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SUNDAY--MOTHER'S DAY SERMON

By Hubert E. Bullock, pastor Presbyterian Church

On Sunday May 10, "Mother's Day" Rev. H. E. Bullock preached to a full house from II Kings 4:26. Quite a number of old people were present. By way of remarks the preacher said in part:

"Old age is too often looked upon as a lonesome, dismal and unhappy period in the life of the individual. Oh, perhaps not so much by the aged themselves as by us younger folks. We are inclined to look toward age with some degree of fear and despair. It should not be so. With the life that has been lived according to God's plan in keeping with his word and in harmony with his will, age is more desirable than youth with all its energy, its enthusiasm and its buoyancy. As ripe fruit is sweeter than green fruit, so is age sweeter than youth provided youth was grafted into Christ. As harvest time is brighter than seed time, so is age brighter than youth, provided youth was a seed time for good. As the completion of a work is more glorious than the beginning of it, so is age more glorious than youth that is, if the foundation of the work of God were laid in youth. As sailing into port is a happier thing than the journey itself, so is age happier than youth, that is when the voyage from youth to old age has been made with Christ at the helm. We ought to reverence age more than we do and really and truly we ought to desire it as a fit china to a well ordered life."

He spoke of Mother's Day and its purpose, and lamented that we have not a Father's Day, insisting that when we cherish mother's love we should not forget father's devotion.

Speaking to the text he said in part:

"I bring a message today for everyone present. A message in the form of a question, not my question but one born in Heaven spoken by inspiration, through Elisha and his servant, to the Shunammite woman, and recorded in II Kings 4:26. 'Is it well with thee?' 'Is it well with thy husband?' 'Is it well with the child?' And she answered, 'It is well.' I call your attention to this, the most vital question that was ever asked an individual in this life, vital centuries ago, an no less vital today; vital to the Shunammite woman and no less vital to you. Not only does it concern mother but is of equal interest to father and children.

Mother, God is concerned about you today. Is it well with thee? When God instituted the home he saw fit to make mother its queen. Though her place, her privileges and her influence have during the centuries past and in some centuries today are deprived her, yet through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ there have been and are being rapidly reclaimed. Go to any Christian nation and ask who you will, the superiority of mother's influence will not be questioned.

Mother, what use are you making of this power which God has given you? Is it well with thee? If you are a stranger to grace and the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ be careful, for your decision comes with it not only your own destiny but in all probability, that of your husband and children as well. Furthermore, mother not only sets the example in her decision for the Christ, but sets the place in her devotion to him and her activities in the church.

And, Oh, the joy and peace and reward that comes to those mothers here today that can look up through it all and say, 'It is well.'

Fathers, God is concerned about you today. Is it well with thy husband? When God instituted that home he ordained that father should be its king, the head of the house. He therefore, developed it upon you to see to the care, the comfort, the happiness and the peace of the inmates. You have seen to the care and comforts of the home, but what about the happiness and the peace? Material things do not afford these, for some of the most wretched and unhappy homes are those that are surrounded by a most beautiful enclosure, couched in a mansion whose rooms are furnished with the most luxurious furniture, whose walls are decorated with the most artistic art and whose table is set with the most delicious foods to be found in the market of the world. No home can enjoy the happiness nor have the peace that God intended it to have that is not a christian home. Father you are the head of the home, but Christ is the head of the church and God is the Father of all. Have you enthroned Christ in the home as chief companion and first counselor, and have you turned over the reins of government to him? Is it well with thee.

And, Oh joy, the peace and the reward that comes to those fathers here today that can look up through it all and say "It is well."

Children, sons and daughters, God is concerned about you today "Is it well with the child?" Oh what possibilities are wrapped up in an infant child, what vast resources of joy and gladness to father's and mother's heart; or what limitless resources of trouble and anguish Prov. 10; 1 "A wise son maketh a glad father, but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother." Oh, the mothers hearts that have been crushed and the fathers anticipations that have been blighted because of the disobedience of some daughter or the waywardness of some son. The first commandment with promise is "Honor thy father and thy mother" etc., What are you giving out from that reservoir of latent resources?

But to honor father and mother means more that reverence them It means to follow them. Of

Old Timer Comes Back.

R. A. Miller, one of the pioneer citizens of Abilene, being here at the organization of the town, has returned, after a few years absence at Merkel and his fruit farm at Lindale, Smith county, and is living at Osage and North Sixth streets. Mrs. Miller's health brought them back, and we are glad to say that her health has already improved since her return some weeks since. Her grandchildren are with her, and their father, Mr. S. A. Bacon, with the Wooten Grocer Co., has been transferred from Big Springs to Abilene, in order to be with them. He will be here the last of this week.

Our old friend, R. A., will shortly go back to Lindale to assist his son in looking after products of the farm and orchards.—Abilene Democrat.

TRENT PREPARING FOR SCHOOL CLOSE

Trent is making extensive preparations for the closing exercises of their schools to be held at the Tabernacle at Trent on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of next week.

The programs advertising the closing exercises will be given out the early part of next week or as soon as they can be turned out of the Mail press room.

G. L. Farrar, re-elected superintendent of the Trent Schools is highly elated over the excellent condition our neighboring schools are in and is looking forward to next years work as being even better and more satisfactory to patrons, students and teachers alike, than has been this term of work. The exercises will begin promptly at 8.15 each evening.

For Sale or Exchange.

43 1/2 acres in Hill county for land in Merkel territory. T. L. Grimes.

Returns From Coleman.

Eld. W. G. Cypert returned from Coleman this week where he has been holding a meeting for the past ten days. He reports a very interesting meet.

From here Elder Cypert goes to Mart to hold a meeting.

course this construction is to be modified by the one condition that they be christian parents. "He that loveth father and mother more than me is not worthy of me". Certainly means to put Christ first. But that son or daughter having devoted christian parents may honor father's and mother's live by reproducing them in themselves.

And Oh, the joy, the peace and the reward that comes to those sons and daughters here to-day that can say, I have joined father and mother in making our home a christian home "It is well".

What joy comes to the mothers heart to-day that can look up, with the assurance that the circle will be unbroken, and answer the thrice repeated questions questions of the text by saying "It is well".

MERKEL DONATES TO STORM VICTIMS

Last week Mayor Stallings circulated a petition in Merkel for the Peacock suffers and obtained donations to the amount of \$20.50 which he forwarded to those in charge of the relief work at that place.

