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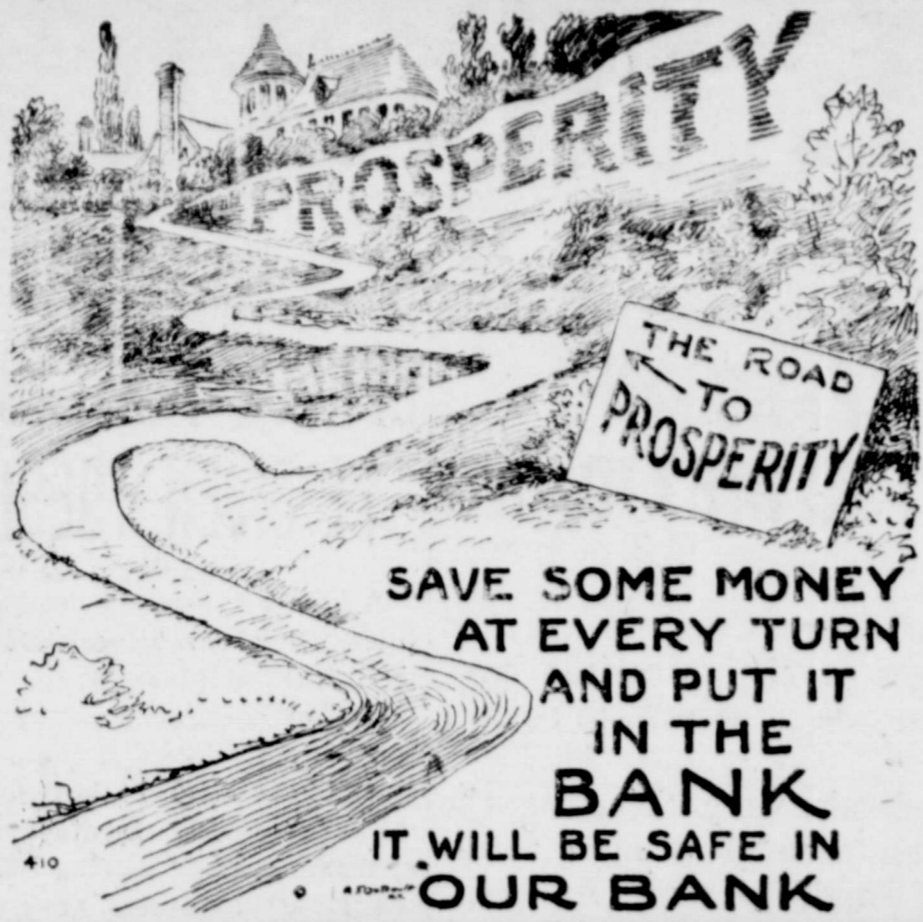
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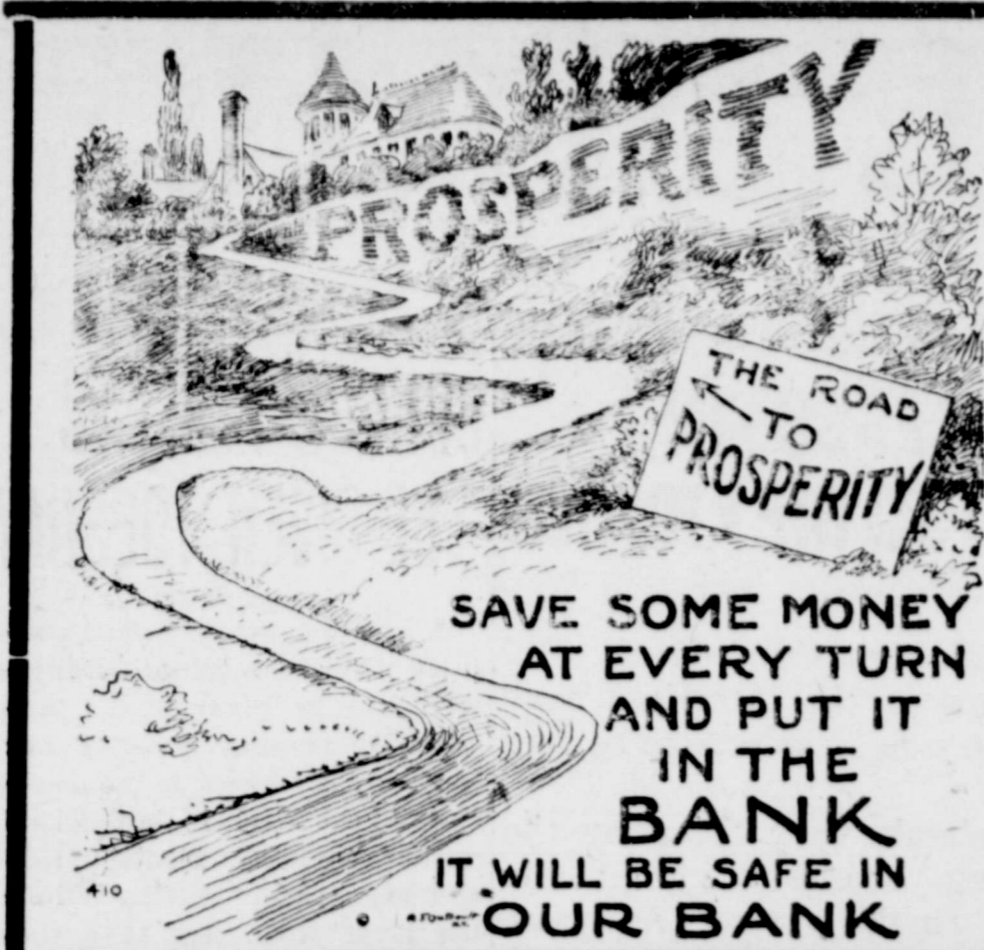
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Don't fail to price our groceries we have special prices. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. W. N. Staas of Abilene spent the past week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith.

