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TRENT SCHOOLS TO OPEN OCT. 5TH

The Trent Public Schools according to Superintendent Farrar will open October 5th and from indications the coming session will be more successful than the one for the past year.

A strong move has been championed to build an auditorium but will not be undertaken at present on account of funds not being available for the cause.

TRENT MAN DIES FROM SNAKE BITE

A man by the name of Elliott died early Monday morning a few miles southwest of Trent from the effects of a rattle snake bite Tuesday of last week.

According to information received here the man was running a row binder for a man by the name of Graham and on stopping the machine for some purpose stepped to the ground. The snake which was coiled almost where Elliott stepped struck immediately, inflicting a deep bite near the ankle of the left limb. The fact of being bit by a rattle snake excited the man and without binding his leg ran half a mile before any assistance could be given him. Medical aid was called at once from Trent and later on Dr. Miller of Merkel was called to attend the sufferer.

For a time Saturday and Saturday night it was thought that that the stricken man would recover but he lapsed into unconsciousness again Sunday night and died Monday morning.

T. H. Spears of Route 5 was in Merkel Wednesday afternoon to meet his mother Mrs. V. S. Bynum of Culman, Ala., who is here for an extended visit with her son.

Mrs. J. M. Hester and mother, Mrs. N. L. Meeks of Crowell returned to their home Wednesday evening after a three weeks visit with the latter sons R. J., W. L., and J. A. Meeks.

Mrs. W. H. Dickson is in Abilene this week visiting friends but will return to Merkel in time accept her position with the Dennis Mercantile Co. the first of September.

Bulk turnip seed for sale. Hamblett & Rogers.

Miss Virginia Hamblett who has been visiting in Watervalley, Miss., has accepted a position with one of the leading dry good firms of that place as head sales lady and will not return to Merkel as she intended. Mrs. W. H. Dickson has accepted the position as sales lady with the J. T. Dennis Dry Good Co., in place of Miss Hamblett.

Miss Pauline Johnson left Thursday for Stamford.

Mrs. Samuel Butman was called to El Paso Sunday by the illness of her mother Mrs. J. L. Vaughn.

SCHOOL BOY LOGIC

On Monday morning October 5th, the Merkel Public Schools will open. Many new faces will be seen among the teachers as well as among the students.

With the opening of school on the first Monday in October, the success or failure of making this coming year the most successful one the Merkel schools have ever enjoyed will begin.

To the teachers who face the throng of Merkel children on that day, practically every student's face will be that of a stranger to the teacher in charge. At the very opening moment begins the work of making or unmaking the system that will lead to ultimate success.

In some of the history of Merkel's Schools there has been a tendency among the parents to quickly censure one or more teachers of the school for some trivial matter in which the patron's child was implicated. A parent in doing this in the presence of the child, destroys within the susceptible and easily trained mind of the child the degree of confidence the student has for the instructor. The child with farther cultivation of this disapproval toward the teacher soon resolves itself into a repulsive and unappreciative member of the student body. In conversation with other children the same thought and lack of confidence in the ability of the teacher is imparted into the minds of others.

This one phase of support toward the coming faculty of the Merkel Public Schools will within a short time either destroy or make our school system all the more successful.

Parents should refrain from making unfavorable comment about systems invoked in the school work and of the actions of any teacher personally. To censure a teacher's actions in the presence of a child, a patron of the school is doing the child as well as him or herself a rank injustice.

Co-operation with the teachers from every view point will spell the success of your child in its school work. Outspoken dissatisfaction of a teacher's methods of conducting certain work within the school room quickly destroys the training the teacher has diligently and carefully imparted into the child's mind.

Merkel patrons should be more careful in the future and permit no such mistakes to occur. Every teacher with the proper support from the general public will without a doubt do all in their power to make our present years work a complete success and it remains only for the patrons to assist in the doing, or by repulsive and unconcerned action shatter the child's confidence in the school system and make it's work a failure.

When your child comes home with a grievance against the teacher, above all things do not cultivate the thought but do all in your power to banish such from the child's mind at the same time take advantage of the opportunity to place the teachers work on a higher plane from the child's view point. "AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE."

At a meeting of the school trustees on Tuesday evening a petition of the names of 130 patrons of the Merkel schools was presented the body asking that the school term not be opened before October 5th., in order to allow many children an opportunity to assist in gathering the enormous crops of the country. The action of the board was favorable to the petition and the above date will see the many boys and girls of Merkel slowly making their way toward their respective school.

The parent is then placed in a position along side the teachers. Their work must be in accord in every instant or our present school year will not be what our faculty is capable of making it.

CO-OPERATION SHOULD BE OUR FOREWORD AND BETTER SCHOOLS FOR MERKEL.

PRESBYTERIAN MEET CLOSED SUNDAY

The Presbyterian meeting held in the Presbyterian church here closed Sunday with 20 additions to the church, 27 professions and several reclamations.

The characteristic feature of the meeting was the cooperative effort on the part of the christian people of town and the splendid results were made possible because of the profound appreciation for the active interest on the part of all who attended. We hope the Baptist meeting now in progress even heartier cooperation and greater results. H. E. Bullock, pastor.

Notice for Selecting Depository.

