

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## SATURDAY WAS A BUSY DAY HERE

Saturday last, according to our way of seeing it was one of the busiest and warmest days Merkel has had during the present summer and during the present political campaign. What tomorrow will be is hard to say.

People from all sections of Merkel's trade territory were in the city, the farmers from many sections of the country having finished in a way their present farming work and are now waiting until it "does or don't", rain. While they wait there is plenty of amusement for them and Saturday was a day of recreation along the shady side of Edwards street. To casual observer, men in small crowds could be seen at intervals of every few feet along the side walks and the usual subject of the conversation was politics. Two speeches were made during the evening by supporters of Col. Ball, the speaking was done from a wagon and a goodly size crowd was accorded each speaker.

As for the editor of the Mail, tomorrow will tell the tale and if the people of Texas and Taylor county do not elect the men we vote for, then we will have just as good a governor, congressman and sheriff as the rest of the citizens of Taylor county. (apologies to Rev. A. L. Jobe.)

### Advertises Abilene Fair.

Will Watson of Abilene was here yesterday morning distributing catalogues of the West Texas Fair to be held at Abilene in October of this year.

## RUPTURE EXPERT HERE

Seeley, Who Fitted Czar of Russia. Called to Abilene.

"Rupture is not a breach or tear in the abdominal wall as commonly supposed therefore nothing to knit or heal, but rupture is a natural opening therefore subject to closure," said F. H. Seeley of Chicago and Philadelphia the noted truss expert, who will be at the Grace Hotel and will remain in Abilene this Wednesday only, July 29th. Mr. Seeley says: "The Spermatic Shield as now furnished and supplied to the United States Government will not only retain any case of rupture perfectly, affording immediate and complete relief, but closes the opening 10 days on the average case. This instrument received the only award in England and in Spain, producing results without surgery, harmful injections, medical instruments or prescriptions. Mr. Seeley has documents from the United States Government, Washington, D. C., for inspection. All charity cases without charge, or if any interested call he will be glad to show same without charge or fit them if desired. Any one ruptured should remember the date and take advantage of this opportunity. (adv.)

## TELEPHONES FOR MERKEL COUNTRY

Within the left few days 23 farmers of the Merkel country have been brought nearer to town, nearer to market, nearer to the doctor and nearer to any need there might be on the farm by having telephones installed for their benefit.

J. F. Holdridge the local manager of the Telephone Company states that two new lines have been connected with the Merkel exchange and that 23 farm homes are added to the subscribers list. The territory covered by the communication extends twelve to fourteen miles into the country north of Merkel. The new subscribers are as follows: I. J. Alexander, A. Criswell, Geo. Cook, Claud Derrick, C. L. Deutschman, A. B. Ely, Frank Hale, Reese Hale, W. H. Howard, W. Roundtree, J. F. Smith, W. L. Barbee, W. U. Beene, W. N. Farris, C. R. Horton, D. C. Herring, S. H. Meeks, Roy Meeks, T. A. Wasson, W. C. Witt and Lee Williams.

Under the plan adopted by the Southwestern Company farmers and other rural residents are furnished service at a very low cost and the plan under which the lines are installed is such that the work and equipment are secured at a much lower cost than would be possible under other conditions. The establishment of these two lines into the country north of Merkel places an important territory into close communication with Merkel and will be of very great value to the merchants of our town as well as the farmers who will be able to transact business without the necessity of losing time that would be consumed in coming to town. The telephone will also serve as an additional protection of the household while the men are away. The farm homes are places in close communication at any and all hours of the day and long distance communication is placed at their disposal.

### Money in Melons.

G. L. Baker of Route 1 was in town Wednesday with a load of fine watermelons gathered from a small five-eighths acre patch he has on his farm.

Mr. Baker stated that the load he brought in Wednesday completed in netting him \$30.00 for his trouble and he would yet gather at least \$10.00 worth more from the patch thereby realizing over \$40.00 from his melon crop.

### Returns From Oklahoma.

George Wier formerly of this place returned the first of the week from Dewey and Pawnee, Okla. where he and his brothers entered in a roping contest during the fourth of July days.

Mr. Weir reports that in the contests of three days at each of the above places, he and his brothers captured a possible \$1000 worth of prizes out of \$2500 given to all the ropers.

Miss Gertrude Thornton of Dallas came in Sunday to visit Miss Lizzie Calvert and other friends.

## FINAL SELECTION TEACHERS IS MADE

At different board meeting of the Merkel School Board during the past few months election of teachers have been taken up until the slate for our current years educational board is filled.

Election other than that of T. S. Cox of Goliad as Superintendent of the schools are as follows: M. Witt, principal, Miss Maud Jenkins principal north side school, Mrs. L. W. Merridith, lat-in. We were not able to ascertain just what position the other teachers will fill, who are, Misses Willie Valentine, Ruby and Elva Payne, Zula Huffaker, Robbie Barnes, Beulah Burkett, Zelma Fletcher, Sophia Howard, Beulah Overshiner, Lillian McLendon and Mrs. Tolbert Robinson.

Since the election of school trustees a few months ago there have been several changes. Upon the resignations of Messrs J. H. Warnick and T. J. Coggin, Messrs T. A. Johnson and John Wheeler have been elected to fill the vacancies. Another resignation was brought about when the board wished to elect Mrs. Tolbert Robinson to the board of teachers but could not do so according to law from the fact that her brother Dr. M. Armstrong was a member of the school board. Dr. Armstrong tendered his resignation which was accepted and the election of Mrs. Robinson was then unanimous. Following this O. J. Adcock was elected to the board to fill the position made vacant by Dr. Armstrong's resignation.

### Rev. Gaddy's Condition Serious.

Word has been received here stating that the condition of Rev. W. M. Gaddy who went to Dallas a short time ago with his family, in order to have his eyes treated is in a dangerous condition.

Examination revealed that a ruptured blood vessel was causing the eye trouble and in addition a clot of blood had formed on the brain. Efforts are being made by the attending physician to remove the clot by absorption. The many friends of the Merkel Pastor hope for his recovery and his quick return to our town.

### Former Merkel Lady Dies.

Word was received here the latter part of last week telling friends and relatives of the sudden death of Mrs. S. P. Rister of El Paso, whose condition was hardly considered in any way alarming until just before her death.

A letter from Mrs. G. H. Rister of this place who has been in El Paso for some time visiting her son and his family brought the news of her sons critical condition and of his wife's death. The death of Mrs. S. P. Rister was kept a secret from her husband for a time owing to his dangerous condition from an operation for appendicitis in one of the hospitals at El Paso where he has been for the past four weeks. Even now his condition is regarded as very dangerous and his chances for recovery somewhat small.

The shock of learning that his wife had suddenly died is accred-

## BLAIR PICNIC A GREAT SUCCESS

The picnic at Blair Friday of last week furnished enjoyment for about 1000 or 1500 people from all parts of the Canyon and surrounding country. While there were some modes of amusement and entertainment the principal item of the day was political speaking between county candidates.

