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SINGERS TO MEET SUNDAY APR. 26TH

The Taylor county singing convention will meet here Saturday and Sunday April 25 and 26th. Services will be held at the Tabernacle unless other arrangemente are made before that time.

The singing on Saturday and Saturday night will be a gigantio rehearsal for the big day on Sunday, when the singers will meet at 9:30 A. M., the convention holding continuously until probably 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Dinner will be served at the Tabernacle for all the visitors.

Among the most prominent Taylor county singers who are expected to take part in the convention are Messrs W. H. Free, Z. D. Hailey, J. B. C. Harris and Hatley Harrison of Abilene, S. W. Jones of Baird. M. D. Ussery who is a member of the international Music Co., expects a full representation of the company here in quartette, trio, duet and solo singing and in addition to this body of singers, representatives from other parts of the state of the Quartette Music Co, are expected to be here.

einging will be congregational a part of the time will be taken SNOW ON APRIL 8TH While a greater portion of the up in special services of well selected quartetts and such.

Every body make your preparations to come to Merkel for the largest singing convention ever held in Taylor county. Saturday and Sunday April 25 and 26th. No singing on Sunday night.

Miss Eva Gaddy visited in Abilene Friday.

FIRE BOYS GET NEW APPARATUS

The local fire department is in receipt of some new fire flighting apparatus purchased and paid for by the fire boys.

The new addition is eighteen long rubber fire coats for use of the firemen in times of actual service. They completely protect the fire boys from the cold water and have high colars to protect the face from excessive heat when battling with flames at close quarters. Their first use was in the fire of Monday night that partially destroyed the Ash home, and much favorable comment was heard from the boys as to the practicability of having such protection in their work. In addition to this three pair of rubber boots were purchased for the boys who sleep at the station. By having boots handy the boys can gain at least a half to a minutes time in dressing for a fire, the boots can be slipped on very easily and by use of the coats the boys are ready to respond to an alarm much quicker than if they had to dress in their street clothes.

The entire cost of this purchase was over \$100 and was completely defrayed by the local fire department.

A LETTER TO ALL READERS

Dear Reader:-

This edition of the Merkel Mail is being sent to every person in the entire Merkel trade territory for a purpose of placing the Mail before the non-readers in this section of the country.

The reason of this increased circulation is from the fact that we are making a very unusual offer for a few days only to new and renewal subscribers of our paper.

OUR PROPOSITION IS THIS IN A NUT SHELL.

To every person who subscribes for the Merkel Mail for a period of one year, we are sending absolutely free without any cost whatever to the subscribers address, the two noted Texas papers,

HOLLANDS MAGAZINE AND FARM & RANCH

From now until the first day of December, 1914. This offer is made at a sacrifice on our part and you should not miss the opportunity to get your reading matter while this offer lasts.

To every person who sends in their subscription to the Merkel Mail during this month, you get the two above papers absolutely free. If you have not been reading the Merkel Mail, now is the time to subscribe, while we are giving free to you, HOLLANDS MAGA-ZINE and FARM & RANCH.

Send us your check or call at the Merkel Mail office and take advantage of this offer. If you are interested call us up over the phone and have your subscription entered on our list at once.

HOMER L. EASTERWOOD. Editor of The Merkel Mail.

The light freeze of Tuesday night terminated in a snow Wednesday morning lasting from 9 o'clock until about 10:30. The fall was almost continuous during the time but was never heavy enough to cover the ground.

The government report of freeze and frost for Thursday morning was taken to mean that all fruit would be killed. It is thought however that what was not killed Tuesday night would possibly stand the freeze of Thursday night.

Leans on Farms.

Lest you forget I want to remind you that I have the best loan contract in this section of state for gilt-edge desirable farm and ranch mortgage loans. You can't beat my contract and when needed am prepared to get the money on short notice, making the inspection and approving the title right here at home. I can buy first-lien Vendor's lien notes where the amount is not above a safe loan value and if you have any real good paper it may be to our mutual interest for us to get our heads together. want to place \$100,000 in the Merkel country this season and keep every cent of the commission at home.

> Sincerely. Jno. G. Jackson.

P. S. This is not my individual money and for that reason am satisfied with a very reasonable rate, only eight per cent. Give me your application now and I will have the money ready when you want it. (Adv.)

Buy Golden Rod mixed feed from G. M. Sharp.

AN EXPLANATION

The impression having gone abroad that all applicants for the Merkel Post Office would submit their names to the primary election called for Saturday, April 18, is an error and I wish to state to the public that my name will not not been approached by any one, at any time, as to entering into the plan of having a primary nor have I made an agreement touching it whatever.

At this time I wish to say to my friends that I am still an applicant, before the Department, for the office of Postmaster in Merkel and I sincerely thank each of you for your past loyality and support and ask for a continuation of the same to the end that the appointment may be made upon the plan originally entered into which plan is entirely regular and according to the usual method of the Post Office Department in making reccomendations for appointments.

Rumors going out to the effect that I was not originally a supporter of President Wilson are not true as I have been one all the time both before and after his nomination.

Yours sincerely H. C. Williams (adv.)

Dental Notice.

My office will be closed until the latter part of April, while I am in chicago studing the very latest and most up-to-date methods as applied in the dental profession. O. F. McMaster, Dentist.

Golden Rod is 100 percent pure and 1.3 cheaper. Why? pure, try a sack and be convinced for sale by your grocer.

1666 RABBITS

The largest single rabbit drive from any part of the Merkel country or in the state as far as we can find was made near be submitted at that time. I have Noodle last Friday by over a hundred hunters of that country.

> In all something over 1666 were killed by the hunters in a continued drive. We were not able to get the greatest number killed by one man but take it for granted that the usual champion of that vicinity, Mr. Greene was there to account for himself.

Rural Carriers Examination.

An examination for applicants of Rural Carriers will be held at Abilene Saturday April 25th from Miss Zora Shackelford, secretary of the local board of Civil Service Examinars Abilene.

th write to Miss Shackelford or T. J. Cross 16 votes. call at the Abilene post office for application forms for standing the examinations.

"Mack" Got His Welf.

E. P. McMillen once owner of a wolf advertised in our paper lately as lost rises to report that the wolf has been found and is now in possession of the former owner.

The pet wolf was returned to Mr. McMillen Tuesday by Charlie Kitchen who lives about 20 miles north-west of Merkel in the river country.

Notice

Dr. C. M. Lindley of Abilene Because it is green, sweet and will be in Merkel April 17 and 18 to do veterinary work. Don't hesitate to see him.

FIRE DETSROYS HOUSE ON MONDAY

Fire in the Oscar Ash home occupied by Oran Ash was discovered about 9:30 Monday night after it had gained good headway.

The first information Mr. and Mrs. Ash had that their home was on fire was when Mrs. Ash was awakened by fire burning the bed they were sleeping on. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ash were compelled to flee in their nightclothes and saved only the small amount of clothes they could easily lay their hands on and take with them in their flight through a window, their escape by the door being cut off by

The fire probably started in the kitchen and had probably spread over a large portion of the house before outsiders noticed it and turned in the alarm. The department made a quick response, having to use the 500 feet of new hose recently purchased and arrived at the scene in time to extinguish the flames but not before the house was charred the kitchen and a greater portion of the roof burned entirely away.

The house was situated in the north east part of town just north of the W. L. Burns residence and was insured to the amount of \$350. The furniture was insured to the amount of \$150 all of which was a loss.

To My Friends

See me in my new home in the Crenehaw Block, east front.-N.