By virtue of Sec. 52 of the General School laws of Texas the school board of the Independent School District of Merkel will on the first day of September 1914 receive bids from any person or corporation who offer satisfactory bond as provided by law and the best rate of interest on daily average balances for the funds of the said Merkel Independent School District.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

J. S. Swann, President,
O. J. Adcock, Secretary

The European war has not changed the price of Johnstons candies on sale at the Elite Confectionery: although sugar has advanced over 100 percent. (adv)

Dallas Policeman Shoots Boy.

The Dallas Dispatch of Wednesday came out in flaring headlines of the shooting of Durard Mize a 17 year old boy by bicycle policeman R. F. (BOB) Adams of Dallas the first of the week.

According to the Dispatch Adams fired on Mize when the boy started to run from a stolen automobile. The shot entered the back and passed through the body, the boy dying from the wound some hours afterward in a hospital.

BIRTHDAY DINNER FOR REV. BAKER

Rev. A. A. Baker who had reached the 78 mile stone in his voyage through life was completely and happily surprised Thursday August the 20th when he returned home from church to find his home and yard alive with people who had come to honor him and help celebrate the day. "Dinner" what a wonderful dinner! viands of all kinds were spread on the porch. Brother Baker on seeing the crowd, of course man like, slipped around the back way to see if the birthday cake would go all around. It was here that words failed him when he realized that many members of his much loved church had planned a surprise for him on this natal day.

Brother and sister Baker were given seats of honor at the head of the table. Brother Crouch, pastor of the Anson church, was

BAPTIST MEETING NOW IN PROGRESS

Rev. A. M. Dean is the pastor in charge of the present Baptist meeting in progress at the Presbyterian church.

The Presbyterian church was selected as the place to hold the meeting on account of the provisions having been already made there for the comfort of those attendance. Rev. Dean is assisted in the work of the meeting by the local pastor Rev. W. M. Gaddy.

also given a seat with the honor. After Brother Baker has expressed his appreciation and sister Baker had added a postscript all reverently stood while Rev. Crouch asked the blessing. At the conclusion all joined in a praise service ending with singing "Praise God for whom all blessings Flow" About 75 guests were present 18 being grandchildren. One son Jim Baker and his wife and one daughter Mrs. Jim Warnick and her husband were present. A son Hugh Baker who lives in California could not be present but he will get a piece of cake as his wife and children passed through that afternoon enroute to their home from Elm Dale. Brother Baker and his wife are greatly beloved by all, having made this their home for over thirty years. The Mail extends congratulations and best wishes for many more happy years of service and that each year will have at least one or more happy birthdays.

SUCCESSFUL MEET AT TRENT CLOSED

Elder G. W. Cypert is at home from Trent where he has been for the past week holding a meeting.

Elder Cypert reports excellent success for only a weeks meet. There were 23 additions to the church during his seven days preaching, 21 of whom were admitted by baptism.

22 PEOPLE HERE IN 3 NIGHTS SHOW

Manager H. F. Groene of the Cozy Airdome has booked for Thursday, Friday and Saturday September 3, 4 and 5th, the MOREDOCK & WATSON WHITE MINSTRELS, featuring Buddy Moredock and Frankie Harris in the "Mobile Kid", also Rose and Sinclair and a score of others presenting a two and 1/2 hours entertainment of fun and mirth.

According to Manager Groene this is probably the strongest company playing in west Texas this year. They are in Abilene the first three nights of next week and in Merkel the following three. The prices will be, for children 25 cents, adults 35 cents. The show going public in witnessing this entertainment will be given one of the clearest and cleanest minstrel performances ever seen at Merkel. Make your reservations for box seats in advance. (adv.)

Cotton Yard Notice.

I will be located this year due north of the business portion of Merkel on the third block with quick service and accurate weights and the market price for your cotton seed and insurance for your stored cotton.

I will highly appreciate a share of your business. G. R. Gazzaway.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Payne and daughters Misses Elva and Ruby of Abilene have moved to Merkel and will occupy the Gunn residence on Elm street. Misses Elva and Ruby Payne have been elected to teach in the Merkel schools during the coming year.

Elder and Mrs. G. W. Cypert are at Trent visiting the latter's brother H. L. Owens who is reported dangerously ill with dropsy.

