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MERKEL FARMERS KILL 836 RABBITS

Friday and Saturday of last week saw a mighty war waged on the jack rabbit tribe of Compere and Noodle communities.

On Friday some 28 men gathered at Compere under the leadership of R. B. Corder and W. T. Sherrill and during the evening killed 140 rabbits. R. B. Corder one of the managers was high man for the evening making a score of 17 while his partner W. T. Sherrill was next high man with 15 rabbits to his credit.

Not wanting to be outdone in any trivial matters the Noodle delegation called a meeting for the next day and under the direction of Walter Witt of that place killed 325 rabbits. During this drive Walter Greene made high score with 30 long ears to his credit. Only shot guns with small shot were used.

Jno. Sears, W. A. Scott and Ira Armstrong were members of a jack rabbit hunting party in the Compere country Tuesday afternoon.

At the time the Merkel men started from home at 3 o'clock 170 rabbits had been killed and the men from that section of the country were still slaying them at that hour.

E. P. McMillen, L. D. Gaither, W. B. Farmer, Jno. Sears, H. N. Mrshburn, H. L. Propst and Wesley Edwards were members of a hunting party of 28 Wednesday afternoon west of town.

During the three hours hunt 201 jack rabbits were killed, 43 being killed in one grain field. The party was led by West Derstine and Mr. Hope.

El Paso to Oklahoma City.

Sunday noon the editor was afforded the pleasure of a trip to Fort Worth, as the guest of the Coggin Commission Company of El Paso, making the trip in a special train from El Paso bound for Oklahoma City.

The El Paso delegation 100 strong are going to Oklahoma with a slogan "To Bring the Bacon Home" that is the Pan-handle Stockmen's Convention in its next meeting. The delegation from the Pass City was accompanied by Concha's Crack band of 28 pieces, a portion of the members of the band being former members of General Villa's Band. On arriving in Fort Worth the El Paso delegates formed in a long procession, marching from the Texas & Pacific depot to the Westbrook Hotel. To begin with the band played "We'll Bring the Bacon Home" and on approaching the hotel changed the tune to Dixie.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Coggin of El Paso, who are well known here, wore Pass colors and represented the Coggin Commission Company on the trip.

W. O. W.

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

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

FIREMENS MINSTREL IS A COMPLETE SUCCESS WILL BE REPEATED SATURDAY EVENING AT 2:30

The benefit negro minstrel given at Front Street Theatre on Wednesday night was a complete success in every respect. The total receipts for the evening being \$93.20, with an expense of about \$30.00, leaving the fireboys over \$60.00 for their efforts.

The most deserving of all in his actions and dialect was "Red" Bond in his novelty fire eating act and monologue that accompanied the stunt. Outside of his prepared speech for the occasion even those connected with the play were surprised to hear the former messenger boy add some good jokes to his monologue during the time he was delayed in his fire eating act. He was followed on the stage by Cotton Weigher Tittle who substituted for another member of the play in the fast dance work and much to the pleasure of all present gave one of the best comic clog-dances imaginable. His lecture to the medical fraternity was new and brought fourth a lot of laughter.

The two end men F. A. Sanders and R. A. McClain furnished the jokes for the evening making their work all the more ridiculous by their comic antics.

Last but not least were the songs by the strongvoice quartette, Armstrong, Black, Pate and Hicks, two of which were especially interesting "Massa's in the cold, cold ground" and the solo "Snoozing in the Bottom of the Pond" better known as "Asleep in the Deep. Music for the occasion was furnished by I. Mann and Misses Hall and Mann.

Owing to the crowded condition of the house on Wednesday evening it was thought best to re-produce the play on Saturday evening at 2:30 for the benefit of those who were not present Wednesday and to benefit those who live in the country and could not be here. The curtain will rise at 2:30 o'clock promptly and the prices will be reduced to 25 cents for any seat in the house. The proceeds of the second play will be used to defray expenses of the Minstrel in general.

The Fireboys sincerely appreciate the liberal patronage given them and ask that you speak a good word for the show on Saturday.

CITY COUNCIL HAS QUIET SESSION

Monday evening the city council met in regular session with only a few matters of importance coming before the board.

The only city grant made was to H. M. Rose permitting the installation of a gas tank under ground on Front street. The committee report on getting gravel west of town was favorably received and the franchise for the Southwestern Telephone Co. for a period of 25 years was in substance granted awaiting the printing of the contract. The awning on the West building occupied by the West Texas Hardware Co., was condemned and owner ordered to remove same as early as possible.

The total collections for February were: Taxes \$571.73, fines \$1.00, water rent \$19.30 and scavenger fees \$53.50 making a total of \$745.53. The total expenditures were \$271.65, covering all salaries and incidental expenses of the city during past month.

Dr. A. M. Armstrong Dead.

Mrs. N. J. Armstrong of this city mother of Dr. M. Armstrong received a message from relatives at Crawford Tuesday stating that Dr. A. M. Armstrong of that city had died at 4 p. m.

The Crawford physician is an uncle of our Merkel physician and is well known to many of the Merkel people, having established a practice here in connection with Dr. M. Armstrong at one time. It is supposed that his death was due to old age.

Mrs. N. J. Armstrong left for Crawford Tuesday night to attend the funeral.

J. L. Roberson for Sheriff.

J. L. Roberson of Elm Dale makes his announcement to our readers this week as candidate for the office of Sheriff of Taylor county subject to the action of the July primaries.

Mr. Roberson is one of the oldest settlers of his community having lived there for 23 years of his life, coming to Elm Dale at the age of 16 years. During his residence in Taylor county he has been a farmer and presents his claims for a county office for the first time to the voting public.

In making the race Mr. Roberson asks his fellow farmers and other voters to give his claims careful consideration when they cast their vote for the election of a man to the office to which he aspires.

Terrific Storm Rages in East.

The worst storm the New York state has seen in the past 25 years swept the country the first of the week. 8 were reported dead from cold in New York and traffic all over the state was tied up.

WORLD'S FINEST SADDLE COMPLETED

What is supposed to be the finest saddle in the world was finished last week by S. D. Myers of Sweetwater, Texas.

The saddle will remain on display at Sweetwater for a few days after which it will be shipped to the "101" Ranch in Oklahoma and will be used by the "101" show during their coming season.

The saddle contains 120 diamonds together with many other valuable mountings and is inlaid with gold and silver.

THANKS FOR FIRE BOYS DONATION

In behalf of the Fire Department I want to thank Mr. A. C. Rose for the \$10.00 donation to the department for their service at the fire that destroyed a portion of his home on Monday March 2. Assuring him that it is very highly appreciated by the department, I am. Very respectfully, F. J. Ferrier, Chief-Fire Dept.

