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BRONCHO BUSTING CONTEST IS OVER

Perhaps the best and greatest contest of its kind ever staged was held at Dallas Saturday and Sunday where the best broncho busters of the world took a hand.

On Saturday the \$1000 prize outfit looked as if it might go to Bugger Red Jr., who on that day rode "Flaxey" a Kansas outlaw horse that up to Saturday had unseated every rider who attempted to tame him, over forty good men who professed to be good riders had been thrown by this horse. On Monday the contest narrowed down to those who were not thrown on Saturday and ten riders from various parts of the world entered the contest.

Bugger Red Jr., was one of the first to get his on Sunday, being thrown by a little sorrel horse in a quick side stepping act. Out of the ten riders who entered Sunday six were quickly thrown. Out of the remaining four Hugo Strickland was awarded the \$1000 prize riding outfit as the best rider of the contest. The outfit consisted of gold and silver inlaid saddle, bridle, chaps and spurs.

J. L. Davis of Lorena, Texas, was awarded \$300 for entering the "Crazy Snake" as the meanest untamed outlaw horse of the two days exhibition.

The rules of the contest required all riders to ride without hobbled stirrups, no clawing leather was permitted and the rider required to keep his feet in the stirrups at all times only when spurring the horse, the spurs were not locked and the rider allowed to use only one hand to grip the halter strap.

BOY DROWNS SELF IN ABILENE TANK

The dead body of John Whitcomb Shipley was found in the standpipe at the Epileptic Colony of Abilene Saturday at noon, revealing the mystery of the missing youth who disappeared from the colony Monday night February 2.

The body evidently had been in the standpipe during the two weeks time. The father of the boy Paul Shipley of Pilot Point assisted in the search for the body during last week. The boy age 19 was under care of doctors at the Epileptic Colony and escaped their watchful eyes some time during Sunday night. The body was shipped to Pilot Point Saturday night of last week for burial.

Jones Found Not Guilty.

Relatives of Felix Jones who live in Abilene received a message from him stating that the jury in his case had found him not guilty of the killing of J. T. Battle at Gatesville last summer. The jury was out from Friday noon to Monday morning.

Mr. Jones has a host of friends here who were very glad to hear the news.

COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION

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While stopping in a small Texas town not long ago, I overheard a remark, the significance of which impressed me very much. A prosperous-looking, middle-aged man casually stated to a local merchant: "No, I am not in the market this year for any farm implements, as I am preparing to lease or sell my place and move to the city. My children are getting along, you know, and I feel that I should locate where educational facilities are better than here." To the ordinary person this incident would seem most commonplace; in fact, similar conditions, no doubt, exist in many Southern small-town communities, but the cause for same should not be allowed to exist, and the remedy is to a large extent in the hands of those people residing in and around the towns.

It stands to reason that the town whose merchants are prosperous will afford a good market for the products of its vicinity, and the town whose buying and selling activities will naturally afford ample educational facilities, thereby not only holding its old residents, but offering strong inducements to contemplative newcomers.

The number of stores (and financial condition of same) in a town depends entirely on the amount of patronage accorded the local merchants, and where all wants are supplied by these local mercantile establishments, the condition is governed by the law of supply and demand. Every dollar spent in local stores benefits you as well as every other individual residing in your community, as a portion of that dollar will find its way to some municipal development. It should require no argument to convince the most skeptical persons that they are doing their community a serious injury every time they make a purchase elsewhere.

There are many people living in our smaller cities and towns who prefer to shop in the larger city stores. Their impression seems to be that their local stores, being less pretentious, cannot give them as good values, styles, etc. If this class of buyers realized the fact that standard or trade-marked-advertised lines of goods offer the same style and quality, and sell for the same prices in their local stores as in the largest city stores, they would patronize their home merchants in every instance.

SAFE BLOWN AND STORE IS ROBBED

The mercantile house of H. S. Morgan at Tye was robbed between one and two o'clock Monday morning and the safe blown, from which \$18 in money was taken. Whether or not any of the goods were taken cannot be determined until Mr. Morgan makes a careful inventory.

Deputy Sheriff Whaley went out to Tye with Constable Darden and reported that there is absolutely no clue upon which to work. Nearly everybody in Tye heard the noise when the safe was shattered, and Deputy Whaley brought back a small piece of soap which had been used in the cementing of the safe door. The safe was terribly shattered, and the door was thrown the entire length of the building, injuring some of the furnishings. Part of the safe besides the door was fractured.

J. L. Banner for Re-election

We wish to announce to our readers this week, the candidacy of J. L. Banner of this city for re-election as county commissioner of precinct No. 2, Taylor county.

Mr. Banner has served our people through the last two years as commissioner and has rendered valuable services during the time. He asks for re-election from the people and asks that his past official services be given careful consideration by all voters when they cast their vote in the coming election.

Pigs Pigs Pigs

At the stock pens at Merkel, Saturday Feb. 21st. Good stock and healthy pigs. R. H. Collins.

Nugent Boy Killed.

Wednesday evening of last week Orville Friddle who lives near Nugent was crushed to death as a result of a bank of sand caving in upon him.

According to information received here the youth was tunnel-beneath the bank of a creek and without warning the walls of the tunnel gave way and caught young Friddle, crushing and smothering him before assistance could be secured. His widowed mother who lives near Phantom Hill was almost hysterical when the news was communicated to her.

West Texas Giant Here.

Cass Tarver the West Texas giant who aspires to the heavy-weight championship of the world was in Merkel Friday shaking hands with friends. Tarver at the present is an actor with the Albert Taylor Dramatic Company and is in this section visiting his parents at Anson.

Tarver is doing some fighting now when a bout can be staged at a place the company he is with is playing, he then gives the public a correct demonstration of a whirlwind fighting machine. His last fight was in Montgomery, Ala., where he fought Peter James a giant Greek for nine rounds. Tarver scoring a knockout. He joins the show again at San Angelo in about a week.

Boy Killed While Boxing.

Dangerfield, Texas.—Pat Scroggins, aged 16 years, was instantly killed accidentally Monday in a friendly boxing bout with Jessie Lasater, by a blow over the heart.

The blow, which ended the Scroggins boy's life was a light one but with over-exertion, it caused paralysis of the heart to ensue. Both of the families are prominent here.

COUNTY COURT OPENED MONDAY

The February term of County court opened Monday morning in the offices of Judge E. M. Overshiner at Abilene. The following cases being taken up at the time:

State vs J. C. Henslee; unlawfully breaking and tearing down fence of another; set for Wednesday of first week.

State vs Jess Carter; wife abandonment; set for Tuesday, first week.

State vs Henry Porter; aggravated assault; set for two p. m. Feb. 17.

State vs Emmett Mitchell; auctioneering without license; plea of not guilty and fined amount of tax.

Brought Here for Burial.

Mrs. Lucy Milliken, age 38, wife of Chas. S. Milliken of Dallas, was brought here for burial Friday February 6th the death occurring at the home in Dallas on February 4th.

Mrs. Milliken is well known here, the family having made their home in Merkel for a number of years. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Young of this place and was a staunch member of the M. E. Church South. She is survived by a husband and two sons, R. C. and Louis age 10 and 14 years respectively.

Mrs. Milliken died of pellagra of which she was afflicted with for several weeks prior to the death. Funeral services were held at the home of her parents Friday morning at 10 o'clock, with burial services immediately afterward in Rose Hill Cemetery. Rev. Ed. R. Wallace preaching the funeral.

