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Self defense dictates that the party protect itself. The right of self defense is inherent and natural to men, communities, nations and parties, and when a faction of the democratic party aligns itself with the recognized and life long enemies of the party and attempts to dictate to the party, it is time for the real democrats of the state to come to the front and in the exercise of the right of self defense, by proper and appropriate efforts, to save and protect the party.

The motive of a democrat under present conditions, should not be the elevation of his friend or the defeat of his enemy. The motive should be to do that which is best for the party and that which will preserve, protect and save the party. Actuated with that motive—and with that end only in view—the democrats of the state will meet in convention at Fort Worth April 14th to there select some one to represent the democrats in opposition to the factional nomination of Mr. Ball by such factional part of the democratic party acting in conjuncting with the enemies of the party. All democrats of Taylor County who believe in democrats and democrats alone controlling the party are invited to attend such convention to be held April 6th, 1924 to the end that a suitable delegation may be sent from Taylor County to the said state convention.

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Miss Bernice Rainbolt is at home from Cisco where she has been for the past month under special treatment for her eyes and throat. She visited her uncle H. B. Rainbolt while

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O. M. Coggin was badly injured Thursday of last week when he received an ugly cut in his right side.

Mr. Coggin was riding his horse in a gallop and on approaching the local fire wagon near the station, he reigned his horse to stop, but seeming the horse slipped a little and one of the sharp hooks on the ladders penetrated the riders right side, inflicting a deep and long cut. The cut being about ten inches in length and was through both strata of skin, and barely missed reaching the intestines.

Other than being unable to move in his bed Mr. Coggin is resting well at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Coggin and hopes to be able to meet his friends again in a few days.

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The following marriage licenses—eleven in number were issued during the month of March by County Clerk W. Young at his office:

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The two Texas papers, the Farm & Ranch and Hollands Magazine are still being given away free until the first of December of this year with each subscription to the Merkel Mail.

People from all parts of the country are writing us about this offer while it lasts. Why not renew for the Merkel Mail now and get the Farm & Ranch and Hollands Magazine free until Dec. 1, 1914? Do it now before this offer expires.

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"Democracy." Never-the-less, it was this gathering, so made up of some democrats and of some life long enemies of the democrat party, that has seen fit to say it will name a candidate for the democrat to vote for and that it will now announce the policy of the party although many of that gathering have heretofore denounced the principles of the party. They in effect have said you will have the privilege of voting for this man but not the privilege of voting for the other men. This is dictatorship, it is caucus rule run wild. As the result of this dictatorship, life long prohibitionists from principle were shelved and the result of the kaleidoscope mixture at that so-called democratic convention is the nomination of Mr. Ball.

Self defense dictates that the party protect itself. The right of self defense is inherent and natural to men, communities, nations and parties, and when a faction of the democratic party aligns itself with the recognized and life long enemies of the party and attempts to dictate to the party, it is time for the real democrats of the state to come to the front and in the exercise of the right of self defense, by proper and appropriate efforts, to save and protect the party.

The motive of a democrat under present conditions, should not be the elevation of his friend or the defeat of his enemy. The motive should be to do that which is best for the party and that which will preserve, protect and save the party. Actuated with that motive—and with that end only in view—the democrats of the state will meet in convention at Fort Worth April 14th to there select some one to represent the democrats in opposition to the factional nomination of Mr. Ball by such factional part of the democratic party acting in conjunction with the enemies of the party. All democrats of Taylor County who believe in democrats and democrats alone controlling the party are invited to attend such convention to be held April 6th, 1924 to the end that a suitable delegation may be sent from Taylor County to the said state convention.

S. P. Hardwicke,  
Chairman.

Miss Bernice Rainbolt is at home from Cisco where she has been for the past month under special treatment for her eyes and throat. She visited her uncle H. B. Rainbolt while bemoaning even the name of there.

### O. M. Coggin Badly Injured.

O. M. Coggin was badly injured Thursday of last week when he received an ugly cut in his right side.

Mr. Coggin was riding his horse in a gallop and on approaching the local fire wagon near the station, he reigned his horse to stop, but seeming the horse slipped a little and one of the sharp hooks on the ladders penetrated the riders right side, inflicting a deep and long cut. The cut being about ten inches in length and was through both strata of skin, and barely missed reaching the intestines.

Other than being unable to move in his bed Mr. Coggin is resting well at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Coggin and hopes to be able to meet his friends again in a few days.

### WILL CLOSE OUT LINE OF SHOES AND CLOTHING

The Woodroof & Co., will begin Saturday to close out their line of renowned Hamilton-Brown mens, ladies and childrens shoes at less than manufacturers cost in order to replace the line with another line of renowned foot wear.

