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## TWO INTERESTING SHOWS ARE COMING

Manager Harrison of the Royal Airdome announces two of the most interesting features he has obtained since his show has been open here to the public.

On tonight (Friday) "In the Jaws of the Land Shark" a three reel feature will be shown for its first in this country, showing the splendid story of combine interest of the poor and rich alike. It is full of intense interest, admiration, anger, hate, tenderness, excitement, pathos and sympathy; one feeling after another follows in rapid succession by the steady torrent of thrilling events in this gripping photoplay.

On Tuesday night of next week "The War Correspondent" showing love and war in Europe. A stirring romance that followed 'mid shot and shell' A film for the people who crave clean excitement. Can you be thrilled? Greek, Bulgarian, Servian and Turkish troops swell the number of the enormous cast. Some of the exciting scenes are: Gunners that Wrecked the Aeroplane High Aloft, The Bomb Destroyed Theater, Destruction of the Railroad bridge and the Plunge of the Train of Cars and a Warship Blown Up by a Submerged Mine.

The two above pictures the most intensely interesting ever shown here on tonight (Friday) and on next Tuesday night at the Royal Airdome at regular prices. (adv.)

## FARMERS TO PAY FIVE CENTS EACH

According to resolutions passed at the meeting of the precinct annual meeting of the Farmers Institute of Merkel Saturday afternoon a resolution was adopted and dues of 5 cents were voted against each member for the ensuing year.

The new officers elected were: J. A. Pike, president, and D. I. Shelton, secretary, to succeed T. R. Lassiter and W. A. Campbell, retiring officers. A meeting has been called for Saturday August 15th, to be held at the Tabernacle and each farmer desiring to affiliate with the organization is requested to be present and register and pay their dues for the ensuing year. According to information received from Hon. Ed. R. Kone, commissioner of agriculture, the list of members must be revised immediately and every person desiring membership should be present here at the next meeting. Secretary Shelton asks that the farmers talk this next meeting to their neighbors and assist in getting a good attendance out for the revision of the Merkel Institute.

Mrs. E. Walker of Lorina and son T. V. who have been here for the past few weeks visiting the former's sister Mrs. Chas. Beard returned to their home Monday morning.

## Late War Developments

Thursday Morning Reports:-

England has ordered Admiral Callahan, commander of the British fleet to capture or destroy the German fleet. No restrictions are placed on the order whatever.

The German steamer Koenig Luise, a mine laying ship was shot to pieces by the British warship Amphion Wednesday. All lives were reported lost.

Heavy cannon firing has been heard off the coast of West Hampton, L. I., it is supposed to be from British and German warships.

German spies captured in Brussels by the activity of boy scouts have been ordered shot by the Belgian authorities. Others are reported captured in London.

Two German regiments are reported to have been decimated at Spa, in an encounter with the Belgian forces. A transportation train carrying Germans was blown up by mines as the train was crossing a bridge near the Belgian frontier. Immediately after the explosion that wrecked the locomotive and two forward cars filled with the German soldiers the Belgian artillery opened fire on the remaining German forces and completely routed them.

Large German armies entering north Prussia and Poland are reported to be literally devastating the country in their march on Russia, all houses are being burned and crops completely destroyed by the invaders.

The German dreadnought Goeben and cruiser Breslau have been captured by the French Mediterranean fleet, the German cruiser Panther was literally riddled by the French fire, a shell from a French battleship exploded her magazine, practically blowing her to pieces with a loss of most of her crew.

## 20,000 BALES OF COTTON FOR MERKEL

The above estimate has been made by a corporation operating in the Merkel country and their position to know the conditions of what our country will produce is unquestioned.

With the present prospects much of the country will average half a bale of cotton to the acre and while some small sections may fall under that yield much of it will exceed one half bale according to conservative estimates. Many of the Merkel country farmers will be confronted within a short time with a shortage of help in gathering this enormous crop and nothing short of a calamity will keep the importation of outside cotton pickers from being brought into our country. Many farmers are already receiving inquiries as to the possibilities of a good cotton crop and plans are being made to get the needed help of handling same. True to the slogan, "The Merkel country the Best in the West."

## REUNION TUESDAY AT TOOMBS' HOME

What was probably the largest reunion of its kind ever held in the Merkel country took place at the home of J. J. Toombs, Tuesday, near Castle Peak seven miles south of Merkel in which one hundred or more participated.

The reunion was brought about by the visit of relatives of the Toombs family from Tennessee and Kentucky. Among those present as heads of families were J. R., T. J., H. H., J. J., J. M., and R. A. Toombs, O. B. G. B. and Walter Boden, Jim and G. W. Moore, Jno. Abernathy, H. E. Farmer and J. W. Winsett, the latter of Paris, Tenn.

The relations began to congregate at the Toombs residence at 9 o'clock and by the time the dinner was spread there were over 100 present to enjoy the feast and one of the largest and most enjoyable social gatherings ever held in this section of the country began. The party retired to a grove near the Toombs' home taking with them well filled baskets of good to eat. Old times were discussed, not by the whole crowd but by

bunches of a few who could make their voices heard by those nearest them. The conversations were carried on at every available place around the ground table and the closing of the feast marked the beginning of the fun for the participants. We are reliably informed that the amusements were delayed to an extent by the appetites of "Uncle" John Toombs, George Moore and H. E. Farmer but when an almanac was consulted it was discovered that they too had eaten and were forced to stop their devouring of the "good grub."

Games of marbles, baseball, pitch, and in some cases foot races were taken up where the offenders were forced to run as a result of some mischievous prank. One who furnished a lot of amusement for the occasion was of Tom Winsett, age 24, weight 240 pounds or thereabout and a resident of Bowling Greene, Ky., and a nephew of J. R. and T. J. Toombs. His record as an engineer on the L. & N. Railroad was proven as a good runner when he was subjected to a partial ice bath. Every person participating in the occasion returned to their home after one of the most delightful days they had ever spent.

J. A. Arnold was in Abilene Monday on business.

## CITY DADS TO PAY OFF BONDS

At the monthly meeting of the City Council Monday night it was agreed that the city should pay off \$3,000 worth of the water works bonds if the present holders would accept the payment.

The city treasury has for the past year almost has been in position to pay off a part of the bonds and an order is now recorded making it possible to take advantage of payment if such an opportunity should arise. Chief Ferrier of the local fire department was authorized to sell 25 feet of damaged hose to the Roscoe Department for experimental purposes. The tax rolls as submitted by Tax Assessor W. N. Hall were approved. No other business of importance was brought before the body.

Mr. Tim Blaxom of Dora was in Merkel Monday afternoon to meet his wife and daughter who are returning home after a visit in other parts of the state.

Mrs. A. J. Leighty was in Abilene Monday visiting friends and relatives.

## HEAVY VOTING CLOSED CONTEST

The Merkel Mail Grafonola Contest closed at 7 o'clock Saturday evening with the last ten days of the time equally as warm as was the recent political race. The winner of the first prize, the \$75.00 Grafonola cast the winning votes on the last day.

The winners were; Miss Bettie Peterson of Trent first prize the \$75.00 Grafonola, the number of votes cast for her amounted to 107,900. Mrs. Seago (nee Miss May Grayson) of Shiloh was winner of the \$50.00 second prize with 24,200 votes to her credit while Miss Ida Taylor of Route 4, was awarded the third prize, the \$25.00 Columbia Graphophone with 17,400 votes her nearest opponent being Miss Pearl Baccus of Route 3. Miss Baccus having received 13,000 votes. The three beautiful Columbia Grafonolas had been on display at the Elite Confectionery since the opening of the contest and were the source of entertainment for many patrons of that popular place during the contest.