Of the speaking, most of the time was given to Pres J. D. Sanderfer of Simmons College one of the strongest Ball supporters in this section of the state if not all Texas, a man who is seldom equaled in eloquence and to Judge C. P. Woodroof of Sweetwater one of the best known lawyers of west Texas who supported Ferguson and spoke in opposition to Sanderfer. Both these speakers were emphatic in their opinions of who would be the best man for governor. Both the speakers are prohibitionists, however they are on different sides in the present campaign. To the listener of their locked-horn match at Blair Friday a person could easily tell that these two men were both fighting for what they believed to be right but there was a difference in the sentiment produced by the two speaker's words. Woodroof received his share of endorsement but Sanderfer was the recipient of the applause. Woodroof was frequently interrupted during his speech by cries of: "You are on the wrong side," "You are still at it" and "Tell us about it." After the speaking between Sanderfer and Woodroof, N. N. Rosenquest, candidate for District Attorney was introduced. In a fifteen minute talk he placed his candidacy before the people and according to reports his talk was received well by his audience. Following the talk of Mr. Rosenquest the county and precinct candidates each were given five minutes to tell their story. Some of them discounted the five minutes while others would like to have had more time. In all the Blair picnic was a joyous and extremely interesting gathering.

ited with making his condition all the more serious. In the letter to relatives at Merkel Mrs. G. H. Rister explained that up until two days before Mrs. S. P. Rister's death, she had been visiting her husband every day at the hospital, when she was taken slightly ill but not alarmingly so. Her condition suddenly changed and convulsions set up, as result of same attending physicians used a supply of oxygen and artificial breathing in their endeavor to prolong if not save her life, however the treatment was without avail.

The deceased, and her husband formerly lived in Merkel, coming here immediately after their marriage at Abilene where Mrs. Rister's father Dr. C. T. Scott, now deceased, lived. The Mail joins the many friends of of Mr. Rister in his hour of trouble and extend sincere sympathy, trusting that his recovery will be safe and complete.

## NIGHTWATCHMAN IS EMPLOYED FOR YEAR

At a meeting of the merchants of Merkel in connection with the Retail Business men of the city on Tuesday afternoon the matter of hiring a nightwatchman was taken up and the old watchman "Uncle" Tom King was employed.

The contract between the merchants and Mr. King for the past year expired Sunday night and as result of same the town was without a watchman Monday night. Mr. King has served in this capacity for years and his services have at all times been very satisfactory to the people of the town and Mr. King has a host of friends who are glad to see him accept the position for another year. One thing about Merkel's Nightwatch, he can be found on the job at all hours of the night and severe wet or cold weather has no horror for him.

### Sustains fractured Shoulder.

W. Roundtree of Noodle had the misfortune of getting a dislocated shoulder Wednesday morning when he fell out of a tree.

Mr. Roundtree with several men from the Noodle community have been constructing a party telephone line from Merkel to Noodle and Mr. Roundtree was at work with a line when he missed his footing and fell to the ground.

### Cemetery Association Meet.

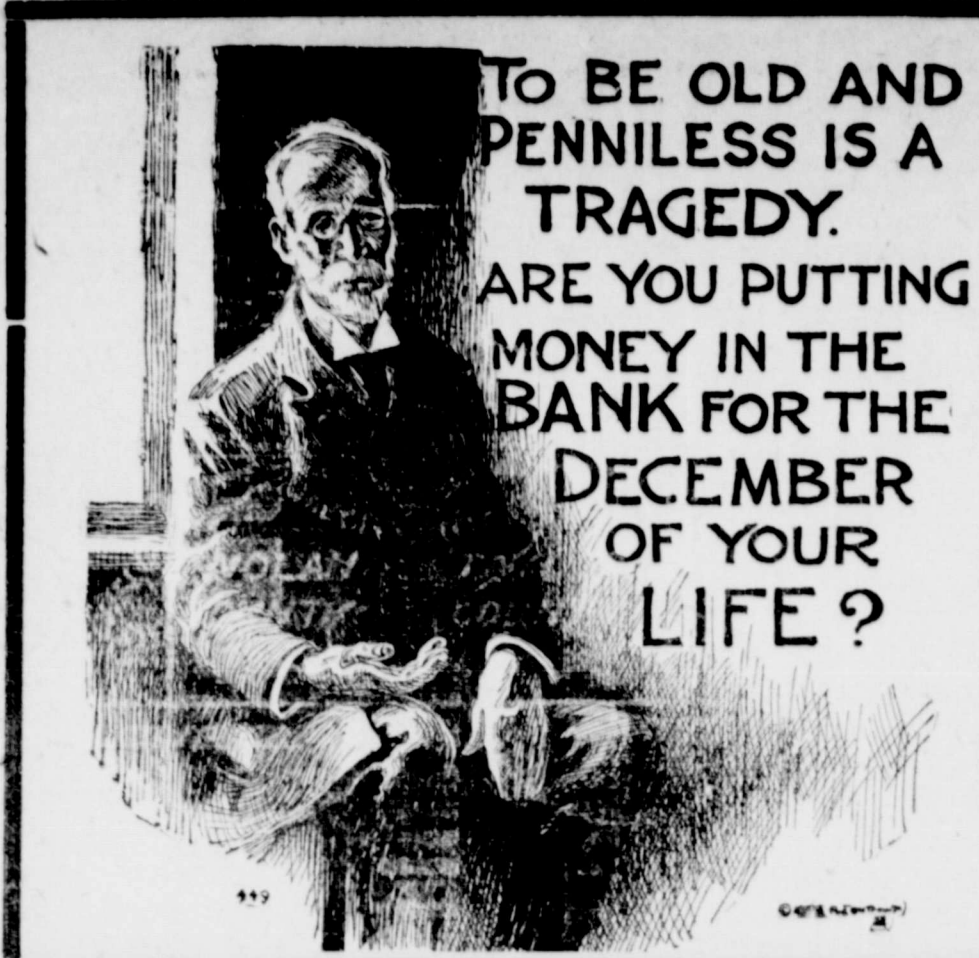
The Cemetery Association will meet Monday for an all days working at the Cemetery. If you cannot come in the morning you are requested to be there in the afternoon and to bring either hoe or rake with you.

## TIME TABLE

Presbyterian Sunday School Every Sunday.  
7:00 A. M. Alarm Clock says "Goodmorning."  
7:15 Phone some one to go to Sunday school with you.  
7:30 Breakfast.  
8:00 Morning prayer, study lesson.  
8:30 Commence to get ready.  
8:55 Almost ready.  
9:00 Put on finishing touches.  
9:05 Leave home to bring some one with you.  
9:25 Arrive on time.  
9:40 Pleasant meeting of class members.  
9:35 School opens. Get a book and sing merrily.  
You will "get there" if you go by this schedule.  
E. P. McMillen, Supt.  
Hubert E. Bullock, Pastor.

### Suffered From Poison.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harkrider and children were called to Abilene Saturday by the serious illness of Mrs. M. A. Tippet and Mrs. G. L. McDonald mother and sister of Mrs. Harkrider. They were suffering with ptomain poison. Mr. McDonald was also sick but not dangerously so. We are glad to report that all are out of danger.



There is nothing more pitiful than the sight of OLD AGE entirely dependent on the assistance and charity of others. Yet, many go along, day after day, week after week, letting money slip through their fingers that should be piling up in the bank to keep them comfortable and independent when their EARNING POWER is GONE. Why don't YOU start a bank account NOW.

