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HON. J. E. FERGUSON WILL SPEAK HERE

Information has been received here that Hon. Jas. E. Ferguson of Temple, Democratic candidate for governor will speak in Merkel Tuesday afternoon June 2nd, at 2 o'clock.

Arrangements have been made to have the speaker present his claims to the people at the Tabernacle and a wide invitation is extended to the people of the surrounding country to be present and hear the Bell county man. There will be a delegation from Abilene present at the speaking and on conclusion of the speech the Abilene party will escort Mr. Ferguson to Abilene where he is scheduled to speak Tuesday night.

This will probably be the only gubernatorial candidate to visit Merkel during the present campaign; Mr. Ball will pass through our city June 9th, enroute to Abilene from Sweetwater but will not speak here according to an outline of his speaking dates. Mr. Ferguson is a very interesting speaker and it is expected that he will give special attention to that portion of his platform governing land rentals. He is an anti, but is making the race without the sanction of any special body of men or self appointed ecclesiastical court. If possible every voter should hear him, whether favoring his policies or not.

"Economy And The Open Door."

"Economy and the Open Door" will be delivered at 11 A. M. Sunday in the Methodist Church by pastor Ed. R. Wallace. All are invited to hear this message.

The young men are invited to occupy the front seats in a body.

Congressman Fights.

Comanche, May 27.—A difficulty occurred in this city today preceding the Ferguson speaking in which Congressman Oscar Callaway and his opponent, Judge Sam Hunter, were involved in a street argument. The lie was given and a blow passed, Judge Hunter applying the epithet and Callaway the blow. A charge of affray was filed against Callaway and that of carrying concealed weapons against Judge Hunter, it being alleged that he drew an automatic revolver and attempted to use same.

Presbyterian Announcement.

Sunday School at 10 A. M. There were 93 present last Sunday let's make it 100 next Sunday. Let every one who was in the pictures made Sunday come regular and get yours free.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15. Will you not come and pray with us that, "The Lord of the harvest send forth laborers into his harvest,"?

Preaching services at 11 o'clock a. m. and 8:15 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend any or all these services. E. P. McMillen, Supt. Hubert E. Bullock, Pastor.

Miss Jewel Hicks visited her sister Mrs. Andy Brown.

COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION

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The next time you contemplate making a purchase, elsewhere than in the stores of your local merchants, we want to ask as a splendid favor (to us, to yourself, and to this community) that you consider carefully the following facts and conditions before making a decision:

Will you save an appreciable amount of money by sending or going away?

The only way for you to find out is to compare both the quality and prices to be obtained elsewhere with those of your local merchants. In doing this, you must also add to the prices of the out-of-town purchase whatever carrying charges you will have to pay to get the goods delivered to you.

Is it at all possible that the mail order concern or the distant city store will in turn patronize you, or any of your neighbors?

The fact that your local merchants, and their employees, do reciprocate your patronage is a real reason why you should trade at home. There are probably some isolated instances of merchants who refuse to co-operate in the upbuilding of their respective communities, but if their competitors are progressive and loyal, the community can either bring them to the right ways of thinking and acting or drive them out of business.

Your personal welfare and prosperity is a small but inseparable portion of your community and anything that affects the latter must necessarily affect you likewise.

Your merchants owe it to your community to offer you the same high-class brands of goods, and at the same prices, that can be obtained elsewhere, and, under these conditions, they are entitled to your patronage and it is to your personal interest to trade with them.

NINE YOUNG LADIES OF MERKEL COUNTRY ENTER MAIL CONTEST

So far, nine young ladies of the Merkel country have been entered in the Merkel Mail Columbia Grafonola Contest. Each of the following, whose names have been turned in as contestants are credited with 1000 votes. The contest is still open for any others who wish to compete for the valuable prizes we are offering:

Those who have been entered to date are as follows:

Miss Effie Duke, Trent.....	1000 votes
Miss Mae Grayson, Trent, Route 2.....	1000 votes
Miss Ida Taylor, Merkel, Route 4.....	1000 votes
Miss Pearl Baccus, Merkel, Route 3.....	1000 votes
Miss Lula Cogburn, Nubia.....	1000 votes
Miss Gertrude Plyant, Caps.....	1000 votes
Miss Haley Moore, Blair.....	1000 votes
Miss Gertrude Stanley, Nubia.....	1000 votes
Miss Bettie Peterson, Trent.....	1000 votes

The first count of votes in the contest will be announced in next week's issue of the Mail. Some young lady is going to win the first prize, the \$75 Grafonola and one dozen 65c double disc records, 24 pieces to play. Work for your favorite and help her win one of the prizes. The contest closes August 1st. Every subscriber to the Merkel Mail for one year or over during the first thirty days of this contest gets Holland's Magazine and Farm & Ranch absolutely free until January 1, 1915.

Editor Gets Bouquet.

Thanks to Mrs. E. L. Ash of this city for a bouquet of roses and honeysuckles now on display on our desk, brought in Tuesday afternoon by Mr. Ash.

The flowers over 30 roses with scattering honeysuckles, according to our way of seeing them are well worth the time and bother a person has in growing them. Nothing can beautify a home more than a collection of beautiful roses, such as Mrs. Ash is the owner of. More roses for Merkel homes is what we advocate and to the person who can exhibit a finer bunch of home grown flowers than those Mrs. Ash has presented us with will be given a subscription to the Merkel Mail for one year free of charge.

Mrs. M. D. Ussery was in Abilene Wednesday visiting friends.

NOODLE COUNTRY GETS BIG RAIN

Tuesday and Tuesday night, one of the hardest rains fell in and about the Noodle country and in the vicinity of the Clear Fork valley north of here that has fallen in this country in some time.

Several estimates from the Noodle community is that the rainfall Tuesday evening was over 6 inches and in some parts of the country report over 7 inches of rain. During the time the Merkel country was getting another good soaking and our rain gauge registered 1.60 inches. The rainfall for this year in Merkel is 11.01 inches as compared with 9 inches for the same time last year. Out of the 11 inches precipitation that has fallen this

Loses Horse In Rise.

R. B. Wells of route four was unfortunate last week in losing a good horse by drowning in Mulberry creek.

This is the second time during the present year Mulberry Creek has exacted a toll of live stock from this country. In the rains in April twelve head were drowned in the Canyon country.

Moves Drug Store.

Messrs Gunn and King proprietors of the Gunn & King Drug Store have this week moved their stock and fixtures from the corner of North Front and Kent street to Edwards street in the building formerly occupied by the Farmers State Bank.

year, 10.33 of that amount has decended within the last thirty days.

BEATS GIRL WIFE DIES FROM BLOW

Brenham, May 27.—Arthur M. Sparks, in the custody of Sheriff Teague of this county, is on his way to Brenham to face a charge of the murder of his seventeen-year-old wife.

