

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## AN EXPLANATION TO THE

Patrons of Merkel P. O.

In November 1912 after the National Election was over and we saw that a Democrat was elected as President, I wrote Congressman Smith, making application for appointment as Postmaster at Merkel, Texas, at expiration of present incumbents term, and advised him that I would get out a petition and letters of recommendation and forward as early as possible; this I proceeded to do, and will say that notwithstanding the fact that two petitions were out on election day and these were presented to almost our entire business population and many patrons from the country, that I believe I forwarded to Washington one of, and possibly the largest petition that went from Merkel in this connection, besides many letters of recommendation and endorsement from bankers, ministers, farmers lawyers and merchants. But some time ago a petition was gotten up asking the Postmaster General to allow the patrons of this office to vote on this issue to determine who is the choice of the people, and will say that I had nothing to do with this for I knew nothing of it until same was presented to me for signature, this I refused to do as I had applied for the appointment. But now as the people are to vote on this, will say I am perfectly willing to leave my claims to the voice of the patrons of this office, and I do not want the place unless it is the will of the majority of the patrons hereof. I shall thank my friends and the patrons in general to come out Saturday, April 18th and vote, as the interest taken will likely have considerable bearing in Washington in making a selection for this appointment. Thanking my friends for their loyalty, I am,

Sincerely yours,  
(Adv) Seth Hamilton.

### Commencement School Calendar.

Programs to be given at the Methodist church.

Grammar School Commencement: Music and declamations by members passing into high school. An address will be given the graduates of the grammar school by T. A. Johnson, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank.

Saturday 8 p. m. The organization of the first Alumni Association of the Merkel High School and a banquet to all members. This will be given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Sunday evening at 8:15 Rev. W. E. Harrison of Abilene will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon.

Monday evening at 8:15 the Commencement exercises of Graduates of the high school will be given. For this occasion Dr. J. D. Sandefer, President of Simmons College at Abilene will deliver the Literary address. The address will be preceded by music, orations and papers from members of the class.

Tuesday evening at 8:15 the Graduating class will present the play "Dot, the Miner's Daughter" a four act comedy drama at the Airdome.

## MERKEL PEOPLE LOSING MONEY

The following letter from the office of the Insurance Commissioner at Austin is self explanatory and dates back to a time when the purchase of a fire team for the Merkel Fire Department was cussed and discussed from every corner of Merkel's Confines.

Hon. W. T. Potter, Mayor,  
Merkel, Texas.

August 15, 1913.

Dear Sir:—

### MERKEL KEY RATE.

We have been advised that your citizens are contemplating the purchase of a horse drawn hose wagon and should this piece of apparatus be installed, the present charge of 3 cents in your key rate for equipment not drawn by horses, will be removed provided hook and ladder is also drawn by horses, or 2 cents will be charged for no hook and ladder, securing a net reduction of 1 cent.

If at least one full paid fireman is employed to devote his entire time to the service; and sleep at the station, the present charge of 10 cents in key rate for department wholly volunteer will be reduced to 3 cents, thereby securing a further reduction of 7 cents. If horses are not used wholly by the fire department and are used to sprinkle streets, city hauling, etc., the charge of 2 cents is applicable in the key rate.

Yours truly,

E. R. BARROW, Chief Clerk.

This matter has been dormant for 8 months even with a horse drawn hose, hook and ladder wagon has been no reduction in the key rate for our town. WHY? CAN YOU EXPLAIN? More than probable you cannot and we are at a loss to know why the key rate has not been lowered. It is an evident fact that Merkel is justly entitled to a reduction of approximately \$150 in Insurance premiums without making any other additional move other than to press our claims. This reduction would come from the 3 cents deduction on key rate for the horse drawn hose, hook and ladder wagon.

Again the insurance rate can be lowered by the employment of a paid driver, this will lower the key rate 7 cents and in all make a total of 10 cents lowered within our city or a reduction in premiums sufficient if they were paid into the Fire Department to employ a paid driver at a salary of \$35 per month.

The advisability of employing a paid driver has been discussed very little, in fact it has been "cussed" more than it has been discussed, but "Truth crushed to the ground shall arise again" and the employment of a paid driver, together with immediate action on the part of the city in having our key rate on insurance lowered will easily offset the cost of a paid driver and in addition to that give the city a better fire protection.

Whether a paid driver is employed by the city or not, there still remains the fact that Merkel has not been benefitted by the 3 cent reduction due our town and our City Officials should see that such reports are filed with the Commissioner of Insurance as will have this reduction made. Our insurance paying citizens and incorporations are being made the losers, by someones' negligence.

## TO THE PATRONS OF MERKEL P. O.

Least some may misconstrue the meaning of the phrase contained in the notice that has appeared in this paper, calling for an election for the selection of a Postmaster for Merkel, on April 18, where it says all applicants have agreed to abide by results of said election, has no reference to any one who may have applied to Congressman Smith for the appointment, as none of these applicants were consulted, but merely means that any and all who submit their names to vote in this said election, agree to abide by results of same.

This is open for all, any and all who may have petitioned Washington, and any one else who may see fit to submit their name to a vote of our people. The Postmaster General has agreed to consider an election in making the appointment for the Merkel office, and we believe this to be Democratic, and that the voice of the people patronizing said office should be favored. All men over twenty-one years of age, who are patrons of the Merkel Postoffice are entitled to vote, and it is the duty of all to come and vote as every one is interested in selecting the right man for this important position.

The reason a petition was circulated asking the Postmaster

General to allow the people to vote on this matter, is just this. Congressman Smith came here and met three or four men, these men represented the wish of one applicant only, and the balance, some of whom had larger petitions before Mr. Smith in Washington than the one who was represented by this small gathering, but their claims were ignored. We believe in equal rights to all and not in three or four men getting together and saying who shall represent the people, when it may be contrary to the peoples wishes and desires.

A. C. Boney  
S. W. Sheppard  
C. P. Stevens  
(Adv) Committee

### Notice

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

### Presbyterian Announcement.

Sunday school at 10 a. m., preaching services at 11 a. m. We are very glad to announce that the Presbyterian church will have full time preaching and with this arrangement Presbyterians ought to take renewed interest.

Will you not attend these services and help to advance the work of our church and the cause of the Kingdom in Merkel.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend any or all these services. Herbert E. Bullock, pastor.

## IF YOUR HOME IS ON FIRE; PHONE

Many people of Merkel are not acquainted with the method of sending in an alarm to the fire station in case of a fire in their home.

