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COLQUITT MAY RUN FOR SENATE

Speaking to the Texas Cattle-Raisers Association in its annual meeting at Fort Worth Tuesday Gov. O. B. Colquitt made a reply to the attack of United States Senator Morris Sheppard, which was made Monday in the Senate.

The governor also intimated that he would run for the United States Senate.

The governor declared that he feared to turn himself loose for fear he would not stop until he changed the policy of the government at Washington. He asserted that during Culbertson's illness, "Texas was without representation in the Senate."

He challenged Sheppard to resign and then both go before the people as opposing candidates for the Senate.

He declared that he had formed a policy of opening negotiations directly with Mexican authorities for righting the wrongs of Texans.

J. N. Bassett, of Crosbyton, proposed a resolution to "agree with Colquitt in his defense of the people of Texas." Ed. C. Lassater and Ike Pryor opposed it, the resolution being ruled out of order on the ground that it was against the policy of the association to mix in politics.

Mrs. A. B. Harris Dead.

Mrs. Fleada Harris age 48 wife of A. B. Harris of Mt. Pleasant and daughter of Mr. and Mr. G. B. Boden of Nubia died at her home Monday afternoon from a continued illness of several years.

Death came after a short period of unconsciousness and the deceased was attended by practically all her close relatives. She is survived by a husband, and three children as follows; John Harris, Mrs. Jim Cox of the Blair community and Ava Harris.

The deceased was a staunch member of the Christian church, having affiliated herself with that church before coming to this country from Tennessee where she first contracted her ill health some 15 years ago.

Funeral services were held at the Church of Christ Tuesday afternoon at 2.30, Elder W. G. Cypert conducting the services. Burial was given the body immediately afterward in the Rose Hill Cemetery. The Mail extends profound sympathy to the bereaved husband and the many other close relatives the deceased leaves in our community.

B'g Fire at Big Springs.

Fire broke out in a restaurant at Big Springs Saturday night about 11 o'clock, the supposed cause being from an oil stove explosion.

Before 12 o'clock three buildings had been destroyed and at that hour the fire was not then under control, the water pressure being very bad.

A PERSON AND A PERSONALITY

A great writer and philosopher once said, "We complain that life is too short, yet we live each day as if it were a thousand years."

The live of the average individual is principally occupied in rendering excuses, making explanations, and in listening to idle gossip.

The average man makes but little of his chances, which assertion is proved by the fact that a few men in one day of eight hours often accomplish more than many men in a life time of seventy years.

Life is simply a matter of concentration. You are what you set out to be. The things you read to-day and the things you think to-day are the things you become tomorrow. You are a composite of the things you say, the books you read, the thoughts you think, the company you keep and the things you aspire to become.

If you would simply devote thirty minutes of each day to the study of some splendid idea, to the improvement of your mind, in obtaining a more accurate knowledge of your business, you would in ten years' time involve into a giant of intellectual strength with power to follow any plan or idea to final and positive success.

That is what you can actually do through the right investment of thirty minutes of each day.

Time knows no prejudices, makes no promises, keeps no records and asks no questions. You are here for a purpose and each minute you spend foolishly or frivolously is lost for all time—simply thrown into the waste-basket of indifference. You come into this world from an eternity of which you know but little watch the hour hand on the face of time for a little while and return to that eternity from which you have come.

Unless you know the value of each moment as an investment, each day that passes is only a stumbling block that sends you blundering on into the indifference, helplessness and decline of old age.

Then the question is—what are you going to do with each hour and what are you going to do with life? Are you going to drift through its wealth and beauty, satisfied with your inefficiency, incompetency, idleness and ignorance? Are you going to leave untouched the treasures of the world in which you live? Are you going to betray yourself and your chances?

Do you believe in your work, in loyalty to your employer, in devotion to your business? Do you believe in honest service, in honest thought, in the divinity of the thing you do or the thing you sell? Do you intend to be an individual or a nonentity? As a man it is absolutely and entirely up to you. Are you going to get busy and when do you expect to begin?—Selected.

HEARS AFTER 35 YEARS DEAFNESS

Miss Helen Keller one of the most noted mutes the world has ever known, was caused to hear for her first time in Los Angeles last Saturday.

Miss Keller who has been blind and deaf since infancy has been under care of Mrs. A. J. Macy who is credited with bringing about the woman's hearing.

While in Los Angeles Mme Saltzman-Stevens a grand opera singer sang for Miss Keller at Mrs. Macy's suggestion and at the conclusion of the song Miss Keller exclaimed over and over again, "Oh I have heard, I have heard, I could weep for joy."

It is supposed that the high notes had such a remarkable carrying power that they penetrated the brain of Miss Keller.

New Newspaper.

The first issue of the Evening Journal published by A. H. Belo and Co., will appear on April 1st, marking the beginning of the evening paper from the Dallas News office.

The Evening Journal will arrive in Merkel every morning along with the other morning mail and according to announcements will contain as complete review of the days news as does the Daily Dallas News.

Buys New Ford Automobile.

J. G. Sadler purchased a new Ford Automobile last week from the Fulwiler Electric Co. of Abilene through the local agent H. M. Warren.

NEW VOTING BOX TO BE AT BLAIR

Hearing of petition for a new road in the Tye precinct, allowing the bills and acting upon other business occupied the attention of Taylor County Commissioners since the last report.

A new voting precinct has been established in Taylor County and will be known as voting precinct No. 27, thereby giving the county 27 boxes. The new voting place will be at the school building at Blair, a new town on the Santa Fe out-off.