Mrs. M. E. Witt of Abilene visited T. J. Witt and family Sunday.

You should worry. About that new club for ten ladies to be organized in Merkel soon.

Closing out the Nyal line of remedies at Rust & McCauley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith left Saturday for Cleburne to visit their son Walter Smith.

Mrs. S. A. Husky of Abilene visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hester the past week.

Miss Winnie Jolly returned to her home at Naples Monday after a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jacobs.

A. L. Jobe made a business trip to Tuscola the past week.

Mrs. Ben Piloher was the week-end guests of her sister Mrs. C. C. Carter of Abilene.

Miss Ruby Jones is the guests of Miss Ruth Merritt of Abilene this week.

Misses Willie and Effie Bennett returned to their home at Cottonwood Saturday after spending the past three weeks with their sister Mrs. J. F. Holdridge.

Drink at the Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. Geo. L. Miller left Wednesday for a visit with her uncle Dr. J. A. Adkieson and family in Beaumont.

E. M. Brown and grandson Clayton have gone on a business trip to the Plains country.

Miss Alma Harris of Mexia came in Monday afternoon to visit her sister Mrs. J. D. Gaither.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis visited the formers parents Sunday.

We served fifteen hundred cold drinks Saturday let us serve you to-day. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Judge and Mrs. A. J. Coe, Mr. and Mrs. Mayor and little daughter motored from Colorado city Saturday to visit the formers daughter Mrs. Jno. R. Daniels.

Mrs. Comer Clay accompanied by Prof. and Mrs. Peters from Hawley spent Saturday with the former's friends they were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard.

Miss Emma Dell McNatt of Abilene was the week-end guests of Miss Fannie Burroughs.

Miss Yvonne Murpuy of Abilene visited her sister Miss Mattie Murphy.

J. T. Tucker left Tuesday morning on a business trip to Colorado City.

Ed Scott of Dallas came in the first of the week to visit his mother who has been very sick at the home of C. L. Cash.

F. R. Jones of Abilene was in the city the first of the week.

Phillip Diltz of Sylvester was here Monday visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz and transacting business in our town.

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Mrs. Q. A. Hendrix is visiting relatives in Abilene this week.

Mrs. F. S. Smith and daughter Miss Ruby, returned to their home at Stamford Tuesday after spending several days with Mrs. C. B. Smith and family.

Mrs. Jim Prince of Coleman is here visiting her mother, Mrs. M. Morton.

Mrs. S. P. Davis left Tuesday for Bowie, where she will visit Miss Sallie Banks.

Calvin Parker of Alva, Okla., is visiting his mother, Mrs. M. Morton.

Our Soda water business is good because we serve good drinks. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

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

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

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.

Nyals 50c Face Cream now 30c at Rust & McCauley.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fryar of Abilene were week-end guests of the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shelton left Wednesday for Thurber to attend the bedside of the latter's father Capt. Ready who is dangerously ill.

Nyals Hirsutoue 50c size at 30c \$1.00 size at 60c at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

R. H. Dean is reported very sick at his home north of Merkel.

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.

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.

Alta-Vista Ice Cream at Burroughs Drug Store.

Mesdames Arthur Sears and H. L. Propst were called to Truby Friday by the serious illness of their sister Mrs. Ethel Hampton.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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.

All three dollar Davis hats two dollars for 10 days. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Phone 9-0 R. E. Hall for prices on all kinds of poultry and produce.

Mrs. A. L. Jobe was taken suddenly ill Tuesday night and up to today was still very sick.

That new club that is to be organized in Merkel is expected to be one of the best helps to house wives imaginable. Particulars in full at an early date.

Sid Criswell left for Mineral Wells Wednesday to be gone for several days to drink of that health water and to take plunges in their renowned bathing places.

Paint, Oils and Varnishes at Burroughs' Drug Store.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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TELEPHONE No. 61

THE ABILENE DEMOCRAT.

According to an editorial in the Mail last week the Abilene Democrat a weekly newspaper published at Abilene had made its initial appearance. This was taken from information gathered from the Commercial Secretaries Association at Fort Worth and we supposed it to be correct. Such was not the case.