For this reason the fire boys ask for your protection that in event of a fire the first thing you do is to give the alarm, then try to put out the fire yourself. In turning in the alarm telephone central calling "Give me the fire station." If it be in the day time or before the Elite Confectionary is closed your alarm will be relayed through the Elite where Chief Ferrier is, and from there the general alarm will be given by means of an electric bell at the station with a switch at the Elite. In late hours in the night your call will be given directly to the fire station.

The quick response of the fire boys depends to a great extent on your own personal directions which should be accurate as to location and given immediately after fire is discovered.

### Back From Trent.

Am back from Trent and again at the Plain Price Nickel Store, where I would like to meet my old customers and also new ones and can offer you some real bargains in almost every line we carry. Plain Price Nickel Store.  
J. M. C. King

## ANOTHER EXPLANATION

In justice to myself, I deem it my duty to inform the patrons of the Merkel Postoffice why I submit my name as a candidate for the appointment of Postmaster at Merkel, Texas, subject to the votes of the patrons of this office on April 18th, 1914.

Being a Democrat I believe that all the offices of public trust should be left to a vote of the people and not to a few to decide as to who shall serve the public. I presented a recommendation, of which I am very proud, signed by all the business men except one and all the professional men except one and a great number of other citizens of Merkel, also the county officers who knew me personally as to my qualifications and standing as a citizen of Merkel and sent it to Hon. W. R. Smith at Washington, who wrote me he would give it his due consideration.

When the Postmaster General in response to a petition signed by several hundred patrons of this office asking for an election, said he would consider the certified vote of an election held here, some of my friends asked me to submit my name to the election. Getting no consideration whatever from Hon. W. R. Smith when he was in Merkel, I have decided to make the race and to leave it to you to say by your vote who shall be your Postmaster.

I will abide by your decision on April 18th, 1914, and not being able to leave my duties as assistant post master here it will be impossible for me to see each one of you personally. I therefore ask your careful consideration when you come to cast your vote, promising if elected and appointed to give you quick and efficient service. Your vote and influence will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very sincerely,

(Adv) H. R. Hicks.

### Dental Notice.

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

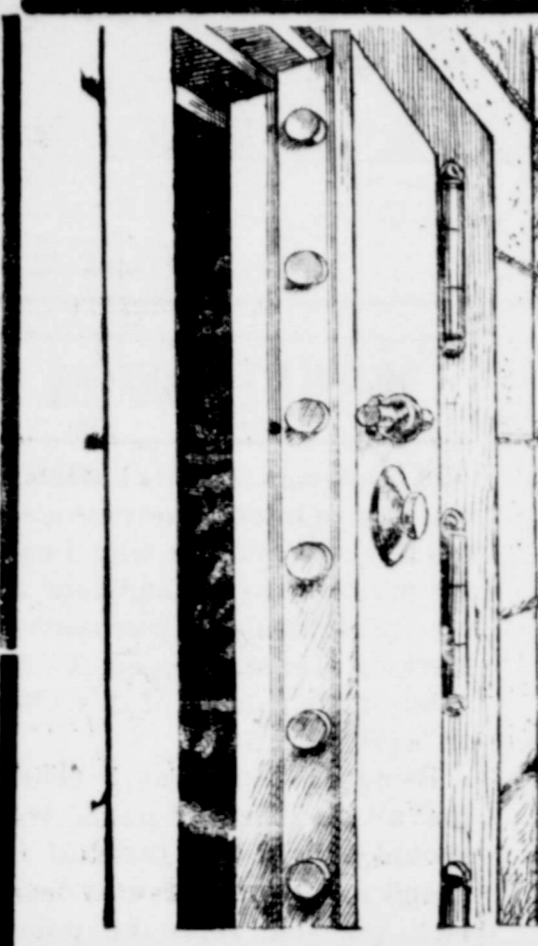
### Fishermen Open Season.

Monday night a crowd of 16 men and boys from here opened the spring fishing season at the Warren Lake north of town.

Those going from here were: James Black, Jim Brown, Floyd Dean, Sam Swann, Emmet Grimes, Charlie Jones, Robert Hicks, Luther Grimes, Raymond Touchstone, John Collins, Ralph Bigham, Conner Warnick, Emzi Burroughs and Alford Costephens.

### Trent Child Burns Self.

Thursday afternoon of last week Thelma Holt, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt, of Trent, was severely burned about the right limb when she accidentally turned a kettle of boiling water over on herself. She is reported to be resting well. The burn was from the knee down.



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Make OUR bank YOUR bank.

**THE FARMERS STATE BANK**  
MERKEL, TEXAS

**HONOR ROLL FOR  
SEVENTH MONTH**

The following students of the Merkel schools were enrolled as honor students for the month of March.

Floy Abercrombie, Charles Sutphen, Wilber Thomas, Elmer Adcock, Jack Anderson, Charm Burroughs, Byron Curb, Carleton Dennis, Ivy Derrington, Raymond Saffles, Roy Ellis, Buster Haynes, A. J. Tucker, Iva Tittle, Charlie Armstrong, Nora Woodard, Evelyn Curb, Opal Patterson, Frances Hamm, Ella May Martin, Velma Holloway, Mary Rogers, Johnny Sears, Fairy Orr, Hallie Pike, Nina Mae Wilson, Lester Brown, Son Coggin, Ruth Jones, Cluida Campbell, Mossie Sears, Sewell Evans, Lola Moore, Reuben Curb, Cluida Shannon, Doris Pike, Madden Brown, Willie May Clark, Dexter Eoff, Maurine Tipton, Billie Cobb, William Armstrong, Jewell Costephens, Fay Richie, Leoil Bagwell, Fay Rogers, Dick Mims, Virgie Mayfield, Nellie Holloway, Mozelle Bankhead, Geo. Sharp, Leon Toombs, Hermon Bond, Ruby Harris, Sybil Evans, Perry Curb, Mary Eula Sears, Ancil Coats, Louis Floyd, Price Floyd, Tina Moore, Wornie Bray, Shannon Moore, James Swann, Dick Cypert, Florence Saffle, Nelson Gazzaway, Clinton Gazzaway, Jewell Burns, Mona Hodge, Ila Mashburn, Harvin Boring, Doyle Garrett, Evelyn Hamm, Hazel Harkrider, Lucille Russell, Ruth Newberry, Lilly Pratt Sears, Mabel Russell, Abbie Ruth Dorsey, Willie Wade Dorsey, Theran Robertson, Eula Fredrickson, Palaoe Meeke, Parilee Ash, James Hogg, Clara Russell, Lucille Edwards, Mattie Warnick, Vivian Smelser, Jessie Penny, Roy Rust Largent, Ruby Teaff, Deoi Sharp, Evorie Clark, Annie Mae Costephens, Thelma Armstrong, G. B. Brown, Taylor Tucker, Paul Ash, Dee Ash, Charlie Tucker, Edivina Shelton, Ruth Boden, Munphy Thomas, Agnes Rister, Elsie Davis, Annie Biokley, Lola Armstrong, Loraine Boyce, Frank Counts, Lois Balch, Nellie Penny, Claude Riney, Lillie Ayers, Minor Burns, Annie Mae Swann, Dillard Coggin, Gladys Evans, Andrew Baker, Ninia Derrington, Guy Dorsey, Fayette Parks, Clifford Rose, Vivian Hutohenson, Earl Thornton, Guy Eley, Lorena Frazies, Pearl Thornton,