In addition to this donation the department is also in receipt of three nice rugs for the station, two of which were donated by E. P. McMillen of the Behrens-McMillen Fur Co., the other being donated by W. E. Brittain of the Merkel Electric Co.

Triplets Born at Abilene

Triplets, two boys and one girl each weighing six pounds were born to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Estes of Abilene Tuesday of this week.

This is the first case on record of triplets being born in Taylor county. All the children and the mother are reported to be in the best of health and the children are well developed.

Dundee Lot Sale.

The attention of our readers is directed to the advertisement of the Dundee Townsite Company in this issue. This town on the Wichita Valley and near the proven oil fields is at the present the scene of much interest as the result of oil prospects. Mr. E. E. Griffin, the owner of the townsite and large bodies of land in the Dundee country is conducting the sale. The special excursion leaves Abilene Saturday morning at 6:30 and returns the same day.

FIRE DESTROYS PART OF HOME

Fire under a good headway and being fanned by one of the strongest winds we ever have, caused the near destruction of the A. C. Rose home on Oak St., Monday morning at 10:50 o'clock.

The fire is supposed to have started from the ignition of a window curtain and before the alarm could be given the flames had spread throughout the ceiling and roof of the house and over two rooms. Considering the very high wind, the department did excellent work in holding the flames to the Rose home and in a short time after their response to the alarm had completely put out the fire. Three streams of water with high pressure being necessary to stop the flames.

The house and furniture were insured to the amount of \$1,050, which amount will hardly cover the loss.

Merkel Collecting Agency.

The above is the name of a new enterprise established in our town and as the name implies will be an adjusting agency for our town and country. The agency is located in the offices at the back of the Farmers State Bank and is in charge of Ira Armstrong. The enterprise will be affiliated with the Retail Merchants Association and will handle collections and adjustments anywhere.

Mrs. Latham's Bond Reduced.

Mrs. Minnie Latham who was denied bond at Snyder, but later granted bond in the sum of \$30,000 before Judge Thomas of Anson, has succeeded in getting her bond reduced to \$10,000 by the higher courts of Austin.

Her bond was later made and Mrs. Latham passed through this city Saturday night on the Texas & Pacific passenger No. 6 enroute east.

More Fire Equipment Arrives.

More fire equipment for the Merkel Company is expected to arrive today.

This purchase of 500 feet of Eureka hose is a much needed addition and each member of the department feels more enthusiastic now of their ability from the fact that this new equipment practically eliminates the probability of bursting hose under high pressure in time of fires.

Given Death Sentence.

Fernando Subia who was charged with killing City Marshall Moorhead of Pecos, received a death sentence last week for his crime.

Subia has filed a motion of appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeals. A meeting of citizens of Pecos was called last week in the commercial club rooms and it was the sense of the meeting that the sheriff should employ guards sufficiently strong to protect the jail, and it was also ordered that electric lights be placed around the jail building.



LET US HELP YOU

DO YOUR BANKING WITH US—WE WILL HELP YOU TO KEEP YOUR ACCOUNTS STRAIGHT

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

We can help you in your money matters, because handling money is our BUSINESS. Our bookkeepers will keep your accounts straight. If you have a bank account you have a receipt for every bill you pay. We can ADVISE you, and will insure you courteous and earnest attention.

Make OUR bank YOUR bank

ONLY GUARANTY FUND BANK IN MERKEL

HONOR ROLL OF MERKEL SCHOOLS

The following were members of the School Honor Roll for the month of February:

Page Baxendale, Alice Baxendale, Sadie Collins, Charlie Christopher, Minnie Coats, Bernice Doan, Lorina Dry, Lillie Fitzgerald, Arval Foster, Beulah Garratt, Joe Hartley, Dennis Hartley, Mollie Hall, Mary Jennings, Ethel Jones, Stanley King, Shirley King, Vida McNeas, Ulyssus McNeas, Della McLean, Jno. Moore, Georgia Moore, Beatrice Nideyer, Milam Pike, Eunice Russell, Urban Shannon, Ola Sharp, Josie Smith, Willie Tucker, Jewell Toombs, Mary Tucker, Osie Teaff, Jasper Tucker, Nell Tracy, Olive Teaff, Lenord Wills, Nellie Penny, Mandy Brady, Christine Collins, Pearl Thornton, Lorraine Boyce, Andrew Baker, Sewell Evans, Lola Moore, Dorris Pike, Mossie Sears, Ruth Jones, Oadia Shannon, Bob Gazzaway, Rubin Curb, Thurmond Coggin, Lester Brown, Oudia Campbell, Florence Boring, Joe Cauthen, Hallie Pike, Raymond Saffles, Agnes Rister, Elsoe Davis, Annie Bickley, Lola Armstrong, Murphy Thomas, Delma Compton, Charlie Tucker, Ray Adkisson, Ruby Teaff, Onnie Mae Costephens, Deci Sharp, Thomas Armstrong, Evarie Clark, Paul Ash, Roy Moore, Lester Peterson, Roy Holmes, Arthur Bland, Taylor Tucker, Dee Ash, Ruth Newberry, Mona T. Christopher, Mabel Russel, Paul Compton, Jesse Compton, Mabel McNeas, Eddie Rister, Hazel Harkrider, Sybil Evans, James Swann, Lizzie Witcher, Lucy Tracy, Ina Mae Adam, Laura Beard, Nellie Swann, Mary Parten, Palace Meeks, Milton Pate, Theron Robertson, Lucile Edwards, Ruth Pike, Jesse Penny, Orien Higgin, James Hogg, Harvis Jones, Alvin Curb, Roy Rust, Largent, Hicks Swafford, Loy Park, Wilber Parten, Blanche Rollins, Louise Warren, Clara Beard, Ruby Hamm, Dixie Howard, Mary Campbell, Lucile Smelser, Zula Abercromby, Elbert Touchstone, Merle Burroughs, Charlie Saffle, Letha Burns, Vera Jenkins, Julia Martin, Rovevans Allen, Mabel Laney, Gaides Wier, Robert Warnick, Loring Hamblett, Vernon Coats, Vesta Parks, Ida Meeks, Mac Cauthen, Paul Stanford, Beulah Walker, Eunice Armstrong, Rennie Burns, Elsie Peterson, Rex McLean, Paul West, Ralph Bigham, Lois Balch, Flossie Cypert, Gladys Evans, Ruby Cauthen, Maurine Cobb, Dimple Counts, Vivian Derington, Lorena Frazier, Vivian Hutchison, Homer McConnell, Lillian Craig, Madden Brown, Virgil Mayfield, Jewell Costephen, Lucile Bagwell, Nellie Holloway, Vinnie Heizer, Mozelle Bankhead, Maurine Angus, Fay Rogers, Mary Balch, Doris Russel, Robert Compton, Vernon Slapes, Marion Johnson, Earl Martin, Lendon Coats, Dexter Eoff, Robert Hamm, Billie Cobb, Minor Burns, Ottis Moore, George Sharp, Leslie Rogers, Wilham Armstrong, Lucile Whitaker, Burma Slapes, Dick Cypert, Eula Mae Coggin, Mona Hodge, Jewell Burns, Lorena Williams, Mary Eula Sears, Nelson Gazzaway, Ruby Harris, Isla Mashburn, Price Floyd, Louis Floyd, Wornie Bray, Harvin Boring, Gladys Russel, Waymon Rose, Tina Moore, Perry Curb, Ruby Lee Warnick, Lance