In addition to this shoe sale this company is offering their entire line of Men's clothing on the same basis, that of below first cost. This is being done in order that they can in the future supply all customers from a high class \$15.00 line of tailored suits instead of stock suits. The sale begins Saturday April 4 and continues until April 18th. Read their ad in this issue of the Mail. It is full of remarkable prices. (adv)

### Every Sunday Excursion Rate

—Via—



BETWEEN ALL LOCAL STATIONS  
ONE FARE PLUS TEN CENTS  
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Dallas, Texas

### Eleven Marriage License Issued.

The following marriage licenses—eleven in number were issued during the month of March by County Clerk W. Young at his office:

Jones Pickard (ool) and Cora Spencer.

J. M. Robertson and Miss N. M. Moody.

J. D. Harvey and Miss Abbie Ferguson.

J. A. Right and Miss Ruth Harris.

W. B. Martin and Miss Maude Sandell.

Geo. W. Brewster and Miss Mary Francis Hammond.

Genaro Puente and Miss Julia Riojas.

C. S. Groyer and Miss Ha Patterson.

### Two Papers Free for 15 Days.

The two Texas papers, the Farm & Ranch and Hollands Magazine are still being given away free until the first of December of this year with each subscription to the Merkel Mail.

People from all parts of the country are writing us about this offer while it lasts. Why not renew for the Merkel Mail now and get the Farm & Ranch and Hollands Magazine free until Dec. 1, 1914? Do it now before this offer expires.

Joe Shelton and Miss Francis Harriett Bell.

W. D. Spain and Miss Vernie Spain.

Elvis Clements and Miss Willie Eva Wilson.—Abilene Reporter.

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



**CAPITAL & SURPLUS \$50,000**

Every person who expects to be a financial success must do business with some bank. Think over all the successful men and women you know and every one of them has a valuable banking connection established through years of business acquaintance. Boys and girls should begin early and get their names upon the depositor ledger in some bank. It teaches them good methods of business—it conduces to economy—it forms for them a valuable business acquaintance—it places them before the business public when their good habits and their ability may be seen and recognized. This Bank invites the accounts of young people even though the balances be small. Get a check book, handle your business matters in a business way and establish yourself before you are old. Most well to do farmers, merchants and stockmen trace their success to the early habit to transacting all their financial affairs with some bank.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

# 13 Days-CLOSE OUT SALE-13 Days

ON HAMILTON-BROWN SHOES AND MEN'S CLOTHING

**\$3,000** ————— **WORTH OF THESE HIGH-CLASS GOODS** ————— **\$3,000**

To be sold to the people of Merkel and Merkel country at  
**ACTUALLY LESS THAN MANUFACTURERS' COST**

**This Sale Opens at Woodroof's Store on Saturday, April 4th**

And lasts 13 Days. **ENOUGH SAID—READ OUR PRICES.**

Hamilton-Brown Shoes For Men Below Original Manufacturers' Cost	Close Out Prices on Men's Suits Actually Below First Cost	Hamilton-Brown Shoes For Ladies All Below Manufacturers' Cost
\$5 Kangaroo and gunmetal American Gentleman Special in button Oxfords, only <b>\$3.75</b>	\$22.50 Men's Hart Shaffner & Marx Suits, at <b>\$15.00</b>	\$3.50 American Lady Special, in tan, gunmetal, vici button and pump Oxfords, <b>\$2.75</b>
\$4 American Gentleman button Oxford in tans, black and gunmetal <b>\$3.10</b>	\$18.50 Men's H. S. & M. Blue Serge Suits, <b>\$14.50</b>	\$3 Ladies' vici Blucher, only <b>\$2.15</b>
\$3 Hamilton-Brown Reaper, work shoes for men, only <b>\$2.05</b>	\$15.00 Men's Freeberg Suits, to close out... <b>\$9.95</b>	\$3.50 one lot Ladies' Shoes in patent, button Oxfords and pumps <b>\$1.95</b>
One lot \$4 Hamilton-Brown broad toe lace Oxfords at only <b>\$2.95</b>	\$12.50 Men's Freeberg Suits, to close out... <b>\$8.75</b>	\$2.50 Young Ladies' and Misses' Security Shoes <b>\$1.85</b>
	\$10.00 Men's Freeberg Suits, to close out... <b>\$7.50</b>	\$1.75 Old Ladies' Common Sense Shoes <b>\$1.25</b>
	<b>Hamilton-Brown Children's Shoes</b> Below Manufacturers' Cost Sale	
	\$2 and \$2.25 Children's Security Shoes in tans and black, only <b>\$1.65</b>	
	\$1.50 and \$1.75 Hamilton-Brown Picnic Special at only <b>\$1.25</b>	
	\$2.25 and \$1.75 lot of Misses' and Children's Mary Jane Pumps, special at only <b>\$1.35</b>	

We are absolutely closing out our Hamilton-Brown line of Shoes and Men's Clothing and must do so in 10 days' time. You are to receive the benefit of this stupendous reduction in prices on these goods. We are benefited, not financially, for our 10 days' prices to you are less by far than our first cost. Then you may ask.