ELECTED TUESDAY

The city election of three aldermen Tuesday brought about the largest single vote ever cast in Merkel during an election of Aldermen. The total vote being

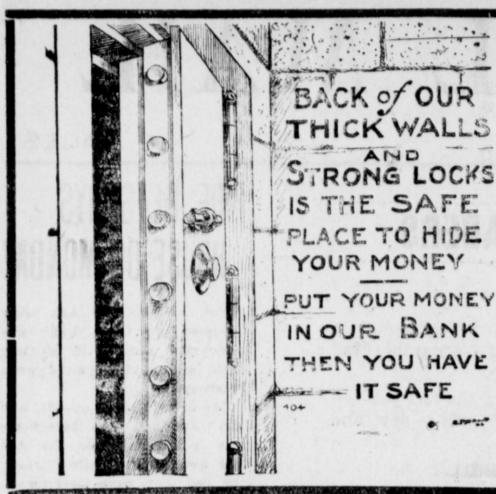
The three successful candidates according to information received J. P. Sharp, J. L. Harris and O. W. Williams were elected by a vote of 163, 121 and 118 respectat fully. The next following on the ticket was R. O. Anderson 117 All applicants are instructed votes, Geo. Boyce 109 votes and

The new elected officers will assume the duties of their offices at an early date.

To Enforce Law

There is an ordinance in the City of Merkel making it a misdemeanor for a person to ride or drive a shod or unshod horse over any of the sidewaiks or platforms in the city.

This ordinance has been violated several times of late and Mayor Stallings calls the attention of the citizens to it in order that they may expect a rigid enforcement of this law in the future. If you or your child or any of your family rides, drives or leads a horse on any sidewalk in the city of Merkel you are very liable to be fined a sum of not less than \$5 or more than \$10.



If you bury your money some one may SEE you or may find it. You might die without anybody knowing of its whereabouts. If you hide it behind a picture, under the carpet, in a sugar bowl or the coal bin, a burglar can just come and get it. That's the burglar's business. Study the picture in this ad and you will hide yours in OUR Bank.

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THE FARMERS STATE BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

CITY DADS MEET TWICE IN MONTH

The city council met Monday night in regular session and again School Convention convened in special session Wednesday, here Monday morning at 10 The purpose of the meeting on o'clock. The devotional ser-Wednesday was to ratify the vices being led by Dr.A.F.Lewis election of Aldermen J. P. Sharp, of Waxahachie. A response of

Monday night the only business city. take effect as soon as it is ac- and the different methods in

were the regular salaries of \$15 was then called upon to substito each of the following city offi. tute for J. H. Beal of Sweetwacials: Mayor J. J. Stallings, ter in advice to the Sunday Aldermen Hamilton, Boyce, Adams, Banner, and Williams. Other salaries as follows: W. N. Hall \$75, H C. Burroughs \$18.75 R. A. McClain \$25, J. H. Witcher \$50, C. D. Mims \$8.75 and Dr. W. V. Cranford \$8.75. For the work of making an index of the entire city book of ordinances by which any ordinance or section of any ordinance may be found within a moments time instead of of the city in attempting to find a wanted regulation, the city council voted the amount of \$25 extra to pay Secretary McClain for the services which in all required over 80 hours of constant book president of the association com

Miscellaneous bills allowed and paid were as follows:

G. F. West & Sons	54.00
J. W. Wheeler	2.50
West Texas Hardware	60.00
Occie Burns	.75
Dorsey Printing Co.	
J. B. Bell	
Elite Confectionery	
H. M. Warren	1.50
Walter Clark	1.95
Merkel Electric Co	3.20
Mrs. Geo. Boyce	3.00
C. P. Stevens	1.75
Merkel Mail	10.60
W. N. Hall for sundry amounts	
on street work	
Moore & Meeks	2.20
Merkel Garage	2,80
W. L. Burns	1.25
H. M. Rose	25.00
Merkel Lumber Co	
W. N. Hall. running water works	20.00

The amount of taxes collected during the month of March was \$383.08 against about \$80 for the same month last year. Water rents collected \$22.73, fines collected \$10.00. Treasurer Burroughs filed a report of amount in each fund as follows which in-

SUNDAY SCHOOL **CONVENTION HERE**

The Presbyterian Sunday O. W. Williams and J. L. Harris. welcome to the visitors was giv-In the regular meeting of en by Rev. A. A. Baker of this

of importance other the regular! The first address of the conroutine of affairs was the reading vention was made by Rev. J. S. and passing of the franchise to Hodges of Stamford, on the Sunto the Southwestern Telephone day school in relation to the Company for a period of twenty. Public school, bringing out the five years. The franchise will close relationship of the two cepted by the Southwestern Co. | conducting same. A. L. Lewis Among the accounts allowed who gave the devotional services school teachers on the subject of Teacher Training Class.

> In the afternoon session of Monday J. M. Youree of Sweetwater substituted for Rev. H. M. Peebles of Baird in the address of "The Parents Place in the Sunday School".

"The Home Department" one of the most interesting talks of the evening was discussed by both Rev. Herbert E. Bullock having to read every ordinance pastor of the local Presbyterian church and Dr. A. F. Lewis of Waxahachie.

> The business meeting at 4 o'clock resulted in the re-election of our townsman H. C. West as prising the counties of Jones, Taylor, Haskell, Harrison, and Fisher counties. Rev. J. S. Hodges of Stamford was elected vice-president, Rev. W. E. Harrison of Abilene secretary and treasurer.

On Monday evening Rev. E. E. Patterson of Anson addressed the convention on the subject "Childhood, The Battle Ground of the King, showing the fundemental and absolute necessity of early training on the childs part in Sunday school work in order to form a convenient basis of understanding of the bible for the grown-up person. address was followed by one of Dr. A. F. Lewis' talks supplementing the need of early train-

cludes the interest the funds have

Sinking Fund	\$4,868,91
General Fund	1,886.47
Street Fund	624.31
Special Water Fund	614.99
Total in Transum	7 004 00

ing for the child.

Tuesday morning the convention opened with short devotional services followed by a discourse on "Organized Class Work" by Rev. J. B. Kerr of Snyder showing the practical use of good business methods in the Sunday school work, the need of system and increased efficiency of the work by such methods.

Owing to the weather the convention of Tuesday afternoon was omitted for a more complete evening service in which Dr. A. F. Lewis was the principal speaker. His address "Graded Organization and Instruction" and his answers to the many queries propounded was exceptionally good. In all the ability of Dr. Lewis in handeling any phase of the Sunday school work was one of the most interesting parts of the entire convention. His acquaintance with Sunday school work throughout the state enabled him to explain graphically the most desirable way of conducting the Sunday school work in order to get results from the teachings. One of the strongest points was that the teacher be thoroughly conversant with the methods of handeling the children and at all times have the training classes brought up in a way that would enable them to take up the teachers work as soon as their outlined Sunday school work was completed. That the Sunday school teacher should make a study of the character of the Sunday school pupil in the same manner the teachers in our. public schools do, and make their work individualy as to the temperement of the scholar.

During the two days convention ever phase of Sunday school work was gone through with and thoroughly thrashed out, questions were asked and answers were given. Topics work discussed freely and all in attendance of the Convention were greatly benefitted by the experience of the Sunday school workers present.

The next meeting will be held in Stamford beginning the first Thursday in September.

The convention closed Tuesday night after a very successful meet. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. A. A. Baker of this city, probably one of the oldest members of the Presbyterian Clergy living in the state today.

Loyce, Velmar and Lola Shelon of Union Ridge spent last week with their grandparents Mr. Total in Treasury 7,994.68 and Mrs. J. N. Shelton.