Sears, Ansel Coats, Frank Counts, Dillard Coggin, Clifford Rose, Charles Sutphen, H. C. Reid, Wilber Thomas, Elmer Adcock, Charm Burroughs, Iva Tittle, Byron Curb, Carlton Dennis, Iva Derrington, Roy Ellis, Charlsia Armstrong, Lois Christopher, Floy Abercrombie, Evelyn Curb, Frances Hamm, Velma Holloway, Ella Mae Martin, Opal Patterson, Mary Rogers, Johnny Sears, Fainy Orr, Guy Ely, Ernest Whittaker, Guy Dorsey, Claude Riney, Fattie Parks, Earl Thornton, Elvin Smelser, Lillie Ayers;

The Mothers Favorite

A cough medicine for children should be harmless. It should be pleasant to take. It should be effectual. Chamberlains Cough Remedy is all of this and is the mothers' favorite everywhere. For sale by all dealers.

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.

Advertised Letters

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending March 7, 1914
Anderson, J. S.
Armstrong, John
Cross, H. E.
Gomoles, Maeari
Ortiz, Eloino
Tapia, Manuel
If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Mar. 21, 1914.
H. W. Derstine, P. M

Goes to Dallas for Treatment

Lenora, the 10 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Williams, was taken to Dallas Thursday for treatment of ear trouble of serious nature. The child was accompanied by her grandmother Mrs. H. C. Williams and aunt Miss Eva Williams.

Gives Fire Department \$5.00

The Fire Department was presented with \$5.00 Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. J. H. Warnick as a token of her appreciation for the work done in holding the flames of the Rose fire to that house. The department thanks Mrs. Warnick for this donation and assures her that it is greatly appreciated by each and every member of the department.

Yale Motorcycle.

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

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.

Pure Mebane Cottonseed.

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

Wanted

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

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

Evertime you want fresh vegetables call Hamblett & Rogers.

Miss Beulah Eichols of Abilene visited Mrs. W. E. Brittan Saturday and Sunday.

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

Miss Zora Coggin accompanied her little nephew T. J. Coggin to his home in Post City where she will visit for a few weeks.

What is Golden Rod? It is 30 pounds of ground corn, 30 pounds of alfafa meal, 20 pounds of rich brann and 20 pounds of molasses properly mixed. Ask your grocer to show you.

Miss Tommie Coggin visited Miss Olga Hightower in Sweetwater last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Russel of Dallas have moved back to Merkel.

Mrs. Jno. G. Jackson and Misses Mabel Collins and Zora Coggin were in Abilene Saturday.

When human brains become more enlightened then there might be a food to equal Golden Rod. Why? Because it is green and sweet. Ask your grocer to show you.

Miss Bess Wollford of Abilene was a week-end guest of Mrs. Georgia Bagwell.

\$25.00 Reward for any impurities found in Golden Rod. Why is this offer? Because the manufacturers have confidence in it like you will have if you will try it, your grocer has it.

105 kinds of soap at Grimes.

REAL ESTATE AND FARM LOANS

This is my business and if you have land or desirable town property for sale or exchange, then that will be our business.

BONAFIDE BARGAINS ON EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT

My specialty is making sale of a real, genuine, bonafide bargain for cash or the sale or exchange of high-class properties. This life is too short to devote our time and energies only on the very biggest and best bargains and my plan of an exclusive contract is for our mutual protection. On this plan I can afford to make a special effort in your behalf and in the event of a sale I get my little commission. It is the fair and safe way and seven men out of six had rather someone make a special effort than to have a dozen do nothing.

MONEY TO LOAN ON FARM LANDS

I have the very best connection for placing farm mortgages and by comparison I have the best loan contract in this section of the state. If you are going to need money any time during the year, give me your application now. All business strictly confidential and the very best of service. Let's talk it over.

Jno. G. Jackson

EXCLUSIVE BARGAINS

WHENEVER YOU NEED A GENERAL TONIC - TAKE GROVE'S

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

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

Try Mail Want Ads

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. S. Burkhead came in Tuesday afternoon from Mingus to look after his property here.

Golden Rod is 100 percent pure and 1-3 cheaper. Why? Because it is green, sweet and pure. Try a sack and be convinced for sale by your grocer.

W. D. Woodroof was in Abilene Tuesday on business.

"Some Chicken" and "Oh You Chicken Rings," the greatest and latest New York novelties on sale at Rust & McCauley Jewellery Co.

New live rubber electric wire wrapped cotton garden hose, the best made. The West Texas Hardware Co.

105—Grimes Phone—105.

If you will feed Golden Rod your stock will certainly fatten and thrive. Why? Because it is green and sweet, 1-3 cheaper. Try a sack and be convinced. Ask your grocer.

Chamels, the 105 variety at Grimes.

Mrs. Burl Wheeler returned to her home at Abilene Wednesday after a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler.

A clipping from the Memphis Commercial Appeal of Sunday gave account of a fire at Medina, Tenn., in which the Birdsong block was burned. The fire originating from an unknown cause. One of the losers in the fire was Dr. J. E. Adkisson a brother of Dr. J. A. Adkisson of this place. The total loss was about \$25,000 with approximately \$10,000 insurance.

See that Golden Rod Mixed feed, the test what is, at the Sanitary Grocery.

Buy Golden Rod Mixed Feed, A mixture of Molasses, Bran, chops, oats and pea-green Alfalfa. The Sanitary Grocery has it.

Miss Ruby Dowdy visited her aunt Mrs. J. I. Leamon at Trent this week.

Your cow will give more milk and butter if you feed her Golden Rod Mixed Feed. The Sanitary Grocery has it.