Christine Collins, Bula Walker, Merle Burroughs, Vesta Parks, Janie Lu Wier, Eunice Armstrong, Dixie Howard, Ruby Hamm, Louise Warren, Elsie Peterson, Gaines Weir, Robert Warnick, Julia Martin, Ethel Russell, Rex McLean, Charlie Saffle, Rowena Allen, Lucille Smelser, Mary Campbell, Zula Abercrombie, Clara Beard, Rennie Burns, Ida Meeke, Mabel Laney, Lucy Tracy, Ina Mae Adams, Mary Tucker, Willie Tucker, Elsie Sharp, Merle Clark, Annie Collins, Bernice Doan, Lillie Fitzgerald, Eunice Russell, Beatrice Nidever, Madge Hale, Vida McNeese, Sadie Collins, Charlie Bell Thomas, Nina Warnick, Ulyssus McNeese, Joe Hartley, Josie Smith, Genevieve Rust, Mamie McNeese, Clese Teaff, Arvell Foster, Shirley King, Zoe West, Lorena Dry, Georgia Moore, Jasper Tucker, Mollie Hall, Olive Teaff, Ola Sharp, Dennis Hartley, Sallie Toombs, Ethel Jones, Beulah Garrett, Willie, Toombs, Mary Jennings.

**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.



**Telephone and Find Out**

What was the weather report  
What is the market price of cotton  
Has my team left town  
Is there any freight for me  
Do you want to buy any butter or eggs  
When is the meeting  
Who was elected  
The telephone answers these and many other questions for thousands of farmers every day.  
The cost of a telephone on your farm is small.  
The savings great  
Our nearest manager will tell you about it or write to  
**THE Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Co.**  
DALLAS - TEXAS

**Opening Today April 17th !**

The Rust & McCauley Drug Co., announce their annual and formal opening of their confectionary department at from hours of 2 to 5 and 7 to 10 P. M.

During these hours visitors are cordially requested to partake of the hospitality of the management. Free drinks will be served with music while you eat.

**C. B. Smith Buried Here.**

Rev. C. B. Smith formerly of McCauley who has been making his home in Merkel during the last month on account of acute ill health died at the family home in west Merkel Wednesday afternoon at 12.10 from cancer of the stomach.

Rev. Smith at the time of his death was 48 years of age and had been a minister of the Methodist church for over 15 years and was one of the most highly respected and best known men of the clergy in the state. He had formerly lived here for a short time in 1910 while in charge of the church work at Caps. He was a member of Muon Calmlodge of Masons.

With the deceased clergyman at the time of his death was his aged mother Mrs. F. P. Smith of Waxahachie, his wife and immediate family G. F. and J. Walker Smith brothers and Mrs. H. C. Barnett a sister, of Waxahachie Frost and Merkel respectfully.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the M. E. Church South, Dr. O. F. Sensabaugh presiding elder of the Dallas district preaching. The body was then taken in charge by the local lodge A. F. & A. M. accompanied by representatives of lodges where Rev. Smith had formerly lived. Interment was given in Rose Hill Cemetery with Masonic Honors.

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I have a pretty and up-to-date line of Ladies, Misses and Childrens hats at the lowest possible price, and will appreciate your visit.

**Lizzie Mae Freemon**  
IN THE REAR OF PARTEN'S STORE

**WANTED: Clean Cotton Rags at The Merkel Mail Office.**



**The Cream of All Ice Creams**  
For Sale Only at **Burroughs' Drug Store**

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Miss Mary Brundell came in from Van Horn the latter part of last week to spend the summer with her cousin Mrs. C. T. Mershon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hunter left Thursday for Putman where Mrs. Hunter will spend a few days in the sanitarium.

**Nyals Hair Tonic guaranteed at Grimes.**

Mrs. R. E. Bowles visited relatives in Abilene the past week.

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.

**Nyals Figsen for headache and chronic constipation. Grimes Drug Store.**

Mrs. J. M. Williamson attended the West Texas Institute at Abilene Friday and Saturday.

\$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.

Austin Fitts with the Anchor Mercantile Co., received a message Sunday telling him of the death of his brother J. E. Fitts at Henderson, Tenn. Death was due to pneumonia and owing to the great distance our local townsman could not have arrived at Henderson in time to have attended the funeral.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Boyd and the latter's sister Miss Jessie Williams were in Abilene Sunday visiting relatives.

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

Mrs. Jno. Pike was the weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Pike of Abilene.

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

J. S. Swann made a business trip to Fort Worth and Greenville the latter part of last week.

**Nyals Figsen for headache and chronic constipation. Grimes Drug Store.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rice who have been in Quanah the past few months have returned to Merkel to make this their future home.

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. B. S. Alsbrook left Saturday for Rising Star where she will visit her son W. B. Alsbrook.

Miss Maggie Horton who is attending Simmons College at Abilene spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Horton.

Mrs. Edgar Boaz visited Miss Ada Kirk of Abilene Monday.

**" LAST DAYS OF POMPEII "**

IN 8 REELS

**AT THE AIRDOME  
TUESDAY APRIL 21ST.**

ONE SHOW ONLY. BEGINNING AT 8:15

This is the most elaborate film production ever brought to Merkel.

**ADMISSION 15 & 25 CENTS**

**INVITATION**

Everybody is Cordially Invited to be Present at the Formal Opening of Our Soda Fountain

Friday, April 17th 2 to 5 and 7 to 10 P.M.

MUSIC AND FREE DRINKS TO EVERYBODY

**RUST & McCAULEY DRUG COMPANY**

SHELTON BROTHERS, Proprietors

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.

G. W. Tye who has been visiting his nephew J. V. Tye returned to his home at Fort Worth, Saturday.

Be sure and see my hats and get my prices before you buy your Spring millinery. Lizzie Mae Freeman.

Miss Mattie Murphy visited friends in Sweetwater, Sunday.

What is the New Club? Ask your neighbor maybe she knows.

**Nyals Hair Tonic guaranteed at Grimes.**

Mrs. J. W. Davis who has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Wisenhunt returned to her home at Dublin, Monday.