The complaint charges that he "kicked, beat and butted her to death." The story of Mrs. Sparks' death created a sensation in Brenham, coming out after Sparks had left town. Sparks left town two days before his wife's death and the alleged beating he gave her was not reported to the authorities at the time. The complaint on which Sparks was arrested alleges that his young wife died as a result of the kicking, beating and butting that he gave her.

The dead girl-wife, before marriage, was Miss Elmie Evans of San Marcos, Texas, where her parents live now. When the story of the alleged beating of the girl came out and the story of her subsequent death and the disappearance of her husband, the uncle of the girl offered a \$100 reward for Sparks' arrest. Governor Colquitt added a reward of \$150.

How Sparks was located and arrested through his own actions was disclosed today.

Sheriff Teague received a telegram from Dallas, signed "Broadnax," asking him if there were a reward out for Sparks. Sheriff Teague began an investigation of the origin of this telegram and learned that Sparks himself had sent it.

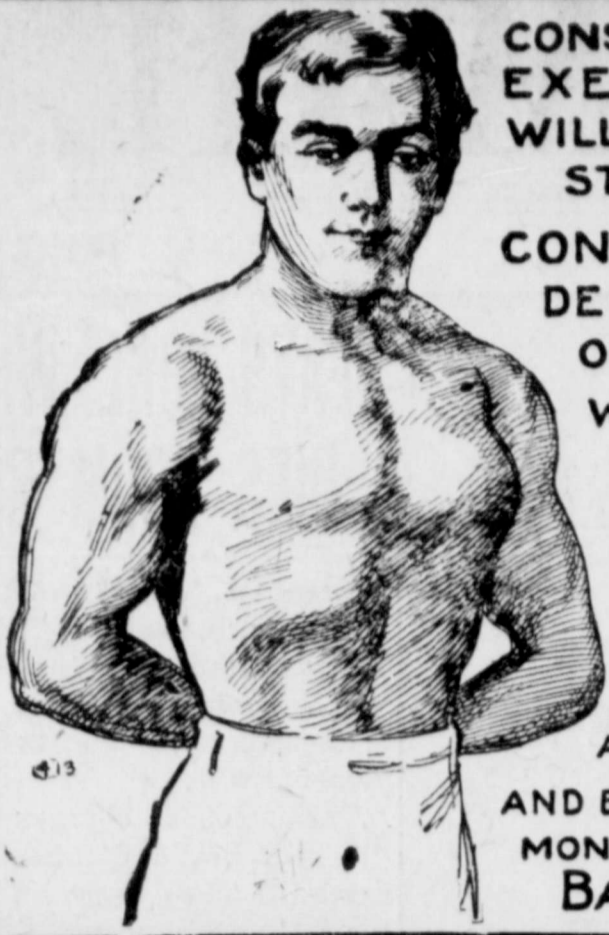
The investigation was followed by a trail of the missing husband of the dead girl and lead to his arrest at Bonham.

The Bonham authorities turned the prisoner over to Sheriff Teague at Greenville.

Children's Day Pogram Methodist Church, May 31.

1. Processional.
2. Prayer, Dr. McMaster, closed by prayer of response—Children.
3. Welcome Address—Buford Smith.
4. Song: "All Hail"—Congregation.
5. Children's Day Ode—Lucile Walters.
6. Song: "Sing Away"—Children.
7. The Mother's Opportunity, —Vivah Hutchenson.
8. "When we grow big" Dorothy Armstrong and Frances Powell.
9. Cradle Roll Service.
10. Song,—Congregation.
11. I Am A Very Little Child, —Three children.
12. Offering,—Six Little Girls.
13. Song,—Intermediates.
14. What Would You Do?—Three little girls.
15. Song: Loving and Giving, —Children.
16. Sword Drill—Eight Boys.
17. The Strangest Thing,—Eight Children.
19. Remarks and Benediction, —Pastor.

Misses Ella and Vera Winters of Stith visited here Tuesday.



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TRENT SCHOOLS END GOOD TERM

The closing exercises of the Trent Public schools were held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights of last week at the Methodist Church. The exercises were scheduled to be held at the Tabernacle but owing to the inclemency of the weather the place was changed.

On Wednesday night the Reading and Declamation contests was held and resulted in a close contests both between the boys and the girls of the schools. Miss Effie Duke for the girls and Master Cecil McRee for the boys were declared winners of the prizes in the contest of the evening. Messrs A. E. Chander of Simmons College, County Superintendent J. S. Smith and R. A. Smith of Abilene were the judges of the contest.

The program of the Wednesday evening exercises was as follows:

In Girls' Contest.

1. Miss Milly's Creche—Maggie Payne.
2. Higher Culture in Dixie—Gertrude Dowdy.
3. Haunted by a Song—Floy Leamon.
4. Billy's Pets—Effie Duke.
5. Mammy's Lil' Boy—Maude Skillen.
6. Night Run of the Overland—Maggie Peterson.

In Boys' Contest.

1. At His Brothers Grave. Ingersol—Buford Mangum.
2. Hiawatha's Childhood. Longfellow—Othell Watkins.
3. Address to the Young Men of Italy Mazzini—Louie Miller.
4. Cateline's Defiance—Cecil McRee.
5. A Vision of War, Ingersol—Ernest Massey.
6. Death of Abraham Lincoln Henry Ward Beecher—Winslow Beckham.
7. Sympathy with the Greeks, Henry Clay—Lee Massey.
8. Death of Lafayette, Prestiss—Joe Peterson.
9. Centennial Oration—Ernest Reid
10. On the Mexican War, Corwin—Jay Reid.
11. The New South and the Old, Grady—Paul McMurry.
12. Awarding of Prizes—R. H. Reaves.

The general program of the school was held on Thursday evening and the graduating exercises on Friday evening.

On Friday evening the following program was carried out:

Invocation, C. L. Mangum; Quartet; Mother and Home; Moonlight on the Hudson, Duet, Home Sweet Home, Down on the Farm, Royce Dowdy and Ered Pribble; Calvary, Miss Miller; Address of Graduates; Salutatory, Power of Purpose, Arthur McMurry; Valedictory Possibilities of an American Boy of the South, Dean Robinson Awarding of Diplomas, J. I. Leamon. The Commencement Sermon was delivered by Pres. J. P. Sewell of the Christian College at Abilene, his subject being Success and Happiness.

Superintendent G. L. Farrar of the Trent school made a short talk before the benediction was pronounced in which he requested the patrons and Trustees to build an auditorium for the school and to employ an additional and fifth teacher for the coming year. His request was vigorously applauded and the move seemed a very popular one.