## WHY DO WE DO THIS?

To CLOSE OUT these two lines of goods. Our Shoe stock will be replaced with another renowned line, which will arrive at an early date. Hence the **MARVELOUS 13 DAYS' BELOW COST SALE** on these two lines of goods.

Saturday, April 4th, to April 18th, Above goods Actually Below Manufacturers' Cost

The Time  
The Prices  
The Place

# W. D. Woodroof & Company

The Time  
The Prices  
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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Inice Whiteside of Abilene was the guest of Miss Eather Williams Sunday.

See our double row standard cultivators before buying. The Anchor Merc. Co.

Misses Eufie Cypert, Clara Moore, Leola Norris and Maude Ferguson were visitors in Abilene the latter part of last week.

See our double row standard cultivators before buying. The Anchor Merc. Co.

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

Mrs. Geo. Bagwell and little daughter were the week-end guests of Miss Bessie Wolford and Mrs. Dr. Kirkham of Abilene.

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.

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. J. H. Ensminger visited friends in Abilene the latter part of last week.

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

Mesdames Jno. Sears, J. T. Warren and W. V. Cranford attended the Bible lessons at Abilene Friday.

The address "Childhood The Battle Ground of the King" by Rev E. E. Patterson of Anson at the Presbyterian church Monday night April 6th, will be one of the most interesting speeches of the Convention. Hear him.

### CATERING FOR CASH

100 lbs Ex. High Pat. Flour. \$2.70  
25 lbs. Eagle Brand sugar. 1.20  
10 lbs. Jewel Compound. 1.10  
10 lbs. bucket soda. .50  
4 lbs Arm & Hammer soda. .25  
3 cans tomatoes. .25  
3 cans Alaska Salmons. .25  
3 cans corn. .25  
3 cans hominy. .25  
3 cans gooseberrys. .25  
3 cans kraut. .25  
K. C. Baking Powder. .20  
25c Rolled oats. .20

Full line of evaporated fruits cheap. We also have the best line of General Dry Goods that we have ever carried and selling them at live and let live prices for cash. Our stock of shoes and slippers are the best the Peters (International) Shoe Co. can produce. We have a bargain counter on shoes and hats. It will be our aim to have a bargain counter every day in the year and if the public don't take advantage of them it will not be our fault.—Hogue Hamilton Co.

Mrs. B. F. Sipe and daughters Cora and Myrtle of Trent were here shopping this week.

Misses Clara and Carrie Horton of Noodle were visitors here Tuesday.

Capt. and Mrs. W. C. Ready of Thurber are here visiting their daughter Mrs. B. F. Shelton.

Mrs. E. M. Brown is at home from San Angelo where she visited her son James Brown and family.

Miss Eva Gaddy is at home from Brenham where she spent the winter with her sister Mrs. B. F. Teague.

Mrs. F. B. Teague and little son Billy are here from Braham visiting Mrs. Teague's parents Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Gaddy.

Mrs. M. E. Bullion of Abilene is visiting Mrs. M. B. Bowles.

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

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Carl Richards was sight seeing in Abilene Snnday.

Mrs. M. B. Bowles returned home Sunday afternoon from Abilene where she has been visiting her son E. M. Bowles.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis of Abilene were in the city Sunday visiting the formers parents Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ellis.

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.

\$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.

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.

## MERKEL

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

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

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TELEPHONE No. 61

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

#### UNCLE SAM AND THE FLY

Uncle Sam is waging a relentless war on the deadly house-fly and in late bulletins prepared by the Department of Agriculture, valuable information is given on the best means of combating this deadly pest. The most effective way of exterminating the fly, according to the bulletin, is to eradicate his breeding places. The breeding season of the fly in Texas begins early in March and continues throughout the spring and summer months. All dirt should be removed from the premises, stables cleaned and decaying vegetables destroyed.

The fly has rightly been called the undertaker's traveling salesman, and in addition to his regular line of "typhoid bugs," he carries a side line of Tuberculosis, Asiatic Cholera and other disease germs. Now is the time to "swat the fly." Screen your home at once.

#### HIGH PRICED BASEBALL PLAYER.

\$18,000 per year for two years is the salary Tris Speaker, the Hubbard City boy, draws for playing about 150 games of baseball each year during the life of the contract he holds with the Boston American League Team.

One good thing about Speaker and his job is that there are no politicians around trying to take the plum away from him, and he is still allowed the distinction of being the highest priced baseball player in the world. One way he proposed to keep his job is to "hit the ball" all the time.

Be a builder.

Good roads advocates are builders, not blunderers.

Better roads mean a more intelligent, a more prosperous and a more patriotic citizenship.

