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4809 RABBITS KILLED

1150 Longears Are Killed in One Drive in Swann Ranch

ONE ARMED MAN IS CHAMPION

Kills 65 Rabbits in One Drive, Getting Twenty Seven Without Moving HIS STAND.

From every part of the Merkel country last week, the sound of shot guns could be heard. And nearly every time a gun barked a rabbit bit the dust,

The first drive of the week was north of Stith with 366 rabbits killed in one day, the hunters were managed by Jack Canon and Gilbert Benton. Another drive was made east of Stith during the week in which 550 rabbits were killed. Jno. Barnes and Aaron Horton were manager of this drive. Other drives were made west of Merkel at the same time under the leadership of Jno. Sears and Wesley Derstine at which time 350 were killed, while hunters in the Noodle community under the management of Walter Witt and L. Sadler killed 470. The largest number killed was northwest of Merkel near the Boney place where 721 rabbits were killed, this drive was under the leadership of R. A. Reagan and J. M. Williamson. Hunters at the Warren ranch community killed 227 rabbits the same day the hunt on the Boney place was held, and ridded a small portion of that community of the feed eating vermins.

The largest kill yet recorded in any part of west Texas or in the state as far as we have any record was made by a company of 70 men in the Swann ranch north of Trent Friday of last week when 1150 jack-rabbits were killed in a few hours. Hunters say for any place to be inhabited by rabbits, the Swann ranch seemed to be far ahead of any other locality and fairly swarmed with the pests. Over 500 being killed while the hunters were making one run. During the day of the hunt at the Swann place Walter Green of Noodle a one armed nimrod was champion of the day as he has been at many other drives and killed 65 rabbits getting 27 of them without changing his stand and shot so fast that the barrel of his gun became so hot he could hardly hold it.

Other late drives reported are 325 on the Sears Ranch near Noodle and 650 south east of Stith. These with the other drives made in less than a weeks time brings the casualties up to 4,809 in long-eared numbers.

Advertised Letters

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

Deskin, Mrs. J. W.
Ramirez, Jesus
Sanchez, Gregoria
Williams, Mrs. J. C.
Young, H. O.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Apr. 4, 1914.

H. W. Derstine, P. M

Return to Merkel.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Brown will be very glad to learn of their return to Merkel after an absence of some three or four years.

During their absence from Merkel Mr. Brown has made his home at various towns in West Texas, while engaged in the gin business but found contentment at none of them so returned to the scenes of his old home. We rise to report, "Welcome to our midst."

MERKEL PEOPLE TO GRAND LODGE

Several representatives from Merkel lodge of I. O. O. F. and surrounding I. O. O. F. Loges left Sunday for Fort Worth to attend the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

The following were representatives from Merkel and other adjoining lodges. W. H. Laney, Merkel; J. T. Ensminger, Dora; J. F. Winters, J. M. Dunagin and Bob Cannon of Stith; H. E. Farmer and W. I. Cogburn of Nubia; Ladies representing Rebekah Loges were Mrs. J. F. Shaffer, Merkel; Mrs. R. A. Ensminger, Dora, and Mrs. J. E. Latimer of Nubia.

The delegates will remain in Fort Worth the greater part of this week.

Visit Phantom Hill.

Messrs T. A. Johnson and T. J. Warren together with their families and Mrs. W. E. Britian and Miss Mattie Murphy were visitors at the old fort of Phantom Sunday in their respective cars. The course was mapped out by W. E. Britian who acted as pathfinder on his Yale motorcycle.

After seeing the old fort with all its curios the joy riders visited the Phanton Spring, probably one of the strongest and best springs in all west Texas.

"Mack" Has Lost His Wolf.

E. P. McMillen local furniture man heretofore owner of one wolf announces wolf lost and describes him; gray in color with a sneaking look in his eyes, last seen in the vicinity of the T. & P. water tank devouring a chicken. Since that date the wolf has not been heard of and the owner hereby declares him lost. Said wolf is of a docile nature, very affectionate and was the pride of its owner.

\$1.00 and fifty cents is offered by the owner to any person who will return this wolf either dead or alive to Behrens-McMillen Fur Store. If wolf is dead his hide must be in good condition and in shape to be mounted.

Dental Notice.

My office will be closed until the latter part of April, as I leave today March 18th, for Chicago to study the very latest and most up-to-date methods as applied in the dental profession.
O. F. McMaster, Dentist.

DISPOSED CASES IN DIST. COURT

Judge C. P. Woodroof of Sweetwater, former county judge in Noland county is presiding as district judge in Abilene this week in the absence of Judge Blanton.

The following first three cases were tried and verdicts rendered last week. The others are work of this weeks court.

J. M. Wagstaff against J. E. Wills et al; suit for debt and foreclosure of collateral lien; judgement for plaintiff.

W. H. Grayham et al., against Z. T. Bell et al., suit for partition of real estate; judgement partitioning real estate granted in favor of all parties to the suit, in accordance with their rights under the law. Bruce E. Oliver was appointed by the court as receiver to sell the property. The property in question is the John B. Bell, Sr., estate, near the First Methodist church in Abilene.

Taylor county against I. G. Harris, et al, suit against sureties on bond; court overruled a motion for a new trial, and defendants gave notice of appeal.

The State of Texas vs. Walter Smith charged with the theft of a horse, has been set for trial for March 27th. Young Smith appeared in court Monday afternoon late and entered into bond in the sum of \$500. He will be defended by Messrs Cunningham and Sewell. The indictment was returned by the grand jury at this term of court.

First State Bank & Trust Co., et al vs C. G. Davis, suit on note, judgement for plaintiff.

First State Bank and Trust Co. et al vs. C. J. Davis et al. suit on note. Judgement for plaintiff.

First State Bank & Trust Co. et al. vs. R. Y. Lacy, suit on note, judgment for plaintiff.

Sam Williams et al. vs Quest C. Couch et al. judgment was rendered as per agreement between the parties to the suit. This was a suit to cancel debt and remove cloud from title.

The jury in the case of T. A. Russell et al against John R. Daniel et al, suit for specific performance of a contract, was discharged Sunday afternoon between four and five o'clock, after they reported they could not answer the questions propounded by the court.

J. W. Young et al against Paul Gallas, trespass to try title; judgement for plaintiff.

Willis B. Roddee against Mrs. M. A. Ruger et al, suit on notes and foreclosure of vender lien; judgment held in abeyence awaiting information upon law questions.

John Sears against Fred B. Gentry suit on note and foreclosure of deed of trust lien, judgment for plaintiff.

Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Abilene against Quincy C. Burch, administratrix of the estate of J. A. Hamilton, deceased; suit to establish debt against estate of the deceased; judgement for plaintiff establishing such debt.

Returns From Old Mexico.

T. J. Coggin came in Saturday morning from Vera Cruz, Mexico where he had been for some time in the interests of the exportation of cattle from the tropical country. His trip to that section was in a way overshadowed by an exorbitant rate of duty recently placed on cattle exports from Mexico by the Huerta Government. The rate of duty being \$40.00 Mexican money or \$20.00 in Gold.

COOKS HIMSELF INTO GOOD JOB

This weeks mail from Waco brought news of an old timer from our parts, who has been sojourning in Waco during the last few years.

This old timer J. W. (Bill) Prater according to reports has lately been advanced to the position of Chief of Police of Waco. During most of the time Mr. Prater has been in Waco he has been connected with the police department and as reports say "He cooked himself into the job with an O'possum supper". Soon after going to Waco the police department of that city gave a love feast in the form of a "Possum Supper" and advertised for someone to cook the "possums". Our townsman as his friends all know he is one of the best cooks south of the Mason-Dixon Line and was the man for the job. The supper was such a complete success under the directions of Bill Prater that he was given a regular beat along with the other Cops. Soon he was advanced to the office of Assistant Chief and was in charge of the night forces, and as a sequel to all his good work and congeniality we now see him at the head of all Waco's police department. "Moral" You can't keep a Merkel man down.

To Have Operation Performed.

Zade Polk of Hermleigh was in Merkel for a few moments Monday morning on his way to Cisco where he goes to have an operation performed on his eyes. Mr. Polk has during the past four years been under care of physicians five times for operations, one of which was for appendicitis and two as result of same while the other two operations were made on his eyes. In a talk with our reporter Monday he stated that he felt that when this last operation was over he would be free from the operating table for awhile.

Howard County Remains Dry.

Howard county remains prohibition in Mondays election by a majority of between 90 and 100 votes.

Card of Thanks.

I take this method of thanking those who offered their services during the recent illness and at the time of my wives death. They will ever have a warm place in my heart. T. J. Purdon.

FARMERS HOLD MEET

Southern States Cotton Corporation May Reorganize

MEETING IS A STORMY ONE

Slogan of "Don't let the receiver get it" was adopted when some farmer used those words.

A meeting of about 750 farmers, numerous other business men from all cotton growing states was held in Dallas Saturday relative to saving the farmers script held against the Southern States Cotton Corporation, which was thrown into bankruptcy at that place some time ago by a suit brought by four individuals.

Plans were presented by officials of the Corporation to the scripsholders, by which they hoped to get the bankruptcy proceedings stopped. As yet it is not known whether such will be possible or not. A committee was elected from scripsholders present to work out a plan for the new organization, the scripsholders to reserve the right to get into the new Company or not.

On plans being presented for reorganization every holder of script present at the meeting was allowed to cast as many votes as his script represented dollars for or against a new organization to carry out the plans of the old company and as near as possible to redeem outstanding script. A high tide of enthusiasm was struck when a man entered the convention hall with a report from the counting room and reported that the voting was "100 to 1" for the reorganization and the following resolution passed.

"Resolved, that a new company be organized, the stock of which shall be 68 per cent of the assets of the Southern States Cotton Corporation, divided as follows; 65 percent to the script holders and 35 per cent to such stockholders of the Southern States Cotton Corporation as shall be recognized by the reorganization committee as having rights, the balance of the 32 per cent of the assets of the Southern States Cotton Corporation to be placed in the treasury of the new company as a surplus to protect the total issue of the stock of the new company.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn, to be called at some future date by an appointed subcommittee. The motion was adopted.

Several Farmers of this section of the country were present at the meeting, Taylor County being represented by holders of Script "A".

County Court News.

County court has been adjourned about one week, but suits are being filed regularly. Since the court adjourned the following suits have been filed with County Clerk W. J. Young: Burtin-Lingo Company against G. W. Williams; suit on note.

John Sears against L. G. Gazzaway; suit on note.

Bond and Huddleston against Gulf Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company; suit for damage on cattle.

Condensed Statement of Condition of
The Farmers State Bank

Close of Business March 4, 1914

RESOURCES

Loans	\$118,833.33
Assessment Guaranty Fund	745.08
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Banking House	9,500.00
Cash and Exchange	49,849.58
Total	\$183,427.99

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	5,053.23
Bills Payable	2,000.00
Other Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	141,374.76
Total	\$183,427.99

STATE BANK GUARANTY OF DEPOSITS

The Texas Legislature of 1909 passed the Guaranty of Bank Deposit Law and required all State Banks to come into the system. National Banks may do so by submitting to examination and inspection by the State department and meeting the reserve requirements of State Laws.

This law has been in effect for about five years and there has never a depositor lost a dollar in a State Bank in Texas. This Guaranty of deposit law for State Banks grew out of the panic of 1907 as has the new Currency law and although the new currency law does not permit the Guaranty of deposits of National Banks it will be a great factor in building confidence in National Banks during panics. The Commissioner of Insurance & Banking of the state of Texas has ruled that State Banks may enter the Federal reserve system should their directors consider it advantageous to do so, but in view of the Guaranty of Deposit privilege now used by State Banks, very few will consider the need of entering the system until it has been proven a success or otherwise.

The rapid growth of State Banks in Texas reflects the confidence of the people of Texas in the Depositors Guaranty Fund and has done more to restore confidence in banks than any other law ever passed.

In accord with the growth of State Banks in general this bank has grown as shown by the comparative statement of deposits below. The Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas, is conducted along conservative lines, yet is here for the benefit of the community and believes in placing its funds where it will be working for the good of its customers and not hoarded in its vaults.

1911-COMPARATIVE DEPOSITS-1914

MARCH 4TH 1911	- - - -	\$33,129.94
MARCH 4TH 1912	- - - -	44,199.97
MARCH 4TH 1913	- - - -	77,551.17
MARCH 4TH 1914	- - - -	141,374.76

The above steady growth in spite of the short crops of the past five years.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

**SNOW IN MARCH
IS THE LATEST**

A light snow yesterday morning preceded by some little rain totaled in all about .07 of an inch.