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Dodson's Liver tone "liven's the liver," overcomes constipation agreeably and makes you feel good, and if you are not satisfied completely with it T. L. Grimes Druggist, will hand back the purchase price (50c.) to you with a smile.

When you go to buy a family remedy, don't fail to judge between the plain simple truth about Dodson's and the loud claims of its imitators. That the does so accounts for the enormous increase in the sales of Dodson's Liver Tone month after month.

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Bargains! Bargains!

New goods are over loading our counters and we must rid ourself of them, and to do this we are offering them to you at sure-enough money saving bargains come to see us, we know we can save you money on every purchase made at our store.

Merkel Bargain Store.
W. P. Duckett, Mgr.

Advertised Letters

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for the week ending May 33 1914.

Maddox, Tony
Myers, S.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office June 13, 1914.

H. W. Derstine, P. M.

When the baby takes too much food the stomach turns; the result is indigestion, sourness and vomiting. Frequently the bowles are involved and there is colic pains and diarrhoea. McGEE'S BABY ELIXAR is a grand corrective remedy for the stomach and bowell disorders of babies. It is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Benefit Dinner.

The Woman's Home Mission of the Methodist church of Trent will serve dinner Saturday July 25. All come and be with us that day and help out with the good cause.

Summer Normal at Tohoka, Texas.

Tahoka has secured the South Plains Summer Normal, which will begin June 9th. and will continue for six weeks closing July 21. Tohoka offers many advantages for a teacher or a student who, wishes to attend a summer school. The building is second to none in the district, being new and modern and well equipped and is convenient to all parts of town.

Cream Supper.

The Woman Home Mission of the Methodist church of Trent will serve Ice Cream Saturday June 6, for the purpose of painting and papering the church. We will appreciate all help.

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 druggist sell Hunt's Lightning Oil in 25c and 50c bottles. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

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THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

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

Lizzie Mae Freemon
IN THE REAR OF PARTEN'S STORE

WANTED: Clean Cotton Rags at The Merkel Mail Office

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. J. A. Dowdy and daughter Lucile of Barstow are the guests of Mrs. B. Jenkins.

Good Jersey cow, Fresh. For sale. Anchor Merchantile Co.

Mrs. J. Young and little daughter accompanied by the former's mother Mrs. W. R. Bigham left Monday for Lampasas to join Mr. Young in their new home. Mrs. Bigham will spend the summer with them.

Notice, for Harness, Saddle and Shoe repair see J. A. Brown.

Little Miss Elsie Majors of Colorado visited her aunt Mrs. Jno. R. Daniel.

One more good work horse for sale. Anchor Merchantile Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis left Thursday for Dallas where Mrs. Dennis underwent an operation in the Baptist Saniterium. Reports are favorable and their many friends are wishing a safe recovery.

If you have any Harness, Saddles or shoes that need repair see J. A. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Burns and daughter Rena have returned from a months visit with relatives in Gainesville and Dallas.

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

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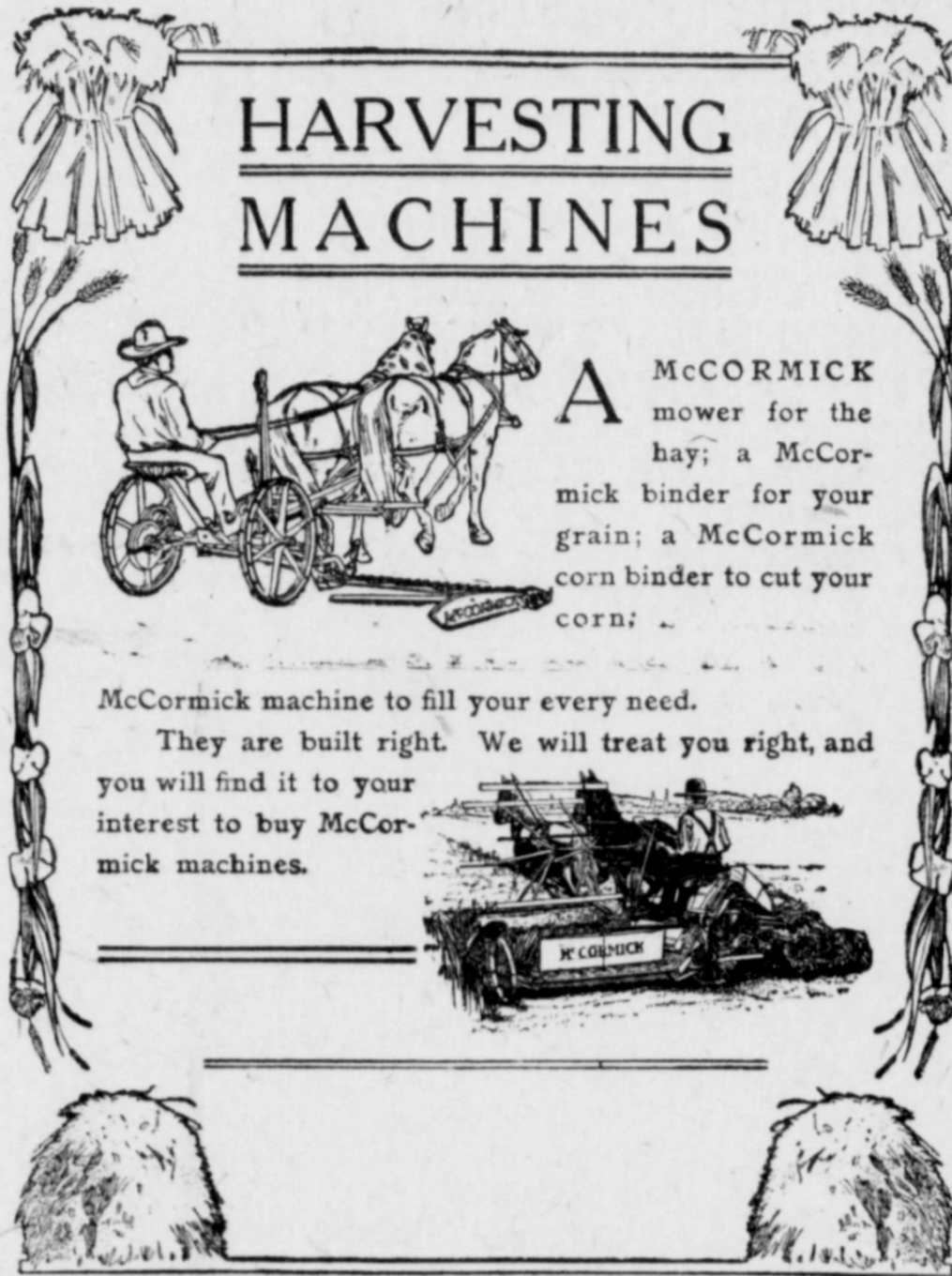
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Will require the services of good machinery in the harvest.
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A McCORMICK mower for the hay; a McCormick binder for your grain; a McCormick corn binder to cut your corn;

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THE ANCHOR MERCANTILE COMPANY

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Will have plenty White Leghorn flour by Saturday 2.25 per Hundred. G. M. Sharp

Dont forget to Buy your flour from G. M. Sharp he has as good as is on the Market. Prices Right.