Abilene is to have a fashion show this week. Merkel has one every week in the year.

William Travis Jerome is a good lawyer without a doubt. He has just finished charging the state of New York \$25,000 for his services in the Harry Thaw case. A lawyer's ability is recognized by his ability to make charges.

Those Mexican Federals who aimlessly shot across the Rio Grande last Monday in the direction of some American Soldiers, did not live to tell the tale.

According to a decision handed down by the district court at Austin Monday, bona-fide clubs are allowed to sell liquor to the members add to conduct pool and billiard halls, even though the club is located in dry territory.

#### THE ART OF HIRING A MAN

The average employer when about to give employment to a man considering very seriously the ability of the applicant before he places the man in charge of any of his affairs.

He does this as a matter of protection to his interests. He considers the ability of the man as to speed, accuracy and general tact. If the applicant is to be placed in charge of any affairs whatever he must be thoroughly capable of discharging the duties of that place with accuracy and speed, he must be in every way qualified to fill the place to the satisfaction of both the employer and those he must deal with.

That any man would take these thoughts into consideration before hiring a man to look after his personal affairs, then the employer should be as careful in making a selection of any person to a place wherein business affairs are at stake, whether they are private or public. The selection of a public officer should be made by the public with as much care as to the ability of the applicant as any business man would in hiring a man to manage his affairs.

It matters no what station in public life a man is to fill, he should be capable, courteous, a good man morally and with ability to discharge the duties assigned him with speed and dispatch. These are some of the qualifications that would better fit a man for public life. They are essential and should be given the most careful consideration when the public is making the selection of an officer to their public trust.

#### RECORD HABEAS CORPUS HEARING.

The care of 5000 Mexicans is left up entirely to Judge E. R. Meek at Fort Bliss this week. The Mexican refugees at Fort Bliss are suing for freedom when as a matter of fact they are getting better care under Uncle Sam's soldiers than they were ever accustomed to but they are forced to take a shower bath once a week according to reports. It is the shower bath and not freedom that is causing them to want to get away. Who ever heard of a greaser Mexican taking a bath every week, he does well to take one on the 5th, of May, or in his national day "Cinco de Mayo" It is the presence of so much water that has caused the visitors to want to get away.

#### THE TOOL OF CIVILIZATION

Civilization cannot get beyond the woman's hair pin. It was Thomas Hardy, the novelist, who said he would get married just to have some one around with hair pins he could borrow to clean his pipe. Other men have tried to get out of marrying and still have the equivalent by carrying a bit of wire in their pockets. But the wire gets loose and works holes through the cloth and is in the other clothes and the scheme never worked.

In New Orleans a sububan car was held up by a burnt out fuse and the motorman appealed to a comfortably plump little woman on the front seat for a hair pin. She was inclined to wonder at his request but he told her a fuse had burned out, they had no more on the car, and if she had a square wire hair pin the car could start. She had it, and it did.

Saturday was "California Orange Day" and to commemorate the day the Texas & Pacific Ry. Co., featured oranges on their dining cars that day.

## 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  
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Hot Springs Physicians pronounce this the Greatest Blood and Skin Remedy ever placed on the Market.

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Buy Your Tires Direct at Lowest Prices

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

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

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

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

Among our tires are Diamond, Goodyear, Quaker, Nassau, 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
36x5	23.00	5.80		6.20	4.00
37x5	24.40	5.90		6.35	4.20

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

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

TERMS—5 percent discount if full amount accompanies the order. C. O. D. upon receipt of 10 percent of cost. Prompt shipments. Money returned if unable to fill order. Send us trial order now.

**Tire Factories Sales Company**  
DAYTON, OHIO



# GET BUSY!

**ORDER YOUR SPRING SUIT TODAY**

One of the best things we do for our customers is to put before them a very complete showing of Lamm & Company's Fabrics, Fashions and Styles each Season, and we are now ready to show you the most wonderful array of good things in Clothes for the Spring and Summer Season of 1914. Saving of time and aggravation is another one of the things we do for our Customers. What's the use of spending hours when you can do things better in minutes. You use the telegraph, telephone, automobile to save time. Might as well use modern methods in buying Clothes. **GET BUSY!**

## The City Tailor Shop

L. J. Renfro, Prop.

### TEACHERS TO MEET AT ABILENE 11TH

Dear Friend and Fellow Teacher: Doubtless you will be interested to learn that there will be a joint meeting of the Texas Pacific Teachers' Association and the Central West Texas Teachers' Association at Abilene on Saturday, April 11th. A combination of these two organizations makes possible a larger attendance; enables us to secure more efficient speakers; and assures us of a more enthusiastic meeting of the public school teachers of this part of the state.