As to the need of such assistance. Proof comes in report of conditions following the cyclone that destroyed that small town. Every house in the town was blown down, two persons were seriously injured. One large iron safe was carried through the air for some 200 yards. All the flour of one establishment was unsacked, the flour left in a cone shape and the sacks nowhere to be found. Shoe heels and shoe soles were torn from the uppers and other freakish things occurred in a very short period of time. Practically every person in town is reported to have taken shelter in storm houses on approach of the storm.

Out House Fire.

The fire department was called out Tuesday afternoon by mistake when E. P. McMillen set fire to an old house north of the Crown Hardware Building for the purpose of destroying bugs and other mites that infested the place recently bought by him.

The response made by the department was quick and only on appeal from Mr. McMillen was the structure allowed to burn. The owner of the property had left instructions with a clerk at his store to notify the department that he was going to burn the shed but the clerk Mr. Sheppard (a member of the fire department) forgot.

Announces For Sheriff.

We are authorized to announce to our readers this week the candidacy of J. T. Dodson of Abilene as candidate for the office of Sheriff of Taylor County subject to the action of the Democratic primaries on July 25.

Mr. Dodson has been a resident of Taylor county and Abilene for the last 8 years and has been in the blacksmith business at the above place since making this country his home. He is well qualified to fill the office to which he aspires and we are confident will make a good officer for the people if elected. Give his claims careful consideration in making your selections for the sheriff's office.

W. O. W.

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

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

Kills Wolves With Rocks.

C. V. Bigham and Fred Hale, both of the Trent community are credited with having killed ten wolves last week with rocks. The killing took place near the mountains south of Trent.

MEET IS ASSURED JULY 3RD AND 4TH

The two days re-union, barbecue or picnic for Merkel on July 3rd and 4th is practically assured and the work of having eminent speakers to be with us on these two days is progressing nicely.

That one of the Texas Candidates will be in Merkel on one of the above dates can be looked forward to. J. W. Baker of Lubbock, candidate for state treasure has declared that he will be here on both these days to meet with his old friends. Sheriff Tom McClure of Jones county who is candidate for comptroller of the state has made it known that he will be here and while he says he is not a speaker and wants no advertising as such he will be here to meet the boys.

To make the local people all the more elated over the prospects of a successful affair the weather conditions rapidly on the increase. Every hand to the wheel and Talk Merkel for July 3rd and 4th.

Want's His Old Job.

We gladly announce to our readers this week the name of Hon. J. M. Wagstaff of Abilene as candidate to succeed himself as Representative to the legislature from Taylor county.

While Mr. Wagstaff has no opponent as yet to the office and we feel that even if he had one, his term of service has been such as would recommend him for re-election. His record has been bright and as every voter of Taylor county knows, his qualifications as a lawyer and business man all the more qualifies him to be our representative.

Presbyterian Announcement.

Sunday school at 10 A. M. and remember that you are working for a picture of your class. If you were absent last Sunday bring someone with you next Sunday and thus redeem yourself

Preaching services at 11 A. M. and 8.15 P. M. Quite a number were present last Sunday who are not regular in attendance; make it a habit for habit makes character and this kind of a habit makes the right kind of character. Prayer meeting next Wednesday evening at 8.15. The last meeting was both interesting and profitable with Mr. Henry West as leader.

Come one and all. You are welcome.

E. P. McMillen, Supt.

Hubert E. Bullock, pastor.

Notice Hunters and Fishers.

No hunters, fishers or swimmers allowed on or about my tank near Merkel or in my pasture adjoining same or passers through my land. Infringers will absolutely be prosecuted.

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Duck Eggs for Sale.

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



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GOOD MAN GONE TO HIS REWARD

The following article was taken from the Whitewright Sun, and while both lengthy and graphically written does not delineate in all the true lines of upright christain character embodied in the soul of this distinguished man for it would be hard for a man to express in words all the good W. T. Sears has done. He was well known in Merkel and Merkel country, having extensive financial interests and has a host of friends here who feel the loss of so great and good a man as a gap in our midst not easily filled. The Mail joins the many friends of the family in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

"About five o'clock Wednesday afternoon Whitewright citizenship received a shock weighted with the profound sense of a great loss when news of the sudden death of W. T. Sears, which occurred at that hour, went rapidly over the city.

Mr. Sears had just recently recovered from an attack of la-grippe and was again making his daily visits to town for his mail and to spend an hour or so in social converse with his friends, as was his custom. He was in town Wednesday morning and again Wednesday afternoon, returning home for his last time beteen four and five o'clock. There was not the slightest fore-warning of his impending death. In fact, if he felt any physical pain or uneasiness, it was not indicated in his cheerful and jovial demeanor while among his friends in town. He reashed home, put up and fed his horse and on reaching the house mentioned to Mrs. Sears that he was feeling badly and seemed to suffer with pain about his heart. She summoned Dr. Sears immediately by telephone and after the physician arrived and gave medical relief, and the physician had started to tak his leave, when the end came suddenly, the heart ceasing to perform its functions.

Born in Alabama April 28, 1842, Mr. Sears had just passed his 72nd birthday. He came to Texas in 1851 with his father, C. B. (Uncle Kit) Sears, who settled east of and near where White-wright afterwards appeared on the map, where he reared a large family and instilled into their lives those qualities of character and thrift and frugality that has

given to this pioneer family a place and name that will claim and endure through the generations yet to come. Uncle Kit Sears was a useful man in his lifetime. He was prosperous and accordingly as he prospered he gave of his time and means in the improvement of social, educational and religious affairs in this then rough and sparsely settled sountry. Until the railroad came and Whitewright was born, people came for many miles to worship at Sears Chapel, which was later moved to White-wright and in the march of progress lost its name and identity with its founder.

After casting its fortunes in Texas, William T. Sears was married to Miss Mattie Everheart who passed away some eight or nine years ago. To this union were born nine children, eight of whom are living. The surviving children are, John Sears of Merkel, Mrs. C. B. Bryant and Mrs. J. D. Hoard of Whitewright, Mrs. John Marshall of Sherman, Wade Sears of Whitewright, Mrs. Elvin Anderson of Whitesboro, Thomas E. and Miss Lou Sears of Whitewright. The deceased's brothers and sisters who survive are, Henry C. Sears, Frank Sears of Merkel, Mrs. Martha Aldridge of Whitesboro, Mrs. Wm. Pennington and Mrs. Rosa Harris of this community. Upon the death of his life companion, Mr. Sears and daughter, Miss Lou, were the only remaining members of this large family left to occupy the homestead, and about five years ago he was married to Mrs. Kate Suggs of Denison, who was at the bedside Wednesday and administered the last service that human hands could render to the living.