Mrs. W. G. Hays and little daughter Lela are here visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sublett.

Miss Ethel Reagan of Abilene came in Tuesday afternoon to visit her friend Mrs. R. E. Bowles for a few days.

See H. M. Rose for milk coolers, steel tanks, guttering and well casing.

I have made arrangement to loan the farmers sacks to handle their grain with. J. D. Gaither.

Ellis Warren of Galveston and his sister Mrs. Mary Campbell of Waco came in Wednesday morning to be with their father W.B. Warren who has been very low at his home here.

See H. M. Rose for milk coolers, steel tanks, guttering and well casing.

Mrs. W. A. Douglass who has been visiting her husband's father W. E. Douglass and wife left Tuesday for Ft. Worth where she will visit relatives before returning to her home in Colorado.

See me and tell me how many sacks you will need for your grain at thrashing time. J. D. Gaither.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Perry of Ekota were in Merkel Wednesday trading.

Renew your Maerkel Mail, get Hollands and Farm & Ranch free until December 1914 and a vote for your favorite in the Merkel Mail Grafonola Contest.

Jno. Eoff left for Winters Tuesday to visit relatives. He will be away for about three weeks.

See me and tell me how many sacks you will need for your grain at thrashing time. J. D. Gaither.

Mr. and Mrs. Swafford of Anson are here visiting the formers parents Mr. and Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford.

Plenty corn chops at G. M. Sharps.

Miss Iola Valentine left Saturday morning for Potosi to visit Miss Oattie Anderson.

Supply yourself with grain sacks from J. D. Gaither and get the top price for your grain.

Elder W. G. Cypert came in Tuesday afternoon from Coleman where he has been for some time holding a meeting.

See R. E. Hall before selling your butter, produce and hides. Rear J. T. Dennis' store.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Bowles of Hedrick, Okla., are visiting the formers brother R. E. Bowles and wife of this city.

Supply yourself with grain sacks from J. D. Gaither, and get the top price for your grain.

Mrs. R. E. Bowles was in Abilene the first of the week visiting Miss Ella Phelps.

See R. E. Hall before selling your butter, produce and hides. Rear J. T. Dennis' store.

Remember I am in rear of J. T. Dennis' store and still paying highest cash price for butter, eggs, poultry and hides.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Bigham and little daughter Alice were the guests of the former's mother Mr. W. R. Bigham.

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

G. T. Dorman of Dallas visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dickson last week.

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.

Miss Pauline Johnson is at home from the Stamford College.

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

Mrs. Jonn Sears and little daughters are at home from Whitewright where they visited relatives.

See those Palm Beach suits at the Star Store.

Miss Maud Jenkins is in Sweetwater visiting relatives.

Martin will press your suit for 50c.

Mrs. N. J. Rossen of Bowie, Texas came in Sunday to visit her sister Mrs. J. C. Calvert. This is their first meeting in over 26 years. Mrs. Rossen was accompanied by their niece Miss Bessie Lee Colthey of Lewisburg Tennessee.

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

Felix R. Jones of Abilene was in the city Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Mack Martin of Holton visited her father B. M. Black, enroute to Putnam whereshe has gone for treatment.

See N. D. Cobb for Tombstones and Monuments.

Mrs. S. T. Lyles and children of Tula, Mississippi are here visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hamblett and sister Mrs. Wm. Scarborough.

See H. M. Rose for milk coolers, steel tanks, guttering and well casing.

Mrs. Geo. L. Vaughan of E Paso will leave Friday for her home. Mrs. Vaughan has been here for the past two weeks visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Russell.

COMB SAGE TEA IN LIFELESS, GRAY HAIR

Look young! Common garden Sage and Sulphur darkens so naturally nobody can tell

Grandmother kept her hair beautifully darkened, glossy and abundant with a brew of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Whenever her hair fell out or took on that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied with wonderful effect. By asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," you will get a large bottle of this old-time recipe, ready to use, for about 50 cents. This simple mixture can be depended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair and is splendid for dandruff, dry, itchy scalp and falling hair.

A well-known downtown druggist says everybody uses Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur, because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied—it's so easy to use, too. You simply dampen a comb or soft brush and draw it through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two, it is restored to its natural color and looks glossy, soft and abundant.

Miss Susie Creath of Abilene was the week end guest of Mrs. Hayden Turner.

Sacks loaned and the highest prices paid for your grain. J. D. Gaither.

Jno. Briggs returned to Merkel Tuesday from Vernon for a short stay.

Mrs. W. J. Behrens of Abilene visited Mrs. E. P. McMillen the latter part of last week.

Sacks loaned and the highest prices paid for your grain. J. D. Gaither.

Rev. Ed R. Willace has returned from an extended visit at Oklahoma city, Rule and other places.

Miss Fannie Burroughs was the week end guest of Miss Bess Hall of Sweetwater.

I have made arrangement to loan the farmers sacks to handle their grain with. J. D. Gaither.

Mrs. E. M. Rust and daughter Miss Genevieve were in Abilene Tuesday visiting friends.

Remember I am in rear of J. T. Dinnis' store and still paying highest cash price for butter, eggs, poultry and haides.

T. J. Gray of Abilene is here this week in charge of the Wells Fargo office while Agent Provine is on a layoff. Mr. Provine has been at his post for several days but desired a rest to recuperate from an attack of lagrippe.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Davis who visited their son Dr. S. L. Davis and wife during the past week, have returned to their home at Carthage.

MERKEL

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

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

AN UNFAIR QUESTION.

On the witness stand, under oath, both Jack Rose and Bridgie Webber were asked by Attorney Manton, representing ex-Police Lieutenant Becker, on trial for murder. "Would you tell a lie to save your life?"

The question was manifested an unfair one. Rose answered boldly that he would not. Webber hung his head for a minute and then replied that he would not.

Both were forced to show themselves either liars or persons of extraordinary veracity.

Stop for a minute and think it over. If asked the same question how would you answer it? Life is a very precious thing. Confronting death, face to face, would the lie be permissible?"

The purpose of the attorney was evident. It was to discredit the witness before the jury.

If either had admitted he would tell the life-saving lie his testimony could be questioned. By answering that they would rather die than tell a lie the jury could not be blamed for doubting the veracity of their answer.