While the snow flurry remained on the ground several hours it is not thought that the fruit crop will be damaged.

Announces for County Judge.

In this weeks issue of the Mail Judge E. M. Overshiner of Abilene announces as candidate for County Judge subject to the Democrats primaries.

Judge Overshiner has served only a portion of the last term, having been appointed to the office to fill out the unexpired term of T. A. Bledsoe, who suddenly left our midst without leaving an address. The work done by Judge Overshiner since his appointment is very creditable and reflects his ability as an officer capable of filling the position to which he aspires.

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.

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.

G. S. Walker Dies at Abilene.

Gideon Samuel Walker, one of the best known and most highly honored citizens of Abilene, died at the family residence, 517 Cedar Street, Saturday morning at two o'clock, at the age of 78 years, after an illness of three weeks, being confined to his bed about seven days of the time. Death was caused by a fall that he received 2 years ago which brought on softening of the brain shortly before he died.

The deceased was born in Walker county, Georgia, and came to Texas in 1862. He was the father of eleven children, all of whom survive him and had 48 grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. He was a confederate soldier and an active member of Camp No. 72.

He was a constant member of the Baptist church, and in his own way did much good. He leaves a devoted wife and eleven children all of whom were present when death came except a son, George Walker, of Post City, who missed train connections and did not get here, those being present are; George Walker of Lubbock, James T. Walker of Anson, Rev. Y. F. Walker of Stith, Robert and Grady Walker of Abilene, Mrs. E. Hall of Merkel, Mrs. J. M. Mathis of Anson, Mrs. G. G. Knight and Mrs. W. A. Ross, of Dallas, and Miss Blanche Walker of Abilene.

The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of hundreds of friends in their great sorrow and loss.—Abilene Reporter.

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

J. T. WARREN, Pres. THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier
No. 7481



CAPITAL & SURPLUS \$50,000
DEPOSITS RECEIVED
MONEY LOANED

Notes and drafts collected on all points and general banking business transacted. Self-identifying Travelers checks for sale, available in all parts of the world. Designated by the Federal Government as depository for Postal Savings. With ample Capital, large Resources and long experience in the Merkel country we invite the accounts of merchants, farmers, stockmen and others, placing at their disposal our splendid facilities

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren G. F. West C. P. Warren Ed S. Hughes
Henry James Ben T. Merritt
Thos. Johnson.

**NEW SPRING GOODS
AND STILL THEY COME**

Most every day brings us more New Goods. Each and every department through our big store has its part of everything that is new. Whether you care to make purchases or not pay our big store a visit and let us show you what beautiful collections for the new Spring we have.

No Trouble to Show our Goods

Woodroofs

"THE QUALITY STORE"

SECOND HAND STORE

JUST OPENED FOR BUSINESS, ON KENT STREET.

If you have anything to sell or want to buy second hand articles cheap, call and see me.

Boot and Shoe Repair Shop in connection.

W. O. ASH, The Second Hand Man

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

County Attorney Rob Keeble was seen on the streets here Saturday afternoon.

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

1200 Russians were killed in Ekaterinodar, Russia Saturday when a tidal wave completely inundated that town. The overflow was so quick that none could escape before their lives were snuffed out.

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

Soap, perfume and such at Grimes.

One of the latest candidates to announce for Governor of Texas is Clarence Ousley of Fort Worth, who says he will accept the decision and action of his friends who have petitioning him to make the race. He has not yet formerly announced.

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

Harry K. Thaw, through the New York newspapers is asking that the people of New York assist in stopping the prosecutions against him, to have him returned to Matteawan Asylum.

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

W. H. Sewell of Abilene was in the City Saturday on legal business.

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

Misses Zula Huffaker and Maude Jenkins were visitors in Abilene Saturday.

Latest Sheet Music. Elite.

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

Do you know why Grimes sells more cold drinks? Try them and see.

H. N. Owens of Trent was the guest of his sister Mrs. W. G. Cypert the past week.

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

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

Clark Welch of El Paso is here visiting relatives for a few days.

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

Mrs. M. D. Ussery and little daughter Neta Merje returned home Saturday from a few weeks visit with relatives at Winters.

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

Mrs. Wallace and Miss Strayham of Trent was in our city shopping Saturday.

Mrs. R. E. Bows is spending the week in Abilene.

The First Week of Our Spring Opening Sale Was a Success

Those who came merely to look; bought, fully appreciating the magnitude of the greatest assemblage of Dry Goods, Shoes, Clothing, Notions and Novelties ever seen in Merkel.

Free Premiums are Going Fast. Do Not Be Slow. Hurry! Hurry!

**NEW ARRIVALS IN NOTIONS
DRESS GOODS AND
NOVELTIES**

Making the second week of this style and value show of still greater importance to the early buyer who appreciates style, quality, price and service combined.



THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL FEATURING OF NOVELTIES

Just arrived and comprising everything that is new and good that dame fashion has created for the elite. New collars, bows, beads, V pins, tango beads, tango pins, tango purces and a host of other innumerable, specially priced novelties that will give added zest to your buying

You Are Welcome Whether You Buy or Not.

Parten Dry Goods Co.

MERKEL'S VERY BUSY SPOT CASH STORE

We now have in stock a complete line of the famous Rexall Rubber goods, Hot water bottles, Fountain syringes etc. and we sell them on a positive guarantee. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. M. E. Sandlin returned home Friday after an extended visit to Wills Point, Arlington and Shawnee, Okla. where she visited her daughter Mrs. Pearl Smith.

Just received a fresh new supply of Browns Cakes and Crackers at The Sanitary Grocery.

T. H. Speers has returned home from South Texas where he has been for the past few months.

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

Engineer Ellsworth was killed near Henriette Monday when his engine jumped the track. He had been in service of the M. K. & T. Ry. for 40 years.

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.

E. Henderson who travels out of Merkel was in the city with his family Saturday and Sunday, leaving for Clyde Monday morning.

Every body's doing it now. What? Buying their Cakes and Crackers from the Sanitary Grocery and voting in The Automobile contest.

The best remedy for that cough is Rexall Cherry Bark Cough Syrup. Try a bottle we Guarantee it. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Wrappers from Browns Cakes and Crackers, Will win the Automobile if they come from The Sanitary Grocery.

Homer Jobe of Rule was in the city Sunday and Monday visiting friends and relatives. He returned to his home at Rule Tuesday.

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

Don't 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. N. Harrison was a visitor in Abilene Wednesday.

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.

Mrs. S. F. Haynes visited her daughter Mrs. Roy Isom of Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

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

Mrs. J. C. Hammer of Trent visited her mother Mrs. Tom Smith who has been very sick during the past week. The visiting lady returned to her home Wednesday afternoon.

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

Miss Eather Williams who is teaching school near Trent spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

Mrs. J. M. Bishop of Abilene was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Christopher.

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

Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt left for Cisco Monday morning to visit her daughter Bernice, who is at Cisco undergoing a treatment for her eyes.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore who have been visiting their daughter Mrs. Pat Jones of Sierra Blanco during the past three months returned to their home here this week.

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

L. D. Gaither and C. E. Counts were in Abilene Monday on business.

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

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. M. E. Evans returned to her home at Abilene Wednesday after a few days visit with her daughter Mrs. R. B. Corder.

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.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Miss Ollie Morton of Abilene visited her aunt Mrs. T. F. Morton the past week.

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.

Mrs. W. B. Farmer left Tuesday morning for Clyde to visit her son M. G. Farmer she will also visit J. W. Farmer and family of Baird, before returning home.

All parcel post orders filled promptly. Grimes.

The case of J. W. Adams against Emma Adams, suit for divorce, is on trial and will not be completed until sometime Wednesday evening, it being, a contest case.

Evertime you want fresh vegetables call Hamblet & Rogers.

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

Mrs. M. M. Davis against B. E. Davis suit for divorce, petition granted.

\$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.

A negro attacked Miss Zoe Weatherly of Fort Worth Friday, slashing at her throat with a dull knife. She probably escaped serious injury by freinging death. Miss Weatherly stated that the same negro attacked her several months ago.

Masked robbers entered the home of J. R. Johnson of Dallas last Thursday, bound and drugged Mrs. Johnson then ramsacked the house.

Eld H. L. Mathney will preach at the Church of Christ Sunday at eleven and at night filling Eld Cyperts place. Eld. Cypert is going to Thelia for a meeting.

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.

Bill Williams a negro was lynched at Hearne last week for the shooting of J. R. Robertson, manager of a plantation.

Cakes and Crackers from the Sanitary Grocery are better "Cause, they're fresher".

Miss Lizzie Mae Freeman was in Stanton the latter part of last week attending to business matters.

WANTED, MEN AT ONCE TO LEARN THE BARBER TRADE. Jobs always waiting. Better wages than you can earn without trade. Tools given. Few weeks completes. Drop a card for particulars. Moler Barber College, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Parker Hendrix of Abilene was a visitor in our city Sunday.

Mrs. Ben Piloher visited her sister Mrs. C. C. Carter of Abilene.

Hot Prices in the Old Town

FOR TEN DAYS AT SHARP'S STORE

A Butchering of Prices Beginning Saturday March the 21st

CLOTHING FOR MEN & BOYS	DRESS GOOD PRICES	MEN & BOYS WORK SHOES	
Mens \$12.50 suits cut to..... \$10.00	HOT TIME TEN DAYS SALE	\$3.50 work shoes..... \$3.25	
Mens \$25.00 suits cut to..... 20.00		50c Kimona Silk..... 35c	3.25 work shoes..... 3.00
Mens \$20.00 and \$22.50 suits..... 15.00		40c silk stripe crepe..... 33c	2.75 work shoes..... 2.50
Boys \$6.00 serge..... 5.00		35c Zaza cloth..... 25c	2.50 work shoes..... 2.25
Boys \$4.00 suits..... 3.50		20c Pomtelle crepe..... 15c	2.25 work shoes..... 2.00
DRESS PANTS & OVERALLS		35c Brandna Silk..... 25c	2.00 shoes..... 1.75
\$6.00 dress pants, cut price..... \$5.00		12½ Cyntha Crepe..... 10c	HATS CUT TO THE CORE
5.00 dress pants, cut price..... 4.00		20c Ratine De La Reine..... 15c	\$3.00 hats, price cut to..... \$2.35
4.50 dress pants, cut price..... 3.75		25c Ratine Crepe..... 25c	2.50 hats, price cut to..... 1.85
3.00 dress pants, cut price..... 2.25		35c Mercerized Voile..... 22½c	2.00 hats, price cut to..... 1.35
2.00 dress pants, cut price..... 1.25		20c Serpentine Crepe..... 15c	1.50 hats, price cut to..... 1.15
2.00 all wool filled pants..... 1.65		12½c Madrass..... 10c	1.25 hats, price cut to..... 95
1.00 overalls..... 85		12½c Red Seal Gingham..... 10c	1.00 hats, price cut to..... 85
1.00 work pants..... 85	All American Calicoes..... 5c		
1.75 work pants..... 1.40			

The above as well as many other articles are at Cut Prices. We invite your inspection of our goods, compare our goods and prices with anyone's and be convinced. Don't delay, these goods cant possibly last long at the present prices. Opening Sat. March 21st.

Merkel
Texas

J. P. Sharp

Merkel
Texas

A POST-MASTER ELECTION CALLED

Merkel, Texas:—Feb. 17, 1914. We the citizens of Merkel and patrons of the Merkel Postoffice have been in the communication with the Postmaster General in regard to the election of a Postmaster at Merkel and he has stated that he will be glad to consider the certified returns of an election held here for the selection of a postmaster.

We as a committee hereby call said election for Saturday April 18th, 1914, same to be held between the hours of 8 a. m. and 6 p. m. at the City Hall of Merkel. All applicants are hereby requested to have their applications present to the committee on or before April 15th, in order that their names may appear on the voting ticket, and all applicants have agreed to abide by the results of said election.

E. W. Permitter is hereby appointed presiding judge of said election.

Committee,
A. C. Boney,
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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.

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Students to Give Plays.

At some date in the near future the Merkel High School students will give three farce plays at the front street theatre in connection with three reels of moving pictures. The dates of the show to be announced later.