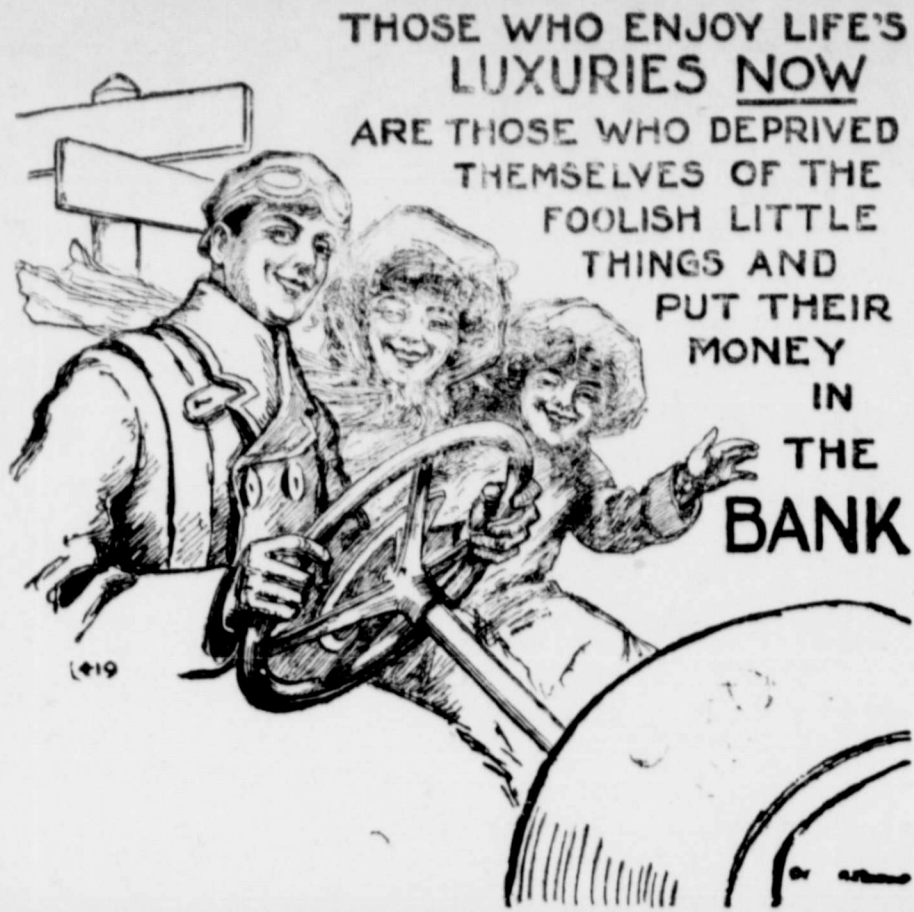
Miss Duncan Browning is in Big Springs this week visiting friends.

Mrs. Dr. Morris of Fort Worth is here visiting her sister Mrs. S. F. Annis.

Mrs. S. F. Annis returned home Tuesday from Colorado where she spent the past month with her son J. D. Annis.

Miss Alta Foster of Doxey, Okla., is the guest of her aunt Mrs. S. F. Annis.

Lee Thompson of Detroit is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter this week.



You see him now going by in his car, living in ease; but maybe you didn't see him when he was quietly going to the bank. DEPOSITING what he could get along without. WATCHING HIS BALANCE GROW until finally he had money enough to grasp a business opportunity was the beginning of his FORTUNE.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

DISTRICT COURT OPENS MONDAY

The following are the grand jurors for the Fall term of District court at Abilene which convenes there Monday morning.

James E. Hurt, J. E. Chandler, H. O. Wooten, J. J. Nicholson, W. A. Parmelly, J. T. Warren, Abner Taylor, J. A. Boyce, H. M. Rainbolt, P. O. Forbus, Henry Steen, Tam Cannon, Luther J. Week, Sam Butman, Sr., C. P. Booker and R. M. Beasley.

The fall term of the Forty-second Judicial District Court will convene in the United States Federal building. In some respects it will be different from other terms. However, the usual docket will come up, but it will be different from former dockets by the fact that the docket will be crowded by suits filed by the State of Texas against many property owners in the county who have failed to pay their delinquent taxes. These suits will run into the hundreds, the total and accurate number of which is not procurable on account of the fact that those against whom suits have been filed have in numerous instances forestalled judicial proceeding by paying the arrears and setting themselves right in the sight of the state law touching those points.

The original docket will be about of the usual order. So far as known no serious crimes have occurred in the county within the past year. The work of the grand jury will, however, be thorough and everything will be threshed out.

Judge Thomas L. Blanton is the judge of this court who will preside; Walter L. Morris, district attorney, and J. Fuller, district clerk.

The following is the petit jury list for the second week, there being no first week jury:

James Eoff, Merkel; J. W. Evans, Abilene; T. J. Stephenson, Abilene; A. H. Spencer, Ovalo; H. B. Chambless, Merkel; E. A. Blank, Caps; T. C. Crofton, Ovalo; T. N. Ramsey, Abilene; W. J. Thompson, Abilene; Mac Sayles, Abilene; C. B. Swindle, Tuscola; J. C. Montgomery, Abilene; W. F. Joiner, Tye; J. E. Henry, Abilene; B. N. Davis, Ovalo; M. D. Richard, View; J. H. Landers, Ovalo; C. P. Timbes, Abilene; J. W. Capman, Abilene; H. B. Farrow, Abilene; T. A. Rippy, Ovalo; H. F. Bailey,

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A large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone sells for fifty cents. Get the genuine and if you are not pleased with it the druggist from whom you bought it will give your money back with a smile.

MERKEL & TRENT GO TO ABILENE

Thursdays Texas & Pacific east bound train No. 4 was loaded to the top with Merkel and Trent people on their way to Abilene to attend the W. O. W. Log Rolling of Thursday and today.

Those going from here were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McNeese, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield Mrs. J. A. Provine, Miss Leisla Sandlin, Miss Mary Clark, Mrs. J. F. Provine, Mrs. G. S. Walker, Messrs W. M. Elliott, C. L. McNeese, J. R. Ingram, Ernest Moore, J. L. Bradley of O'Brien, C. R. Tittle, W. A. Hall, Walter Moore, J. H. Warnick, J. G. Jackson, Rapp and Joe Greene and W. A. Scott.

G. C. Comegys took advantage of the round trip ticket to Abilene but extended his trip to Clyde for the day.

The Trent people seen on the train were W. E. Hamner, F. H. Duncan, E. M. Sherman, J. M. Smith, Geo. Smith, C. T. Beckham, Ray Ceassueax, Ernest Sellers, Will Craddock and Adams of Wichita Falls.