S. E. Adcock will be presiding judge and J. W. Mayfield assistant judge at this box.

Petition for the opening of another road in the Tye section was acted upon favorably under certain terms the road is to be 40 feet in width and to open up for facilitation of travel such farmers as are concerned.

Canvassing of the election returns was begun Tuesday morning and entered upon the records.

ELECTION NOTICE

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Merkel, I hereby order an election to be held in said city, at the City Hall thereof, on the first Tuesday in April 1914, the same being the 7th day of said month, for the purpose of electing three Aldermen for said city. B. C. Gaither is hereby appointed presiding officer at said election. The polls shall be opened at 8 o'clock a. m. and close at 6 o'clock p. m.—J. J. Stallings, Mayor of the city of Merkel.

R. E. Bowles made a business trip to Abilene Friday.

SELLS 4 BULLS TO KING RANCH

W. J. Largent returned Sunday morning from a trip to Kingsville where he went to deliver four Hereford Bulls to the King ranch, the largest ranch in the southern part of the United States. A nice sum was realized from the sale by the owner C. M. Largent.

In addition to this shipment C. M. Largent and Tom Largent left Sunday for Fort Worth with a car of mixed cattle to be placed on sale at the Cattlemen's Convention in that city. The owners expect to sell the larger part of this shipment to southern breeders.

Mrs. Owens of Trent Dead.

Mrs. Lizzie Owens, age 53, wife of H. L. Owens who lives three miles south of Trent died Saturday afternoon at 3:30 from the effects of a deep sleep supposed to have been produced by the drinking of a diluted opiate.

Mrs. Owens had been in very bad health for several years and during the last few months had been an invalid, as a result of a cancer. She is survived by a husband and five daughters, all of whom were with her at the time of her death, and are as follows: Mrs. Thos. Ceaseaux and Mrs. Austin Adair of Trent, Edna, Opha and Verner Owens.

Burial services were held at the Trent cemetery Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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

MORE EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE DEPT.

At the regular meeting of the Fire Department on Monday night a vote was taken on the purchase of additional equipment for the department and the proposition carried by a large majority.

Rubber coats and boots will be bought for all members who sleep in the station and as many more as the present funds will allow without getting the reserve too low.

The amount derived from the two minstrel shows after all expenses were paid was \$80.60, with donation of \$43.25 from the following business firms Farmers & Merchants Bank \$5.00, Farmers State Bank \$5.00, Anchor Merc. Co. \$2.50, Merkel Mail \$2.50, G. E. Comegys, Sanitary Grocery, Woodroof & Co. J. P. Sharp, Parten D. G. Co., and W. L. Harkrider gave \$2.00 each, West Tex. Hdw. Co., Crown Hdw. Co., H. F. Groene., Hogue Hamilton Co., J. G. Jackson, H. C. Burroughs, T. L. Grimes, Dr. Armstrong, City Barber Shop, Rust & McCauley, and R. A. McClain each gave \$1.00, Hamblet & Rogers, G. A. Rister, G. M. Sharp, Kent St. Gro. Co., City Meat Market, Conner and Rogers, Walter Clark, Thomas & Son, J. M. Dry, and J. A. Brown each 50 cents and J. B. Bell 25 cents.

These amounts together with the \$15.00 donations of last week places \$138.85 to the credit of the Fire Department.

Abilene Has Style Show

Great crowds were drawn to Campbell's store in Abilene Monday afternoon by an announcement that live models would display new spring and summer dresses in the windows of that store. Promptly at 3 o'clock the show started and for an hour the sidewalk and part of the street were blocked by crowds of on-lookers, most of whom were women. The models were chorus girls with the "Little Millionaire" opera company that played in Abilene Monday night. The show was a complete success in every respect.

Infant Dies.

The infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin died Friday of last week and was buried at Rose Hill cemetery Saturday afternoon. Congestion was supposed to have been the cause of the child's death.

W. O. W.

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

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

Farm For Rent

152 1/2 -acre farm for rent four miles north of Trent. 100 acres in cultivation, 4-room house, farm in good condition. See or write J. L. McDavid, Abilene, Texas. 13t2pd

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Curry of Dora were in the city Tuesday.

In calling attention to this statement we ask that you note our steady growth since organization.

Our deposit customers are represented by 900 active accounts, we take care of our customers at all times.

Our Directors are business men and all home folks.

We want the Farmers Business as we are a FARMERS BANK.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CONDITION

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of Business March 4, 1914.

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$118,833.33	Capital Stock	\$35,000.00
Assessment Cty. Fund	745.08	Surplus and Profits	5,063.23
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00	Bills Payable	2,000.00
Banking House	9,500.00	Other Borrowed Money	None
Cash and Exchange	49,849.58	Deposits	141,874.76
Total	\$183,427.99	Total	\$183,427.99

The above statement is correct.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier.

YOUR ACCOUNT SOLICITED

DIRECTORS

ALL HOME PEOPLE

Jno. Sears J. S. Swann B. C. Moore M. Armstrong R. O. Anderson

TRENT SCHOOL IS ABOVE AVERAGE

Owing to the interest manifested in the Trent school of the late a contest was held there Friday evening of last week for the pupils in both reading and declamation.

Judges were selected from Abilene, Merkel and Trent. The reading contest was among the girls, Misses Floy Leamon, O. D. Robertson, Gertrude Dowdy, Maggie Payne and Della Goode, being the contestants while the boys participated in the Declamation contest and were as follows: Boyce Dowdy, Ernest Massey, Lee Massey, J. Reid, Clyde Southworth, Lewis Miller, Paul McMurray, Buford Mangum and Joe Peterson.