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200 pairs Womens Oxfords and Pumps, regular \$2.50 to \$4.00 Oxfords, during this sale - -\$1.00 100 pairs Misses and Childrens Patent Oxfords and Pumps, regular \$1.50 to \$2.50 values, this sale \$1.00

Hamilton-Brown Shoes For Men Below Original Manufacturers' Cost

\$5 Kangaroo and gunmetal American Gentleman Special in button Oxfords, only \$3.75 \$4 American Gentleman button Oxford in tans, black and gunmetal \$3.10 \$3 Hamilton-Brown Reaper, work shoes for men, only One lot \$4 Hamilton-Brown broad toe lace Oxfords at only_

Close Out Prices on Men's Suits Actually Below First Cost

\$22.50 Men's Hart Shaffner & Marx Suits, at \$15.00

\$18.50 Men's H. S. & M. Blue Serge Suits, \$14.50 \$15.00 Men's Freeberg Suits, to close out...\$9.95 \$12.50 Men's Freeberg Suits, to close out...\$8.75 \$10.00 Men's Freeberg Suits, to close out...\$7.50 Hamilton-Brown Children's Shoes Below Manufacturers' Cost Sale

\$2 and \$2.25 Children's Security Shoes in tans and black, only\$1.65 \$1.50 and \$1.75 Hamilton-Brown Picnic Special at only......\$1.25

Hamilton - Brown Shoes For Ladies All Below Manufacturers' Cost

\$3.50 American Lady Special, in tan, gunmetal, vici button and pump Oxfords, \$2.75 \$3 Ladies' vici Blucher, only _____\$2.15 \$3.50 one lot Ladies' Shoes in patent, button Oxfords and pumps \$2.50 Young Ladies' and Misses' Security Shoes \$1.75 Old Ladies' Common Sense Shoes \$1.25

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 MARVEL-OUS 13 DAYS' BELOW COST SALE on these two lines of goods. Saturday, April 4th, to April 18th, Above goods Actually Below Manufacturers' Cost

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. J. A. Boyce of Abiliene visited Mrs. M. A. Woodrum this

Plenty of corn and oats at G. M. Sharps.

Mrs. O. N. Pike is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Pike of Abilene this week.

Seymours Best Flour is the best sure "nuff." G. M. Sharp.

Miss Carrie Session of Abilene was the week-end guest of Miss Lorena Drye.

Easter Post Cards at Grimes

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shelton came in Sunday afternoon to visit the both births being this week. latters parents Mr. and Mrs Jno. B. Bell.

Misses and children 25 cent lace hose 10 cents, Hogue-Hamilton

Ben T. Merritt assistant cashier of the F. & M. Bank was a social caller in Abilene Sunday.

Next week I will have a lot of Indian Runner Ducks for sale at 15 ceuts each. This is a bargain. See me at once.

Dr. C. M. McCauley of Abilene was in the city Saturday on business.

Special For Cash

50 lbs. High Patent Flour. \$1.35 25 lbs. Eagle Brand Sugar, 1,20 See our dress slippers for \$1.00 10 lbs. Arm & Hammer Soda .50 3 cans kraut25 3 cans hominy25 7 bars Como Laundry Soap .25 Hogue-Hamilton Company.

See G. M. Sharp for cotton

Jno. Shelton of the Rust & Mc-Cauley Drug Co. was in Abilene on business Tuesday.

Why pay \$3.00 for a hat when we will trade you a new one for your old hat and \$1.00. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Late births report in the Merkel country are; to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tarvin of Compere a girl and to Mr. and Mrs. Cleburne King of Mt. Pleasant a girl;

R. E. Hall pays the highest market price for your poultry. Real Estate, Fire, Accident and Tornado Special for 10 days. All ladies, Rear Coats building on Front St. Mrs. T. F. White of Manhatten,

Kansas is here visiting Miss Dollie Teaff.

New shipment of rufflings (rushing) at Sharps.

Mrs. Glenn Hulen of Lampasas, who is spending a few weeks in Putman visited her sister Mrs. J. E. Young Thursday and Friday.

A pleasure to serve you One price to all. Grimes Drug Store.

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Mrs. David Lee of Memphis, Tenn, is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dickson. The latter being a sister of Mrs. Lee.

Paint, Oils and Varnishes a Burroughs' Drug Store.

Elery Smith and Will Miller of Trent were in the city Monday Co., for fresh vegetables on looking after business matters.

Piano for sale or trade, see T. L. Grimes at Grimes Drug Store. This instrument is practically try. new and in excellent condition. A bargain if bought at once.

Mrs. Wright of Fannin county came in last Saturday to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. Cannon of Stith.

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

Luther Grimes who has been in Dallas for the past year with the Southwest Cigar Co., returned to Merkel Monday morning to cast his lot with home-folks instead of being in a crowded city.

One lot of \$3.50 work shoes to close out at \$3.00 at J. P. Sharps.

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

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

New lot of dress goods at J. P.

Mrs. S. Smith returned to her home at Anson Monday after a few days visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Smith.

Phone 124, the Anchor Merc. Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Always see R. E. Hall for prices before you sell your poul-

R. L. (Bob) Goodwin of Trent was in the city Saturday and Sunday visiting friends.

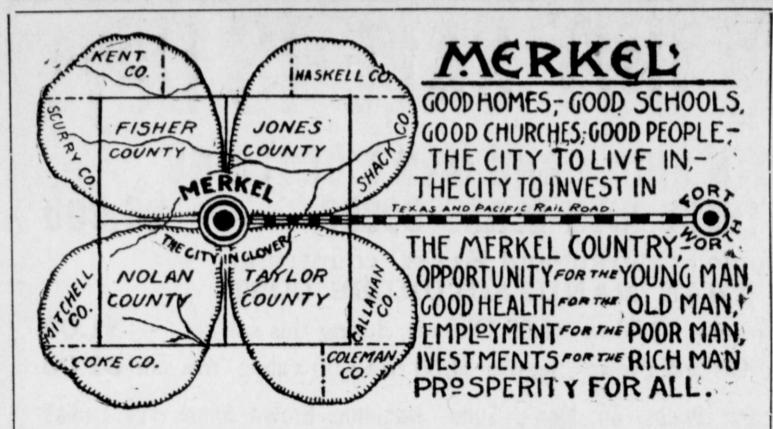
Dont forget to bring your produce to the Merkel Bargain Store, and get the best market price for your goods, at. the same time give you bargains in anything you want to buy. W. P. Duckett.

Mrs. M. E. Orr is visiting her daughter Miss Sallie Orr of Putnam this week.

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

Misses Mary Gunn and Jessie Sutphen were visitors in Abilene the latter part of last week.

Grimes Drug Store for everything in the drug line.



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TELEPHONE No. 61

If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readere 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

The Abilene Chamber of Commerce has prepared a list of prizes for Taylor county farmers. The prizes are to be given for the best yields of milo-maize, kaffir corn. cotton and such. The blanks and instructions as how to enter into competition for these cash prizes can be had by writing to Fred Wood, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Abilene. The offer is an exceptionally good one and deserves the attention of the farmers.

Houston in one day recenty. The causes were The vision of the Little Child upon His mother's Forty-five divorces were granted granted in not given, but it is presumed that the wives became provoked with their husdands because the latter didn't know enough to leave Mosquitoville and move to Fort Worth. Houston is bad, isn't she? But wait until the reports begin to come in about the women who will quit their husbands from the fact that they are made to drink river water in Fort Worth which was recently declared to have all kinds of germs in it.

it has lost a lot of prestige over the spring millinery display. The women, most of them, just The faith wo turned from yesterday is lovingly couldn't wait so long.

wife told him to do. He may forget to go to church on Sunday and is falliable in every way almost, but there is one thing he will do. He will bring you your bill on the first of every month, 'less he forgets, but woe and does he ever forget that?

DISATISFIED.

Charlie, dear." said young Mrs. Tofkins, "the cook says she is going to leave."

"What for?" "She says the Welsh rabbits we make in the chafing dish gives her indigestion."-Washington Star.

If we could get close enough to John Lind we'd ask him to sign our note, just to see if he couldn't at least be persuaded to say "no."