Mrs. Jno. A. Baker of Abilene who was here last week visiting her son Jno. T. Morgan, Foreman of the Mail Press Room, returned to her home Monday. She was accompanied by her sisters Mrs. Gussie Kearce of Fort Worth and Mrs. Maud Chapman of Dallas who were here with her on a visit with relatives they have in the Merkel country.

## WARNING TO AUTO LAW VIOLATORS

We are requested through the City Council to issue a warning to the owners and drivers of automobiles in the City of Merkel in reference to section 5 of ordinance No. 45. This special section of the ordinance reads as follows:

Every driver or operator of an automobile or motorcycle shall have attached thereto a suitable bell or other appliance for giving notice of its approach so that attachment may be rung or otherwise operated to be heard at a distance of 300 feet and shall carry a lighted lamp between the hours of one hour after sundown and one hour before sunrise.

For the violation of this ordinance the guilty person can upon conviction be fined a sum of not less than \$5.00 or more than \$100.00. Complaints of this ordinance having been violated have been made especially to the latter portion of it governing the lighted lamps and the City Council serves notice on the public that they may expect a strict enforcement of this regulation in the future.

Frank Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smith of this city returned home last week from Georgetown where he has been in school during the past summer and winter months.

**DONT BLAME THE WORLD. IT OWES  
NOBODY A LIVING. YOU HAVE THE  
SAME CHANCE AS  
ALL THE SUCCESSES**



**PUT YOUR MONEY IN  
THE BANK AND BE  
READY FOR A GOOD  
BUSINESS CHANCE**

**IT IS SAFE IN OUR BANK FROM FIRE  
OR BURGLARS OR YOUR OWN FOOLISH  
EXTRAVAGANCE**

The poorest excuse anybody makes is: "Never had a chance." Every new day is a new chance until that curfew of your life rings out "TOO LATE." If you are young and strong, nothing can make you a failure but YOURSELF. The world is against no man, it is too busy looking out for itself. You put your money in our bank and see how soon the world SMILES on you.

Make OUR bank YOUR bank.

**THE FARMERS STATE BANK**  
MERKEL, TEXAS

## OFFICIAL COUNT OF COUNTY VOTES

The Taylor County Democratic Executive Committee met Saturday morning and canvassed the returns from every box. Below will be found an official count of all boxes for each candidate in the county and the majorities received in the county by officers running in the various districts. It will be seen that in the final count W. F. Dillard leads D. T. Harkrider for county tax collector by fourteen votes. The following is the official count in the county:

For Congress, Sixteenth Congressional District.  
W. R. Smith.....1147  
Thos. L. Blanton.....1638  
For Representative—107th Legislative District.  
J. M. Wagstaff.....2538  
For District Attorney—42nd Judicial District.  
N. N. Rosenquest.....1052  
Walter L. Morris.....1648  
For County Judge.  
J. W. Moffet.....853  
E. M. Overshiner.....1710  
B. M. Burks.....245  
For County Attorney.  
H. Rob Keeble.....2444  
For Sheriff.  
J. T. Dodson.....973  
G. M. Cauthen.....815  
T. T. Spann.....432  
W. F. (Frank) Whaley.....604  
For County Clerk.  
Miss Fannie Tippett.....1642  
A. H. (Henry) Balch.....566  
J. D. Hilton.....1202  
For District Clerk.  
J. Fuller.....1588  
J. N. Routh.....1187  
For County Treasurer.  
G. B. Tittle.....2812  
For Tax Collector.  
D. T. Harkrider.....1403  
W. F. Dillard.....1417  
For Tax Assessor  
W. T. St. John.....2781  
For County Superintendent of Public Instruction.  
J. S. Smith.....2783  
For County Chairman Democratic Executive Committee.  
Dallas Scarborough.....2669  
Com. Precinct No. 2.  
In Commissioner's Precinct No. 2 and Justice of Peace Precinct No. 5 and Cotton Weigher for Commissioner Precinct No. 2, the following were nominated with the votes for each:  
Commissioner—J. L. Banner, 140; T. R. Lassiter, 350; E. D. Coats, 192. Lassiter being nominated.  
Justice of Peace, Precinct No. 5.—N. D. Cobb, 601, no opposition.  
Constable, Precinct No. 5.—R. E. Counts was made Constable after tying one or more and lots being cast for the position.  
For Weigher—R. H. Dean, 147; C. C. Bankhead, 32; P. C. Jones, 80; J. M. Garrett, 206, and J. M. Toombs, 214, winner.—Sunday's Reporter.

## 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	Rediscouts.....	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

## 1-2 INCH RAIN MERKEL COUNTRY

With small showers falling in various parts of the Merkel country during the end of last week the climax was reached Tuesday night and Wednesday morning when a total of one and one half inches of rain fell at Merkel.

In some parts of the Merkel country the rain was much lighter than here while in other portions of the country it was heavier. One of the best effects of the recent precipitation was the change of temperature which stood above the 100 mark for several days in advance of the rain. Estimates from different sections of the country give credence to a cotton crop far in excess of what the country raised last year and a feed crop of probably the best this country has ever produced.

### The Twenty Year Test.

"Some twenty years ago I used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes Geo. W. Brock, publisher of the Enterprise, Aberdeen, Md. "I discovered that it was a quick and safe cure for diarrhoea. Since then no one can sell me anything said to be 'just as good.' During all these years I have used it and recommended it many times, and it has never disappointed anyone." For Sale by all dealers.

### City Depository.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council will meet in regular session on Friday night, August 14- 1914 for the purpose of receiving and considering sealed proposals for the custody of the city funds of the City of Merkel, Texas, for a period of one year from said date. Any banking corporation, association or individual banker doing business within the said City of Merkel, may submit a sealed proposal, as herein before provided.

Said bids to be in the hands of the City Secretary by or before 7:30 p. m. of above named date. By order of the City Council. Attest: R. A. McClain, Sec.

### The Case of L. L. Cantelou.

The case of L. L. Cantelou, Clarendon, Texas is to that of many others who have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He says, "After trying a doctor for several months, and using different kinds of medicine for my wife who had been troubled with severe bowel complaint for several months, I bought a 25c bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using the second bottle she was entirely cured." For sale by all dealers.

### Uncle Dan Palmer Dead.

After several weeks of severe suffering of cancer and yellow jaundice, death entered into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Palmer Wednesday night of last week and called into that mansion above, the loving husband and father. Uncle Dan was one man among men who had no enemies but his friends could not be numbered. At the time of his death he was sixty-six years of age. He came to the West from Mississippi where he was born and brought up.

Uncle Dan was dearly loved by all his many friends who join his bereaved family to mourn their loss "For great is the reward in Heaven for the faithful ones." He belonged to no church but was a Christian man, lived a true life to his family.

Burial services were held in Compere cemetery at 5:00 o'clock Thursday evening. Rev. Tucker from Tye conducted the services.

The beloved father leaves a wife, three single boys, three married boys and one married daughter who were all present at his death bed.

We all as a community do greatly sympathize with the bereaved family.—A Friend.

John Bullock of Abilene who has been here visiting the family of J. M. Meeks, returned to his home Monday morning. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Meeks who visited her sister Mrs. Humble of the above mentioned place.

## REVIVAL MEETING BEGINS AUG. 9TH.

The Revival Presbyterian meeting begins at the Presbyterian church Sunday Aug. 9th. Sunday School at 10 a. m. every member expected to be present. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8:30 P. M. services will continue for several days. On Monday, Rev. S. D. Crouch of Anson will arrive and will do the preaching thereafter, also evangelist singer W. J. Rogers of Melissa will have charge of the music. These men are known personally by the pastor and he recommends them to your confidence unhesitatingly.