After the contest was over the judges, Dr. Sandifer of Abilene Prof. Burgess of Merkel and Sam Lowe awarded Royce Dowdy, age 17, the gold medal as winner of the declamation contest and O. D. Robertson age 13 the medal for the winner in the reading contest. Those present were pleasantly surprised by the excellent way in which the girls and boys handled the subjects given them and pronounced the two contests an equal to any they had ever heard, considering the ages of the contestants.

The work lately being done by the Trent schools according to our correspondent at the place is highly satisfactory to all the patrons and the selections of teachers for this school term is a credit to the schools and the trustees. Prof. Farrar superintendent of the schools at that place states that the students are taking more interest now than they have heretofore. The winner of the two contests credit much of their success to the training received from Miss Miller, teacher of expression.

Free-Coffee-Free

Mrs. Jessie Cope, demonstrator of Ambassador Coffee will be at Hamblet & Rogers today and tomorrow serving the public with Ambassador Coffee and cheese sandwiches.

Be sure and visit Hamblet & Rogers during these two days for a cordial reception awaits you. Ambassador is best.

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.

Opening Sales Begins March 14th.

The first opening the Parton Dry Co., has had in their new home will begin Saturday morning March 14th.

Since the return of Mr. Parton from eastern markets, new goods have been arriving almost daily and the stock is now complete in every respect. In beginning the opening the Spring sales commencing day is heralded by a two page ad on pages four and five of this paper giving summarized prices and descriptions of bargains to be had in new goods.

Wanted

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

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

Trent Man Buys Merkel Stock.

A deal was consummated last week in which W. P. Arnold of Trent became the owner of the Douglas & Sears Variety Store on Edwards street.

The deal had been under consideration for some time but was not completed until the 8th, inst. Mr. Arnold is now in charge of the Variety Store but retains the services of the former manager W. E. Douglas during this month.

Pure Mebane Cottonseed.

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

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F. R. Jones stopped off here Tuesday on business. He was returning to his home at Abilene after an extended trip to Midland.

WANTED!

10 Cars of Eggs
10 Cars of Chickens.
AT ONCE
Highest Prices

R. E. HALL

Rear Coats Bldg.
Front Street

Program for The Presbyterian Sunday School Convention to be held here in April. You are Invited.

MONDAY APRIL 6

TUESDAY APRIL 7

10:00 A. M. Devotional.
10:15. Address, "The Sunday school in relation to the Public school" by Rev. J. S. Hodges of Stamford.
10:45. Song.
10:50. "Teacher Training Class" by J. H. Beall of Sweetwater.

AFTERNOON SERVICES

2:00 P. M. Devotional.
2:15. Address, "The Parents Place in the Sunday School" by Rev. H. M. Peebles.
2:45. Song.
2:50. "The Home Department" by Rev. Herbert Bullock of Merkel.
The Cradle Roll.

EVENING SERVICES

8:00 P. M. Devotional.
8:15. Address, "Childhood, The Battle Ground of the King" by Rev. E. E. Patterson of Anson.
8:45. Song.
8:50. Address by Dr. A. F. Lewis of Waxahachie.

10:00 A. M. Devotional.
10:15. "Organized Class Work" by Rev. J. B. Kerr of Snyder.
10:45. Business Meeting.

AFTERNOON SERVICES

2:00 P. M. Devotional.
2:15. "The True Teacher, A Class Dynamo" by G. W. Smith of Sweetwater.
2:45. Song.
2:50. "Graded Organization and Instruction" by Dr. A. F. Lewis of Waxahachie.

Round Table Conference.

EVENING SERVICES

8:00 P. M. Devotional.
Address for the evening by Dr. A. F. Lewis of Waxahachie.
Benediction.

Any Doctor

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

Miner'l Wells

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



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Dallas, Texas

The Love Letters of a Confederate General

WE begin in the November issue a series of real love-letters written over fifty years ago by one of our national heroes to his sweetheart during the period of '61 to '65. This great general will go down to posterity as having accomplished one of the most brilliant feats of arms in the history of the world. He was as great a lover as he was a general, therefore these letters combine authentic history and exquisite romance. They sound a human note that no other work of literature has done in a decade; it is war, it is romance, it is history, it is literature. You simply can't afford to miss this wonderful series—an inside story of the Civil War now published for the first time and containing all the freshness of a contemporary happening. These letters will grip you hard, and hold your interest from first to last. Fill out the coupon and send it now before you forget it.



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Address.....

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winters of Shiloh were here this week.

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

Tom Keelo and daughter Nora were shopping here Monday.

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.

Dr. Hess guaranteed stock powder at Grimes.

Our Millinery department of Fisk, Gold Medal and Elzee ladies hats constitute the most complete line ever in Merkel. Woodroof & Co.

Don't fail to hear the address of Dr. F. A. Lewis at the Sunday School Convention April the 6th and 7th.

You will miss it if you miss the Sunday School Convention at the Presbyterian church April 6th and 7th.

Hot water bottles guaranteed at Grimes.

Bring your friends and come to the Sunday School Convention April 6th and 7th.

Mrs. Lillie Welch and sister, Miss Jesse Clark were visitors in Abilene the latter part of last week.

Window glass at Grimes.

A few hats yet to trade, bring your old one in. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. R. E. Saddier visited her sister, Mrs. Clarence Horton, at Sweetwater last week.

Window glass at Grimes.

Eld. G. W. Cypert and wife were week-end guests of H. Owens at Trent.

Those ladies dress slippers for \$1.00 are going fast, call while you can get a fit. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Hot water bottles guaranteed at Grimes.

Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford enroute to Cedar Gap to visit her son T. J. Swafford spent Saturday with Mrs. H. Clayton of Abilene.