The Woodroof line of ladies hats in Gold Medal and Fisk brands constitute the most complete stock ever brought to Merkel. Be sure and see them. W. D. Woodroof & Company.

Crepe-dechine, crepe-metior and wool crepe dresses at Woodroof & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McNeese of Trent visited Mrs. H. L. Propst Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Horn of Noodle visited here last week.

Mrs. Beatrice Dingle of Trent visited here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wheeler of Noodle visited relatives here Friday.

Crepe-dechine, crepe-metior and wool crepe dresses at Woodroof & Co.

Mrs. Burleson of Big Springs visited her mother, Mrs. Hamilton this week.

Mrs. Roy Parmely of Caps visited her sister Mrs. J. J. Russel this week.

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NEGRO MINSTREL

REPRODUCED

SATURDAY AFT. 2:30

AT FRONT STREET THEATRE

No Minstrel to be given Friday night as was announced. But will be given at 2:30 Saturday Afternoon to permit people from the country to see the performance.

PRICES CUT TO 25 CENTS FOR ANY SEAT

Be Sure and Come. The Proceeds to go to the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department



Implement Season

THE time for buying implements is here and we will say that we have a full stock of JOHN DEERE IMPLEMENTS, in Planters, Cultivators Harrows and in fact anything you need in this dependable line of goods. We also have on hand a few Lucky Jim Cultivators in Avery's goods, and in order to close out these AVERY CULTIVATORS we are going to make some reduction in price on them as long as they last. Our house is full of goods in every line, Wagons, Buggies, Shelf Hardware, Queensware, Chinaware, Guns, Ammunition, Etc. You will always find our prices as low as first-class goods can be sold for and your patronage will be greatly appreciated and receive our prompt and careful attention at all times.

Remember that all Avery Cultivators are greatly reduced in prices only while they last. Let us serve you.

Crown Hardware Company

The equal of Golden Rod Mixed feed is to be found only in another sack of Golden Rod Mixed feed. The Sanitary Grocery has it.

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

Mrs. W. E. Gentry and children of Abilene visited the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Dodd the past week.

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

Dr. Hinkle of Oenaville was the week-end guest of Eld W. G. Cypert and family.

Window glass in all sizes at Burroughs Drug Store.

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

Fact. Best cigars at Grimes.

Fred Hoppe and Parker Hendrix of Abilene were social callers in our city Sunday.

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

Get your monogram stationery at Burroughs Drug Store.

Eld H. L. Matheny returned to his home at Rochester Friday.

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

Mrs. P. M. Rogers left Friday for Eastland and Fort Worth.

Paints, oils and varnish at Burroughs Drug Store.

Mrs. Will Calvert returned to her home at Sweetwater Thursday after a few days visit with Mrs. W. Parten.

Get "Macks" prices on wall paper.

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

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

Get "Macks" prices on wall paper.

N. & M. Hand made Spec. size cigars at Grimes only.

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

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

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

Hair brushes, the 105 kind at Grimes.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

See N. D. Cobb for Menus and tomb stones. tl.

W. Kimbro of Sweetwater was here last week on business and visited his old friend E. D. Coats.

"Kidney heel" pumps and "Mary Jane" straps are the latest in foot wear. Look them over at Harkriders.

We want your order for that new spring suit or dress made to measure. We can have them made for you at prices you would pay for ready made. Harkrider.

We have our new stock of Boys Suits and extra knee pants "The big bloomy" styles in Norfolks. Please look them over. W. L. Harkrider.

I make a brooder that will meet all the requirements of the poultry man. See it on display at my shop. H. M. Rose.

If you want your cow to give more milk and butter feed her Golden Rod, 1-3 cheaper. Why is it 1-3 cheaper? Because it is sweet green and contains more nutriment. Ask your grocer.

The "Latest Hits" in men and boys caps at Harkriders.

Our new dress goods are coming in daily. We are going to have the most complete stock shown in town, consisting of all the latest weaves and colors in wool, silk and cotton fabrics and will be pleased to show them. Harkrider.

It is reported that Cone Johnson of Tyler will be appointed to succeed Joseph W. Folk as solicitor of the State Department at Washington. The position pays \$5000 per year and the Tyler man will likely be the lucky one.

Dont forget to bring your produce to the Merkel Bargain Store, and get the best market price for your goods, at the same time give you bargains in anything you want to buy. W. P. Duckett.

Mrs. K. L. Bidrine left Wednesday for her home at Mamou, La., after a few months visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hester.

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

THE MERKEL COUNTRY,
 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,
 GOOD HEALTH FOR THE OLD MAN,
 EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POOR MAN,
 INVESTMENTS FOR THE RICH MAN,
 PROSPERITY FOR ALL.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars

\$10,000 CROP CONTEST.

The work of the Texas Industrial Congress for better farming in Texas will be continued through its usual offer of \$10,000 in gold for best results secured, cost of production considered, during 1914 in yields of corn, cotton, kaffir, milo, feterita, cowpeas and peanuts. Classes will also be provided in live stock for the best results in feeding steers, calves and hogs. The conditions for live stock contest will be announced later. For agricultural products the classes will be practically the same as in former years.

Class A, open for everybody, will be model demonstration farms of four acres cultivated in corn, cowpeas, cotton and either kaffir, milo or feterita.

Class B will be for boys and girls cultivating an acre in corn.

Class C will be limited to boys and girls and will consist of one acre cultivated in cotton.

Class D, open to everybody, will be for one acre cultivated in either kaffir, milo or feterita, with or without irrigation.

Class E will be for boys and girls cultivating an acre in peanuts

Class F will be for contestants entered in Class A who feed a steer with the products of the model demonstration farm.

Class G for baby beef.

Class H for hogs.