We hope that everyone in the Merkel country will feel free to cooperate with us in the meeting and especially do we extend an urgent invitation to the singers to be in our choir for the music will be one of the interesting features of the meeting.

Come, one and all. You are welcome. E. P. McMillen, Supt. H. E. Bullock, Pastor.

Miss Johnnie Cox and sister Willa Harris of Stanton are here visiting the family of Geo. F. West and other relatives.

Miss Marjorie Saffles of Plainview came in the first of the week from Waco and will visit her sister Mrs. W. J. Largent for a short time.

### Abileneites See Merkel Country.

C. M. Tandy, E. D. Lotspeich, Joe Peters and Ed Reeves all of Abilene were in Merkel a short time Saturday on their way to Trent in the former's car to investigate crop conditions in that section of the country.

They returned to their home the same afternoon full of praise for Merkel and the Trent country and highly elated over the crop prospects in this end of the county.

### What is Best for Indigestion.

Mr. A. Robinson of Drunkin, Ontario, has been troubled for years with indigestion, and recommends Chamberlain's Tablets as "the best medicine I ever used." If troubled with indigestion or constipation give them a trial. They are certain to prove beneficial. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

### Fort Worth People Return.

Mrs. J. E. Nobles and two daughters Misses Tina and Edith returned to their home at Fort Worth Tuesday morning after a visit with the former's daughter Mrs. Will Hutcheson of this place.

Mrs. Nobles formerly lived in Merkel for many years and has a host of friends here who welcomed her return visit.

### Granulated Sore Eyes Cured.

"For twenty years I suffered from a bad case of granulated sore eyes, says Martin Boyd of Henrietta, Ky. "In February, 1904, a gentleman asked me to try Chamberlain's Salve. I bought one box and used about two-thirds of it and my eyes have not given me any trouble since." This salve is for sale by all dealers.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Mrs. Bob Sadler left Monday for Anson accompanied by her little son and a niece Miss Winnie Waldrop of Anson who has been here visiting during the past week.

Mrs. W. L. Johnson and children of El Paso who have been here visiting the formers parents Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler returned to their home this week after an extended visit here.

Our drinks are "Soda-Licious", and our service is just right. Burroughs.

Miss Ruth Merritt is at home from Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Davis of Nevada are here visiting the formers sister Mrs. G. J. Jones.

**See the Royal Show Tonight.**

Miss Ada Raley of Clyde is here the guest of Miss Mattie T. Mann.

Mrs. Lula Edwards is at home from Naravisa, New Mexico.

Ever use Bath Salts? Try them and get them at Burroughs'.

Mrs. Laura Booth and children of Hawley are visiting the family of J. T. Warren.

Mrs. Milton and daughter of near Trent visited friends here Saturday.

Hudnuts famous toilet articles at Burroughs'.

Mrs. O. M. Sharp visited in Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Hamm and children motored to Anson to visit Mrs. Hamm's mother Mrs. Cowsert.

A nice cool place to drink and smoke at Burroughs'.

Mrs. W. M. Scarborough and little son Gordon are at home from Amarillo, Clarendon and Memphis.

Mrs. Tom Causseaux of Trent was a visitor here Saturday.

Meet me at the Royal.

Miss Fanny Moore is at home from Fort Worth where she visited her aunt Mrs. R. E. Kunze.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mann and children are at home from Clyde.

We have your favorite Brand of cigars. Burroughs.

Grandma Sweeney left Saturday to visit friends at Redbud.

Everybody goes to the Royal.

Miss Elma Sheppard visited in Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. Sam Treat and two children of Haskell are visiting their uncle Dr. G. M. Williams.

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

Miss Myrtle Porter of Dora visited friends here the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. White and children of Glen Rose are late arrivals in our city.

We have your needs in toilet articles. Burroughs.

Jim Templeton of Snyder visited his sister Mrs. Alice Templeton last week.

Miss Eva Walters is at home from Wills Point where she visited Miss Rebecca Sewell and relatives.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Roes Burleson and baby of Streetman have moved to our city.

Before, during, after the show, and at all times meet your friends at Burroughs.

Miss Genevieve Rust is at home from Fort Worth.

Misses Inez Sharp and Minnie Ferguson have returned from Denton where they attended the Summer Normal.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McNeese came in the first of the week from Dallas and will probably make their home in Merkel or some part of the western country.

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

Rufus McNeese who is connected with the city schools at Marshal came in last week from Austin to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McNeese. He has been attending the summer course of special instruction at the University and will remain here for a short visit.

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

C. A. Bickley of Merit, Texas is here for two or three weeks which time he will spend in looking after his farming interests and making some valuable improvements on some of his farms. Mr. Bickley owns four farms in the Merkel and Trent communities consisting of twelve or thirteen hundred acres and is well pleased with his purchases and prospects.

Let us order your cream and make your candy for all social events. The Elite.

Mrs. W. M. Jenkins and mother Mrs. J. W. Jennings were in Trent Sunday and Monday visiting the latter's daughter Mrs. Otho Smith.

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

D. F. Daniel and wife of Bay City came in Sunday to visit the formers parents Mr. and Mrs. Daniel of this city. The Bay City man formerly lived in Merkel and has a wide acquaintance here.

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.

Master Dick Nims is in Fort Worth visiting his sister Mrs. G. I. Gilliland.

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

L. Sparkman of Dallas was here last week looking after business matters.

**Going to the Royal.**

Raymond Meeks left Monday morning for Seymour where he goes to accept employment.

**To Automobile Owners.**

Have moved the Merkel gas filling station to the Ice house. You can get your gas there at any and all times.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown of Trent were in the city Wednesday visiting.

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

**VERY LOW Round Trip Fares To EL PASO**

**\$15.00 From Merkel**

**ACCOUNT DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION**



Tickets on Sale August 7, 8 and 9 Final limit to leave El Paso Aug. 18

For further information regarding special train service, sleeper reservations, etc. call on local T. & P. Agent, or write

**A. D. BELL** **GEO. D. HUNTER**  
Asst. Gen'l Pass. Agt. Gen'l Pass. Agt.  
DALLAS, TEXAS

**Good Pictures at the Royal.**

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rose left Monday night for Dallas where Mrs. Rose will undergo a treatment for her eyes.

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

Sam Swann left Tuesday night for Dallas where he will be for several days. He will undergo a treatment for his eyes while there.

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

R. B. King of Melissa returned to his home Saturday after an extended visit with his brother Dr. J. M. King of this city.

Pictures are always plain at the Royal.

Asa Sheppard was in Abilene Wednesday looking after business matters.

Bath Salts at Burroughs for bath and toilet.

J. W. Winsett of Paris, Tenn., and son Tom Winsett of Bowling Green, Ky., returned to their home Wednesday after a two weeks visit with the formers uncles J. R. and T. J. Toombs of this place.

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

**URIC ACID IN MEAT CLOGS THE KIDNEYS**

Take a glass of Salts if your Back hurts or Bladder bothers you—Drink more water.

If you must have your meat every day, eat it, but flush your kidneys with salts occasionally, says a noted authority who tells us that meat forms uric acid which almost paralyzes the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken, then you suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sour, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

To neutralize these irritating acids, to cleanse the kidneys and flush off the body's urinous waste get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness. Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink.

eration of the business men and the Railway Co., and which I believe is the best arrangement to give the greatest benefit to the majority of our citizens and property owners.

In conclusion I would assure you that this improvement is desired and will be appreciated by the business men and property owners who are the large tax payers and which is for the convenience and benefit of the entire citizenship. In the event of your acceptance we will have a valuable and permanent improvement for our town.

W. J. Bicknell and R. W. Greene of Noodle were in Merkel Saturday looking things over. Not having satisfied themselves with the state of affairs they were seen on the streets of our city again Monday, both times on business.