Both the Merkel and the Trent delegates are expecting one of the largest crowds at Abilene ever assembled at a Woodman gathering in this part of the state. Good times and fraternal feeling is the slogan.

Moro; J. E. Costephens, Merkel; Frank Smith, Ovalo; C. C. Compere, Abilene; S. E. Friend, Buffalo Gap; W. E. Petty, Merkel; T. M. Mayhew, Bradshaw; T. M. Sleeper, Abilene.

WORLDS FAIR VOTES AND THE RUNNERS

The following list of contestants were those whose names have been entered in the Worlds Fair Contest of the W. D. Woodroof Co., of this place and their standing in the first count taken at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Miss Armedia Wheeler of Noodle received the highest number of votes in the first weeks count and the winner of a \$5.00 set of Rogers silverware.

The votes will be counted each Wednesday and the standing of the contestants published in the Merkel Mail. At the last count each month the contestant receiving the largest number of votes for that month will be awarded a prize similar or even better than the prize of this week.

Miss Orra Lee Hester.....	3000
" Hattie Stonecipher.....	4545
" Hallie Moore.....	3225
" Carrie Shannon.....	2500
" Lula Cogburn.....	3115
" Frankie Campbell.....	3000
" Beulah Whetsell.....	3805
" Kate Bradley.....	2885
" Mary Boothe.....	2980
" Della McClain.....	3000
" Jewell Anderson.....	2060
" Emma Braune.....	2320
" Alline Barbee.....	2150
" Ethel Jones.....	3000
" Lera Daniel.....	6135
" Armedia Wheeler.....	7025
" Irene Swann.....	4350
" Emma Mashburn.....	4060
" Carrie Horton.....	3250
" Mertie Rogers.....	2850
" Mattie Jones.....	4295
" Ruby Browning.....	5805
" Mary Wasson.....	3290
" Bertha Ely.....	4340
" Myrtle Farris.....	4985
" Sallie Anderson.....	5760
" Beatrice Powell.....	3260
" Ethel Ensminger.....	3250
" Mary Massey.....	2250
" May Reynolds.....	2375
" Gertrude Stanley.....	3740
" Cleo Barnes.....	3360
" Vera Hogan.....	3475
" Hester Snow.....	4345
" Lilly Lattimer.....	3665
" Ambre Neighbors.....	3760
" Sallie Blackburn.....	4335
" Emma Clark.....	5425
" Amandie Alexander.....	4115
" Mattie Bird.....	2870
" May Lassiter.....	4440
" Dovie Teaff.....	3850
" Emma Tipton.....	2465
" Georgia Moore.....	2110
" Selina Teaff.....	5775
" Alice Smith.....	2780
" Ennis Ford.....	4230
" Ida Petterson.....	3615
" Ruby Touchstone.....	1500
" Genevieve Rust.....	1500
" May Wilson.....	1500
" Ida Taylor.....	1500

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Our Ladies Ready-To-Wear Department is an interesting spot these days. Every express adds items of interest to the splendid showing of early fall fashions in this department. Our buyer has just returned from the greatest style center of the world. Our showing of Ladies Ready-to-Wear is the largest and most complete we have ever made. Come in and let us show you. We have also received a full line of Dress Goods, Silks, Gingham, Outings. In fact we have a store full of all the newest things in fall merchandise.

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SUITS RANGE \$12.50, 15, 18.50, 20, 22.50, 25 and up to \$45

COATS RANGE \$3.50, 5, 6.50, 7.50, 10, 12.50 and up to \$35

Watch this store for correct styles for the new season---No freaks but real

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Jackie Jennings is at home from Midland where she visited Mrs. Charles Edwards. She attended a house party seventy five miles from Pecos on the Edwards ranch.

Mrs. J. E. Hallingsworth visited her brother Dan Rawlings in Trent the past week.

Miss Era Brady and grandmother are at home from White-wright where they visited relatives.

Order your clothes from Lamm and Co., and have fits. L. J. Renfro, agent.

Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt visited her daughter Mrs. C. A. Fryar and family in Abilene the past week.

Miss Ruby Walker has returned to her home at De Leon.

Misses Evelyn Gaddy and Duncan Browning are at home from a visit with Miss Claire Tate of Abilene. They were guests of honor at a pretty morning party given by their hostess Saturday morning.

Better have that Palm Beach suit fixed up now. L. J. Renfro, Tailor.

Mrs. Andy Brown of Nubia is here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hicks.

Little Miss Elizabeth Gaither is in Mexia visiting her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Harris.

See my Fall Winter samples before ordering your overcoat. L. J. Renfro, Tailor.

Mrs. Lindsey is here from Winters visiting her daughter Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.

Miss Flay Gunn is at home from a visit with friends in San Marcos and Mineral Wells.

Mrs. T. W. Cotton of Jackboro is visiting her sister Mrs. Carl Evans.

Special price on Singer sewing machines, the best machines on earth. Sold on one, two and three years time without interest. E. D. Coats.

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New fancy ribbon at J. P. Sharp's.

Judge F. Horton of Dallas was here last week visiting his brother J. P. Horton of the Noodle country.

J. L. Ferguson of Pottsville, Hamilton county came in last Saturday to visit his uncle T. G. Fergusson of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Calvert of Sweetwater were here Sunday visiting the former's mother Mrs. J. C. Calvert and family.