Embroidered crepe 45 inches wide for 50 cents per yard at Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. N. E. Reidenbaugh left Saturday for Gordon to visit her brother J. E. Wolf.

Rotan Cypert returned home Friday after a two week's visit with his uncle J. Owens of Nugent.

Pan-a-ce-a poultry powder guaranteed at Grimes.

No Flour better than Seymours Best. G. M. Sharp.

Dr. Hess guaranteed stock powder at Grimes.

Mrs. M. E. McDonald was the week-end guest of Mrs. Gus Keene at Abilene.

A lone bandit robbed a bank in Sacramento, Cal., of three thousand dollars last Friday.

Pan-a-ce-a poultry powder guaranteed at Grimes.

Mrs. E. L. Swafford returned to her home at Abilene Saturday after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford.

See our spring slippers they are beauties. We are making special prices to get the cash. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Ladies and childrens dresses from 50 cents to \$25.00 at Woodroof's. The best and most assorted line ever brought to Merkel.

Leo Frank has again been sentenced to die for the murder of Mary Phagan in a pencil factory at Atlanta, Ga. His execution day will be on his thirtieth birthday.

Buy your ribbon here, all widths 10 cents per yard. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

The barking of a bulldog pup no doubt saved the lives of 25 people who were sleeping in a Dallas hotel Sunday night.

Waco sustained a \$500,000 fire Monday when a cotton compress was destroyed along with 6000 bales of cotton stored on the wharves.

A few patterns of wall paper to close out below cost at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Tom Lee the Fort Worth negro condemned to die for the murder of Walter Moore another negro and who killed policeman Ogle-tree of Fort Worth in a running fight, went to the gallows Monday without a sign of weakness whatever. He even joked with the sheriff and others, telling his father, sister and brothers goodbye in a calm way. He laughed and smoked as the straps were being adjusted about him.

Let us figure with you on that paint bill. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

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.

Lay in your stock of Seymours Best Flour before I have to advance prices. G. M. Sharp.

We carry a complete stock of window glass. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

A lot of remnants of wall paper at your own price at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Purina Chick Feed is a mixture of Wheat, Corn, Milo Maze, Millet and re-cleaned wheat. The best on the market. The Sanitary Grocery.

Joe Elliott and son of Arlington visited friends here this week.

If you would have the best results with your Chickens, use Purina Chick Feed. The Sanitary Grocery.

Leon Martinez the 19 year old Mexican who was convicted of the murder of Miss Emma Brown near Pecos three years ago was taken to Pecos this week to await the date of his execution which will be very soon.

Purina Chick Feed is best for your chickens. The Sanitary Grocery has it.

80,000 rabbit skins are reported to have been shipped from Chewelah, Wash., to Paris, France where they will be used to make ladies fur hats.

"Hear 'em chirp" They want Purina Chick Feed "Cause its best for 'em." The Sanitary Grocery.

The mutilated body of Clemente Vergara the American citizen who was lured to Mexican soil Feb. 1 and shot was brought to Texas Sunday night under cover of darkness. According to the captain of the Texas Rangers at Laredo some outsider got the body from its grave and turned it over to the rangers.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

C. E. Bradley was in our city a few hours Saturday, coming in from Santa Anna on business and returning to his home the next day.

Six are known to be dead 24 are missing and 30 are known to have been seriously injured when a club building of St. Louis burned Monday.

Golden Rod is the strongest feed made. Why? Because it is green and sweet is 100 percent pure, 1-3 cheaper. Phone your grocer for a sack.

Reports from Bonham state that in the district court just over there three preachers from the Honey grove community were sentenced to the penitentiary. One for burglary one for dispensing cider spiked with a stronger liquid and the other was given two years for forgery.

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.

Steve Duckett who has been in Dallas since his departure from this city returned home the first of the week for a short visit with his parents.

You can fatten a hog on Golden Rod 1-3 cheaper than on any other feed, because it is green sweet and 100 percent pure. Try a sack and be convinced. For sale by your grocer.

Mrs. Jessie Cope of Abilene demonstrator of Ambassador coffee is in the city this week. While here she is the guest of Mrs. A. D. Templeton.

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

See that your chicks have the best feed. If its Perina Chick Feed its the best. The Sanitary Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrain of Trent were in our city Monday.

J. W. Moore made a business trip to Abilene Tuesday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Powell and children are at home from a trip of several months. While away they visited in Temple, Waco, Dallas and Weatherford.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rogers entertained their brother C. A. Rogers and wife of Stamford from Thursday until Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Daniels left Monday on their motorcycle for Snyder and other points.

Mrs. C. T. Harris of Mexia is here visiting her daughter Mrs. Jno. D. Gaither.

Dr. and Mrs. Perkins and their children Anna Lee and W. L. and a niece Miss Anna Perkins of Abilene were here Sunday visiting Mrs. Geo. Bagwell.

Mrs. J. O. Shelton of Abilene visited here a few days last week.

Mrs. W. H. SoRelle is visiting in and near Sweetwater.

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.



STATEMENT OF CONDITION

Close of Business March 4, 1914

RESOURCES

Loans	\$86,214.09
U. S. Bond at Par	7,750.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,000.00
Real Estate	6,657.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Cash and Exchange	75,357.86
Total	\$179,291.70

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	30,816.20
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	117,225.50
Total	\$179,291.70

We believe the above statement will appeal to those who appreciate Conservatism in business. It also demonstrates that our loans are liquid and can be turned into cash at any time or season. It further shows that with a large Cash Reserve of over \$75,000.00 and liquid Resources of over \$179,000.00, we are in a position to take care of all legitimate loans offered us by our customers.