The Democrat of which L. B. Shook is to be the editor did not make its appearance on April 9th as the Commercial Secretaries Association reported and our relying on their information caused the Mail to be placed in a false light for truly we had not seen a copy of the Democrat. In the future matter coming from the Commercial Secretaries Association will be carefully scrutinized as to its authenticity before being published in the Mail. Not for the reason that it comes from Fort Worth but from the fact that the ones in charge of this organization for the purpose of furnishing weekly newspapers with current matter are subject to frequent mistakes whenever they draw upon their imagination as they as they did when they gave out this unfounded information.

The Democrat will make its appearance at an early date. This is correct according to the intentions of the management of that coming paper.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT

Time is ripe for Civic Improvement Prizes to be offered in Merkel. The absolutely clean condition of a home and its surroundings should be first prize. Alley conditions, attractiveness of the yards in general offer a chance for some strong competition. This matter should be taken up by some of the ladies clubs of the town and pushed with utmost vigor.

The Abilene Chamber of Commerce is making special appeals to the Taylor county farmers to complete in their \$1000 prize contest for the best yields in cotton, kaffir, milo maize and such. This offer is one of the best ever made for our local agriculturists. The prizes will be awarded in connection with the fair to be held at Abilene this fall. Any one interested in the movement should write to the Secretary of the Commercial Club at Abilene.

A confectionery in Merkel has gone so far as to include in their establishment a window display of 15 live rattle snakes and one large bull snake. Every time a man takes a drink there he can get an inspiration of the real thing even if it isn't an illusion, he can see snakes. Real appetizing isn't it?

Postmaster Derstine of this place has announced that he will withdraw from the office here at an early date in favor of _____ (?)

MY BOYHOOD PANTALOONS.

To-night as I sit in my cozy den
My mind runs back to that old time when
I'd just completed a couple of Junes
And had been presented with pantaloons.

Mother had made them of Pa's old pants,
Without a pattern and taking a chance.
That the things would fit—little they did.
But I was the the all-fred proudest kid
My folks had seen for a month of moons
When I broke out in pantaloons.

Even to-night my old skin itches
When I recall those boyhood breeches;
The cloth was "jeans," a jiggery stuff
That was always stiff and always rough;
Wherever it rubbed it left its mark—
Scarred up the skin like hickory bark,
And my legs were always sore,
Because of the boyhood pants I wore.

It occurs to me now that it gave me a pain
When I learned how easy the cloth would stain;
That in spite of all I could do
To keep them clean for a Sunday or two,
Something'd happen—I'd spill some juice,
Tomato or apple—it was no use,
These spots would get there all too soon
And soil my boyhood pantaloons.

—But in gray-haired age I'd freely trade
My present pants that were tailored-made—
The corduroy kind and the hand-me-downs—
The kind I've bought in a hundred towns—
I'd give them all and much to boot
For the principal part of the coatless suit
That I got at the end of a couple of Junes—
Oh! I love them yet—those pantaloons.
—L. P. Hathaway.

The Dallas News says their estimate of Pancho Villa, briefly summed up is that he is the Jim Ferguson of Mexico. Well, one thing that can be said of both of them is that you will have to give it to them as fighters.

A man said to us, "Those Mexican names were always hard for me, I never could get that name Hu-réta just right but never seemed to have any trouble pronouncing the name of that Mexican town O-ger-ner-ga."

A little action after a long spell of watching and waiting.

Salute, you Galoot. Porque no saludar, ? but we know not and there you are.

Just when Mr. Daniels said the Navy would be dry things began to get slippery.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal has a new version. "Spare the rod and let the boy go to the electric chair."

We would like to know if they can force a newspaper man to fight. Any information on the subject will be gratefully received.

This week in Merkel ends with the ending of the city schools. Five different programs are scheduled to be given and then is an "All day singers meet. It will just about rain then and spoil the whole thing.

Four men killed at Vera Cruz Tuesday evening seems sufficient to excite even the cool-headed Uncle Sam and a fast fistic action on his part could not now be taken as a surprise.

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PARTEN'S BARGAIN BULLETIN

GREAT SHOE SALE

TOO MANY SHOES ————— THEY MUST GO

The unexpected arrival this week of two big shipments of slippers that we thought the factories would be unable to deliver, and having bought others earlier in the season to take their place, makes our shoe stock entirely too large at this time. To lower our stock to its normal size we have placed these **BRAN NEW STYLISH AND SERVICEABLE SOLID LEATHER SLIPPERS** on sale at about **ONE-THIRD** their real value.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY YOUR SPRING AND SUMMER SLIPPERS

\$1.50 Childrens patent leather and kid Mary Jane Slippers	\$1.00	\$2.25 Ladies kid one strap Slippers	\$1.75
2.00 Misses patent leather and kid Baby Doll Slippers	1.25	1.75 Ladies one strap kid Slippers	1.35
2.25 Misses patent leather and kid Baby Doll Slippers	1.50	3.00 Ladies patent leather Slippers-one-strap	2.45
2.50 Ladies patent leather and kid Mary Jane Slippers	2.00	3.00 two strap patent leather medium heel Slippers	2.50

Hundreds of others too numerous to mention will be included in this **MID-SEASON STOCK REDUCING SHOE SALE**. You will be handsemely paid for the effort that it requires to investigate these shoes and prices