The name of W. T. Sears is closely connected and identified with Whitewright since its beginning. He has extended help to every good cause and enterprise both in spirit and with his means. When duty called he was always there. When the South called her sons to arms to champion a cause then apparently right and righteous in the light of the conditions, circumstances and stirring events of '61 he responded to the call and served throughout that conflict in Co. C. 9th Texas, Ross Brigade Jackson Division. A man of high ideals and pure purposes in all of his intercourse with the world, he wrought a service inestimable in its value in shaping the destiny of many lives. A Mason for many years and a devout member of the Methodist

church since early manhood, he was faithful to the obligations which these association enjoined and supported them with an active and constant zeal and philanthropy unmatched, perhaps, in any community. He was one of the pioneer champions of the higher moral standards which people have gradually come to accept and live. His gifts to charity are innumerable and his generous aid to the church was made with modesty that came from a heart interested only in helping humanity. The country suffers a great loss when men of his type pass from the walks of life.

The body is held today at the home in the southeastern suburbs of town awaiting the arrival of relatives. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, but at this hour it has not been given to the Sun whether the services will be at the residence or at the Methodist church. Revs. Wheeler, Fender and Epting, local pastors, and Rev. R. G. Mood of Sherman and Rev. Spraggins of McKinney are expected to attend and assist in the last rites. The interment will be at Oak Hill cemetery. The pall bearers are named in accordance with wishes which Mr. Sears had expressed during his lifetime, being among those who had worked for the deceased in years agone and who have been recipients of his fatherly counsel and encouragement. They are: Frank Wright, John Wright, Ed Alexander, Will Duggin, Bob Norris and Jim Ashlock.

Notice Poultry Raisers

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen and son Charles left Tuesday night for Nacogdoches where she will visit friends and relatives of her former home. She will be away from Merkel for the entire summer or longer.

See N. D. Cobb for Tombstones and Monuments.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Pierce left this week for Indianahoma where they will visit for several weeks. While away their boarding house will be under the management of Mrs. W. S. Smelser.

Martin will press your suit for 50c.

Mrs. Geo. Sap of Pecos is visiting her mother Mrs. J. H. Ensminger.

Let H. M. Rose fill your car while you wait. GASOLINE 10c per gal.

Mrs. Clayton Brown and little Charles Gaiter are at home from Abilene where they visited Mrs. H. Harris.

R. E. Hall buys all kinds of poultry.

Mrs. H. L. Propst and little son Roy are at home from Blackwell where they visited Mrs. R. L. Procter.

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

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harkrider and children, Mrs. A. B. Walters and Miss Eva Walters spent the day Friday at Warren Lake. They caught a number of fish. A noonday picnic dinner was greatly enjoyed.

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

Mrs. A. C. Rose and little daughter Ona Fay are at home from Blackwell where she visited her sister Mrs. R. L. Procter.

Phone us your parcel post orders. We will give you the best service possible. Grimes Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brown left Wednesday night for Oklahoma City.

Miss Eleanor Daniels was the guests of Mrs. Joe Shelton of Abilene Tuesday.

Mrs. J. E. Martin left Tuesday night for Dallas to attend the bedside of her father J. J. Parks who is seriously ill.

See those Palm Beach suits at the Star Store.

Wear a Palmbeach suit and keep cool. The Star Store.

Mrs. Jep Horton of Blair is reported very sick at her home.

Plenty Bran and chops at the Anchor Mercantile Co.

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B. R. Blair of Alabama returned to his home after a visit with his father J. S. Blair of Nubia who has been sick of the late.

Mrs. R. A. Martin was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Calvert of Sweetwater.

J. H. Hunter of Odessa is visiting relatives and friends in our city this week.

If satisfactory, you pay, if not we pay for a package of Dr. Hess's Poultry Panacea on sale at Grimes Drug Store.

J. A. Hamner who has been spending the winter with his daughters Mesdames E. A. Oualline and J. T. Rollo of New Caney in south Texas, returned to the Merkel county Tuesday morning to look after property he has in this section of the county and to visit relatives here. He is at Trent this week visiting his sons J. C. and W. E. Hamner.

Miss Bessie Medlin who has been visiting her sister Mrs. B. Ely of near Stith left Wednesday morning for Ovalo where she will visit her sister Mrs. G. C. Henderson before returning to her home at Carbon.

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Mrs. M. C. Church is visiting her daughter Mrs. W. E. Davis of Winters.

Phone your parcel post orders if you are busy at work. We will give you the best service possible. Grimes Drug Store.

Mrs. J. W. Jennings and daughter Miss Jackie were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Jennings of Abilene

Mrs. R. O. Anderson and children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. Gamble near Weatherford.

Why send your hats off to be cleaned when Martin will do it for less.

Miss Lucile Bell visited her sister Mrs. Joe Shelton the past week.

Mrs. O. M. Rogers left Friday morning for Moran to visit her mother Mrs. M. A. Grace.

The time is here to spray your chicken house. Use Kreso Dip. For sale at Grimes Drug Store.

Misses Della and Maude Green spent Saturday and Sunday with their aunt Mrs. J. E. Shelton of Abilene.

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Miss Eva Welch returned to her home at Aspermont Saturday after spending several days with her aunt Mrs. J. B. Ferrier.

Mrs. C. H. Robertson is visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Burden near Elmdale this week.

Mrs. E. L. Mangum of Trent was a visitor in our city Saturday.

Grimes Drug Store places a personal guarantee on all rubber goods for one year after purchase.

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

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

W. T. Connelly and wife of Post City were in Merkel the first of the week visiting the family of F. Sears.

Miss Mary Parten returned home Monday from Sweetwater where she visited her aunt Mrs. G. W. Black.