THE NEW CURRENCY LAW

Has been accepted by this Bank in all its provisions and it is regarded by financiers everywhere as the greatest piece of constructive legislation that has been enacted in fifty years. The "Financial Chronicle" of London, referring to this matter, says: "Here is Uncle Sam with the power of a hundred Morgans entering the discounting business and prepared to do the worlds business. Every Banker knows that Stringency and Contraction have passed away and that a new day has dawned. The act is a bigger thing for the worlds trade than the Panama Canal. The Passage of the Measure was greater than the discovery of half dozen African Gold Fields."

All National Banks are required by law to enter the system—State Banks with sufficient capital may do so by complying with reserve and other requirements and submitting to examinations by the Federal Government.

With a record of 10 years of Successful Banking in Merkel we invite your account.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Shelton Ready

The following taken from the Dublin Progress gives account of the Shelton-Ready wedding at Thurber. Mr. and Mrs. Shelton are now making Merkel their home, Mr. Shelton being connected with the Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Ben F. Shelton and Miss Juliette Ready were united in marriage yesterday morning at the home of the bride's parents, Capt. and Mrs. W. C. Ready in Thurber. Both the young people were engaged at the drug store in Thurber until some weeks ago, when Mr. Shelton resigned his place there and moved to Merkel in Taylor county, and with his brother, John Shelton, entered a drug business on their own account. Messrs. John and Ben Shelton are both former well known residents of Dublin, previous to which they resided at Huckabay in this county. Both were for a number of years connected with some of the best mercantile establishments here. The newlyweds have the well wishes of a large circle of good friends in Dublin, as also has the Shelton brothers in their enterprise at Merkel.

Questions on Act II and III Othello.

When Iago in the soliloquy which ends act III declares Othello to be of a constant, loving noble nature does Iago show that he is capable of compunction? Interpret this soliloquy as a whole.

What does Cassio think of drunkenness? Relate his experience of it. How are we effected by his repentance?

How do you regard Iago's account to Othello of the incidents following Cassio's indiscretion?

What part does Iago wish Cassio to play? What part Roderigo? How in the act does Iago treat Roderigo? Why?

Analyze the closing lines of scene III. What performance follows the purpose here outlined by Iago?

How does Desdemona impress Cassio? Give a brief summary of the act II.

Miss Mary Gunn hostess March 21st.

Baraca Class

The Baraca Class of the Baptist church met March 8th and was led in prayer by the teacher. The subject of the lesson was Watchfulness which was discussed at length. The main thoughts were "To be prepared for action" and "Be prepared to meet Jesus." There were sixteen members present, all showed interest in the lesson. The class is growing all the time. The young men who are not in any Sunday school have a welcome to our class. The class is going to take up some special work soon. Press Reporter.

The party Friday evening at Miss Mary Anna Mayfield's was a delightful one. Everyone had a lovely time. The guests were entertained with 42 and Bunco. Those present were Misses Mamie Moore, Katherine Henderson, Gladys and Lucile Belle, Gladys Walters Gladys Coggin and this hostess. Messrs. Cecil Jobe, Robert Dennis, Roger Hamblet, Emmett Boring, Ralph Bigham and Q. Rust. The hostess served hot chocolate and cake.

The regular meeting of the Twentieth-Century club was held at the home of Mrs. W. Parten Saturday afternoon. Sickness and out of town cut the membership attendance to seven. Mrs. W. N. Hall was a welcome guest. The hostess served fruit. Miss Mary Gunn will be the next hostess. Mrs. A. C. Rose leader.

A merry and jolly bunch of school girls were guests of Miss Bessie Touchstone Friday evening at the home of Miss Maude Martin. They made candy, played "42" and Bunco, had select music and told fortunes. The girls were Misses Willie Swann, Tommie Lou Coggin, Jewel Toombs, Gladys Haynes, Gertrude Cauthen, Lillie Dean, Dorothy Duckett, Amy Gunn, Jessie Sutphen, Mary Gunn and Maude Martin. The following boys came in for their share of the candy, Messrs. Jack Walker, H. C. Burroughs Jr., Mose Cauthen, Oscar Pate, Emzi Burroughs and Britton Jobe.

Mrs. R. O. Anderson entertained with a turkey dinner Sunday at her home on South Oak street. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Comey, Misses Elma Sheppard, Mary Comey, Flora Frances Anderson, Messrs. Roy Sheppard, Jack Anderson, the host and hostess.

Mrs. Geo. B. Miller entertained two tables at 500 at her home on Elm St. Monday evening. The players were Mrs. E. M. Rust, Mrs. J. W. Daniels, Miss Genvieve Rust, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Leighty and Dr. Geo. L. Miller. The hostess served chicken salad, cracker, olives and tea. At the conclusion of the seventh game Mrs. Daniels and Mr. Anderson tied for honors.

The Epworth League held a business meeting Saturday night at the home of Rev. Wallace. The officers that were present gave their reports then the business was attended to. Charlie Christopher was elected treasurer to fill the vacancy made by Steve Duckett. It was voted and carried that the roll should be revised. The next question that came before the League was "What could be done to create more interest in the League work?" Mrs. Wallace gave an excellent talk on the subject. It was decided to change the time of meeting from 6:30 to 4:00 o'clock. The League is doing some fine work and would like to have a larger attendance. We urge every member to come and bring some one with you every Sunday afternoon. We want to build the League up so it will make a record such as it never made before. Come to the M. E. church next Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

League Program.

Subject—Divorce a reversion to primitive ideals.

Leader—Chas. Christopher.

Song

Prayer.

Song

Scriptures—Duet. XXIV: 1-4, Math. 19: 3-9.

Talk by leader.

Song

Causes of divorce evil—Miss Emza Allday.