President S. P. Brooks of Baylor University at Waco and State Supt. W. F. Doughty of Austin will deliver lectures before the association in the forenoon. Dr. Axson, Dean of the Department of English in Rice Institute at Houston, will deliver an educational address in the afternoon and a popular lecture in the evening at 8:30. Other prominent school men will be present and contribute to the exercises of the day.

Railroads will sell tickets on Friday the 10th and on Saturday the 11th at the usual reduced rates—one and one-third fare for the round trip. The return limit will be Monday the 13th. Abilene has ample facilities for entertaining the teachers, and

the people of the town will make every effort to give the visitors a pleasant and profitable day with them.

We are sending you this circular letter in the hope that you will plan to come. We are going to have a "jolly good time" and we want you and your teacher-friends to come and enjoy it with us. Do we not need a day of diversion and a "social good time"? Would not an interesting and instructive lecture, a few numbers of a music program, a "chat" with your old friend, and a game of College base-ball do much towards giving you a "new lease" on professional life?

Kindly favor us by telling your friends about the meeting. We would be glad for you to make

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## WHENEVER YOU NEED A GENERAL TONIC - TAKE GROVE'S

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Loftin are here from Bakerview, Cal., visiting the formers mother. From here they will go to Tennessee for an indefinite visit.

### 2 MEN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

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

#### 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.

Messrs. Lonnie Wright and Frank Bailey, who live about four miles northeast of Abilene on the Hamby road, were rendered unconscious during the rain Monday morning, by a stroke of lightning. They were both knocked to the ground while standing under a tree which the lightning struck during the shower. Dr. L. W. Harris, Jr., was called out and soon had the patients up, although the body of one of the gentlemen was very blue when he reached them.—Abilene Reporter.

#### Advertised Letters

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the weekending Apr. 4, 1914.

Armstrong, J. M.  
Henry & Davis.  
Nichols, Miss Marion  
Scarborough, Frank

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Apr. 18, 1914.

H. W. Derstine, P. M.

Happy  
Bake  
Days



## CALUMET BAKING POWDER



The cook is happy, the other members of the family are happy—appetites sharpen, things brighten up generally. And Calumet Baking Powder is responsible for it all.

For Calumet never fails. Its wonderful leavening qualities insure perfectly shortened, faultlessly raised bakings.

Cannot be compared with other baking powders, which promise without performing.

Even a beginner in cooking gets delightful results with this never-failing Calumet Baking Powder. Your grocer knows. Ask him.

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

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



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Baraca Class.

The Baraca class of the Baptist church met March 29th with the class of sixteen present.

The B-Flat Club met Saturday afternoon with a very good attendance at the studio of Miss Williams.

Misses May and Willie Valentine will entertain the 20th Club Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. F. West.

Supt. and Mrs. B. D. Black entertained the teachers of the Merkel Public School at their pretty home on Austin street Saturday evening, March 28th.

The M. C. Club held its regular weekly meeting Wednesday afternoon at the studio of Miss Williams on North First street.

A crowd of young people went out to the lovely home of Misses Mary and Dovie Teaff Friday evening.

The Methodist Baracas entertained the Methodist Philatheas at the home of Mrs. H. C. Burroughs on Rose street Friday evening.

Shelton-Bell

Joe H. Shelton, a clerk at "The Limit," and Miss Frances Harriett Bell of Merkel, were united in marriage Sunday evening by Rev. Comer M. Woodward, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist church.

Mr. Shelton is a fine young man, of good qualities, and has numerous friends who are congratulating him this (Monday) morning.

The above article, taken from the Abilene Reporter of Monday, gives account of the Shelton-Bell wedding.

The Baraca Class of the Methodist

PROGRAMME

Merkel Sunday School Convention
Merkel, April 6th. and 7th.
At Presbyterian Church

MONDAY APRIL 6

10:00 A. M. Devotional.
10:15. Address, "The Sunday School in relation to the Public School" by Rev. J. S. Hodges of Stamford.

AFTERNOON SERVICES
2:00 P. M. Devotional.
2:15. Address, "The Parents' Place in Sunday School" by Rev. H. M. Peebles.

EVENING SERVICES
8:00 P. M. Devotional.
8:15. Address, "Childhood, The Battle Ground of the King" by Rev. E. E. Patterson of Anson.

EVERYBODY COME AND TELL EVERYONE ELSE TO COME

church is still progressing rapidly and much enthusiasm is being exhibited. It was well represented last Sunday in Sunday school.

LEAGUE PROGRAM.

April 5, 1914.
"God's Ancient Rapture."
Song.
Prayer.
Lesson, Ps. LXV 9-13; Song of Sol. II, 11-13.

Trent Society.

On last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Clintons four couples spent a very pleasant evening playing "42."

Last Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 5 o'clock Mrs. C. T. Beckham and her daughter, Miss Geta, entertained the W. C. V. club.