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\$3.50 Ladies Dresses	\$2.95	75c mens dress shirts, collars attached50
40c to 50c Floral Ribbons25	50c mens work shirts39
1.00 Brocade Silk Messalines78	15c 36-inch draperies10
Seven Spools Best Thread25	Bargain laces choice on table No. 105
75c Childrens Dresses50	Bargain laces choice on table No. 210
10c embroideries and insertions05	35c crepe dress goods	25c
75c yard-wide silk brocades50	75c crepe dress goods, 36 inch wide, extra special	50c
75c 45-inch embroidered vail flouncings45	\$7.50 fine ready-made crepe dress, only one, to lady it fits	\$3.95
1.00 54-inch embroidered crepe flouncings75	15c yard wide guaranteed not to fade percales, only	10c
15c perfumed talcums, extra special10	15c 38 inch fine bleached cambric, extra special	10c
\$1.25 36 inch silk crepe-de-chine, extra special	85c		

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- For Sheriff:
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W. F. (Frank) Whaley
T. T. Spann
J. L. Roberson
- For District Clerk:
J. Fuller (re-election)
J. N. Routh
- For County Clerk:
A. H. Balch
Miss Fannie Tippett
J. D. Hilton
- For Tax Collector:
D. T. Harkrider (re-election)
W. F. Dillard
- For County Treasurer:
G. B. (Blue) Tittle (re-election)
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 2.
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E. D. Coats
J. L. Banner
- For Weigher
P. C. Jones
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A Painless Headache.

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PHONE 142 **H. M. Warren**
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Presbyterian Church Announcement.

There will be no preaching at the Presbyterian Church Sunday, April 26, neither will there be any preaching at Blair on that day on account of the Singing Convention to be held at the Tabernacle.

Sunday school at the Presbyterian church at the regular hour 10 to 11. Free pictures of your Sunday school class to each pupil. Be sure to come next Sunday and get particulars how to get your picture. They are not for sale.

Attend the Presbyterian Sunday school May 10th, in honor of your mother. Arrangements for a program will be complete by next Sunday. Can we count on your presence to help us next Sunday.

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NEW SHOW HOUSE TO BE BUILT HERE

A new summer house of moving pictures is to be erected here soon. Work will start on the structure this week and contractor Dye expects to have the place in rediness for the management at an early date.

The new place will be located on the corner of South Front and Oak street directly across from the depot and will be under the management of Ward & Harrison proprietors of the Royal Theatre at Abilene.

The Merkel branch of the Ward Harrison Company will be under the management of Mr. Harrison who is expected to move his family here at once in order to supervise the erection of the Airdome.

To Print Cook Book.

Mrs. H. H. Prater of Trent was in the city Monday in the interest of the Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church of Trent. The ladies of the Baptist church at Trent are contemplating publishing a cook book to distribute for the benefit of their society.

California Raisin Day.

Railroad dining cars, hotels and restaurants have made elaborate preparations to observe "California Raisin Day" April 30. Raisins will be served in various styles, stewed, boiled, in cakes, bread and pies. Menus on all T. & P. diners in Texas and Louisiana will be featured by raisins, a dish in some form to be given complimentary to every patron.

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Baptist Baraca Class.

The Baraca class of the Baptist church met April 19th with fourteen members present, led in prayer by Miss Una Hall. Each member discussed the subject, "The Lost of Disciples" at length. (1) To consider the cost before taking the cross. (2) Give up all earthly, even one's own life for Christ if need be. The Baraca class was royally entertained by the Philathea class at the home of Mr. Swann April 17th. Mrs. Scott gave a reading which was appreciated. Games, music and a contest was the program of entertainment. The Baraca class met again April 20th for the purpose of electing a teacher and assistant teacher to take the places of the retiring ones. We only hope to get some that will equal the present teachers, for they have been as faithful and loyal as could be expected of any one. We regret very much to lose them, but they will leave when the public school is out.

J. T. Warren was elected as teacher and J. T. Howard as assistant teacher. Booth Warren was elected as press reporter as the present one will leave as soon as school is out.

Othello Act IV, Scene 2 and 3.

Does Emilia betray any suspicion of her husband when she says, "I will be hanged" (Line 130 and 133)?

Is Desdemona's song essential to the action of the drama?

What is its artistic or dramatic purpose? What similar incident in Shakespeare does it recall?

How does Othello at first intend to kill Desdemona. What other means does Iago suggest and why?

How does Desdemona receive Othello accusation against her? How does Emilia treat it?

Does Iago deceive others as completely as he does Othello?

What relation does Act VI bear to the main action of the play?

Miss Willie Valentine, Leader

On Thursday evening Mrs. E. P. McMillen entertained with a postponed Easter party at her home on Oak St. her guests were the members of Mrs. Bland's Baraca class at the Presbyterian church and their girl friends. Tables were arranged for the contests. The contest creating the most mirth was the boys trimming Easter hats. Many advance ideas were woven into these wonderful hats. Charley Jones was awarded the prize for this contest and received an Easter novelty. At the conclusion of the games the tables were laid with dainty lunch cloths each center motif was a chicken half concealed in a nest of green leaves. Beautiful Easter favors were given to the guests. The refreshment course consisted of chicken salad served on lettuce leaves crowned with half of a deviled egg wafers, olives and hot coffee. Mrs. McMillen is an ideal hostess and the young people look forward for another invitation.