Truth is the foundation of all knowledge, the very ground work upon which society stands. One of the sublimest things in the world is truth, this the object of our understanding and good will. Everyone wishes to have truth on his side and it is hardly to be expected to adapt truth to the crooked policy and wily sinousities of worldly affairs. Truth should assert itself especially in courts of justice.

Giving the Devil his due, both of these witnesses might have felt when the question was asked that they would not lie to save their lives, but if the occasion really demanded the lie no one would blame them so much if they did.

"Dare 'o be true and nothing can need a lie," declared Herbert, but when the question of life or death is being weighed in the balance a lie does seem in a measure justifiable.

When Aristotle was asked what a man could gain by telling a false hood he replied, "Never to be credited when he speaks the truth."

With death depending on either Rose or Webber telling a lie neither would hesitate, and Attorney Manton can well search the world, like Diogenes, for the honest man who will not tell a lie to save his life.—Commercial Appeal

A REGULAR ATTENDANT

Rastus, a diminutive negro boy who has been in court more times than he has fingers and toes, was again a prisoner the other morning.

Rastus knew from past experience just where to stand when he faced the judge, just where to raise his right hand and the psychological moment to inform the judge that he was eleven years old.

"I don't know what I am to do with you,

anyway," said the judge, leaning over the bench and looking into the whites of the little negro's eyes. "Rastus, tell me how many times you have been brought into this court."

"I don't know how many times, Judge," spoke the youthful violator of city ordinances, "but this am the last time I'se been heah."

A PROGRESSIVE PREACHER

Over at Waxahachie there is a preacher who works six days a week and preaches on Sunday. This progressive pastor recently startled his congregation by the announcement that the scope of the average pastor's work was two narrow for efficient service and that he did not intend to limit his usefulness to preaching from the pulpit. Suiting the action to the word, he accepted the position of agricultural demonstration agent of Ellis County and in this capacity, will work in connection with the United States Department of Agriculture. As his membership is largely agricultural, he purposes to assist them in increasing the value of their land and in the most scientific manner of raising products. In other words, he intends to set them an example to live by, as well as give them a religion to die by and purpose to be a worker in the vineyard as well as a teacher in the tabernacle.

TAYLOR COUNTY FARM FACTS

There are 2404 farms in this county and 1788 of them are either mortgaged or operated by tenants, while 616 are entirely owned by the farmers that operate them.

There are 8900 persons in this county directly dependent on tenant farmers and mortgaged farm owners for a living.

There are 1351 tenant farmers in this country and only 23 of them pay cash rentals; the remainder operates of a share basis.

There is only 1 negro farmer in the entire county.

There are 112 farms in the county that contain more than 500 acres each.

The value of all farm property of this country is \$14,561,000.

The average farm is worth \$6,057.

ORPHAN'S MONEY BUYS WHISKEY

According to the Menance the noted Anti-Catholic paper a discovery has been made in connection with the St. Anthony Home for Orphans in Chicago, wherein Judge Pickney of the Juvenile Court took immediate action in removing a 6-year old child from the institution.

According to the report Rev. Kolodziejek and Dr. Joseph Tomaszowski were arrested for contributing to the dependency of Anna Kelo, 13 years old. It is charged that the priest Rev. Kolodziejek and the doctor fed the inmates of the institution on bread and water only and that they collected the funds to conduct the institution and, it is claimed, spent the money for whiskey. The institution in question is said to have accomidations for over 100 but for some time past only four inmates have been cared for.

The Menance, probably the strongest anti-catholic paper in America started publication April 15, 1911 and gives its present subscription list as 1,470,604.

THE MAIL CONTEST

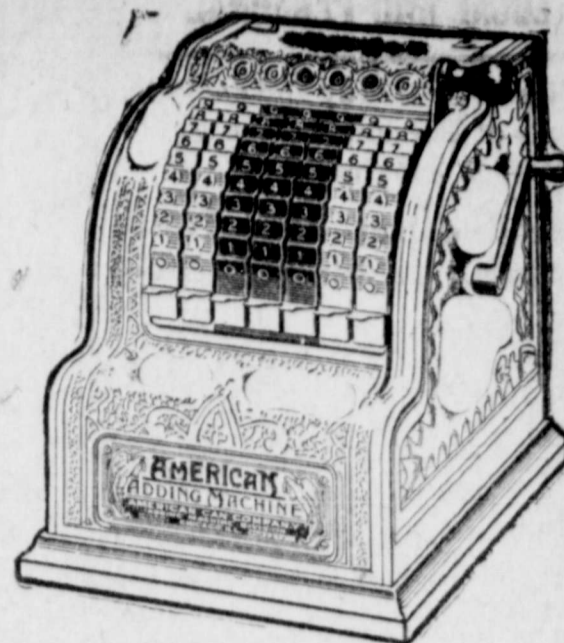
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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Compere.

Health of our community is good at the present. Mrs. Shannon has been very sick but is better at this time.
 Brother Walker filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.
 Most of the people in this Section of the country will finish their planting this week.
 W. N. Moore made a business trip to Merkel Monday.
 Miss Ruth and Billie Moore have returned to Compere.
 Mr. Jake and Clarence Foster were in Merkel Monday on business.

Route Three.

May 26. The farmers from this section are busy planting cotton and trying to kill some of the weeds.
 Rev. Rodgers filled his regular appointment at Mt. Pleasant., Sunday.
 There was a large crowd attending the B. Y. P. U., Sunday night.
 The party and candy breaking given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Whisenhunt's Saturday night was attended by a large crowd. Everyone reported a nice time.
 A. H. Barne and daughter Miss Cleo were in Merkel Saturday.
 Mrs. M. E. Baccus and family were in the Canyon Saturday visiting the family of W. Hathaway.
 W. P. Moore and W. H. Hathaway were in Merkel Saturday.
 Mr. W. P. Moore claims he has the best oats he ever seen in this country and he has lived here 17 years.
 Our Sunday school and prayer meeting is progressing nicely everybody is invited to attend.
 Mr. Jim Moore and family of Blair were in this community Saturday and Sunday visiting the family of W. P. W. P. Moore.
 Bob Boden one of the local country farmers says that he has the finest prospects for a good crop that he has ever seen.

Nubia.

