thing away from the former. They are both working thirteen hours per day.

Last Sunday was Go-to-Church Sunday over the country and even in the face of one of our West Texas sand storms, the majority of our people braved the gale and went to church.

And the little groundhog says: "Wee' wee, wee! I see my shadow, look out for snow."

If he runs from his shadow its going to be cold; if there isn't any shadow winter's lost its hold.

The Macon Telegraph says: "Women's hats will be more dangerous than ever this spring." Will the danger be of a purse or personal nature?

"Fifty dollars and 60 days on the county roads" is Judge Neil's sentence for some of the Nashville liquor law breakers. It is a safe bet that those 60 days will be as a life term to the amazed culprits.

Huerta's notice is called to the fact that the president of Haiti has taken refuge on a German warship. The south country president who runs away may live a little longer day.

Where are the mistaken men who said that Wilson would have the title, but Bryan would have the office? They have a revision of opinion coming to them.

The weather man has begun to back up the groundhog.

The seat of war in Mexico seems sadly in need of a patch.

Looks as is if Felix Diaz was deliberately monkeying with the buzz-saw in returning to Mexico.

The Illinois man who says he is Jeffersonian-Jacksonian-Wisconsin Democrat did not let anything escape him.

Haiti in a state of revolution? Well, she would not know herself in any other state. That is what the doctors call her normal temperature.

When some men see the high split skirts They give a loud guffaw, And then not thinking how they look, They don a mackinaw.

See Our Cook Book Offer on Page 8

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During the past dull winter automobile months we secured some excellent deals from the factories and now offer our purchases at the following prices:

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31x3 1/2	11.00	2.90		3.20	1.95
32x3 1/2	11.90	2.95		3.25	2.00
34x3 1/2	12.40	3.00		3.30	2.05
30x4	13.10	3.10		3.40	2.30
31x4	13.45	3.20		3.60	2.35
32x4	13.70	3.35		3.80	2.40
33x4	14.80	3.50		3.90	2.45
34x4	16.80	3.60		4.00	2.60
35x4	17.25	3.75		4.20	2.70
36x4	17.85	3.90		4.25	2.80
34x4 1/2	18.00	4.80		5.10	3.40
35x4 1/2	18.75	4.85		5.20	3.45
36x4 1/2	19.45	4.90		5.30	3.60
37x4 1/2	21.50	5.10		5.40	3.70
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**Shiloh.**

Sunday School and preaching was very well attended Sunday.

Brother Howell of Trent attended services at this place Sunday and was the guest of W. B. Beavers.

Mr. James and family living near Shiloh were visiting friends in this community Sunday.

Brother Geo. Scott and Will Boyd attended services at Shiloh Sunday afternoon.

Jim Grayson marketed fresh pork at Merkel Friday.

W. B. Beaver visited in Merkel Friday.

Joe Douglass of near Merkel visited his daughter at this place Sunday.

Brother Terrell Winters conducted prayer services Sunday night and to say we enjoyed the services would be putting it mildly. Brother Winters has a way of having all take part in the services.

We enjoyed the song service Sunday. There are some young people at this place who can sing real well when they will.

Farmers at this place are making good use of the nice spring like weather. We can see plowing going on all around.

There was a party at Mr. Woods Saturday night.

**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. 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 the W. B. line of Taylor county, Thence North with the W. B. line of said county to the place of beginning.