Make OUR bank YOUR bank.

## THE FARMERS STATE BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

### SPEAKING AT TRENT

County Candidates are Heard by 200 Trent Citizens

### WILL SPEAK AT MERKEL TODAY

Much time was given to candidates for County Judges Place. Meet was highly enjoyed by all.

The Taylor County Candidates and Merkel precinct candidates payed the city of Trent their offered visit Monday afternoon and spoke to approximately 200 men, women and children.

Judge Mims of Merkel played spokesman of the meeting until he was forced to leave for home after which time John Howell of Trent acted in the official time keeping capacity.

The first speaker of the evening was Judge N. D. Cobb, candidate for Justice of the Peace at Merkel. Judge Cobb told his hearers the he had no opponent but knew that he had some opposition and was asking them to assist him in poling as large as vote as possible.

Other candidates to speak who had no opposition were G. B. (Blue) Tittle and W. T. (Tom) St. John. Their talks were short and of thanks to the people.

The next speakers were for cotton weigher. R. H. Dean was the first speaker, he was followed by C. C. Bankhead. Both these men promised fair and impartial weights to any and all if elected. Judge N. D. Cobb appeared next and announced that Candidate P. C. Jones was sick and unable to be there to meet the people. He was followed by Clyde Garrett who represented his father J. M. Garrett also a candidate for weigher and unable to attend on account of sickness.

T. R. Lassiter presented his claims for County Commissioner reciting his former service in a similar office in Red River county. He pronounced against the mode or purchasing stationery for the county as being abused in many instances and as being one of the leaks that should be stopped. He was followed by his opponents Messrs E. D. Coats and J. L. Banner. Mr. Coats opened his five minute talk by stating that as he had forgotten his speech he would have to make one up, he replied to Mr. Lassiter by saying that he would not bother so much about the "literature" of the county but would pay more attention to the road working.

On opening Mr. Banner men-

TO BE OLD AND  
PENNILESS IS A  
TRAGEDY.  
ARE YOU PUTTING  
MONEY IN THE  
BANK FOR THE  
DECEMBER  
OF YOUR  
LIFE?

### STATEMENT

## Farmers & Merchants National Bank OF MERKEL

At Close of Business June 30th., 1914

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans.....\$101,945.35	Capital Stock.....\$25,000.00
U. S. Bonds, par.....7,750.00	Surplus & Profits.....33,007.07
Furniture & Fixtures....3,000.00	Circulation.....6,250.00
Real Estate.....6,657.25	Bills Payable.....NONE
5 Percent Red'mpt'. Fund.....312.50	Rediscounts.....NONE
Cash and Exchange.....44,714.17	Other Borrowed Money.....NONE
	Deposits.....100,122.20
Total.....\$164,379.27	Total.....\$164,379.27

Upon the merits of this Statement we solicit your business.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

### N. N. ROSENQUEST

OF STEPHENS COUNTY  
CANDIDATE FOR

DISTRICT ATTORNEY, 42ND JUDICIAL DIST.  
SUBJECT TO ACTION OF DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES, JULY 25TH, 1914

Age 35, 30 years in Stephens County; Lawyer 5 years; now serving 4th year as County Judge. Investigate my character and ability, and if you decide the interest of the public will be best served by my election, your support and influence will be highly appreciated. The other man is running for his 3rd term.

tioned the purchase of county "literature" and stated that he did not know such was being abused in this county as Mr. Lassiter had inferred. He could not agree with Mr. Coats on the road working proposition, wherein regular laborers would be layed off and temporarily discharged from their work in order to allow some one use the road grading machines on the county's roads at no cost to the county.

The county Clerks were next, first came J. D. Hilton of Tye, followed by Miss Fannie Tippett of Abilene, who has for years been deputy county clerk and A. H. Baulch the present city collector of Abilene. Each made short talks in their own behalf and they were well received by the audience.

Following the county clerk candidates the aspirants for the office of sheriff were introduced. W. F. Whaley was the first speaker, was followed by T. T. Spann and then J. T. Dodson; Geo. M. Cauthen of Merkel being the last of the sheriff candidates

to speak and on reaching the speakers stand and applause went up from the audience greeting the speaker.

D. T. Harkrider and W. F. Dillard then locked horns over the Collectors office. Mr. Dillard spoke first and was replied to pointedly but friendly by his opponent, the talks of the two candidates for district clerk were also appealing. Mr. Fuller feels that the country needs his opponent in his former capacity of a school teacher while Mr. Routh thinks different and says Fuller has had the office long enough, "so there you are."

#### 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. GROVES' signature on each box. 25c.



## 'Bouquet'

Insures Perfect Success in Every Baking

Only the very finest wheat is used in the making of this Flour and we stand back of every sack with a guarantee of perfect satisfaction.

Walter Clark  
Merkel, Texas

All the interest of the entire discussion was laid low when the speakers for County Judge began their 15 minute talks. The first one to announce was Judge Burks of Moro who stated that he expected to get the majority in every box South of the mountains and while the report had been circulated that he would not carry his own home box, he stated that if he lost more than four votes at his box he would never ask for another office from the people of Texas. Judge recited his former connections with now prominent lawyers of the state, one of whom is Col. T. H. Ball's present partner Mr. Andrews according to a statement made by Mr. Burks. He charged his opponent (Mr. Moffet) with having "manuvered every possible method on top-side of earth to eliminate him (Burks). He, (Judge Burks) in giving a history of his early residence in this country stated that he raised 80 pounds of cotton the first year he reached Texas and for long time lived on birds, butter and milk but by continued perseverance has managed to pay for the home he now has in the Moro country. He fought in the confederacy but had no appologies for not being a native American, stating that his father was an Irishman and his mother was a woman and it was not his fault that he was not in Texas any sooner than he was, as he got to this old earth just as soon as he could. (Laughter). He charged his opponent Mr. Moffett with being a "mule" and "figuratively speaking did not even have a pedigree". As to his former war record with the Indians, he stated he was still after blood and would get both Moffet and Overshiner's scalps before this race was over. After speaking for 15 minutes the time keeper, John Howell called time on the speaker who replied that as he had been "slicked" out of his 15 minutes at Buffalo Gap he was going to ask for more time at Trent. This was readily agreed to by the audience and the Judge's opponents and 10 minutes more was accorded the speaker. He finished his address by giving his reasons as why he wanted the office, the need he had for it and his position and ability to fill the position and trusted that on the 25th, the people would see fit to vote for him as he was sure they would. (Applause).

Both the other candidates Mr. Overshiner and Mr. Moffett gave a short talk in answering the first speaker charges and

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**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Owen Ellis and John Morgan returned Wednesday afternoon from a five days trip to Galveston where they took in the sights of the big pond.

A fresh supply of Johnston's chocolates at the Elite.

Elder W. G. Cypert returned home Wednesday afternoon from Clyde where he has been engaged in a meeting for the past ten days.

**The Methodist Missionary Ladies will serve ice cream in Merkel on Election Day.**

Mr. and Mr. J. M. Wietherspoon and son of Randlett, Okla. were here visiting Mesdames B. Jenkins and C. B. Smith.