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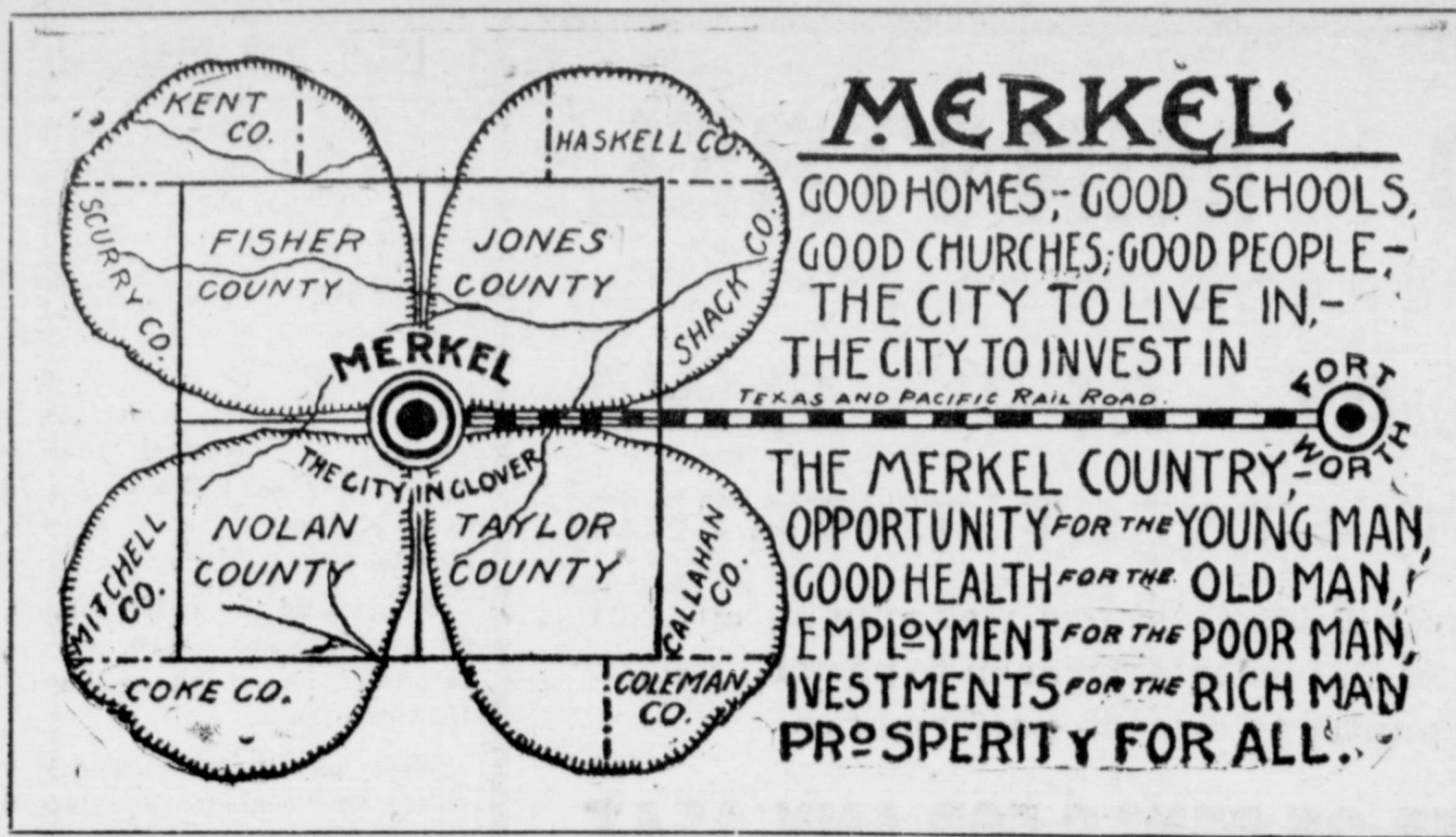
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\$10,000 CROP CONTEST.

The work of the Texas Industrial Congress for better farming in Texas will be continued through its usual offer of \$10,000 in gold for best results secured, cost of production considered, during 1914 in yields of corn, cotton, kaffir, milo, feterita, cowpeas and peanuts. Classes will also be provided in live stock for the best results in feeding steers, calves and hogs. The conditions for live stock contest will be announced later. For agricultural products the classes will be practically the same as in former years.

Class A, open for everybody, will be model demonstration farms of four acres cultivated in corn, cowpeas, cotton and either kaffir, milo or feterita.

Class B will be for boys and girls cultivating an acre in corn.

Class C will be limited to boys and girls and will consist of one acre cultivated in cotton.

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The farm house is the most important building on the farm, and money judiciously expended in its planning and construction is well invested. The United States Department of Agriculture, through its Bureau of Farm Management, has been investigating conditions in the rural districts and in many instances found that the living apartments were inconsistent in cost with the value of the farm, and very often in striking contrast with out-buildings and farm machinery.

The Department of Agriculture is not only striving to make the business of farming more remunerative, but is also endeavoring to make farm life more attractive. A series of plans for the construction of farm homes has been prepared. In designing these homes, service, economy and attractiveness have been combined in a frame structure which can be built for \$800 in a community where average prices for material and labor prevail.

The specifications call for a simple four-cornered structure. There is but one chimney and one outside entrance. Another door may be provided by sacrifice of wall and floor space or by increasing the size and cost of the house.

The government experts in planning these homes realized that the comfort and convenience of the farm woman was paramount. They drew their plans accordingly. The kitchen is the most pleasantly located room in the structure. It opens on a screened porch where a large part of the work may be done in the summer.

The water problem has also been carefully considered. Cistern water may be drawn from a bucket pump on the back porch or from a pitcher pump in the sink. Hot water is provided by a reservoir connected with the kitchen stove. The sink with only a drain pipe to be provided, has been found too inexpensive to be omitted.

The living and dining room is combined and affords sufficient space for the longest table the harvest days will ever require. It has two routes to the kitchen which are convenient for serving a large number of workmen. The Bureau of Farm Management is trying to help the farmer and will gladly furnish free plans to farmers contemplating building homes.

The Forty Year Test.

An article must have an 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

Woman Shoots Husband.

Ed Bayer of Wharton was shot three times Sunday night at his home. His wife was later arrested charged with the shooting. She claimed it was done in self defense.

March 10th Clean-up Day.

State Health Officer Steiner today has issued a proclamation designating Tuesday, March 10th as "Clean-up Day" for all Texas. He calls upon all county authorities, health officers and women's clubs to observe the day.

Duck Eggs for Sale.

I have a limited supply of Indian Runner Duck eggs for sale. \$1.00 per setting. W. P. Duckett.

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. Nota Liniment. 25c. 50c. \$1.00.

Plant More Hogs

Uncle Sam Advises Texas Farm Boys.

The Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture has just issued a communication to the farmer boys of Texas between the ages of 10 and 18 years, urging them to plant more hogs. The Texas farmer lost \$24,000,000 last year because he failed to produce enough pork to supply the local demand and the communication advises his sons to raise enough hogs for home consumption, and if possible, a surplus for the market. Some of the points which the Department advises the youthful hog raiser to bear in mind are:

1. The feeding and care are as important as the breeding in producing a good hog. Plenty of feed and good care will make a good hog out of a runt, but lack of it will always make a runt out of a good pig.