Last Saturday evening the Juniors met with Mae and Clyde Southworth.

The Singing Convention of Jones county was held at Noodle Sunday. Those going from here were: E. L. Mangum and wife, Mrs. Roy Dingle and children, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Massey, Misses Laura McGregor, Cora Sipes, Bonnie Church, Messrs. Winslow Beckham and Lee Massey.

A protracted meeting will be in progress here commencing Sunday, March 29th, continuing until Sunday

TUESDAY APRIL 7

10:00 A. M. Devotional.
10:15. Address by W. E. Harrison of Abilene.
10:35. "Organized Class Work" by J. B. Kerr of Snyder.

AFTERNOON SERVICES
2:00 P. M. Devotional.
2:15. "The True Teacher, A Class Dynamo" by G. W. Smith of Sweetwater.

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

Everybody invited, and earnestly requested to be present at these meetings. Your presence will be appreciated, we will do you good.

April 5th. The meeting will be conducted by Rev. Diaz of Sweetwater to be held in the Christain church.

Miss Lillie Nicholas who has been with her sister and attending school at Maypearl, Texas, returned home Friday morning.

Miss Carry Nichols has gone to Tucumcari, N. M., to spend the spend the spring and summer with her uncle.

C. T. Beckham and Jim Smith were in Abilene this week.

Misses Zada and Hortense Holt, and Messrs. King and King came down from Abilene Sunday morning to spend the day Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt and A. C. Terry.

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.

In Memory

B. J., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Riney, was born January 8th 1913, and died March 20th 1914, age fourteen months and two days.

Grim death again has broken
The chain of love in twain,
But let this be a token
That we shall meet again.

Yes, the chain of love is broken,
One cherished link from us is gone.
Another gem now shines in glory
'Round the Savior's blessed Throne.

Father, mother, weep not
For those who sleep in peace,
From this troublesome world of sorrow
Oh think what a sweet release.

Baby, my darling, how we miss you,
Our loss we know is your gain,
But we could not keep from weeping
For the parting gives us pain.

He was loved by all who knew him,
And was welcome everywhere,
So let us all nearer to Jesus come,
That we may meet our dear one
On that Heavenly home on high.
—Mrs. Fannfe Riney

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## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Misses Willie and Effie Bennett of Cottonwood are visiting their sister Mrs. J. F. Holdridge of our city.

Miss Jewel Tipton returned home Tuesday afternoon from a short visit with friends in Abilene.

Mrs. M. Music of Abilene returned to her home Tuesday after a few days visit with her sister Mrs. R. L. Moore.

Buy your phone batteries from the Anchor Mercantile Co.

**Call at the Elite for your Easter eggs and easter egg dyes,**

Paint, Oils and Varnishes at Burroughs' Drug Store.

Complete line of Drugs, also Window and Door Glass at Burroughs' Drug Store.

**Does your barn or chicken house need syringing. Ask Grimes about Kreso dip.**

Mrs. B. F. Teague of Brenham, who has been here visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Gaddy, returned to her home at Brenham Thursday morning.

Messrs. Roy Sheppard, Floyd Holloway, Ed. Teaff, Tally Holloway, R. A. McClain, Jno. McClain and W. W. Wheeler were in Abilene Wednesday attending court.

**Your kind of ice cream at Grimes.**

James Hogg West, who has been attending the University at Austin during the late term, returned to Merkel Thursday morning.

Stook food, the best, at Burroughs' Drug Store.

Miss Cora Hodge is spending the week-end with her cousin, Miss Dovie Hodge of Abilene.

**Kreso dip kills lice, ticks, fleas and other things. Grimes**

Mrs. J. C. Williams returned to her home near Clyde after spending the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutohins.

Capt. and Mrs. W. C. Ready of Thurber were here from Monday until Wednesday visiting their daughter, Mrs. Ben Shelton. From here they visit relatives in the western part of the state before returning to their home.

**Kreso dip No. 1 at Grimes. Use it now.**

Mrs. W. T. Curb is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stegole of Abilene.

Mrs. L. S. Harris left Thursday for her home at Crockett after a few days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Derrington.

**Parcel post orders. Grimes speciality.**

Fire Chief Frank J. Ferrier, proprietor of the Elite was in Dallas the first of the week attending to business matters.

**Every time you want drugs phone 1-0-5 or come to Grimes.**

Miss Edith Mayberry left Tuesday morning for Fort Worth to visit her aunt Mrs. A. J. Mayberry of that city.

**Alta-Vista Ice Cream at Burroughs Drug Store.**

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.

# The Sanitary Grocery

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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**

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Merkel, Texas

## THE ABILENE STEAM LAUNDRY

Mrs. H. C. Williams and little grand daughter Lenora Williams returned home last Tuesday from Dallas, Little Miss Williams has been suffering from the effects of scarlet fever which she had two years ago. While away she underwent three surgical operations. It is now thought she will make a complete recovery.