Ladies tailored suits arriving at J. P. Sharp's.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pate, daughter Miss Jewell and son Milton are in Abilene this week visiting friends. Mr. Pate attends the log rolling while there.

Mrs. Clayton Brown is in Alford the guest of her father Mr. Stephens.

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.

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Miss Lizzie Mae Freeman, milliner with the Anchor Mercantile Co., is in the markets this week making purchases of fall and winter goods for her department of the above mentioned store.

All sorts of new dress goods at J. P. Sharp's.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Sallie Toombs visited in Abilene Thursday.

Mrs. R. L. Moore of Rising Star is here the guest of friends.

Misses Exa and Alice Burns of Anson are visiting Mrs. Earl Lassiter and the Misses Teaffs.

I carry a complete line of fresh drugs at all times. See me for your wants. Mrs. E. M. Rust, proprietor, The Rexall Drug Store.

Mrs. John R. Daniel came down from Colorado City to spend Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel.

Mrs. Mary Smith of Colorado is visiting her daughter Mrs. B. D. Black this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Howell of Dora visited the latter's father Mr. B. M. Black last week.

See N. D. Cobb for Tombstones and Monuments.

Mrs. E. H. Harrison is at home from Abilene where she visited Mrs. Ward.

Mrs. J. M. Morris and baby of Eastland visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tucker the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rister are at home from view where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Drummond.

New clothing for the men at Sharp's.

Miss Lizzie Keny and Mrs. B. N. Billingsley visited the family of the former's brother S. P. Keny at Crowell last week.

Big shipment of shoes at Sharp's.

Miss Velma St. John of Cisco was a week end visitor of Miss Genevieve Rust.

As I haven't time to look after the notes and accounts of the Rust & McCauley Drug Co., and for the convenience of those indebted to the above Company I have placed them in the hands of the Merkel Collecting Agency for adjustment. Mrs. E. M. Rust.



THE SECRET'S OUT

For four months, commencing two weeks ago, we shall give votes on all purchases. These votes are to be cast in the ballot box in our store, and counted each week by a committee, composed of

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The person holding the greatest number of votes at the end of four months will go to San Francisco at our expense in 1915. The ticket will be given to the winner at any time after the starting of the Exposition. We shall give votes for four months only at the rate of 100 for a dollar with the exceptions noted in the regulations elsewhere in this issue. For further information we would refer you to these regulations concerning our Trade Extension Plan. Notify us today if you desire to save votes for yourself; or if you do not care to do this, nominate your friend as a saver of these votes. In addition, it would be well for you to call and examine the list of those who are already saving votes, and notify us whom you wish to vote for in order that we may advise them of the fact. This week we have published a list of those saving votes, and the total which they have to their credit will be found in other columns of this paper.

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This coupon when returned to us will be exchanged for 100 Votes. W. D. Woodroof & Company

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Eat less meat if you feel Backachy or have bladder trouble—Take glass of Salts.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which excites the kidneys, they become overworked from the strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poisons from the blood, then we get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, stop eating meat and get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast and in a few days your kidneys will act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate the kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.

Singing Convention at Kale.

The Taylor county singing convention will meet at Kale, four miles north west of Merkel on Saturday night before the second Sunday in September.

Pres. Luther J. Webb of Potosi was here Friday making some arrangements for the meet and requests that every class in the county have delegates present at the Kale meeting which will extend over until Sunday. An all day singing will be held Sunday with a basket dinner for those in attendance.

COMMITTS SUICIDE BY DROWNING

Olaf Oleson, of Swedish decent, about 39 years old, committed suicide last Friday morning by drowning himself in a pond of water known as the Saragosa Spring.

Wednesday of last week some of the neighbors in passing this man's house heard an unusual noise in the house. They went in and found him to be in a demented condition. They summoned a physician and after they gave him some medicine he appeared to be at himself and Friday morning he was seen going in the direction of this pond of water and up to noon he had not returned home. In the afternoon at about 3 o'clock, Messrs Will Rhea, Wigley and Gould went down the creek in search of him and about a mile below Oleson's house they came to the spring and found his hat and shoes lying near the edge of the water. They began to drag the hole and about 5 o'clock that evening they found the body.—Pecos Times.

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-I-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.

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Ah! what relief. No more tired feet; no more burning feet, swollen, bad smelling, sweaty feet. No more pain in corns, callouses or bunions. No matter what ails your feet or what under the sun you've tried without getting relief, just use "TIZ."

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Get a 25 cent box at any drug or department store, and get relief.



Thanks Merkel People.

Not being in position to financially pay for the many favors I received while sick in the town of Merkel I take this method of thanking those who assisted me.

Especially do I want to thank Dr. Cranford for the interest he displayed in my case and Mrs. J. A. Collins for the care I received at her hands. My stay at Merkel greatly benefitted me for I was almost a physical wreck on reaching the town. On departing I was almost a new man and with an object in view to repay for the services I received while in Merkel. Very respectfully,
Thos. R. Legrande.

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.

SUITS FILLED FOR DISTRICT COURT

The following are some of the of the recent suits filled for District Court which opens at Abilene, Monday August 31st.

H. H. Hamm vs E. J. Crowley No 3332 Dist. Court, Try Tittle.

Ed S. Hughes vs F. D. Bumpass No 3333 Dist. Court, Foreclosure.