W. A. Phillips of Noodle passed through the city Monday on his way to Abilene to attend to business matters.

**City Court in Session.**

Hon. J. J. Stallings presided over the city court Wednesday evening, for a few moments in the investigation of a charge of drunkenness.

After the examination was a portion of witnesses present the case was "thrown out" and the defendant "Shorty" Holway declared not guilty. The court did not see fit to continue the investigation in the face of the evidence.

**Facts**

**YOU LOSE MONEY**

when you allow any of your stock or poultry to remain sick a day.

They give you less results in beef, pork, work, or eggs, when they are not in perfect health. Take a little interest in your own pocket book and doctor them up with

**Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine**

It will pay you to do this. It has paid thousands of other successful farmers and stock and poultry raisers.

This famous remedy is not a food, but a genuine, scientific medicine prepared from medicinal herbs and roots, acting on the liver, kidneys, bowels and digestive organs. Sold by all druggists, price 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1. per can.

Write for valuable book: "Success with Stock and Poultry." Sent free for a postal. Address: Black-Draught Stock Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

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Heals Everything Heatable, Burns, Boils, Sores, Ulcers, Piles, Eczema, Cuts, Corns, Wounds and Bruises. SATISFIES, OR MONEY BACK. 25c AT ALL DRUGGISTS.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Mrs. Jno. R. Daniel came in Wednesday from Colorado where she has been for some time visiting her parents Judge and Mrs. Coe.

When bathing use Berry's Bath Salt for sale at Burroughs.

W. R. Bigham returned Tuesday evening from Corpus Christi and Rockport where he has been for the past month. He reports the country from San Antonio on to the coast country in fine condition but the country between Dallas and San Antonio is badly in need of rain.

If you like our cider come back again. The Elite.

Jack Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes returned from Dallas last week after an absence from our city of over seven years Jack returns to Merkel with the view of making this his home.

Courtesy and quick service at Burroughs always.

Miss Mae Allen of Eskota was in the city Tuesday visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hart of Dallas returned to their home Tuesday after a visit with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Whitescarver.

Pure apple and grape cider always on tap. The Elite Confectionery.

Mrs. B. F. Gafford of White-wright is visiting her sister Mrs. J. M. Williamson.

The most sanitary fountain manufactured is used at Burroughs.

Myrtle Rhodes of Buffalo Gap visited here the past week.

Drink your drinks at Burroughs Sanitary fountain.

Mrs. W. H. Riley and daughter Alice of Trent visited here Saturday.

You can't tell which is the best the apple or grape cider. Both on sale at the Elite Confectionery.

Miss Eunice Russell spent the week-end with her aunt Mrs. H. L. Propst.

Smoke-up Burroughs is the place good fresh cigars always.

Mrs. J. T. Warren visited her brother Albert Booth of Hawley the past week.

The Elite home-made candies. Try them.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Coggin were in Sweetwater Friday.

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Miss Ola Sharp is at home from Denton where she attended the Summer Normal.

Every kind of home-made candies. Nut-Nugate, Butter Scotch, Peanut Bar, Divinity and 54 other varieties all made at home. The Elite.

Miss Bertie Ditz has returned home from Van Horn where she has been spending the past few months with relatives.

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

Made at the Elite and served fresh—all kinds of candy.

Miss Winnie Warren visited in Abilene Friday.

Cold apple and grape cider on tap at the Elite. Try it.

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### WAR IS ON.

United States and the whole world is about to witness the world's greatest war. It may last three weeks and again years may not see the international strife ended. Conditions are becoming to an extent alarming and the open mouthed public is eager to get a report of the latest turn of this grave situation.

That war may go on weeks between the greatest powers of Europe seems inevitable but the progress man has made within the last twentyfive years has revolutionized the possibilities of general warfare and it is hardly feasible that with the modern implements of destruction a conflict could last very long. With Russia, England, France and Serbia allied against Germany and Austria the combine armies would aggregate 20,000,000 men under arms on land and at sea. On all sides of Germany and Austria the fighting men who have been trained for just such a war during the past 40 years will fly at the throats of the Germans and their kinsmen and the fight will be bitter and the loss of life appalling. Death stares millions of men in the face and starvation will follow in the wake of the European armies. Who will win and who long this calamity will prevail is purely guess work; Germany may withstand the onslaught of the combine forces of England, France, Russia and Serbia but the odds seem against the Kaiser and his men.

### THE MAN OF THE HOUR.

Again the ultimatum of President Wilson has gone down and created history at least for a short time.

The managers of 98 railroads have agreed to arbitrate the serious strike question that would have involved 55,000 engineers on practically every road west of the Mississippi river. The arbitration is to be on the demand of the engineers for and increase in wages only. While this matter is not settled the situation is relieved, the cause of the relief is the absolute confidence the people of the United States have in their president who has proven himself to be equal to most every obstacle that has presented itself.

Life is just one D--- thing after another. Just as we had begun to pronounce the Mexican names brought to our attention by the rebellions of that country the fun is stopped and the daily newspapers are handing us a bunch of Russian and German names that are jaw breakers.

Villa and Carranza have been farmed out to the minors for the present to allow room for new and more promising recruits such as the Emperor of Germany and the Czar of Russia.

### THE AIRY NAVIES.

It remains to be seen if Tennyson's prediction is to be fulfilled in the colossal strife which is about to involve all Europe, and which may alter the face of a continent. That line in Locksley Hall, "and I saw the airy navies grappling in the central blue," was prophetic. But recently, Sir Percy Scott was quoted in these columns as declaring that the dreadnought was all but obsolete and that the aeroplane and submarine would prove the most formidable agents of destruction in modern warfare. They are now to be given test. It is not easy to believe that the dreadnought will be replaced in the conflict ahead, but it is not improbable that the aeroplane will play considerable part. Already reports indicate that flying couriers are active, and if their effectiveness is demonstrated war will take on a new and more terrifying aspect in consequence.—Dallas Evening Journal.

True to the statement of that great American General "War is Hell," and it is being proven more forceably every hour at the present time. What to-morrow will bring no one can prophesy.

### RAISED BIG FLOWFR. GETS BEAT.

The Abilene Reporter of Tuesday reports a 12 foot sunflower that has a head almost as large as a small foot tub as being on display at the Commercial Club rooms of Abilene. The giant flower was raised on Mayor E. N. Kirbys place near Abilene according to the report.

The news article attracted our attention from the fact the Abilene flower has a head almost as large as a small foot tub while Merkel can claim the distinction of having a sunflower that is still growing and its head is almost as large as a barrel. Ordinarily any part of the Merkel country can produce larger flowers by accidental growth than the Abilene country can produce intentionally.

### AT IT AGAIN.

Not content with having revolutionized the automobile industry the great manufacturer of Ford Automobiles saw the bright side of life and now gives his employees a portion of the profit on all cars made by that company.

This great unprecedented action caused world wide attention but now the multi-millionaire has given the poor purchaser a new look into life. Ford cars have dropped \$60 and in addition, the purchaser is guaranteed a rebate of \$40 to \$60 on the purchase of each Ford car made between August 1, 1913 and August 1, 1915 if the sales of the Ford Motor Company reach the 300,000 mark for that time.

That "first battles of aeroplanes" was a head-on collision.

War is a great teacher of geography, but this one promises to make it.

Clare to goodness, if we hadn't forgotten all about Mexico. What are they doing down there, anyhow?—Commercial Appeal.

The flight across the Atlantic is postponed while Lieut. Porte goes home to see if England gets into the war.

You don't pronounce those Russian and Austrian names; you just sneeze and spit and go on reading.

Uncle Joe Cannon says he is going back to Congress and stay there till he dies. Is this a threat or a prophecy?