Call on the Crown Hardware Co. for High Test Phone Batteries.

Miss Jessie Cox has returned to her home in Abilene after visiting her cousin Zora West.

I have moved my dental office from the F. & M. National Bank building to the rear offices adjoining the office of Geo. L. Miller. Dr. O. F. McMaster.

Mrs. Twyman Collins has returned home from Trent where she visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Leeman.

**See N. D. Cobb for Tombstones and Monuments.**

Your patronage appreciated at the Elite.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our Rates**

For District Offices.....\$7.50  
 For County Offices..... 7.50  
 For Precidct Offices..... 5.00  
 For City Offices..... 2.50  
 Subscription Price per year..... 1.00

**ALWAYS CASH IN ADVANCE**

For Congressman-at-Large  
 R. B. Humphrey  
 (Of Throckmorth County)  
 For Representative from Taylor County  
 J. M. Wagstaff  
 For District Attorney:  
 N. N. Rosenquest of Stephens County.

**TAYLOR COUNTY CANDIDATES**

For County Judge:  
 E. M. Overshiner  
 J. M. Moffett.  
 B. M. Burks  
 For County Attorney:  
 H. Rob Keeble  
 For Sheriff:  
 Geo. M. Cauthen  
 W. F. (Frank) Whaley  
 T. T. Spann  
 J. T. Dodson  
 For District Clerk:  
 J. Fuller (re-election)  
 J. N. Routh  
 For County Clerk:  
 A. H. Balch  
 Miss Fannie Tippet  
 J. D. Hilton

For Tax Collector:  
 D. T. Harkrider (re-election)  
 W. F. Dillard  
 For County Treasurer:  
 G. B. (Blue) Tittle (re-election)  
 For Commissioner Precinct No. 2.  
 T. R. Lassiter  
 E. D. Coats  
 J. L. Banner  
 For County Superintendent:  
 J. S. Smith.  
 For Weigher  
 P. C. Jones  
 J. M. Garrett  
 C. C. Bankhead  
 R. H. Dean  
 Jim M. Toombs

**JONES COUNTY CANDIDATES**

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

Mrs. Annie Hale King and little daughter Dorothy of Anson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson last week.

Cold drinks and cigars, best in town at the Elite.

Miss Juanita Hargis of Fort Stockton visited her cousin Mrs. Jno. D. Gaither and a host of friends here last week.

Give us your orders for ice cream for special dinners or parties. The Elite.

Mr. J. E. Bryson and family of Noodle visited the family of Mrs. B. Jenkins.

A free trip to California, the land of sunshine and flowers or a high grade piano absolutely free. A special prize every week for leading contestant that week. Woodroof & Co.

Mrs. R. H. Collins and daughter, Christine left Sunday on an extended visit. They will visit the formers daughter Mrs. V. D. Jones at Bagwell and other relatives in Idabel, Okla.

We want one hundred names on our free voting contest. Woodroof & Co.

Miss Francis Burroughs is at home from Abilene where she attended a house party given by Miss Clara Will McNatt.

Refreshment headquarters — The Elite.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vantrees left Tuesday night for Mart to visit their daughters Mesdames Scott and Lowe. After leaving there the Merkel people will visit in Waxahache before returning home.

I have just unloaded a car of sugar and syrup. Walter Clark.

J. N. Shelton is in Floydada this week visiting his sister Mrs. E. Thomas. He will be away for about a week.

Go to the Royal when you want to see good pictures; all to please, nothing to offend.

Miss Agness Hall is in Waco visiting her sister Mrs. Clifton.

Go to the Royal when you want to see good pictures; all to please, nothing to offend.

Mrs. E. Hall returned home Monday afternoon from a visit with relatives in Abilene.

We are handling the Clark Jewel Oil Stove. They are the best. Crown Hardware Co.

J. R. (Uncle John) Toombs was seen in Abilene Monday by parties from here.

We are handling the Clark Jewel Oil Stove. They are the best. Crown Hardware Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Shaffer returned Monday from a weeks visit with Mrs. Shaffer's uncle in the Moran country.

Go to the Royal when you want to see good pictures; all to please nothing to offend.

Lynton Howard is in Dallas spending his vacation with his brother Dr. Geo. Howard.

**Oak Barrels for sale at Grimes Drug Store.**

Miss Mary Vick of Italy, Texas returned to her home Monday evening after visiting her relatives Mesdames W. F. Hamblett and T. J. King.

Call on the Crown Hardware Co. for High Test Phone Batteries.

Mrs. Courtney Hunt and children Matalyn and Deyo are visiting Mrs. Hunt's parents Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Comegys.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

**Good Pictures at the Royal.**

J. W. Willset of Paris Tenn., and son Thos. of Boling Greene, Ky. came in Wednesday afternoon to visit the formers uncles J. R. and T. J. Toombs.

**See the Royal Show Tonight.**

C. E. and Edwin Malloy of Dallas are this week visiting the family of C. M. Largent. They made the trip from Dallas through the country in their E. M. F. Car being accompanied by Luther Swafford also of Dallas.

**Going to the Royal.**

Mrs. W. M. Jenkins of Dallas is here visiting her mother Mrs. J. W. Jennings.

**The Baptist Philathea Class will serve dinners for 25 cents Saturday in the McClain building opposite the Crenshaw corner. Eat with the girls.**

W. H. Anderson of Hermleigh returned home Thursday morning after a two days visit with his brother G. L. Anderson of Nubia. The Hermleigh man made the trip through the country in his car and reports the country between here and his town in good good condition and far above the average of Texas crops. Miss Jewell Anderson daughter of the Nubia man accompanied her uncle home for a short visit.

Pictures are always plain at the Royal.

Miss Made Jenkins is at home from Greenville.

**The Baptist Philathea Class will serve dinners for 25 cents Saturday in the McClain building opposite the Crenshaw corner. Eat with the girls.**

Mrs. A. L. Ely and little daughter, Katherine visited her mother Mrs. J. J. Highsmith at Scurry Kaufman Co., and were also guests of her brothers in Terrell and Dallas.

You will not be disappointed if you go to the Royal.

Little Miss Maude Highsmith of Terrell is spending the summer with the family of T. G. Ferguson.

**The Baptist Philathea Class will serve dinners for 25 cntse Saturday in the McClcin building opposite the Crenshaw corner. Eat with the girls.**

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Grimes of Sylvester were guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes last week.

Bring your friends and spend an hour of pleasure at the Royal.

Miss Virginia Hamlett left Monday evening for Water Valley Miss. to visit relatives. She will also visit in Oxford and Tula.

If you want to see good pictures go to the Royal.

Miss Wilma Bynum of McCauley visited Misses Vera Jenkins and Wilma Smith.

Meet me at the Royal.

Everybody goes to the Royal.

Miss Elsie Lee Major of Colorado City visited her aunt Mrs. Jno. R. Daniel.

Mrs. W. R. Walker and son Jack returned Monday afternoon from an extend visit with Mrs. Greer of Hillsboro, who formerly was Miss Lucy Beene of this place. Mrs. Walker states that she enjoyed the visit with her sister immensely but that for a place to live Merkel is her choice.