The three sketches will be, "A \$10,000 Wager", "Uncle Sam's Cooks" and "Hotel Comforts". The proceeds of the plays will go to benefit the High School Ball Team.

Duck Eggs for Sale.

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

H. T. Merritt of Abilene was in our city Saturday and Sunday visiting his son Ben T. Merritt, assistant cashier of the F. & M. Bank.

Notice to the Public

I will stand a Ratler Brooks bay horse known as the Mashburn 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.

A. C. Boney left Wednesday night for Bay City in answer to a telegram telling him of the serious illness of his mother at that place.

310 sheets of the latest Music At Grimes.

Mrs. Selma Russel is visiting her aunt Mrs. R. S. Reed of Abilene this week.

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.

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Mrs. J. T. Purdon Dead

Mrs. Purdom age 22, wife of J. T. Purdom of the Blair community died Sunday afternoon at the family home. An illness of only a short time called the lady to her reward. She leaves an infant baby.

Mrs. Purdom was a member of the Church of Christ having affiliated hereif with that church at an early age. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at The North Side Christian Church at 2 o'clock, Elder Price Bankhead conducting the services. Burial was given the body immediately afterward in Rose Hill Cemetery.

The Mail extends symapthies to the bereaved husband in his hour sorrow.

Try the music at our place before buying. Grimes.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank my many neighbor friends who assisted me during the illness of my wife. Even though their services could in no way prolong her life the acts were deeply appreciated by me.
A. B. Harris.

PURE COTTON SEED.

We will receive a shipment of absolutely pure Rowden and Hobans Cotton Seed next week. \$1.00 per bushel. Call at the Oil Mill and get these pure seed.

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MERKEL CITIZEN WRITES A LETTER

That we have in our midst an authoritative expostulator on Mexico affairs was evidenced last week when we read the Tuscola Valley Vidette that contained a copy of a letter from a Merkel citizen to the Editor of that paper.

The writer favored the administration policy on the Mexico matter and wrote a lot about the Mexico situation in reply to some old friend of his named Bud Plaxco a former Tuscola man in El Paso who wrote home criticizing the Mexico situation very much. Our home writer stated that he hoped his friend Bud would not go off half cooked and rush across the border and wipe those greasers off the earth. Merkel man also states that the Hu-re-ta Government is tottering and must soon fall if the United States does not intervene. The letter is very interesting and is signed by B. C. Gaither.

Just what makes us mad is; if Mr. Gaither knew so darned much about this Mexico situation why didn't he write us a letter so we could publish it and not send it to some other paper.

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Mrs. G. M. Green of Abilene returned to her home Tuesday morning after a few days visit with her mother Mrs. M. E. Sandlin.

B. L. McCoy against Manuella McCoy, suit for divorce, petition granted.

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We couldn't endorse anything any more strongly than we do Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets. Containing Pepsin and Bismuth two of the greatest digestive aids known to medical science, they soothe the stomach, check heartburn and distress, promote a natural flow of the gastric juice, and help regulate the bowels. Remember, if they don't make your digestion so easy and comfortable that you can eat whatever you like whenever you like, we want you to come back and tell us 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

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, thereon, 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.

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.

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. What does he do? With other neighbors he starts a Rural Telephone line. Enough said.

Apply to our nearest Manager for information or write to

THE SOUTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CO.
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. 1413pd.

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.

J. W. Powell left Tuesday evening for Alvarado where he goes to conduct a sale for a merchandise establishment at that place.

Miss Fannie Tippett of Abilene is in the city visiting her sister Mrs. W. L. Harkrider.

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.

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

11 more days in which to help some boy get the Automobile. Sanitary Grocery.

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 and sure Appetizer. For adults and children. 50c.

Miss Idelia Bryant and brother Otis of Abilene were the guests of Miss Mattie Christophers Sunday.



We're Shouting

about the excellent quality of our printing. We don't care what the job may be, we are equipped to turn it out to your satisfaction. If we can't, we'll tell you so frankly.

Let Us Convince You

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.

Any Doctor

will tell you a fellow's constitution won't last forever—and in these strenuous times it needs a good overhauling occasionally.

Miner'l Wells

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



OFFERS EXCURSION RATES DAILY BETTER GO BEFORE ITS TOO LATE

ASK THE TICKET AGENT

A. D. BELL GEO. D. HUNTER
Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt. Gen. Agt.
Dallas, Texas

"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.

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| 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' \$3.35 | 10 lb. bkt. A. & H. Soda 45c |

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THE SANITARY GROCERY

Who Does Your Laundry?

Why not send it to Abilene? The most up-to-date cleaning process in use of any laundry in the west.

ANY TIME YOU HAVE LAUNDRY PHONE 48 AND MR. THOMAS

Our agent will call for it promptly, or leave it at The Pure Food Bakery Building on Front Street.

Merkel, Texas

THE ABILENE STEAM LAUNDRY

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 Biliousness without purging. Relieves nervous depression and low spirits. Arouses the liver to action and purifies the blood. A True Tonic and Sure Appetizer. A Complete Strengthener. No family should be without it. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.

Try Mail Want Ads

Corrects Birth Statement.

The following taken from the Dallas News corrects a statement appearing in that paper under date of March 11th, as to the birth of triplets in Taylor county

Merkel, Tex., March 12.—I see in yesterday's News that the triplets born to Mr. and Mrs. Estes were the first triplets born in Taylor County, which is a mistake. They are the fourth set of triplets. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Powers and Mr. and Mrs. White and Mr. and Mrs. James Townsend, all of Buffalo Gap, were the parents of triplets, all born in Buffalo Gap, Taylor County. Respectfully, W. V. CRANFORD, M. D.

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EASTER TOGS FOR MEN AND YOUNG MEN WHO CARE

That New Suit

You must have it to feel "equal to the occasion."

LET IT BE A KAHN TAILORED SUIT

\$15 to \$50

Clothes that fit, give service, and built with that little "touch of individuality" that reveals to you that they are above the common place garments put out by so many of the mediocre shops.



Hanan, Howard and Foster OXFORDS

The New Spring Styles in all leathers

\$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$6.50 the pair.

Stetson and Trimble Hats The best money can buy

\$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00

Keiser Neckwear in all the new shades and shapes

50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00

"EVERYTHING NEW THAT'S GOOD"

MENS QUALITY OUTFITTERS **MINGUS BROS. & CO.** MENS QUALITY OUTFITTERS
ABILENE, TEXAS

GOVERNMENT BY LAWYERS

The Press Denounces and Publicly Condemns Filing of M. K. & T. Suit.

The settlement of the suit against the M. K. & T. Company comes like the fair unfolding of spring and makes us all feel like rejoicing over the happy solution which the battery of lawyers have made of the problem. It is a great day for the common people when lawyers can agree and especially over technicalities which seemed to be about the only point of contention in the Katy suit.

A Victory for the Lawyers.

According to the terms of the settlement the suit for one hundred million dollars is dismissed and the Katy is permitted to improve and expand its properties, a thing it has been doing and was prevented from continuing by the filing of this suit; the Attorney General consents for the consolidation acts of the legislature to become a law; a separation of the Katy of Texas and the Katy of Kansas is agreed upon and the Katy will pay all the attorney fees which, from a legal standpoint, was no doubt a very important feature of the case and a great victory for the lawyers. So far as the people are concerned railroad development has been halted for the past year; the investor has had his faith in Texas securities shaken and the power of the Attorney General's Department to blight or to build has been demonstrated.

The Press Outspoken.

It is doubtful if in the annals of Texas jurisprudence a greater farce has been enacted or a more purposeless proceeding recorded. Certainly no action on the part of the state in recent years has met with so unanimous a storm of protest from the press and condemnation by the public generally than that of the one hundred million dollar suit filed by the Attorney General against the M. K. & T. Ry. The suit was apparently based upon venom, rather than upon violation of law or conduct on the part of the Katy that was inimical to the interests of the public, and in justice to the people it is proper to observe that those responsible for bringing this suit misinterpreted the conscience of the public.

It is no longer popular for representatives of the people to pursue industry in Texas and the emphatic manner in which the action of the Attorney General has developed this fact is an asset that in a measure offsets the loss which the public has undergone by the evil effects of the suit. The investor in railroad securities knows beyond a doubt that public sentiment in Texas is sound and stable and sufficiently vigorous to restrain unjust action on the part of its official representatives.

The People Stand for Progress.

It is to the credit of the Attorney General that the settlement of the case amounted to an abandonment of the suit. That is about the only comforting thought in the entire proceeding, and it is here the action of the Attorney General shows up at its best. His eagerness to escape the wrath of the people and his anxiety to weave at the political loom, stand out prominently among his achievements. The incident is a notable one in that it puts the State of Texas officially on record, through its legal department, as getting out of the way of progress. This is encouraging and demonstrates that our public officials are making considerable headway in industrial understanding, and that they may yet reach a point where they will let a prosperity special go by without flagging it.

So long as we are governed by lawyers, we may expect sensational lawsuits, great victories on paper and fictitious advantages acquired through court decrees. But the people will no longer stand for such folly. "There is a rainbow in the

Spring Style Show March 25-6-7 and 28th

Everything that is New in Spring Goods Will be Shown at Campbell's. Pay Us a Visit During This Great Event in Abilene.

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Invited to
Visit This Store
During the
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ABILENE'S
FAVORITE
SHOPPING
PLACE
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A GREAT OCCASSION FOR SPRING SHOPPING---JUST AT THE TIME ALL OF THE NEW STYLES WILL BE SHOWN

With a new stock of Spring Merchandise, the greatest ever shown at Campbell's, we will take part in the Spring Style Show—every department being represented. It will be an exhibition of all that is correct in apparel for spring in all lines of merchandise. We will show in completeness the newest and very latest correct styles in ladies' ready-to-wear garments, millinery, dress accessories, notions, footwear, men's and boys wear, dress goods, silks and staple piece goods. Our store service is very superior—all the modern conveniences are at your command. Make it a point to visit this store when you are in Abilene.

Take advantage of our Rest Room—every convenience—lavatories, lounges, writing materials, magazines and daily papers.

Campbell's
ONE PRICE—THE LOWEST

Use our Mail Order Department when it is not convenient to come in person. Your orders are filled promptly and carriage charges paid.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Salt Branch.

The health of our community is very good at this writing.

J. P. Petty of near Clyde was in our community shaking hands with friends this week.

Ezra Barker and family were in Abilene Friday on business.

Edna Lyles of Stith visited Ezra Baker and family Saturday.

Several of the community attended the candy breaking at John Childress Friday night near Mulberry. All report a nice time.

S. W. Taylor gave a singing Saturday night those present were Misses Cora and Alma Hays, Gordie and Lula Higgins, Oma and Ida Taylor, Mae Rainer, Annie Petty and Edna Lyles. Messrs Austin Robertson, Charley and Ollie Higgins and Lester Wheat. C. Allen and family Mr and Mrs. Ezra Baker. All report a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Higgins were visiting Joe Higgins of Warren Sunday.

Several of the community attended singing at Mr. Hogg's Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harless of Warren visited Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. E. Petty Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. West of Merkel visited W. M. Hays and family Sunday.

Sunday School and singing was well attended Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chambless of Merkel were visiting in this community Friday.

Eczema, Ring Worm, 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.

Noodle.

Rabbits are scarce out here. There has been 1568 rabbits killed in this community.

Will and Harry Warren of Merkel was in our community this week.

Mrs. Roundtree of Greenville is visiting her son W. Roundtree of this place.

Mrs. Rogers left Saturday for her home at Greenville. Mrs. Rodgers has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Derrick.

Rev. Will Horn was ordained Sunday at the Horn school house by Rev. Frier of the Simmons College at Abilene. There was dinner on the ground and enough for every body. Some few from Shiloh were with us.

Rev. Welles, Jones County Missionary was in our community Sunday.

Jim Smith was called to the bed side of his father last week who has been very low for some time. He died Monday the 9th. Mr. Smith has been living in this community for many years and had moved to Colorado, Texas where he had lived for the past three years. He leaves two children.

A Pleasant Physic

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

T. J. Coggins left Monday night for Brownville to interest his friends across the river in the exportation of some cattle from their immediate section.

Chronic Stomach Trouble Cured.

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

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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	1.60

ALWAYS CASH IN ADVANCE

TAYLOR COUNTY CANDIDATES

For County Judge:

E. M. Overshiner

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 Tippet
J. D. Hilton

For Tax Collector:

D. T. Harkrider (re-election)
W. F. Dillard

For County Treasurer:

G. B. (Blue) Tittle (re-election)

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2.

