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## POOL HALLS OUT MAJORITY OF 361

At only one voting place in Taylor county, did the pool halls get a majority of the votes in Saturday's election. That being at Abilene where 366 voted against having pool halls and 367 voted to keep them, at all other places in the county the majority was against the halls. The vote at Merkel being 138 against and 12 for.

The stock election carried in all of three precincts of the county. The vote here being 137 favoring the stock law with 13 against, a difference of only one vote from the returns of the pool hall election.

## \$1,000,000.00 MADE IN FORT WORTH

Fort Worth was the scene of the manufacturing of about \$1,000,000.00 in currency last week for the constitutionalists of Mexico.

The Printing was done in one of the Fort Worth printing shops the shop being guarded by representatives from the border country while the work was being done. The money is finished and perhaps a part of it is already spent in and around El Paso.

## KILLED BY TRAIN IN ABILENE SATURDAY

J. J. Glynn, age 42, was ground to pieces beneath the wheels of a freight train at Abilene at about midnight Saturday night. His head was completely severed from his body, one shoulder crushed into a pulp and both legs were badly mangled.

The man was traveling with a companion, James Bayes, who stated that they left El Paso going east on freight trains with Fort Worth as their destination. Bayes knows nothing of Glynn's relatives although he has known the deceased for several years. The body was taken charge of by the Laughter Undertaking Co. to await information from relatives if they can be found.

## BOY ACCIDENTLY KILLED BY SHOT

Tom Gordon age 14 was accidentally killed five miles south of Bradshaw last week by his boy friend Yeung Herrington whom he was hunting with at the time of the accident.

Gordon and Herrington were hunting birds with a shot gun when by some accident the gun was discharged accidentally, the entire contents entering the stomach of young Gordon. The lad died in terrible agony a few hours later.

## ABILENE CLOSSES POULTRY SHOW

The Abilene Poultry Show closed Saturday with J. L. Brinkley of Iuka, Miss., as sweepstakes winner with a pen of White Plymouth Rocks.

In addition to the Brinkley entries at Abilene there were others there from Mississippi, and were entered from a farm that has been making entries in the New York Chicken Shows, but they were not in a class with the pen from Iuka.

Strictly northern soft wheat flour, White Crest the best made. At Hamlet & Rogers.

## MEETING OF JONES COUNTY FARMERS

I wish to announce that the Jones county Farmers Institute will meet at Sears (Hebron) Schoolhouse 8 miles north of Merkel at 7:30 p. m. March 20th, for a night session on Friday night and an all day meeting Saturday following. Their will be dinner on the ground Saturday for all who come. We expect to have several strong speakers for the meeting and subjects of vital importance will be ably discussed. Hon. Ed R. Kone, Commissioner of Agriculture and other able men to have signified their intention to be present. Some subjects to be discussed are; How to handle the Cotton Crop, especially, the marketing feature; Good Roads; Better Schools; Fertility of Soils; Dairy and Dairy Products; Silos, and other such subjects. Some demonstrations in the use of the Babcock Cream tester and handling of cream for market will be given.

We also hope to have an able man to discuss the subject of Home Ownership by the American farmer. This subject alone is of great interest to every citizen when he notes with what rapidly the lands are getting away from the people who work them.

Now, the trustees of the school and the Boys' and Girls' Industrial Club of the community have invited this meeting of the County Institute, and for this reason we have called this meeting at this place. We hope to see a goodly number present, and we assure you of a good time. Program will be announced later.

Respectfully,  
W. W. Burnett, President,  
Jones Co., Farmers' Institute.

### Advertised Letters

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Feb. 28, 1914  
Brinkley, Joe  
Clearence, House  
Gerstle, S. S.  
Henderson, Mrs. Geo. C.  
If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Mar. 14, 1914.  
E. W. Derstine, P. M

## ECONOMY COOK BOOKS ARE HERE

The arrival of the first shipment of Economy Administration Cook Books, the Mail is giving away was marked by the delivery of 12 books on the day they were received out of the shipment of 50.

The books are now on display at the Mail office and any person interested in same is requested to call and make a close investigation of this revision of the noted White House Cook Book. These books are free with each three years subscription to the Merkel Mail. The price of subscriptions being \$2 85 while the books last only.

### E. D. Coats for Commissioner.

Ed Coats of Merkel makes his officials announcement in this weeks issue of the Mail for the office of County Commissioner of Taylor County, Precinct No. 2, subject to the action for the Democrat Primaries.

Mr. Coats is one of the oldest citizens of Merkel and Merkel country having lived in the county for 24 years and in Merkel for 15 years. He asks for the Commissioners office on a basis of understanding what the needs of the people of this precinct are. He asks for your careful consideration of his claims and you vote an influence if consistent with your views. Mr. Coats is well qualified to fill the office and will make a good commissioner if elected.

## VILLA EXPLAINS BENTON'S DEATH

The followings has been made public at Jaurez in connection with the execution of Benton by orders from General Villa at that city last week.

"Benton entered Villa's apartment very unexpectedly, demanding protection for his interest and bitterly insulting Villa and the Constitutionalist Army. Benton became very much exasperated during the talk with Villa and drew his revolver, intending to kill Villa but the General knocked him down, disarmed him and sent him to jail. After trial he was sentenced to death and duly executed according to law and usages of war."

This statement coming from the Constitutionalist headquarters is taken as Villa's final explanation of the affair.

### W. O. W.

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

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

Elder H. L. Matheny of Rochester was here Wednesday visiting the family of G. W. Cypert and from here went to Abilene to attend the special program being rendered at the Christian College by preachers from various parts of Texas.

## HOLDS UP TRAIN TO LYNCH NEGRO

A mob of fifty masked men held up an Illisons Central passenger train at Love Station in Mississippi last week and forced Sheriff Nichols to hand over two negro prisoners who were charged with the murder of J. K. Ingum a mill owner.

McGrike one of the negroes was hanged to a nearby trestle while the other negro Phillips was restored to the sheriff when he made pleadings that Phillips was not directly connected with the killing.

Silk Crepe and Crepedechine at Woodroof & Co's.

## TRICKS FARMERS ON EGG PRICES

Saturday last, several farmers who came in town were to an extent misinformed by some boys as to the price of eggs.

The boys who had stationed themselves at various lanes leading into Merkel, were offering the farmers 15 cents per dozen for their eggs and at the same time would tell the farmers that the merchants in town were only paying 12 1-2 cents per dozen while as matter of fact the buyers in Merkel were paying 16 2-3 on that day. The rise in prices of eggs to 16 2-3 continue to hold good through the first of this week, but the farmers who sold out at 15 cents on Saturday were losers to the amount of 50 cents on each case of eggs. Whether the boys were misinformed themselves or played this trick intentionally on the produce people we are not prepared to say, but at least their actions cost each farmer 12-3 cts. per dozen on all eggs he sold to them.

As has always been the case with Merkel, the merchants are prepared at all times to buy anything the stockman or farmer may have to sell and will give him the top market price for it and as long as they continue to keep their prices up to the top, they should receive the patronage of the farmers.