Among other things, we should have government ownership of the schools of experience. Under our present system the tuition is too high.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram says: "The modest little woman who killed an editor in France has been provided with only three cellsbedroom, dining room and reception hall. How horrible to treat a lady! She should sue the republic for not providing a sleeping porch."

NEW ORLEANS LOST

The Memphis Commercial Appeal says a reserve bank would have placated New Orleans for the loss of the Panama Exposition and that it looks like she might have had one or the other of them.

It will hereafter be remembered that when places the caliber of Memphis. New Orleans and such lock horns with Dallas, San Francisco and such other cities that they stand a good chance of another disappointment. It is also credited to the Appeal that with another such humilation the town of New Orleans will secede from the Union.

THE VISION OF THE CHILD

Is the hope he gave us dying? Has our wisdom brought us doubt?

Is the world a world of scoffers? Has the lamp of love gone out?

Has He ceased to be the Savior? Is He but a fading wraith? Is Gethsemane an idyl that no longer rouses

faith? Hark! Hear the bells ring out-behold the cross

upon the hill: Once more the stones are red by which His weary

feet were prest: Doubt yesterday was master, but today there

rises still

We decline to reach for shadows, and we pity them that grope

Where no substances are present, blindly holding fast to hope: Can the newer, wider knowledge we possess be

satisfied With a faith that spread in darkness? Have we

swept the myth aside?

Easter is so far set back in the year 1914 that Hark! Hear the bells ring out again; once more the anthems thrill,

confessed.

For, though our knowledge may be great, before us rises still

Man, mere man may forget everything his The vision of the Little Child upon his mother's breast. -S. E. Kiser

INDIANS ESTEEM RANGERS

Representative "Alfalfa Bill" Murray of Oklahoma, in a speech in the house regaled members with an Indian's estimate of the prowess of a Texas ranger.

"In the early seventies and eighties," said Murray, "when the Comanche Indians swooped down on Texas and robbed, scalped and murdered people the Texas Rangers promptly ran them out. After peace was restored an Indiant went to the agent at Anadarka, and said:

" 'I-I want a rifle.'

"The agent said to him: 'You cannot have it: you might shoot a soldier with it.'

"The Indian replied: 'No, I do not want it to shoot a soldier. We kill soldier with stick: I want rifle to shoot Texas ranger with." "- Washington Post.

"Lives Lost by Lightning," is a headline. What little money we can borrow will go forty to one that it wasn't at a poor man's joke.

The flies should be kept out of politics by all means. If the party divides on the question of swatting them the war of extermination may be delayed until they have swatted ns.

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Every real man is just as glad to take his hat off to a Lamm Suit as he is to "Old Glory," and when you find that one of our suits have seen the required Service you'll say. "You're a Grand Old Suit" and ten chances out of ten, you will come in and order a new one.

Ask the fellows around town that we make clothes for.

City The Tailor Shop

LAKE J. RENFRO, Proprietor.

Clean Cotton Rags at The Merkel Mail Office. WANTED:

ON HAMILTON-BROWN SHOES AND MEN'S CLOTHING WORTH OF THESE HIGH-CLASS GOODS= \$3,000 \$3,000=

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

200 pairs Womens Oxfords and Pumps, regular \$2.50 to \$4.00 Oxfords, during this sale - - \$1.00 100 pairs Misses and Childrens Patent Oxfords and Pumps, regular \$1.50 to \$2.50 values, this sale \$1.00

Hamilton-Brown Shoes For Men Below Original Manufacturers' Cost

\$5 Kangaroo and gunmetal American Gentleman Special in button Oxfords, only \$3.75 \$4 American Gentleman button Oxford in tans, black and gunmetal \$3.10 \$3 Hamilton-Brown Reaper, work shoes for men, only One lot \$4 Hamilton-Brown broad toe lace Oxfords at only

Close Out Prices on Men's Suits Actually Below First Cost

\$22.50 Men's Hart Shaffner & Marx Suits, at \$15.00 \$18.50 Men's H. S. & M. Blue Serge Suits, \$14.50 \$15.00 Men's Freeberg Suits, to close out\$9.95 \$12.50 Men's Freeberg Suits, to close out\$8.75 \$10.00 Men's Freeberg Suits, to close out....\$7.50

Hamilton-Brown Children's Shoes Below Manufacturers' Cost Sale \$2 and \$2.25 Children's Security Shoes in tans and black, only\$1.65 \$1.50 and \$1.75 Hamilton-Brown Picnic Special at

Hamilton - Brown Shoes For Ladies All Below Manufacturers' Cost

\$3.50 American Lady Special, in tan, gunmetal, vici button and pump Oxfords, \$2.75 \$3 Ladies' vici Blucher, only_____ \$3.50 one lot Ladies' Shoes in patent, button Oxfords and pumps_____ \$2.50 Young Ladies' and Misses' Security Shoes \$1.75 Old Ladies' Common Sense Shoes \$1.25

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 MARVEL-OUS 13 DAYS' BELOW COST SALE on these two lines of goods. Saturday, April 4th, to April 18th, Above goods Actually Below Manufacturers' Cost

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. J. A. Boyce of Abiliene visited Mrs. M. A. Woodrum this

Plenty of corn and oats at G. M. Sharps.

Mrs. O. N. Pike is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Pike of Abilene this week.

Seymours Best Flour is the best sure "nuff." G. M. Sharp.

Miss Carrie Session of Abilene was the week-end guest of Miss Lorena Drye.

Easter Post Cards at Grimes

in Sunday afternoon to visit the both births being this week. latters parents Mr. and Mrs Jno. B. Bell.

Misses and children 25 cent lace hose 10 cents, Hogue-Hamilton

Ben T. Merritt assistant cashier of the F. & M. Bank was a social caller in Abilene Sunday.

of Indian Runner Ducks for sale at 15 ceuts each. This is a bargain. See me at once.

Dr. C. M. McCauley of Abilene was in the city Saturday, on business.

Special For Cash

50 lbs. High Patent Flour. \$1.35 25 lbs. Eagle Brand Sugar, 1,20 See our dress slippers for \$1.00 10 lbs. Arm & Hammer Soda .50 3 cans kraut25 3 cans hominy..... 7 bars Como Laundry Soap .25 Hogue-Hamilton Company.

See G. M. Sharp for cotton

Jno. Shelton of the Rust & Mc-Cauley Drug Co. was in Abilene on business Tuesday.

Why pay \$3.00 for a hat when we will trade you a new one for your old hat and \$1.00. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Late births report in the Merkel country are; to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tarvin of Compere a girl and to Mr. and Mrs. Cleburne Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shelton came King of Mt. Pleasant a girl;

R. E. Hall pays the highest market price for your poultry. Real Estate, Fire, Accident and Tornado Special for 10 days. All ladies, Rear Coats building on Front St.

Mrs. T. F. White of Manhatten, Kansas is here visiting Miss Dollie Teaff.

New shipment of rufflings SHAVING AND BATH PARLORS (rushing) at Sharps.

Mrs. Glenn Hulen of Lam-Next week I will have a lot pasas, who is spending a few weeks in Putman visited her sister Mrs. J. E. Young Thursday

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See our imbroideried voil and crepe, 45 incses wide at 50 cents

per yard. Hogue-Hamilton Co. Mrs. David Lee of Memphis, Tenn, is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dickson. The latter being a sister of Mrs. Lee.

Paint, Oils and Varnishes at Burroughs' Drug Store.

Elery Smith and Will Miller of Trent were in the city Monday Co., for fresh vegetables on looking after business matters.

Piano for sale or trade, see T. L. Grimes at Grimes Drug Store. This instrument is practically new and in excellent condition. A bargain if bought at once.

Mrs. Wright of Fannin county came in last Saturday to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. Cannon of Stith.