T. R. Lassiter
E. D. Coats
J. L. Banner

For Weigher

P. C. Jones
J. M. Garrett
C. C. Bankhead
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The Forty Year Test.

An article must have a 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.

Blair.

Rev. Young filled his regular appointment Sunday evening.

S E Adcock and wife visited Dock Adcock of Hawley Saturday returning home Monday.

J W Mayfield and family are visiting Jones County relatives this week.

This community was brought to sadness in the death of Mrs T Purdon She died Sunday evening at 3 o'clock and was buried Monday in Merkel. Another home has been made sad another infant two weeks old left that will never know the soft touch of a mothers hand. A mothers love is the dearest thing known to mankind. The bereaved have the sympathy of all.

Grandma Raines is visiting her daughter, Mrs Smith of Jones county.

Mr Williams of Colorado City who was called to the bedside of his daughter Mrs T Purdon returned home Tuesday.

PURE COTTON SEED.

We will receive a shipment of absolutely pure Rowden and Mebane Cotton Seed next week. \$1.00 per bushel. Call at the Oil Mill and get these pure seed.

Beware of Ointments For Catarrh That Contain Mercury

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

Sold by druggist. Price 75c per bottle.

Take Halls Family Pills for constipation. Adv.

Shiloh.

We are enjoying the nice spring like weather after the cold snap we had last week.

Farmers in this community are pretty well up with their work.

Prayer meeting was well attended Sunday night. The prayer service was conducted by Rev. Geo. Scott.

There was singing at W. L. Boyds Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Jones happened to a very painful accident Saturday afternoon by being pawed by a vicious horse. We hope his injuries will not prove serious.

Mesdames Teasley and Blasingame were in Merkel Saturday.

Dr. Cranford of Merkel was called out to see the infant babe of Mr. and Mrs. Blasingame last week who was very sick but is reported better.

Little Thelma Beaver has been real sick for the past few days.

There will be preaching at Shiloh Sunday by Rev. Horn of Noodle.

Mr. Leerstang and family who live on Sweewater creek passed through this community Sunday Morning.

Misses Stella Goode and Lettie Grayson of Noodle visited the Grayson school Friday afternoon.

Roger Grayson has been visiting his Uncle Will Bennett of Dickens County for the past week.

The rabbit chase in this community Friday resulted in killing over 1000 rabbits.

Misses Alice Brown and Zella Scott were charming guests of Miss Nina Beavers Sunday.

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.

Chamberlain's Tablets For Constipation.

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.

Makes Healthy Bowels

THIS simple rule of health is daily called attention to by every doctor in the land, whose first question to the patient almost invariably is, "Are your bowels regular?" Yet there's not one person in fifty who takes proper care of the bowels. And the result of this foolish neglect is nine-tenths of all ill-health. If today you are unable to free your body of waste matter at the usual time, or if the act causes straining, pains and discomfort, *don't let that condition occur again tomorrow.* Unless your bowels can carry away the waste materials left after food is digested, decay sets in, the poisons of which, taken up by the blood, increase the risk of Typhoid Fever, Appendicitis, and many other serious diseases. In treating constipation, there is a *right way* and a *wrong way.* The *wrong way* is to take harsh purgatives which even though they do clear the bowels, cause griping and nausea, injure the delicate tissues, and so disturb the normal functions as to cause the return of constipation. The *right way* is to help Nature to produce natural movement, without pain or discomfort, by using

Rexall Orderlies

More Than One Hundred Million Were Sold Last Year

This enormous quantity was used with good results by busy men who suffered from constipation, due to lack of exercise, or indigestion caused by overwork—by children whose parents realize the harmful effect of common purgatives—by old people whose systems cannot stand anything harsh—by women during pregnancy, and after childbirth, when any medicine with a violent action would be particularly dangerous. Many of these people are your neighbors and friends. Ask anyone who has ever used them—they'll tell you Rexall Orderlies satisfied and helped them.

—a gentle laxative in the form of a chocolate-tasting tablet. One of these tablets eaten just before going to bed will help to restore your bowels to normal activity at a time when, your body being at rest, the medicine can do its best work. As a result of taking that tablet (or say two, if your case is obstinate), your bowels will move easily and naturally in the morning. The use of Rexall Orderlies for a few days afterward will restore normal regularity. Even chronic constipation is benefited by them, and it is not necessary to continue the treatment for a long time, because, instead of driving Nature, they simply help her to help herself.

Sold only at the more than 7,000 Rexall Stores and in this town only by us. In vest-pocket tin boxes, 10c, 25c, 50c.

This Is Our Guarantee—You Risk No Money

If Rexall Orderlies do not make your bowels act right, tell us so and we'll give back your money without asking a single question. There is no red tape to this guarantee. It means just what it says. You sign nothing. We won't hesitate, or ask you any questions. Your word is enough. If Rexall Orderlies do not do all you expect them to—if you don't feel better after using them and find that they are the pleasantest-acting and best laxative you have ever used, we want you to tell us and get your money back.

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MERKEL TEXAS

Rexall Means "KING OF ALL" Ours is The Rexall Store in this town.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

A twelve year old negro boy of Gainesville prevented a wreck of a M. K. & T. passenger train last week by reporting a broken rail. Officials of the road announce that the boy will be rewarded.

J. W. Mullen of Fort Worth ran his auto into a ditch last week to avoid striking a little child who ran in front of his car. He was badly injured and three other occupants of the car were severely shaken up as result of his car being overturned.

Alex Roberts of Big Springs country is credited with killing 272 rattlesnakes during the last few weeks. Some snake story.

The Ford Motor Company turned out complete during the last month 24,821 cars from the Detroit factory.

Four women were killed at Ardmore, Okla., last week in a gas explosion.

Two negroes of Houston chained and gagged Russell Spout of Houston last week and then robbed the office he was in charge of. The robbers escaped.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Edwards are entertaining a bouncing baby boy at their home on Elm Street, this city. This youngster made his arrival Thursday, March 19th, and thereby missed getting his name in last week's paper.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Ollie Dye left this week for Brady where where he goes to accept a position.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Paremore of Aspermont were here Sunday visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Leighty.

W. S. Browning of Louisville, Kentucky, who has been here visiting the family of W. P. Browning, left for Dallas Friday, to be with his wife who is in the Baptist Sanitarium at that place.

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

Mrs. Oscar Cypert of Rotan, nee Miss Winnie Sandlin of this place came in last week to visit her mother Mrs. N. E. Sandlin.

B. M. Wheeler left Saturday for Eastland to visit T. R. Wheeler and family of that city for a few days.

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

Mrs. M. Clinton and daughter Gladys of Trent were in our city shopping Monday.

V. B. Walters was in Abilene Monday attending to business matters.

Alfred W. Murphey of Fort Worth captured two negroes in his home Monday, on starting to the police station one of the negroes started to run. Murphey shot and the negro dropped. Examination showed that he was not dangerously wounded.

Miss Sadie Collins left Monday morning for Dallas in answer to a message telling the family that her brother Grady Collins had been operated upon at one of the sanitariums there for appendicitis.

F. H. Duncan and Will Miller, both of Trent were in our city last week looking after business matters.

300 people were killed in a massacre in China Sunday. The outrages are supposed to have been committed by the noted White Wolf and his band of outlaws.

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

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

Mrs. B. B. Throop and children left Monday afternoon for Van Horn to visit Mrs. J. D. Webster. She will also visit friends at Toyah.

CATERING FOR CASH

100 lbs Ex. High Pat. Flour	\$2.70
25 Pounds Sugar	1.20
10 lbs White Cloud Compound	1.10
10 lbs Jewel Compound	1.10
3 cans corn	.25
3 cans tomatoes	.25
3 cans kraut	.25
3 cans hominy	.25
3 cans salmon	.25
3 cans gooseberrys	.25
3 cans blackberrys	.25
K. C. Baking Powder	.20
10 lbs. soda	.50
12 boxes matches	.40
Diamond D Syrup	.50
Wild Rose Syrup	.45
White Ribbon Syrup	.45
Karo Syrup	.45

We give more for your money. Try us.—Nogue-Hamilton Co.

WHEN YOUR BLOOD IS RIGHT YOUR WHOLE SYSTEM IS RIGHT

If You Have any Blood or Skin Disease
Do Not Delay until it is too late but Order

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A Complete and Positive Remedy for
Syphilis, Eczema, Erysipelas
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Hot Springs Physicians pronounce this the Greatest Blood and
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them at a great money saving price direct to the customer.
A saving of from 35 to 60 percent.

When you buy tires from us you get full value, you don't
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expenses. We sell tires direct to consumer at jobbers prices
and YOU GET BIG VALUE AND EXACTLY WHAT
YOU PAY FOR.

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

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

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

ALL TIRES GUARANTEED FULLY. NOTE THESE PRICES

SIZE	TIRE	GRAY	TUBES	RED	RELINER
28x3	\$ 7.20	1.65		1.90	1.35
30x3	7.80	1.95		2.20	1.40
30x3 1/2	10.80	2.80		3.10	1.90
31x3 1/2	11.00	2.90		3.20	1.95
32x3 1/2	11.90	2.95		3.25	2.00
34x3 1/2	12.40	3.00		3.30	2.05
30x4	13.10	3.10		3.40	2.30
31x4	13.45	3.20		3.60	2.35
32x4	13.70	3.35		3.80	2.40
33x4	14.80	3.50		3.90	2.45
34x4	16.80	3.60		4.00	2.60
35x4	17.25	3.75		4.20	2.70
36x4	17.85	3.90		4.25	2.80
34x4 1/2	18.00	4.80		5.10	3.40
35x4 1/2	18.75	4.85		5.20	3.45
36x4 1/2	19.45	4.90		5.30	3.60
37x4 1/2	21.50	5.10		5.40	3.70
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ENDORSEMENTS OF JUDGE THOS. L. BLANTON

Endorsements:

Shackelford County:

TO THE VOTERS OF THE 16TH
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF
TEXAS:

We, the undersigned citizens of
Shackelford County, learning of the
candidacy of Hon. Thomas L. Blanton
for Congress, hereby give him our in-
dorsement. We have known and been
associated with Judge Blanton for
many years. He has been a citizen
of Shackelford and Taylor Counties
for 16 years and we have had every
occasion to observe his manly worth
and sterling qualities, and we unquali-
fiedly indorse him for Congress. He
practiced his profession in Albany for
ten years and made a wonderful suc-
cess in the practice of law, and made
many, many close friends. He made
the race for District Judge in the year
1908, and was elected against great
odds; since that time his conduct on
the Bench has been of the highest
type, always punctual to his trust, and
untiring in his efforts to rid the dock-
ets of their burdens, and always anx-
ious and willing to expend any effort
to adjudicate the rights of citizens in
a fair and impartial way, and he has
dispatched business in a manner that
is a credit to any man or judge, and
he has been wonderfully successful.
In his private life he has advocated
that which was pure and right, always
fighting openly all kinds of vice, and
being on the right side of justice, and
giving his time and money, in the de-
fense of all moral issues that have
come before the people of this district
or the entire State. His efforts have
brought him into State prominence,
and we feel that a man of his honesty
and ability, and his untiring energy,
would be of great service to the peo-
ple of this District in Congress, and
we therefore urge a careful consider-
ation of his candidacy at the hands of
the voters of the Sixteenth Congres-
sional District of Texas:

W. M. Biggs, sheriff; R. S. Long,
county and district clerk; L. W. Green,
county attorney; P. H. Williams, tax
assessor; H. Herron, deputy sheriff;
M. Biggs, deputy clerk; J. M. Wood,
abstractor; W. L. Manning, ex-county
and district clerk; Dr. Z. W. Casey,
W. E. Williams, merchant; L. H. Har-
rison, Jr., druggist; L. S. Hollowell,
merchant; Dr. Chas. F. Huskey; R. S.
Murrice, merchant; W. G. Webb, bank
cashier; J. T. Lowery, merchant; J.
C. Renfro, merchant; B. H. Ezell, mer-
chant; J. L. Castleberry, druggist;
Paul Baker, editor; C. A. Wilson, bar-
ber; W. H. Cook, merchant; W. B.
King, merchant; J. W. George, garage;
Jay Davis, merchant; A. Glesk, shoe
store; G. C. King, assistant cashier;
W. A. Williams, ex-sheriff; L. B. Gray,
minister; J. H. Friedly, merchant; Jno.
F. Sedwick, merchant; B. F. Martin,
J. D. Flite; T. M. Smart, Monroe Rey-
nolds; T. A. Deats, Frank Martin, Alex
Spears, Will Huber, J. N. Davis, P. F.
Castleberry, Louis Conrad, C. M. Cau-
ble, E. E. Whitney, P. S. Kendrick,
merchant; D. B. Greathouse, Henry
Greer, W. C. Nail, W. L. Burrows, D.
Diller, B. George, J. D. Brush, Ben
Greer, S. E. Ezell, T. J. Matthews, city
marshal; J. Huskey, E. L. Reynolds,
T. H. Crow, M. A. Smith, Henry Palm,
C. H. Alford, Joe B. Matthews, F. H.
Palm, J. R. Tyler, D. Huber, F. W.
Alexander, E. Schkade, R. A. Watters,
W. E. Muse, L. C. Huskey, W. R. Ham-
mer, C. F. Smalley, N. E. Sherrard,
U. G. Durham, W. A. Tabor, Wade

Martin, J. S. Lantrop, James Bradley,
J. A. Crabtree, J. W. Wright, W. H.
Cable, G. L. Malcolm, Allen Jones,
N. H. Brown, D. A. Newcomb, K. Led-
better, W. S. Green, Jerry Hollis, C.
L. Ward, J. J. Lilly, Lee Tuton, Roy
Murphy, J. O. Sanders, W. S. Jemey-
son, F. R. Hubbard, lumber, M. D.
Bray, banker, Dr. J. K. Brittain, W.
R. Jackson, telephones, R. H. Town-
send, merchant, M. H. Ward, mer-
chant; Z. T. Lawhorn, justice of peace;
J. E. Wild, V. M. Formby, bank cash-
ier, C. B. Snyder, M. H. Ward, Jr., R.
A. Elliott, C. Harper, W. F. Jones, C.
A. Smith, Eugene Oylar, E. Mayer, J.
F. S. Wilson, A. J. Thomas, W. H.
Hall, J. M. Rooks, R. L. Broadfoot, A.
Huskey, F. E. Hubbard, J. P. Huskey,
W. Graham, T. F. Pettus, merchant.

Eastland County:

Believing in the democratic rule of
rotation in public office, and that merit
should be recognized and rewarded by
advancing a faithful officer to a higher
position, we, the undersigned citizens
of Eastland County, Texas, do hereby
indorse Judge Thomas L. Blanton for
Congress.

During the six years he has been
Judge of the Forty-second Judicial
District of Texas, he has faithfully
kept every promise made to the peo-
ple, has impartially enforced the laws
without fear or favor, has kept strict
order, dispatched business and cleared
the dockets, has forced all citizens
alike to do service as jurors and wit-
nesses, and has economically conduct-
ed the courts.

He has much ability and untiring
energy, is strictly honest and a man
of high moral integrity, and we be-
lieve for him the support of demo-
crats generally throughout this con-
gressional district. Some of us are
strong personal friends of Hon. W. R.
Smith, but we believe that he should
be satisfied with twelve years enjoy-
ment of this one office:

L. W. Ferguson, W. L. Knight, J. A.
Brashler, J. M. Turner, N. B. Harris,
W. Gray, B. L. Hargus, G. W. Bis-
hop, R. W. Smith, Newt Lewis, S. S.
Brawner, G. F. Hamer, J. T. Walker,
P. H. Hood, J. D. Parsons, R. L. Rowe,
O. J. Cotton, W. M. Wright, W. B.
Halton, P. L. Peoples, W. F. Daven-
port, J. W. Turner, W. G. Brunet,
O. P. Morris, W. L. Dooley, T. E. Dikes,
S. C. Bond, L. S. Hamilton, G. W.
Boyles, W. P. Harbin, W. R. Matthews,
Sam Cooksey, Len Miller, J. L. Turn-
er, Elijah Roper, S. J. Stoker, J. T.
Morton, E. C. Walby, R. E. Warner,
W. H. Giles, C. S. Davis, S. H. Qulett,
S. C. Bond, C. R. Bond, J. A. Con-
len, A. M. Fox, Joe Norton, A. L.
Bond, J. W. Bellamy, J. L. Brashears,
W. H. Ray, Frank Castleberry, F. P.
Simpsons, G. G. Davis, J. C. Garrett,
W. M. Pace, R. S. Harris, J. R. Gil-
breath, O. R. Kirk, J. W. Partan, J. E.
Castleberry, J. M. Ray, G. W. Dabbs,
L. J. Woods, J. W. Wood, J. P. Hazard,
W. L. Brashears, E. L. Woods, H. B.
Woods, F. D. Stewart, John Matthews,
J. J. Waldrep, Jacob Lyerla, O. E.
Lyerla, R. H. Stewart, J. A. Woods,
W. S. Barber, W. A. Harris, W. W.
Smith, J. R. Stubblefield, attorney; T.
J. Cornelius, Z. J. Carter, J. T. Earn-
est, I. H. Hamilton, W. N. Armstrong,
L. H. Barley, J. W. Horn, W. L. Rea,
R. T. Carr, H. D'Spain, W. L. Pulley,
Dr. W. R. DeWitt, G. N. Mahaney, H.
H. C. Bolinger, city marshal; E. T. Wil-
hamson, F. M. Johnson, G. W. Lisenbee,
G. B. Kelley, J. A. Robinson, C. S.
Looney, Jim Mitchell, W. J. Walker,
Jr.; R. W. Macmill, H. H. Lee, T. W.

Hodges, W. B. Winston, A. L. Glover,
Dr. Joseph W. Gregory, B. F. Trott,
R. A. Richardson, J. C. Bossett, C. A.
Gray, P. E. Leclair, J. H. Dyer, W.
L. Hardia, T. F. Murrell, S. T. Jerni-
gan, N. B. Gray, R. V. Rice, J. K.
Smith, H. B. Hill, Geo. W. Alford, P.
H. Sadler, W. A. Gentry, W. H. Elling-
ton, W. E. McKeown, V. H. Carter, J.
B. Robinson, E. W. Jernigan, W. F.
Jernigan, J. H. Bransford, J. C. Sand-
ers, E. F. Jackson, D. E. Farrington,
J. H. Dunn, R. L. Mangum, J. S. Tur-
ner, W. F. Reagan, T. L. Tucker,
P. L. Mangum, A. M. Staupp,
R. W. Edwards, J. B. Upton, W. W.
Martin, C. E. Jones, G. H. T. Dodson,
R. P. Cox, O. M. Claborn, H. B. House,
K. E. House, W. D. House, C. L. Cla-
born, E. A. Adams, W. T. Claborn, T.
D. Varner, W. E. Dugan, G. W. Ad-
ams, Jr.; R. D. Maxwell, M. E. Mad-
dox, N. J. Allen, P. P. Holbrook, J.
M. Moore, J. H. Culwell, S. J. Cul-
well, J. J. Nedford, J. P. Maxwell, J.
W. House, M. J. Scott, W. F. Acker, J.
M. Hughes, F. P. Medford, J. C. Plu-
dee, C. M. Gunnok, V. V. Cooper, Ha-
den Neal, R. Barnett, J. S. Hatton, J.
L. Brown, T. H. Davenport, T. W.
Hatton, R. W. White, J. B. Richard-
son, Jr.; E. L. Reid, H. R. Williams,
Jack Blackwell, L. A. Eddy, A. K.
White, D. W. Burrow, T. E. Videans, R.
T. Riddel, L. M. Cook, J. L. Williams,
Henry Marquis, R. O. Bradford, S. P.
McClothin, J. F. Oakley, N. P. Hames,
R. W. Copeland, J. F. Copeland, E. L.
Hendrix, O. Marchbank, W. M. Bal-
ley, F. C. Harrell, J. W. Pope, W. A.
Hise, W. A. Williams, Q. W. Hazard,
B. R. Riddel, L. P. Cunningham, J. P.
Medding, R. L. Maynard, S. H. May-
nard, G. L. Maynard, T. L. Scott, R.
L. Yardley, A. W. Griffin, W. D. Parnell,
J. D. Clem, W. R. Redwine, B. F.
Ricker, C. C. Hamilton, W. W. Hat-
ton, J. W. Terry, J. M. Winsok, C. K.
Williams, B. B. Brock, W. T. Dun-
can, J. E. Sanders, W. F. Oden, J.
W. Wells, Oscar Stephens, A. C. Lang-
litz, Ed Duncan, J. M. Ballard, F.
V. B. Frey, Dan Waggoner, J. W.
Warner, J. B. Pope, T. W. Duncan,
J. E. Burman, J. H. Gammit, T. W.
Howard, A. R. Lawrence, W. D. Mar-
tin, T. J. Earnest, E. H. Mills, J. C.
Sneed, J. R. Cook, N. Waggoner, H.
C. Pool, John F. Oder, J. H. Pelfrey,
J. M. Harrington, D. C. Puett, D. H.
Hale, W. A. Hartzel, H. D. Butler,
L. S. Hunt, Mark Williamson, J. L.
Hunt, I. D. Hunt, J. K. Hunt, M. R.
Hunt, E. D. McMillin, W. E. Walton,
W. H. Reese, B. W. Hunt, Jno. Green,
T. M. Vick, S. A. Landers, W. J. Con-
nell, E. M. Todd, W. H. Girdes, Dan
Scott, G. W. Cunningham, F. M. Day-
enport, A. S. Davenport, J. B. House,
G. A. Branton.

Callahan County:

Living in this Judicial District, we,
the undersigned citizens of Callahan
County, do hereby indorse Judge Tho-
mas L. Blanton, for the position of
Congressman for this Congressional
District.

We are not lacking in friendship for
Hon. W. R. Smith, but believe that
he has held the office long enough
and that after twelve years encum-
berency, the Democratic doctrine of ro-
tation in public office should apply.

We recommend Judge Blanton as a
man of ability, strict honor, integri-
ty, moral habits and unusual energy;
that he is a consistent prohibitionist,
and while many of us do not agree
with him on that question, we know
him to be fair and impartial in pass-
ing upon all questions coming before

Files Petition in Bankruptcy.

A voluntary petition in bank-
ruptcy was filed in the United
States District Court of the North-
ern District at Abilene Tuesday
by Robert Alva McClain. The
petition carries a statement of li-
abilities of \$2568.39 and assets
of \$7673.40, with exemptions of
\$2300. D. M. Oldham of Abilene
has been appointed receiver and
arrangements are being made
so as to be able to make settle-
ment with the creditors as soon
as possible. It is thought that
on sale of the stock that all liab-
ilities will be paid at 100 cents on
the dollar.