The Baptist Philatheas were charming hostesses Friday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann. Their honored guests were Misses Carroll Rister, Maggie Wheeler, Ola and Lula Sharp, members of the graduating class '14 Merkel High School. A musical and literary program was delightfully rendered. The string music by Ivo Mann and sister Miss Mattie T. Mann deserved special mention. The game of Authors was greatly enjoyed and caused much merriment. Ennis Grimes and Ed Scott tied for high honors, Ed Scott winning the box of candy in the cut. The players found their partners by matching quotations score cards which had been cut into. Ice cream and cake was served to about sixty guests. They were the Baptist Baraca class, the Senior class of '14, the Faculty and a few friends. The special hostesses were Mrs. Earl Lassiter, Misses Fynnie Swann and Agnes Hall. Mrs. W. A. Scott assisted her class in receiving and entertaining the guests.

D Grimes, Homer L. Easterwood. Misses Mabel Collins and Zora Coggin motored to the Warren school house entertainment Friday evening.

On Monday last all of the mothers received from their little ones in Misses May and Willie Valentines' rooms such nicely written invitations to attend their picnic the following afternoon. Tuesday promptly at 2:30 the children from these rooms with their teachers marched from the college to the pretty lot back of Mr. Christophers, where they were joined by their mothers with baskets. Mr. Bankhead and Mr. Adcock were on the scene of action with plenty of ropes, and soon a number of swings could be seen flying skyward with happy children. Baseball, football, flying kites, jumping the rope and snap were the enjoyable games of the afternoon. Everyone seemed to have the spirit of fun and frolic, even the mothers grew young again and made these little hearts all the merrier by giving them a lively chase in their games. Such a pleasant afternoon with our little ones and these devoted teachers give renewed zest to life on the part of the parents and teachers and greater interest to the children in their studies. At 4 o'clock as the bounteous spread was laid and the happy faces full of anticipation gathered around, all bowed while Mr. Bankhead returned thanks for these blessings and for the pleasure of the afternoon. Besides these two rooms there were about forty guests.

The Twentieth Club was entertained by Mrs. George F. West Saturday afternoon at her home on Austin St. Miss May Valentine conducted the lesson. The matter of joining the Federation was under consideration. The hostess served sherbet and cake. The cake was baked by Miss Zora West all were eager for the receipt. It was pronounced excellent.

Those enjoying the motorcycles Sunday afternoon were Messrs Arthur Oakley, Ernest Carter, Eugene Pierce and Fred Hoppe. Misses Mamie and Clara Moore, Hollis and Eufie Cypert. A trip to Abilene where supper was served was greatly enjoyed.

The B-Flat club was entertained with an Easter egg hunt Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Ina Mae Adams on Elm street. The usual study hour was observed. Little Easter rabbits were pinned to the guests as they passed into the hall, afterwards refreshments were served to all wearing the rabbits. Eggs had been scattered in every nook and corner on the vacant lot back of the Adam's home. Miss Evalyn Williams was presented with a lovely toy rabbit for finding the most eggs. Miss Jackie Jennings received the box of candied eggs as a consolation.

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Many Merkel People Fail to Realize the Seriousness

Backache is so deceptive. It comes and goes—keeps you guessing.

Learn the cause—then cure it. Possibly it's weak kidneys.

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They're especially for weak or disordered kidneys.

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Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Dodd had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Too Late to Classify.

R. O. Anderson, G. E. Comey J. D. Gaither and Jno. G. Jackson were prospecting for oil in Moran Thursday. It is rumored that there was also some gas in the vicinity of Moran on the day our townsmen visited there. At the same time Ottie Coggin and Ed Teaff left for Fort Worth to attend to business matters.

AN ORDINANCE

An ordinance granting to the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Co. the right to construct underground conduits in the streets, alleys and public grounds of the city of Merkel and to place its wires, cables and conductors in the same and to connect the same with its overhead telephone construction as the same now exists and as the same may be extended from time to time in said city and to operate and maintain the same so placed and so connected for the term of twenty-five years and superceding franchise heretofore granted to the Texas & Pacific Telephone Company.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Merkel that the right is hereby granted to the Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Co., its successors and assigns to construct underground conduits along and under all the streets, alleys and public grounds of the city of Merkel, and to place therein its wires and cables and to connect such wires and cables so placed with its overhead telephone construction in the said city of Merkel, and such other overhead construction as may from time to time be convenient and necessary for the purpose of operating its telephone system in said city of Merkel, and to maintain and operate the same so connected and placed for the term of 25 years from the date of the passage of this ordinance.

Section 2. Said underground conduits shall be placed along such sides of said streets and alleys as may be provided by the city council. The said underground construction shall not be required to be done immediately nor shall this ordinance be construed so as to require all said street or alleys to be provided with such conduits, but parts of same shall be done from time to time during the term of this franchise at such times as in the opinion of the said Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Company the same may be necessary for the proper maintenance and operation of said Company's telephone plant and exchange in said city.