How to fight divorce evil—Miss Willie Toombs.

Song

The extent and rapidity this evil has in U. S.—Vida McNeas.

Song

Miscellaneous

Benediction

Program of the Womens Missionary Society.

Baptist Church March 16th.

Responsive Reading—2nd Samuel 7: 2-11—Mrs. E. Hall.

Hymn—"I Love Thy Kingdom Lord."

Prayer—Mrs. Hamm.

Bible Study—Mrs. E. L. Jobe.

Discussion—Self Denial—Mrs. Ensminger.

Song—"Just the Love of Jesus."

Close with prayer.

Trent Society.

On last Tuesday evening Misses Lettie Miller and Odessa Moon and Messrs. Slim Bonner and Willis McLeod spent a very pleasant evening playing "42" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McLeod.

Mrs. Beatrice Dingle was hostess Thursday afternoon for the W. W. V. C. Dainty refreshments consisting of grape juice and cake were served to Mesdames Helt, Adrain, McRee, Beckam, Burkes, Billings, McLeod, Smith and Loyd. Misses Winnie Good, Strayhan, Gertrude Smith and Geta Beckam.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Clinton gave a birthday dinner in honor of their daughter Gladys sixteenth birthday. Those present outside of relatives were Misses Gertrude, Ethel and Vella Smith, Nancy Ellen Riley, Eather Williams, Messrs. Willis McLeod, J. Hutchins, Louie Miller. Some very pretty presents were received.

Slim Bonner left Sunday night for Clyde where he has accepted a position.

Mrs. Causseaux was reported real sick Sunday afternoon.

There are several cases of smallpox reported out three miles West of town.

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Revis Dubois of Dallas came in Sunday morning and spent the day with friends returning home Sunday night.

Dr. J. J. Hinkle and J. Brightwell of Bell Falls were out visiting the families of H. L. Owens and C. T. Beckham returning home after a few days visit.

Messrs. J. W. Foster and Will Walker and daughter Maude of Salt Branch came down to attend the funeral of Mrs. H. L. Owens Sunday.

Miss Alice Mangum left Monday morning for Bellview where she will visit before returning to her home in Kansas.

Olin Landers of Sweetwater came down to attend the funeral of his aunt Mrs. H. L. Owens.

Advertised Letters

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending March 14, 1914

Barrera, Manuel

Buchanan, W. L.

Dacemnon, S. A.

Rogers, Albert

Rosales, Tiofilo

Jimmie J. N.

Walker, Miss Birdie

Young, J. F.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Mar. 28, 1914.

H. W. Degratine, P. M

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.

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Our system of making collection or adjustment of your past due notes and accounts is best for you and customer, endorsed by banks and business men. Affiliated with Retail Merchants Association and banks of Texas. All business strictly confidential, and on a commission basis.

IRA ARMSTRONG, MANAGER
OFFICE AT FARMERS STATE BANK

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.

I wish every suffering woman would give

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

Get a Bottle Today!

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Repair work promptly done
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TEXAS COMPANY'S OILS AND GAS.

If you need anything in our
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S. P. FOSTER : PROPRIETOR

WE HAVE FAITH IN THIS STOMACH REMEDY

A woman customer said to us the other day, "Say, you ought to tell everyone in town about Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets. I would myself if I could." That set us to thinking. So many people have used them and have so enthusiastically sounded their praises both to us and their friends, that we had an idea you'll know about them. But, in the chance that some of you who suffer from indigestion, heartburn, dyspepsia, or some other stomach complaint, don't know about them—we are writing this.

They contain Bismuth and Pepsin, two of the greatest digestive aids known to medical science. They soothe and comfort the stomach, promote the secretion of gastric juice, help to quickly digest the food and convert it into rich, red blood, and improve the action of the bowels. We believe them to be the best remedy made for indigestion and dyspepsia. We certainly wouldn't offer them to you entirely at our risk unless we felt sure they would do you a lot of good. If Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets do not relieve your indigestion, check the heartburn, and make it possible for you to eat what you like whenever you like, come back and get your money.

Sold only at the more than 7,000 Rexall Stores, and in this town only at our store. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00.

Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Merkel :: Texas

Eclipse of Moon Wednesday Night.

Wednesday night at from 10 to 12 o'clock a person could witness and almost total eclipse of the moon.

The sky was clear and nothing obstructed the view. The eclipse was not total but all of the lunar member was in the shadow of the earth but a very small portion at 10:50 p. m. The sudden change in temperature of Wednesday morning was attributed to some extent to action of the moon in its eclipse.



Where There's a Farm There Should be a Bell Telephone

The progressive farmer surrounds himself with modern advantages.

He, too, appreciates that convenience ministers to health, happiness, progress and wealth.

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With other neighbors he starts a Rural Telephone line.

Enough said.

Apply to our nearest Manager for information or write to

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DALLAS, TEXAS



Breeders Notice.

I am standing a thoroughbred tax-payer (Tenn-Black) Jack and also my French Coach & Rattler Brooks horse for \$10.00 to insure living foal. At old livery barn east of Post Office. Your business appreciated. G. R. Gazzaway. 1449pd.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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

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

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

FOR SALE—Some good milch cows. The Anchor Mercantile Co.

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.

Caustic.

"What a lot of style the Browns are putting on!" "Yes; and what a lot of creditors they are putting off!"—Tit-Bits.

Painting the Lily.

A New York jokesmith has written a new libretto for one of Verdi's operas. The next we know some sure-fire sharp from Tinpan Alley will be tinkering up the music.

Garrulous Lady.

To't Hood, on hearing the plety of a v. loquacious lady spoken of, said: "Yes, she is well known for her magpiety."

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.