DISTRICT COURT OPENS MON. WEEK

Taylor County District Court for the Forty-second Judicial District will open the regular spring term, February 3rd, with about the usual docket, both civil and criminal.

The following is the original list of grand jurors who have been selected by the jury commissioners. They will convene on the same day as court opens:

E. D. Coats, T. J. Toombs, W. B. Robertson, T. J. Cunningham, M. H. Compere, T. J. Hulsey, Meno Hunt, J. B. Wilkinson, G. L. Paxton, J. W. Faucett, C. F. Freeman, W. J. Floyd, T. C. Cox, J. L. Tims, W. H. Mackeoheny, W. B. Hale. There may be one or two changes in this list in the revise.

The following have been summoned for the petit jury for the first week.

C. R. Carpenter, C. J. Copeland, W. F. Jones, J. L. Abernathy, P. L. Stephens, J. L. Swann, E. L. Keeth, J. C. Ivey, W. R. Keeble, S. N. Edenborough, W. T. Johnson, J. S. Thomas, H. B. Henslee, C. E. Johnson, W. J. Harrington, J. A. Abbot, C. B. Manley, R. H. Adams, W. J. Boyken, J. F. Shaffer, S. D. Jobe, J. A. Crow, J. B. Knox, H. C. West, W. E. Jacobs, J. Ben Campbell, J. D. Southworth, R. W. Hewitt, C. W. Bacon and C. L. Tucker.

Mrs. Carterwright of Uvadale, formerly Miss May Belle Stephenson of Abilene came in Sunday to visit Miss Duncan Browning. Mrs. Carterwright has been visiting relatives in El Paso and stopped off here on her way home.

OPENS CAMPAIGN AT SWEETWATER

Judge Thos. L. Blanton candidate for congressman from this the 16th Congressional District opened his campaign at Sweetwater Saturday night by making a speech at that place upon the invitation of a number of his friends and supporters in Nolan county.

This is the first active steps taken by a candidate for the office of Congress from this district and is taken to mean the opening of a campaign that will cover all the country from Mineral Wells to El Paso, the largest congressional district that is represented by one man in the United States.

Ball Wins in Pro. Conventions.

Hon. Thomas Ball of Houston was given an overwhelming majority as the Prohibition Democrats selection for governor of Texas by practically every county convention held last Saturday throughout the state.

Taylor county delegates instructed their delegates to vote for Ball at the Fort Worth Convention. No instructions were given proxies.



THE FARMERS STATE BANK

How many, many people have rushed back into the house for their money and lost their LIVES? Their money had no business being in the house, it should be in the BANK. When it is in the bank it is safe. If you want to pay a bill write a check on our bank then you have a receipt. It is easier, too, because you can mail it in SAFETY. :—: :—: Make OUR bank YOUR bank.

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JAUREZ LADY IN MERKEL

RELATES EXCEEDINGLY INTERESTING STORY

Mrs. W. F. Hatchell of Jaurez, Mexico spent Monday in this city the guest of her former school friend Mrs. W. L. Harkrider.

Mrs. Hatchell is the wife of the Baptist foreign Missionary at Jaurez and has spent the past thirteen years in that country. Their first residence being in the central part of the country near the city of Mexico. In describing the conditions in and around Jaurez during the past five years of revolutionary movements Mrs. Hatchell has some very interesting stories to relate. Her first knowledge of actual and real warfare was when Madero took Jaurez and established the border town as his provisional capital. Quiet then prevailed until Orozco turned against his leader and again captured Jaurez under the head of Red Flaggers. The Red Flaggers holding the town for seven months at which time Madero was killed and Taurez accepted Hureta without protest as the ruler of Mexico.

Again quiet prevailed until last November when according to Mrs. Hatchell's statement the cleverest move of any Mexican General of the present day brought the noted General Pancho Villa into power. For some days Villa had been attacking Chihuahua but all the time allowed the federals to operate trains from Chihuahua to Jaurez without molestation. This fact seemed strange to Americans who knew the conditions for Villa could have at any time stopped all traffic over the line, but when the proper time came took charge of a provision train, secured a bunch of telegraph operators who he could depend upon and started for Jaurez, at each station he would place the officials under arrest and place one of his operators in charge of the station and at the same time would wire General Castro the federal general at Jaurez that he was on his way to the city with re-enforcements, using the name of Gen. Mercado another federal in sending all his telegrams. In this way Villa succeeded in having his troops in every section of the city before Gen. Castro knew of the false move. This strategy was done under cover of darkness, Villa's army reaching Jaurez at 2:15 a. m. He immediately captured the federal band and forced them to play the

American National Air "Dixie" while he was capturing the town. The music being only two blocks from Mrs. Hatchell's home she could hear the music when the firing ceased. In all the fights in Jaurez, Mrs. Hatchell stated that over 200 shots had lodged in home, it being only two blocks from the barracks and was in line of fire, two shots went so far as to penetrate the house and going through a pillow in the front room.

During the last fight when Villa captured the city, Mrs. Hatchell was standing on her back porch when she heard steps in the front part of the house. On investigation she found two soldiers of Villa's army had proceeded to take charge of things for a while. When she appeared they asked who lived there, on being told that only Americans lived there they quickly apologized for their intrusion and informed Mrs. Hatchell that they were only looking for mexicans and spaniards who were federal sympathizers. This occurred before day and in the afternoon Mr. Hatchell called to his wife to get in the house quick that something was wrong, soldiers had surrounded the adjoining house and guns were pointed in every direction. The surrounded house being the home of an American, Mrs. Hatchell informed her husband that she was confident the soldiers were looking for a mexican and that if they would go out and inform the soldiers of their mistake that trouble might be avoided. Taking their two small children in their arms, one age 5 and the other 2 Mr. and Mrs. Hatchell approached the house and informed the leader that an American was in the house and for them not to shoot. One soldier disregarded the intreaty and fired through a window, the shot awakened the American, Tucker by name who appeared at the door and invited the soldiers to search the house. This was done and no character found answered the discription of the man they were looking for, they apologized for their hastily move saying that they wished to harm no Americans but had instructions to shoot on sight a mexican federal sympathizer that was supposed to be in the house. The soldiers also informed Mrs. Hatchell that their instructions

were to blow up the house with boombs if no response was given their call: Tucker having married a mexican woman it was supposed that his brother-in-law was hiding in the house. Prompt action by the Hatchell neighbors saved Tucker's life.

Tucker had carried his wife to El Paso on the approach of Villa's army and had returned to Jaurez to look after the home and only an hour before the occurrence had taken dinner with the Hatchell family, and on leaving said that he was going over to the house and sleep awhile.

Mrs. Hatchell praised Villa as a general of the highest type of mexicans. On capturing the city he closed all saloons until absolute quiet was restored, and it being noticeable that the soldiers under him were well behaved and careful of the interests of Americans and other foreigners except spaniards. All spaniards are either shot or forced to leave the country. Mrs. Hatchell states that the spaniards should not take sides in the fighting as they do and Villa's only alternative is to deal with them severely although it seems brutal and uncivilized. She thinks that Villas' next move will be on Torreon and expects another strategy to result in the capture of that town.

Mrs. Hatchell stated that in the beginning of the warfare in Mexico that it looked as the United States would have to intervene before peace was restored but now thinks that with Villa at the head of the army that such a course will not be necessary, as all subjects of northern Mexico seem to have utmost confidence in Villa as a man who is not after political power himself but is working to get the political dictators out of Mexico, she thinks he will be successful in all his conquests.