D. H. Snyder and wife, Misses Nell Arnett and Annie Beal of Colorado were in the city Sunday visiting.

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

Mrs. S. F. Annis returned to her home at Merkel, Friday afternoon. Having spent several weeks in Brownwood, Georgetown and Fort Worth visiting her sisters Mesdames Morris, C. B. Wade and -sons Rev. O. B. and C. F. Annis.

Come in and figure with us before you buy. The prices tell. Kent Street Gro. Co.

Mrs. V. Lee of Memphis, Tenn returned to her home by way of Dallas Monday after a short visit with her sister Mrs. W. H. Dickson of this place.

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.

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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.

R. E. Hall pays the highest market price for your poultry. Rear Coats building on Front St.

Mrs. Will Clifton of Waco who is here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. Hall visited relatives in Abilene, Friday.

The four New York Gunmen, Dago Frank, Whitey Lewis, Gyp the Blood and Lef y Louis were executed at Sing Sing prison Monday morning at daybreak. A confession made by Dago Frank implicates another New York gunman in the killing for which these four men paid their lives in the electric chair.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Boaz of the river country were in the city Monday trading.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Dalton of Dora were in Merkel shopping Tuesday.

**Nyals remedies at Grimes.**

I have a lot of Indian Runner Ducklings for sale at 15 cents each. A bargain if taken at once. W. P. Duckett.

Mrs. J.M. Meeks is visiting her daughter Mrs. Pearl Bullock of Abilene this week.

Always Call on or phone R. E. Hall for prices on your poultry before selling. Phone No. 9-0.

W. A. Scott, A. B. Harris, C. D. Mims and A. C. Rose were among the visitors in Abilene Tuesday.

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

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

Miss Eather Williams was the week-end guest of Mrs. Flora Hendrix.

Paint, Oils and Varnishes at Burroughs' Drug Store.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

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.

Miss Bessie Miligan of Eskota is the guest of Mrs. G. W. Leach this week.

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

Mrs. S. B. Lamb visited her daughter Mrs. R. L. Humble of Abilene the first part of the week.

Misses Joe Crouch and Hazel Godfrey of Eskota were in our city shopping Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wheeler of Noodle were here shopping Tuesday.

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

Mrs. Sterling P. Miller who has been attending the Carlton College in Bonham is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel.

R. W. Lassiter and wife of Red River county were here this week visiting the family of their son T. R. Lassiter. From here they went to Red River county for a short stay and from there will visit in Kentucky.

Mrs. H. L. Matheny and two daughters Mrs. Jno. Bull and Mrs. Duke Travis are here visiting the former's sister Mrs. G. W. Cypert.

W. M. Jenkins of Dallas was in our city for a few days the latter part of last week.

We admit it is puzzling why details of the new club are kept so quiet.

J. T. Dennis, C. D. Mims, Jno. and Frank Sears, W. H. Laney, T. L. and Luther Grimes, Ira Armstrong were members of a fishing party Wednesday night on Sweetwater creek.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wiggan a boy on the 13th, inst.

**Nyals remedies at Grimes.**

J. P. C. Hunt formerly of this place was in the city Wednesday from Haskell shaking hands with friends and relatives.

Ever read any, if so go to the Elite for all kinds of magazines and periodicals.

Eat good fruit and candies, Drink Cold refreshing drinks, Smoke cool fresh cigars all to be had at the Elite at all times.

It is intended that every progressive housewife should be urged to join the New Club, but only ten members at a time can join.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Beene and daughter Bessie Lee and Luile of Noodle were visitors here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Levy of Stith visited Merkel friends Monday.

R. H. Penick of Rule was in the city Wednesday, visiting A. C. Boney an old neighbor from Bell county whom he had not seen in a number of years. Mr. Penick is in this country attending Federal court at Abilene.

To Cure a Cold in One Day  
Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

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GOOD CHURCHES; GOOD PEOPLE;  
THE CITY TO LIVE IN,  
THE CITY TO INVEST IN

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THE MERKEL COUNTRY,  
OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,  
GOOD HEALTH FOR THE OLD MAN,  
EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POOR MAN,  
INVESTMENTS FOR THE RICH MAN  
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### OUR RESTLESS TENANT FARMERS.

The suggestion that the tenant farmers of Texas may receive consideration by the next Legislature will, no doubt, prove welcome news to a large portion of the agricultural population of the state. There are 220,000 of these restless tenant farmers hurrying to and fro, like wild birds flying before a storm, searching aimlessly for escape: like savage beasts fleeing before a forest fire. Is it any wonder if they, as they sink deeper and deeper into the mire of civilization, turn and snarl like beasts and snap like curs? In such mental soil the poisonous vines of suspicion bloom, the thistles of revenge thrive and the frost of anarchy ripens into revolution. Is it not a problem that should receive first attention?

### NEW WEEKLY MAKES ITS ADVENT.

On April 9th the Democrat, a new weekly publication, at Abilene made its initial appearance. The paper contained several pages of interesting reading matter and presented a neat appearance. L. B. Shook is editor.

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WHY not come in and let us  
change you into being a clothes  
contented human being.  
Pick out the Woolen and Style.  
We'll put our tailoring WIZ-  
ARDS to work, and presto!  
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WANTED: Clean Cotton Rags at The Merkel Mail Office.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Miss Mary Brundell came in from Van Horn the latter part of last week to spend the summer with her cousin Mrs. C. T. Mershon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hunter left Thursday for Putman where Mrs. Hunter will spend a few days in the sanitarium.

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Mrs. R. E. Bowles visited relatives in Abilene the past week.

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.

**Nyals Figsen for headache and chronic constipation. Grimes Drug Store.**

Mrs. J. M. Williamson attended the West Texas Institute at Abilene Friday and Saturday.

\$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.

Austin Fitts with the Anchor Mercantile Co., received a message Sunday telling him of the death of his brother J. E. Fitts at Henderson, Tenn. Death was due to pneumonia and owing to the great distance our local townsman could not have arrived at Henderson in time to have attended the funeral.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Boyd and the latter's sister Miss Jessie Williams were in Abilene Sunday visiting relatives.

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

Mrs. Jno. Pike was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Pike of Abilene.

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

J. S. Swann made a business trip to Fort Worth and Greenville the latter part of last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rice who have been in Quanah the past few months have returned to Merkel to make this their future home.

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. B. S. Alsbrook left Saturday for Rising Star where she will visit her son W. B. Alsbrook.

Miss Maggie Horton who is attending Simmons College at Abilene spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Horton.

Mrs. Edgar Boaz visited Miss Ada Kirk of Abilene Monday.