### Looses Fine Eggs.

Austin Fitts one of the local chicken fanciers has recently purchased some fine Red chickens and has been allowing the eggs to accumulate in the nest just for the reason that they were good to look at.

His poultry hopes were sorely stricken Saturday when he returned home and found the seven eggs gone, the seven eggs he had been anxiously watching for seven days or longer. The intruder who took the eggs returned them later just in time to expose them to Sunday night's freeze.

### Wanted

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

G. T. McCulloh,  
Box 37' Abilene, Texas.

## FALLS IN OPEN PIT ACCIDENTLY

Ed Teaff escaped what might have been a serious injury Sunday night when he started to his room in the Crenshaw Block by falling into an open pit at the edge of the sidewalk.

The pit has been dug for the purpose of installing a gas tank for filling automobiles and not being finished was left open with no light to mark that there might be danger. This negligence on the part of the workman might result in a serious injury to some person and the city should force private individuals to either cover up such places or mark the spot with a danger light.

## TRAIN IS ROBBED \$40,000 SECURED

A Queen and Crescent passenger train from New York to New Orleans was held up last Thursday near Birmingham, Ala., and the mail coach robbed of \$40,000.

One of the mail clerks resisted the actions of the robbers and was shot. After the robbery the train was derailed and the men escaped.

We have what you want, fresh vegetables. Hamlet & Rogers.

## 2000 CHICKENS SHIPPED EAST

F. H. Reid of Des Moines, Iowa, poultry and live stock buyer for New York markets came to Merkel Tuesday morning for a three day stay, to finish loading a car of chickens for New York.

This is the second trip Mr. Reid has made here within the last few months and announced that he buys more chickens from Merkel than from any town in this section of the state. The car he loaded here had already been to Blackwell, Bronte and Lorain and at the three places secured only a few more chickens than were loaded here in the three days time. Over 2000 shipped out of Merkel in a car of 5000 chickens, turkeys and pigeons.

## TROOP TRAIN IS BLOWN UP MON.

A troop train of federal officers and soldiers was blown up near Lima, Mexico, Monday afternoon by rebels.

Fifty five officers, man and the engineer were killed by the explosion. The train was enroute from Mexico City to Jalpa with reinforcements and provisions.

Eponge in scotch plaide at W. D. Woodroof & Co's.



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**MERKEL**

**TEXAS**

**DISTRICT COURT TO OPEN MONDAY A. M.**

The following cases have been set for trial at the March Term, 1914, of the District Court of Taylor county, Texas:

**FIRST WEEK:**

Monday, March 2nd:  
 James Schow Co. vs W. E. Baird.  
 W. L. Simpson vs J. S. Rice et al.  
 J. M. Radford Gro. Co. vs Brown & Co.  
 J. B. Knox vs John R. Daniel.  
 Tuesday, March 3rd  
 G. H. Goodwin vs Western Union Tel. Co.  
 C. G. Whitten, trustee, vs Hartford Fire Ins. Co.  
 H. N. Hickman, et al. vs A. M. McDougald et al.  
 T. G. Ferguson vs. Western Union Tel. Co.  
 The State of Texas vs. Guy Moore.  
 Wednesday, March 4th.  
 J. H. Patterson vs. T. & P. Ry. Company.  
 McCullough Hardware Co. vs. First Nat. Bank of Merkel.  
 Thursday March 5th:  
 J. M. Radford Gro. Co. vs. Bangs Mercantile Co.  
 Citizens Lumber Co. vs. C. W. Dudley et al.  
 George Clayton vs W. H. Wellborn et al.

**SECOND WEEK**

Monday, March 9th.  
 G. S. Mason vs F. C. Olds et al.  
 Taylor county vs The F. & M. National Bank of Abilene.  
 T. A. Russell et al. vs John R. Daniel.  
 Homer L. Easterwood vs J. C. Newton et al.  
 Tuesday, March 10th.  
 W. L. Green vs Julius Avant.  
 Commercial Nat. Bank vs C. A. Lanus.  
 Southern School Book Dept. vs J. D. Magee et al.  
 Wednesday, March 11th.  
 Taylor county vs. W. H. Gamble et al.  
 Road District No. 1 of Taylor county vs E. P. Scarborough et al.  
 Taylor county vs Sam Savage et al.  
 Taylor Co. vs I. G. Harris et al.  
 Thursday, March 12th.  
 Henry James vs W. A. Cozart Sr.

C. L. McNeas vs Peos & Northern Ry. Co.  
 Henry James vs G. F. Brittain.  
 Friday March 13th.

John I. Scoggin vs A. M. Wright.

**FOURTH WEEK**

Monday, March 23rd.  
 State of Texas vs Minet Sims.  
 Mrs. W. West vs D. W. West.  
 The Rimonski Fire Ins. Co. vs Continental Oil & Cotton Co.  
 Tuesday, March 24th.  
 M. C. Hill et al. vs G. S. Brownlee.  
 Wednesday, March 25th.  
 T. R. Rhodes vs M. Elliott et al.  
 B. A. Cox Admr. vs H. H. Johnson et al.

**T. & P. Officials Intertain Visitor.**

John W. Everman, general superintendent of the Texas and Pacific Railway, paid a most befitting tribute last Thursday to Dr. John P. Munn of New York, head of the world's Y. M. C. A.'s and a director of the T. & P. Railway. With about three score of railroad officials and a distinguished body of representative business men, Mr. Everman, acting as toastmaster entertained the visitor and others who were with him at the Adolphus Hotel, at 1 p. m.

Dr. Munn has a wonderful personality and a record of rare achievements. He used to visit Texas in the frontier days, with his good friend, the late Jay Gould, as the latter's physician and companion. Dr. Munn is on a tour of Texas, giving his many friends in the Lone Star State the pleasure of a visit.

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**Dr. Adkisson in Beaumont.**

Word has been received from Dr. J. A. Adkisson who has been in Houston and Beaumont for the past few weeks to the effect that he will remain in the latter city for a while.

Dr. Adkisson has been working in the offices of Dr. F. G. Fountain a specialist of Beaumont, who will leave for Europe in a few days for a four months stay. During which time Dr. Adkisson will take charge of Dr. Fountain's office, leaving his office here in charge of his associate Dr. George L. Miller.

Mrs. Adkisson and children left the first of the week for Beaumont to join Dr. Adkisson in their temporary home.

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

**Has Narrow Escape.**

Claud Doan of near Blair had a very thrilling and narrow escape of being badly hurt and received a very thrilling experience as result of same.

Mr. Doan was riding a fractious horse near the railroad crossing near Blair when his horse became frightened at a train and started to running. On striking a wire fence the horse was thrown breaking its neck in the fall, but the rider escaped uninjured.

W. A. Coggin and wife who came to visit the former mother, left for El Paso Tuesday in answer to a telegram calling Mr. Coggin there on urgent business. They will return to Merkel Sunday on their way to Oklahoma City where Mr. Coggin goes with a delegation of stockmen from the Pass city to the Cattlemen's Convention. The cattlemen from El Paso will travel in a special train and go to Oklahoma prepared to win the next annual Cattlemen's Convention for El Paso.