**W. O. W.**

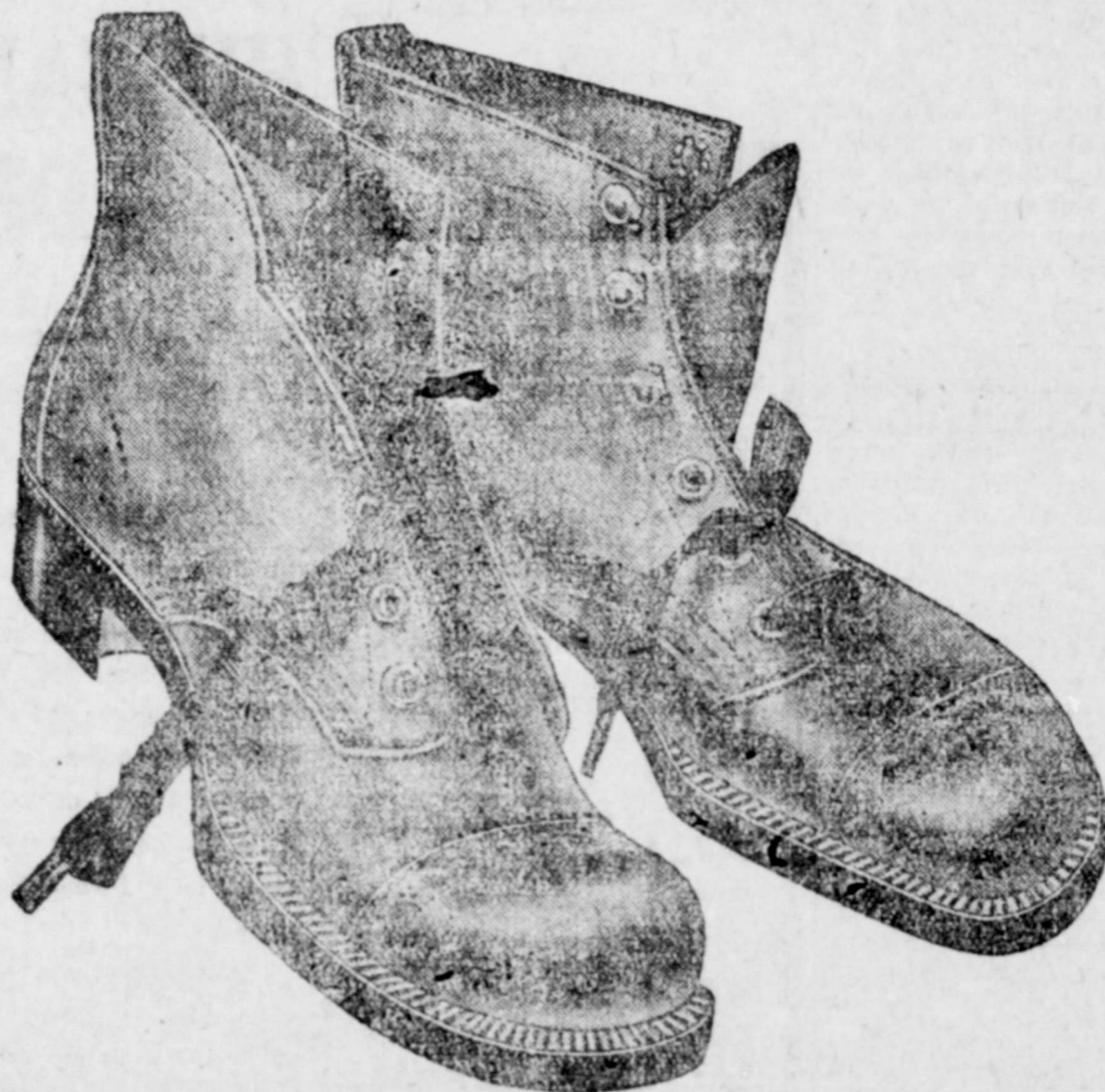
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**Trent**

The cowboy preacher preached at the Methodist church Sunday at eleven o'clock and Sunday night. His subject was on the white slave traffic. Quite a crowd attended his sermons.

We have been holding up for Trent and thought we had the best set of people anywhere around and to take them on the average we believe they are but they say there is a black sheep in most all flocks and we think there is certainly one around here somewhere as a few nights ago some dirty coward we wont class him as a human being for I would hate to know that humanity could get that low down, went to Mr. Henry Owens house at about one o'clock in the night and threw a glass fruit jar through the kitchen window against the kitchen cabinet breaking it to pieces. Mr. Owens is a respected man by all who know him and he has an invalid wife and some girls who have

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been sitting up with their mother for months and we think we have the party spotted, only one more little link to connect and when the grand jury meets again they will hear something drop. Every good man in this community stands ready to help protect Mr. Owens and meet out justice to all such cowardly curs.

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**Compere**

Health of Compere is good we are glad to report.

Dan Palmer has a place on his face that is hurting him very bad. Dr. Armstrong of Merkel is treating it with an Ex-ray which he thinks is helping it.

W. N. Moore, merchant of this place made a business trip to Anson last Saturday.

Our school is progressing nicely with about forty scholars enrolled.

Miss Carrie Shannon visited relatives at Noodle this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Foster of Noodle visited at Compere Sunday.

A good many of Compere's people were in Anson last week paying their taxes.

Brother White preached here last Sunday and will preach every first Senda this year.

We have a fine Sunday School, Bro. Dane being our Superintendent.