## Saved Girl's Life

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

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If you suffer from any of these complaints, try Black-Draught. It is a medicine of known merit. Seventy-five years of splendid success proves its value. Good for young and old. For sale everywhere. Price 25 cents.

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Good-bye corns, callouses, bunions and raw spots. No more shoe tightness, no more limping with pain or drawing up your face in agony. "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.



You May Talk to One Man

But an advertisement in this paper talks to the whole community.

Catch the Idea?

## OUR CORRESPONDENCE

### Compere.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hines and children and Mrs. Hines' sister Mrs. Lucas and her two year old son from Carbon, Eastland county are here visiting the family of W. N. Moore.

John Shannon of the Leuders country is here visiting his brother William Shannon.

Mrs. Murtis Addison and sister Mrs. Mattie Addison of Blair visited the family of W. N. Moore last week.

The people of this section have about completed with their crops for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Day of Scurry county are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Moore. On their return home Mrs. Day's mother Mrs. Moore will accompany them home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Childers returned home this week from Colorado.

Henry Young is real sick with fever this week.

Miss Carrie Shannon returned home from Merkel this week.

Earl Foster and wife of Noodle are visiting at Compere.

Clarence Foster and Hugh Price were two representatives from here to College Station last week. It is expected that they will return home with lots to tell.

Mr. Price and family left Thursday for New Mexico.

Mrs. Marthy Adkins Williams came in Saturday to visit her mother Mrs. Adkins of Colorado who is here.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Estes spent the week-end with their son Sam Estes of this community.

The Nazarine meeting begins here Sunday.

Bro. Walker filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

If you sit in a cool draft when you are heated and get a stiff neck or lame back, you will be looking for something that will ease the pain. Fix your mind on BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT and don't be talked out of it, because it is the best pain relieving liniment you can get anywhere. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### Nubia.

We find that harvesting and grain thrashing in the order of the day.

Walter Hunter returned from Fort Worth Friday where he has been visiting his sister Miss Cora Clark.

We are glad to report that a protracted meeting will begin on Nubia Friday night August 7. Come one and all.

Sunday school was omitted Sunday on account of the superintendent being absent.

Miss Mary Clark of Fort Worth is here visiting friends.

Miss Lela Richte was the guest of Miss Lula Cogburn Sunday.

The thrasher that belongs to Tom Jenkins of the divide country is in this section this week but when it leaves here it will be a long time gone.

Miss Gertrude Stanley is at home from Abilene where she has been attending school.

Miss Burilla Ford who has been here visiting left for her home at Abilene Sunday.

Miss May Reynolds is in Wilbarger county this week visiting friends.

Dear Comrades. Listen! Autumn is almost here with her gentle breeze only a few more days and oh! oh! cotton to pick and weigh and if it would only rain immediately we would expect a bale per acre.

Editors Note. The debating you speak of would be entirely out of order for a weekly newspaper.

### How's This?

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

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Take Hall Family Pills for constipation.

### Route 3.

Everybody is harvesting their feed.

There was no Sunday School Sunday on account of the protracted meeting which is going on at Rock Crossing.

A large crowd attended the baptizing at Blair Sunday afternoon.

Miss Cleo Barnes spent night and Sunday with Miss Irene Paterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Boden and son Bob were visiting their daughter Mrs. Farmer of the White Church community, Sunday.

Misses Eula Campbell and Lola Tittle were visiting in the Blair community Sunday and attended the big meeting.

Mrs. Baccus and daughter Miss Pearl were in Merkel Saturday.

Eugene Burleston is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. C. R. Roland and daughter Miss Annie Lee were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Hiddleston of Merkel attended church at Rock Crossing Sunday.

Jessie Anderson and Miss Lydia Humphreys took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frazier.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark and children were visiting in View Sunday.

Little Mabel Watson has been very sick but is reported better at this writing.

Mrs. Guy Sullivan and sister Miss Myrtle Moore were visiting at the home of Mrs. Baccus Monday.

Elmer Barnes and Eddie Davis were in Merkel Saturday.

Several from this community attended the picnic at Elm Thursday.

Mrs. W. P. Moore visited Mrs. Richey of Merkel Wednesday.

Mr. Foster of Abilene passed through our community Friday enroute home.

Misses Gertrude and Eunice Plyant of Caps spent Saturday and Sunday with their sister Mrs. Sammie Frazier.

Sallow complexion comes from bilious impurities in the blood and the fault lies with the liver and bowels—they are torpid. The medicine that gives results in such cases is HERBINE. It is a fine liver stimulant and bowel regulator. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### Leaves For Market.

W. D. Woodroof left Merkel Monday for the eastern markets and is now in New York purchasing the fall stock for his company here.

Mr. Woodroof stated before leaving that he expected to place one of the most complete stocks of merchandise ever brought to the town of Merkel and when last seen was not worrying much over the war scare having much effect on the general prosperity of the Merkel and Texas country.

Constipation is the starting point for many serious diseases. To be healthy keep the bowels active and regular. HERBINE will remove all accumulations in the bowels and put the system in prime condition. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### Judge Blanton Thanks Supporters.

I am indeed grateful to the many good citizens of Merkel and Taylor County for their loyal support, and I thank you with all my heart for same. I shall never forget you for it. Notwithstanding my opponent published and sent to every voter a statement from five of my personal enemies hat out of 713 voters in Abilene only 94 were for me, I nevertheless carried Abilene by 89 majority, while my opponent beat me only 260 votes in his home County of Mitchell. The returns indicated that I carried more counties than did my opponent. I have no ill will against those who did not support me, and expect in the future, as in the past, to devote my public life, to the cause of Progressive Democracy and the Common People.

Sincerely, your friend,  
Thomas L. Blanton.

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## Rugs Linoleum Matting

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"Mack was glad to see the rain" just the same

It Will Pay You to SEE Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co "MACK"

### DON'T TAKE CALOMEL HERE'S A BETTER REMEDY

Taking Calomel is very risky and often times dangerous.

You ought to get along without taking calomel yourself or giving it to your family, when you can get a remedy that takes its place. Dodson's Liver Tone is an agreeable vegetable liquid that starts the liver to action just as surely as calomel does. But, unlike calomel, Dodson's Liver Tone does not stimulate the liver too much. It gives relief gently. Calomel acts so strongly that it may leave you worse than you were at first, and calomel also sometimes causes salivation. Dodson's Liver Tone works well and never harms.

A large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone is sold for fifty cents by T. L. Grimes. It always has given such perfect satisfaction that your money will be given back to you with a smile if you buy a bottle and are not perfectly satisfied with it in every way.

Mrs. L. A. Benbrook returned to her home Monday after an extended visit with her son Edgar Boaz and grandson Jim Boaz both of the River country.

### Shiloh.

Rev. G. A. Scott filled his appointment at Shiloh Sunday.

Mrs. Terrell Winters left Friday night for Eastland to visit her mother.

Mrs. J. H. Grayson is visiting her daughter Mrs. Fred Dupree in Haskell county.

Mrs. Joe Barnes returned home last week from a months stay with her daughter Mrs. Chas. Williams near Anson. She was accompanied home by her sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Truett.

Miss Edith Mayberry left last week to teach a class near McCaulley.

Jap Rogers and family returned Sunday afternoon from Big Springs. They report good rains and fine prospects for crops out that way.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Wheeler of Noodle were visiting relatives in this community Sunday.

Mr. Church and family of the Noodle community passed through Sunday afternoon.

Miss Thelma McCright visited relatives and friends in Noodle last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Woods and Miss Lena Pomroy were guests of W. B. Beavers and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Wright of Noodle were visiting in this community last week.