W. F. Prince vs Sallie A. Barlow et al No 3334 Dist. Court.

J. M. Radford Gro. Co. vs W. M. McLauri No 3335 Dist. Court, Foreclosure.

Paul Hoppe vs J. E. Dunn et al No. 3336 Dist. Court, Foreclosure.

1st. St. Bank vs L. D. McIntire et al No 3337 Dist. Court, Foreclosure.

J. M. Wilkerson vs Josie Wilkerson No 3338 Dist. Court, Divorce.

Pete O'Berg vs Nettie O'Berg No 3339 Dist. Court, Divorce.

Mrs. Susan M. Smelser vs W. S. Smelser No 3340 Dist. Court, Divorce.

Mrs. Emma Daniel vs W. T. Daniel No 3341 Dist. Court, Divorce.

W. P. Lane vs J. F. Cunningham et al No 3342 Foreclosure.

H. A. Tillett Tr. vs B. W. Owens et al No 3343 Dist. Court, Foreclosure.

Mrs. T. A. Harris who has been here the past three months visiting her mother Mrs. Alice Touchstone and other relatives returned to her home at Dallas Thurseay.

DARKEN GRAY HAIR, LOOK YOUNG, PRETTY

Grandma's recipe of Sage Tea and Sulphur darkens so naturally that nobody can tell.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome. Nowadays, by asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," you will get a large bottle of this famous old recipe for about 50 cents.

Don't stay gray! Try it! No one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy.

Cotton Pickers Furnished.

I will furnish Mexican cotton pickers to farmers who make application to me immediately. Write or see me at Trent. Sam Leal. 28t4pd.

Miss Burkett's Music Class.

Miss Beulah Burkett, who has been elected by the trustees of the Merkel Public School as piano and voice instructor in connection with the schools here, will begin teaching Monday morning Aug. 31st.

Further information may be had by calling on or phoning Miss Burkett at Mrs. E. Hall's on or after Friday August 28th.

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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Owing to the extremely high prices of meats, we will dis-continue to handle Beef and Pork. We have made an honest effort to give you the very best fresh meats that money could buy, but the unusually high prices of meats makes it impossible for us to continue this part at present.

REMEMBER, we will still handle boiled and cured Hams, FRESH Pork Sausage, Chili and many other market specialties. Also FRESH BREAD AND FRESH FRUITS.

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Happy Reunion.

Mrs. J. C. Calvert's home was the scene of a happy reunion Saturday evening when all the children and their families gathered under the home roof and enjoyed a supper "such as only mother can cook." Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Martin and daughter Julia. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Calvert and children of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell and little daughter, Misses Lizzie and Eva Calvert and a brother-in-law B. E. Calvert of Foreston, Ellis County, and his children Misses Ina May and Morris Calvert.

The Baptist Philathea class met with Misses Teaff at their home near Merkel Thursday afternoon. At the business period \$5.00 was pledged for the Buckner's Orphans home at Dallas. Plans were made to prepare the box of clothing which is annually sent to the child the Philathea girls clothe. An hour was then spent with needlework. Fruit, Punch and nabiscos were served. Misses Willie Wheeler, and Sophia Howard joined the class. Others present were Mesdames Tucker and Kerbow of Fulbright, T. R. Lassiter, Lindsey of Winters, W. R. Walker, J. T. Warren, and J. N. Teaff. Misses Winnie Warren, May Lassiter, Evelyn Gaddy, Florence Holmes, Agnes Lassiter, Maggie Wheeler, Lula and Ola Sharp, Irene Swann, Nell Tracy, Sadie and Annie Collins, Selina and Olive Teaff, and the hostesses Dollie, Dovie and Mary.

Misses Winnie Warren and Valeria Dye were joint hostesses Friday when they went to the Warren Pasture with their Sunday School Classes for a day's outing. Baskets and hampers of dainty prepared lunches were carried along and spread for the picnickers. Those going were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain, Mrs. Brady, Misses Frances Burroughs, Winnie Warren and Valeria Dye, Messrs Taylor Jennings and Rufford Evans. The members of the Baptist Sunday School present were Misses Louise Warren, Pearl Toombs, Ruby Hamm, Annie May Swann, Madge Dean, Amanda Brady and Dixie Howard. Messrs Ed Scott, Nim Teaff, Booth Warren, Will Merritt, Lewis Swann, Roy Holmes, Doyle Garrett, Claude and A. V. Dye.

Miss Genevieve Rust honored her guest Miss Velma St. John of Cisco with a box party at the Cozy Saturday evening. Those present were Misses Eva Walters, Eugenia and Carroll Rister, Tommie Lou Coggin, Winnie Warren, Frances Burroughs the honoree and hostess. Messrs Robert Hicks, Ben T. Merritt, James West, H. C. Burroughs Jr., Oscar Pate, Emmitt Grimes and Claud Sears. Mrs. E. M. Rust chaperoned the party which returned home with Miss Rust where they were served with cream and cake.

Last Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock a call meeting of the Woman's Missionary society was held at the M. E. Church to elect delegates to the District meeting that will convene at Baird in Sept. The delegates elected were Mesdames J. L. Harris, H. C. Burroughs and Ed. R. Wallace.

On Thursday of last week Mrs. G. H. Adams entertained her class, the Junior boys of the Methodist church, at her home on Elm St. from 5 to 7 o'clock. The boys played croquet and other games. They were then given a watermelon feast.