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IN 8 REELS

**AT THE AIRDOME**

**TUESDAY APRIL 21ST.**

ONE SHOW ONLY. BEGINNING AT 8:15

This is the most elaborate film production ever brought to Merkel.

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Friday, April 17th 2 to 5 and 7 to 10 P.M.

MUSIC AND FREE DRINKS TO EVERYBODY

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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.

G. W. Tye who has been visiting his nephew J. V. Tye returned to his home at Fort Worth, Saturday.

Be sure and see my hats and get my prices before you buy your Spring millinery. Lizzie Mae Freeman.

Miss Mattie Murphy visited friends in Sweetwater, Sunday.

What is the New Club? Ask your neighbor maybe she knows.

**Nyals Hair Tonic guaranteed at Grimes.**

Mrs. J. W. Davis who has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Wisenhunt returned to her home at Dublin, Monday.

D. H. Snyder and wife, Misses Nell Arnett and Annie Beal of Colorado were in the city Sunday visiting.

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

Mrs. S. F. Annis returned to her home at Merkel, Friday afternoon. Having spent several weeks in Brownwood, Georgetown and Fort Worth visiting her sisters Mesdames Morris, C. B. Wade and sons Rev. O. B. and C. F. Annis.

Come in and figure with us before you buy. The prices tell. Kent Street Gro. Co.

Mrs. V. Lee of Memphis, Tenn returned to her home by way of Dallas Monday after a short visit with her sister Mrs. W. H. Dickson of this place.

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R. E. Hall pays the highest market price for your poultry. Rear Coats building on Front St.

Mrs. Will Clifton of Waco who is here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. Hall visited relatives in Abilene, Friday.

The four New York Gunmen, Dago Frank, Whitey Lewis, Gyp the Blood and Lef y Louis were executed at Sing Sing prison Monday morning at daybreak. A confession made by Dago Frank implicates another New York gunman in the killing for which these four men paid their lives in the electric chair.

Don't forget to bring your produce to the Merkel Bargain Store, and get the best market price for your goods, at the same time give you bargains in anything you want to buy. W. P. Duckett.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Boaz of the river country were in the city Monday trading.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Dalton of Dora were in Merkel shopping Tuesday.

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I have a lot of Indian Runner Ducklings for sale at 15 cents each. A bargain if taken at once. W. P. Duckett.

Mrs. J. M. Meeks is visiting her daughter Mrs. Pearl Bullock of Abilene this week.

Always Call on or phone R. E. Hall for prices on your poultry before selling. Phone. No. 9-0.

W. A. Scott, A. B. Harris, C. D. Mims and A. C. Rose were among the visitors in Abilene Tuesday.

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

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R. W. Lassiter and wife of Red River county were here this week visiting the family of their son T. R. Lassiter. From here they went to Red River county for a short stay and from there will visit in Kentucky.

Mrs. H. L. Matheny and two daughters Mrs. Jno. Bull and Mrs. Duke Travis are here visiting the former's sister Mrs. G. W. Cypert.

W. M. Jenkins of Dallas was in our city for a few days the latter part of last week.

We admit it is puzzling why details of the new club are kept so quiet.

J. T. Dennis, C. D. Mims, Jno. and Frank Sears, W. H. Laney, T. L. and Luther Grimes, Ira Armstrong were members of a fishing party Wednesday night on Sweetwater creek.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wiggan a boy on the 13th, inst.

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J. P. C. Hunt formerly of this place was in the city Wednesday from Haskell shaking hands with friends and relatives.

Ever read any, if so go to the Elite for all kinds of magazines and periodicals.

Eat good fruit and candies, Drink Cold refreshing drinks, Smoke cool fresh cigars all to be had at the Elite at all times.

It is intended that every progressive housewife should be urged to join the New Club, but only ten members at a time can join.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Beene and daughter Bessie Lee and Lucile of Noodle were visitors here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Levy of Stith visited Merkel friends Monday.

R. H. Penick of Rule was in the city Wednesday, visiting A. C. Boney an old neighbor from Bell county whom he had not seen in a number of years. Mr. Penick is in this country attending Federal court at Abilene.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

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### OUR RESTLESS TENANT FARMERS.

The suggestion that the tenant farmers of Texas may receive consideration by the next Legislature will, no doubt, prove welcome news to a large portion of the agricultural population of the state. There are 220,000 of these restless tenant farmers hurrying to and fro, like wild birds flying before a storm, searching aimlessly for escape: like savage beasts fleeing before a forest fire. Is it any wonder if they, as they sink deeper and deeper into the mire of civilization, turn and snarl like beasts and snap like curs? In such mental soil the poisonous vines of suspicion bloom, the thistles of revenge thrive and the frost of anarchy ripens into revolution. Is it not a problem that should receive first attention?

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Let us prove to you as we have proven to hundreds of others that—"we sell you the same goods for less money or for the same money we will give you better goods."

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\$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	1.75
75c 45-inch embroidered vail flouncings	.45	2.50 ladies Mary Jane patent leather pumps	2.25
1.00 54-inch embroidered crepe flouncings	.75	75c mens dress shirts, collars attached	.50
15c perfumed talcums, extra special	.10	50c mens work shirts	.39
15c yard wide guaranteed not to fade percales, only	10c	\$1.50 childrens kid slippers, one strap	1.00
15c 38 inch fine bleached cambric, extra special	10c	35c crepe dress goods	25c
\$1.25 36 inch silk crepe-de-chine, extra special	85c	75c crepe dress goods, 36 inch wide, extra special	50c
		\$7.50 fine ready-made crepe dress, only one, to lady it fits	\$3.95

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MERKEL

"THE BUSY OASH STORE"

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#### TAYLOR COUNTY CANDIDATES

For County Judge:	E. M. Overshiner
For Sheriff:	Geo. M. Cauthen W. F. (Frank) Whaley T. T. Spann J. L. Roberson
For District Clerk:	J. Fuller (re-election) J. N. Routh
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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 E. H. Dean Jim M. Toombs

#### JONES COUNTY CANDIDATES

For Sheriff:	Jet Milsap
For County Judge:	T. J. Barrett

#### Butman School Closes.

The Butman school closed Monday of this week after a very successful term under the management of Miss Dota Garroutte. Miss Garroutte returned to her home north of Merkel the day following the school's closing.

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## TO ALL PARTS OF TOWN

Prices the Same as in Past

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Is there such a thing as painless headache, painless neuralgia, or painless rheumatism? Hunt's Lightning Oil will make the pain go away and the suffering cease. That's why Hunt's Lightning Oil is so popular and praised so much. Ask your druggist.