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

Mrs. Will Calvert and children of Sweetwater are visiting Mrs. W. Parten.

Miss Ora Hester left Monday for Mineral Wells where she will be for some time.

Miss Pearl White returned to her home at Abilene Monday after a few days visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brittain.

**Arlington**

Where the Boys in blue lie sleeping  
 'Till the dawning of the day,  
 Near the grand Potomac river,  
 There, too, sleep our boys in Gray.  
 And 'tis told a quaint old story,  
 (Be it false or be it true)  
 How the North had met to honor  
 All the men who wore the Blue.

With the sound of martial music,  
 Oratory, words of praise,  
 They had met with wreath and flowers,  
 Thus to decorate their graves.

Far below them, in the valley  
 Sleep our boys who wore the Gray,  
 But no tear fell in their mem'ry,  
 Not a flower had they that day.

But as night came o'er the landscape,  
 Stars looked down like eyes that weep  
 On those lonely graves so barren  
 Where our brothers lie asleep.

And the very moon in heaven,  
 As resenting such a sight,  
 Drew a veil across her splendor,  
 Making darrier still the night.

The winds came, fraught with sweetness  
 'Twas the breath of roses rare,  
 Wafting perfume as of Eden  
 O'er those graves so lonely there.

Then his breath grew fierce and fiercer  
 Lifting flower and laurel wreath  
 Off the graves above our heroes,  
 Placed them on the mounds beneath.

And on Arlington next morning,  
 Passing strange the sight they say,  
 For the Union graves lay barren—  
 Flowers bedecked our Boys in Gray.

Thus we see our Mother Nature;  
 Guards her own from zone to zone,  
 For God stands within the shadow,  
 Keeping watch above his own.

By Mrs. Jno. T. Sifford, Camden, Ark., a niece of our townsman, T. J. Cross.

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Don't neglect indigestion, for it frequently leads to all sorts of ills and complications. The pain and discomfort is not the most unfortunate part. The fact that when the stomach is not acting right, the material needed to repair the wastes that are constantly taking place in the body is not being given to the blood either in the proper condition or fast enough is far more serious. Nothing will cause more trouble than an unhealthy stomach. The blues, debility, lack of strength and energy, constipation, biliousness, headaches and scores of other serious ailments result from the failure of the stomach to properly do its work.

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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. E. M. Rust was in Abilene Monday visiting the family of Dr. C. M. McCauley.

Jim McLaurine of Grandbury came in last week to visit the family of H.F. Groene. He leaves today for Avoca to visit relatives after which he will go to Galveston via San Antonio where he will take a ship for Monterey, Mexico, bidding Texas a fond farewell. Jim announces that he will make his future home in Mexico where he will be connected with relatives on one of the largest ranches in that part of the country.

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

W. M. Davis of Cleburne came in last week and will make his home in Merkel in the future, being connected with the Rose tin shop on Front street. Mr. Davis is an experienced tinner by trade.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Thompson and daughter Miss Hazel were here Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Baxendale. They returned to their home at Ranger Sunday night.

Paints, oils and varnish at Burroughs Drug Store.

Mrs. T. J. Coggin of this city and Mrs. W. A. Coggin of El Paso left Sunday evening for Post City for a short visit with friends.

Dr. Hollis and son Lon, Mr. and Mrs. Benard Hanke and Judge Mahaffy of Abilene were in the city Sunday afternoon the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. G. Jackson.

Get "Macks" prices on wall paper.

Window glass in all sizes at Burroughs Drug Store.

Fred Hale of Trent was in the city the first of the week on business.

Mrs. T. J. Coggin received a cablegram Saturday from her husband T. J. Coggin, who is in Vera Cruz, Mexico, stating that his trip there was made with success and that prospects are bright in that country.

C. I. Dickinson of Post City was a social visitor here last week.

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

Master Wilber Parten visited relatives in Sweetwater last week.

C. A. Dickson of Cleburne spent a few days here visiting his brother W. H. Dickson who has been ill since last June.

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

J. T. Tucker attended the Democratic Convention in Fort Worth Saturday.

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

Mrs. W. F. Mace and little nieces, Bettie Dane and Eva Bell Hulen of Lampassas have returned to Fort Worth where they are visiting their sister and mother Mrs. Glen Hulen, who is in the sanitarium there. While here they visited their brother and uncle Ed Young and family.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Bugger Red, Jr. was awarded first money at the Broncho Busting contest in Dallas last Saturday. This is the secondary event of its kind staged at Dallas during the National Corn Exposition.

Get "Macks" prices on wall paper.

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

Willis Ferris a young bookkeeper of Shreveport, La. was forced into an ice vault by robbers last Saturday. He was later released before suffering from the temperature by a fellow worker. The robbers obtained \$3 in money.

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

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

William L. Norman of Kingston, Texas was awarded the \$1,000 prize in the Texas Industrial Congress Crop Contest for having the best four crop display at Dallas during the National Corn Exposition. Norman's exhibit consisted of milo-maize, kaffir corn, cotton and corn.

Mrs. J. N. Hass left for Putnam Sunday where she will be for sometime.

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

Clarence Hamm was in Abilene Sunday.

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

Get your monogram stationery at Burroughs Drug Store.

### Fact. Best cigars at Grimes.

Mrs. A. J. Davis of Abilene returned to her home Sunday after a short visit with Miss Ollie Gar-route, who sustains a painful injury last week.

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

Miss Hattie Bell was in Abilene Sunday visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Baxendale were visitors in Trent Sunday.

Miss Lola Armstrong spent Saturday in Cisco.

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

Mesdames H. A. Brackeen and L. M. Valentine visited the former son T. Brackeen at Abilene the latter part of last week.

### N. & M. Hand made Sp. size cigars at Grimes only.

Carl Richards made a business trip to Abilene Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Meyers returned to Abilene Thursday after a few weeks visit with her daughter Mrs. O. Ash.

Miss Susie Moore who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Jno. L. Banner has returned to her home at Abilene.

We will pay 9 cents per pound for good fat hens, 12 1/2 cents for fryers and 15 cents for broilers. The Kent Street Gro. Co.

Mrs. J. L. Harris returned home the latter part of last week from a visit to her daughter Mrs. W. P. Duckett of Snyder.

E. N. Compere of Sylvester was in the city Friday on his way to Abilene. Mr. Compere is connected with a drug business at Sylvester.

### Smoke and drink at Grimes.

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

J. J. Clark of Stephenville was here Saturday in connection with the Separator Demonstration at the West Texas Hdw. Co. Mr. Clark represents the Weatherford Creamery and was here to contract for all the cream this town would be able to supply in the future.

Phone Claude Dye if you have wrappers from Brown's crackers purchased at the Sanitary Grocery. He wants them.

### Meet me at Grimes.

J. R. Walling of Trent was in Merkel Saturday and is preparing to promote the cream industry in his section of the country by the purchase of a cream separator.

### Drugs and Things at Grimes.

Miss Lola Armstrong spent Sunday in Cisco.