Mrs. Hatchell also discredits the report that Villa forced an American woman to marry him and states that Sinora Villa lives in El Paso and she knows her quite well on sight. The Mrs. Villa having an automobile at her disposal visits her husband in Jaurez whenever he is in the city, they have been married several years.

Accompanying Mrs. Hatchell is two of her children, Statem age 5 and her baby daughter Page age 2. Statem speaks Spanish fluently, while the baby who is learning to talk can in her limited English vocabulary convert the thoughts into Spanish and talk as well in one language as she can in the other, being

FIREMENS SHOW FOR MARCH 4TH

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department will give a benefit Negro Minstrel at the Front Street Theater Wednesday night March 4th, and are now making preparations to have their show be one of the best ever gotten up by local talent.

The proceeds of this play will go into the treasury of the Fire Department for various needs of the department and should receive a liberal patronage from our show going public. Make your plans now to go and take a hand.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

Miss Maggie Price of Marlin was attacked Saturday night by a negro. Her arm was broken when the negro attacked her with a stick. She identified the man next morning and prompt action on part of the authorities prevented a lynching.

Gen. Hugh L. Scott in charge of the affairs at Fort Bliss has ordered the the Mexican Federal General Ynez Salazar be guarded more carefully to prevent his escape and has ordered that he be shot if such is necessary in event he attempts to escape.

Black smith coal 85 cents per cwt, at the Anchor Mercantile Co.

able to express her thoughts vice-versa when called on to do so. The visiting lady left Monday evening for Abilene to visit her brother Jno. Spaulding where she will be for a short while, after which she will return to her home at Jaurez where thirteen years of service has caused her to become attached to the work she is helping her husband in and states that she would not feel satisfied to leave there.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Simpson of Route 1 who was injured some time ago by being kicked on the head by a mule is almost entirely recovered from the injury and is out of danger.

Seed corn and amber cane seed at G. M. Sharps.

Dr. Hendrix of Stith left the first of the week for Brownsville with his son who is in bad health. Their stay there will be governed by the improvement of the latter.

Arrange now to go? March 4th.

Mrs. Isom of Abilene came in the first of the week to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes of this city.

Ladies Remember Hogue-Hamilton carries the Henderson Corsets, the best made.

G. E. Comegy was in Dallas the first of the week looking after business matters.

See H. M. Rose for special prices on gas tanks next few days.

Firemens Negro Minstrel March 4th.

A. H. Thornton of this city left for Dallas Monday night where he will purchase a new and complete stock of dry goods and furnishings for Hogue-Hamilton Dry Good Co. Mr. Thornton will return the latter part of the week.

Window glass in all sizes at Burroughs Drug Store.

Ben F. Shelton of Thurber came in Sunday afternoon and is now established with his brother Joe. Shelton in the management of the Rust & McGauley Drug Co.

Paints, oils and varnish at Burroughs Drug Store.

Mrs. Flora Adams of Abilene was in Merkel the first of the week visiting her brother W. L. Harkrider.

Seymours best flour at G. M. Sharps.

James Davidson of Erath county is the third man who has tried to identify the boy who was killed by a passenger train near Eastland Jan. 36. The body is still unclaimed.

Don't forget to figure with Hogue-Hamilton on that bill of groceries.

Leo Frank of Atlanta, Ga., must hang for the murder of Mary Phagan the 14 year old girl who was killed in a pencil factory where Frank was superintendent. Frank had been sentenced to hang by the lower courts but the executions were postponed, pending the action of the supreme court which handed down an affirmative decision on Monday.

Trade your old furniture to "Mack" for new. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

General Tilla, the notorious Mexican who holds northern Mexico has stopped the exportation of Mexico cattle into the United States. He states that absolutely no cattle will be permitted to cross the border until the cattle men of that section recognize the rebels instead of the federals as they have been doing in the past.

Plants chops and brand at G. M. Sharps.

The Big Little Store

It's BIG because of the great variety of goods carried in stock. So general is our stock assorted, that every want is instantly supplied. It's little because of careful conservative buying. We pay CASH for every article, buy in the smallest quantities possible, thereby insuring to you absolute FRESHNESS in every package.

ATTENTION BOYS

See the AUTOMOBILE on display in our window. We are going to give it to the boy who brings to our store the greatest number of wrappers taken from the packages of Brown's Crackers bearing the stamp of "The Sanitary Grocery." Each 5c package will be counted as one, each 10c as two, each 25c as three and each 25c package as five. We will count on April 1st. and the boy having the greatest number of counts will receive the AUTOMOBILE FREE. Write your name on all wrappers and deposit them in the box at our store.

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

W. E. Douglass, one of our local townsmen, is a holder of a section of land in the Dendee Oil Belt. He has leased his land of \$1.00 per acre per year with a contract of getting one eighth of the oil that is secured on same. Mr. Douglass may have acted a bit hasty in this transaction but \$1 per acre per year is a nice income on land in that section and in case oil is found it may net him a nice income.

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

Mrs. Alice Touchstone returned from Dallas Sunday morning where she visited her daughter Mrs. T. A. Harris for two weeks.

Car new Studebaker buggies. Anchor Merc. Co.

J. S. French a former Merkel man returned to our midst last week for a short visit. Mr. French is now making his home in Arkansas.

Jas. A. Patterson of the Warren community was in town Saturday with a "candidate bee" buzzing in his hat. The Jones county six foot sixer will not in any way interfere with our handsome number of Taylor county candidates but promises to make the candidates from the sister county sit up and take notice in case his plans materialize. Further particulars at a future date.

Mrs. Julis Cotton of Mineral Wells is the guest of Miss May Grayson.

No use complaining of the high cost of living when you can get a good cask of flour at G. M. Sharp's at \$2.25 per hundred.

Mrs. M. B. Bowles returned home the latter part of last week from Hedrick, Okla., where she has been the past two months visiting her son H. B. Bowles.

A. M. Rose has opened a new tin shop in the Crenshaw Block and wants you to call on him when in need of anything in his line.

Mrs. Nellie Scott enroute from Barstow to Dallas to visit her brother Claud Gray was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Permitter.

Go to H. M. Rose for any kind of plumbing work, tin work or pipe fittings. In the Crenshaw Block.

Mrs. M. B. Bowles spent Saturday and Sunday with her son E. M. Bowles of Abilene.

Get "Macks" prices on wall paper.

Mrs. J. E. Hallingsworth visited her brother Dan Rawlings of Trent the latter part of last week.

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

Mrs. S. Bradley visited her sister, Mrs. G. H. Kings of Abilene Friday.

Mrs. W. S. Mace of Lampassas came in Tuesday afternoon to visit her brother Ed Young and "family." She was accompanied by her two nieces Misses Hullings also of Lampassas who came along to pay their respects to Mr. and Mrs. Young and their new daughter. The visitors left Wednesday night for Fort Worth.

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

Mrs. S. M. Compton spent Wednesday in Abilene.

Auto tires, red special inner tubes. See H. M. Rose.

Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt returned Tuesday evening from Abilene where she has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Chas. Fryer.

By your tickets and have them reserved? March 4th.

Car new Studebaker buggies. Anchor Merc. Co.

Mrs. J. L. Harris is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. P. Duckett Jr., of Snyder this week.

The Safety Hatch Incubator, the best made for sale now at the Anchor Merc. Co.