**PARTEN'S BIG STOCK REDUCING SALE**

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

THE MERKEL COUNTRY,  
OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,  
GOOD HEALTH FOR THE OLD MAN,  
EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POOR MAN,  
INVESTMENTS FOR THE RICH MAN  
PROSPERITY FOR ALL.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

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.

### IS YOUR WHEAT GOOD?

Two men were disputing over their respective churches. One was a Presbyterian and the other a Baptist. Finally one called a neighbor who was passing by and asked his opinion as to which was the only church in which to be saved. "Well," said he, "my son and I have been hauling wheat to mill for years. Now there's two roads leading from our place to the mill one's the valley road, t'other takes over the hill. An' never yet friends has the miller asked me which road I took, but he always asks: Is your wheat good?"—Ex.

### BAKER FOR TREASURER.

As a man strictly for a position to which he aspires we feel that John W. Baker of Lubbock is the man and he wants the office of State Treasurer. Mr. Baker is a prohibitionist and makes no secret of his politics, he is not a fence rider and his position is open in every question. He is a clean consistent, conscientious christian gentleman and deserving of the office of state treasurer.

A. M. Kennedy, a former speaker of the House of Representatives, and a member of the legislature, died at Kerrville, Texas, on Sunday, July 19th. The body was sent to Marlin for interment. Mr. Kennedy was one of the hardest workers of the members of the Texas Legislature. He was well liked and regardless of personal views on questions that have divided the members of the legislature he was a most valuable member.

As a newspaper man he has served a good day and was highly respected in fraternal circles.

### BULLET AIMED FOR CAT HITS CHILD.

Sitting on the gallery of her friends home in Dallas with a three year old child in her arms on Monday Mrs. Jake King had the awful experience of having the child shot through the head. The shooting was ACCIDENTAL, and the bullet was intended for a cat, but it entered the baby's head just back of its ear and passed almost entirely through the little ones head. The man who did the shooting is grief stricken over the sad affair but that dont cure the child. Such incidents are recorded almost daily in the newspapers but people are buying targets and rifles in town and handling fire arms.

amount of courage, pistol in town in bitter creek" in target. The law should be rigid- are dangerous 22 target in

### OPPORTUNITY AND COMMON COURSES.

Opportunity breaks out afresh in Mexico. Carranza has a look at the presidents chair. Those who have been defeated have now the opportunity to start a new rebellion for the good of the common cause. America has the opportunity of giving credit to the statement that Carranza will soon be crumbling in his power. He may fall but if he does it with the grace and dignity of Huerta the United states should not claim any of the credit.

Galveston authorities fined the captain of a sea going steamer \$25.00 for not placing guards on his ship cabins against rats. The old gentleman pleaded guilty and paid the fine.

Twenty five dollars is rather cheap for such a mistake. As result of the Captains negligence rats infected with bubonic plague may have entered the city of Galveston, and the loss of lives attributed to this dread disease would make the measly \$25.00 price look small indeed.

Abilene is still making preparations of the largest fair ever held in West Texas. All this will happen in October and the Capitol city of Taylor county will endeavor to entertain their visitors in a fashion, none less than would Dallas when you visit their fair.

To those who have asked, "What is so rare as day in June?", we would say that one of these west Texas July days is a discount to any June day.

### FALLING OUT OVER TRIFLES.

There is no better or more commonly used reason for neighbors falling out and remaining in solitude than the issue of an election.

This trouble never fails to present itself about the warm part of July. Men even carry their prejudice so far as to insult their friends but in nearly every instance the offence is excusable under the circumstances and reconciliation comes about with the due course of time. Even after all this trouble and strife over our primary election, two days after it is over, people begin to forget just how hot things were and general public attention is again turned to business and fair dealings. And why not? People then forget their political differences and go about with those who have opposed them, without the least thought of malice or resentment about them. This condition will reign within a few days and "dear old Texas" will then be quite for another two years.

According to an exchange, the country newspaper is the biggest trust on earth. It trusts everybody, gets cussed for trusting, mistreated for trusting and if it busts for trusting it gets cussed for busting.

An election judge is prohibited from in any way telling a voter how to vote on any proposition. He is prohibited even when requested to do so to instruct the voter as to how the various candidates stand with reference to the prohibition or any other question at issue. This is a ruling made by an assistant attorney general. If a voter is a bonehead he must go it blind. His defeats are intellectual and not physical. The moral is: Advoid being a bonehead.—Ex.

## THE MAIL CONTEST

IS NOW OPEN  
HELP YOUR FRIEND WIN A PRIZE

## HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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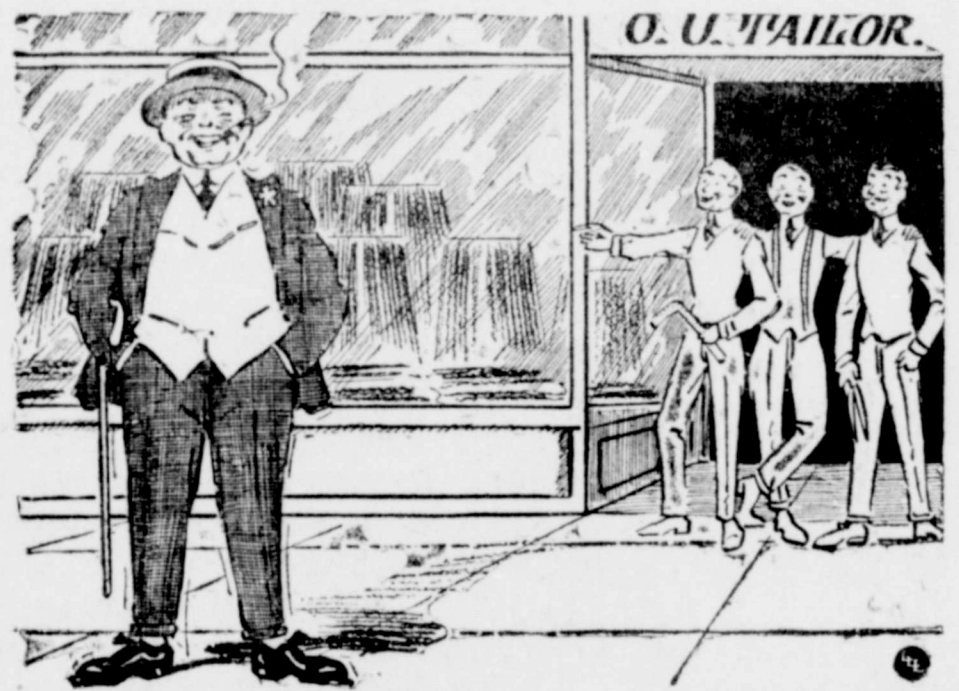
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He's a Jolly Good Fellow  
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We're jolly good fellows in here, and we'll make a jolly good fellow out of you if you order a Lamm made suit for spring.

Come in and look around anyway even you don't buy. You're as welcome as the Flowers in Spring.

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Every Girl over 16-years of age urged to investigate this contest.