Mrs. Julia Cotton who has been the guest of J. A. Grayson and family returned to her home at Mineral Wells Saturday.

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

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

Mrs. W. P. Duckett returned home Friday from Snyder where she has been visiting her son Walter Duckett.

G. C. Bankhead left Saturday night for Thornton in response to a message from Mrs. Bankhead, telling him of the serious illness of their baby. On arrival there he found the child much better.

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

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

Take your wife to the Min-strel March 4th.



**MERKEL**

GOOD HOMES; GOOD SCHOOLS,  
GOOD CHURCHES; GOOD PEOPLE;  
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THE CITY TO INVEST IN

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GOOD HEALTH FOR THE OLD MAN,  
EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POOR MAN,  
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###### For Sheriff:

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 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 Tippet  
 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  
 E. D. Coats  
 J. L. Banner

###### For Weigher

P. C. Jones  
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 C. C. Bankhead  
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#### Chronic Stomach Trouble Cured.

There is nothing more discouraging than a chronic disorder of the stomach. Is it not surprising that many suffer for years with such an ailment when a permanent cure is within their reach and may be had for a trifle? "About one year ago," says P. H. Beck, of Wakelee, Mich., "I bought a package of Chamberlain's Tablets, and since using them I have felt perfectly well. I had previously used any number of different medicines, but none of them were of any lasting benefit." For sale by all dealers.

Auto casings and inner tubes at W. D. Woodroof & Co's.

## 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

#### Raises Huge Turnips

J. S. Simpsons of the Trent country was in the mail office Saturday with several specimen of some large White Globe turnips he has for sale.

On less than half an acre of ground Mr. Simpson has raised during the fall and winter over 40 bushels of turnips all of which are sound and in fine condition. Some of the samples exhibited here weigh over 4 pounds, and the Trent farmer stated that 30 percent of the crop would average that size.

#### The Forty Year Test.

An article must have exceptional merit to survive for a period of forty years. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was first offered to the public in 1872. From a small beginning it has grown in favor and popularity until it has attained a world wide reputation. You will find nothing better for a cough or cold. Try it and you will understand why it is a favorite after a period of more than forty years. It not only gives relief—it cures. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

#### GET TO THE CAUSE.

Merkel People Are Learning the Way.

There is but little peace or comfort for the man or woman with a bad back. The distress begins in early morning—keeps up throughout the day. It's hard to get out of bed, it's torture to stoop or straighten. Plasters and liniments may relieve, but cannot cure if the cause is inside—the kidneys. When suffering so, use Doan's Kidney Pills, the tested and proven kidney remedy, used in kidney troubles for over 50 years. Doan's Kidney Pills are recommended by thousands for just such cases. Proof of their effectiveness in the testimony of this Merkel resident:  
 Mrs. T. J. King, Kent street, Merkel, Texas, says: "One of my family had severe pains across the small of his back, making it almost impossible for him to get about. He used two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills as directed and was quickly cured. The time that has since passed has proven this cure to be a permanent one."  
 Price 50c at all dealers. Don't merely ask for a kidney remedy—get

Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. King recommends. Foster-Milburn Co., Proprs., Buffalo, N. Y.

#### For Diseases of the Skin

Nearly all diseases of the skin such as eczema, tetter, salt rheum and barber's itch, are characterized by an intense itching and smarting, which often makes life a burden and disturbs sleep and rest. Quick relief may be had by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It allays the itching and smarting almost instantly. Many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by all dealers.

Miss Fannie Tippet of Abilene, one of the candidates for County Clerk has been spending the week in Merkel the guest of her sister Mrs. W. L. Harkrider. While here Miss Tippet paid the Mail office a very pleasant visit in company with her sister.

O. M. Coggin left Wednesday morning for El Paso to return home the end of the week.

#### WHEN OUT OF SORTS START YOUR LIVER WORKING

No Matter What Ails You, Dodson's Liver Tone is Usually a Big Help in Getting Well. Avoid Calomel.

Nine times out of ten, when you are ill or out of sorts, your liver is out of order and getting it in order again will make you feel better. When your liver is sluggish and torpid and you are constipated and bilious, it is impossible to feel well.

There was a time when a great number of people took calomel when so trouble. But this is not true today. It has become widely known that calomel often has bad afterward effects and is even dangerous to many. The use of Dodson's Liver Tone instead of calomel has spread wonderfully because it has proved so beneficial in so many households.

Rust and McCauley recommend and guarantee Dodson's Liver tone instead of calomel and guarantee to refund purchase price (50c.) to you instantly without question if you are not perfectly pleased with the way in which it relieves you from constipation, sick headaches, biliousness, etc. It "liven's the liver" and is a pleasant-tasting, vegetable liquid easy to take and causes no pain, no gripe, no bad results, no change from your regular duties and habits.

To test Dodson's Liver Tone is a sensible matter because you get your money back if you are not satisfied.

Evertime you want fresh vegetables call Hamblet & Rogers.

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

**Robertson-Hogg.**

Mr. Houston Robertson and Miss Ina Mae Hogg were married at the residence of Rev. Y. F. Walker of Stith at 3 p. m. Sunday afternoon, only a few close friends being present to witness the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hogg of Route 1, while the groom is a prosperous young farmer of the Salt Branch community. Each of the young people have a host of friends who wish them a most happy married life.

At six o'clock the guests assembled at the home of the brides parents, where a sumptuous dinner awaited them. In addition to the close relatives who attended this affair, Dennis Hartley and Raymond Hogg of Marshall and Miss Clara Moore of Merkel were guests at the dinner.

**Busby-Higgins.**

Mr. M. C. Busbee and Miss Eunice Higgins, both of the Salt Branch community, were married at the home of the groom's parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. W. H. Busby, at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the presence of a number of close friends and relatives.

Miss Higgins is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Higgins of Route 4, and enjoys a host of social acquaintances who extend to both the bride and groom the best wishes for a long and happy life.

**Questions for the Twentieth Century Club.**

What are the conditions under which this act opens?

What purpose is served by introducing the Turkish fleet and its destruction?

At first impression, what sort of a man is Cassio? What do you make of Desdemona's parley of words with Iago?

Do you find any traits of honor in Iago?

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Was Cassio in league with Iago's plans?

Did Cassio really care for Desdemona?

Who is Montana?

What is Roderigo's altitude?

What are the causes for action and the result for shadowed in Iago's soliloquy at the end of scene 1?

Miss Duncan Browning entertained the 20th Century Club Saturday afternoon at her home on Austin St. Twelve members answered to roll call with quotations from Shakespeare's Heroes. Miss Browning gave an estimate of Othello which was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. O. W. Williams paper comparing Desdemona and Portia was read by Mrs. R. A. Martin. Miss Mary Gunn conducted the lesson. Many interesting points were brought out. At the conclusion of the lesson Misses Evalyn Williams and Agnes Hall gave a Shakespearian music number which was very enjoyable. Mrs. Dickson who is out on a leave of absence was given a hearty welcome. The hostess assisted by her mother and Miss Mary Gunn served refreshments to Misses May Valentine, Evalyn Williams, Agnes Hall, Maude Jinkens, Mesdames Parten, Martin, Adams, Dickson, Davis, Coggin and West. Mrs. W. Parten will be the next hostess.