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

Luther Grimes who has been in Dallas for the past year with the Southwest Cigar Co., returned to Merkel Monday morning to cast his lot with home-folks instead of being in a crowded city.

One lot of \$3.50 work shoes to close out at \$3.00 at J. P. Sharps.

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

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

New lot of dress goods at J. P.

Mrs. S. Smith returned to her home at Anson Monday after a few days visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Smith.

Phone 124, the Anchor Merc. Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Always see R. E. Hall for prices before you sell your poul-

R. L. (Bob) Goodwin of Trent was in the city Saturday and Sunday visiting friends.

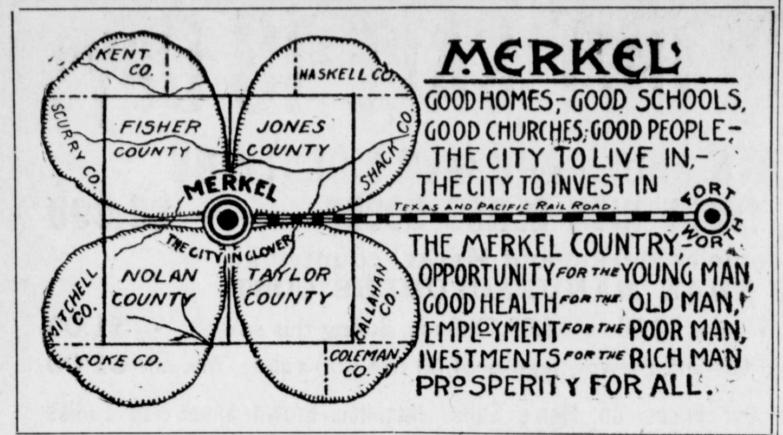
Dont forget to bring your produce to the Merkel Bargain Store, and get the best market price for your goods, at. the same time give you bargains in anything you want to buy. W. P. Duckett.

Mrs. M. E. Orr is visiting her daughter Miss Sallie Orr of Putnam this week.

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

Misses Mary Gunn and Jessie Sutphen were visitors in Abilene the latter part of last week.

Grimes Drug Store for everything in the drug line.



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TELEPHONE No. 61

If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of in-terest to readere of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a delephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual inter-est transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars

The Abilene Chamber of Commerce has prepared a list of prizes for Taylor county farmers. The prizes are to be given for the best yields of milo-maize, kaffir corn. cotton and such. The blanks and instructions as how to enter into competition for these cash prizes can be had by writing to Fred Wood, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Abilene. The offer is an exceptionally good one and deserves the attention of the farmers.

Forty-five divorces were granted granted in Houston in one day recenty. The causes were not given, but it is presumed that the wives became provoked with their husdands because the latter didn't know enough to leave Mosquitoville and move to Fort Worth. Houston is bad, isn't she? But wait until the reports begin to come in about the women who will quit their husbands from the fact that they are made to drink river water in Fort Worth which was recently declared to have all kinds of germs in it.

it has lost a lot of prestige over the spring millinery display. The women, most of them, just The faith wo turned from yesterday is lovingly couldn't wait so long.

Man, mere man may forget everything his The vision of the Little Child upon his mother's wife told him to do. He may forget to go to church on Sunday and is falliable in every way almost, but there is one thing he will do. He will bring you your bill on the first of every month, 'less he forgets, but woe and does he ever forget that?

MSATISFIED.

Charlie, dear." said young Mrs. Tofkins, Murray, "when the Comanche Indians swooped "the cook says she is going to leave."

"What for?" "She says the Welsh rabbits we make in the chafing dish gives her indigestion."-Washington Star.

If we could get close enough to John Lind we'd ask him to sign our note, just to see if he couldn't at least be persuaded to say "no."

Among other things, we should have government ownership of the schools of experience. Under our present system the tuition is too high.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram says: "The modest little woman who killed an editor in France has been provided with only three cellsbedroom, dining room and reception hall. How means. If the party divides on the question of horrible to treat a lady! She should sue the republic for not providing a sleeping porch."

NEW ORLEANS LOST

The Memphis Commercial Appeal says a reserve bank would have placated New Orleans for the loss of the Panama Exposition and that it looks like she might have had one or the other of them.

It will hereafter be remembered that when places the caliber of Memphis, New Orleans and such lock horns with Dallas, San Francisco and such other cities that they stand a good chance of another disappointment. It is also credited to the Appeal that with another such humilation the town of New Orleans will secede from the Union.

THE VISION OF THE CHILD

Is the hope he gave us dying? Has our wisdom brought us doubt?

Is the world a world of scoffers? Has the lamp of love gone out?

Has He ceased to be the Savior? Is He but a fading wraith?

Is Gethsemane an idyl that no longer rouses faith?

Hark! Hear the bells ring out-behold the cross upon the hill:

Once more the stones are red by which His weary feet were prest;

Doubt yesterday was master, but today there rises still The vision of the Little Child upon His mother's

We decline to reach for shadows, and we pity them that grope

Where no substances are present, blindly holding fast to hope:

Can the newer, wider knowledge we possess be

With a faith that spread in darkness? Have we swept the myth aside?

Easter is so far set back in the year 1914 that Hark! Hear the bells ring out again; once more the anthems thrill.

confessed.

For, though our knowledge may be great, before us rises still

breast. -S. E. Kiser

INDIANS ESTEEM RANGERS

Representative "Alfalfa Bill" Murray of Oklahoma, in a speech in the house regaled members with an Indian's estimate of the prowess of a Texas ranger.

"In the early seventies and eighties," said down on Texas and robbed, scalped and murdered people the Texas Rangers promptly ran them out. After peace was restored an Indiant went to the agent at Anadarka, and said:

" 'I-I want a rifle.'

"The agent said to him: 'You cannot have it: you might shoot a soldier with it.'

"The Indian replied: 'No, I do not want it to shoot a soldier. We kill soldier with stick: I want rifle to shoot Texas ranger with.' "-Washington Post.

"Lives Lost by Lightning," is a headline. What little money we can borrow will go forty to one that it wasn't at a poor man's joke.

The flies should be kept out of politics by all swatting them the war of extermination may be delayed until they have swatted ns.

WHEN YOUR BLOOD IS RIGHT WHOLE SYSTEM

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

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A Complete and Positive Remedy for Syphilis, Eczema, Erysipelas Malaria, Rheumatism Acne.

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

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Tailor Shop The City

LAKE J. RENFRO, Proprietor.

WANTED: Clean Cotton Rags at The Merkel Mail Office.

Parten's Bargain Bulletin

Considering the amount of unfavorable weather since the opening of our Pre-Easter Sale we have experienced the greatest possible success attainable, adding scores of new, appreciative customers each day, and stamping more indelibly upon our old customers the fact that the CASH BASIS at the CASH HOUSE is the ONLY TRUE FOUNDATION OF REAL ECONOMY.

We can sell you an article for 5c profit for cash, whereas, we would be compelled to have 25c to 50c profit on the same article were we to sell even partly on time---simply because, in the first instance we will turn the money a dozen times, while in the second instance we would be turning the money but once. Upon this idea, with other advantages too numerous so mention we have built the biggest dry goods business in Merkel and at the present rate of increase, we believe we will be able to show up with the largest in the West, ere the expiration of another year.