The farmers are moving up nicely with their farm work. The grain is looking fine.

The Singing Society meets every first and third Sunday evenings.

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**Butman**

The people of our community are still enjoying the lovely weather. We had two very cold days last week. Sam Butman Jr. reported one inch of ice on the lake near his farm house on the divide.

Rev. Jeff Pritchard filled his regular appointment at the Butman school house Sunday.

A lovely program was rendered at the school house Friday night by the society.

Quite a crowd was present at the Young Peoples Union meeting Sunday afternoon. A nice program was rendered. The subject being Redeeming the Time. Leader: Sam Butman.

Mr. Lamb and his sister were visitors of Miss Theresa Watford in our community last Sunday.

State of Ohio, city of Toledo, Lucas county, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., during business in the City of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Halls Catarrh Cure. FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December A. D. 1886. A. W. GLEASON.

Notary Public.

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**Blair**

Rev. Evans of Abilene, the new pastor of the Centerpoint church preached Saturday and Sunday.

The members of the Centerpoint church have decided to move the church building to Blair as it will be more centrally located.

There is being a petition circulated this week to be presented to the Commissioners court asking for a voting box at Blair.

W. N. Moore visited his daughter, Mrs. Adkisson Monday night.

Porter Erwin who has been in Crosby county for some time returned to his home Friday.

J. W. Campbell and family visited his mother at Blair Sunday.

Miss Jessie Williams visited her parents at Abilene Saturday.

Rev Jeff Pilcher preached at Centerpoint Sunday.





MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

**Merkel Was in Basket Ball.**

The Merkel High school girls matched a game of basket ball with the Sweetwater girls Friday afternoon. Sweetwater was the first to foul which resulted in a score for Merkel. All the players showed great practice in playing. At the end of the first half the score stood ten to nothing in favor of the home team. The second half was played with greater determination on the part of the Merkel girls. The game was a complete victory for Merkel. The score was sixteen to nothing in favor of Merkel. Merkel players were: Josie Smith and Mamie Moore, forward Wilma Garrett and Dorothy Duckett, center; Eunice Higgins and Nina Warnick, guards. Sweetwater players were: Bessie Smith and Lillie Sanders forward, Ruby Henry and Eva Cranfill centers, Lucille Snell and Josephine Kimbro, guards.

**Miss Gladys Haynes Gives Slumber Party.**

At five o'clock Tuesday afternoon a crowd of jolly girls arrived at the home of S. F. Haynes. The girls were dressed in white middie blouses and dark skirts. At six o'clock a perfectly appointed dinner was served to the girls. The girls then made candy. An hour later several boys joined the merry makers in bunco and "42." Delightful music was furnished by Misses Mattie T. Mann, Bessie Touchstone and Grace Diltz. Before the boys said good night the hostess, Miss Gladys Haynes served fruit, cake, candy and hot chocolate to Misses Bess Touchstone, Tommie Lou Coggin, Lillie Dean, Amy Gunn, Gertrude Cauthen, Evalyn Turner, Mattie T. Mann, Grace Diltz, Messrs. Ennis and Emmett Grimes, Imo Mann, Oscar Pate, H. C. Burroughs, Jr. Jack Walker, Choc Jones, Raymond Touchstone and Emzi Burroughs. The girls were greatly shocked when they found someone had turned the clock back, the discovery was made when the second bell announced the fact that they were partaking of a lovely breakfast.

**School Board Entertains Faculty.**

The Merkel school board invited the school faculty to meet with them in what was supposed to be a joint business session, however, it turned out to be a contest in banquet throwing—the board versus the faculty. Who won will never be decided. At the close of the meeting much to the surprise of the teachers they were invited to Mrs. Templeton's where they found a royal banquet spread. W. L. Harkrider distinguished himself in his speech of welcome. There was nothing lacking to add to the pleasure of the guests. The beautifully planned menu, the lovely table appointments, the tact and charm of the hostess, the wit and repartee of the entertainers, all blended to make a perfect evening. Covers were laid for Misses Hall, McNeese, Sutphen, Gunn, Huffaker, Jinkens, Fergusson, Williams, Willie and May Valentine, Messrs. Black, Burgess and Rogers of the faculty, Messrs. Swann, McMaster, Sharp, Warnick and Harkrider of the board. The absence of Misses Peek and Murphy because of illness and two of the school board, T. J. Coggin and Dr. Adkisson was very much regretted.