Mrs. W. P. Duckett left Friday morning for Snyder to visit her son Walter Duckett.

Has your wife a McDougal Cabinet? If not why not? See "Mack" about it.

Ask the man who owns a Safety Hatch Incubator if they are not the best. Anchor Merc. Co.

Pipe fittings, well casings, House gutter, See H. M. Rose.

G. E. Comegy was in Dallas the first of the week looking after business matters.

I will install an auto filling station at my shop. See me for gasoline & auto oils H. M. Rose.

Ed Young of this city and of Lampassas when seen by a reporter for the Mail Wednesday morning was apparently the happiest father that could possibly be. His smile was of the ear to ear kind. Congratulations are in order and serve to make the smile all the broader.

Mrs. S. F. Haynes visited her daughter Mrs. Roy Isom at Abilene the latter part of last week.

Help the Fire Boys March 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Woodroof are at home. Mrs. Woodroof has been visiting her mother at Belview while Mr. Woodroof has been at eastern markets. Mr. Woodroof reports that he has purchased a very complete line of dry goods, a portion of which is already on the shelves of the Woerroof & Co's dry good establishment.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Get "Macks" prices on wall paper.

Miss Alice Williams of Abilene visited friends of our city the first part of the week.

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

Car new Studebaker buggies. Anchor Merc. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Hendrix spent Saturday and Sunday with the formers parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hendrix of Abilene.

On the corner by Behrens-McMillen Fur. Co. and across the street from the Farmers State Bank, Who?

Miss Mattie Christopher was the week-end guest of Mr. J. M. Bishop of Abilene.

Mrs. M. Burk returned to her home at Anson Saturday after a few days visit with relatives.

Take your wife to the Minstrel March 4th.

Miss Maggie Horton who is attending Simmons College at Abilene spent the latter part of last week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Horton.

New goods arriving daily at Hogue-Hamilton.

Miss Maggie Lee Clark was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. Kincaid of Tye the first part of the week.

See H. M. Rose for all kinds of tin work, plumbing or pipe fittings. In the Crenshaw Block.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Daniels came in from Colorado City Sunday.

Wall paper at Behrens-McMillen for 9 cents per double roll and up to the best grades.

Mrs. F. Adams of Abilene visited her brother W. L. Harkrider this week.

Phone us your orders large or small. We delivery anything from a spool of thread up. The Anchor.

Miss Etta Fergusson visited in Abilene Sunday.

Try our grocery department for high school class goods and quick service. The Anchor.

Mesdames Eugene Wood, Eunice Darr and son motored from Abilene Tuesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren.

You can't appreciate our new gingham without seeing it. Hogue-Hamilton.

Miss Bessie Hall of Sweetwater was the guest of Miss Fannie Burroughs Sunday.

We deliver the goods on time. The Anchor.

Mrs. M. A. Defee of Texarkana is here visiting her daughter Mrs. G. H. Adams.

Black smith coal 85 cents per cwt, at the Anchor Mercantile Co.

Monogram stationery with your initial on sale at Burroughs Drug Store.

Miss Evalyne Williams is at home from Fort Worth where she went to hear Paderewski and Maud Powell. She was the guest of Mrs. H. L. Rudmose.

Get your monogram stationery at Burroughs Drug Store.

Miss Myrtle Davis is at home from St. Louis.

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ENGINEER ON T. & P. TELLS OF RIDE

The following is supposed to be a true narrative of a pipe dream of a Texas & Pacific Railway engineer. One who has never worked on the Roi Grande Division, but has seen and lived a much faster life.

I was loafing around the streets one night," says Jim Nelson, one of the oldest locomotive engineers running into New Orleans, "and as I had nothing to do I dropped into a concert and heard a slick-looking Frenchman play a piano in a way that made me feel all over in spots. As soon as he sat down on the stool I knew by the way he handled himself that he understood the machine he was running. He tapped the keys away up at one end, just as if they were gauges, and wanted to see if he had water enough. Then he looked up as if he wanted to know how much steam he was carrying, and the next moment he pulled open the throttle and sailed out on the mail line, just as if he was half an hour late.

"You could hear her thunder over culverts and bridges, and getting faster and faster, until the fellow rocked about in his seat like a cradle. Somehow I thought it was old '236' pulling a passenger train and getting out of the way of a 'special.' The fellow worked the keys on the middle division like lightning, and then he flew along the north end of the line until the drivers went around like a buzzsaw, and I got excited. About the time I was fixing to tell him to cut her off a little he kicked the dampers under the machine wide open, pulled the throttle away back in the tender, and Jerusalem, jumpers! how he did run. I couldn't stand it any longer, and yelled to him that she was pounding on the left side and if he wasn't careful he'd drop his ashpan. But he didn't hear. No one heard me. Everything was flying and whizzing. Telegraph poles on the side of the track looked like a row of cornstalks, the tree appeared to be a mudbank and all the time the exhaust of the old machine sounded like the hum of a bumble-bee.

"I tried to yell out, but my tongue wouldn't move. He went around curves like a bullet, slipped an eccentric, blew out his soft plug, went down grades fifty feet to the mile, and not a confounded brake set. She went by the meeting-point at a mile and a half a minute, and calling for more steam. My hair stood up like a cat's tail, because I knew the game was up. Sure enough dead ahead of us was the headlight of the 'special.' In a daze I heard the crash as they struck, and I saw cars shivered into atoms, people mashed and mangled and bleeding and gasping for water. I heard another crash as the French professor struck the deep keys away down on the lower end of the southern division, and then I came to my senses. There he was at a standstill, with the door of the fire-box of the machine open, wiping the perspiration off his face and blowing at the people before him. If I live to be a thousand years old I'll never forget the ride that Frenchman gave me on a piano."

GETTING IT FOR LESS MONEY.

The common expression of "I can get this article for less" is abused to an extent as every merchant and farmer knows.

If you were to walk into a butcher shop and tell your butcher that his competitor across the street was selling meat at half the price he was selling it for, the butcher would not believe you. He is posted on the prices of meats and will probably tell you that you had better buy from the other fellow, and would grin at you while he was saying it. If a farmer has a bale of middlin cotton to sell and a street buyer would tell him that he could buy all the cotton he wanted from another farmer at half the market price, the farmer would quickly tell the buyer to go get the other cotton. Why? He would know that such a statement was not true.

If you have an article to sell whether it is cotton, chickens, dry goods or groceries do not demoralize business by selling out at half price but insist on having a fair profit for your goods regardless of what your competitor is reported to be doing. If your competitor is making such rash business transactions it will not be long until he will be out of business. Have a backbone, the strengthening fluid of which consists of a working knowledge of the costs of your work and expenses of operating your business. Do not sell it for less than is legitimate.

LOYALTY

Here is an article from the Railway Conductor's Magazine, which hits the nail on the head every lick:

"If you work for a man, in Heaven's name work for him.

"If he pays you wages that supply you bread and butter, work for him; speak well of him, stand by him and the institutions he represents.

"If you live in a town, live for it; respect the great power that protects you; that surrounds you with the advantages of civilization and make it possible for you to achieve the best results. Speak well of it; stand by it; stand for its civic and commercial supremacy.

"If put to a pinch, an ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness.

"If you must villify, condemn and eternally disparage, why, resign your position and quit the town, but as long as you are a part of a locality do not belittle it.