We had a nice shower of rain Sunday afternoon. A considerable sandstorm preceded the rain, however, no damage done.

Mrs. Charles Seago (nee Miss Mae Grayson) won the second prize in the Merkel Mail contest. We were glad of her success as we were the cause of her entering and felt sure she would win one of the prizes. We are anxiously waiting for her to come and give us some music as she promised us she would if she met with success. If she sees this we hope to see her soon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pomroy and Miss Lena Pomroy left Tuesday afternoon on a visit to relatives in some of the Northern counties.

We had another nice little rain Wednesday morning.

### GET TO THE CAUSE

Merkel Peoples Are Learning the Way.

There is but little peace or comfort for the man or woman with a bad back. The distress begins in early morning—keeps up throughout the day. It's hard to get out of bed, it's torture to stoop or straighten. Plasters and liniments may relieve, but cannot cure if the cause is inside—the kidneys. When suffering so, use Doan's Kidney Pills, the tested and proven kidney remedy, used in kidney remedy, used in kidney troubles for over 50 years. Doan's Kidney Pills are recommended by thousands for just such cases. Proof of their effectiveness in the testimony of this Merkel resident:

Mrs. T. S. King, Kent St., Merkel Texas, says: "One of my family had severe pain across the small of his back, making it almost impossible for him to get about. He used two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills as directed and was quickly cured. The time that has since passed has proven this cure to be a permanent one."

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

### Real Estate Transfers

Olive E. and T. E. Russel to J. K. Marrs. 1 ot 3 Block 17 Central Park Addition to Abilene. \$1300.00.

H. A. Swan to Mrs. Alene Swan Lot 1 Block L. Steffens & Mowden Addition to Abilene \$250.00

E. H. Kiefer et Ux. to Geo. S. Anderson Lots 7 & 7 Block 109 Abilene, \$2500.00.

C. H. Graves to E. E. Britain 37 76-100 acres off of East side Lote 2 League 148 Grimes Co. School Land and Lot 1 of League 148 Grimes Co. School land \$7440.00.

C. A. Cline et Ux. and S. W. McKinney et Ux. to W. E. Rogers Lot 8 Bloc B Hughs Sub. of Lot 4 Block 204 Abilene. \$1500.00.

A Nisbett to L. L. Welch West 2-3 of Lot 7 Block 14 North Park Addition to Abilene and other considerations.

Dave Holmes et al to H. H. Oney Block 37 of Buffalo Gap except 2 lots \$150.00

T. B. Lee et al to W. C. Reese Lot 148 Blk 1 Abilene \$100.00.

## OUR CORRESPONDENCE

### Noodle.

J. W. Dale of Winters has been visiting his cousin W. M. Eoff.

We had a nice little rain Sunday afternoon which will a great benefit to the cotton as it was getting very dry.

Quite a jolly crowd of Shiloh young people passed through this community Sunday evening.

Miss Thelma Mae McCright has been visiting her sister Mrs. G. N. Wright.

W. L. Barbee and family spent Thursday and Friday on the "Clear Fork" near Golan fishing. Uncle Bill says they caught lots of fish and had a good time.

Mrs. Georgia Easterwood of Midland was visiting relatives here Tuesday.

Miss Stella Good and Miss Zelma Bicknell visited Miss Lettie Jones last Friday.

Robert Wright of Altoona, Ala. is visiting his sister Mrs. J. E. Jones.

G. N. Wright made a business trip to Merkel Thursday.

Charlie Jones who has been attending school at Denton has returned home.

Walter Greene and Will Bicknell were in Merkel trading Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee entertained the young people last Wednesday night.

In every home where there is a baby these should always be a bottle of McGEE'S BABY ELIXIR. It may be needed at any time to correct sour stomach, wind colic, Diarrhoea or summer complaint. It is a wholesome remedy, contains no orium, morphine or injurious drug of any kind. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

If your child is pale and sickly, picks at the nose, starts in the sleep and grinds the teeth while sleeping, it is a sure sign of worms. A remedy for these parasites will be found in WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It not only clears out the worms, but it restores health and cheerfulness. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### Butman.

A light shower which was of little benefit fell over the south part of the Canyon Sunday.

The baptist meeting which has been going on here closed Sunday. Several additions were made to the church and general good throughout the community was accomplished. Miss Ford of Abilene was secured to furnish music and rendered some appreciable assistance in more ways than one.

The rain Sunday evening interfered with the baptizing at Butman. It began raining just as the candidates were led into the water making it a beautiful scene.

Thrashing and feed cutting are now in full blast and another week will witness the most of it cared for.

A singing school will be taught at Cross Roads by Mr. Esom beginning next Monday. A large class is expected as nearly all the work will be done by them. The terms will be reasonable and every body come.

There is a Methodist meeting now in progress at White Church conducted by Rev. Young. A large crowd was out Sunday. Everybody is cordially invited to come out and hear Rev. Young preach some of his forceful sermons. He is a preacher of no mean and confined ability. To listen at him preach is to have an up lifting influence pouring into our souls.

Cheer up! Summer is here; harvest time and reaping; political action over; revival meeting, rest and fishing! Cheer up!

While the candidates of the writers' choice were not all landed in office he calmly yields to the sovereign will. The sun continues to prevail with the same benigency. We are still the recipients of rain and sunshine and flowers; so what's the use?

Better look out for your watermelons the writer still likes them in the same old way.

### Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank my friends for their kindness to me while in the Merkel Mail contest. I certainly appreciate your help as much as if I had gotten one of the prizes.  
Pearl Baccus.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Morgan-Hale.

Sunday afternoon at 5:30 at the home of the brides sister Mrs. W. Rountree of Noodle, A. F. Morgan of Greenville and Miss Ida Hale of Shiloh were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Rev. Schuler performing the ceremony. Immediately after the marriage the bridal party left Noodle for the home of the brides father A. F. Hale of Shiloh where a supper supplemented by a course of sherbert and cream was served. Several close relatives and friends were present at both the ceremony and at the wedding supper. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan left Monday morning for their future home at Greenville, being accompanied by the grooms sister Miss Lina Morgan also of Greenville.

Mayhew-Bowler.

Vero C. Mayhew, a popular employe of the Western Union Telegraph Company in this city, and Miss Cleo Wilson Bowler, also of this city, were united in marriage here at noon today. The bride was formerly connected with the law office of Suttle & Todd. Mr. and Mrs. Mayhew, who this afternoon are receiving the congratulations of their friends, will make their home in Corpus Christi.—Corpus Christi Caller.

The above article brought the first news of the marriage of Miss Cleo Wilson Bowler, teacher of music in the Merkel schools during the winter of 1912.

Miss Fannie Burroughs is entertaining a house party this week. The out of town guests are Misses Mamie, Clara Wilk and Emma Dell McNatt of Abilene, Ailene Trice of Jackson, Tenn., Messrs Flake Williams and Roy Brady of Abilene will join the crowd for the weekend.

On last Wednesday afternoon little Miss Lorena Frazier celebrated her eleventh birthday at her home on Bettis Heights. Many enjoyable games were played. The little hostess was assisted by Misses Annie Bickley and Mamie McNeas in entertaining and serving. The guests who were Misses Ruth Jones, Mary Eula Sears, Mollie Sears, Mona T and Lois Christopher, Clara Beard, Lois Dry, Vida and Mabel McNeas and Ruby Lee Warnick and Bettie McCuehon. Cream, Lemonade and candy was served.

The Woman's Missionary society held its regular business meeting at the Methodist church Monday afternoon. Mrs. J. W. Jennings presided as the president Mrs. J. L. Harris could not be present.

A Surprise Wedding.