May. 18., Rev. Davis filled his appointment here Sunday.
 The friends and acquaintances of Miss Nelle Baren regret very much that she will not return to Nubia.
 W. I. Cogburn was in the Butman communities Sunday visiting friends.
 Butman Literary Society post-poned the meeting last Friday. The society will meet Friday night May 29th. The postponed meeting was on account of the Dora Literary society meet.
 Mr. H. Randolph, E. Bankhead and Mr. Dial were in Merkel Monday.
 Mr. B. H. Riney has been absent from his blacksmith shop some of the late on account of buffering with blood boils. He is able now to do some work however.
 The Nubia and Blair ball terms locked horns here Monday and the game resulted in a score of 12 to 4 in favor of Blair. Some of the Nubia players were not able to play, so outsiders were put in their places.
 May 24., R. C. Whetsell of Bradshaw was in Nubia, Saturday.
 Mr. Earl Perkins was here Saturday talking for Miss Fannie Tippett for County Clerk. "If she has had to do the work of the office for eight years, she should have it for one term anyway.
 Wood Turner and G. D. Lewis were in Merkel Saturday
 Nubia and Blair played ball again Friday at Blair. The score was 6 to 3 in favor of Blair and the contest throughout was very interesting.
 Miss Beaulah Whetsel visited Miss Lulu Cogburn, this week.

Shiloh.

Sunday School and Singing were well attended Sunday.
 G. W. Scott and family spent Saturday night and Sunday at Newman.
 Miss Edith MaBerry returned home Saturday from Fort worth where she visited relatives for the past six weeks. Her many friends are glad to have her with them again.
 Misses Maud and Della Green returned Wednesday from Abilene where they spent two week with aelatives.

Roger and Edger Grayson, Harvel Jones, Walter Philips and Miss Howard Barnes, attended the closing exercises of the Trent School Friday night.

Several from this place attended Singing at Noodle Saturday night.
 The Misses Wheeler of the noodle community attended singing at Shiloh Sunday afternoon and were the guests of Misses Lettie and Beulah Jones.
 Several from Shiloh were trading at Merkel Saturday.
 The recent rains damaged some of cotton that was planted to the extent that some of the farmers say they will have to plant some of their cotton over.

The Sweetwater Bridge North of Shiloh was washed away by the heavy rains of last week. The Mail Carrier on Route two from Trent has not been making all his rounds since Thursday of last week. There can be no passing on that road until the bridge is repaired.

Miss Thelma McCright spent a few days last week with friends in Noodle.
 Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Noodle attended Sunday School at Shiloh Sunday.
 Charley Seago and Miss Mae Grayson attended services at Noodle Sunday afternoon.

Warren.

While sitting on the door steps and the gentle twilight the silver clasp that unites today with yesterday is softly falling oe'r all it made me yearn for my old goose quill to dot down the locals of the community of my native country but being a stranger in a strange land I feel a delicacy in writing nevertheless will send in the scattering personals.
 After two weeks layoff on account of rain the farmers have resumed work, and they will have to move about or old "Gen. Green" will get the upper hand.
 Sunday School and Prayer meeting are progressing nicely. Large attendance out at singing Sunday afternoon which was conducted by Mr. Bankhead of Merkel Messrs Patterson, Buford and Hancock also lead a few songs.
 Mr. Bankhead will teach a twelve days Singing School here the latter part of July.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Charley Rogers attends Sunday school at Stith each Sabbath he says that is the only attraction (?).
 Rev. Busby and family of Stith visited friends here Sunday.
 Mr. Merritt and family of Compere spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Worsham.
 For fear of the dreaded waste basket will desist with "Best Wishes"
 "Come Again"

Salt Branch.

Everything is looking fine in this community since the rains. The weeds especially are growing fast.
 Lester Wheat returned from Coleman last week where he has been visiting relatives the last two months.
 Jim Ingram and family of Mt. Pleasant were in this part of the country Sunday visiting.
 Miss Ida Taylor who has been visiting at Loraine returned home Monday after a two weeks absence.
 Several of the young people of this community were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Higgins, Sunday. Those present were Misses Cora and Alma Hays, Annie and Garlie Higgins and Mae Rainer, Messrs Hobson Robertson, Lester Wheat and Ollie Higgins.
 Salt Branch singing class held services at Mulberry school house Sunday afternoon. The Sunday school here was well attended Sunday.

Real Estate Transfers.

T. C. Weir, Sheriff, to R. T. Reed Lots Nos. 9 & 10 of Block No. 45 of the town of Merkel, \$450.00
 T. C. Weir, Sheriff, to Jim Ned Townsite Co. Lots Nos 1, 2, 11 & 12 o Blk No. 7, Lots Nos. 2 & 13 of Blk No. 17, Lot No. 15 of Blk 18, Lot 12 of Blk 22 and Lot 13 of Blk 19 of the town of Lawn \$20.00
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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Music Recital.

The piano department of the public schools which is under the direction of Miss Eva Williams gave its annual spring recital Friday evening May 22 at the Southside Christian Church. A splendid program was rendered and every performer played well.

The highest honors were for those who had studied the entire year was given to Miss Bess Touchstone of the elder girls Ruth Holloway and Neta Willis making the same grades were named together of the younger girls. Of those studying half the year Miss Mary Jennings received highest honors of the elder and Ruby Harris of the younger. The following program was given.

- By The Woodland Spring, Fink, Mary Parten, Ruth Holloway;
- Hungarian Song, Behr, Ruby Harris, Lenora Williams;
- Valse, Streabbog, Irene Patterson, Gertrude Moore;
- Spring Flowers, Richter, Ruth Holloway, Lola Armstrong, Annie Mae Costephens;
- The Swing Waltz, Le Grand, Ona Fae Bland, Hettie Willis;
- Song of The Brook, Hewitt, Ina Mae Adams;
- Triumph March, Rathburn, Elsie Sharp, Victoria Wallace;
- Scarf Dance, Chaminade, Mary Jennings;
- Meditation, Morrison, Tommy Louise Coggin;
- Roses of Spring, Voye, Julia Martin, Ruby Cauthen, Vera Jinkens;
- Concert Polka, Lansing, Ina Mae Adams, Gladys Walters;
- Valse Caprice, Newland, Bess Touchstone,
- Serenade, Moszkowski, Carol Rister, 1st Piano, Jackie Jennings 2nd. Piano;
- Humorske, Dvorak, Tommy Louise Coggin, 1st Piano, Victoria Wallace and Laura Beard 2nd. Piano.
- Festival March, Horvath, Lula Sharp, 1st. Piano, Bess Touchstone, 2nd. Piano;
- Comrad in Arms, Hayes, Mary Jennings and Gladys Coggin, 1st. Piano, Geneva and Nina Warnick, 2nd Piano;
- Poet and Peasant Overture Von Suppe, Carol Rister and Lula Sharp, 1st. Piano Bess Touchstone and Jackie Jennings, 2nd Piano.

Complimentary Dance.