Millinery Announcement

1914-15--FALL AND WINTER--1914-15

To my many friends and patrons in Merkel and Merkel country I extend a cordial invitation to view my millinery stock which will soon be on display at

ANCHOR MERCANTILE COMPANY

I am making extensive purchases this week in the markets and will be prepared to show a complete and up-to-date line of millinery goods.

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Miss LIZZIE MAE FREEMON, Milliner

Program for L. A. and Mission Society of the Baptist church Sept. 7th 1914 Subject:

"Church and College vs Cathedral Convent.

1st and 2nd Paragraph.—A backward glance; Mrs. McDonald.
3rd and 4th.—Mrs. Swann.
7th and 8th.—Mrs. Jobe.
6th and 7th.—Mrs. Gaddy.
9th and 10th.—Mrs. Merritt.
11th and 12th.—Mrs. Whittaker.
13th and 14th.—Mrs. Causseaux.
15th and 16th.—Mrs. Counts.
17th and 18th. Mrs. Hall.

This is a subject of vital importance and we hope every member will be present.

Committee,
Mrs. Jobe,
Mrs. Hall.

League Program Aug. 30.

Wickedness of War. Jer. 50:22.
Leader: W. C. Ayers.
Song.
Silent Prayer.
The author of war: Leader.
War's realities: Tennie Pope.
Music: Mary Jennings.
Forces against war: R. L. Moore.
The reign of universal peace: Ollie Shaffer.
Epworth Visitor.
Miscellaneous.
Benediction.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

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.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED—To sell some high-grade pianos. Will take young horses or mules as part payment. E. D. Coats.

FOR SALE—Tombstones of all kinds and styles at various prices. E. D. Coats.

FOR SALE OR TRADE. Good work and driving horse and practically new buggy. Will take cows or yearlings in exchange. J. A. Provine at Express Office.

FOR SALE—My home and 30 acres of land 1 1/2 miles north of depot. B. H. Moore. 4t.

WANTED—To rent a piano for four months. B. H. Moore. 1t.

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September 1st. to 4th.

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September 8th to 11th.

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September 22nd to 25th.

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October 6th to 10th.

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BACK TO AFRICA BOAT IS DELAYED

Galveston, Texas, Aug. 24.—The biggest house boat party ever held by the colored race in the South, is now in progress at Galveston harbor. The steamship Libera, in which Chief Sam of the Akim trading Company, plans to inaugurate the "Back to Africa" movement of his race, is now detained in Boliver Roads on account of the European war. The Libera flies the British flag, and rumors of German cruisers in the Gulf of Mexico have tied up at Galveston all the British Merchantmen. When the vessel will depart for the announced destination of Salt Pond on the west coast of Africa, is now problematical.

In the meantime the passenger list is over one hundred negro colonists, culled from Oklahoma and Texas communities, is enjoying a record seista. The Libera's decks form a delightful lounging place. Over the rail the family wash of the black mamies on board flies in the breeze. Fishing lines overside keep the "hot cat" supply of the commissariat up to the maximum. At nightfall the sound of old plantation melodies floats out across the harbor to the entertainment of all sailors now in port.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kelsoe of Stith visited the latter's mother Mrs. B. M. Black the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald motored to Abilene Sunday.

Mens new shirts at Sharps. Just arrived.

All kinds of candies at the Elite Confectionary at no advance price.

Mrs. John H. Sadler of Austin visited her sister Mrs. Tolbert Robertson and other relatives here the past week.



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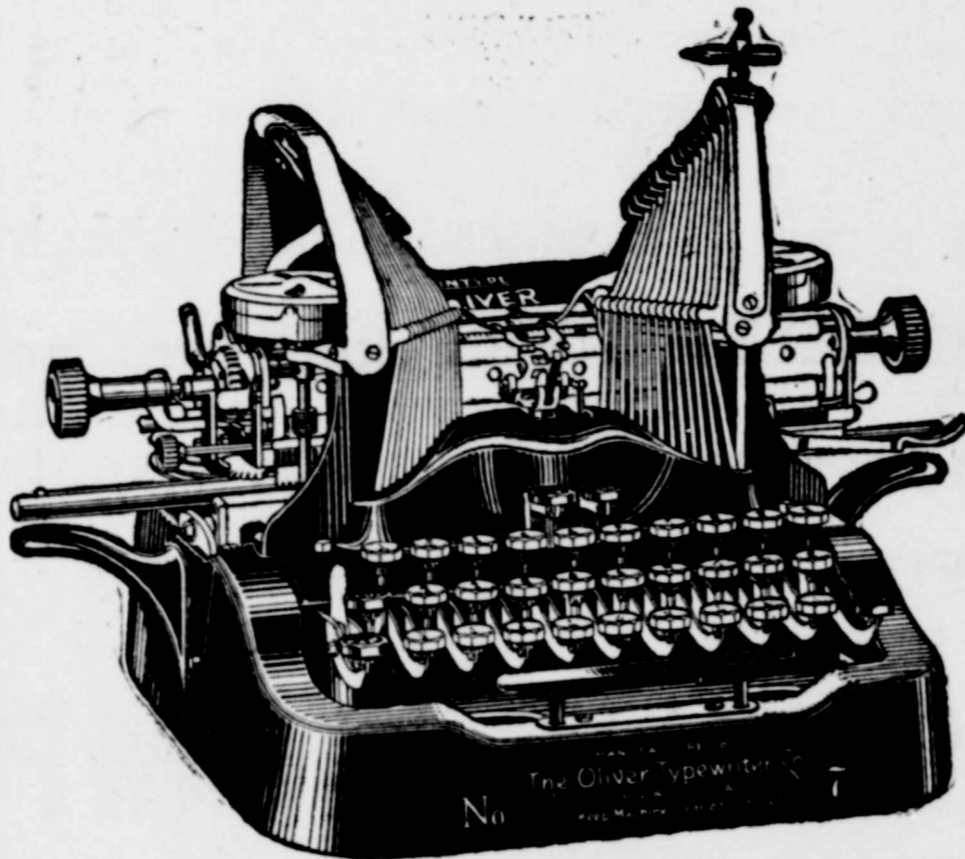
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in force our 17 cent a day plan the same as on previous Oliver models. The Oliver No. 7 equipped with the famous Printype, if desired, without extra charge. You owe it to yourself to see the new machine before you buy any typewriter at any price. Note its beauty, speed and easy action, its wonderful automatic devices. Try it on any work that is ever done on typewriters. Try it on many kinds of work that no other typewriter will do. It is a significant fact that the typewriter that introduced such epoch-making innovations as visible writing, visible reading, Printype, etc. should be the first to introduce automatic methods of operation.