Section 3. The said conduits and wires shall be so placed and maintained as not to incommode travel in said highways after the same are constructed, and said Telephone Company shall hold said city free from all damages that may be recovered against it by reason of any negligence on the part of said company in the construction, maintenance and operation of said telephone plant.

Section 4. The rights herein granted are not exclusive but the City Council may grant similar rights to any other person or corporation at any time provided such grants shall not interfere with the proper exercise of the privilege herein granted.

Section 5. The said telephone company agrees to furnish to the said city of Merkel, one telephone, and the said city of Merkel hereby agrees to rent from the said telephone company at least one telephone continually, to be connected with said telephone company's exchange in said city and placed in office and buildings in said city used by said city for its officers under direction of said city for the period of 25 years from the date of the passage of this ordinance, for which and for all other telephones furnished by the said telephone company to the said city of Merkel, the said city of Merkel shall pay to said telephone company each month the same monthly charge as is made by said telephone company to other patrons connected with said telephone Co's exchange in said city of Merkel for similar service.

Section 6. In consideration of this grant the said The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company shall place one duct in said conduits as said conduits are constructed for the use of said city for its fire alarm or police wires, provided that no high potential wires or light or power wires shall ever be placed in said duct, and as a further consideration of this grant said company shall pay to the said city the sum of one hundred and ten dollars (\$110.00) per year, payable on the 1st day of April in each and every year during the life of this franchise the first payment to be made April 1st 1914 for the pro-rata part of 12 months subsequent to the passage of this ordinance.

Section 7. That this franchise supercedes and cancels that certain franchise granted to the Texas & Pacific Telephone Company, of date Oct. 4th 1906.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and the filing by said com-

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.

Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. J-46

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Repair work promptly done and Satisfaction Guaranteed.
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If you need anything in our business give us a call.
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ADJUSTMENTS MADE ANYWHERE
Our system of making collection or adjustment of your past due notes and accounts is best for you and customer, endorsed by banks and business men. Affiliated with Retail Merchants Association and banks of Texas. All business strictly confidential, and on a commission basis.
IRA ARMSTRONG, MANAGER
OFFICE AT FARMERS STATE BANK

WHENEVER YOU NEED A GENERAL TONIC - TAKE GROVE'S
The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is Equally Valuable as a General Tonic because it Acts on the Liver, Drives Out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. For Grown People and Children.
You know what you are taking when you take Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic as the formula is printed on every label showing that it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic and is in Tasteless Form. It has no equal for Malaria, Chills and Fever, Weakness, general debility and loss of appetite. Gives life and vigor to Nursing Mothers and Pale, Sickly Children. Removes Biliousness without purging. Relieves nervous depression and low spirits. Arouses the liver to action and purifies the blood. A True Tonic and Sure Appetizer. A Complete Strengthenner. No family should be without it. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.

pany of an unconditional written acceptance of the terms of this franchise in the office of the City Secretary of said city.
Approved
J. J. Stallings, Mayor.
Attest:
R. A. McClain, City Sec'y.

Reward for Lost Yearlings.
I will give a reward of \$5 00 each for the return to me of two yearling heifers. Each has a crop and under-bit in left ear and figure 4 brand on left side neck. One of the heifers is a red the other a jersey fawn color Finder notify S. A. Deratine.

Ice Cream Supper at Trent
The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church at Trent will give an ice cream, cake and pie benefit on Saturday evening May 2, at hours of from 2 until 10 o'clock.

DR. FRED TINKLE'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL
For Man and Beast
Is an external remedy and sure cure for wire cuts, wounds of any nature, eczema and skin troubles. Try a bottle of your druggist and money refunded if not satisfactory. Made by
DR. FRED TINKLE
Winters Texas
And For Sale by
BURROUGHS' DRUG STORE
Merkel, Texas

BETTER GOODS AND RIGHT PRICES

PROMPT AND COURTEOUS TREATMENT

Are What We Are Offering to The Buying Public

Our efforts have been since opening our store to give the people the very best dependable merchandise that could be found and our trade has now grown and proven beyond a doubt that we are giving full values for the money and by far better than has ever been offered by any Merkel store before.

Give us a trial order or ask your neighbor and you will be convinced of the above facts. Our DRY GOODS, GROCERIES and HARDWARE line is complete with all new clean merchandise.

Yours for better goods, better service and right prices,

Anchor Mercantile Company

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nix are receiving congratulations over the birth of a son.

Buy Nyals Remedies at reduced prices at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. Brack Jones and daughter Agness were here shopping Monday.

\$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.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McConnell of Eskota visited the latter's mother Mrs. G. W. Dunning.

R. E. Hall buys all kinds of poultry.

Miss Gail McCarty visited her aunt Mrs. W. C. Calvert in Sweetwater Sunday.

Alta-Vista Ice Cream at Burroughs Drug Store.

Misses Agness Hall and Tommie Louise Coggin and Messrs O. M. Coggin, H. C. Burroughs and C. K. Russell motored to Sweetwater Tuesday morning, returning home the same afternoon.

I WANT EVERY PERSON

to have a start of my "Happy Hustling Prize Winning Houdan Chickens."



Eggs, 50c per setting of 15, for rest of this season.