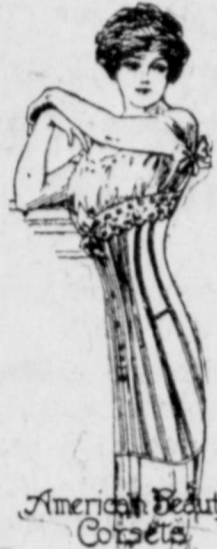
Claude Sears narrowly escaped an injury Monday afternoon while riding his motorcycle on the Arthur Sears ranch south of here. He was riding through some grass land when his foot was caught by a small stump that was concealed in the high grass.

Miss Velma Stephenson who has been visiting her cousin Miss Jewel Tipton returned to her home at Tuscola, Monday.

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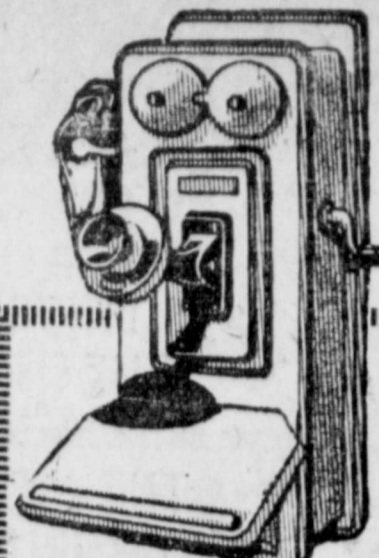
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Mamie Graves returned home Monday from Loraine where she has been visiting relatives the past few weeks.

We are showing a beautiful line of ladies shirt waists in nice embroidered voiles and "Wash Silks" all new styles priced from \$1.00 to \$2.50 each. W. L. Harkrider.

Just received a new stock of Cadets hose in "Silk Lisle" and "Pure Silk Thread", Price 25c to \$1.00 per pair. W. L. Harkrider.

For the next ten days we will offer 15 per cent discount on mens' and boys' suits. This offer applies to any suit in the stock. We simply have too much clothing—W.L.Harkrider.

Just received 100 sheets of new and latest music at Grimes Drug Store.

Mrs. C. P. Stephens is in Hamlin this week visiting her sister Mrs. W. L. Cash.

Owen Edwards of Midland is here on business and visiting his mother Mrs. Lula Edwards and brother Wesley Edwards and family.

Library Readers:Please note the change in the Library hours, Begining Monday May 11th the hours will be changed. Be sure and remember to come from 5'to 6 o'clock.

Just received 100 sheets of new and latest music at Grimes Drug Store.

Miss Agness Hall was in Abilene last week visiting Mrs. Edgar Wade.

Miss Mell Gibson returned home Sunday evening from a visit with her sister who was operated on for appendicitis at Abilene recently.

For the best GASOLINE in town see H. M. Rose.

H. F. Holdridge left Thursday for Sweetwater where he is to attend a meeting of managers of Western Telephone Companies.

Mrs. C. C. Bankhead spent the week end with her aunt Mrs. J. I. Leamon of Trent.

Yes I fill your car with GASOLINE at 10 Cents per Gal. H. M. Rose.

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Mrs. H. B. Chambless and her mother Mrs. G. W. Cox left Wednesday morning for Cisco where Mrs. Cox will undergo a treatment for her eyes.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Daniel returned Wednesday from El Paso after a short visit in that city.

Grimes Drug Store places a personal guarantee on all rubber goods for one year after purchase.

Buy Your GASOLINE and Auto oils from H. M. Rose.

Mrs. W. J. Hays of Big Springs is here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sublett.

G. R. Holloway and John R. Collins left Tuesday evening for Fort Worth with two cars of cattle.

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GOOD CHURCHES, GOOD PEOPLE,
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ELIMINATION IN MERKEL

Merkel School Trustees have gotten the elimination fever. Last Saturday evening the new board met to consider the applicants for Superintendency of the Merkel schools for the coming year and while they made no selection they followed that popular plan of elimination and scratched about fifteen names, leaving only those who they thought worthy of more consideration.

Those who were not eliminated if they only knew it are having their several qualifications looked into thoroughly and the man who is selected for the place will know that he stands just a little higher in the estimation of our school dad's than those who were pitted against him.

A good sign of prosperous times is the fact that nearly every train coming into Merkel brings in a bunch of Commercial Supremacy Prophets, (drummers by name.) They are thicker and more drummers to the square inch than ever were seen here before. They seem to think Merkel is going to have the goods this year and their think is about right.

Why not move to the Merkel country.

Why not boost for Merkel for July 3rd and 4th.

Uncle Sam is certainly a generous provider. He buys blackberry jam for his soldiers in Mexico.

Our American regulars can congratulate themselves on one thing. They get a free Turkish bath every day in Vera Cruz.

THE WANT AD SIGN.

The want ad sign is being carried by almost every farmer of Merkel country at the present, some will want harvest hands within a few days, others will want cotton choppers and hands for farm work in general in fact the demand promises to be the greatest that the Merkel country has ever seen. If you have a friend who is complaining of not being able to get a job, ship him this way. We can use him.

That Merkel is going to have a big time July 3rd and 4th is practically assured. Talk Merkel all the time but do your part now in making those two days a welcoming event to all our visitors.

Six shooterless McClure, sheriff of Jones county and candidate for State Comptroller has the Merkel bee in his bonnet for July 3rd and 4th.

Uncle Sam's troops have had a very soporific effect on Colorado; and you notice there isn't anything happening along the border since the regulars reinforced those 15 Texas rangers.

THEIR WANTS.

Girls want but little here below,
 Which all can plainly see;
 A dress with just a scrap or so
 Of goods below the knee
 —Youngstown Telegram.

Girls want but little higher up;
 But maybe that's their way.
 At least their Easter waists are cut
 Dreadfully 'collete.
 —Warren Chronicle

Girls want but little round about,
 Mayhap a manly arm,
 They dress for this without a doubt,
 Well, really, what's the harm?
 —Ashtabula Pepperdust.

Girls want but little here below,
 It's so with all you meet,
 But what they all want lowest down
 Is pretty little feet.
 —Washington Observer

Girls want but little here below—
 Of course, it isn't wrong
 For them to take a little kiss
 And like that little long.
 —Tarentum, Pa., Telegram

Girls want but little here below,
 And that is what they get;
 At least the boys they go out with
 Light up a cigarette.
 —Houston Post

Girls want but little here below,
 A million is enough,
 And yet their purses often hold
 Naught but a powder puff.
 —Commercial Appeal.