2. To make pork cheaply a permanent pasture and forage crops must be used.

3. Young pigs must have a dry bed and plenty of sunshine.

4. Begin feeding the pig as soon as he will eat, and keep him growing until he is mature.

5. Always keep plenty of clean, fresh water where the hogs may drink at any time.

6. Quarantine all newly purchased animals for three weeks.

7. Never keep a female for a brood sow, no matter how well bred she may be, if she will not produce more than four strong pigs at a litter.

8. The more milk a sow will give the faster her pigs will grow.

The latest census reports which relate to January 1st, 1914 show there are 2,618,000 hogs in Texas with a total value of \$22,515,000. This is an increase over the previous year of 125,000 head and \$1,574,000 in value. At every census during the five years prior to 1914 a steady decrease in the number of Texas hogs is shown. The values, however, have steadily increased. A decade ago the Texas

hog was worth \$4.68 per head, but Uncle Sam's latest valuation is \$8.60 per head.

The growing demand for young Texas raised pork has become so strong that he is going to market a year earlier and at the weight of 219 pounds, while a quarter of a century ago the average marketing weight was 276 pounds.

Returns Home Tuesday.

W. Parten who has been spending the last two weeks in parts east purchasing new spring goods for his company here came in from Fort Worth where he has been during a greater part of the time he has been away.

Mr. Parten's stay in Fort Worth was caused by sickness which culminated in an operation he however returns home feeling better than when he departed.

Free After 13 Years.

Mrs. Kate Edwards of Reading Pa., has been pardoned by Governor Tener. She was first convicted for the murder of her husband in 1901 and her punishment assessed at death.

Four governors of the state have refused during their administration to affix the date of her execution and she was made free last week to start life over again.

Friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Robertson (nee Maidie Grimes) of Meridian, have received the announcement of the birth of a little daughter, Eva Lillian Robertson.

Mrs. Laura G. Roberts of Nugent returned home Wednesday after spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Jno. G. Jackson.

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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.

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Thursday afternoon of last week Mrs. Fred Groene gave a linen shower to Mrs. W. G. Cypert at her home on Reynolds St. Many lovely and useful pieces of linen appeared in the laundry bag when the announcement was made that the ministers wife's wash was ready. Those present were; Mesdames Holloway, Mershon, H. Turner, J. W. Moore, J. S. Robertson, Henry and Arthur Rose, Oly Sanders, Jim Eoff Tyre Sublett, Barfield, Parten and her guest Mrs. W. C. Calvert of Sweetwater, H. L. Propst, E. Henderson, J. P. Sharp Keith, Miss Ferguson. Others who were represented were Mrs. Jno. C. Hamm, J. A. Adkisson, Tom Clark, Woodard and Ferguson. The hostess served fruit.

A crowd of joy riders from Rule were in Merkel Sunday afternoon. They were dinner guest of Misses Mattie and Cogee Murphy in Abilene who joined the party. The personnel of the party were Misses Stella Redell, Mollie Williams and Eva Mae Murphy of Rule. Miss Cogee Murphy of Abilene. Messrs Lon Redell, Will Benick and Homer Jobe of Rule. Miss Eva Mae Murphy remained here for a short visit with her sister Miss Mattie Murphy.

The B-Flat Music club held their business meeting at the home of Miss Williams on North First St. Saturday afternoon. Thirteen members were present.

The M.C.'s. the Juvenile music pupils met in regular session Thursday afternoon with six members present a splendid program was given.

The Baraca Class of the Baptist Church was well represented at Sunday school last Sunday. There was fourteen members present, two new members and four visitors. All report a good lesson The Apostles' Creed and first two commandments were recited in concert. Great enthusiasm is being manifested by the boys. A special invitation is extended to every young man of the town to join us and if you cannot join come any way.

The Baraca Class of the Methodist met in regular session at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Christopher on Feb. 27 1914. The regular order of business was carried out after which a delicious dish of candy was placed before the boys, upon which they dined heartily. Come young men and help us with our work.

The E. Love Hawkins Literary Society met in regular session in the tenth and eleventh grades room on February 27th, 1914. The following program was rendered. Opening songs Anna Laurie. Prayer; by Champain. Dialoguel Willie Swann and Mamie Ellis. Trio; Zoe West Almeda Harris and Mary Jennings. Limericks; Willie Toombs. Journal Sherlie King. A short business session was held. The society then adjourned to meet again on March 6th.

League Program

March 8th, 1913. Subject; Faith and Prayer. Leader; Lizzie Calvert. Song. Prayer. Instrumental Solo; Miss Eva Williams. Scripture to be assigned; Heb. 11: 1-10; John 3: 16-36; Jas. 2: 17-20; Act. 3: 16; Romans, 15-30; Isa 58: 9-66: 24 Mat. 21: 21-22. Faith necessary before our prayer can be answered; T. A. Johnson. Sentence Prayer by leaguers. Duet: Misses Mary and Jackie Jennings. Prayer is essential to a christian's life. Miss Georgia Moore. Song. Epworth visitor. Miscellaneous. Song. League Benediction.

Trent Society

The W. W. V. C. met with Mrs. Estep Thursday, new officers being elected. The crochet hook and punch needle were kept busy until 4.30 when our charming hostess served refreshments to Mesdames Leamon, McRee, Burks, McLeod, Holt, Reeves, Johnson, Smith, Beckman, Misses Little Miller, Gertrude Smith and Geta Beckham.

Quite a crowd went to the mountain kodaking Sunday.

Miss Winnie Goode spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stevens.

A dance was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Leonard Saturday evening from 8:30 to 12.00. Six couples being asked, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. J. I. Leemon from two o'clock to four. Piecing quilts was the order of the day.

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 2-8c Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

576 licensed saloons were closed in Memphis, Tenn., Saturday night at 12 o'clock. Many of them opened Monday and were selling soft drinks but nothing where the alcohol exceeded 2 percent.

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

F. W. Crum and wife of Roscoe were in the city the first of the week visiting the family of S. W. Smelser. The Roscoe people returned to their home Wednesday in their Brush car.

Miss Lilac Aikens of Abilene visited Mrs. Jno. G. Hale Saturday and Sunday.

Compare Golden Rod with other feeds then your intelligence will prompt you to buy Golden Rod, 1-3 cheaper, try a sack and be convinced, your grocer has it.

Mrs. Lillie Welch of El Paso is here visiting her brother Walter Clark.

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Mrs. Dan Rawlings of Trent was the guest of Mrs. J. E. Hallingsworth Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Adcock of McCauley visited friends and relatives in our city Sunday.

Fred Menerich of Springfield, Ill., was literally blown to pieces Saturday by an infernal machine sent to him through the mail. His wife has been held pending an investigation.