As Was Shown.

Mrs. Jimlee—"One thing I do is to teach my children etiquet-te." Mrs. Knox—"Yes; your Jimmy just hit my Waldo very politly with a club."

His Finish.

Jones—"Do you know, I fancy I have quite a literary bent." Friend—"All right, my boy. Keep on and you'll be worse than bent; you'll be broke."

May Need It in a Hurry.

Wall street continues to ship gold to Europe. Has President Wilson the plans and specifications of his Haman gibbet?

"Watch Us Grow"

To show you that we are leaders in low prices, we quote a few articles. Space forbids more. Visit our store and be convinced of the quality of every article.

100 lb. Extra High Patent Flour. \$2.70	10 lb. bkt Jewel Lard \$1.00
100 lb. Eagle Brand Sugar 4-25. \$4.65	10 lb. Best Cal. Honey \$1.35
17 lb. Pink Beans \$1.00	5 lb. Quaker Oats 20c
12 lb. Extra Good Dry Peaches. \$1.00	6 lb Good Bulk Coffee \$1.00
12 cans Good Corn 85c	100 lb. Good Bran \$1.45
9 pkgs Post Toasties \$1.00	10 lb. bkt. Good Sorghum 40c
30 lb. bkt Mrs. Tucker Shorten' \$2.35	10 lb. bkt. A. & H. Soda 45c

"THERE'S A REASON"

THE SANITARY GROCERY

FRESH BREAD AND CAKES EVERY DAY DURING THE WEEK

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

OUR BAKING KITCHEN

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

THE PURE FOOD BAKERY

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mann of Sweetwater were here last visiting the formers parents Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Mann. After leaving here the Sweetwater people went to Rookdale where they will make their home in the future.

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

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

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.

Evertime you want fresh vegetables call Hamblet & Rogers.

See R. E. Hall before selling your poultry and eggs. Rear Coats bldg., on Front street.

Did it ever occur to you that all a horse gets in this world is what he eats? Treat him to Golden Rod. Why? Because he will dearly love it. You can be shown. Ask your grocer.

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

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.

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

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.

R. L. Meeks and Sam Provine both of the Blair community were in town Sunday evening on their way to court at Abilene. No train before nine o'clock Monday morning made it necessary for them to leave home Sunday in order to be at court on time the next morning.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Plenty of shorts, chops and bran at G. M. Sharps.

Mrs. W. A. Scott served a lovely dinner at her home on looust St. Monday. Her dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter Miss Dollie Teaff, Mrs. W. R. Walker, Ed and Louise Scott.

Mrs. Pheobe Green and son Thomas of Shiloh were shopping here Tuesday.

Mrs. Andy Hunter of Nubia visited here Monday.

Mr and Mrs. H. Phillips of Dora were here shopping this week.

Miss Lucile Bryon of Sweetwater was here visiting friends the past week.

Bring your poultry and eggs to R. E. Hall, rear of Coats Bldg. on Front street.

\$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.

Highest prices paid for your poultry and eggs by R. E. Hall, rear Coats Bldg. on Front St.

Golden Rod Mixed Feed at G. M. Sharps.

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

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Baxendale left yesterday for Halsted, Kan., where they will be gone for a month's visit with the former's parents.

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

I still sell White Leghorn Flour at \$2.25 per hundred. G. M. Sharp.

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

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.

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

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

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

N. D. Cobb and W. S. Sheppard were among the court visitors at Abilene the first of the week.

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.

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

Mrs. E. Hall left for Abilene Tuesday to visit her father who was reported very low at the time.

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New Spring Suit
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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Salt Branch

Rev. Y. F. Walker filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

W. E. Petty and family are visiting relatives near Clyde this week.

W. L. Barker and family of near Abilene were visiting in the community Sunday.

Marvin and Homer Shipley of near Stith were visiting here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Mobley has been sick with lagrippe but is reported some better at this writing.

A large crowd attended singing Sunday afternoon. Several from other communities were present.

Miss Annie Higgins is visiting her aunt near Abilene.

Houston Roberson and wife moved to their new home this week.

Prof. J. B. Taylor is in Loraine on business this week.

Route Three News.

Some of the farmers are planting feed, but W. P. Moore says he is going to wait for a rain and if it does not rain he will not lose his seed.

Buddie Davis is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. J. Moore of Blair was visiting Mrs. W. P. Moore of this community Wednesday.

Miss Pearl Bacucus spent Saturday afternoon with Miss Cleo Barnes.

Chas. Roland was in Merkel last week.

A. H. Barnes is on the sick list this week.

Jno. Toombs and Roy Riney were in Merkel Saturday.

O. Dublin of Merkel spent Saturday night with Chas. Roland and family.

Walter Hathaway and wife, Mrs. M. E. Bacucus and daughter Pearl were in Merkel Friday.

Miss Gertrude Moore spent Saturday night with Miss Leola Coate at Merkel.

E. Barnes and B. Boden were transacting business in Merkel Friday.

B. McClain and little son were in Merkel Saturday.

NO. 366

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of

The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 4th day of March 1914, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 13th day of Mar., 1914

RESOURCES

Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$107,989.25
Loans, real estate	10,449.34
Overdrafts	394.74
Real Estate (banking house)	9,500.00
Furniture and fixtures	4,500.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents	24,832.20
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	24,832.20
Cash Items	150.82
Currency	10,168.00
Specie	3,556.90-13,874.32
Int. dep. G. F. and Ass. Cty. Fund	745.08
Other Resources as follows:	
Bills of Exchange Cotton	11,143.06
Total	\$153,427.99

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$35,000.00
Surplus Fund	1,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	4,063.23
Due to Banks and Bankers, sub. to check	None
Individual Deposits subject to check	133,940.20
Time Certificates of Deposits	2,500.00
Cashier's checks	4,584.56
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	2,000.00
Other Liabilities as follows:	
Certified Checks	650.00
Total	\$153,427.99

State of Texas, County of Taylor: We, J. S. Swann as president, and R. O. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. S. Swann, president.
R. O. Anderson, cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 4th day of March A. D. 1914. WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
(SEAL) Jno. G. Jackson, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: B. C. Moore, M. Armstrong, R. O. Anderson } Directors

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.