Miss Gladys Walters was the hostess of a splendid appointed six o'clock dinner Saturday evening in honor of Miss Madalyn Adkisson who left for her future home in Beaumont. Covers were laid for Misses Mary Anna Mayfield, Kathryn Henderson, Gladys Coggin the honoree and hostess.

The B-Flat music Club held its regular session Saturday afternoon at the home Miss Williams on North 1st St.

The M. C. club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Miss Evalyn Williams on north 1st St. Those present were little Misses Ruby Harris, Lenora Williams, Mona T. Christopher, Ona Faye Bland, Mary Parten and Ruth Holloway.

Miss Maude Martin charmingly entertained the "T. K. C." club Saturday evening at her home in West Merkel. Fortune telling, "42" and other games were the amusements for an enjoyable evening. The guests were Misses Mary Gunn, Jessie Sutphen, Pet Sears, Lucile Peak, Ruby Jones, Una Hall, Maude Jenkins, Zula Huffaker, Ona Hamblet, Elma Sheppard, and Virginia Hamblet. Sandwiches and hot chocolate were served.

A picnic crowd enjoyed a delightful day Saturday at Blowout Mt. Dinner was served on the mountain. Among the picnickers were Brittain Jobe, Claude Jenkins, Jack Walker, Charley Williams, Floyd and Burti' Dean, Mose and Bruce Cauthen, Ed Scott. Misses Lillie Dean, Gertrude Cauthen, Ina Wheeler, Evelynna Turner, Jewel Toombs, Louise Scott. Mrs. W. A. Scott chaperoned the crowd.

Mrs. W. A. Scott entertained the B. P. C. club, at her home on Oak St. last Thursday. The afternoon was crowded full of good things for those in attendance. The hostess served hot chocolate, whipped cream and cake. Miss Dollie Teaff will entertain the club Thursday at her home.

The circles A B and C of the L. A. and M. S. met Monday afternoon in their social meeting at the beautiful and hospitable home of Mrs. Jno. Sears. After a beautiful rendering of the program of music readings and invocations the guests were ushered into the spacious and lovely dining room where a delicious salad course and coffee was served. A fine spirit of real enjoyment and appreciation prevailed, and will be long remembered. Very beautiful were the piano and vocal solos by Misses Burroughs, Hall and Mrs. Harris. The readings also by Mrs. Scott and Miss Tracy were highly enjoyed. And last but not least was the "Musical Ode" to George Washington very sweetly given by little Ruby Harris. One and all extend hearty thanks to our gracious hostess—Mrs. E. Hall.

**League Program**

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A song of Trust and Deliverance.

Song

Silence prayer (Closing with the Lord's prayer in concert led by leader.) Instrumental music—Miss Carroll Rister.

Leader—Ollie Shaffer.

Lesson XL Psalm (read responsively) Outline of the Psalm and its agreement with our experience—Leader.

Practical application to our own case—Ira Shaffer.

The story of the Ten Lepers—Miss Emma Allday.

The spiritual lesson of the Psalm by the pastor.

The result of our own lives—Miss Charlie Bell Thomas.

League benediction.

**Treat Society**

A "42" game was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. McLeod Tuesday evening from 8 to 10 o'clock.

The Misses Baxendales, Pate and Freeman of Merkel spent the week-end with Chas. Robertson and family. An entertainment was given in their honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrain Saturday evening. Music, singing, reading and "42" was enjoyed by Misses Baxendales, Pate, Freeman, Moon, Robinson, Mangum, Beckham, Messrs. McLeod, Hutchins, Beckham and Mr. and Mrs. Tom McLeod.

Mrs. S. Estep entertained the juniors Saturday night. Different games were indulged in and refreshments were served to Misses Floy Leemon, Effie Duke, Maud Skillen, Ida Smith, Gertrude Dowdy, Messrs. Fred Pribble, Boyce Dowdy, James White, Lee and Ernest Massey.

Friday evening a program was rendered at the M. E. Church in honor of Washington's birthday.

**To Preach Sunday.**

Rev. Herbert Bullock of Garland who preached at the Presbyterian church last month will return here Sunday.

Services will be at 11 a. m. and in the evening. No afternoon services as Rev. Bullock has an appointment at Blair in the afternoon.

**FIREBOYS MAKE LONG RUN ON MONDAY NIGHT TO FALSE FIRE ALARM**

The local fireboys had a long and cold run Monday night in answer to an alarm that T. J. Rhodes' home was on fire. A quick run was made only for the boys to find the sut burning out of a flue.

The next fire alarm is expected between 7 and 7.45 on Wednesday evening of next week when the department will give a public demonstration of the way and with what speed they turn out when an alarm is turned in.

Everybody is requested to stay on the Front street sidewalk on account of safety for the run will be made down that street.

Immediately after this demonstration the FIREMEN'S BIG NEGRO MINSTREL will begin at the Front Street Theater. It is a show that will make you laugh every minute of the time you are there.

Reserve your seats now, and be sure to take a hand, the Fire Boys need the help. Seats on sale at the Elite, prices 35 & 50c.

Plenty of good fresh hulls for sale at the oil mill.

**Logic of Facts.**

"Dukfutz married an optimist." "Why do you think so?" "Any woman would be an optimist who accepted Dukfutz."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

**Children Feel Inquisitive.**

In the little world in which children have their existence, whatsoever brings them up, there is nothing so finely perceived and so finely felt as injustice.—Charles Dickens.

**Kind He Expected.**

"Why do you stand before this window for hours every day gazing at the wax figures?" "I am studying to be a concert singer. I am schooling myself to face an audience."

**Insult Either Way.**

It is an insult to one's morals to be called fast, and an insult to one's intelligence to be called slow.—Life.

**Complimenting Dad.**

"I hear that you undertook to chastise that precocious youngster of yours." "Yes, and I got a little respect out of him, too." "How do you know?" "He told me that if I would go to the gym and train a little he thought he could make a hard hit out of me."

**Never!**

Wife—"In a battle of tongues woman can hold her own." Husband—"Yes, perhaps she can; but she can't do."

**Good Household Cleaner.**

Vinegar is an excellent cleanser for nickel and mica and for brass if a little salt be added to it.

**Counting Your Money**



will occupy your entire time when you become a regular advertiser in THIS PAPER. Unless you have an antipathy for labor of this kind, call us up and we'll be glad to come and talk over our proposition.

**"A WOMAN HUNG"**

Merkel, Texas, Feb., 26.—The people of Merkel and surrounding country were thrown into a fit of excitement this morning at the startling announcement of "A Woman Hung," and as would be the natural result of such an outrageous act, great crowds soon gathered about the streets, availing themselves of every opportunity to learn of this reported blood-chilling crime. At this juncture a tall stately looking man who was an eye-witness to this tragedy stepped forward and made a voluntary statement, which seemed reasonable and satisfactory to all. He said, "This morning as I was preparing to go about my work my wife approached me and hung her arms around my neck and said, "Dearie let's trade with the Sanitary Grocery this month. Their stock is fresh and new, their store is so nice and clean, indeed its the nicest place that you have ever seen." "There's a Reason."

**COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT**

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

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst.

I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off.

I was certainly in a dreadful state of health, when I finally decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I firmly

believe I would have died if I hadn't taken it.

After I began taking Cardui, I was greatly helped, and all three bottles relieved me entirely.

I fattened up, and grew so much stronger in three months, I felt like another person altogether."

Cardui is purely vegetable and gentle-acting. Its ingredients have a mild, tonic effect, on the womanly constitution.

Cardui makes for increased strength, improves the appetite, tones up the nervous system, and helps to make pale, sallow cheeks, fresh and rosy.

Cardui has helped more than a million weak women, during the past 50 years. It will surely do for you, what it has done for them. Try Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. J-48

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**S. P. FOSTER : PROPRIETOR**

**Merkel Chickens Win Prize.**

R. L. Bland was Merkel's king bee at the Abilene chicken show last week.

Mr. Bland entered a pen of White Wyandottes and brought home six ribbons, to-wit 1st, cockerel, 1st, hen, 1st pen, 2nd hen, 2nd pullet and 4th hen. In making these winnings Mr. Bland was forced to compete with some of the best prize winning chickens that have entered any of the state shows. In commenting on the Merkel chickens Judge Savage stated that the Merkel chickens were as good as the prize winning White Rocks from Mississippi but that the out of state chickens were in better show class.

**Pure Mebane Cottonseed.**

Pure Mebane cotton seed for sale at the Oil mill. Inquire there if interested in better grade of seed.

**Any Doctor**

will tell you a fellow's constitution wont last forever—and in these strenuous times it needs a good overhauling occasionally.

**Miner'I Wells**

is the "HUMAN REPAIR SHOP." 2 or 3 weeks there will make you look & feellike new



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## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

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.

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

J. C. Hancock left Saturday for Potosi to attend the bedside of his father who at that time was not expected to live. We have not been informed of the aged mans condition since the departure of our townsman.

Our spring slippers are beauties the price is cheap. See them. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

**Help the Fire Boys March 4th.**

Mrs. W. C. Cosby of Abilene was in the city last week visiting Mas. A. J. Leighty and other relatives. She returned to her home Sunday night.

See our ladies dress slippers for \$1.00. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

**Firemens Negro Minstrel March 4th.**

L. R. Hogg of Marshall visited friends and relatives in our city Sunday.

Eld. Jno. M. Rice and N. L. Jones of Quanah, enroute to Abilene were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Williams.

**Arrange now to go? March 4th.**

Mrs. W. J. Buchanan returned to her home at Plainview Tuesday after a few days visit with Mrs. J. H. Ensminger.

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

Mrs. H. H. Nesbit of Fluvana who is visiting her daughter Mrs. Carl Evans spent Saturday and Sunday with her son Homer Nesbit at Abilene.

Sugar at \$4.75 per 100 pounds, all groceries are cheap, we are catering for cash. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. Merryman of Clyde returned to her home Sunday after a visit with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Rhodes of this place.

Miss Susie Creath of Abilene was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Haden Turner Saturday and Sunday.

Our new spring dress goods are arriving this week, all the latest weaves and shades. Call and inspect them. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Clayton Brown who suffered a broken ankle as a result of a fall from a motorcycle some time ago is rapidly improving and hopes to be able to be about on crutches within a few days.

The birth of a girl is reported to Senor and Senora V. Flores of Tye community.

All the pretty patters in spring gingham, all the leading best brands at 10 cents. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Remember to phone 1-7-9 for your grocery wants. We are always at your service.

**To Cure a Cold in One Day**  
Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

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

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## PRECIOUS METALS IN TEXAS.

Precious and semi-precious metals, consisting of gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc produced in Texas in 1912, had a value of \$269,798, which is \$38,798 more than the output of the previous year. The most important of these minerals is silver, valued at \$249,731, or 93 per cent of the total. The actual production of silver in 1912, compared with that of 1911, shows a decrease of 18,327 ounces in quantity, but an increase in value of \$24,802, due to the increase in price from 53 cents in 1911 to 61 1-2 cents per ounce in 1912.

The first discovery of silver in Texas is said to have been made more than a half century ago, but the first mining recorded by the United State Geological Survey was in 1885, when 169,342 ounces with a value of \$181,196, were produced. Since that date up to the present time, nearly eleven million ounces have been mined, with a commercial value of \$7,372,000.

The value of other precious and semi-precious metals produced in Texas in 1912 is: Zinc, \$16,422; lead, \$2,939; copper, \$119, and gold, \$63.

## TEXAS SECOND IN QUICK-SILVER.

More than a million dollars worth of quicksilver was produced in the United States in 1912, according to a recent report of the Geological Survey, and a large portion of the output came from the Texas mines. The principal quicksilver States are California, Texas and Nevada, and they rank in the order mentioned. The Texas output is 3,320 flasks, valued at \$154,413, according to the latest reports.

Prior to the discovery of quicksilver in Brewster county, California furnished practically the entire output of the United States. With the increased production there has also been an enlargement of its uses and during the past thirteen years the functions of this mineral have practically doubled. The Texas product is consumed mainly in the manufacture of explosive caps, drugs, electric lighting and other scientific apparatus and in the recovery of gold by amalgamation.

### For Hammer Handles.

Electricians' tape to cover part of the handles of hammers and hatchets will prevent them from slipping out of the hand when in use.

### They Generally Succeed.

People who expect to have their feelings hurt are seldom disappointed.

### Woman.

Wrinkles are said to be the result of experience. Is that why woman is so keen on having her wrinkles massaged away?

### No Cause to Worry.

"My brushes are all worn out, sighed the futurist painter, "and I have no money to buy new ones." "Never mind," his wife replied. "Take th broom."

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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.

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

FOR SALE—Good work stock, see Anchor Mercantile Co.

LOST—Watch and fob, finder return to Bud Smith at Parton Dry Goods Co. and receive reward.

LOST—One bar pen, engraved, "mamma," at Baptist church. Reward for return to Merkel Mail office. Mrs. T. W. Ferguson.

LOST—Bunch of keys between Collins' Hotel and postoffice, finder return to J. A. Collins.

### Discretion More Necessary.

Discretion is more necessary to women than eloquence, because they have less trouble to speak well than to speak little.—Father Du Bosc.

## Say, You!



### HOW about that printing job you're in need of?

Come in and see us about it at your first opportunity. Don't wait until the very last moment but give us a little time and we'll show you what high grade work we can turn out.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL REPLIES TO CRITICS.