Last Sunday evening at 3:30 Mr. C. B. Lyles and Miss Ruth Allen were quietly married at the home of F. H. McDonald near Stith.

The Groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lyles and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Allen both prominent families of the Stith community and the contracting parties had a host of friends whom the Merkel Mail joins in extending congratulations. Rev. F. H. McDonald spoke the words that made them man and wife.

Oil Mill Men Here.

J. R. Sorrells of Abilene, superintendent for the Continental Oil Company's Oil Mill Plants is in the city looking after the interest of his company.

Mr. Sorrells was not in position to give any information as to the probability of the Merkel Mill being in operation this fall stating the conditions of the cotton crop in the Merkel country would govern that matter entirely.

Mrs. Youngbride.

"I don't believe the story, do you? 'What story?' 'About Mrs. Youngbride. They say she went into a butcher's shop the other day, and seeing a side of spareribs on the counter she remarked: 'Why, I don't know you kept siphones here.'"

Wondrous Strength of Love. There is a comfort in the strength of love.—Wordsworth.

ALL OVER TOWN



In store windows, on store counters and nearly all good homes you'll find Calumet Baking Powder. Find it highly recommended and enthusiastically praised. It's Calumet Week, with the dealer. But it will be Calumet all the time with scores of housewives from now on. After the first trial of Calumet; after the delicious bakings it produces have been tested; after the money and baking materials it saves have been considered.

Try Calumet. You can do so without risk or obligation. For your dealer will sell you a can on condition that it can be returned and your money refunded if you are not delighted after a thorough test. Try it. It's far more economical than trust brands—costs about half the price. More economical to use than Cheap Big Can Powders that sell for a few cents less—because it eliminates bake day failures and prevents the waste of baking materials. Always sure. Always pure—in the can and in the baking. Complies with pure food laws.

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Plant More Hogs

Uncle Sam Advises Texas Farm Boys.

The Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture has just issued a communication to the farmer boys of Texas between the ages of 10 and 18 years, urging them to plant more hogs. The Texas farmer lost \$24,600,000 last year because he failed to produce enough pork to supply the local demand and the communication advises his sons to raise enough hogs for home consumption, and if possible, a surplus for the market. Some of the points which the Department advises the youthful hog raiser to bear in mind are:

- 1. The feeding and care are as important as the breeding in producing a good hog. Plenty of feed and good care will make a good hog out of a runt, but lack of it will always make a runt out of a good pig.
2. To make pork cheaply a permanent pasture and forage crops must be used.
3. Young pigs must have a dry bed and plenty of sunshine.
4. Begin feeding the pig as soon as he will eat, and keep him growing until he is mature.
5. Always keep plenty of clean, fresh water where the hogs may drink at any time.
6. Quarantine all newly purchased animals for three weeks.
7. Never keep a female for a brood sow, no matter how well bred she may be, if she will not produce more than four strong pigs at a litter.
8. The more milk a sow will give the faster her pigs will grow.

The latest census reports which relate to January 1st, 1914 show there are 2,618,000 hogs in Texas with a total value of \$22,515,000. This is an increase over the previous year of 125,000 head and \$1,574,000 in value. At every census during the five years prior to 1914 a steady decrease in the number of Texas hogs is shown. The values, however, have steadily increased. A decade ago the Texas

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In This Paper

L. R. Hogg (Long Razorback) as he is known in railroad circles around his home at Marshal came in this week to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hogg of Route 1.

Cannot Keep It Down. Merit may be kept at the foot of the class for a while, but it will come to the head in its own good time.

Discontentment. The poor are discontented because they can't get all they want; the rich because they can't want all they get.

Thoroughly Ventilated. "What you need most," said the physician after he had examined the patient, "is plenty of ventilation." "Gee, doctor," the sick man replied, "you must be mistaken, I've been operated on three times; in the last ear and a half."

INEXPENSIVE FARM HOME.

Department of Agriculture Furnishes Free Plans.

The farm house is the most important building on the farm, and money judiciously expended in its planning and construction is well invested. The United States Department of Agriculture, through its Bureau of Farm Management, has been investigating conditions in the rural districts and in many instances found that the living apartments were inconsistent in cost with the value of the farm, and very often in striking contrast with out-buildings and farm machinery.

The Department of Agriculture is not only striving to make the business of farming more remunerative, but is also endeavoring to make farm life more attractive. A series of plans for the construction of farm homes has been prepared. In designing these homes, service, economy and attractiveness have been combined in a frame structure which can be built for \$800 in a community where average prices for material and labor prevail.

The specifications call for a simple four-cornered structure. There is but one chimney and one outside entrance. Another door may be provided by sacrifice of wall and floor space or by increasing the size and cost of the house.

The government experts in planning these homes realized that the comfort and convenience of the farm woman was paramount. They drew their plans accordingly. The kitchen is the most pleasantly located room in the structure. It opens on a screened porch where a large part of the work may be done in the summer.

The water problem has also been carefully considered. Cistern water may be drawn from a bucket pump on the back porch or from a pitcher pump in the sink. Hot water is provided by a reservoir connected with the kitchen stove. The sink with only a drain pipe to be provided, has been found too expensive to be omitted.

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



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A MODEL SCHOOL CAMPUS.

An East Texas County's Contribution to Educational Progress.

Away down in the piny woods of East Texas, there is perhaps the most picturesque school campus in all the big State of Texas. This campus, located in the heart of the old and progressive little city of Nacogdoches, is both beautiful and interesting.

In 1845, the last year of the Republic of Texas, this property, now a model public school ground, was ceded by the City of Nacogdoches to the University of Nacogdoches, an institution chartered by an act of the Ninth Texas Congress. Although it was not to be a State school, Congress gave encouragement to this pioneer educational enterprise by donating four leagues of land, which gift was supplemented by land donations from such men as Thomas J. Rusk, Sam Houston and Hayden Edwards. But the patriotic dream of establishing a permanent university was not realized; and the brick building

erected for the university was used from the close of the Civil War as the temporary home of the public school. This house, still in a perfect state of preservation, now stands just behind the new and magnificent public school building.

Another historic landmark is the old Stone Fort, built according to the best information in 1770, which was moved several years ago from the business section of Nacogdoches and rebuilt on the northwest corner of the campus, where it is used as a public library.

About nine years ago this fifteen-acre campus was decided to the public schools, and in the center of the block a forty thousand dollar high school building was erected near a magnificent cluster of pine and sweetgum trees. The yards were leveled, cement walks were built, and provision was made for tennis, basket ball, baseball, and similar games. And now as an ideal playground, as an example of civic pride, the large and beautiful school campus of the Nacogdoches Public School is the most unique model to be found anywhere in Texas.

Purifying the Air. The air of a room may be purified in two hours by setting inside of it wide-mouthed pitcher filled with pure and very cold water. By that time it will have absorbed all the gases in the room.

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**Reports New Granddaughter.**

C. M. Largent was in the city Monday afternoon and reported the presentation of a granddaughter by Mr. and Mrs. Luther Swafford.

The fair maiden Miss Leno Largent Swafford is at home to her many friends at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent. The mother and child are reported doing nicely and the father with an attitude of "I should worry."

**Not so Strange After All.**

You may think it strange that so many people are cured of stomach trouble by Chamberlain's Tablets. You would not, however, if you should give them a trial. They strengthen and invigorate the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Mrs. Rosie Rish, Wabash, Ind., writes: "Nothing did me the least good until I began using Chamberlain's Tablets. It is decidedly the best medicine for stomach trouble I have ever used." For sale by all dealers.

**Returns from Dallas.**

Victor Harris, rural carrier of route 1 returned Friday of last week from Dallas and College Station after a week's absence from his duties.