NO. 7481 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank AT MERKEL

in the state of Texas, at the close of business March 4 1914:

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$85,998.13
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	215.98
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds to secure Postal Savings	1,500.00
Furniture, and fixtures	3,000.00
Other real estate owned	6,957.25
Due from Nat. Banks (not reserve agt)	4,668.23
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies, and savings banks	40.10
Due from approved reserve agents	46,435.25
Checks and other cash items	417.44
Bills of exchange against cotton	2,227.94
Notes of other National Banks	737.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	222.65
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ: Specie	19,651.25
Legal-tender notes	1,000.00-20,651.25
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	312.50
Total	\$179,291.70

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	5,816.20
National Bank Notes outstanding	6,250.00
Due to other National Banks	1,549.76
Due to State and Private Banks and bankers	5,451.61
Individual Deposits subject check	96,373.93
Demand certificates of deposit	11,224.98
Time Certificate of Deposit	1,200.00
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	333.35
Postal Savings Deposit	1,050.00
Notes and bills rediscounted	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	None
Reserved for Taxes	None
Liabilities other than those above stated	21.78
Total	\$179,291.70

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS: I, Thos. JOHNSON, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Thos. JOHNSON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of March 1914.
G. W. Johnson, Notary Public
Correct—Attest: J. T. Warren, G. F. West, Ben T. Merritt } Directors

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Rates

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

ALWAYS CASH IN ADVANCE

TAYLOR COUNTY CANDIDATES

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

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

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

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

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

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2.
T. R. Lassiter
E. D. Coats
J. L. Banner

For Weigher
P. C. Jones
J. M. Garrett
C. C. Bankhead
R. H. Dean
Jim M. Toombs

Notice to the Public

I will stand a Ratler Brooks bay horse known as the Mash-burn or Boney horse, also the jack that has made two past seasons at this barn. \$10.00 each to insure living colt. Will use every precaution necessary to avoid accidents but will not be responsible should any occur.
A. C. Boney.

Eczema, RingWorm, Itching, Tetter.

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

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Blair.

Farmers are planting some feed this week.

Jim Moore, Jim Meek and S. F. Adcock were in Abilene attending court this week.

J. W. Mayfield is serving as a juror in District court this week.

Elder Price, Bankhead preached at the school house Sunday evening.

The Blair singing class met Sunday night and had a good song service which was enjoyed by all.

Z. V. Moore and family visited T. O. Lackey Sunday.

W. N. Moore of Comper visited his daughter Mrs. Addison here Saturday.

W. A. Tittle and family were visitors in the home of Jno. Meeks Sunday.

W. N. Moore and daughter Miss Clarice spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demery.

L. V. Raines has been sick but is reported better at this time.

Comper.

The men of Comper met Friday and made a rabbit chase. They killed over one hundred and fifty.

Several of the Comper people were in Anson on First Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Moore have been very sick for the past two weeks with LaGrippe.

Rev. Ross preached here Sunday evening.

W. N. Moore made a business trip to Blair and also visited his daughter, Mrs. Demery of the Canyon Friday.

No. 354

First State Bank, Trent, Texas

at the close of business on the 4th day of March 1914, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 13th day of March, 1914.

RESOURCES

Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$23,513.26
Loans, real estate	1,080.00
Overdrafts	646.41
Other Real Estate	670.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	\$6,197.16
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to ck., net	5,428.11-11,625.27
Currency	3,347.00
Specie	531.16-3,778.16
Interest and assessment in Depositors Guaranty Fund	423.38
Other Resources as follows:	
Bills of exchange cotton	4,698.57
Total	\$47,762.05

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, net	2,679.58
Individual deposits, subject to check	28,774.51
Time Certificates of Deposit	900.00
Demand Certificates of Deposit	250.00
Cashier's checks	157.96
Bills payable and rediscounts	None
Total	\$47,762.05

State of Texas, County of Taylor: We, R. B. Johnson as president and L. E. Adrian as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

R. B. Johnson Vice Pres.
L. E. Adrian, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 9th day of March A. D. 1914. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
(SEAL) E. D. Teston, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: G. F. West, J. T. Warren, L. E. Adrian } Directors

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30x3	7.80	1.95		2.20	1.40
30x3 1/2	10.80	2.80		3.10	1.90
31x3 1/2	11.00	2.90		3.20	1.95
32x3 1/2	11.90	2.95		3.25	2.00
34x3 1/2	12.40	3.00		3.30	2.05
30x4	13.10	3.10		3.40	2.30
31x4	13.45	3.20		3.60	2.35
32x4	13.70	3.35		3.80	2.40
33x4	14.80	3.50		3.90	2.45
34x4	16.80	3.60		4.00	2.60
35x4	17.25	3.75		4.20	2.70
36x4	17.85	3.90		4.25	2.80
34x4 1/2	18.00	4.80		5.10	3.40
35x4 1/2	18.75	4.85		5.20	3.45
36x4 1/2	19.45	4.90		5.30	3.60
37x4 1/2	21.50	5.10		5.40	3.70
36x5	23.00	5.80		6.20	4.00
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