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## OUR CORRESPONDENCE

### Trent.

Ernest Patterson of Shreveport La., is here this week visiting his parents.  
Mrs. Jim Smith and Miss Effie Duke left Monday to visit in Sipe Springs and other points in east Texas.  
Miss Mae Southworth is visiting friends in Abilene this week.  
Miss Jeffie Howell and sister of Fort Worth are with their grandfather D. S. Howell for the summer months.  
Autrey Beckham of Houston who has been visiting his uncle C. T. Beckham has gone to Wichita Falls to visit relatives.  
Miss Maude Skillern is suffering with appendicitis. Her condition was some better the first of the week.  
Mrs. Lee Ruthford and baby of Calico, Cal., came in Friday morning to spend a few weeks with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Forrester.  
Homer Terry of Meridian came in Friday to see his brother A. C. Terry.  
Mrs. Sam Estes was called to Sweetwater to the bedside of her father who is suffering with cancer.  
Several people in this section of the country have had the misfortune of losing their milch cows from fever. The trouble seems to be raging over the country.

### Severe Attack of Colic Cured.

E. E. Cross, who travels in Virginia and other Southern States, was taken suddenly and severely ill with colic. At the first store he came to the merchant recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Two doses of it cured him. No one should leave home on a journey without a bottle of this preparation. For sale by all dealers.

### Warren.

The much wanted rain still stays in the distance but nevertheless cotton looks good and the farmers are about up with their work and ready for the Singing school now in progress. Mr. C. C. Bankhead is conducting same.  
M. A. Worsham returned home Tuesday from a visit with relatives at Sulphur Springs.  
Miss Elizabeth Swafford spent part of last week in Merkel the guest of Miss Gunn.  
Messrs Sargent and Broaden with their daughters attended the W. O. W. picnic at Blair last Friday.  
Editor's Note. The obituary does not appear from the fact that another has already been accepted. Will send stationary for regular correspondence if agreeable with you, answer or call at Mail office.  
When the baby is suffering the double affliction of hot weather and bowel disorders, the remedy needed is MCGEE'S BABY ELIXIR. It reduces the feverish condition, corrects the stomach and checks looseness of the bowels. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

**Dr. King's New Life Pills**  
The best in the world.

### Noodle News.

Quite a crowd left this week for College Station to attend the Farmers Institute.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee made a business trip to Merkel Saturday.  
Mr. Fenter of Truby community attended services here Sunday and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee.  
Miss Mary Thompson of Sinclair is attending the Christian Revival meeting now in progress and to visit her many friends she has in this section of the country.  
Will Eoff was trading in Merkel Monday.  
Mr. Arden Jones of Clyde is visiting friends here this week.  
Joe Calloway of Paducah was here shaking hands with friends last Sunday.  
Mr. Edgar Wheeler was kicked by a horse Monday evening and sustained three broken ribs from the lick.  
The Christian revival meeting began Saturday night. Everybody is cordially invited to attend the great meeting which will be conducted by Rev. Warlick of Hamlin. He is a very able speaker and we are sure he will interest you.  
We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Seago is still very sick.  
Mrs. Will Bicknell has been very sick during the past week.

Worms interfere with the growth of children. They become thin, pale and sickly. Get rid of these parasites at once if you would have healthy, happy, cheerful children. WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE destroys worms and benefits the whole system. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

A bad taste in the mouth comes from a disordered stomach, and back of that is usually a torpid liver.—A condition which invites disease. HERBINE is the remedy needed. It corrects the stomach and makes the liver active and regular. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### Compere.

This section of the country is needing rain at this writing.  
Mr. Dan Palmer is improving very slowly, if at all and his many friends feel worried at his serious condition.  
Several people from this section of the country attended the picnic at Blair Friday. They all report a good time and plenty to eat and free ice water.  
Mr. Raymond Demere and sister of the Canyon country were visiting in this section last week.  
The young people of this community gave an ice cream supper at Mr. Dick Lassiters Saturday night. All those who attended report a good time.  
The Sunday school is progressing nicely. The Salt Branch singing class sang with the Compere class Sunday evening.  
Jeff Henry has returned to the Compere country. He is like the old cat, "just will come back."  
The speaking of the county candidates at Compere passed off quietly but there is a sad day coming next Saturday for 19 candidates for cotton weaver from this precinct. They as well as many other candidates will wake up to a sad conclusion.

## NOT WISE TO TAKE CALOMEL

Dodson's Liver Tone is just as sure in results and always safe, pleasant in taste and has no bad after-effects. As a remedy for a torpid liver calomel has more than met its match in Dodson's Liver Tone. This medicine does not roughly force the liver on to do its work. It acts gently but surely.  
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Dodson's Liver Tone cannot cause any of the dangerous effects that often follow the use of calomel. It is entirely vegetable and pleasant to the taste, and is suitable for children and grown people.  
Get a large bottle for fifty cents at T. Grimes under the guarantee that if it doesn't satisfy you that it perfectly takes the place of calomel you will be given your money back with a smile right at the same store where you bought Dodson's medicine.

### Blair.

Farmers are beginning to harvest the early maize crop and the yield is good.  
Brother Young filled his regular appointment Sunday but will not be here again until the first Sunday in September, when he will begin a protracted meeting.  
The protracted meeting will begin at the Baptist church Saturday night.  
R. C. Lyons of Buffalo Gap was visiting Blair last week. He attended the picnic Friday.  
Mart Powell and his mother are visiting S. E. Adcock and wife this week.  
Mrs. Myrtle and Mattie Addison went to Compere Monday visiting Mrs. W. M. Moore and family.  
Mrs. Ida Chambless returned home from Buffalo Gap Sunday where she has been visiting her brother Walter Cox.  
Top White moved to the Gillam place last week from Sweetwater.  
S. E. Adcock had the misfortune of losing a fine horse recently from founders.

### Dee Grimes Has Been Sick.

Dee Grimes, the genial and popular proprietor of Grimes Drug Store has been confined to his bed at the home of his parents this week.  
It was at first thought that he had contracted typhoid, but his case has proved to be only a light case of probably malarial fever. He is now able to be out and meet his friends.

### Nothing Better for the Liver

Simmons Liver Purifier is the ideal liver medicine, because it contains no minerals. While it is thorough in action it is mild and pleasant to take. Price 25c. Put up in yellow tin boxes. Ask your druggist.

### Salt Branch.

The farmers in this section of the country are beginning to wish for rain as the feed stuff is beginning to need it.  
Elmer Shipley and wife are visiting relatives near Dora this week.  
Lawn Rotan of near Dora was visiting relatives in this community this week.  
Miss Pearl Thornton and her brother Earl are visiting relatives in Putnam this week.  
Joe Stone who has been in this community for the past three weeks left for De Leon Wednesday.  
J. E. Petty has lost two good horses within the last two weeks.  
E. J. Barker and family are visiting relatives near Abilene this week.  
Jim Bailey of Mills county is here with his family visiting relatives.  
Miss Amy Petty is in Clyde this week the guest of many friends and relatives.  
Grandma Hays returned Saturday night from Haskell county where she has been visiting relatives for the past month.  
Martha Bird was visiting in this community Saturday and Sunday.  
There was not any singing in this community Sunday, on account of the class singing at the Compere, Sunday School.  
Will Law and family of Bell county were in this section of the country this week visiting relatives.