While at College Station Mr. Harris was a delegate to the State Convention of Rural Letter Carriers and stopped off on his return home at Dallas to visit his brother T. A. Harris formerly of this place.

**ANNOUNCING**

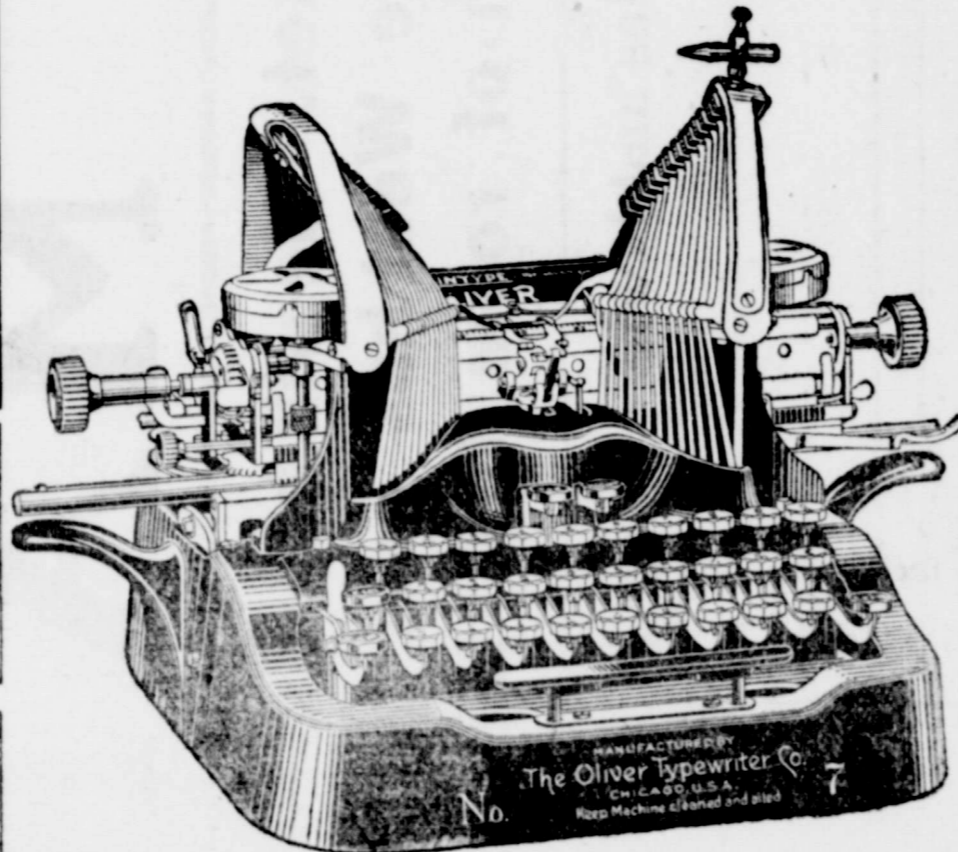
**The New Typewriter OLIVER NO. 7**

We announce an amazing model—the OLIVER No. 7—a typewriter of superexcellence, with automatic devices and refinements that mark the zenith of typewriter progress. A marvel of beauty, speed and easy action. Typewriting efficiency raised to the nth power.

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The No. 7 is now on exhibit and sale at all Oliver Branches and Agencies throughout the United States.



The new model has more improvements, refinements and new uses than we can even enumerate here. The "cushioned keyboard" with anchor keys and the new automatic features mean less work for the hands, less strain on the eyes, less manual and mental effort. With all of these masterly mechanical improvements we have made the machine more beautiful and symmetrical. From every standpoint the OLIVER No. 7 attains superlative excellence. Nothing you could wish for has been omitted. The new devices, refinements, improvements and conveniences found on the No. 7 represent an enormous outlay and vastly increase its value—the price has not been advanced one penny. We shall even continue

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The Oliver Typewriter Co., Oliver Typewriter Bldg. Chicago.

**H. T. Merritt Family Returns.**

We omitted from our paper last week the account of the return of H. T. Merritt and family from Abilene where they have resided during the past year.

Mr. Merritt is still connected with the Abilene Democrat but will find time to be with Merkel friends each week-end. The Mail joins the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt in a welcome of their return.

**How to Cure a Sprain.**

A sprain may be cured in about one-third the time required by the usual treatment by applying Chamberlain's Liniment and observing the directions with each bottle. For sale by all dealers.

**Motorcycle For Sale.**

A good motorcycle for sale. Apply to J. W. Daniel.

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

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Along human nerves the electric current travels at from 33 to 60 yards a second.



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**SAGE TEA DARKENS HAIR TO ANY SHADE**

Don't stay gray! Here's a simple recipe that anybody can apply with a hair brush.

The use of Sage and Sulphur for restoring faded, gray hair to its natural color dates back to grandmother's time. She used it to keep her hair beautifully dark, glossy and abundant. Whenever her hair fell out or took on that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied with wonderful effect.

But brewing at home is messy and out-of-date. Nowadays, by asking at any drug store for a 50 cent bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," you will get this famous old recipe which can be depended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair and is splendid for dandruff, dry, feverish, itchy scalp and falling hair.

A well-known downtown druggist says it darkens the hair so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied. You simply dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, it becomes beautifully dark, glossy, soft and abundant.

**Marriage licenses.**

Frank Holton (Col) to Bertha Landrum (Col).

Wm. James Judge to Miss Alma May Wood.

L. E. Stokes to Miss Annie Evatt.

B. D. Hogan to Miss Abbie Howles

**Advertised Letters.**

These can be redeemed upon payment of one cent.

Dickenson, Mrs. W. C.

Frazier, Miss Dollie.

Nichols, Lane.

McCarty, W. M.

Tutwiler E. G.

Gomes, Patrocínio.

Arnelaz, Senore Lea.

These will be sent to the dead letter office August 15th.

H. C. Williams, P. M.  
Merkel, Texas.

**W. O. W.**

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**To The Voters of Merkel Precinct 2.**

I wish to express to you through the Merkel Mail my appreciation of the large vote you gave me on July 25th. I wish to thank each one of you and to those who saw proper to support one other than myself, will say I have the kindest feeling for each of you. T. R. Lassiter.

**WELCOME NEWS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE**

People in this town will be glad to hear that the mixture of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-ka, can be obtained at our store. This simple remedy became famous by curing appendicitis and it has been found that JUST A SINGLE DOSE relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation INSTANTLY because it drains off such a surprising amount of old foul matter from the body.

H. C. BURROUGHS, Druggist

**UNIVERSITY HOME AND SCHOOL LEAGUE**

A New Movement for Improving Country Life.

How can we make living in the country more satisfactory and enjoyable to boys and girls? How can we check the



Prof. F. M. Bralley

drift of our best blood to the cities? What can the University of Texas do to promote community life and really help the 75 per cent of the population of Texas who make their living on the farm?

These are some of the big questions that Professor F. M. Bralley, formerly Superintendent of Public Instruction and now at the head of the Extension Department of the University of Texas, attempts to answer in Bulletin No. 322, which is sent free to all who apply for it. This bulletin contains the purposes and plans of the University Home and School League which Professor Bralley hopes to see organized in every country community in Texas. Through this organization it is his belief that great good can come to country folks.



**The Telephone Saved a Life**

When one of our men was badly injured by the threshing machine we telephoned the doctor, who told us how to patch the man up. The doctor then started for our place in a hurry. When he arrived the man was pretty weak, and without the doctor's advice the results might have proved serious. Thanks to the telephone, the man pulled through.

Every farm should have Bell Telephone connection.

Write our nearest Manager for information  
The Southwestern  
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**Back to Eden.**

"Dress does more harm than saunas," says a Chicago editor. Are you to have an anti-clothing league?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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