Girls want but little here below,
 They play their hand in dark,
 They flirt with all that come along,
 And break the poor man's heart.

With Huerta looking in the business end of a 14 inch gun that is sailing to Mexico now, we believe he will be tempted to "Sa-loom."

The price of 500 head of cattle for any Mexican who will get a Texas ranger into Mexico either dead or alive has not created any loss on the part of the Federal Government of that land, neither has it caused any of those cool-headed, dead-shot border riders to quit their jobs.

J. W. Baker of Lubbock, candidate for State Treasurer says he is coming to Merkel for the 3rd and 4th of July. Are you going to be here also? If not, why not?

Leon Martinez, the Mexican who has been under sentence of death for the past three years was hanged at Pecos at noon Monday. Everything was done by relatives of the boy that could in any way stay the execution or get his sentence commuted but without avail. The law, although it is charged was extreme and that justice was not given in the beginning, was upheld by the highest courts of the land. Each decreed that Martinez should die for his crime; and he did.

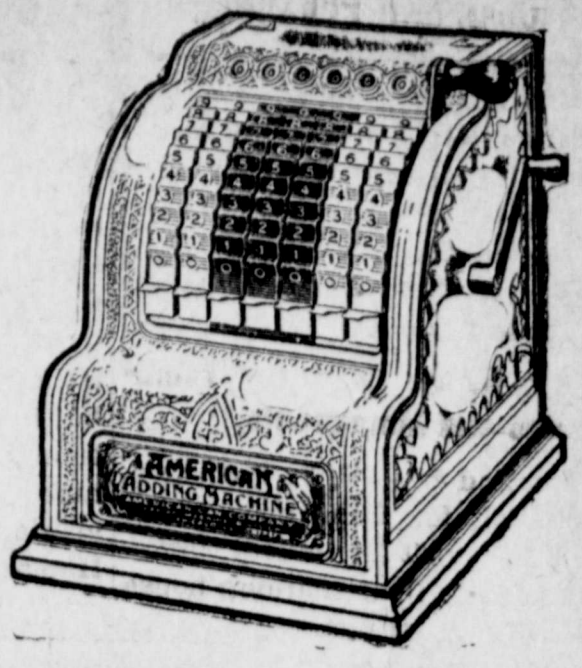
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Ask every man you see if he is going to be in Merkel July 3rd and 4th. "There's a Reason."

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Nubia.

Nubia School closed Friday. The program was a success the debate was quite interesting. The subject of the debate was; resolved that California was justifiable in passing a law to prohibit Japanese holding land. The debaters were Lee Cargill and Sam Butman, Affirmative, Jonnie Latimer and Charlie Lewis, Negative. The verdict was rendered in favor of the affirmative.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blair's hearts were filled with joy when their son Grover Blair returned from California where he has been working.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hensell visited Z. L. Cargill and family Sunday.

Arthur Clark was obliged to stay in Nubia Sunday night on account of rainy weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Briggs who have been visiting friends and relatives here have returned to Merkel where they will spend a few days visiting before returning to their home at Snyder.

Lula and Roy Cogburn were in Blair Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Cornell returned to their home at Merkel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blair visited their son Watt Blair near Riney Sunday.

Miss Beulah Walker of Merkel has returned home after visiting her grandmother Mrs. T. J. Walker.

Lost: A field last heard of it was two miles North of Blair and still going. Finder please notify Bill Cogburn of Nubia, Texas.

Rev. Davis will fill his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday and there will be an old time singing in the afternoon. Everybody come and sing.

The people have witnessed one of the worst sandstorms of the West. It continued for three days Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Bill Blair of Alabama is visiting his father J. S. Blair.

Grover Blair and Miss Nelle Boren spent part of Sunday evening with Miss S. E. Toombs.

Several of the boys and girls went to Blair Sunday from Nubia. They enjoyed themselves fine they said.

Some of the boys who went to Butman Literary Society Friday night says "We enjoyed the program fine and to our surprise were invited back Friday night week (May 24th) to hear a nice program.

We are surprise to find uncle Jim Blackburn of Nubia catching rabbits in a fish net. Lookout uncle you will have the rabbit drivers using nets.

We sure miss Ernest Boyd we will be glad when he gets through working for R. Toombs so he will return to Nubia.

Henry Boden was in Nubia Saturday.

Salt Branch.

Rev. Y. F. Walker filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday Raymond Dudley and wife of Carey, Texas are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Mobley.

Miss Ida Taylor is visiting in Loraine this week.

Misses Garlie Higgins and Oma Taylor, Messrs Austin Robertson and Roy Narrell and Mr. and Mrs. Emory Petty attended Childrens Day at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Quite a crowd took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Will Higgins Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty, Misses Cora and Alma Hays, Mae Raiper, Lula Higgins, Messrs Will Taylor, Houston Robertson and Owen Taylor.

Miss Velma Hogg of the Warren community visited her sister Mrs. Houston Robertson Sunday.

Ed and Marvin Shipley of near Stith attended singing here Sunday.

20 Tons of Maize at Treat.

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Route 3.

The farmers of our community are all busy planting their cotton.

Rev. Evans filled his regular appointment here Sunday and left for Arkansas on the ten o'clock train Sunday night.

A large crowd attended Sunday school Sunday afternoon.

The B. Y. P. U. will meet at Mt. Pleasant next Sunday evening at seven o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend.

W. P. Moore was in Merkel Wednesday.

Misses Gertrude and Eunice Pylant of caps were visiting their sister Mrs. S. Frazier Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Gladys Daniels of Merkel spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Aver Harris.

A large crowd attended the Childrens night on May 10th. The following program was rendered: March; by the Sunday school. Opening address by Miss Elsie Bland.

Snog; by mothers.

Reading; by Harry Clark. Song; Must I go Empty Handed, by Annie Lee Roland, Cleo Barnes, Eddie Davis and Almer Barnes.

Reading of Sunday School work; by Miss Delle Teaff.

Song; by Sunday-School.

Reading; by Miss Lydia Humphreys. Song and Story; by Levie Tittle, Frankie Campbell, Annie Lee Roland and Cleo Barnes.

Duet; He abides, by Levie Tittle and Eula Campbell.

Childrens wishes: by four little girls.

Song; Drifting Onward.

Recitation The Captive Maid; by Cleo Barnes and Lydia Humphreys.