### Railroad Development at a Standstill Until Katy Suit is Settled.

The storm of protest that has reached the Attorney General criticizing his action in filing suit against the M. K. & T. Railway Company has caused him to issue a public statement defending his course, in which many technical reasons are advanced and violation of the constitution on the part of the legislature is alleged. No sound of approval worthy of mention has emanated from any source commending either his action or his explanation. It is a matter of record that the suit has arrested the expenditure of millions of dollars in railroad improvements in Texas and demoralized the market for Texas securities, and just what the Attorney General proposes to give the people in return has never been announced. Certainly he cannot hope to either add to the railroad mileage or increase our transportation facilities and there is a crying need for both in Texas at this time. Apparently the thing most hoped for by the Attorney General is to uphold the dignity of the constitution, which he contends the Legislature assaulted in passing the Katy Merger bill, but while the Attorney General is extracting satisfaction from the courts the progress of the country, insofar as transportation affairs is concerned, is at a standstill.

It is indeed unfortunate that we should become involved in the meshes of technicalities at a time when the Panama Canal has thrust world-wide opportunities upon us and the domestic need for railroads was never more intense. While the immensity of the former advantage may stun us, one has only to glance at the map to fully realize the importance of more mileage.

At no time in the history of our development could restraint upon our progress have been more fatal to our growth. The brief presented by the Attorney General may be a document of recognized merits by the courts, but at the bar of public opinion, if one is permitted to judge by newspaper comments, it has failed utterly to validate the position of the Attorney General.

When the lawyers and the courts are all through, our destinies will remain in the hands of those who have the money to invest, for the man with money is the court of last resort.

### Surprise Boxes.

A young woman in an eastern city makes her living—and a good one at that—by the sale of "surprise boxes." These are for children, and are arranged to suit individual tastes. For instance, a little girl fond of dolls might find in her box a whole family of paper dolls and paper furniture enough to furnish a whole house. These boxes afford ideal entertainment for youngsters on long journeys, birthdays, rainy days or convalescence.

### Enormous Flocks of Sheep.

Recent official figures placed the number of sheep in Australia and New Zealand in excess of 117,000,000, the greatest number in 18 years.

### Ignore Them.

Little minds are vexed with trifles.—Le Rochefoucauld.

## MALT LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS

Mild Stimulants Taking the Place of Strong Drink.

The manufacture of malt liquor ranks fifth in importance in Texas manufacturing industries from the standpoint of capital invested and ranks third in value added by the manufacturing process. According to the last Federal Census Report we have twelve establishments engaged in the manufacture of malt liquors, employing 931 persons, with an investment of \$7,027,000 and an annual payroll of \$900,000. The records of the Federal Government show that the capital invested, and the value of the Texas output, have been doubled during the past decade. During the past five years two new establishments have been erected and two million dollars of new money put into the manufacturing business. There are no distilleries in Texas and no whiskey is manufactured within the State.

No authoritative figures are available on the amount of foreign malt liquors consumed in the State, but reliable estimates indicate that 22 per cent of Texas' consumption is manufactured outside the State. Probably 95 per cent of the Texas products are consumed within the State. We consume in Texas approximately 2 per cent of malt liquors manufactured in the United States, while we have 4 per cent of the population. The Texas products have taken first premium at world's fairs, and their purity and perfection is universally recognized. We manufacture in the State approximately 700,000 barrels of beer per annum.

The factory value of the annual Texas output is shown by the census enumerators at \$6,464,000, and the value of the raw material used in manufacturing is \$1,695,000. The value added by the process of manufacturing is \$4,769,000. The principal materials used are barley and rice.

The manufacture of malt liquors in the State has shown an increase of 60 per cent against an increase of 27 per cent in population during the past decade. The increase in malt liquor manufactured in the United States during this period is twenty per cent. Less than one per cent of malt liquor establishments of the United States are located in Texas.

The increased demand for malt liquor indicates that mild stimulants are taking the place of strong, poisonous drinks and is evidence of more temperate drinking and sobriety.

### 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.

## Special Price

Buy from the house that buys for cash and sells for cash and you will save money.

Good corn	85c
Oats	55c
Mill run brann	\$1.50
Extra high patent flour	2.70
Meal	.70c
100 lbs. Eagle brand sugar	4.75
25 lbs. " " "	1.20
10 lb. blue Karo syrup	.45c
10 lb. Penford syrup	.45c
10 lb. Royal sorghum	.45c
10 lb. Mary Jane syrup	.45c
10 lb. Swallow syrup	.50c
10 lb. Diamond D syrup	.50c
10 lb. green Velva syrup	.55c
10 lb. red Velva syrup	.50c
10 lb. Mrs. Tucker lard	\$1.10
10 lb. Swift's Jewell lard	1.10
10 lb. White Cloud lard	1.10
10 lb. Arm & Hammer soda	.50c
4 lb. Arm & Hammer soda	.25c
5 gal head light oil	.60c
Seed potatoes, per bushel	\$1.40
25 oz Health Club bak. pow.	.20c
25 oz K. C. baking powder	.20c
25c size oats	.20c
4 corn flakes	.25c

We are still in the market for chickens and eggs. Will pay—  
Hens, per pound..... 9c  
Friers, per pound..... 12 1/2c  
Broilers, per pound..... 15c  
Eggs, per dozen..... 16 2-3c

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Men & Boys Underwear at Cost

Arrow Shirts | At Cost  
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Hats At Cost

Men & Boys Pants at Cost

\$1 grade Overall & Jumper 85c

Low Cut (Oxford) Shoes at Cost

Work Gloves at Cost

50c Work Shirts 40 cents

All Winter and Summer Underwear at Cost.

Buy your Spring and Summer Goods while you can get them cheap

**THE STAR STORE**



## Order Your Easter Suit Now

While you have the pick of 500 fine samples—don't wait until the last moment—order now and be sure to get it in time. We are getting duplicate orders on our last fall measurements, all are pleased with the \$15.00 Suits. Bankers and Merchants are wearing SCOTCH SUITS.

**THE STAR STORE**

### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

#### Route 3.

The farmers of our community are all about through turning their soil.

Our Sunday School is progressing nicely.

Miss Annie Lee Roland is on the sick list this week.

A. H. Barnes was transacting business in Merkel Friday.

Mrs. J. Cox and brother John Harris of Jack county are here attending the bed side of their mother Mrs. A. Harris who is reported very low.

Chas. Roland and family were in Merkel Saturday.

Mr. Whisenhunt has two children who are reported very sick with yellow jaundice.

We are very sorry to report the death of Mr. Perry's baby of Inkum, who died Friday night with congestion.

Miss Didie Fitchjurl and cousin Mell Davis, of Merkel spent Saturday night and Sunday with Ira Davis.

Mrs. M. E. Baccus and daughter Pearl spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Roland.

The party at Mr. Hoggans Saturday night was attended by a large crowd. Those present were: Misses Dora and Sadie Casey, Verna Hoggan, Lyda Umphrey, Pearl Baccus, Messrs Arthur Esco, Guy, Carl and Polly Casey, Jesse Anderson, Irwin Umphrey, Harch Hoggan, Ted and Jno. Cozart, Ford Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Angus, of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boden.

Misses Ima and Lottie Cotton of Caps are visiting at the home of Mrs. Campbells.

There will be preaching at Mt Pleasant every Sunday. Everybody is invited to come.

Homer Patterson and wife spent Saturday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell.