Miss Maude Jinkens charmingly entertained the T. K. C's Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel on Locust street. Bunco and "42" furnished amusements while the cracker of jokes and nuts were enjoyable features. Hot chocolate and cakes were served to Misses Ezma All-day, Mary Gunn, Virginia and Venona Hamblett, Zula Huffaker, Una Hall, Ruby Jones and Jess Sutphen.

Misses Maude and Minnie Ferguson were charming hostesses last Wednesday evening at their home on North First street. Various games were enjoyed interspersed by music furnished by Occie Burns and Price Banner. Hot chocolate and cake was served to Misses Fanny, Clara and Mamie Moore, Hollyce and Euffie Cypert, Messrs. Roscoe Sharp, Occie Burns, Price Banner, Tally Holloway, Rotan Cypert, Clarence Eoff, Geo. Woodrum and Jesse Ferguson.

The E. Love Hawkins Literary Society met in regular session in the 10th grade room Friday afternoon. The following interesting program was rendered:

Opening Song—"Down by The Old Mill Stream."

Prayer by Chaplain.

Debate—Resolved that the United States should remain natural in the Mexico War. Affirmative—George Smith and Velma Hogg. Negative—Jasper Tucker and Willie Coats.

Journal—Shirley Kiug.

The society adjourned then to meet again on February 6th.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church met in a business session Monday afternoon. The president Mrs. J. T. Warren presided over the meeting. Several new members were added to the society. The work is moving along beautifully. The ladies appreciate the personal interest as well as the spiritual influence given by Rev. and Mrs. Gaddy. The town has been classed into circles so as to simplify the work. Circle A has Mrs. E. Hall as president, Circle B is presided over by Mrs. P. B. Causseaux, Circle C is presided over by Mrs. J. S. Swann. The Saturday market has been adopted as a satisfactory means of raising money. The monthly social meetings are very enjoyable features of the work, creating a congenial atmosphere with the real live wires in the Lord's vineyard.

The Methodist Woman's Missionary Society held an interesting business meeting at the church Monday afternoon. The president Mrs. J. L. Harris presided over the meeting. Reports were made by the officers as to their special work. These reports were very creditable. Interest is being developed which is encouraging to the officers.

The "This and That Needlecraft Club" met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. B. D. Black on Orange street. An hour or more was spent in needlework and chatting. Those present were Mesdames Stallings, Toombs, Hale, Bagwell, Laney, and mother Mrs. Hubbard, Cash, Ponder and Riney.

**Sick Headache.**

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

**Wanted**

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

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Box 37' Abilene, Texas.

Miss Rosa Norris left Saturday for Dallas to visit relatives.

**See N. D. Cobb for Monuments and tomb stones. tf.**

**The Way Today.**

"You say you hope to become engaged to a suffragette?" "Well, I'm going to submit the question to a referendum consisting of her two sisters and her parents."—Washington Star.

**Confidences.**

She—Why, her and me were the best of friends before him and her met. Of course, that is between you and I.—Punch.

**Overheard in Washington.**

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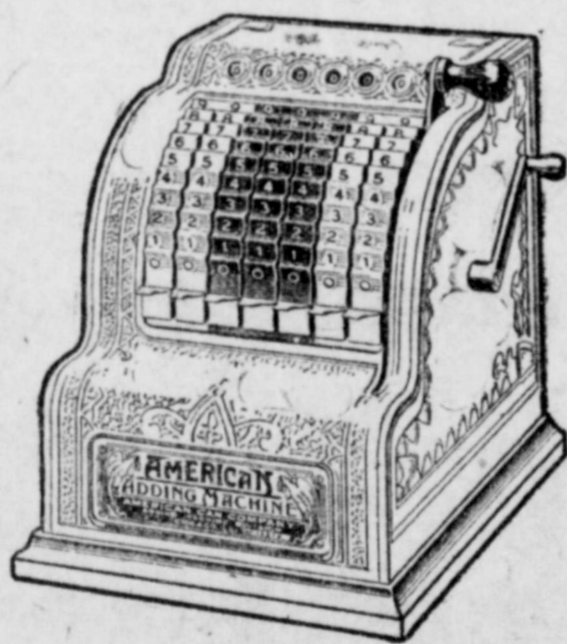
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Mr. W. C. Lasley,  
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Dear Sir:

You are no doubt familiar with the efforts put fourth and the progress so far made in this state by the democrats who favor state-wide prohibition, to the effect that we are concentrating on forces behind one candidate for governor at the July primary. Without such concentration it is selfevident that our efforts to elect a governor of Texas whose views are in accord with ours will prove futile and we will not but repeat the political folly of three years ago. To the end, therefore, that we may concentrate our influence and forces behind one candidate, I am appointing you chairman of the prohibition democrats of your county for the purpose of your calling together the friends of state-wide prohibition and good government at your county seat on Saturday, Feb. 14th, for the purpose of their selecting representatives to a state-wide mass meeting to be held in Fort Worth Saturday, Feb. 21st.