105 kinds of Perfumes at Grimes.

A man has been arrested in Fort Worth charged with the burglary of the Montgomery State Bank at Montgomery, Texas a few weeks ago. The bank was robbed of \$8,000. The man Frank Schultz alias Alfred Allenberger is also charged with the robbery on a post office at Bronso.

Mrs. S. B. Lamb left Tuesday evening for Cohoma to visit her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Westfall.

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Marshall, Mo. Feb. 21, 1914.

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Quarter-Inch Rain Tuesday.

Tuesday evening and Tuesday night the Merkel country was visited with a slow drizzling rain that registered 1/4 of an inch here. At points north of town the fall was some heavier but from all sections of the country comes reports that the rain was sufficient to promote the oat and wheat crop to a great extent. This rain with a light shower in the first part of February brings the total rainfall to .35 inch for the year.

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The severe cold spell froze most of the setting hens off their nests, so early fryers will be scarce.

The entertainment to be given by Misses Lula and Bula Ridenback, Saturday night February 28 was postponed on account of serious illness in a home near their own.

Rev. Henderson filled his regular appointment at Rock Crossing Sunday at three o'clock.

The musical at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lute Huddleston Saturday night was very entertaining.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Taft entertained the young folks with a singing Sunday night.

Beware of Ointments For Catarrh That Conjoin 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.

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Take Halls Family Pills for constipation. Adv.

Trent.

Mr. Editor: After some delay from carelessness I will give you a few dots from this quiet little city.

Our farmers are just doing fine this spring. They have almost quit scraping with sweeps and gone to plowing and believe they will profit by doing so. Most all of them have their land broke and ready to plant.

Wiley Jennings is here visiting his sister Mrs. Otho Smith. This is the first time he has been here for six years.

Albert Moore and family of Abilene were in Trent Sunday visiting Jas Bright and wife.

L. E. Adrain is making some improvements. He has built him a galvanized iron chicken house and is repairing his barn and dwelling.

Uncle Billie Johnson has had a nice gravel walk made in front of his house.

George Brown is talking of moving to Merkel to make some improvements on his property there. We regret very much to lose Mr. Brown and family as they are fine neighbors but our loss is Merkels gain. Mr. Estep will occupy the house where Mr. Brown now lives.

Alex Williamson has purchased the interest of the Wooten Grocery Co. in the Star Hardware Co.

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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.

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Mr. and Mrs. Barnett and Jno. Wheeler of Merkel attended services here Sunday

Mr. Brightwell of Bell county is visiting in our community.

Mr. Howell and family of Trent attended church here and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd.

Rev. W. A. Scott and family of Trent were visiting their son Geo. Scott and family of our community.

Messrs. Arthur and Oscar McMurry of Trent were guests of W. B. Beavers and family Sunday.

Edgar Wheeler of Noodle was in our community Sunday.

Miss Edith Mayberry was the guest of Miss Abilene Winters Sunday.

The song service at the church was well attended Sunday afternoon.

They are talking of organizing a singing class at Shiloh in the near future. We think it a move in the right direction, as it will be nice for the young people to have singing in their home community so they will not care to go elsewhere to seek amusements of that kind.

The new song books for [the church have arrived and the young people sure made the music ring out Sunday night. It was worth going to hear. We wish to compliment the young people who responded so nicely to Rev. Boyd's appeal for them to come to the front and help sing.

There was a party at Terrell Winters Friday night.

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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:

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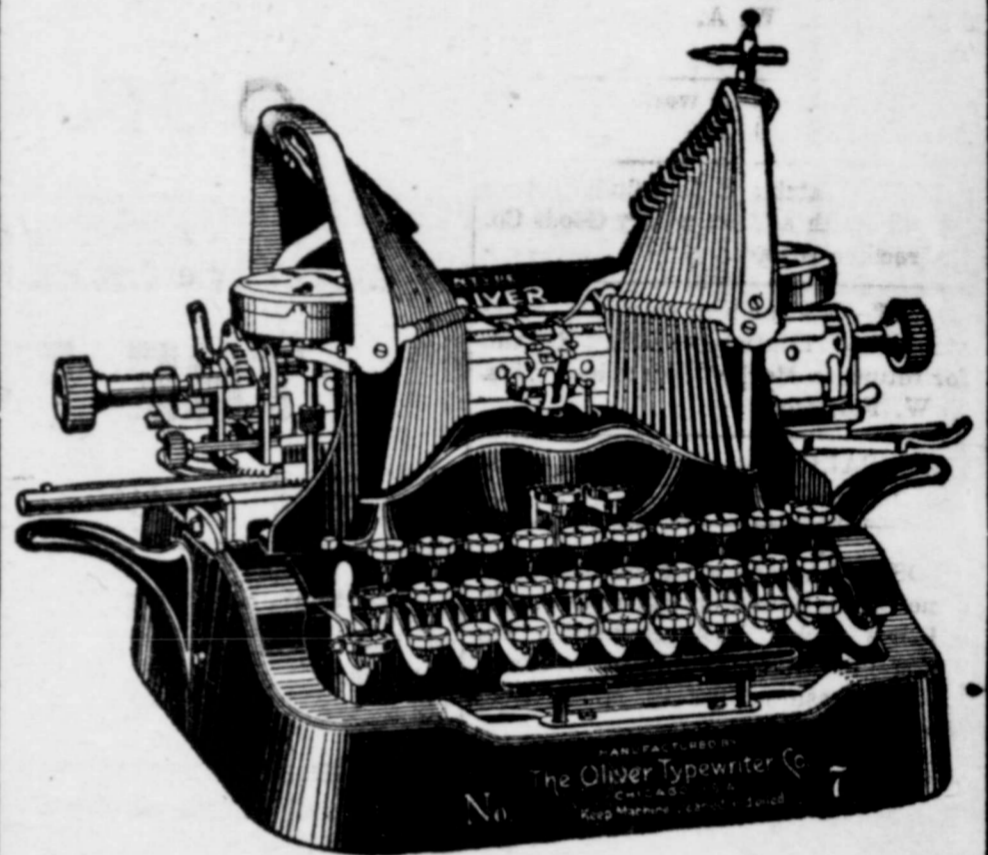
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The Castlepeak school has had very good attendance except during the very cold weather, and also Mt. Pleasant which has something near forty scholars.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Roland were in Merkel shopping Saturday.

The severe cold spell froze most of the setting hens off their nests, so early fryers will be scarce.

The entertainment to be given by Misses Lula and Bula Ridenback, Saturday night February 28 was postponed on account of serious illness in a home near their own.