#### Compere

We were all encouraged last week thinking we were going to get a rain, but it turned out to be cold weather.

Our County Superintendent, Cunningham, visited our school this week. He found everything progressing nicely with Mr. B. Shannon and his assistant, Miss Ollie Miller of Stith.

W. N. Moore is reported sick.

Ed Breeze of Venus is visiting his sister Mrs. J. Foster.

L. Estes who has been sick is not reported any better.

Rev. Walker filled his regular appointment at the church Saturday. His sister, Miss Blanche Walker a missionary of China gave us a very interesting lecture Saturday afternoon. She also lectured again Monday at eleven showing many things she brought back with her. Miss Walker returns to her missionary work in September.

Miss Carrie Shannon returned home Saturday.

### Beware of Ointments For Catarrh That Contain Mercury

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by druggist. Price 75c per bottle.  
Take Halls Family Pills for constipation. Adv.

#### Noodle

It has been so long since Noodle items have been in the Merkel Mail, everybody thinks we are dead but we are still alive.

Sunday school was fine Sunday. Quite a large crowd attended.

Rev. Horn preached at Shiloh Sunday. Several from here went to hear him.

C. D. Dorrison was in our community last week. He is candidate for public weigher at Anson.

All the farmers are about through work. Some of them are going over their land the second time.

Rev. Robertnet preached at the Horn school house Sunday. Quite a few were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Nora Bird were in town shopping Saturday. They have moved to Sinclair where Mr. Bird will run a blacksmith shop.

#### A Pleasant Physic

When you want a pleasant physic give Chamberlain's Tablets a trial. They are mild and gentle in their action and always produce a pleasant cathartic effect. For sale by all dealers.

#### Blair

With the thermometer registering down to 12 this morning it seems there is but little chance for fruit and oats to get through alive.

The Blair school observed Washingtons birthday by rendering an interesting and appreciative program on Friday night which was enjoyed by a large number of friends and patrons of the school.

There was a small attendance at Sunday school Sunday, the sandstorm was so fierce.

Rev. Herbert Bullock has an appointment here for next Sunday evening.

Ross Campbell who has been sick for some time is reported better.

Leslie Powell of Buffalo gap is visiting his uncle S. E. Adcock.

Campbell Morris is visiting his grand mother, Mrs. Campbell this week.

### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

#### Salt Branch

The health of our community is very good at the present.

J. W. Hardy and family visited Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Petty of Clyde the first of the week.

Some of the grain has been killed by the last two freezes.

Our Literary school is progressing nicely. Mr. Garrett and Miss Bird are the teachers.

Sunday school was not very well attended Sunday on account of the sandstorm.

Quite a number of the young people of this community attended the Jones county singing convention.

The Salt Branch basket ball team played Merkel Saturday afternoon. The score was 17 to 7 in favor of Merkel.

Several of the young people attended singing Friday night at Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lyles at Stith. All report a nice time.

Jim Ingram and family of Mt. Pleasant visited W. B. Robertson and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Teaff of near Tye visited J. W. Teaff Sunday.

Mr. Tile of Ballenger visited in this community Sunday.

Misses Cora and Alma Hays visited Miss Bird of Mulberry Saturday.

#### Shiloh

There was good attendance at Sunday school Sunday considering the blustery weather.

Rev. Horn preached here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler of Fisher county passed through this community Sunday.

Several from here attended the basket ball game at Sanbur Saturday.

T. Winters and W. B. Beavers purchased some hogs at Merkel Saturday. H. H. Grayson and wife were Merkel visitors Saturday.

#### Nubla.

There was a large crowd from here that attended the intertainment at Blair. Among them were Misses Nell Boden, Lula Cogburn Messrs. Floyd Cogburn and Nath Noel. They report a nice time.

Ernest Moore and sister, Hallie, of Blair attended church at Crossroads Sunday morning.

Jno. Hunter has bought a new buggy lookout girls he has a swell rig.

Roy Dowdy and sister Gertrude passed through here Sturday.

Jet Riney and wife spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Haney Riney of this place.

H. Davenport and family visited near Blair Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Riney and baby visited relatives in Merkel the latter part of last week.

Rev. McMellon will preach here Saturday and Sunday. He will sing in the afternoon.

[Edt. Note: Always sign your own name to all articles.]

# ANNOUNCING

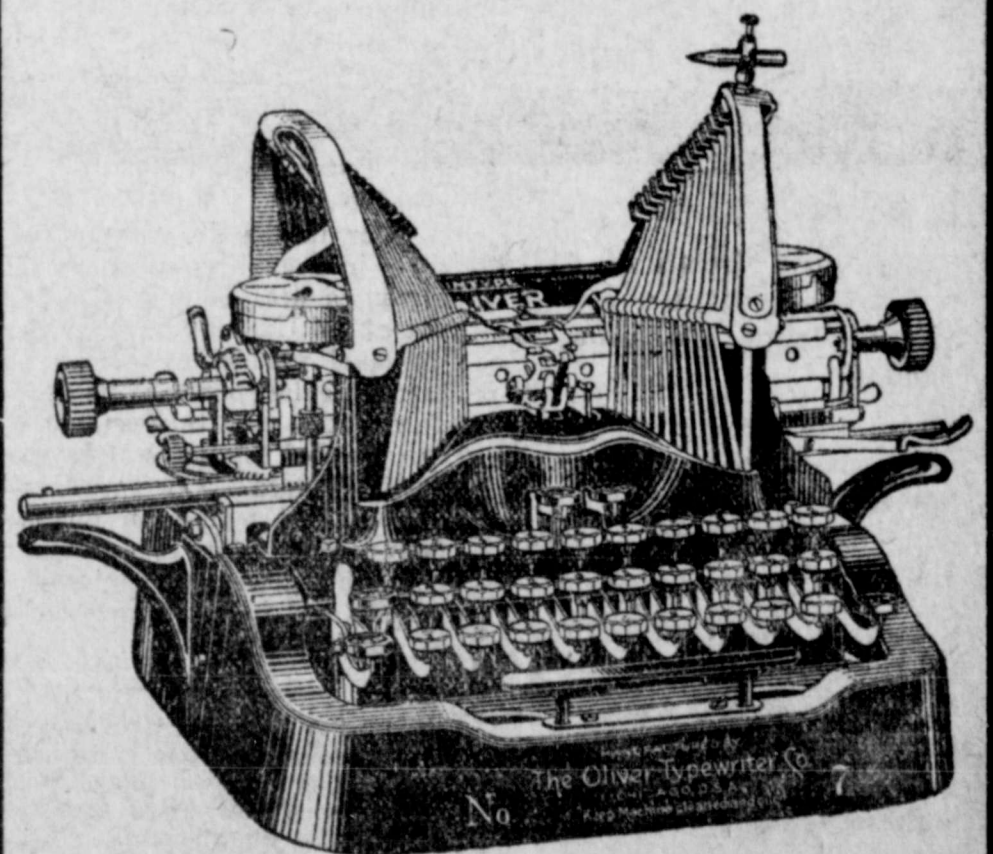
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