Mr. McClain, proprietor and
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of the intervening years of ad-
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CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESSMAN 16TH. DIST.

him, and nevertheless take pleasure in endorsing him, and recommending his candidacy to all voters in this Congressional District:

A. R. Day, district clerk; J. Rupert Jackson, attorney; R. L. Alexander, attorney; F. F. Rains, sheriff; W. D. Boystun, merchant; Fred Hart, merchant; A. B. Chambers, merchant; A. W. Waddill, minister; John Driskill, merchant; H. Percy, yardmaster; A. D. Williams, boiler maker; A. B. Ellis, jeweler; D. W. Young, tailor; S. J. Bains, R. R.; George Williams, R. R.; N. O. Burson, tailor; Earl O. Mechow, R. R.; M. D. Oliphant, R. R.; R. Phillips, Ira H. Clement, B. F. Austin, O. E. Eastham, J. J. Price, Ernest McGee, F. A. Hall, Claud Poe, E. L. Reynolds, stockman; L. B. Hill, H. C. Jones, R. R.; J. C. Smith, R. R.; D. B. Cowling, E. L. Finley, R. F. Mayfield, W. H. Norrel, W. B. Griggs, F. L. Walker, T. B. Chambers, F. H. Buckles, T. E. Parks, John P. Wilson, janitor at courthouse, J. A. Burrow, Joe Prew, fireman, Sam Gilliland, M. A. Youngblood, John Hancock, A. L. Johnston, J. L. Tabor, J. B. Easterling, J. M. McElis, W. W. Collins, E. S. Gott, C. J. Willison, justice of peace; S. T. Walker, E. R. Brown, F. S. Bouchett, R. M. Pycatt, J. E. Bialock, H. E. Clement, L. L. Johnson, F. J. Powell, A. H. Morrison, T. F. Shelton, C. A. Swinson, W. H. Tate, T. J. Gray, E. W. Tisdale, J. W. Williams, W. R. Butler, W. L. Pool, C. M. Harris, Tom Pool, J. G. Clayton, P. C. Steen, W. G. Dunn, P. H. Spitzer, J. W. Robbins, J. M. Miller, H. R. Tabor, T. J. McIntosh, Tom Edwards, S. S. McIntosh, Tom Tabor, A. E. Kendrick, M. C. Council, attorney; D. M. Bauleh, W. J. McCollum, R. H. Mayfield, I. S. Marshall, J. E. Klepper, S. I. Edwards, C. L. Cooke, J. F. Counts, W. T. Kemper, J. N. Pycatt, J. K. Waggoner, J. J. Pee, J. E. Stalings, R. E. Bourland, L. D. Barnard, J. K. Bailey, J. N. Wilson, J. J. Humphrey, L. M. Coward, D. G. Hurst, S. W. Steen, Will Nil, A. J. Kilpatrick, J. P. Tatum, H. E. Jones, A. H. Jones, W. F. Barber, R. L. Jolly, W. B. Stevenson, I. D. McEachern, J. W. McEachern, W. P. Miller, W. C. Miller, M. E. Miller, J. D. Warren, E. M. Connell, J. T. Edwards Jr.; W. A. Balch, W. J. Rogers, G. T. Howell, R. M. Smith, J. D. Smith, R. A. Dillard, H. W. Glover, J. F. Ferguson, R. P. (Bob) Stevenson, Ernest McIntyre, Robt. Howton, I. R. Keele, J. E. Crawford, N. O. Holland, W. J. Whitby, W. F. Hardy, L. Harris, J. T. Ellis, J. F. Marshall, W. D. O'Shields, W. R. Williams, J. F. Tunnell, W. A. Graham, R. K. Fishel, E. E. Boutwell, B. T. Stork, William Neal, R. N. Neal, R. P. Arnold, G. E. McKinley, J. N. Smith, J. M. Warren, Jr.; J. H. Straley, W. J. Glenn, J. M. Warren; A. J. Lawler, John Cordelton, T. J. Lawler, Chas. D. Straley, W. M. Mitchell, J. L. Straley, Jim Kimble, J. C. Rucker, I. E. Crenshaw, Ira Grantham, W. F. Harris, A. J. Atwood, W. L. Mearse, Clark Grantham, H. J. Mearse, J. C. Mearse, J. O. Hopkins, E. E. Roberts, Otto Betcher, S. J. Hayhurst, J. L. Fowler, G. M. Coughran, Thurman Roberts, George G. Smith, W. H. Dix, Graham Myers, J. W. Myers, T. B. White, E. A. Hodges, E. Howton, D. Hodges, J. P. Tunnell, Chris Johnson, Bud Gincecum, G. A. Gwinn, Napoleon A. Ward, A. E. Lawler, J. F. Campbell, Will Haynes, O. J. Rucker, W. E. Jones, W. P. Atwood, T. W. Speeding, Ray Edwards, C. C. Yost, Terry Lewis, E. G. Schmidt, J. D. Hapsham, L. Hapsham, S. G. Smith,

J. M. Talbert, G. W. Adair, J. H. Owens, D. C. Littlefield, J. Q. Holland, E. W. McCallum, W. W. Martin, A. T. Grace, W. P. Groce, Bob Brooks, Geo. Griffith, Lee Childers, E. N. Childers, J. L. Green, R. A. Park, J. H. Wagley, R. L. Medford, G. W. McCollum, T. J. Brooks, T. E. Hayden, I. L. Griffith, J. S. Burnam, J. H. Burnam, B. J. Camp, W. T. Wilson, C. R. Steele, S. P. Loug, J. W. Payne, S. B. Edwards, J. J. Steele, L. C. Duncan, W. D. Drury, E. F. Drury, M. L. Jones, J. E. Austin, M. A. Baum, W. E. Connelly, J. H. Johnson, W. M. Armstrong, J. S. Eldridge, H. F. Bond, W. B. Duncan, W. G. Jeanes, G. W. Klutts, P. W. Payne, G. R. Willeford, H. R. Kendrick, G. P. Holland, T. B. Holland, Horace B. Williams, J. E. Scott, Jr.; C. O. Pycatt, H. W. Caldwell, G. H. Williams, Roy Kendrick, T. H. Holland, G. W. Allen, A. E. Kendrick, E. J. Kendrick, Dan S. Clark, T. W. Alredge, T. W. Stansbury, R. N. Neal, C. A. Nixon, H. L. Willeford, C. A. Clement, M. B. M. Clement, J. N. Walls, J. C. Welsh, Brutus C. Christian, Earl J. Wilson, J. R. Jones, C. B. Richardson, O. K. Morgan, W. R. Ezzell, E. Ezzell, J. S. Gossett, E. F. Maddux, G. T. Brashar, T. G. Brashar, C. W. Bradley, G. C. Carter, L. W. Reid, J. M. Jones, T. F. Maddux, S. B. Killough, J. D. Maddux, J. P. Edgeworth, W. M. Tatom, R. L. Gattis, B. M. Rouse, J. L. Haley, G. S. Mitchell, W. F. Cave.

Taylor County:

Abilene, Tex., Nov. 6th, 1913.
We, the undersigned citizens and qualified voters of Taylor County, Texas, heartily endorse Judge Thomas L. Blanton as a candidate for Congress in this the 16th Congressional District of Texas.

We are not unmindful of our friendship to Representative J. M. Wagstaff and Congressman W. R. Smith for whom we have heretofore voted, but as Representative Wagstaff has declined at this time to make the race for Congress, and as Congressman Smith at the end of his present term will have had the office for twelve years, we feel it our duty to recognize the wisdom and bow to the will of the unwritten law of the people which demands rotation in office after long service.

We also believe that the honesty, integrity, ability and unsurpassed energy of Judge Thomas L. Blanton are such as would make him an ideal Congressman to represent the largest district and the most progressive people in the greatest government in the world, and we solicit for him the support of all our friends throughout the entire district: Sam Reed, E. A. Pearce, W. W. Wilson, J. L. Andrews, C. H. McDauvel, J. C. Mercer, J. R. Spaulding, J. J. Lockhart, F. L. Fletcher, F. M. Sneathers, Frank Hewitt, A. H. Balch, T. M. Sleeper, J. G. Harris, G. R. Pain, F. J. Vandenberg, D. M. Cogdell, Ed Riesel, J. P. Carr, Paul Hoppe, B. O. Howie, H. B. Farrow, B. T. Hood, Paul J. Pearce, R. Mitchell, I. L. Summers, E. E. Shaw, Geo. P. Widmer, J. H. Ashby, A. Nettlet, A. M. Boyd, Roger, Williams, C. P. Rowland, M. E. Graves, George Burgess, W. C. Shaw, R. A. White, J. T. King, J. G. Bradshaw, J. W. Anderson, J. M. Bishop, C. C. Cox, W. O. Hammett, R. G. Hamilton, J. A. Collins, J. L. Hudson, G. B. Roberts, R. A. Humble, J. E. Deans, E. Dickerson, T. P. Porter, W. F. Peoples, J. M. Williams, V. E. Hodges, T. J. Eftis, W. H. Johnson, E. R. A. Thayer, A. J. Egan, M. F.

Goss, G. W. Howe, G. W. Riley, W. E. Hall, Frank McNair, J. H. Lyons, W. A. Dunn, M. L. Large, W. W. Harber, E. A. Spencer, R. C. Laughlin, W. C. Mooty, J. W. Miller, J. Q. Adams, Guy Kirk, Dr. J. P. Carrington, W. L. Simpson, J. P. Davis, S. C. Parker, J. H. Davis, Lon Lockley, J. H. Petree, Dr. R. L. Gray, R. L. Brookshier, A. M. Henderson, Edgar Holly, G. W. Williams, J. F. Miller, J. F. Romp, H. L. Bright, Claud Outbirth, W. S. Chinn, Mark Chinn, W. P. Johnson, A. Parker, J. C. Hunt, A. R. Hall, S. A. Chambers, Edwin B. Adams, M. E. Mechechney, Jno. Swann Mackechney, M. L. Hay, Eli Jennings, Prof. W. A. White, A. A. Hay, D. N. Balch, D. C. Field, J. C. Thornton, G. N. Cockerill, J. J. Wynegar, R. L. Hay, W. D. McDearman, M. McDearman, C. W. Axe, L. L. Cheatham, J. W. Kent, R. H. Farquhar, Joe, Evans, J. E. Oliver, Ben Wood, J. J. Kent, J. T. Richardson, H. W. Richardson, postmaster; E. S. Brown, J. M. Crow, J. D. Weeks, J. Henry Jetten, W. H. Hooper, E. F. Farr, E. V. Stewart, J. M. Farr, J. P. Daniel, T. E. Harper, J. E. Buchanan, W. A. Foote, R. E. L. Stutta, W. H. Robertson, S. L. Neely, Henderson Reddell, J. W. Blackwood, B. Frank Hawkins, I. W. Stephenson, L. H. Vaughn, A. B. Cox, Walter Taylor, Dr. E. A. Hendricks, Dr. J. G. Townsend, Chas. Webb, J. W. Landers, W. M. Landers, W. T. Reddel, G. W. Bitterton, J. H. Reddell, D. B. Swindle, Byron Holland, Rex Reddell, J. B. Knowles, J. G. Cunningham, C. P. Booker, J. L. Standard, Geo. W. Holmes, J. N. Anderson, H. E. Blackwood, S. F. Carter, E. J. Graham, Carl Graham, A. E. Embree, J. I. Morehead, Ab Taylor, C. M. McCullough, J. A. Roberts, B. B. Dalton, L. H. Harrison, A. L. Dalton, Jim Garrison, T. M. Insall, W. N. Trout, R. W. Griffiths.

Stephens County:

Breckinridge, Tex., Jan. 12, 1914.
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Whereas, it has come to our knowledge that Hon. Thomas L. Blanton of this Judicial District, is a candidate for Congress, in this the 16th Congressional District, and, whereas, Judge Blanton has presided over our District Court for nearly six years, and we know him to be in every way well qualified to fill the position to which he aspires, and will make an energetic and untiring worker for the interest of, not only the people of this district, but for the up-building of our entire state, and having the utmost confidence in his democracy, and his standing as an upright, honorable citizen, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned citizens and Democrats of Stephens County hereby endorse the candidacy of Hon. Thomas L. Blanton, and pledge him our hearty support as a candidate for Congress.

W. P. Sebastian, ex-senator; J. A. Ault, county and district clerk; J. B. Lucius, tax assessor; L. Gray, deputy clerk; H. B. Furr, J. C. Allen, Sam A. Day, W. C. D. Bullard, R. L. McFall, Jno. Black, C. M. Hittson, O. C. Allen; J. J. Taylor, C. B. Sears, Robt. Douglass, B. Miller, C. M. Hamill, J. M. Martin, J. B. Fade, W. M. Brown, D. C. Wharton, W. O. Campbell, J. W. Castleman, J. A. Meaders, J. T. Winborne, S. J. Allen, S. H. Stanford, O. T. Hewlett, J. A. Funderburg, W. D. Jones, W. B. Richardson, (and numerous others, which for want of space are omitted.)

(Advertisement.)

T. J. Barrett for County Judge of Jones County.

To the Democratic Voters of Jones County, Texas:

In making my announcement for the office of County Judge of Jones County, I do so at the earnest solicitation of a number of the taxpayers of this county. I have eight years experience as county commissioner of this county, and six years as a member of the legislature from this district, which I feel will be of great benefit to me in giving you a business administration for this county, full of common sense and economy, which it seems to me we are in need of at this time. I feel thoroughly competent to make you one of the best county judges that it has been your privilege to have for some time.

If you see proper to elect me County Judge I pledge you that it will be my aim to give you a business administration, and I will strive to give you an administration that will be an honor to myself and to all the citizens of Jones county.

Very respectfully,

T. J. Barrett.

The above is from Mr. Barrett, who makes his announcement to our Jones County readers this week as candidate for County Judge of Jones county.