Rev. Henderson filled his regular appointment at Rock Crossing Sunday at three o'clock.

The musical at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lute Huddleston Saturday night was very entertaining.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Taft entertained the young folks with a singing Sunday night.

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.

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Take Halls Family Pills for constipation. Adv.

Trent.

Mr. Editor: After some delay from carelessness I will give you a few dots from this quiet little city.

Our farmers are just doing fine this spring. They have almost quit scraping with sweeps and gone to plowing and believe they will profit by doing so. Most all of them have their land broke and ready to plant.

Wiley Jennings is here visiting his sister Mrs. Otho Smith. This is the first time he has been here for six years.

Albert Moore and family of Abilene were in Trent Sunday visiting Jas Bright and wife.

L. E. Adrain is making some improvements. He has built him a galvanized iron chicken house and is repairing his barn and dwelling.

Uncle Billie Johnson has had a nice gravel walk made in front of his house.

George Brown is talking of moving to Merkel to make some improvements on his property there. We regret very much to lose Mr. Brown and family as they are fine neighbors but our loss is Merkels gain. Mr. Estep will occupy the house where Mr. Brown now lives.

Alex Williamson has purchased the interest of the Wooten Grocery Co. in the Star Hardware Co.

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.

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

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For constipation, Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent. Easy to take mild and gentle in effect. Give them a trial. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Shiloh.

Rev. Will Bennett of Dickens county preaches at Shiloh Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. All enjoyed his discourse very much and would be glad to have him come again. Rev. Bennett is a brother of Mrs. J. H. Grayson of this place and was the guest of his sister while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnett and Jno. Wheeler of Merkel attended services here Sunday.

Mr. Brightwell of Bell county is visiting in our community.

Mr. Howell and family of Trent attended church here and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd.

Rev. W. A. Scott and family of Trent were visiting their son Geo. Scott and family of our community.

Messrs. Arthur and Oscar McMurry of Trent were guests of W. B. Beavers and family Sunday.

Edgar Wheeler of Noodle was in our community Sunday.

Miss Edith Mayberry was the guest of Miss Abilene Winters Sunday.

The song service at the church was well attended Sunday afternoon.

They are talking of organizing a singing class at Shiloh in the near future. We think it a move in the right direction, as it will be nice for the young people to have singing in their home community so they will not care to go elsewhere to seek amusements of that kind.

The new song books for the church have arrived and the young people sure made the music ring out Sunday night. It was worth going to hear. We wish to compliment the young people who responded so nicely to Rev. Boyd's appeal for them to come to the front and help sing.

There was a party at Terrell Winters Friday night.

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:

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Improves Offices.

Dr. M. Armstrong has had carpenters at work remodeling his offices in the rear of the Grimes Drug Store during the last week, making the offices larger and arranging for a dark room for x-ray work.

The last touches of paint and paper, together with new furniture makes the offices very attractive and accessible to the afflicted or others who may call there.

Rheumatism and Neuralgia.

People will be glad to know that Hunt's Lightning Oil stops the pain almost instantly. No other liniment acts so promptly and with such gratifying results. Those who suffer should not fail to try it. Sold by all druggist in 25c and 50c bottles.

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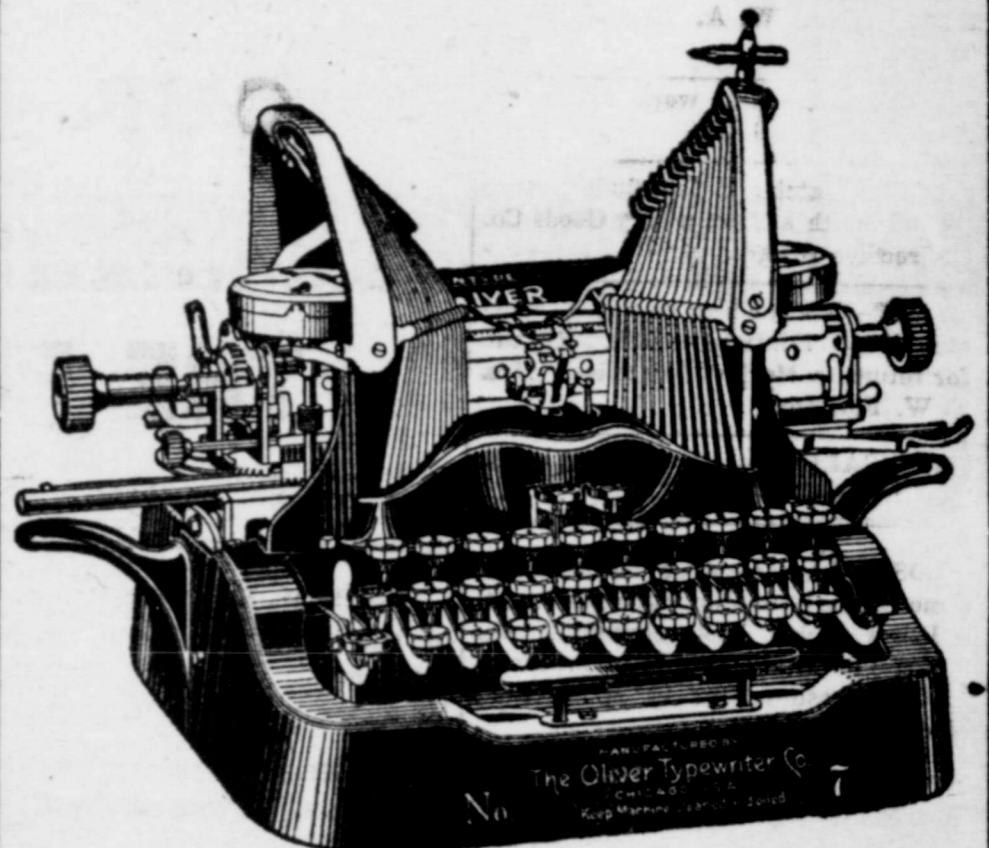
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Mob Kills Negro at Alpine.

A mob riddled a negro named Morgan with bullets at Alpine last week after Morgan who was under arrest had assaulted and wounded Deputy Sheriff Wilcox. After this the negro escaped.

The negro secured the sheriff's gun and took refuge in an old school building. W. F. Buchanan, a member of the posse, was shot through the arm in the battle with the negro.

What is Good for Headache?

One lady says, after suffering dreadfully for about seven years, she tried Hunt's Lightning Oil, which almost instantly relieved her, and has been entirely free from those dreadful headaches since. Ask your druggist.

Mrs. P. B. Causseaux visited in Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Burrus of Blair visited here last week.

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