CHAS. ORR, Route No. 3

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

W. G. Perry of Nubia was in the city Tuesday exhibiting a large egg that measured 8 and 1-2 inches the long way by 6 and 1-4 inches the small way.

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

Mrs. Sopha Hamm of Akron Ohio and Mrs. McClure of Minneapolis Minn. stopped off with Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Hamm, en-route home from Los Angeles, Calif., where they spent the winter.

Notice to Public.

We have open the stock of drugs formerly owned by R. A. McClain and invite all the old customers to visit our place.

Mr. McClain will be in charge of the prescription department.

Respectfully,
Gunn and King.

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.

Our society editor doesn't even know what that new club is to be for. 10 ladies will be taken into the first organization.

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

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.

Misses May Elliott and Zora Lee Burton of Hamlin are here visiting the former's brother W. M. Elliott and family.

Nyals Tooth Paste regular 25c now 15c at Rust & McCauley.

Mrs. Ponder is quite sick at the home of her daughter Mrs. C. L. Cash.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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

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

STOLEN—From north ward school building between April 10th to 13th. No. 2 kodak and small nickle plated clock. Finder return to Miss Jessie Sutphen and get reward.

LOST—On Oak street one black hat. Finder return to Mail office and get reward.

LOST—Bunch of keys with name of W. P. Duckett attached. Return to owner and get reward.

SPECIAL PRICES

Well I am still here and handle a complete line of Groceries and feed and can give you the best prices that any one else can give you for I pay cash and sell for cash and that is the reason I can make you such close prices. I will quote you a few staple articles and you can compare them with the other man's prices and see what you are paying for your Groceries.

100 lbs. best flour in town	\$.27
100 lbs. Eagle Brand sugar	4.60
25 lbs. Eagle Brand sugar	1.20
10 lbs. Diamond D Syrup	.50
10 lbs. Swallow Syrup	.50
3 cans Krout	.25
3 cans Hominy	.25
3 cans Pink Salmon	.25
3 lb. can Sweet Potatoes	.10
5 gals. Eupion Oil	.65
5 gals. Headlight Oil	.50
12 Boxes Matches	.40
25c can K. C. Baking Powder	.20

And have lots of other bargains that I can give you if you will give me a chance. I will sell you feed as cheap as anyone. You will find that I handle the best quality of feed that is in the market. Come and let me show you how much I can save you. Walter Clark.

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 SPECIALISTS

"THERE'S A REASON"

THE
SANITARY GROCERY



Who Does Your Laundry?

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

ANY TIME YOU HAVE LAUNDRY PHONE 48 AND MR. THOMAS

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

Merkel, Texas

THE ABILENE STEAM LAUNDRY

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Shiloh.

There was a very good attendance out at prayer meeting Sunday night. Several from this place attended singing at Trent Sunday afternoon.

Those from here who attended the Noodle school picnic report a very enjoyable time, a nice program, good dinner with plenty of ice cream and lemonade.

J. W. Hardy and daughters Misses Willie and Mollie of the Noodle community spent Sunday afternoon with W. B. Beavers and family.

G. W. Scott and brother and Mr. Mayberry spent one night last week on the river fishing.

Misses Lettie and Beulah Jones attended the Noodle picnic and spent Saturday night with the Misses Goode.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Grayson were the guests Sunday of Geo. Scott and family.

Joe Winters and family visited relatives here Sunday.

Messrs. Teasley and Blassingame and children were fishing on clear fork Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry were Merkel visitors Thursday.

There was a party at Mr. Hayhurst's Saturday night.

Noodle

We had a good picnic Saturday on the bridge at the river. There was a large crowd of people including sixteen candidates. Mrs. A. C. Sosbee recited "The Curfew Shall not ring To-night," which was enjoyed by all.

Noodle school was out last Friday. Carpenter Gap and Horn school will end this week.

Will Horn visited John Johnson the past week.

Mrs. Rountree and mother-in-law spent Wednesday of last week with the former's father, Mr. Hale.

Only a few were present at Sunday school Sunday on account of Old Folks' day and dinner on the ground at Golden.

Mrs. Rountree was shopping in Merkel last Thursday.

Abe Cole of Anson passed through our community this week. He is for cotton weicher.

Reace Hale of Shiloh was here the first of the week.

The little freeze killed everybody's garden.

Another rabbit hunt last week and 512 were killed.

Salt Branch.

Nell Sargent and family of Warren community were visiting relatives here Monday.

T. C. Allen and wife are visiting relatives in Cherokee this week.

Prof. J. R. Taylor returned from Loraine Friday where he has been for the past month.

G. G. Henry and family of the Mulberry community was visiting relatives in this community Saturday and Sunday.

Jim Ingram and family of Mt. Pleasant were visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Robertson, Sunday.

There were several singing classes represented here Sunday. Those present were the Tye, Mulberry and Stith classes. We had a fine singing.

T. C. Allen gave us a singing Sunday night, there was a large crowd present.

Our literary school will be out April 24th.

How's This?

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

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 mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for Constipation.

ONLY SIX MORE DAYS

Until May 1st. We will then take subscriptions for Hollands Magazine and Farm & Ranch at their regular price of \$1.00 per year each.