Personally we do not know Mr. Barrett but have received endorsements from highly respected Anson citizens and also from Merkel citizens who know Mr. Barrett and we feel quite secure in endorsing T. J. Barrett to our Jones county readers as a man well qualified to fill the office to which he aspires. Give his claims careful consideration in the coming election.

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.

Sweetwater Votes Bonds.

Saturday, March 14, Sweetwater voted \$320,000 bonds for the improvement and extension of the water system of that city. The vote in the election was 252 for and 32 against the bond issue.

PURE COTTON SEED.

We will receive a shipment of absolutely pure Rowden and Mebane Cotton Seed next week. \$1.00 per bushel. Call at the Oil Mill and get these pure seed.

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Mr. Jim Eoff was a visitor in Putman Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Odessa Moon and May Roberson of Trent was in our city shopping Saturday.

Statistics show that on an average during last year 12 miners were killed each day, due to explosions and other causes.

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 all times. Note Liniment. 25c. 50c. \$1.00.

Miss Jackie Jennings was the weekend guest of her cousin Mrs. I. Jennings of Abilene.

Latest Sheet Music. Elite.

Dr. J. M. C. King who is managing a drug store at Trent spent Sunday with homefolks.

Miss Jessie Williams of Blair visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

BRAINS DULLED BY CONSTIPATION

Some People Only Half Alive; Dodson's Liver Tone Cleans You Out and Wakes You Up.

When constipation is having its evil effects on your body and brain, Nature is doing her best to offset them and overcome the cause itself. But usually Nature cannot do this unaided.

In the past, many sufferers at such a time used to turn to dangerous calomel in hope of relief. For some people calomel does appear to give a temporary benefit, but as a matter of fact it is a poison that proves to be injurious and even dangerous to many. If you have ever taken calomel you probably have suffered from evil conditions following its use.

But nowadays great numbers of people have learned how to feel better, brighter, and healthier by taking Dodson's Liver Tone instead of Calomel. Indeed this harmless vegetable liquid is recommended and guaranteed by Rust & McCauley who will refund the purchase price to you without question if you are not completely satisfied with it.

Get a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for only 50c. and learn for yourself how easily and naturally it assists Nature in getting rid of and correcting constipation and biliousness, how it clears away the sick headache and coated tongue and sets you right without a sneeze or gripe, without any interference with your regular habits. Fine for the children. They like to take it.

Miss Goode of Trent is visiting Miss Mabel Brackeen.

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.

Miss Clara Moore spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Eather Williams who is teaching school near Trent.

Latest Sheet Music. Elite.

\$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.

Mrs. Will Clifton and little daughter of Waco will come in Saturday to visit Capt. and Mrs. E. Hall, parents of Mrs. Clifton.

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.

Mrs. J. E. Stephens and daughter of Augusta, Ark. enroute to California visited the formers sister Mrs. G. F. West.

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.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Farmer are at home from Clyde and Baird where they visiten their sons.

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

Mrs. R. W. Mitchell of Abilene has been the guest of Mrs. J. W. Daniel the past week.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Harkins of Roscoe are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boney.

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

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.

Hot House Plants.

SPECIAL SALE—for Saturday of all kinds of hot house plants at Thomas Bakery and Second Hand Store.

West Texas Normal School Burns.

CANNON CITY, Texas, March 25.—The West Texas Normal School building burned to the ground today. The building and contents were valued at \$200,000. Some contents were saved. None of the occupants or students were injured. Insurance on the building and plant is \$100,000.

The exercises and students of the school will be continued in the Randall county court house, one of the largest buildings in the Panhandle.

Jet Milsap Wants An Office in Jones County.

Yes, there is no mistaking in the statement that Jet Milsap has announced for the office of sheriff of Jones county for the purpose of being elected. He is not running this race for the fun there is in it, else he would tackle something more amusing, but let us repeat that Jet wants to be the next sheriff of this county. He has been a citizen of Jones county nearly all his life, and is well known to all old sett's.

Mr. Milsap comes from the right kind of parentage to make him one of our very best citizens, and with the intelligent, courteous disposition with which he is gifted, along with his knowledge of dealing with public affairs and people he will be able to make a splendid sheriff, if elected.

He already has friends all over the county, and our predication is that he will make many more as he becomes known in this race. Give his claims due and careful consideration in casting

your vote.

The above article was clipped from the Anson paper, The Western Enterprise and is self explanatory. In this weeks column of the Merkel Mail will be found Mr. Milsap's announcement and from endorsements of local people we heartily commend Mr. Milsap to our Jones county readers.

U. C.'s of Merkel to Meet.

Merkel camp No. 79 of United Confederate Veterans will meet in regular sessions April the fourth at 2 p. m. at the City Hall. All members are requested to be present.

A. A. Baker, Comander.
W. H. Hawkins, Adjt.

Buys New Ford Automobiles.

H. M. Warren local agent for the Ford Motor Car Co., is the owner of a new 1914 model Ford, received last week. Arthur Sears is another Merkel man to be included in the list of Ford purchasers during the last few days.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Act Three Scenes 1-2 and 3 Othello-

Interpret the opening of the Act Clown Musician, etc. What does the Clown mean by his question about the instruments having been in Naples?

What tragic sequence does this light action prelude? Out-line the Character of Emilia. Did she understand her husband?

Do you gain any definite idea from Iago's opeech to Othello (sc III Line 144-126) What does Othello understand from it?

What is the meaning of this (sc III Line 162-167)? "O, beware, my lord, of jealousy; it is the green eyed monster which doth mock the meat it feeds on!"

Was Othello justified in attaching such weight to the words of Iago beginning. She did deceive her father, marry you. Was Desdemonia's conduct in the matter cited reprehensible? Upon what does Othello base his opinion of Iago's honesty? How does Iago so completely befool Othello? What wrong directions does Othello's revenge take? How does she regard the jealousy of Othello?

Baraca Class.

The Baraca class of the Baptist church met March 22th with a large class of sixteen. The subject of discussion was "Lessons by the way". The following thoughts were stressed: Each individual strive to enter the Kingdom of God, "It takes an effort to serve God" and "God reward for all good deeds". The class was led in prayer and dismissed.

A Baraca business meeting was held March 24th at the church with sixteen present. The constitution was amended by discussing some sections that were not needed. The Baraca began January 1st with twelve and there are twenty four members now. The class is going to organize a quartet an invitation is extended to anyone not in Sunday school to come and join our class. Press Reporter.

Miss Mary Gunn charmingly entertained the Twentieth Century Club at the home of her mothers, Mrs. P. B. Causseaux Saturday afternoon. Eight members answered to roll call with quotations from the Play Othello. Miss Jessie Sutphen visited the club. Miss Evalyn Williams gave a brief review of the best plays of the year. Mrs. R. A. Martin directed the lessons. Delicious refreshments were served to Misses Evalyn Williams, Jessie Sutphen, Maude Jenkins. Mesdames G. F. West, G. H. Adams, S. L. Davis, J. G. Hale, R. A. Martin, Misses Valentine will be the next hostesses at the home of Mrs. West. Miss Jenkins leader.

The Baraca Class of the Methodist church met in regular session at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer on Friday March 20th. The regular order of business was carried out with many heated discussions among the boys. After a short business session the young men were ushered into the presence of a number of young ladies, where the burdens of business was lifted from their minds as they engaged in "42" and listened to the charming music. After a few hours of enjoyment the hostess served delicious taffy candy to Misses Emza Allday, Carol Rister, Lizzie Mae Freeman, Jewel Pate, Bernadine Freeman, and Grace Counts. Messrs. R. A. Burgess, Jno. and Noel Moore, Shirley and Stanley King, Geo. Smith, Homer Laney, Robert Rainbolt, Oscar Pate, Ulyses McNeas, Ira and Ollie Shaffer.

The Missionary Society of the Methodist church was entertained by Mrs. E. R. Wallace, Monday, a fternoon. Roll call was responded to with items of interest. A short program followed. Mrs. Bob Saddler sang a beautiful solo to the delight of each on present. Mrs. Nettie Mayfield became a welcome addition to the society. The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to conversation. Dainty refreshments were served. The meeting Monday afternoon March the 30th will be at the church. A nice program will be given on stewardship. The ladies hope to have a full attendance of the membership.

On Saturday evening at 2:30 o'clock Misses Mattie and Ruby Lee Warnick entertained quite a number of little

tots who enjoyed the evening in playing various games among which were wintum gossip and Dumb Bettie. They were served sandwiches, pickles, cakes and hot chocolate. Those present were Christine Collins, Clara Beard, Ruth, Dorris, and Hallie Pike, Ruby Harris, Eula May and Thurmond Coggin, Tina Moore, Mattie, Ruby Lee and J. B. Warnick, Jr.

Members of the Baptist choir met at the home of Mrs. E. Hall Monday evening where they rehearsed a number of songs and practiced duets and quartets. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harris, Mr. and Mrs. E. Lassiter, Mr. and Mrs. Hallingsworth, Misses Wilma and Beulah Garrett, Maggie Wheeler and Mr. Garrett.

Circle A. B. & C. met at the home of Pastor Gaddy, Mrs. Jno. Sears and Mrs. Swann on Monday March 23rd. The reports of the committees in Circle A on their work was gratifying and helpful. Receipts from Saturdays market fairly good. A motion to change the method of marketing our cookery, to delivery from our homes was adopted. Very helpful and interesting was our Bible study for this time. Our Circles are pressing forward with zeal and courage growing in love and harmony in the work for our Master.

Mrs. E. Hall, Press Reporter

Program For E. Love Hawkins Society

Opening Song Prayer Song-Carroll Rister, Eva Walters, Grace Diltz, Maggie Wheeler, Beulah Garrett, Almeda Harris, Zoe West, Mary and Jackie Jennings. Debate-Resolved that the United States should collect toll on the Panama Canal. Affirmative: Jack Walker and Josie Smith. Negative: Jno. Moore Moore and Ethel Jones. Song-Ennis Grimes, Booth Warren, Ollie Shaffer, Jno. Moore, George Moore, Shirle King, Jasper Tucker. Reading-Miss Una Hall. Journal: Jokes, Shirley King; Foot osphy, Jack Walker; Queries, Willie Swann; Advertisements, George Moore. To be rendered at 2:45 o'clock. April 3rd. Patrons and friends of the school are most cordially invited to meet with the society.

League Program.

March 29th, 1914. Subject: Builders of Methodism, Jno. Westly the scholar, Evangelist. Leader; Charlie Bell Thomas. Song. Prayer; Subject announced by Leader. The boy Jno. Westly; Miss Mabel Laney. Song. The man; Miss Victoria Wallace. Instrumental Music; Miss Velman Dennis. The use Jno. Westly made of his resources: John Moore. Song. Prayer. Miscellaneous. Song. Benediction.

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

Mrs. L. S. Harris of Profit came in Monday afternoon to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Derrington.

W. H. Whaley of Abilene was in our city Monday attending to business matters.

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.

Ollie Cordell left Tuesday night for Fort Worth for a short business trip.

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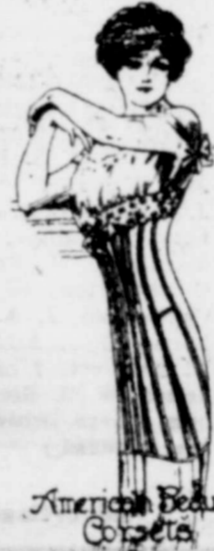
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Merkel Camp No. 719 meets second and fourth Friday nights of each month.

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

Our em-Editor Jno. G. Jackson of the Merkel Mail has almost been confined to his home this week with a case of La-Grippe. He is however still able to down early every morning?

J. C. Hamner of Trent was in the city Tuesday on business. "Shoo" the hens off the nest and bring us the eggs. Kent Street Grocery Co.

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.

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STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery.

Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with stomach trouble for five (5) years, and would have sick headache so bad, at times, that I thought surely I would die.

I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good. I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I would die. He advised me to try Thedford's Black-Draught, and quit

taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it.

I have now been taking Black-Draught for three months, and it has cured me—haven't had those awful sick headaches since I began using it.

I am so thankful for what Black-Draught has done for me."

Thedford's Black-Draught has been found a very valuable medicine for derangements of the stomach and liver. It is composed of pure, vegetable herbs, contains no dangerous ingredients, and acts gently, yet surely. It can be freely used by young and old, and should be kept in every family chest.