If, when coming to town to buy an article you can save \$1 by buying judicially at the CASH HOUSE, it appears to us that this would be the most lucraprosperity---a saving of the physical labor necessary to produce this \$1.00 by a slight SCORES OF OUR CUSTOMERS ARE PROSPEROUS BECAUSE THEY ACT ON THIS IDEA OF SAVING-

WE AFFORD THE OPPORTUNITY

\$3.50 Ladies Dresses	\$2.95	2.50 elk skin work shoes	2.25
40c to 50c Floral Ribbons	.25	15c 36-inch draperies	.10
1.00 Brocade Silk Messalines	.78	Bargain laces choice on table No. 1	.05
Seven Spools Best Thread	.25	Bargain laces choice on table No. 2	.10
75c Childrens Dresses	.50	1.75 ladies one-strap solid leather kid pumps	1.35
10c embroideries and insertions	.05	2.00 ladies one-strap solid leather kid pumps	1.45
75c yard-wide silk brocades	.50	2.25 ladies one-strap solid leather kid pumps	
75c 45-inch embroideried vail flouncings	.45	2.50 ladies Mary Jane patent leather pumps 75c mens dress shirts, collars attached	.50
1.00 54-inch embroidered crepe flouncings	.75	50c mens work shirts	.39
15c perfumed talcums, extra special	.10		1.00

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For District Offices	\$7.50
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For City Offices	
Subscription Price per year	
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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 Callector:

D. T. Harkrider (re-election)

W. F. Dillard

For County Treasurer: G. B. (Blue) Tittle (re-election) For Commissioner Precinct No. 2.

T. R. Lassiter

E. D. Coats J. L. Banner

For Weigher P. C. Jones

J. M. Garrett C. C. Bankhead

R. H. Dean

Jim M. Toombs For City Alderman:

R. O. Anderson

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J. P. Sharp JONES COUNTY CANDIDATES

For Sheriff:

Joe Milsap

For County Judge: T. J. Barrett

Rub the joints with Ballard's Snow Liniment to relieve rheumatism. penetrates the flesh to the bone conveying its soothing and restorative influence to the spot where the pain exists Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle.

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PHONE 142 H. M. Warren FOR ICE

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. 14t3pd.

Gets Bird From New York.

H. P. Wilkins, local chicken enthusiast received a barred-rock known New York chicken farms. bird is one of the best in this selection of a postmaster. section of the state and we know the owner is proud of him.

Noodle Organizes Institute

local Farmers' Institute, subordinate to the Jones county insti-Aileene Barbee secretary.

POSTMASTER

Merkel, Texas, Feb. 17, 1914-We, the citizens of Merkel and patrons of the Merkel postoffice with the Postmaster General in regard the election of a postmaster at Merkel and he has operated on for appendicitis. cookrel from one of the best stated that he will be glad to consider the certified returns of

We, as a committee hereby April 18th, 1914, same to be held the operation. between the hours of 8 a. m. and The Noodle farmers met Tues- 6 p. m. at the City Hall of Merday of last week and organized a kel. All applicants are hereby requested to have their applitute. The officers elected were on or before April 15th, in order Duckett. T. E. Goode, chairman and Miss that their names may appear on the voting ticket, and all ap-

the results of said election.

E. W. Perminter is hereby appointed presiding judge of said election. Committee:

A. C. Boney S. W. Shepphard C. P. Stevens

Operated on For Appendicitis

Marshal Hendrix, son of Dr. have been in communication and Mrs. J. F. Hendrix of Stith was brought to Abilene Monday afternoon from Morgan to be

Mr. Hendrix was teaching school at Morgan when stricken If anything goes with looks the an election held here for the and was rushed to Abilene immediately. He was met in Abilene by his father who assisted call said election for Saturday in the care of the patient during

Duck Eggs for Sale.

I have a limited supply of Indian Runner Duck eggs for cations present to the committee sale. \$1.00 per setting. W. P.

Real Estate Notice.

I have made the most important discovery since the invention of air ships and mine is worth more to life. If you are dissatisfied with this country, with life in general or have any grouch in particular I suggest a combination affliction of lagrippe and neuralgia. If you get over it you will feel good and resolve to never knock again.

The city election is over and the election of three more good men, men who have the interest of our town as a whole and every department at heart in a boost for Merkel property and now is the time to make up your mind to spend the rest of your existence on this mundane sphere in the city in clover and let me sell you a home.

If your nervous system is damaged being by your neighbor's chickens then I will recommend that you join the back-to-the-country brigade and let me sell you a farm. When you get a deed to a place you can call home, then you are a good citizen and if their are any bargains in this section they are in my list for the entire population of the town and country has long since learned that I am the bargain real estate agent. If you have a real, genuine, bonafide bargain for cash and give me an exclusive contract then you may begin making arrangements to move. I have sold one half million dollars' worth of stuff and theretors think I am it. Sincerely. Jno. G. Jackson.

Mrs. Bob Godwin of Trent was Let us fill your Parcel Post the guests of Miss Lizzie Mae Easter Post Cards at Grimes plicants have agreed to abide by orders. Grimes Drug Store. Freemon Saturday and Sunday.

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ALL THIS EXPENSE IS CUT FROM OUR PROFITS FOR YOU

	APRIL	SHOE	BARCAINS	
\$6.00	values			\$5.00
5.00	values			4.25
4.00	values			3.50
3.50	values			3.00
60 pa	irs \$4, 5 and	6 sho	es your cho	pice 1.50
	APRIL	HAT I	BARGAINS	

All \$3.00 hats \$2.50 Job lot of \$2 and 3 hats going at a bargain as long as they last.

APRIL	UNDERWEAR	BARCAINS	
\$1.00 values			90
50c values			40
35c values			25
Job lot of 2 pie			
400			

All \$1.50 volues All 1.25 values We have a fine line of the latest styles and best makes.

APRIL CLOTHING BARCAINS

All suits in stock going at less than first manufacturers' cost, see this lot of clothing it is a big bargain, marked in plain figures you can see for yourself.

APRIL ODD PANT BARGAINS

Here is where you get your moneys worth, and below first manufacturers' cost.

The best \$1 Overalls for



Scotch Woolen Suits made to order, a \$25 All-Wool Suit for only

Why pay more for he same Woolens? 500 samples to select from.



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The Star Store, Agts.



Othello Act III Scene iv Act IV Scene 1. What of Desdemonia behavior under Othellos suspicion.

Does Emilia's obediance to her husband after he has snatched the handkerchief from her seem to be out of | keeping with her character?

Up to the end of this act how does the character of Desdemona impress you? that of Emilia?

What new influence appears with the introduction of Bianca? How does she show the effects of jealousy? What new light does her appearance throw upon Cassio?

How much does Act III advance the action of the play.

In scene 1 of Act IV described the increased efforts of lago to work upon the jealously and anger of Othello. Does Iago here exhibit any trace of human pity or feeling? Does any other character of Shakespere approach Iago in heatlessness and diabolic spirit.

How are the sorrow and compassion of Othello part rayed in Scene 1.

How is shown the lowast depth of Iago's devilish perfidy? Explain (Scene 1 line 248) "Each drop she falls would prove a Crocodile"?

Miss May Valentine.

Baptist Baraca Class

The Baraca class of the Baptist church met April 5th with the large class of twenty-two. The class has grown so rapidly that new seats had to be brought into the room. There were three new members added Sunday and some that had not been present for some time. The subject of the lesson was "Christ's Table Talk". The subject does not suggest thoughts which it contains. First "Christ taught that God's business should be talked about at the table". Second "The lesson of Humility is brought out very clearly". Third 'Hespitality without a selfish interest.' Fourth "The parable" of the Great Supper and the excuses given by men." The reason that anyhody gives excuses is first they do not want to do a thing and second they feel it is their duty, We are expecting new members each Sunday. Press Reporter.

Saturay afternoon Mrs. W. A. Scott entertained the Baptist Philathea class in a business session at her home on Locust st. During the social half hour the hostess served a salad course to Misses Maggie and Ina Wheeler, Irene Swann, Dollie Teaff, Beulah Garrett, Sadie Collins, Florence Holmes and Mrs. Earl Lassiter.