#### Instinct of a Horse.

Monday night the pony White Fan from the Daniel Livery Stable loosed itself in Trent and started home with the buggy and made the trip in good walking time arriving here unusually calm and with the buggy in good condition. The driver C. P. Stevens started walking to Merkel from Trent as soon as he learned the horse was loose with the buggy, expecting to find the buggy torn up and the horse probably injured but arrived here to find his charge safe.

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.

## A POSTMASTER ELECTION CALLED

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

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

the results of said election.

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

Committee:  
A. C. Boney  
S. W. Sheppard  
C. P. Stevens

#### Gives Firebays a Cake.

Mrs. R. A. McClain presented Chief Ferrier of the local Fire department with a large cake last week as a token of her appreciation for their zealous work and prompt response to the alarm given from the McClain home recently.

After the regular fire meeting Monday night the company retired to the Elite confectionary where they enjoyed the cake and cream. The cream being furnished as a complement of the Elite Confectionery.

Rub the joints with Ballard's Snow Liniment to relieve rheumatism. It 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. Sold by H. C. Burroughs, adv.

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

### Baraca Class.

The Baraca of the Baptist church met April 12th with fourteen members present, one new member and Mr. Denie Mansel of Simmons College. The class was opened with prayer Miss Hall. The subject was "The South and the world Prophet." This is such a deep and broad subject I will only mention a few of the important topics. "The only way" Roman 10; 13-15. (1) The world will have to hear of Christ before he is believed. (2) There must be a preacher to tell the story. (3) The preacher must be sent of God. Every child is sent in one way or the other to help. If not in person they are called to send money to support those who have gone. Some are called to sing and others are called to pray for the advancements of the Kingdom of God. We extend and ask young men to accept the invitation that is offered you to join the Baraca class. Press Reporter.

Little Miss Christine Collins celebrated her thirteenth birthday Saturday afternoon at her home on Bettis Heights. The reception rooms were beautifully decorated in yellow and white. The score cards were hand painted. The Easter lily was given in preference, thus carrying out the Easter scheme. After the guests had been greeted and while they were happily engaged in various games Misses Mabel Collins and Zora Coggin were concealing Easter eggs on the lawn which were afterward found by the guests. They were then invited into the dining room which had been darkened for the occasion. Yellow and white streamers radiated from the ceiling to the table. The birthday cake surrounded by thirteen yellow and white candles graced the center of the table. In the cake cutting contest little Miss Mattie Warnick cut the ring while little Miss Maurine Cobb cut the dime. Miniature Easter eggs were concealed in the reception rooms, and yellow and white silk bags were passed. Little Miss Tina Moore filled her bag first. Many pretty gifts were presented to the young hostess. Those present were Misses Ona Fay Bland, Maurine Cobb, Tina Moore, Ruth Pike, Mattie and Ruby Lee Warnick, Mary Eula Sears, Lorena Frazier, Madge Deen, Annie May Swann, Eula Mae Coggin, Lucille Edwards and the hostess.

The A circle of the Baptist Ladies Aid met with Mrs. J. H. Ensminger on Orange St. Monday afternoon. The devotional meet was well attended. Those present were Mesdames J. T. Warren, George Richie, J. P. Hamm, W. M. Gaddy, E. M. McDonald and the hostess.

Saturday afternoon Misses Mary Gunn and Jessie Sutphen gave an Easter egg rolling to the second, third and fourth grades at the North side school. Many gay colored eggs were found near the building. Milton Pate won the honor of finding the most of them. Unfavorable weather prevented some of the children from being present. About sixty-five enjoyed the luncheon which was spread in the music room.

Miss Mary Gunn gave a six o'clock luncheon last Wednesday evening at the home of her mother, Mrs. P. B. Causseaux. Covers were laid for Misses Maude Jenkins, Jessie Sutphen, Zula Huffaker, Etta Ferguson, Bessie Touchstone, Amy Gunn, Mrs. P. B. Causseaux and the hostess.

A rabbit was seen on the vacant lot behind the home of Mrs. G. H. Adams Friday morning and the pupils in Miss Huffaker's room received a message that it would be a wise idea to pass by the spot after school. The suggestion was acted upon and the children were not disappointed. They hunted Easter eggs until late in the evening. They went home thanking the Easter rabbit for a pleasant afternoon.

Saturday afternoon Mrs. H. F. Groene entertained her Sunday school class of the Christian church with an Easter egg hunt at her home on Reynolds street. The hostess read bible stories to the little folks. Many games were played. Ona Fay Rose and Ozell

Wilson hid the eggs. Mary Comegy served blocks of cake from a basket to those present. The guests were then told to gather in the Easter eggs. A merry race was run by each to see who would be successful in gathering the most eggs. Mary Comegy was winner. The guests were Bill and Delphine Moore, Joe Cypert, Nina Parten, R. L. Burns, Thelma Holloway, Nellie Rose Henderson, Irene Robertson, Ollie Martin, Eva Martin, Cleburne Rose, Ona Fay Rose, Nina Wilson, Ozelle Wilson and Mary Comegy.

Mrs. J. S. Swann entertained the North side circle of the Baptist Aid Society at her home Monday afternoon. After the devotional meeting the ladies spent the evening in piecing quilts for the Buncker Orphan Home at Dallas. Those present were Mesdames Moore, Meeks, Harris and Swann.

The ladies of the Missionary society met at the Methodist church at the usual hour Monday afternoon. This being the day for the program in the missionary voice it was dispensed with, there being several items of business to attend to. Next Monday the lesson will be "Mexico Today." Meeting to be held at the church.

The Central Circle of the Baptist Aid Society met with Mrs. W. A. Scott Monday afternoon at her home on Locust street. After a very interesting Bible study hot chocolate and cake were served to Mesdames J. T. Dennis, W. V. Cranford, C. E. Whitaker, R. F. Counts, P. B. Causseaux and the hostess.

### Program of the Baptist Aid Society.

April 20th at the church.  
The Religious appeal of South American cities.

Leader—Mrs. J. T. Dennis.  
Hymn.  
Prayer—Mrs. I. B. Valentine.  
Bible study—Members  
Summary—Mrs. E. M. McDonald.  
Reading from Mission Fields—Mrs. J. M. Garrett.  
Hymn.  
Our Responsibility—Mrs. W. M. Gaddy.  
Church Efficiency—Mrs. J. T. Warren.  
Five minutes for business.  
Closing Prayer—Mrs. J. T. Hamm.