Saturday evening the Merkel Young people complimented Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Crouch of Douglas, Ariz., and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. O'Mally of Dallas with a Dance at the Thornton Hall, Merkel. Stringed instruments furnished music. Those present besides the honorees were Mesdames T. J. Coggin, J. W. Daniel, S. P. Miller, J. G. Jackson, Messrs and Mesdames Ben Shelton, Jno. R. Daniel, R. W. Mitchell of Abilene, R. O. Anderson, Ollie Sharp, Deavenport Gaither, Misses Zora Coggin, Mabel Collins, Agnes Hall, Alma Sheppard, Tommie Louise and Gladys Coggin. Messrs Ottie Coggin, Jack Douglas, D. Grimes, Homer Easterwood and Raymond Hall.

Thursday of last week Mrs. B. Jenkins entertained a few friends, her guests spent a delightful day. Progressive 42 was played at two tables, at noon a beautiful appointed luncheon was served. Covers were laid for Mrs. Dowdy of Barstow, Misses Ona Johnson Emma Smith, Lucile Doydy of Barstow, Maud Jenkins, Messrs Mm. Smith, Claud Jenkins and the hostess.

Methodist Baracas.

The number on roll in the Baraca Class of the Methodist church has now reached a great height of fifty one. You are cordially invited to attend this class each and every Sunday at 9:45 A. M. We are all live wires, good working fall in line, our line is not complete without you. Our chief aim is Moral, Social and Physical Development. Ask our members what we have on program for the next two months, it will interest you. We make all men members fell at home. Come! Come! Come once and you will come again.

Circle A of the Baptist Aid Society entertained with an open session Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. Halls on Oak street.

Promptly at four o'clock the guest arrived at this lovely home. The guest were members of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist Aid Society. The following program was rendered Piano. Solo:—Miss Agness Hall Short talks: By Rev. Pritchard from Abilene and Rev. W. M. Gaddy. "Solo: The Perfect day," Miss Eva Gaddy; Reading Miss Mary Louise Scott, Solo: "What would you take for me Papa"—Miss Ruby Harris. Reading: Miss Lucy Tracy. Solo: Miss Hall. Reading: Mrs. W. A. Scott. The hostess served hot coffee chocolate and cake to about thirty guests

The lawn at Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Duckett was the scene of a prettily arranged party Monday evening when the Methodist Philathia class entertained the Methodist Baraca class and a few friends. The lawn was comfortably seated with rustic seats rugs and sofa pillows. Gas lights were used to illuminate the lawn. The guest furnished social and instrumental music various games were played. Punch was served during the party hours. Cream and Cake at the conclusion.

The members of the XX Century Club will please notice that the meeting at Mrs. Williams Saturday will be a business meeting too. Come prepared to pay up all back dues and fines. Don't censure the program committee if you fail to be enrolled next year. The recording secretary will gladly tell you of your back dues and fines if you will phone her.

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Will Lecture Tonight.

C. C. Klingman of San Angelo, recently of Japan will lecture at the tabernacle tonight, Friday. He will exhibit many curios from that country and has with him some of the idols worshiped by the heathens over there. His relation of his personal experiences will interest you. No charges whatever. A free lecture.

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Good-bye sore feet, burning feet, swollen feet, sweaty feet, smelling feet, tired feet.

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"TIZ" is magical, acts right off. "TIZ" draws out all the poisonous exudations which puff up the feet. Use "TIZ" and forget your foot misery. Ah! how comfortable your feet feel. Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" now at any druggist or department store. Don't suffer. Have good feet, glad feet, feet that never swell, never hurt, never get tired. A year's foot comfort guaranteed or money refunded.

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TO THIS YEAR'S JUNE BRIDES



No Small Part of Your Duties is Selecting the Grocer to Supply Your Daily Menu

To you may we suggest that we have a unique service which does not end with selling groceries at "Satisfactor Price." It ends only when customers tell us "your service can't be beat." Do you wish this kind of service? **Phone 80**

SPECIALS FOR ONE WEEK

- 100 lbs. Eagle Brand Sugar, (4-25) \$4.50
- 6 lbs. Good Bulk Coffee \$1.00
- 12 cans Good Corn 85c
- 2-25c cans K C Baking Powders 35c
- 12-3 lb. cans California Peaches \$2.00
- 60 Bars Good Laundry Soap, guaranteed \$1.00

Call us, write us, phone us, come to see us or send word to us. Just any old way to get to us we'll do the rest.

**"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

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

Notice to School Patrons.

All school patrons having children between the ages of 7 and 17 who are not already enrolled as students here should give me the names and ages of their children at some time during the month of May. This is very important and you should attend to it at once. B. D. Black, Supt. Merkel school.

20 Tons of Maize at Trent.

I have 20 tons of good Maize for sale at \$23.00 & 25.00 per ton. T. L. Wallace, Trent, Texas.

Work Called for & Delivered

FERGUSON'S CLEANING AND PRESSING SHOP

Alteration work and ladies work neatly done. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Phone No. 4.

Jess Fergusson, The Tailor
Crenshaw Block

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

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.

PURE DRUGS

SANITARY DRINKS

T. L. GRIMES

FRESH CIGARS

PROMPT SERVICE

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 of 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. Good 8 year old horse, cash or on time. C. P. Stevens.

LAND FOR SALE OR TRADE: I have 640 acres good grass land 70 per cent level, 16 miles south of Fort Stockton, I will exchange this for your farm, W. H. Young, Merkel.

FOR SALE OR TRADE.—New \$125 organ at a bargain. B. B. Throop 22t3

FOR SALE:—A. No-1. Cow, fresh. S. H. L. Swafford Route 1.

FOR SALE:—Next week, oats 4 1-2 cents per bundle. S. H. L. Swafford, Route 1.

Furniture Sale

Good wood Range for sale cheap—also Dresser and other furniture.

Jno. E. Shelton.

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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Veterinarian.

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

W. O. W.

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

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

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.

Good Maize For Sale.

I still have some good maize at \$23.00 per ton. T. L. Wallace, Trent, Texas.

SUMMER EXCURSION RATES

MAY 15 AND AFTER

TO THE NORTH, EAST AND WEST

—Via—

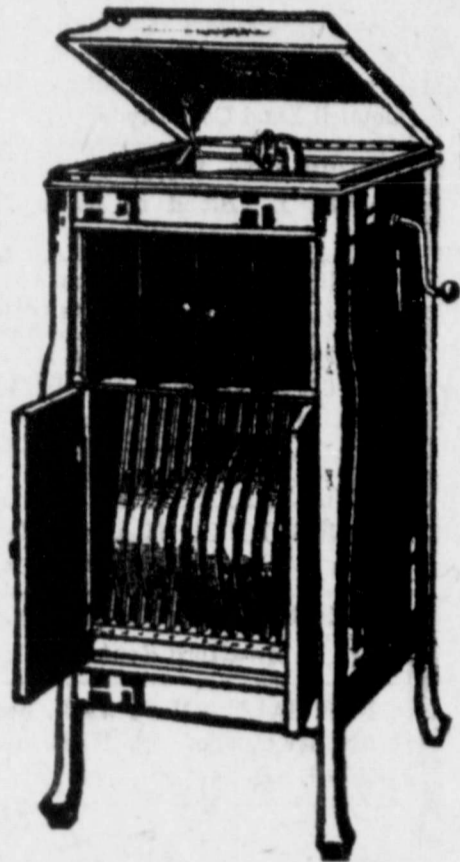


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ONE FARE PLUS TEN CENTS
EVERY SUNDAY
ROUND TRIP
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EVERY DAY