### DON'T BE MISLED

### Merkel Citizens Should Read and Head This Advice.

Kidney trouble is dangerous and of the fatal.  
Don't experiment with something new and untried.  
Use a tested kidney remedy. Begin with Doan's Kidney Pills. Used in kidney troubles 50 years. Recommended here and everywhere. A Merkel citizen's statement forms convincing proof.  
It's local testimony—it can be investigated.  
J. W. Bland, Merkel, Texas, says: "For several years I had attacks of kidney trouble. My kidneys were very weak, and when I caught cold, it was sure to settle in them, causing the kidney secretions to become far too frequent in passage. I tried several remedies, but with little success until I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. They did me a world of good. My back has not troubled me to any extent since, and my kidneys have done their work properly."  
Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Bland had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

### Marriage Licenses.

Hensler Trantham to Miss Ruby Weldon.  
H. S. Matthews to Miss Virgie Wood.  
A. E. Sullivan to Miss Sophia Inkman.  
Geo. Y. Potter to Miss Rosa Bush.  
J. H. Snodgrass to Miss Minnie Nichols.

## OUR CORRESPONDENCE

### Shiloh.

Rev. G. W. Scott filled his appointment at Hebron Sunday.  
Sunday School was not largely attended Sunday.  
Mr. McCright and family attended services at Noodle Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brown were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wheeler of the Noodle community Sunday afternoon.  
Mr. Eason and family of Noodle spent Friday on Sweetwater creek fishing.  
Mrs. J. H. Grayson and daughter Vennie were shopping at Merkel Friday.  
Mrs. Henry Wheeler of Colorado City is visiting her son Edgar, who was injured by his horse kicking him one day last week.  
Several people from here attended the picnic at Blair Friday.  
Miss Abilene Winters has been on the sick list the past week. We hope she will soon be well again.  
Mrs. J. H. Grayson and little daughter were visiting Mrs. Chas Seago and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wheeler Sunday afternoon. She reports Mr. Wheeler improving some from his injuries received last week.  
Some of the young people from here went to Noodle Sunday afternoon.  
Several of the neighbors of Mrs. Weston met at her home Tuesday and plowed her cotton out for her. Her little son has been sick and not able to be out again.  
Listen for the wedding bells think they will soon be tinkling.

### \$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn there is at least dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.  
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### Dr. Britton Here.

Dr. J. M. Britton, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist of Cisco will be in Merkel Wednesday afternoon July 29th, and Thursday morning July 30th. He will make his office in connection with Dr. M. Armstrong while he is in the city.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Friday evening Dr. and Mrs. George L. Miller gave a box party at the Cozy Airdome. After enjoying the pictures the guests were invited to the Elite where tables had been reserved and arranged for them. Pine apple sherbet and angel food cake was served, the guests were Messrs and Mesdames A. J. Leighty, Will Woodroof, Jno. R. Daniel, R. W. Mitchell of Abilene, T. J. Coggin Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Davis, Elsie Lee Major of Colorado and Don Woodroof and the host and hostess.

Wednesday Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson's Sunday School class of the Methodist church enjoyed an all day picnic at the Warren Lake. Illness prevented Mrs. Hutcheson from being present but the class was ably chaperoned by Misses Ona Johnson and Maude Jenkins. Claude Jenkins drove the wagon, he found all his passengers at the church with well filled baskets. Fishing, 42 and Rook added to the pleasure of all and the luncheon was splendid. The class and their guests were Misses Edith Brown, Ina Mae Abams, Vera Jenkins, Wilma Smith, Wilma Bynum of McCauley, Messrs Antonio Ray of Dallas and Claude Jenkins.

The Philathea Class of the Baptist church met Thursday, July 16, with Miss Irene Swann. Nearly every member brought her fancy work, crocheting, embroidery or quilt pieces, and about 2 hours of sewing and talking were delightfully passed. A short business meeting was held in which plans were discussed for a dinner to be served down town Saturday, July 25. Delicious ice cream was then served by the hostess. Miss May Wilson of Abilene was a visitor to the meeting. The Philathea present were Nell Tracy, Dollie Teaff, Dovie and Mary Teaff, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Brown, Winnie Warren, Mrs. Earl Lassiter, Mrs. Will Joe Largent, Sadie and Annie Collins and Mrs. W. A. Scott.

**Best Diarrhoea Remedy.**

If you have ever used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy you know that it is a success. Sam F. Guin, Whatley, Ala., writes, "I had measles and got caught out in the rain, and it settled in stomach and bowels. I had an awful time and had it not been for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy I could not possibly have lived but a few hours longer, but thanks to this remedy, I am now well and strong." For sale by all dealers.

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**God's Designs**

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**IN MEMORIAM.**

Whereas it has pleased the Almighty God in his wisdom to call from earth to Heaven one of our beloved friends and fellow students and whereas we who have been intimately associated with him as a man, student and christian gentleman, we would beg leave to submit this to the parents, brothers and sisters and to all the world, that Mr. Ely's conduct while here has been such as to win the confidence and esteem of all and while we mourn his untimely death, we bow in humble submission to him who knows no wrong and we commend his good character to the world as an example of fidelity to his parents, we would say that you now have ties in Heaven that should be more attractive than the pleasure, hope and ambition of this life and we would pray the Heavenly Teacher to give you grace in this hour of affliction and commend you to God who will sustain you in the dark hour of death.

During Mr. Ely's short illness his many friends drawn by those strong ties of affection did all that mortal could do but there is a limit to human wisdom, the grim monster "Death" snatched from us, our beloved friend and fellow student and while we miss him in this life we feel that there is an attraction to us in the great beyond and by the Grace of God we will try to live such lives, that when we are called hence, we will be prepared to meet him where parting is no more and where all our friends live in peace and joy.

Be it resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Merkel Mail for publication. Committee,  
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E. Dobbs,  
W. C. Wilson,  
Miss Sharp,  
Miss Ferguson.

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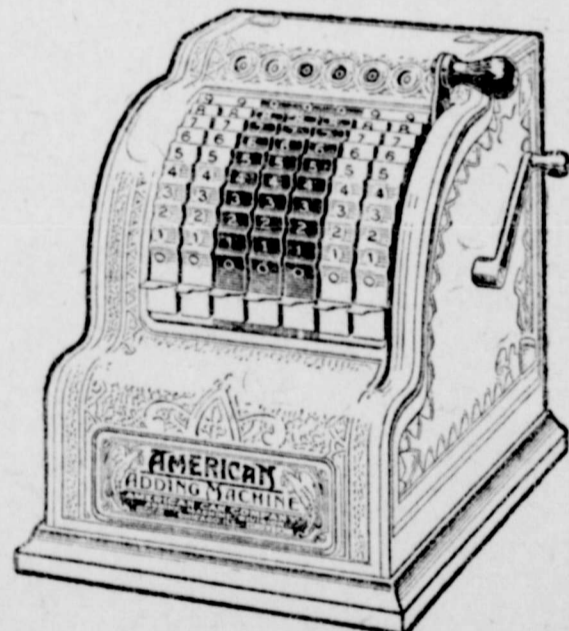
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Miss Flay Gunn was in Abilene Monday visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Sharp motored to Rule via the motorcycle route Sunday morning. Spending the day with friends and returning the same afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mitchell of Abilene came in the first of the week to visit the latter's sister Mrs. Jno. R. Daniel.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg of Hillsboro who have been here visiting the latter's parents Mr. J. S. Barnee, left for their home Sunday after a delightful visit in the Merkel country.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Cooper of De Leon were here last week visiting their daughter Mrs. R. J. Meeks.