If you do, you are loosing the tendrils that hold you to the community, and the first high wind that comes along you will be uprooted and blown away and probably you will never know why; such has been the experience of many."

A Houston man is now the head of the new party, and can easily be termed an old head on young shoulders. Cap. Tom Ball after whom the town of Tom Ball was named is champion of the new party and is without a doubt one of the strongest men who could have been selected for the place.

Even though you may not be in the least way a bit superstitious you must agree that the Ground Hog day has proven that there is one rule on governing weather that can be relied upon.

Cureo has during the past two years held its annual "Turkey Trot" and Grapeland its "Possum Walk" but the Midland Reporter credits the latest fantastic step to San Benito as the "Hog Waddle" where over 5000 pokers were driven in a line through the town. Some step that "Hog Waddle". Merkel would be a good place to have a full dress ball of such an entertainment. All the principle hogs in the country would be present and would make the San Benito affair loom like a farce.

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Buy Your Tires Direct at Lowest Prices

By buying and contracting direct from the factories for tires in large quantities for spot cash, we are able to offer them at a great money saving price direct to the customer. A saving of from 35 to 60 percent.

When you buy tires from us you get full value, you don't have to pay the dealer's profit, the distributor's profit, the salesman's commission and other high selling and overhead expenses. We sell tires direct to consumer at jobbers prices and YOU GET BIG VALUE AND EXACTLY WHAT YOU PAY FOR.

Shrewd auto owners compose our customers among them are bankers, merchants, lawyers, doctors, planters and men in all lines who know values and realize the advantages of buying direct.

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

Among our tires are Diamond, Goodyear, Quaker, Nas-sau, Empire, Fisk and others of equal quality.

ALL TIRES GUARANTEED FULLY. NOTE THESE PRICES

SIZE	TIRES	GRAY	TUBES	RED	RELINER
28x3	\$ 7.20	1.65		1.90	1.35
30x3	7.80	1.95		2.20	1.40
30x3 1/2	10.80	2.80		3.10	1.90
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
36x5	23.00	5.80		6.20	4.00
37x5	24.40	5.90		6.35	4.20

We can furnish all other sizes. Non-skid 10" or higher

Our supply of these tires is limited, so we advise early ordering. Remember, they are new, clean, fresh, fully guaranteed goods. All high grade goods that will give best service.

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Advertised Letters

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Feb. 21, 1914

Copeland, Rev. J. T.
Carty, A. C.
Grover, Miss Nadine.
Hatton, L. R. (2)
Harris, Wat.
Jefferies, R. P.
Junell, N. O.
Lewallen, Hubert.
Lewallen, J. T.
Lewallen, Wade.
Mercer, C. K.
McCormick, G. W.
McClung, Jno.
Nervton, J. W.
Rodgers, R. R.
Smiley, Walter.
Scarborough, Joe.
Thompson, D. R.
Thorn, S. J.
Vaughn, J. L.
Whately, F. A.
Young, A. L. (2)

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Mar. 7, 1914.

H. W. Derstine, P. M

Working Roads Near Blair.

Commissioner J. L. Banner has two road graders at work this week in the vicinity of the Blair country. Messrs. W. A. Armstrong and T. M. Robertson are in charge of the work which will last through several weeks.

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. 30T4pd.

BIG FIRE SHOW

WEDNESDAY MARCH 4

FRONT STREET THEATRE

For The Benefit of The Merkel Fire Department

A GENUINE BLACK FACE MINSTREL

With a Good Selection of Songs and Dances

See "RED" in his Home-made Fire Eating Act

Remember the date WEDNESDAY MARCH the 4th

Notice to Breeders.

I will stand at Hellums Wagon Yard in Merkel the Hackney horse at \$15, the two Armstrong Jacks at \$10 and my horse Dan at \$10 to insure living foal. Will use all care possible but will not be responsible for accidents. Will Hellums.

To the Men of Merkel.

My watch stock is entirely too large. If you need a watch you can get a bargain now. Rust & McCauley Jewelry Co.

Pyorrhoeide, the standard tooth powder for diseased gums, recommended by all dentists. Grimes Drug Store.

Car new Studebaker buggies Anchor Merc. Co.

Pyorrhoeide, the standard tooth powder for diseased gums, recommended by all dentists. Grimes Drug Store.

Alarm Clocks.

Eight-day alarm mantle clocks 1/4 hour strikes on cup bell and hour strike on cathedral bell. The Seth Thomas make for sale by Rust & McCauley Jewelry Co.

Wanted

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

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

Marriage Licenses Issued.

Sammie R. Cox Jr., and Miss Vera Harris.

Alvin Luther Greer and Miss Hattie Lee Davidson.

W. E. Haley and Miss Grace Ogilvy.

H. B. Farrow and Mrs. S. E. Lomax.

James Murray Magee and Miss Dorothy Camille Breeding.

W. O. W.

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

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

Cream Agency Established.

We will have a creamery man here to establish a cream agency and to buy your cream. Bring it in. West Texas Hardware Co.

Returns From Market.

Miss Lizzie Mae Freeman returned from eastern markets last Friday where she has purchased a stock of millinery, a portion of which she has already received.

Wanted: Every farmer in the Merkel country to see John Deere planters and cultivators. Crown Hardware Co.

On the corner by Behrens-McMillen Fur. Co. and across the street from the Farmers State Bank. Who?

CONVENTION TO MEET APRIL 6 & 7

A district convention comprising several counties will be held here April 6 and 7 at the Presbyterian church.

Speakers from various parts of five surrounding counties will be here to take part in the speaking among whom are J. S. Hodges, W. E. Harrison, H. M. Peebles, U. C. Howard, W. Nicholson and Dr. A. F. Lewis. The latter, the principal speaker for the two days is said to be a very interesting speaker on this work and comes well recommended from his home at Waxahachie. Dr. Lewis is also superintendent in charge of the Sunday school work for the Dallas district.

A full and complete program will be published as soon as it is arranged.

Found Not Guilty.

The jury in the case of the City of Merkel against L. L. Huddleston charged with misdemeanor returned a verdict Wednesday afternoon of not guilty.

Huddleston was charged with having thrown a missile against the tent of the Busby Minstrel Show on Tuesday night of this week.

Separator Demonstration.

On February 20th and 21st we will have a Sharpless Cream Separator demonstration. There will be a man from the factory to show you something about separators. Come in and see what you can learn. West Texas Hardware Co.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Massey-Sikes.

Walter Massey and Miss Maymes Sipes were quietly married at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Scott...

Askins-Kincade

Luther Askins of Duncan, Okla., and Miss Minnie Kincade were married Monday at 2 p. m., at the home of the brides parents...

Immediately after the marriage covers were laid for a host of friends and acquaintance, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Will Ayers and Miss Clark of this city...

Baraca Class.

The Baraca class of the Baptist church met Sunday morning with a large class present, numbering 14. Miss Una Hall was unable to teach the class on account of sickness...

The membership was enlarged by one, there also being one visitor present. The invitation is extended to all young men of town who are not attending Sunday school to come to the Baraca class of the Baptist church.

Miss Ezma Allday celebrated her birthday Sunday at her home on South Oak Street. She served a noonday dinner perfect in all its appointments.

Mrs. Ed R. Wallace entertained the Methodist Baracas and Philatheas Friday evening with a valentine party at the parsonage. The reception rooms were beautifully decorated with hearts.

L. A. and M. S. met in regular session at the Baptist church February 16th. A very helpful and interesting talk from Pastor Gaddy preceded the opening exercises.