You will be entitled to one representative for every ten votes cast in your county for state-wide prohibition in 1911.

It is hoped and believed that this Fort Worth mass meeting we will be able to agree upon a candidate whose fidelity to state-wide prohibition and good government no one will question and whose statesmanship and grasp of public questions in our state are as comprehensively as the problems to be solved. I am confident you will find the ministers of your county willing to cooperate with you by their urging the members of their congregations to take an active part in both the county and state mass meetings. Should you see fit to instruct your representatives, you need not necessarily be limited in dates.

I will thank you to indicate to me at once your acceptance of this appointment.

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Steve Duckett made a business trip to Abilene Thursday.

### Operated on For Appendicitis.

Mrs. J. W. Wheatley received a message Friday afternoon from friends in Dallas stating that Mr. Wheatley had been operated on for appendicitis there that day. Mr. Wheatley left Merkel Thursday night for Dallas to look after business matters and was taken sudden after reaching there.

Mrs. Wheatley left Saturday night for Dallas and on arriving there reported Mr. Wheatley resting as well as could be expected.

Miss Irene Swann was a visitor in Abilene Thursday.

### Drug Company Makes Change.

The Rust & McCauley Drug Co. incorporated has made changes this week in both their financial interest and management of the business.

J. E. Shelton the new manager has purchased a liberal portion of the stock of the company and is now in charge of the affairs. He will be assisted in the business by his brother, Ben Shelton, who is now connected with a drug company at Thurber. Both the new men come here well recommended, the former having been for some years a member of the board of pharmaceutical examiners for this district when the examinations were under a district board.

## YEGGMEN AT WORK ALL OVER STATE

Within the last month there has occurred with the confines of our state, more bank, postoffice and safe robberies than ever in the history of the country.

On Friday morning yeggmen dynamited the First State Bank at Montgomery near Conroe and robbed the vault of \$8,000 in cash. This is the second robbery in Montgomery county within the last three years. The other occurred at Willis. The yeggmen having secured over \$3,000 at that time and stayed in the bank over two hours, during which time there was a continued fire between them and the president of the bank who was aroused on hearing the first explosion.

The same morning of the robbery at Montgomery the State Bank of Logansport, La., was robbed of \$6,000.

Saturday morning yeggs blew the postoffice safe at Frisco and secured \$200 in cash and between \$600 and \$700 in money. In the same vicinity many petty thefts and robberies have been reported lately.

### Methodist Minister Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Rev. James A. Lewis, Milaca, Minn., writes: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been a needed and welcome guest in our home for a number of years. I highly recommend it to my fellows as being a medicine worthy of trial in cases of colds, coughs and croup." Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a trial and we are confident you will find it very effectual and continue to use it as occasion requires for years to come, as many others have done. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. W. C. Ayers and two daughters Lillie and Eula visited the former's parents at Tye the latter part of last week.

### How is Your Boiler?

It has been stated that a man's stomach is his boiler, his body is his engine and his mouth the fire box. Is your boiler (stomach) in working order or is it so weak that it will not stand a full load and not able to supply the needed energy to your engine (body)? If you have any trouble with your stomach Chamberlain's Tablets will do you good. They strengthen and invigorate the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. Many very remarkable cures of stomach trouble have been effected by them. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

### Merkel School Notes.

The teacher of the Merkel Public School spent Saturday morning January 24, in their regular professional study. This year work is based on Smiths "All the Children of All the People." The book treats of the elemental factors in the make up of all children, their inherent powers and capabilities, individually and 'en masse'. The teachers cheerfully give much time to this study.

At the close of the meeting enthusiastic reports were given to teachers. Pupils are working harder and order is better this term than last. Exemptions from examinations and honor roll are having good effect.

The school board honored us this week with a formal visit to nearly every room in both wards. They should repeat their visits frequently. Their genial presence was an inspiration to all, both teachers and pupils. Some of the teachers said they wished they would visit the schools every week. Teachers of the Merkel Schools.

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