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Very likely others have advised you to use Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets, because scores of people in this community believe them to be the best remedy ever made for Dyspepsia and Indigestion. That is what we think, too, because we know what they have done for others and what they are made of. We have so much faith in them that we urge you to try them at our risk. If they don't help you, they won't cost you a cent. If they do all that you want them to do—if they don't restore your stomach to health and make your digestion easy—just tell us and we will give back your money without a word or question. Containing Pepsin and Bismuth, two of the greatest digestive aids known to medical science, they soothe the inflamed stomach lining, help in the secretion of gastric juice, check heartburn and distress, promote regular bowel action, and make it possible for you to eat whatever you like whenever you like, with the comforting assurance that there will be no bad after-effects. We believe them to be the best remedy made for dyspepsia and indigestion. 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.

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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.

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.

Advertisement for Rural Telephone with image of a telephone booth and text: 'Where There's a Farm There Should be a Bell Telephone'.

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.

Winter's Chills Breed Kidney Ills

Chilly, damp, changing weather is hard on the kidneys. Even more irritating are colds, grip, pneumonia, tonsillitis, quinsy and other infections. The kidneys get congested and inflamed, and this causes backache and disordered kidney action. Though serious in its latter stages, kidney disease is not hard to conquer if a kidney remedy is used when the first signs of kidney trouble are noticed.

The best recommended kidney remedy in the world is Doan's Kidney Pills. You hear it everywhere. Get a box.



Spring is Breaking Backs Are Aching

Backache is often the first sign of some form of kidney disease that has been coming on for months. Look for the other signs;---lame back, sharp pains when stooping or lifting, dizzy spells, nervousness or despondency, with irregular, painful or distressing action of the kidneys; if these signs exist, decide that the kidneys need attention, ere the trouble turns

to gravel, dropsy or Bright's Disease. Read this home testimony and then give Doan's Kidney Pills a trial.

MERKEL PEOPLE TESTIFY

Mrs. H. D. Wilson, Merkel, says: "Different ones of my family have used Doan's Kidney Pills with good results. One of the family had suffered from kidney trouble for a long time and finally he used Doan's Kidney Pills. They cured him. We give Doan's Kidney Pills great praise and recommend them to anyone suffering from kidney trouble."

W. G. Cypert, preacher, Merkel, says: "For a long time I suffered from pains in the small of my back and in my side. My kidneys were weak and I had to get up often at night. Several boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, which I got from the Rust & McCauley Drug Co. quickly cured me. Others of my family, including the baby, were cured of kidney trouble by Doan's Kidney Pills."

Mrs. N. Thompson, Thornton St., Merkel, says: "My kidneys were weak and I had pains across the small of my back. I got Doan's Kidney Pills from the Rust & McCauley Drug Co. and was quickly cured."

E. W. Dennis, N. Main St., Merkel, says: "We have used Doan's Kidney Pills off and on for some time. They have proven to be good for kidney trouble"

Mrs. Ada Walker, Merkel, says: "When I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, I had severe pains in my back and side and my kidneys and bladder were weak. Doan's Kidney Pills cured me."

B. J. Rhodes, Merkel, says: "I was in bad shape with my back for a long time, my kidneys and bladder were weak. Doan's Kidney Pills quickly cured me and now I seldom have to use a kidney remedy. When I do, it is always Doan's Kidney Pills"

MERKEL CASES SELF-TOLD

H. W. Derstine, Postmaster, Merkel, says: "Backache bothered me off and on for years and Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at the Rust & McCauley Drug Co. relieved me. I believe they will cure any case of kidney trouble, if taken as directed. Doan's Kidney Pills benefitted me so much that I don't have to use them any more. You are at liberty to use my statement as heretofore."

J. W. Bland, Merkel, says: "For several years I had attacks of kidney trouble. My kidneys were very weak, and when I caught cold, it was sure to settle in them, causing the kidney secretions to become far too frequent in passage. I tried several remedies, but with little success until I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. They did me a world of good. My back has not troubled me to any extent, and my kidneys have done their work properly."

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

Sold at all druggist and general stores, 50c a box, or mailed on receipt of price by FOSTER-MILBURN CO. Buffalo, N. Y.

ALL HUMANS ARE FALLIBLE

In certain figures on a map showing the 57 counties in the 16th Congressional District, Judge Blanton made two honest mistakes, which he promptly corrected. There are 367,496 people in this district, instead of 368,928 as stated by him. Use of good authority such as the new Dallas News Almanac was responsible for this error, as on page 13 it erroneously lists Terrell county in the 16th District; and in summing up the aggregate population of the different counties for him on an adding machine, one of his helpers who was getting the last census population from said Texas Almanac naturally added Terrell county's 1430 in the total.

This map was prepared by Judge Blanton last January, when he was working day and night holding court at Eastland, and he made a mistake in stating the basis of representation, as based on the new apportionment, which is changed by Congress from time to time. Both of these errors were by him promptly corrected, as soon as detected.

But based upon correct figures the point Judge Blanton was making is still good. The law requires districts to be of contiguous and compact territory, of practically equal inhabitants. The 7th District had only 144,531 people in 1900 and now has only 158,382 people, while our 16th District has 367,496 people which is a surplus of 151,022 more peo-

ple than is required, thus entitling us to have our immense territory which runs from Mineral Wells to El Paso, divided into two districts.

Last week in Judge Smith's home town, the Colorado Record published an alleged editorial, attributing it to the Roscoe Times which severely criticized Judge Blanton for making a mistake, insinuating that it might have been done to mislead the people. The Colorado Record, not being infallible itself, should not have cast the first stone, for in publishing this alleged criticism, it made a greivous error itself, as no such editorial ever appeared in the Roscoe Times. The editor of the Roscoe Times has denied being responsible for any such

sentiment, and has requested the Colorado Record to make proper correction. The Colorado Record will likely correct its mistake, but it cannot repair the damage. The Sweetwater Reporter copied this article from the Colorado Record, but learning that it was not authentic, its editor explains that it was merely used as a space filler and was far from expressing its sentiments. The above forcibly demonstrates that all humans are fallible.

With those who know him, such criticism published by the Colorado Record, cannot hurt Judge Blanton's standing. Besides being Judge of the 12nd Judicial District, and a Ruling Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Abilene, Judge Blanton is a mem-

ber in good standing, as a Woodman in Abilene Camp No. 136 W. O. W.; Abilene Lodge No. 42 Knights of Pythias; Abilene Lodge No. 274 I.O.O.F.; Abilene Encampment No. 117 IOOF; Abilene Canton No. 19; IOOF; Abilene Rebekah Lodge; No. 89 IOOF; a Master Mason in Abilene Lodge No. 559 A. F. & A. M.; a Royal Arch Mason in Abilene Chapter No. 159; a Knight Templar Mason in Abilene Commandery No. 27; a Thirty-Second Degree Scottish Rite Mason in Dallas Consistory No. 2. and a Shriner of Hella Temple.

The Mail is not taking sides in this campaign and only mentions the above, to keep the record straight.

Parten's Great Pre-Easter Specials

A Chance For You to Get That Easter Outfit at a Big Saving

So far our Spring Opening Sale has been a thrilling success despite persistent tempestuous weather. From now until Easter we are going to make it doubly interesting, making it possible for everybody within Merkel's territory to fit themselves out in the gladdest kind of wearables for this notable occasion at the smallest possible cost

10 Percent off on all Dress Goods at 25 cents and up
 10 Percent off on all Shoes and Slippers of Every Kind
 10 Percent off all Men and Boys Clothing of Every Kind
 10 Percent off all Men and Boys Hats of Every Kind

FREE FREE

Ten chains of New Gold Beads will be given free to the first ten babies under two years old brought to our store by their mothers Saturday morning March 28th.

This means that you get a pair of our \$3.50 Packard Shoes for \$3.15
 This means that you get a pair of our \$2.50 Ladies Slippers for \$2.25
 This means that you get a \$2.00 dress for only \$1.80, and on every other article in the four lines mentioned above.

We have the biggest line of dry goods ever brought to Merkel, all new and of the best makes that the manufacturing world can produce, bought at the lowest possible figures, marked on a cash selling basis and sold lower by a considerable percentage than were they marked on a credit selling basis.

Besides this we offer you an additional 10 per cent on the above lines from now until Easter enabling our customers to make a still greater saving just at the time their purchases will be heaviest, thus we close the greatest **SPRING OPENING SALE** in the history of our business and slip another feather in our cap.

You may not have experienced hard-times as yet; maybe you never will, but the epidemic is in the community—use a preventative, trade at **PARTEN'S BIG CASH STORE.**

IT PAYS TO BUY FOR THE CASH WHEN YOU CAN AT THE BIG CASH STORE

It is a Plain Business Proposition for you as well as for us. Think it over and be with the crowd that is **PROSPERING BY PAYING CASH AT**

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MERKEL "THE STORE WITH THE GOODS AND THE PRICE" TEXAS

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Shiloh.

There was good attendance at Sunday School Sunday.

There were several young people from here went to Noodle Sunday afternoon.

We are sorry to report Mr. Jones as not doing well. His injuries proved to be more serious than was at first thought to be.

The men of this community are working the road this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Grayson Sunday.

Miss Pearl Barnes spent last week with her sister Mrs. Chas. Williams of Anson.

George Scott and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Beavers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright of Noodle were guests of Mr. and Mrs. McWright Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Barnes and Floyd Barnes visited Mr. Charles Williams of near Anson from Friday till Sunday.

Rev. Horn of Noodle and Messers Sam and Jim Grayson of this place visited Mr. and Mrs. Jones Sunday afternoon.

Edgar Wheeler of Noodle passed through this community Sunday.

That Contain Mercury

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

Sold by druggist. Price 75c per bottle.

Take Halls Family Pills for constipation.

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

Nubia.

A crowd of young people of this place visited Blair Sunday.

A. W. Hunter is visiting relatives and friends in Knox county.

There will be preaching at Cross-roads Saturday night and Sunday, everyone is invited to come.

After having to suffer about six days with that dreadful disease diphtheria the little fifteen months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Riney was called from this world to a home far brighter on the 20th day of March at 9 o'clock. We know it is hard to say goodbye to the darling baby but God knows best. We all express our sincere sympathy to the parents and know there is coming a brighter day when they will meet this loved one. The babe was laid to rest in the Rose Hill cemetery at Merkel. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ed. Wallace.

Chronic Stomach Trouble Cured.

There is nothing more discouraging than a chronic disorder of the stomach. Is it not surprising that many suffer for years with such an ailment when a permanent cure is within their reach and may be had for a trifle? "About one year ago," says P. H. Beck, of Wakelée, 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.

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 & sure Appetizer. For adults and children. 50c.

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 For City Offices..... 2.50
 Subscription Price per year..... 1.00

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 E. M. Overshiner
 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
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 R. H. Dean
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A Pleasant Physic

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

Chamberlain's Tablets For Constipation.

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

Wanted

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

G. T. McCulloch,
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Route 3

We are having some cold weather which is going to make feed planting very slow.

Our Sunday School is progressing nicely.

Mrs. Lydia Davis is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Charles Roland and daughter Annie Lee were in Merkel Saturday.

A. H. Barnes, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Baccus and daughter Mrs. Lillie Hathaway were visiting in the home of W. P. Moore Sunday.

Miss Dedie Fitzjere of Merkel attended preaching at Mt. Pleasant Sunday night.

Miss Pearl Baccus spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Merkel.

Our school will be out Friday. All are invited to attend the last day as we are going to render a program.

Mr. and W. H. Hathaway were visiting the former's mother Mrs. M. E. Baccus Sunday.

We have organized our prayer meeting again which will be every Sunday night. Every one is invited to attend.

Eczema, Ring Worm, 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

The Blair people had a rabbit hunt last Wednesday and killed 227 rabbits. The young folks met with Miss Jessie Clark Sunday and enjoyed the singing.

Mattie Campbell was sick last week but is able to be in school again. J. L. McClean and W. A. Campbell were attending to business in Abilene Saturday.

S. E. Adecock is enjoying a visit this week by a sister of Oklahoma and a brother from Jones county. They have not been together in many years, the three being the only ones left of a large family.

T H Spears was in Abilene Monday. John Meeks and family visited J H Campbell Sunday

Jim Campbell and daughters, Misses Mattie and Fay, visited the family of R J Hannah Sunday

Miss Clarace Moore visited her parents at Comper Sunday

J W Mayfield and family went to Jones county on a visit Monday

Elsie Stantley and wife were in Merkel trading last Monday.

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.

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