Fresh vegetables on Tuesdays and Saturdays at the Anchor Mercantile Co.

Use Seymour Flour, first,\* last and all the time.

Mrs. W. H. Byrd of Sweetwater returned to her home Tuesday afternoon, after having spent a few days with her sister Mrs. Ben Shelton.

Fresh vegetables on Tuesdays and Saturdays at the Anchor Mercantile Co.

Dr. J. H. Warnick was in Abilene on business Monday morning.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Burhl Wheeler of Abilene were in the city Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent. Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Largent motored to Abilene Thursday where they visited friends.

Mrs. C. M. Tandy of Abilene was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Largent.

Mrs. C. R. Roland of Castle Peak visited friends here this week.

Phone 124, The Anchor Merc. Co., for fresh vegetables on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stribling of Goland were visitors here this week.

Rhe best made, Seymours best Flour.

Brann, shorts and chops at G. M. Sharps.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends for the valuable assistance given us during the sickness and death of our little son B. J. The assistance and presence of friends was greatly needed at the time and we wish to acknowledge our appreciation.

Very respectfully,  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Riney.

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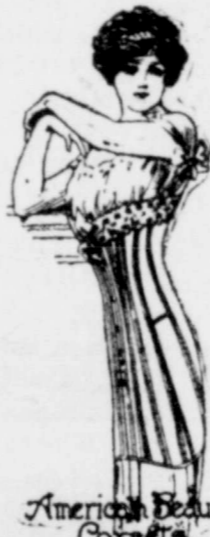
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### T. J. Cross for Alderman.

The name of T. J. Cross is before the voters of Merkel as candidate for city alderman, subject to the election of April 7th.

Mr. Cross is well known in Merkel and needs little or no introduction and is a man well qualified to fill the position to which he announces for election. He asks that every voter give his claims careful consideration when they cast their ballot and is consistent to vote for him.

To have a fine healthy complexion—the liver must be active, the bowels regular and the blood pure. All this is brought about by using Hercine. It thoroughly scours the liver, stomach and bowels, puts the body in fine condition and restores that clear, pink and white complexion so much desired by ladies. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv.



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Misses Beatrice and Bertie Simmons are visiting their uncle I. T. Weed of Abilene.

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. E. M. Benson and daughter Della of Stith were in the city Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Riney and little son visited relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rogers who spent the winter here left Wednesday for Ft. Worth. From there Mrs. Rogers will visit relatives in Alvarado while Mr. Rogers goes to Louisiana on business. While here Mr. Rogers was connected with the High School.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Shelton and little grandson, Roy Elliott, visited D. I. Shelton and family Saturday and Sunday and attended the boy supper at Union Ridge Saturday night.

Miss Zella Stantley of Nubia visited Miss Ora Bradley.

Mrs. Lanier of Taylor, Texas visited Mrs. W. E. Elliott last week.

Plenty corn at G. M. Sharps. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Provine are at home from Alvin and Meridian where they spent the winter with their daughters, Mesdames Sutpen and French.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Aebly of Caps visited the latter's mother, Mrs. Mary Bradley.

Miss Eva Gaddy visited Miss White in Abilene last week.

Seymours Flour costs as much as any other flour but I sell it for less. G. M. Sharp.

## APRIL 1ST. FIRE GOOD JOKE, NIX

After having tried every April fool trick we knew on every person we thought would stand for such, we were woefully surprised about 8 o'clock Wednesday night to hear the fire bell ring out the warning of fire somewhere in the confines of our town.

We made an excellent run to the central station and arrived there too late to catch the fire wagon, so we followed it as fast as we could on foot knowing all the time the house would burn down before we could get there, in fact we ran so fast our tongues were hanging out when we heard some women laughing along Oak street, then it dawned upon us that it was the first day of April. The piles of boxes and trash was almost burned up by the time the fire wagon arrived at the scene of the conflagration. The next thing remains to find out who turned in that false alarm. There is a fine for such an offense and we think it ought to be enforced. Signed: Some of the Fireboys.

Mrs. E. M. Rust and daughter Genevieve were in Abilene Saturday and Sunday visiting friends and relatives.

R. E. Shelton mgr. of the Rust & McCauley Drug Co., was in Dallas on business last week.

Henry W. Hester came in from Kent last week where he is employed as station agent with the Texas & Pacific Ry., he remained here until Wednesday visiting his parents and attending court at Abilene.

**Alta-Vista Ice Cream at Burroughs Drug Store.**

### NOTICE.

Don't forget to come to the Merkel Bargain Store when you come to Merkel. We are giving the biggest bargains of any store in town on dry goods and notions. We can save you money on every article you buy from us. We have a nice line of Ladies' and Children's ready-made Dresses, Waists, Aprons and Petticoats, which we can sell for less than you could buy the material to make them. Be sure to come in and see them. We will still pay cash for your produce.