Song—"As the Life of a Fower" Reading—Annie Lee Roland.

Story—Eugene and Henry Roland, Raymond and Clarence Hasley and Bennie Dard.

Recitation—Children in the Temple by Eugene Roland and Raymond Hasley.

Recitation—Had Jesus not Come? Floy Cozart.

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Story—Boys of the Bible.—Seven little boys.

Recitation—"Three little Mottos"—Elsie Cozart, Cleo Barnes and Flossie Wisenhunt.

Reading—Miss Pearl Baccus. Reading—R. S. Darden. Benediction.

Shiloh.

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

They organized a Singing class Sunday afternoon to meet every second and fourth Sunday evening at four o'clock. Terrell, Winters was elected President, W. B. Beavers vice President, Wilbur Woods Secretary, W. L. Boyd leader and J. H. Grayson Chaplain.

Several young people from the Noodle community attended services here Sunday night.

Misses Lettie and Beulah Jones and Mae Grayson spent Friday night with friends in the Noodle community

Mesdames Brown and McCright with their two daughters Alice and Thelma spent Friday afternoon in the Noodle community.

Mrs. J. H. Grayson was visiting Mrs. Lee Carter Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Wheeler spent Tuesday night with Ms. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson.

Mrs. Geen and daughter Miss Nancy were Merkel visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry were guests of G. W. Scott and family Sunday.

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Review Questions Othello.

Is this play worked by Shakespeare's usual breadth of treatment?

What is the purpose of soliloquy in the modern drama? has it any relation to the chorus ancient drama?

Describe the purpose and effects of Iago's soliloquy at the end of Act I.

Does any other character of Shakespeare's soliloquize as much as Iago?

Could the subtle and wicked spirit and purposes of Iago so well be made known in any other manner?

How was love and marriage regarded by Othello; by Desdemona; by Iago; by Emilia?

Interpret Shakespeare's contrasting of humor and tragedy, as in Act II, at its beginning and at the opening of sc. IV.

In view of his character, what value has Iago's estimate of good name?

In the mouth of villainy has the praise of virtue any ethical significance?

What is the secret power by which a man like Iago makes even innocent persons, as well as circumstances conspire to serve his evil purposes?

Is the source of Iago's influence over Othello more to be seen in Iago's own complex and diabolical genius or in Othello's simplicity of nature?

Does good here seem to be vanquished and evil prospered, is the influence of the play on the side of pessimism or of optimism?

Indicate the usual contrast between the jealousies of noble souls and those of base.

Is their any where a better portrayal of such contrast as appears between Othello and Iago than in this play?

Warren Lake Picnic Party.

A moonlight picnic party left the dust and worry of town Friday evening while they sought the pleasures of the Warren Lake. The party started out on a float but the loss of a wheel caused them to end the journey in a wagon. The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen, Mrs. E. M. Rust and Mrs. W. R. Walker. Others who enjoyed the delicious luncheon which was spread on the dam at the Lake were: Misses Genevieve Rust, Bessie Touchstone, Emma Smith, Tommie Louise Coggin, Carol Rister, Maude Jenkins, Lillian Dean. Messrs. Jack Walker, Wilber Whitaker, Briton Jobe, Ben Merritt, Lytton Howard and Chas. William.

Program of L. A. M. Society for May 18th, 1914

Subject Bouisana Purchase.
Leader: Mrs. Fergusson
Hymn.
Prayer: Mrs. Lamb.
Bible Study Joshua 1:1-9 by leader.
God charge not only to Joshua but those working in La.
Louisiana History until the purchase; Mesdames Teaff, Walker and Moore.
Paper: Why La. can be called a mission field; Mrs. Swann.
Hymn.
Early Work of the Baptist by Mrs. Roberts.
Baptist work through W. M. U.; Mrs. Sharp.
Present day responsibility; Mrs. Meeks.
Dismissed with chain of Prayer.

The Baraca Class of the Methodist church met in business session at the home of their teacher Mrs. O. F. McMaster on Friday May 9th. The regular order of business was carried out after which the young men laid plans for a great up building of their class as well as the Sunday school. Young men you know not what you are missing. We desire and ask that you be both in our Sunday school and class meetings.

The Baraca class of the Methodist school was well represented on Sunday 10th. There were two present, one new member. The subject 'The unjust' was discussed with much interest. Members of this class are urged to bring men. Come to the meeting.

Coggin and J. W. Daniel. Music was furnished by the Banner, Burns and Mann string instruments. Those present were Misses Efma Sheppard, Zora Coggin, Janie Lee and Helen Wear, Gladys Coggin. Messrs. Dee Grimes, Chas. and George Wear, Otti Coggin, C. L. Jones and Homer L. Easterwood. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. Devenport Gaither and Mrs. S. P. Miller.

A Full Day.

Rev. Wallace will be away Sunday but the regular hours will be filled. At 11 o'clock Dr. McMaster will give a full report of the Chicago Sunday School Convention and also that of other Sunday Schools visited by him during his absence.

Beginning at 8:15 P. M. the Baraca class will render the following program; Song—Congregation.

Roll Call—Response by scripture verses.

The work of the organized Baraca class outlined by the President.

Song—Class.

Scripture Reading—Oscar Pate.

Song—"Help Somebody Today"

Sentence Prayer.

"The opportunities afforded the young man of Today"—Ollie Shaffer.

Instrumental music.

Select Reading—Noel Moore.

Quartette—Ira and Ollie Shaffer, Oscar Pate and Steve Duckett.

Select Reading—Ulysses McNees.

Some good reasons for attending Sunday School—Voluntarily.

Song—Class.

Dismissed by repeating the Lord's Prayer in concert.

Circle A of the Baptist Aid society was to have met Monday with Mrs. E. Hall, but sickness prevented.

Circle B of the Baptist Aid society held a very interesting meeting with Mrs. J. R. Barnett Monday afternoon. Mesdames Rister and Morris were visitors. The members present were Miss Campbell, Mesdames W. V. Cranford, P. B. Causseaux, I. B. Valentine and the hostess. An hour was spent in the Bible Study.

Circle C of the Baptist Aid society met with Mrs. J. S. Swann Monday afternoon.

Monday afternoon the Ladies Aid society of the Presbyterian church met at the church and held a very interesting meeting. The Missionary lesson, Siam and Lava, was led by Mrs. Bullock.