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and Lucille Bell, Mamie Moore, Kate esses served cream and cake. Henderson, Florence Holmes, Messrs Clarence Hamm; Emzi Burroughs, Q Rust, Henry King, Cecil Jobe, Alford Costephens. Misses Virginia and Venona Hamblett served a dainty

and May Valentine entertained the Greene. members of the Twentieth Century Miss Evalyn William's studio was the Club at the home of Mrs. G. F. West meeting place Wednesday afternoon for the M. C. Club. A full attendance was present.

The lesson was conducted by Miss Evalyn William School of the Miss Evalyn William School of the Miss Evalyn William School of the Listop School of the Miss Evalyn William School of the Listop School of the Miss Evalyn William School of the Listop School of the Listop School of the Listop School of the Listop School of the Cold. Druggists refund money if the Cold. Guaranteed.

Messis. Loring and Roger Hamblett tine was a pleasant visitor, Those were hosts Saturday evening at a de- present were Mesdames G. H. Adams, lightfully planned "42" and Bunco G. F. West, I. B. Valentine. S. L. Gladys Coggin, Gladys Walters, Gladys Jinkens, Evalyn Williams. The host-

An intertainment for the young people of Noodle was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Greene of that place last Saturday night, Quite a number of the younger set of that vicinity were present and en-On Saturday afternoon Misses* Willie joyed the hospatility oi Mr. and Mrs.

Notice to Breeders.

party at their home on Oak street. Davis, W. Parten, Misses Eva Gaddy, Yard in Merkel the Hackney that Mrs. Ashby is diversifying Their guest were Misses Gladys Haynes Duncan Browning, Una Hall, Maude horse at \$15, the two Armstrong in her home work for she had Jacks at \$10 and my horse Dan securely crated in her bugy a at \$10 to insure living foal. Will bunch of goslings that from their use all care possible but will not looks promise to make prize be responsible for accidents. Will winning geese in a very short Hellums.

Sewing Wanted.

If you are in need of either plain or fancy sewing at reasonable prices see Mrs. L. A. Smith, first house east of Burton-Lingo

Mrs. T. W. Clark visited Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Martin of Anson the latter part of last week.

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

Miss Meta Harwood who is teaching school near Merkel visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Harwood at Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

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

Mrs. Harry Harris of Abilene came in last week to visit the families of Jno. D. Gaither, W. R. Walker and others.

Upper Tenflour for a few days at \$2.75 per hundred. G.M. Sharp

D. E. Compton of route 2 was in the city Saturday attending to business matters, he also took advantage of our Hollands and Farm & Ranch proposition.

J. E. Perkins of the Nubia community was seen in Merkel Monday and was here to remark that of the late the Merkel Mail was getting to his place on time. Mr. Perkins has been reading the Mail for years and is free to state that he looks forward to its coming each week.

There will be a New Club in Merkel that ten progressive housewife should be anxious to join. Full details will be announced later. Watch for

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ashby of Route 1 were callers at the Mail office Monday afternoon to take advantage of the Hollands Magazine and Farm & Ranch I will stand at Hellums Wagon offer we are making. We noted

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

New lot of Mercer Crochet Satisfaction cotton in Ecru color at J. P.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn of Noodle left Thursday for Fort Worth in answer to a tellegram telling Mrs. Dunn that her brother Ellis Swearington was dead at thrt place. No particulars were given in the telegram and Mrs. Dunn does not know how her brother met his death.

Plans are now being completed for the organization of a New Club in Merkel. The women of Merkel will be interested when they know just what this Club has to offer. Its benefits are everlasting.

Mrs. Bertie Davis of Dublin came in last week to visit her father A. Whisenhunt of Nubia and other relatives in that section of the country.

Beginning April 15th we will be prepared to serve all kinds of first-class cold drinks at our Rust & McCauley fountain. Drng Co.

Messrs Griffin and Fuller of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott and attended the S. S. Convention at the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. T. J. Tarlton of Stamford returned home Wednesday morning after a few days visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. Morton.

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

Mrs. J. T. Hawthorne and daughter, Miss Maggie of Anson second and fourth Friday nights were the guest of the formers of each month. sister Mrs. Annie Loften the first of the 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. J. Forrester returned to her home at Roscoe Sunday afternoon after spending the past few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Dudley.

Plenty of Easter egg dyes and Easter eggs at the Elite.

Ten women in Merkel and locality will be privilaged to join the New Club that will be organized here soon. See that your application goes in early.

A If you are going to need any paints buy now at reduced prices Rust & McCauley Drug Company

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

H. C. Reid of Trent was in town Wednesday on business.

Paints cheap for a short time at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.



TheCreamof All Ice

Creams For Sale Only at

Burroughs' Drug Store



IN THE RACE

We are a candidate for your Grocery Business. Your support and influence appreciated. Fresh Vegetables twice each week, Wednesday and Saturday. Call 8-0 and vote for GROCERY SPECIALESTS

"THERE'S A REASON"

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

W. O. W.

Merkel Camp No. 719 meets

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

Alta-Vista Ice Cream at Burroughs Drug Store.

Call at the Elite for your Easter eggs and easter egg

Come and figure with us on your grocery and feed bill. The Kent Street Grocery Co.

Mrs. Nancy Lilly of Castle Peak visited her mother Mrs. Mary Bradley.

Bargains! Bargains!

Never before in the history of Merkel have such bargains been put before the people. Come and get our prices and be convinced. Why order from Mail Order Houses when we have it for less? We guarantee to sell you any ready-made article in our store at less than Mail Order catalogue prices. You have nothing to lose by trading with us, and much to gain. To give you an idea of the many wonderful bargains to be found in our store we will quote a few prices below. Look 'em over.

Ladies \$3.00 Crepe Dresses \$1.50 Ladies \$4.00 Linen Dresses 2.00	Ladies 1.50 all-over embroid- ery waists
Ladies \$1.50 Gingham Dresses .75	Misses' and childrens' \$1.25
Ladies 2.50 Linen and Pique	percale dresses65
Skirts 1.25	Childrens' 1.50 white lawn
Ladies 5.00 Serge Skirts 3.00	dresses
Ladies 1.25 White Underskirts .60	Childrens 2.00 white lawn
Ladies 2.00 Muslin Combina-	dresses 1.00
HE NOTE HER STORE THE SECOND CONTROL OF STORE SECOND CONTROL OF S	50c hair ornaments, latest
	styles
Ladies 1.50 Princess Slips .75	25c gold beads
Ladies 75c Aprons	25c hair brushes
Ladies \$1.50 lace waists	1.25 alarm clocks
Ladies \$3.00 silk waists 1.50	50c mens blue shirts
Ladies 2.00 silk waists 1.00	25c corset cover embroidery121/2
Ladies 1.50 waists	25c can talcum powder15

We have new goods coming all the time. Don't fail to come in and inspect them. WE ARE STILL PAYING CASH FOR YOUR PRODUCE.

MERKEL BARGAIN STORE

W. P. DUCKETT, Proprietor

CLASSIFIED AD

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.

EGGS FOR SALF-White Wyandotte eggs for sale. From prize winning chickens. f R. L. Bland.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE-A fine well improved fruit and truck farm, one half mile of Clyde. Will take good farm near Merkel. Slater & Council Land Co. Clyde, Texas. tf.

FOR SALE-Work mule for sale or trade. W. L. Diltz, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE-Good Jersey cow. Fresh in milk, and gives two gallons per day. See W. Parten at Parten Dry Goods Co

flour for 15,000,000 Biscuits.

One of the biggest freight shipment in recent years was a solid trainload of flour shipped early this week by the Red Star Mill of Wichita, Kan., to New Orleans. There were 25 carloads, the train running special, carrying 1,000,000 pounds of flour, or enough to make 15,000, 000 biscuits for our hungry cousins across the sea. The train went East over the T. & P. Ry. from Texarkana.