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Dallas, Texas

\$165=WORTH OF PRIZES FREE=\$165

FIRST PRIZE: \$75 COLUMBIA LEADER GRAFONOLA



This Beautiful Machine will be given absolutely free together with One Dozen 65c Double Disc Columbia Records to some Young Lady of Merkel Trade Territory, to the one who receives the largest number of votes in

THE MERKEL MAIL VOTING CONTEST

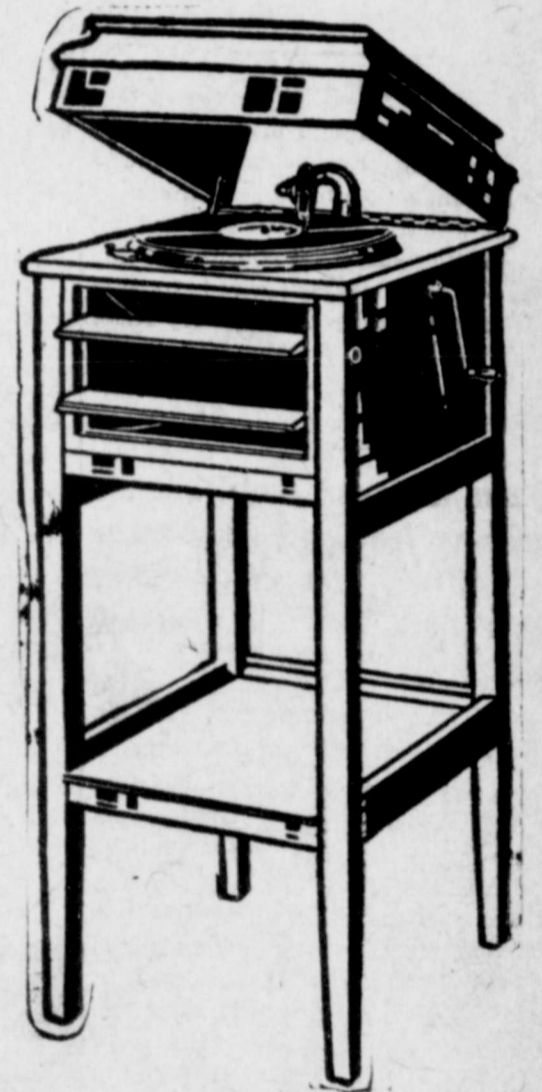
Votes will be given with each years subscription to the Mail. Votes given according to following table.

1 years Subscription to the Mail \$1.00 100 VOTES	3 years Subscription to the Mail \$2.75 500 VOTES
2 years Subscription to the Mail \$1.90 300 VOTES	4 years Subscription to the Mail \$3.65 1000 VOTES
5 years Subscription to the Mail \$4.50; and 5000 Votes	

SECOND PRIZE: \$50 COLUMBIA GRAPHOPHONE

The same machine as the first prize Leader Grafonola only it has no cabinet for records, with this second prize machine one half dozen free Columbia Double Disc Records will be given to the winner.

MACHINES ON DISPLAY AT THE ELITE CONFECTIONERY

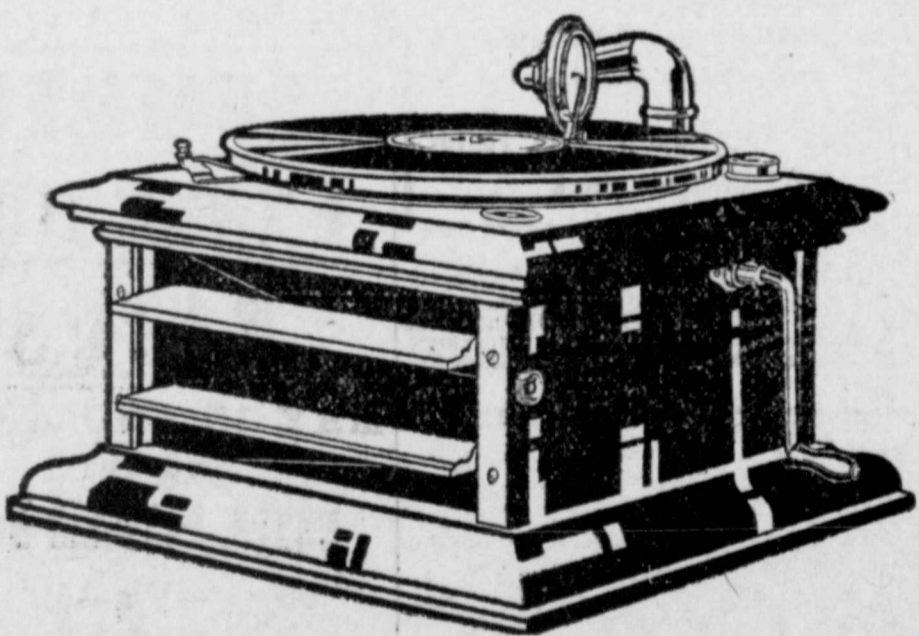


CONTEST IS OPEN NOW--CLOSES AUGUST 1 1914

Cast Your Votes in Box at the Elite Confectionery

Standing of all contestants will be published each week in the Merkel Mail. For this reason each contestant should file all subscriptions they score each week. Subscriptions received at our office will be credited in votes to the subscribers choice among the contestants.

THIRD PRIZE: \$25 ECLIPSE GRAPHOPHONE & 1 DOZEN RECORDS



This machine has the same Reproducing Qualities as the higher priced machine.

The only difference is, The Eclipse has no cabinet stand.

CLIP THIS COUPON NOW

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GOOD FOR 1000 VOTES FOR

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

In entering the Columbia Grafonola Contest no resident of Merkel can be a contestant for any of the Prizes.

THIS COUPON GOOD FOR ENTRANCE ONLY

CONTEST IS OPEN NOW. CLOSES AUGUST 1, 1914

Here is an opportunity to get a \$75.00 Columbia Grafonola Free, Clip this Coupon today and mail it to the Merkel Mail.

Only One Conpon to Each Contestant

Those who wish to work for above Prizes should call at the Mail Office for---Receipt Book, Vote Blanks, furnished free to any contestant. Get your friends to SUBSCRIBE for the MAIL and win a Prize.

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