Little Miss Ruth Holloway entertained Miss McNees room with a valentine party Saturday afternoon from 2:30 to 5 o'clock.

Velma King, Lilly Pratt Sears, Hazel Harkrider, Evelyn Hamm, Midred Sanders, Pansy Walters, Rosie Laney, Edith Abercrombie, Girlfe Howard, Mabel and Lucille Russell, Mabel McNees, Geneva Tipton, Mona T. Christopher, Ruth Holloway and Miss McNees, Herbert Dennis, Newton Cobb, Quay Hamblett, A. J. Mann, Jerome Hutcheson and Doyle Garrett.

The Baptist Philathea class club met Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 5 o'clock with Mrs. Earl Lassiter. Those present were Misses Agnes Hall, Maude Martin, Ola and Lula Sharp, Maggie Wheeler, Florence Holmes, Dovey and Mary Teaff, Mesdames W. A. Scott, W. H. Sorelle. The hostess served salad with whipped cream and chocolate and whipped cream and cake.

Saturday afternoon Mrs. Victor Harris entertained nine little girls at her home on Reynolds street in honor of her little daughter, Ruby who celebrated her eighth birthday. The hostess had arranged a number of enjoyable games for the little guests.

Miss Mamie Moore entertained Friday evening at her home on Reynolds street. The guests were invited to come in tacky costumes for an evening of fun and frolic. The guests were: Messrs. Ralph Bigham, Emzi Burroughs, Cecil Jobe, Will Bond, Charley Williams, Q Rust, Robert Dennis, Misses Mary Mayfield, Gladys Walters, Madalyn Adkisson, Kate Henderson, Gladys Coggin.

Mrs. W. H. Laney was hostess Tuesday afternoon for the This and That Needlecraft club. Several visitors were present to participate in the pleasure of the afternoon.

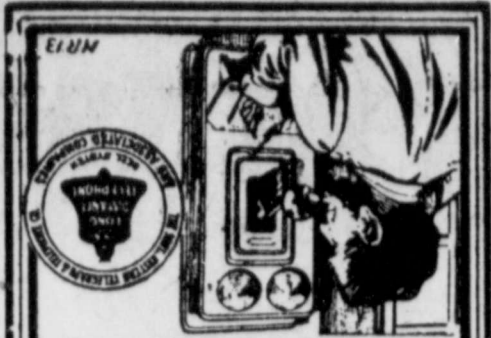
Program of Central Circle. Invocation—Rev. Gaddy. Piano Solo—Miss Burroughs. Reading—Mrs. W. A. Scott. Music—Miss Ina Mae Adams. Reading—Lucy Tracy. Vocal, Solo. Free Will Offering. The ladies of the Central Aid Circle will give a tea at the home of Mrs. Jno. Sears, Monday, February 23rd.

Epworth League Program. Subject—"Africa at our Door." Leader—Georgia Moore. Scripture—Jonah 4: 1-2. Song. Prayer. Debate—Resolved that Home Mission work is more important than Foreign. Affirmative—Dr. McMasters and Mrs. Wallace. Negative—Mrs. Jennings and Mr. Johnson. Quartette—John Moore, Ollie Shaffer, Robt. Hicks and R. A. Burgess. Miscellaneous. Benediction.

Trent Society. The W. W. V. C's. met with Mrs. R. H. Reeves last Thursday. On account of the inclement weather only a few were present.

The Ladies Aid Society met Tuesday afternoon at the Baptist church for devotional services and new business.

The Womens Mission Society met Friday at the M. E. church to attend to business matters. These women are doing some good work.



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Getting over the old stile. Clear skies, green fields, full barns, the farmer who realizes that the old order of things has passed.

Methodist Minister Recommends Chamberlains 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."

Six Year Old Candidate. About the youngest candidate to announce in Merkel lately is Claud Dye the six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Dye.

Leaves for Market. W. L. Harkrider is in St. Louis this week for the purpose of buying a spring and summer line of dry goods.

Miss Mable Collins returned home Thursday morning from an extended visit with her sister Mrs. V. D. Jones of Bagwell and with friends at Clarksville, Paris, Hico, Fort Worth and other points.

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. No.

VALLEY of the SACRAMENTO. Wouldn't you like to see "how the land lays" that will produce wheat alfalfa, oranges, lemons, raisins, rice, hops, walnuts, almonds, peaches, figs and prunes? ... SUNSET MAGAZINE SERVICE BUREAU San Francisco California

TRY MAIL "WANT ADS"

It Always Helps. says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. ... CARDUI The Woman's Tonic. Get a Bottle Today!

THE MERKEL GARAGE. Repair work promptly done and Satisfaction Guaranteed. TEXAS COMPANY'S OILS AND GAS. S. P. FOSTER : PROPRIETOR

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FARMERS RAISE FLAG OF TRUCE

City Prohibitionists Warned Against Strife.

Agricultural Legislation Demanded.

Fort Worth, Texas.—The following statement defining the position of the Farmers' Union on prohibition has been issued:

We recognize that the liquor question is a problem that is entitled to the consideration of the public, but we submit that the issue has but recently been passed upon by the voters of the state and that the past three or four sessions of the legislature have done little else than wrangle over the liquor question obstructing other important legislation for almost a quarter of a century.

Hurls Defy at Obstructionists.

We are as much opposed to legislation favorable to the Antis as we are to legislation favorable to the Pros. The introduction of a liquor bill has invariably swept the calendar of all other measures, however meritorious, and has thrown the legislature into a seething mass of dissension. It is between these combatants that the Farmers' Union, with a membership of a quarter of a million, marshals its forces, raises a flag of truce and hurls a defy at either Pro or Anti, great or small, who refuses to salute the flag and warns all obstructionists of whatever character to cease their activities until constructive legislation can be secured for the agricultural interests of Texas. Legislation that will help the farmer must be made the paramount issue in this campaign.

Eliminate the Politician.

We recognize that the elimination of this question from the present campaign will paralyze the ambition of many party leaders, strike dumb some of our foremost political orators and send many of our leading politicians to useful occupations for a livelihood, but the prosperity of all the farmers is more important than the preservation of a few contentious leaders.

It may be said that liquor legislation need not necessarily conflict with business legislation, but past experience completely blasts that hope. Then, too, it requires a different type of men to transact business from what it does to play politics. The next administrative and legislative branches of government should be a student body, addressing themselves exclusively to the solution of economic problems and they should not be disturbed with troublesome questions from the cities.

Laws That Will Build Needed.

The Farmers' Union, as an organization, will endorse no candidate for office, but its members will in the main support candidates who are in accord with its principles of peace and harmony. Perhaps seventy-five per cent of our members voted for state-wide prohibition when the question was last submitted, but they cannot live on water alone; they must have bread. There are things the farmers of Texas want for themselves far more than things they want to keep others from having. We need necessities for ourselves far more than to keep others from buying things that are unnecessary. We want the next legislature to develop the positive side of life, rather than the negative; we would like to hear the legislature say "thou shalt" to the strong and the capable as well as "thou shalt not" to the weak and vulgar. We want laws that build, as well as those that bind. We want strong men in the legislature who are able to deal with the tremendous forces of civilization rather than those who can gossip on the frailties of human nature.

The farmers of Texas will no longer be satisfied with platitudes or be further entertained with horrible stories of the wickedness of cities. Since the beginning of time, the cities have been seething in sin and they always will be. They have been blocking agricultural legislation in Texas for the past quarter of a century, asking for laws that will wash them whiter than snow. Will they please open up the gateway and let the farmer in?