\$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.

Jonh Collins was in Fort Worth this week with a shipment of cattle.

Dr. Swartz Green Medicated Vegetable Soap, 15e per bar or 2 bars for 25e. Grimes Drug Store:

New shipment of mens pants at J. P. Sharps.

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.

We are offering all paints at reduced prices for thirty days. Rust & McCauley Drug Company

Alta-Vista Ice Cream at Burroughs Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith came in Wednesday from Stanton to visit relatives here. Mr. and Mas. Smith formerly lived at Merkel and their return here for a visit is greeted by many of the old timers.

Buy your phone batteries from the Anchor Mercantile Co.

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ellliott and little son Roy and Mr. Tom Douglass were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler last Sunday.

Mesers Hollis Douglass and Sam Frede of Trinidad, Colorado were here last week visiting the formers father W. E. Douglass. The two young men made the trip through the country in a wagon, camping out but on their return over the 1000 mile trip took the Texas & Pacific as means of

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Shiloh

There was good attendance at Sunday school Sunday.

Mr. Howel and family of near Trent attended the services here Sunday.

We are glad to report Mr. Jones who was hurt by a horse some three weeks ago was able to go visiting Sunday

Several from here attended services at Grayson school house Sunday afternoon.

Joe Winters and family were guest of Mrs. Green Sunday. Miss Agnes James was the guests of

Miss Lena Pomroy Sunday. Uncle Terrell Winters was the guest

of R. W. Scott and family Sunday. Mesdames Barnes and McWright were visiting Mrs. Beavers Saturday

afternoon. Mrs. Beavers and children spent Thursday of last week on their farm near Sweetwater creek and called on

Mrs. Leerstang in the afternoon. Several boys from here attended the ball game at noodle Saturday afternoon.

Miss Nina Beavers was the guests of Miss Effie Mayberry Sunday.

How's This?

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

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

> National Bank of Commerce Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggist.

Take Hall's Family Pills for Constipation.

Blair

Sunday was a great day religiously for Blair. The Baptist organized a Sunday school, J. B. Jones was elected Supt. Rev Jno. B. Evans preached at eleven.

Miss Emma Evans of Abilene made an interesting talk on the young peo. ple work Sunday and organized a B. Y. P. U. Rev. Rains preached at 8:30 p. m., and Rev. H. Bullock preached at the school house in the afternoon.

Sam Parker of Jones county visited F. C. Martin Saturday and was also looking for a location for a blacksmith en Rod 1-3 cheaper than on any

Dock Adcock of Hawley is visiting at the home of S. E. Adcock.

Mr. Porter, our new blacksmith has moved and is now ready for work.

Joe Morrison has moved to his farm in Jones county.

S. E. Adcock returned from a trip to East Texas last week and reports that the farmers in that section are behind with their work on account of wet weather. We are not hindered very much here on that account.

Grandma Rains is at home again after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Smith in Jones county.

The infant of Mr. Mrs. F. D. Addison was buried in the Merkel cemetery Friday. They have the sympathy of all in their sad bereavement.

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.

Church Announcement.

Sunday scholl and Easter program at Presbyterian church Sunday from 10 until 11 a. m.

No preaching will be had on this day on account of the absence of Rev. Bullock.



How many times do you race around the kitchen each meal

getting things you ought to have right at your flingers' ends? How many unnecessary steps do you take? Wouldn't you like to have the pantry and cupboard and table brought together? The

McDougall Kitchen Cabinet

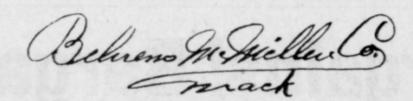
combines the three into one-saves all those trips both in getting the meal and putting things away afterward-three times a day---1095 times each year.

You can't afford to do without one any longer if your time, health and pleasure count for anything. A McDougall does not cost much---lasts a lifetime--is far the most convenient of all kitchen cabinets--has more labor saving features than any cabinet you ever saw. The McDougall is the standard by which all other kitchen cabinets are judged.

Come in and see the latest styles of McDougalls learn the prices and see if you don't think you ought to have one. See the Sanitary Leg Base--the very newest thing out.



Special display of McDougalls as soon as the present car shipment arrives.



You can fatten a hog on Gold. other feed, because it is green sweet and 100 percent pure. Try a sack and be convinced. For sale by your grocer.

Miss Alice Mae Boyce of Abilene was the guest of Miss Elma Sheppard of this city from Saturday to Thursday.

Advertised Letters

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for the week ending Apr. 11,1914.

Lewallen, Fanney Moore, Mrs. John G.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Apr. 25, 1914.

H. W. Derstine, P. M.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ussery and little daughter, Neta Merle are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Free of Sunday. Abilene.

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> Signed, HOMER L. EASTERWOOD, Editor.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th, day of March 1914.

(SEAL)

My commission expires June 1914.

R. O. ANDERSON, Notary Public, Taylor County.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Route 3.

The farmers are all busy planting their feed some are planting cotion.

Rev. Suddson filled his regular appointment at Rock Crossing Sunday afternoon. He preached at Mt. Pleasant Sunday night.

Miss Flora Boon from Abilene is visiting Miss Dora Casey this week

The party at Walter Fraziers Wednesday night was well attended by a large crowd. Those present were Misses Dora Casey, Flora Boon, Pear-Baceus, Flora and Remey Harrison of Caps, Messrs Dutch Huddleston, Earl and Geo. White, Esco, Guy and Tallie Casey, Harsh Hoggon, Lee Porter. Jessie Anderson, Ford Smith, Hesley Boden, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boden.

Mr. Ashlack of Baird spent Saturday night with W. P. Moore.

Mrs. Whatley and children of Merkel spent Saturnay night and Sunday with Mrs. Baccus.

Mrs. Chas. Roland and daughter were shopping in Merkel Friday.

Our Sunday school is progressing

W. P. Moore and Bob Boden were in Merkel Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones were in Merkel Friday.

Prof. Rister of Tye was in our midet Sunday.

Everyone is invited to attend our prayer meeting which is every Sunday night, Harry Clark was appointed leader for next Sunday night.

Mrs. W. P. Moore and daughter Mrs. G. Sullivan spent Monday with Mrs. Jim Moore of Blair.

There will be preaching at Mt. Pleasant, next Sunday and Sunday

Salt Branch

Some of the farmers of this community are planting cotton and feed.

J. Woods of Loraine is visiting S. W. Taylor and family.

T. C. Allen and family visited relatives near Abilene one day last week. Ezra Baker and family were visiting

There was no Sunday school or singing here Sunday on account of the Jones County Singing Convention. Most every body went to Hodges. They had a fine singing and plenty of dinner.

relatives near Abilene Friday.

Tom Hawley of near Hawley was visiting in this community Friday and Saturday. He visited relatives near Dora before returning,

Annie Higgins visited near Dora Saturday and Sunday.

Noodle

Health of our community is very good at this writing.

Sunday school was well attended here Rev. W. Horn and wife were guests

of W. Rountree Sunday. Mrs. Huber and children weres the

guest of C. L. Deutschman Sunday. There is some talk of another mail

route from Noodle which will be No. 2. It will be of help to lots of people that are so far from the other routes.

In Memoriam.

The infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Addison was brought to this place Thursday of last week by the many friends and loved ones of the child for burial in Rose Hill cemetery. 'Twas quite a sad departure to the little one's father and mother but sweet is the thought that the darling little son is at rest with Jesus who only needed this dear little boy to finish up his number of Angels.

He was called into the arms of that Ruler above where we can look to and live so we can some day meet this dear one. The little one leaves a father and mother and one brother to mourn h's loss. (contributed) The Mail joins in sympathy with the bereaved.

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,