### League Program

Subject—The old and the new in regard to the treatment to ones enemies.  
Leader—Sallie Toombs.  
Song.  
Prayer.  
Song.  
Scripture reading—Deut. XXIII-VI, Lev. XI-18, Matt. V-14.  
The old way of treating an enemy—Eva Walters.  
The new way—Mamie McNeese.  
Quartet—Ollie Shaffer, Ira Shaffer, Jno. Moore and Robert Hicks.  
Reading Epworth Nisitor.  
Miscellaneous.  
Benediction.

### Trent Society

On last Thursday afternoon the W. V. C's were entertained by Mrs. W. A. Holt. Two new members were enrolled. Refreshments were served.

Friday afternoon Mrs. E. L. Mangum teacher of the primary department, gave her pupils an Easter egg hunt at the school. Henry Smith was winner of the prize for finding the greatest number of eggs.

Miss Alva Lee Estep entertained a number of friends at her home last Friday evening. Games, singing and reading were enjoyed by Misses Odessa Moon, Mae and O. D. Robertson, Lettie Miller, Jennie Mae Estep, Maggie Peterson, Floy Leamon, Mae Southworth, Geta Beckham, Messrs. Ernest and Lee Massey and Alex Williamson.

Saturday afternoon from 2:30 until 5 o'clock Mrs. Jas. Bright entertained the W. V. C's in honor of Mrs. Burgess Moore, of Merkel, it being her birthday. Numerous games were played. Three contests were held and those winning were Mesdames Dingle and McLeod and Miss Geta Beckham. The dining room was beautifully decorated, in the center of the table was an angel food cake with twenty-four lighted candles around it. Delicious cake, whipped cream and Jello were served. A dandy time was reported by all.

Mrs. Ed Tueton was carried to the sanitarium at Ft. Worth Friday night.

## TRAIN RUNS INTO MERKEL WITHOUT MAN AT THROTTE

Monday afternoon when Texas & Pacific Passenger train No. 3 came in Merkel it was under full speed and without a pilot, Engineer Gilmore having fallen from engine un-noticed by the fireman.

The first the fireman knew his train was running loose was when the train approached the water tank here without slowing down and on looking across the gangway he saw the throttle wide open and the engineer gone. The fireman applied the emergency brakes at once and stopped the train before the engine had passed the station. He then began an investigation as to what became of the engineer. To people who gathered around he stated that the engineer had walked out on the gang plank when the train was about a mile and a half east of town. This information was suggestive that the man was dead or seriously injured and numerous auto parties and motorcycle riders were soon headed east to find the missing man.

While all this search was going on Engineer Gilmore was walking into Tye to report that he was not injured in the least, having fallen from the running board of his engine about a half a mile west of Tye before the train had gained full speed out of that station. The accident occurred in a very peculiar way, Mr. Gilmore was walking backward, inspecting the machinery near the front of the boiler when his hand slipped off the end of the rod he was holding to and at the same time the engine lurched from a rough place, throwing him to the ground. He was not injured further than being temporarily stunned.

The lost Engineer was brought to Merkel soon after the accident occurred in an auto by Ross Ferrier local Cashier of the Texas & Pacific Co., and on arrival here explained that the cause of his hand slipping from the railing, as result of there being no protection knob on the end of the rail as there should have been.

Many passengers on the train were highly excited when informed that their train had been running for about 14 minutes without a man at the throttle or with any one to watch over their safety, but none of them were excited so much as was the fireman when he stopped the train and stepped to the ground to look for his companion.

Regular engineer Snyder who was a passenger on the train from Baird to Big Springs was called on to take the throttle after about a thirty minute delay here. The train proceeded west about 10 minutes before Engineer Gilmore arrived in the auto.

Misses Odessa Moon and Geta Beckham attended the Singing Convention at Clyde Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Robinson, of Rule, are here visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Robinson.

Messrs. Will Walker and Jim Foster of Stith came down to see H. L. Owens, who is sick.

Misses Ida Smith, Gladys Clinton and Vella Smith and Messrs. Royse Dowdy, Willis McLeod and J. H. Hutchins went to the mountains Sunday taking their dinner.

Mrs. Boyd of Shiloh is here visiting friends this week.

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**The Last Days of Pompeii.**

Probably the best production of Moving pictures ever brought to Merkel as reported by the press from various parts of the state will be on next Tuesday night, April 21st.

On that date Manager Groene announces 8 reels in one show, giving the spectacular production "THE LAST DAYS OF POMPEII". The show will be given at the Airdome and will start promptly at 8:15 with only one show during the evening.

**Getting There.**

The fellow who gets there doesn't depend so much on inspiration as on perspiration.—Philadelphia Record.

Happiness is a twin. To have joy one must share it. Happiness was born a twin.—Byron.

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**Southern States Cotton Corporation.**  
(By F. S. Roundtree)

The third meeting of the scrip holders was held Saturday April 4th and was very stormy and enthusiastic. The drift of sentiment seemed to be to put scrip in as stock in the new company in order to stop court procedure. The plan of the new company was read by J. W. King. The salient features of the company is that the company will buy and sell cotton like all other cotton companies, paying the market price for same, ship it to the spinners in Europe, sell it and give the farmers the profit they make. If other companies can make fortunes buying and selling cotton why can't the farmers do the same? After passing the following resolutions each scrip holder was furnished blanks upon which to put in his claim to the corporation and the body adjourned to the call of the chair. J. W. Childers  
Chairman  
L. F. Bones  
Secretary

**Resolutions**

Whereas, The Southern States Cotton Corporation, which is the outcome of a meeting called by Governor Colquitt and participated in by all the governors of the cotton belt, has been violently assailed by cotton factors and speculators all over the United States, that they have done and are still doing their utmost to put it out of commission; having circulated many false reports about its workings; that after due investigation we denounce the following:

We deny that the officials of the Southern States Cotton Corporation have gambled in futures; 2nd: We deny that it was organized to antagonize the Farmers Union; 3rd: We deny that it was intended as a graft. We commend the officials of the S. S. C. C. as citizens of high character, unselfish and patriotic, and we believe that they have but one desire and that is to redeem the Southern country from its bankrupt condition and place the farmers upon a better footing.

Resolved, That we furnish a copy of these resolutions to the following papers published in Taylor county: Abilene Reporter Ovalo Eagle, Tuscola Valley Vidette, and Merkel Mail.

O. D. Mollroy,  
L. F. Bones,  
F. S. Roundtree, Committee

**16 Men to Prison.**

16 men were taken from Fort Worth Sunday to Leavenworth, Kansas to the Federal Prison, among them were Mike L. Woods former cashier of the State National Bank of Fort Worth who was sentenced to six years in the federal prison for the embezzlement of \$165,000 of the banks funds. Altogether Woods has restored from \$50,000 to \$75,000 of the \$165,000, in fact gave up everything he had to pay back the loss.