FRESH BREAD AND CAKES EVERY DAY DURING THE WEEK

We bake every day and our bakery supplies at all times kept absolutely fresh by this method.

OUR BAKING KITCHEN

is under the direction of an experienced baker and cook. All orders entrusted to him are handled with the greatest care possible. Our kitchen is open for your inspection.

THE PURE FOOD BAKERY

VALENTINE DAY

IS NEAR AT HAND

We are headquarters for all kinds of Valentines. Come and see us.

BURROUGHS' DRUG STORE

State-Wide Prosperity the Issue.

We want to counsel the conservative and warn the radical that the paramount issue in this campaign is state-wide prosperity for the farmer and the more rapid development of the resources of Texas. We ask the farmers of Texas and the city business men to co-operate with the Union in its efforts to secure political peace and constructive legislation.

W. D. LEWIS, President.
PETER RADFORD, Ex-President.
Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of Texas.

Tye vs Salt Branch.

The Salt Branch school basketball team and the Tye team engaged in a basketball game Friday afternoon that resulted in a victory for the former by a score of 15 to 2. The game was hard fought through the first half and seemed even but in the last half the Salt Branch boys outclassed the Tye boys and won the game with ease.

The final contest between these two teams will be played Friday of next week.

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.

Buy your phone batteries from the Anchor Mercantile Co.

We are in the market for the best country butter, we also handle eggs and chickens. Conner & Rogers.

Mrs. S. F. Annis left Wednesday for Ft. Worth to visit Mrs. Dr. Morris.

Corn 85 cents, and eastern oats 55 cents per bu. Walter Clark.

We will pay 9 cents per pound for good fat hens, 12½ cents for fryers and 15 cents for broilers. The Kent Street Gro. Co.

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

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The Americans are the greatest meat eaters of any of the nations.

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

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

WANTED—Every man in the Merkel country to see our line of John Deere planters and cultivators. Crown Hardware Co.

FOR RENT OR SALE—My concrete store building across the street from the postoffice. For information write H. L. Coleman, 754 Ninth Ave. Fort Worth, Texas.

FOR SALE—Team of horses 2100 pounds, \$100, team of mules, 1600 lbs, \$100, one mare, 900 lbs, \$60. These are hard times prices. Dr. Geo. L. Miller.

FOR RENT—95 acres good farm land. 75 acres in cultivation. Apply to John B. Bell. 1tpd.

HAND WANTED—Man with family Apply to Sam Butman, Nubia, Texas.

FOR SALE—3-year old jack, 15 hands high, brown in color and guaranteed in every respect. Also a bunch of 5 good mares. W. A. Hogue, Trent, Texas. 20t4

WANTED—Horses to pasture. S. H. L. Swafford, Route 1. 1t

Buy your phone batteries from the Anchor Mercantile Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain were in Abilene Sunday the guest of friends.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Grayson of Route 2 community a girl on the 15th.

Nice, New fresh stock of groceries, at the Anchor.

T. H. Christopher visited his son Simpson who is attending Simmons College at Abilene Tuesday.

Mrs. R. E. Bowles was a visitor in Abilene Tuesday.

Go to Market.

W. Parten, manager of the Parten Dry Goods Co., left Saturday night for a ten day stay at St. Louis where he will purchase the new spring and summer line of dry goods and furnishing for his company.

Yale Motorcycle.

Yale motorcycle for sale or trade. J. W. Daniel.

Miss Fannie Tippett of Abilene is here visiting her sister Mrs. W. L. Harkrider.

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

You Don't know what you are missing when you fail to see the new laces at Hogue-Hamilton.

Buy your phone batteries from the Anchor Mercantile Co.

The Butter market is getting better. I can give 15c for all good fresh square molds. Can give you 12 1-2 cents for frying chickens, 9 cents for hens, market price for eggs. W. P. Duckett.

Misses Lizzie Mae Freemon and Emma Mae Mashburn are at home from stanton where they visited the families of T. E. Mashburn and Mrs. Kaberli.

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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.

Go After Business

in a business way—the advertising way. An ad in this paper offers the maximum service at the minimum cost. It reaches the people of the town and vicinity you want to reach.

Try It—It Pays

SHOTGUN EXPLODES & HURTS HUNTER

Walter Frazier was badly injured Thursday morning of this week by an explosion of a shotgun.

Frazier with some friends was hunting was in the act of shooting at some birds when the shotgun exploded, tearing the breach of the gun to pieces, bending the barrel of the gun in almost a semi circle and lacerated Frazier's hand very badly. Mr. Frazier was using the left hand on the trigger of the gun and sustained several broken bones in the member, some of the fingers may have to be amputated but at present the attending physician hopes that such will not be necessary. After the explosion of the gun L. L. Huddleston who was with Mr. Frazier at the time, picked the shot gun up at a distance of several feet from where the accident occurred. The cause of the premature discharge cannot be accounted for.



The Baking Powder Question Solved

—solved once for all by Calumet. For daily use in millions of kitchens has proved that Calumet is highest not only in quality but in leavening power as well—unfailing in results—pure to the extreme—and wonderfully economical in use. Ask your grocer. And try Calumet next bake day.

RECEIVED HIGHEST AWARDS

World's Pure Food Exposition, Chicago, Ill. Paris Exposition, France, March, 1912.



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

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Shiloh.

Farmers of this community will soon be up with their work if it does not rain soon. The ground is getting very hard.

The church at this place made up money Sunday with which to purchase song books.

Mesdames Grayson and Scott surprised their Sunday School pupils Sunday by treating them to candy, oranges and apples. We think that a good idea as it encourages the little ones to take more interest in their lesson.

Mrs. Cotton of Mineral Wells is visiting the family of Jim Grayson. She is an old friend and one time a neighbor to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Boyd were the guests of W. B. Beaver and family Sunday.

Miss Mae Grayson was a visitor at Merkel Thursday.

Bud Brown has been hawling cord wood the past week.

Miss Effie Mayberry was the guest of Miss Nina Beavers Sunday.

There was a musical entertainment at Mr. Grayson's Saturday night. Those present report a most enjoyable time.

Mr. Rains and son Albert of Comper passed through this community last week.

State of Ohio, city of Toledo, Lueus 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. Halls Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists 75c. Take Halls Family Pills for constipation.

Comper.

Rev. Tucker filled his regular appointment here Sunday singing in the afternoon.

Lawrence Farris gave the young people a singing Sunday night a good time and good singing.

Erbin Shannon visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Sunday.

Misses Mollie and Carrie Shannon visited in Merkel the latter part of last week.

Dan Palmer thinks the doctor's treatment is doing his face good. He has our sympathy in his troubles.

Most all of the farmers are breaking their land. They claim they need rain.

The Best Cough Remedy.

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy ever since I have been keeping house," says L. C. Hames, of Marberry, Ala. "I consider it one of the best remedies I ever used. My children have all taken it and it works like a charm. For colds and whooping cough it is excellent. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Blair

Mr. Spicer done a good job moving the Centerpoint church. It is now at Blair and very little damage was done while moving it.

Ross Campbell is reported very sick at this time.

Johnnie Ray is moving to his farm east of Blair.

Mrs. J. M. Reeves returned home Saturday from north Texas where she has been visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Erwin visited Mrs. Elza Campbell Monday.