The Womans Home Missionary met at the church Monday afternoon. The lesson in the voice was studied.

Circle C of the Baptist Aid society met with Mrs. J. S. Swann Monday afternoon.

League Program.

May 17th.
Subject—A song of Religious Inspiration.
Leader—Ollie Shaffer.
Scripture Reading—Psalms XLII: 1-2.
Song
Prayer
Song
Conditions that moved the Psalmist to write—Victoria Wallace.
Relation between congregational and private worship—Eva Walters.
Special music—Mabel Laney.
Song
Miscellaneous.
Benediction.

Trent Society

The W. C. V's met with Mrs. H. Prater Thursday. Refreshments were served to Mesdames Band, McRee, Forrester, Smith, Dingle, Leamon, Loyd and Misses Mattie Scott and Genevieve McRee.

Saturday evening from 8 until 11 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith entertained in honor of their daughter

Ethel's eighteenth birthday. Various games were played, cream and cake were served to Misses May and Ida Smith, Floy Leamon, Effie Duke, Maude Skillen, Esia Jones, Gladys Clinton and Mae Southworth. Messrs. Earl White, Ferguson, Ernest and Lee Massey, Clyde Southworth, Winslow Beckham, John McCrackin, J. Hutchin, Fred Fribble, Royse Dowdy and Chas. Smith. She received some very pretty remembrances.

Mrs. L. Z. Titsworth and baby returned to their home at Lubbock Sunday morning.

Prof. Bert McRee is at home his school having closed at Midway Friday.

Miss Artie Cypert is here visiting her uncle H. L. Owens.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pribble Tuesday a boy.

Miss Vada Holton of Tye visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom McLeod the first part of last week.

Miss Lettie Miller attended the commencement exercises at Lorain Friday night.

Mrs. Tom McLeod was shopping in Abilene Friday.

Grandmothers' Beliefs.

Nearly every grandmother believes a trained nurse is overestimated.—Atchison Globe.

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POPULATION.

There are 365,000 persons who were born in Texas and who reside in other States, while 830,000 persons born in other States live in Texas.

The center of Texas population is 5 miles Northwest of Waco, in McLennan county.

If all the people in the United States moved to Texas, our population per square mile would not exceed that of Massachusetts.

If Texas were as densely settled as the average State in the Union, we would have 8,000,000 instead of 4,500,000 people.

The population of Texas increases at the rate of 235 persons per day.

The population of Texas is 14.8 persons per square mile. In the rural districts the average is 11.3 persons per square mile.

Massachusetts has 419 persons to each square mile of area.

During the past decade the population of Texas has increased 27.8 percent and the United States 21 percent.

There is a child born every four minutes in Texas.

We build seven homes in Texas every working hour in the day.

Our foreign born population is constituted chiefly of Mexicans, Germans and natives of England.

We have 23,000 persons who were born in Ireland. Ten years ago we had only 6,169.

We have 1,003,357 males over twenty-one years of age. Eighty-three percent of them are white.

Texas could muster an army larger than the standing army of the German Empire and would not have to get outside the State for material.

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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
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Merkel, Texas

No Test.
Never judge a woman's temper by her "telephone voice," nor a man's in come by the nonchalance with which he foots the wine bill.

BEE'S LAXATIVE COUGH SYRUP
RELIEVES COUGHS AND COLDS

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

HALF INCH RAIN TUESDAY EVENING

A result getter, a wheat and oat producer and an ideal wetting came over the Merkel country Tuesday afternoon in the form of a half inch rain.

The precipitation started about 6 o'clock and continued for about two hours. This amount so close upon the big rain on April 26 and 27 brings the total rainfall to 5.26 inches within the last three weeks time.

For a burn or scald apply Chamberlain's Salve. It will allay the pain almost instantly and quickly heal the injured parts. For sale by all dealers.

Returns From Whiteright.

John Sears returned from Whiteright Wednesday morning where he and his family and F. Sears went to attend the funeral of W. T. Sears, father of the former.

Billiousness and Constipation.

For years I was troubled with billiousness and constipation, which made life miserable for me. My appetite failed me. I lost my usual force and vitality. Pepsin preparations and cathartics only made matters worse. I do not know where I should have been today had I not tried Chamberlain's Tablets. The tablets relieve the ill feeling at once, strengthens the digestive functions, purify the stomach, liver and blood, helping the system to do its work naturally.—MRS. ROSA POTTS, Birmingham, Ala. These tablets are for sale by all dealers.

Brought Here for Burial.

The infant son of Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Grimes of Sylvester was brought here for burial Thursday Having died at the family home Wednesday evening. The Mail extends sympathy to the bereaved parents.

Chamberlain's Liniment

This preparation is intended especially for rheumatism, lame back, sprains and like ailments. It is a favorite with people who are well acquainted with its splendid qualities. Mrs. Charles Tanner, Wabash, Ind., says of it: "I have found Chamberlain's Liniment the best thing for lame back and sprains I have ever used. It works like a charm and relieves pain and soreness. It has been used by others of my family as well as myself for upwards of twenty years." 25 and 50 cent bottles. For sale by all dealers.

Here From Dallas

J. J. O'Mally and wife of Dallas are making Merkel their home for a few weeks. Mr. O'Mally being here as a representative of The Kansas City Life Insurance Company.

People Who Know Drink Lamar Mineral Water

The best water produced in Mineral Wells from the Lamar Wells Co. Try a bottle of their condensed water and 2:20 oil for constipation, rheumatism and liver troubles. For sale only at

GRIMES DRUG STORE

WHY MEDITATE ?

Our goods are as good as the best, Our prices are as low as the lowest.

Extra High Patent Flour.....	\$2.70
Best Cane Sugar.....	\$4.60
Diamond D Syrup.....	50c
12 cans Good Corn.....	85c
Good Sorghum.....	40c
2 cans K. C. Baking Powder (25 cent size).....	35c

"THERE'S A REASON"
THE SANITARY GROCERY

HELP THE KIDNEYS

Merkel Readers Are Learning The Way.

It's the little kidney ills—
The lame, weak or aching back—
The unnoticed urinary disorders—
That may lead to dropsy and Bright's disease.

When the kidneys are weak,
Help them with Doan's Kidney Pills,
A remedy especially for weak kidneys.

Doan's have been used in kidney troubles for 50 years.