**Oak Barrels for sale at Grimes Drug Store.**

## PREACHERS AND POLITICS

BY REV. ED. R. WALLACE

No man who is earnestly interested in the purity of the public and private life objects to ministers of the gospel taking proper interest in the public welfare of our country. It may be that the preacher will often show enthusiasm for a certain man instead of the principals he stands for.

As a citizen, I desire to speak as a citizen, in regard to the great issues before us to-day.

1. Texas is not only a great state, but, has a wonderful future before her. We are making great progress in all fields of enterprise. Just to the extent of our advancement along all lines have we made the same advancement throughout the state in closing up the saloons. The saloons are never constructive, but, on the contrary, destructive at every point of contact. Whenever they touch society, they touch with a blighting influence. The men and women who have thrown themselves in the breach to save the country from the curse of the saloons have come to see that, as the evils associated with this curse have focused in the cities of the state. The cities of the state belong to the entire state, and the state has a right to say whether these cities shall curse the state. Having reached this just conclusion, a call is made to all progressive patriots to clear the entire state of the greatest curse to the entire state—the saloons.

2. Every man who loves the abiding, and eternal interests of the present and future people of the state should do what will be to the permanent good. In this issue before us, it is whether we will endeavor to close up the saloons or not. If by an effort to close saloons we encouraged a worse evil it would be different. But, the concerted action to get the saloons out of the way of all progress has centered on one man as governor. The other element has centered now, on one man. Every man is lining up with the crowd in the lead. Every voter and every one of any influence has a chance to throw his weight on one side or the other.

3. It is, possibly, our last chance to help clear the state of this gigantic curse. The tide of emigration coming to our shores—over a million a year—will change the land wonderfully in the next four years. The "Rum, Rome and Ruin" influences may be uncontrollable in four more years. I have a view of the situation I could not have, but for my visit into, and study of the eastern nations. Rome seeks to rule—rule or ruin, and if she rules she is sure to ruin. Here is a startling fact, with one-tenth of the people she is most sure to rule, as she will use all means fair or fowl to control. Now, when they join forces with the accursed saloon, as is ever the case, no patriotic American can afford to line up with such a set.

When the saloons and all these evil doers tell me who they want for governor, I know he is not the man I want. When they tell me to not vote for a man I am sure he is the man for me.

4. I prefer to accept the statement of Sam R. Hay, his pastor, and the statement of thirty other pastors of Houston rather than all the sworn statements of all the saloon forces of the state. Any one knows the saloon will not do to believe, and who will doubt what all the pastors of Houston state as a fact?

For twenty years I have tried to close saloons and save men and boys and homes, and I do not feel like doing what the saloons have warned all of us preachers to do—keep our mouth shut.

The word of God says, "If you see the evil coming, and do not sound the warning, their blood will be required at thy hands." I see the evil coming and do hereby call on every man who will hear me to stand for the right against the greatest foe—the saloon.

5. While there are hundreds of good reasons I would be glad to state for our cause but for space. But I am sure the Lord and all praying Christians want me to stand on this side, and the devil would be pleased to take me over. If this is true in my case, why, I ask, is it not true with all true Christians. I can not see it any other way. If I should come out for the man who is for the saloons my influence would be injured—the salooners would have no confidence in me. Just so, any Christian's influence is injured when he lines up with a crowd that would ruin a preacher.

6. Finally, we must not go mad over this matter. If the Rum, Rome, and Ruin Rule is our fate let's be clear of any man's blood and be at peace with God and man.

PASTOR METHODIST CHURCH, Merkel, Texas.

P. S.—Remember our (Clark and Wallace) Meeting begins Saturday night (25th) to continue for 10 days, under the Tabernacle.

# SPEAKING TO-DAY

At the Tabernacle at 11:00 a. m. by  
**Judge Thomas L. Blanton**  
Candidate for CONGRESSMAN 16TH DISTRICT  
**Come Out and Hear Him**

## CANDIDATES SPOKE AT TRENT MONDAY

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then launched out in a campaign as if there were no one else in the race but Overshiner and Moffett. Judge Overshiner wants to stay and finish the court house job he has had thrust on his shoulders, giving his reasons for same while his opponent asks the people to elect him as their next county judge, giving as his reasons, his belief of the necessity or need of more careful attention being paid to the handling of the county affairs at the present and the careful and due consideration that should be given on the acceptance of the new county court house on its completion. Much stress was given the county court house proposition by the latter two candidates.

The candidates speak at Merkel today at 2:30 p. m. at the tabernacle, come out and hear them.

### Falls From Motorcycle.

Chief Ferrier of the Merkel Fire Department sustained a very painful fall Friday afternoon while riding a motorcycle.

He was entering Merkel from Bettis Heights when the machine he was riding skidded from striking a rock and as a result Mr. Ferrier is nursing a broken rib and a badly lacerated arm. Sewstitches were necessary in closing two deep cuts on his right arm.

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Miss Virginia Hamblett left Monday night for Watervalley, Miss., where she will visit relatives and friends during most of the summer weeks. She was accompanied by Mrs. M. C. Vick who has been here visiting Mrs. Vick returned to her home at Italy.

E. E. Britton of Coryell county who formerly lived here has returned to the Merkel country to make his home, having purchased 215 acres of land north of Merkel near the Jones county line.

R. L. Garrett of Oklahoma city was in Merkel the first of the week visiting his brother J. M. Garrett and family.

G. W. Johnson was in Abilene Monday looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burkhead of Mingus were here Sunday and Monday visiting the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell.

# ONE WEEK AND NO MORE

## Who is Going to Win? THE ANSWER IS

The one who receives the largest number of votes. Every person subscribing for the **MERKEL MAIL** within the next week is placed in a position of helping some young lady friend win a valuable prize. As follows:

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Miss Gertrude Plyant.....	6300 Votes	2 years Subscription to the Mail \$1.90	300 VOTES
Miss Ida Taylor.....	7000 Votes	3 years Subscription to the Mail \$2.75	500 VOTES
Miss Halie Moore.....	2100 Votes	4 years Subscription to the Mail \$3.65	1000 VOTES
Miss Bettie Peterson.....	5400 Votes	5 years Subscription to the Mail \$4.50	5000 VOTES
Miss Effie Duke.....	1000 Votes		
Miss Lula Cogburn.....	1100 Votes		
Miss Pearl Baccus.....	6800 Votes		
Miss Gertrude Stanley.....	1000 Votes		

The three young ladies who are ahead Saturday August 2 when the contest closes are the ones who will receive the prizes. The young lady getting the largest number of votes of the three highest contestants will be given the \$75 prize, the other two prizes will be given in accordance with how the other two highest contestants stand in the final voting contest

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