Grandma Raines is at home again after a long visit to Alabama.

Mart Powell and mother are visiting in Buffalo Gap this week.

W. M. Clark visited his son Rigor in Jones county last week.

The singing class met Sunday for song service.

S. F. Provine cut his foot while chopping wood last week but will soon be able to be out again.

ARRIVED MONDAY

Fifteen big cases of New Spring Goods. Every department through our store is well represented with all that is new for this season, pay us a visit, let us show you the new goods. No trouble to show you the goods.

W. D. WOODROOF & COMPANY

Warren

Misses Frankie Campbell and Levie Tittle were visiting their sister, Mrs. Homer Patterson the latter part of last week.

Several of the young folks attended the Valentine party at Mr. Robinsons last Saturday night.

The health of the community is good except that of Dennie Wilkins who is not doing so well this week.

Misses Maggie Foster and Mae Hogg spent last week with relatives in Merkel.

Our County Superintendent visited our school last week.

The School Literary Society will entertain next Friday.

The basket ball game between Warren and Stith last Saturday was a hard fight from beginning to end. The score stood 25 to 18 in favor of Warren, as usual.

Don't You Believe It.

Some say that chronic constipation cannot be cured. Don't you believe it. Chamberlain's Tablets have cured others—why not you? Give them a trial. They cost only a quarter. For sale by all dealers.

Butman

The health of our community is excellent.

Miss Lula Cogburn of Nubia who has been on the sick list is well again.

Friday night a nice program was rendered.

Miss Dota Garrouette, principle of the Butman school visited at her home north of Merkel Saturday and Sunday.

A Valentine social was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Butman Saturday night and was greatly enjoyed by those present.

Sunday school and prayer meeting was held at their regular hours Sunday.

G. B. (Blue) Tittle For Treasurer.

We are pleased to announce to our readers this week the candidacy of G. B. Tittle formerly of this city as candidate for the office of county treasurer of Taylor county for re-election subject to the coming Democratic primaries.

Mr. Tittle has served the people of Taylor county during the past year in the capacity of county treasurer and his services have been entirely satisfactory to all concerned. He deserves your consideration for the same position when you cast your vote in the coming elections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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For District Offices.....\$7.50
For County Offices..... 7.50
For Precinct Offices..... 5.00
For City Offices..... 2.50
Subscription Price per year..... 1.00

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TAYLOR COUNTY CANDIDATES

For Sheriff:
Geo. M. Cauthen
W. F. (Frank) Whaley
T. T. Spann

For District Clerk:
J. Fuller (re-election)
J. N. Routh

For County Clerk:
A. H. Balch
Miss Fannie Tippett
J. D. Hilton

For Tax Collector:
D. T. Harkrider (re-election)
W. F. Dillard

For County Treasurer:
G. B. (Blue) Tittle (re-election)

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2.
T. R. Lassiter

For Weigher
P. C. Jones
J. M. Garrett
C. C. Bankhead
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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 druggists in 25c and 50c bottles. A. B. Richards Medicine Co. Sherman, Texas. Adv.

Sweetwater Bank Entered.

The First National Bank of Sweetwater was entered last week by someone, who entered through one of the back windows. Nothing of value was secured and the intruder departed without any funds he may have expected to obtain.

Miss Ollie Garrouette of Route 1 sustained a sprained ankle the first of the week as result of a fall. The injury was a very painful one but in no way serious.

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.

What Would You Do.

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

ANNOUNCING

The New Typewriter 7

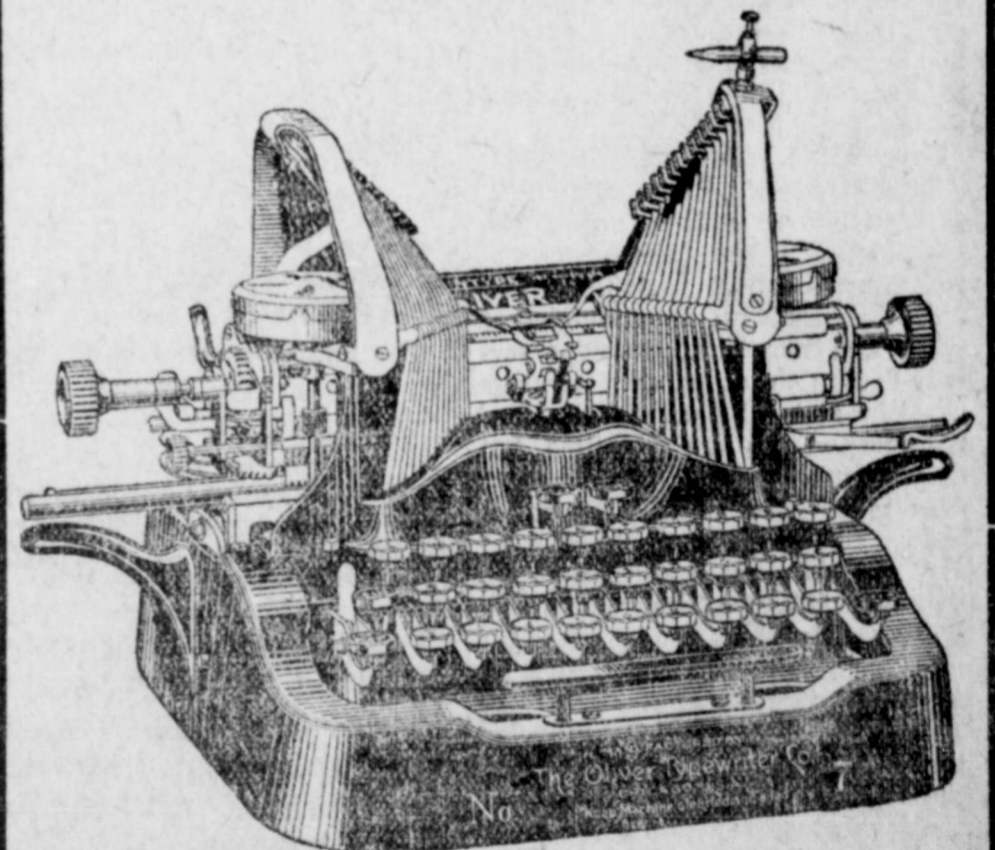
OLIVER NO. 7

We announce an amazing model—The OLIVER No. 7—a typewriter of superexcellence, with automatic devices and refinements that mark the zenith of typewriter progress. A marvel of beauty, speed and easy action. Typewriting efficiency raised to the nth power.

The OLIVER No. 7 embodies all previous Oliver innovations and new self-acting devices never before seen on any typewriter. A leap in advance which places The Oliver ten years ahead of its time. So smooth in action, so light to the touch, so easy to run that experts are amazed. A model that means to the typist delightful ease of operation.

A model that means a higher standard of typewriting, longer and better service.

The No. 7 is now on exhibit and sale at all Oliver Branches and Agencies throughout the United States.



The new model has more improvements, refinements and new uses than we can even enumerate here. The "cushioned keyboard" with anchor keys and the new automatic features mean less work for the hands, less strain on the eyes, less manual and mental effort. With all of these masterly mechanical improvements we have made the machine more beautiful and symmetrical. From every standpoint the OLIVER No. 7 attains superlative excellence. Nothing you could wish for has been omitted. The new devices, refinements, improvements and conveniences found on the No. 7 represent an enormous outlay and vastly increase its value—the price has not been advanced one penny. We shall even continue

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