From now until the first of May, we will give both these papers free with ever subscription to

THE MERKEL MAIL

For a period of 1 year at \$1.00.

Hollands and Farm & Ranch come to you free from now until December 1st. 1914.

Read the above again and if you are not reading these two farm papers, renew for the Merkel Mail at once and get them.

ONLY SIX DAYS MORE

\$1---THE MERKEL MAIL---\$1

THE OTHER TWO FREE

Blair

Rev. Young filled his regular appointment here Sunday evening.

There will be no preaching at Blair next Sunday. Every one is going to attend the Singing convention.

Farmers are complaining of bad stands of cotton and feed on account of the cold dry winds blowing so much.

Mrs. Walter Cox, of Buffalo Gap, returned home Sunday after a few days visit with relatives and friends in this community.

Mrs. J. A. Provine of Merkel was visiting Mrs. S. F. Provine last week.

The children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt given by Mrs. W. A. Hall Saturday.

James and Ora Mayfield entertained a number of young friends at their home Friday night. All report a nice time.

The members of the B. Y. P. U. of Blair rendered their first program to a large and appreciative audience Sunday night. Rev. Evans and his daughter Miss Emma of Abilene attended the services.

There is just one more week after this of the Blair school. We have had a good school and here is hoping the same teachers will be with us next year.

Residence Burns at Abilene.

The home of James M. Danner, chief clerk and auditor of the Abilene and Southern Railway Co., 1134 South Sixth street, was almost completely destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Mr. Danner stated that loss to the house was \$1,500 and to furnishings \$750. In all he carried \$750 insurance.

At times the flames mounted into the air to a distance of about 100 feet and the curling, gaseous smoke enveloped and threw firebrands over the entire surrounding neighborhood. The work of the auto fire engine was every where successful and profitable. Citizens by the hundreds gathered upon the scene and almost every one had occasion to witness the indispensable service of the La France machine without which Sunday the Ward



YOU'LL BE PLEASED

With your appearance after you have arrayed yourself in shirt and collar of our laundering. For the finish will be the proper thing, the cleanliness absolute. Send us your laundry work this week and enjoy the satisfaction that comes from perfectly laundered linen.

SWEETWATER LAUNDRY CO.
Phone No. 4 M. B. BELL, Agent Merkel

WANTED!

Clean Cotton Rags at the Merkel Mail Office at once.

HICKS WINS IN P. O. ELECTION

H. R. Hicks was winner of the postoffice election held here Saturday over his opponent Seth Hamilton by the small majority of two votes.

The total number of votes cast was 370, Mr. Hicks having received 186 while Hamilton polled the remained of 184 votes. Returns of the election were prepared and sent to Postmaster General Burleson for his consideration in making the appointment at this place.

home would have been sacrificed to the demon fire. The Danner family received the sympathy of every one in their serious loss.—Abilene Reporter.

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.

Advertised Letters

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for the week ending Apr. 25, 1914.

Neblett, Mrs. Leroy
Neckoir, Yozef

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office May 9, 1914.

H. W. Derstine, P. M.

Affray Saturday.

A fistio affray was pulled off here Saturday afternoon in time to benefit those who were not attending the riding contests at the livery barn east of the post office.

The fight was between a man by the name of White and a stranger whose name we could not learn. The extent of the melee was only skinned faces.

Skin Diseases Cured.

Hunt's Cure is the name of the remedy which is absolutely guaranteed to cure all forms of skin disease or the purchase price promptly refunded. Wonderful results are obtained by its use, curing cases that would not yield to other treatment. Ask your druggist

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Compere

Health is good in our community so far as we can learn.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tarvin have a fine girl at their home.

Rev. Tucker filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely.

Our assistant school teacher gave the little folks an Easter egg hunt on Friday of last week. Billie Moore was the successful one in finding the most eggs.

Will Warren was in Compere day last week.

Mr. Palmer is still having his cancer treated and thinks it is getting better.

Mrs. Palmer is suffering with rheumatism this week.

Wishing the editor and all the readers success.

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. tf.

Calomel is Bad.

But Simmons' Liver Purifier is delightfully pleasant, and its action is thorough. Constipation yields biliousness goes. A trial convinces. (In yellow tin boxes only.) Tried once, used always.

Route 3

The farmers of our community are about through planting their crops.

There was preaching at Mt. Pleasant last Sunday. A large crowd attended.

W. H. Hathway and wife were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Moore Sunday.

A. H. Barnes was in Merkel Saturday afternoon.

Every body is invited to attend childrens day at Mt. Pleasant the second Sunday in May.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Jones and baby spent Saturday night and Sunday in Merkel.

Misses Cleo Barnes and Annie Lee Bland were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Jim James and wife were visiting in Merkel the latter part of last week.

Miss Pearl Baccus spent Saturday night with friends in Merkel.

Eczema, Ring Worm, Itching, Tetter

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

Railroad Men in Session.

More than 200 officers and employes of the Texas & Pacific Railway will attend the "Annual Family Meeting" in Fort Worth April 24 and 25. The different departments will get together and discuss topics of general interest. Fort Worth people have planned a series of entertainments.

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