One of the other members of the convict gang was Ludie Arnold charged with having in all about 16 wives in different parts of the country. Arnold raised a big kick in Fort Worth Saturday night before leaving on Sunday at being placed in a cell with other prisoners of the country. He was forced into the cell and when time came for him to leave for Leavenworth he was shackled heavily in order that he might not escape. The



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**Lieut. Gov. Mays at Abilene.**

Lieutenant Governor Will H. Mays was billed to speak at Simmons College Thursday evening of this week before the student body of that school.

The announcement of the speaking was made by Pres. Sandefer of Simmons the first of this week.

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**W. O. W.**

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

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

**Painting the Lily.**

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

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Ladies \$3.00 Crepe Dresses	\$1.50	Ladies 1.50 all-over embroidery waists	.50
Ladies \$4.00 Linen Dresses	2.00	Misses' and childrens' percale dresses	.65
Ladies \$1.50 Gingham Dresses	.75	Childrens' 1.50 white lawn dresses	.75
Ladies 2.50 Linen and Pique Skirts	1.25	Childrens 2.00 white lawn dresses	1.00
Ladies 5.00 Serge Skirts	3.00	50c hair ornaments, latest styles	.25
Ladies 1.25 White Underskirts	.60	25c gold beads	.10
Ladies 2.00 Muslin Combination Suits	1.00	25c hair brushes	.15
Ladies 1.50 Princess Slips	.75	1.25 alarm clocks	.65
Ladies 75c Aprons	.45	50c mens blue shirts	.35
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**Woman Bootlegger Arrested.**

Francisca Boda, a Mexican woman, of Gainesville, was arrested the other day by Sheriff Nat Arnold, the charge against her being the unlawful selling of whiskey in dry territory.

The officers started to take up a collection for the unfortunate woman who seemed to have no money or friends when the notorious bootlegger exhibited a roll of bills that totaled \$600, she asked the officers to allow her to go home and get \$2,250 she had in hiding and put it all in the bank as a protection from robbers. The collection was not taken up for the poor "Senorita."

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## OUR CORRESPONDENCE

### Shiloh.

Rev. Horn filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. Scott preached at Hebron Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Grayson and daughter, Miss Mae, were shopping in Merkel Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd were in Merkel Thursday.

Floyd Barnes and Ernest McWright spent Saturday in Anson.

Miss Beulah Jones of Noodle spent Thursday night with Miss Mae Grayson.

There was an Easter egg hunt at the Grayson school house Friday afternoon. Those visiting the school were Mesdames Rogers, Pomroy, Wheeler, Mayberry, Brown, Scott and Beavers.

Messrs Boyd and W. B. Beavers and daughter, Miss Lyda were in Merkel Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Manning from near Noodle were visiting in this community Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Rogers attended services here Sunday night.

The late cold snap killed the fruit and garden truck in this section of the country.

Mr. McWright and daughter, Miss Thelma, and Miss Nancy Green have been attending the meeting at Noodle.

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### Trent

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stevens gave an entertainment Friday evening. Those present reported a nice time.

Mrs. Morris and children left Monday night to join her husband in their new home.

Misses Rena Bell and Tiddy Hutcheson visited their sister, Mrs. Pierce Bonner at Clyde last week.

Mrs. Pierce Bonner, of Clyde, is visiting her father, Chas. Hutcheson this week.

Several young people from here were kodaking in the mountains Sunday.

Mrs. Sam Estep gave a delightful dinner Sunday in honor of her husband's thirty-fifth birthday. Several friends were guests at the noon-day dinner and report an enjoyable and savoring spread.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Phillips, E. Howell and daughter were among the visitors from here to Merkel Monday.

[Editor's Note. Come again Blue Eyes, your communication is exceedingly interesting. Please sign your name next time. For our reference, it will not appear in print.]

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### 4 Persons Were Killed in Auto Wreck.

Georgetown, Texas, April 15.—Four were killed and two seriously injured here at 1:17 this morning when a Katy passenger train hit an automobile. The dead are:

C. C. Cressett.  
C. Robinson.  
W. J. Joiner.  
Joe Howell.

### Eczema, Ring Worm, Itching, Tetter

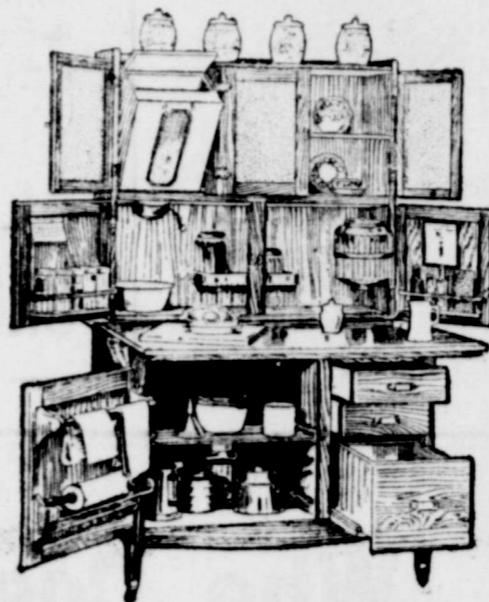
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My commission expires June 1914.

R. O. ANDERSON,

Notary Public, Taylor County.

## OUR CORRESPONDENCE

### Salt Branch.

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

James Wood left Friday for his home near Loraine. He has been visiting S. W. Taylor and family for the past week.

Lester Wheat left Saturday for Coleman to visit his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Teaff were in the Tye community Wednesday.

W. L. Barker and family of near Abilene visited in this community Sunday.

Sunday school and singing were well attended Sunday. We are going to have a big singing next Sunday afternoon. Everybody is invited.

Quite a crowd of young people took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robertson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Robertson visited relatives at Mt. Pleasant Thursday.

J. W. Childress was here Thursday on business.

Emery Mobley was transacting business in the Mulberry community Friday.

### 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.

### Duck Eggs for Sale.

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

### Avoid the Cheap and "Big Can" Baking Powders

The cheap baking powders have but one recommendation; they certainly give the purchaser plenty of powder for his money, but it's not all baking powder; the bulk is made up of cheap materials that have no leaving power. These powders are so carelessly made from inferior materials that they will not always make light, wholesome, food. Further; these cheap baking powders have a very small percentage of leaving gas; therefore it takes from two to three times as much of such powder to raise the cake or biscuit as it does of Calumet Baking Powder. Therefore, in the long run, the actual cost to the consumer of the cheap powders is more than Calumet would be. Cheap baking powders leave the bread sometimes bleached and acid, sometimes yellow and alkaline, and often unpalatable. They are seldom of uniform strength and quality.

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