Endorsed by 30,000 people—endorsed at home.

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

Mr. Dennis is only one of many Merkel people who have gratefully endorsed Doan's Kidney Pills. If your back aches—if your kidneys bother you, don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mr. Dennis recommends—the remedy backed by home testimony. 50c all stores. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. "When Your Back is Lame—Remember the name.

Veterinarian.

Dr. C. M. Lindley of Abilene, student of the Southwestern Veterinary College Dallas, Texas, will be in Merkel, May 30th.

Sick Headache.

Mrs. A. L. Luckie, East Rochester, N. Y., was a victim of sick headache and despondency, caused by a badly weakened and debilitated condition of her stomach, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She says, "I found them pleasant to take, also mild and effective. In a few weeks' time I was restored to my former good health." For sale by all dealers.

Do Your Eyes Hurt

See Mrs. E. M. Rust, optometrist at Rust & McCauley Drug Store: Glasses fitted carefully and correctly.

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.

CALOMEL A GREAT DANGER TO MANY

Has Bad Effect on Some—Dodson Liver Tone Takes Its Place and is Perfectly Harmless

If you will inquire at Rust & McCauley Drug Co., you will find that Dodson's Liver Tone is guaranteed to be a safe, reliable remedy to take the place of calomel and a harmless liver stimulant having no bad after-effects. Indeed, this firm will refund purchase price (50c) without question if you are in any way dissatisfied with this vegetable liquid.

It is very unwise to take calomel, even dangerous, as many people suffer from the poison afterwards, even though they may appear at first to be temporarily relieved. On the other hand, Dodson's Liver Tone works easily and naturally (really assisting nature) with nor gripe and correcting all billious conditions and ills of constipation, clearing away the sick headache and coated tongue, brightening up the dulled brain and strengthening the weakened body at the same time that it removes collected waste from the overburdened system.

Those who have tried Dodson's Liver Tone have found that it made them healthier and happier. A test may prove of great benefit to you right now. (Adv.)

For a Torpid Liver.

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets of and on for the past six years whenever my liver shows signs of being in a disordered condition. They have always acted quickly and given me the desired relief," writes Mrs. F. H. Trubis, Springfield, N. Y. For sale by all Dealers.

Real Estate

Exclusive Bargains in Merkel country and West Texas.

MONEY TO LOAN

On Farm and Ranch Lands in Taylor, Jones, Nolan and Fisher Counties.

Jno. G. Jackson, Merkel

Not Fit For Ladies.

Public sentiment should be against it and we believe it is; there can be no reason why ladies should suffer with headaches and neuralgia, especially when Hunt's Lightning Oil gives such prompt relief. It is simply a question of getting the ladies to try it. All druggists sell Hunt's Lightning Oil in 25c and 50c bottles. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Heir Is Born

G. B. Tittle, the genial and efficient county treasurer, is rejoicing over the arrival of a nine pound baby boy, which arrived at his home Sunday evening. Mother and boy are doing well and Treasurer Tittle is receiving congratulations from a host of friends. Mr. Tittle will train him to be facile in the business of county treasurer, so that, upon reaching his majority, he may be enabled to assume his dad's job with as much efficiency as his father has shown since his inception in that department of the county affairs.—Abilene Reporter.

Whooping Cough.

"About a year ago my three boys had whooping cough and I found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the only one that would relieve their coughing and whooping spells. I continued this treatment and was surprised to find that it cured the disease in a very short time," writes Mrs. Archie Dalrymple, Crooksville, Ohio. For sale by all dealers.

Eyes Sunken With Pain.

Three years ago I had a very bad spell of neuralgia which caused my eyes to become sunken and bloodshot with pain. Hunt's lightning Oil was recommended and, after using, the pain left and has not returned; says A. M. Coffey; 316, Van Buren Street, Litchfield Ill. This wonderful medicine is sold by all druggists everywhere. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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

HOUSE FOR RENT—Close in town, See R. L. Bland at Anchor. Merc. Co. tf.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A good work horse. M. Armstrong.

FOR SALE.—Good work horses Anchor Mercantile Co.

WANTED.—100 new customers. Anchor Mercantile Co.

WANTED.—Clean white cotton rags at the Merkel Mail office at once. Will pay 5 cents per pound for good rags.

FOR SALE.—Good young work mare and horse. Chas. Beard Route 1. 15 t2pd.

Wanted.—Two men with families to work on farm. S. H. L. Swafford, Merkel, Texas. Rt. 1.

FOR SALE.—"Lone Star" cotton seed 50c per bushel. S. H. L. Swafford, Merkel, Texas. R. F. D. 1.

Skin Diseases Cured.

Hunt's Cure is the name of the remedy which is absolutely guaranteed to cure all forms of skin diseases 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. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

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Dallas, Texas

In the whole field of medicine there is not a healing remedy that will repair damage to the flesh more quickly than BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. In cuts, wounds, sprains, burns, scalds and rheumatism, its healing and penetrating power is extraordinary. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Car of Chickens Wanted

I want a car of chickens, fryers and broilers between now and Monday. Highest market price paid. R. E. Hall at J. T. Dennis store.

Barbed wire cuts, ragged wounds, collar and harness galls healed up quickly when Ballard's Snow Liniment is applied. It is both healing and antiseptic. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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

ANY TIME YOU HAVE LAUNDRY PHONE 48 AND MR. THOMAS

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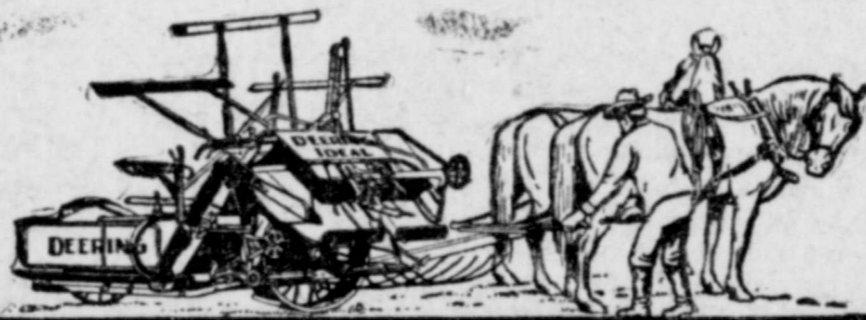


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Your harvest will be most profitable if you

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