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LOST—A plain gold square bar bracelet. Finder please return to Bessie Touchstone.

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### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

#### Salt Branch

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

W. B. Beavers of near Shiloh was transacting business in this community Monday.

Grandma Hays is visiting in Merkel this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Jones are visiting relatives at Mt. Pleasant.

Boss Peoples and family of Mt. Pleasant visited C. A. Higgins Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Allen visited relatives at Hebron Friday and Saturday.

J. W. Teaff and wife visited friends near Tye Wednesday.

Singing at J. E. Higgins Saturday night was very well attended. Those present were Misses Gardie, Lola and Annie Higgins, Messrs. Ed, Homer and Marvin Shipley, Austin and Houston Robertson, Chas. and Ollie Higgins, Hugh Hogg, Roy Harrell, Lester Wheat and Henry Hester.

H. W. Hester of Kent is here on business this week.

Ed Shipley returned from Haskell Saturday where he has been working for the past two months.

Singing and Sunday school was well attended Sunday.

Several from our community attended the singing at Noodle Sunday.

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#### Compere.

Health in our community is good as far as we know.

W. N. Moore made a business trip to Blair this week.

Several of the Compere singers attended the Jones county singing convention at Noodle Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Tarver gave the young people a singing Sunday night.

#### Noodle

Everyone is enjoying the fine weather we are having. Some are planting feed now.

Sunday was a big day at Noodle. We had singing all day and dinner on the ground. Everybody brought a full basket. We had people with us from Shiloh, Merkel, Trent, Brush, Compere Truby, Hodges and other places. We certainly had a fine singing and it was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Barkley passed through our community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Bird were the guests of F. Deutschman Sunday.

A. C. Sosbee is walking around with a smile on his face because he has a seven pound boy.

We had another rabbit hunt last Friday and killed something over four hundred rabbits.

Mrs. F. A. Polly and Mrs. Huber are on the sick list this week.

Joe Callaway is here visiting on account of his bad health. He seems to be improving after such hard luck he has had.

A prudent mother is always on the watch for symptoms of worms in her children. Paleness, lack of interest in play, and peevishness is the signal for WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. A few doses of this excellent remedy puts an end to the worms and the child soon acts naturally. Price 25 cents per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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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 Tippett  
J. D. Hilton

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

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

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

For Weigher:  
P. C. Jones  
J. M. Garrett  
C. C. Bankhead  
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For Sheriff:  
Joe Milsap

For County Judge:  
T. J. Barrett

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#### Shiloh

There was no Sunday school Sunday on account of so many from here attending the all day singing at Noodle. Messrs. Winters, Grayson and Beavers attended the Farmers Institute at Hebron Saturday.

Messrs. Scott and Boyd attended the Bible Institute at Abilene last week. Miss Mattie Scott of near Trent spent last week with her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson were visitors at Merkel Tuesday of last week. Geo. Scott and wife were trading in Merkel Monday.

Mrs. Will Boyd spent one day last week with Mrs. Cade.

W. B. Beavers and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Scott.

Mr. Biasingame has two children suffering with croup this week.

G. W. Scott and family visited the formers father at Trent Saturday and Sunday.

A valuable dressing for flesh wounds, burns, scalds, old sores, rash chafed skin, is Ballard's Snow Liniment; it is both healing and antiseptic. Price 25c 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

#### Lightning Kills Horse.

W. C. Reid of this city was the loser of a fine mare Friday afternoon by lightning. The animal was in the path of the cyclone cloud of the Caps community which did much damage to the small timber in that section.

Another horse was killed near where Mr. Reid's horse was found, both horses were near the same wire fence and it is thought that they were killed by the same stroke of lightning.

Bad breath, bitter taste, dizziness and a general "no account" feeling is a sure sign of a torpid liver. Herbine is the medicine needed. It makes the liver active, vitalizes the blood, regulates the bowels and restores a fine feeling of energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

#### Blair

The farmers are getting busy planting since the good rain.

Wheat and oats have been greatly benefited by the rain and prospects are good for a crop.

The Blair singing class met at the school house Sunday night for song practice. A committee of three, Messrs. H. B. Chambliss, Elzi Stanley and Miss Jessie Clark were appointed to arrange a special program for the next regular meeting which will be the 2nd Sunday night in April.

Rev. Herbert Bullock, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Merkel will preach at Blair next Sunday evening.

Emmett Morris visited his sister, Mrs. Hand, at Herndon Saturday.

W. N. Moore of Compere visited his daughter, Mrs. Addison this week.

Mrs. Wilkerson returned to her home in Oklahoma Saturday after a few days visit with her brother, S. E. Adcock.

#### How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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