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TEXAS FACTS

POPULATION.

Texas had 3,896,542 people in 1910, according to the Federal Census.

Our population at the present time is approximately 4,500,000.

The first Texas Census, taken in 1850, showed 212,595 persons in the state.

Texas ranks fifth with other states in population, having wrested that place from Missouri during the past decade.

In 1850 Texas ranked twenty-fifth with other states in population.

The 1910 population classifies—3,204,848 white, 690,049 negroes, 702 Indians, 595 Chinese, 340 Japanese, 6 Filipinos and 2 Hindus.

Eighty-two and two-tenths per cent of our population is white, 17.7 negro, and 1 per cent Indians, Chinese, Japanese and others.

There are 242,000 persons in Texas who were born in foreign countries.

Seventy-six per cent of our population is rural and 24 per cent urban. There are 2,017,626 males and 1,878,916 females in Texas.

We have '09 white males to every 100 white females in Texas.

We have a million persons in Texas who have moved here from other states. Most of them came from Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas.

There are 20,000 negroes in Texas who came here from Louisiana.

Seventy-five per cent of the native white population in Texas were born in this state.

For every person who leaves Texas and moves to some other state in the Union, we get eight in return.

Cochran county in 1910 had only 65 persons living within its borders.

Headache Gone

Rub a little Hunt's Lightning Oil on and the pain is gone almost instantly. For neuralgia and rheumatism it seldom fails to give instant relief. Don't suffer pain when this splendid remedy can be purchased at your drug store.

Best Qualities of Wood.

Unlike most other timber, the straighter and better formed trees do not yield the most highly prized quality of lumber. It is the crooked irregular logs that possess the best figured wood. The best qualities of wood are obtained from trees over one hundred years old, which rarely have a clear length of more than 12 feet. The most beautiful grained wood is in the roots and burls.

Stop That Rheumatism.

Get a bottle of Hunt's Lightning Oil. This is the remedy that everyone is talking about because it stops the pain so quickly. For neuralgia and headaches there is nothing better. Ask your druggist.

Grump Defined.

Somebody wants to know what a rump is. A grump is a male who does not read the sporting news.

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THE ONLY GENUINE
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KEEPS FLESH IN TONE
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On Farm and Ranch Lands in Taylor, Jones, Nolan and Fisher Counties.

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Did She?

"Do you know, Ethel," said Grace, "overheard George say to Fred that although he loves me and wants to propose, whenever he is near me he is too nervous to speak." "Then, my dear," replied Ethel, "I suppose you will be calling him up on the telephone soon."

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.

**MIDLAND COUNTY
FAT STOCK SHOW**

Midland has a reputation, well tablished, for doing things. The hospitality of her people is known to be of that liberally refreshing sort that is typically Western and ever accorded with lavish generosity. September 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th are the dates for the Midland County Fair and Fat Stock Show, and it is said that on this occasion Midland is going to transcend all her efforts of the past. More than \$4,000.00 have been expended within the past four weeks in putting the fair grounds in shape and in building improvements, while the program, recently issued, is very elaborate.

There will be truly wonderful exhibits. Nearly 250 head of pure bred and registered cattle have been entered, while other stock exhibits are but little behind the cattle. The agricultural display will be a revelation to everybody, and all other features of the fair will be made wonderfully complete.

As amusement features a thoroughly reliable carnival company has been secured.

There will be two aviation flights each day.

Famous runners, trotters and harness horses have been secured, and there will be racing each afternoon.

The bronc bustin' has its place on the program each day, and \$515 will be awarded in cash prizes. It will be wild and woolly, sure enough.

A goat roping contest is a feature and 15 experts have been entered; and there are other cowboy and range sports galore.

Hon. Jas. E. Ferguson, our next governor-elect, will be there the first day to open the fair, and the railroad rates on all roads in Texas will not be more than one and a third fares for the round trip.

It will be a great time to visit Midland. You will see the town and the country at their best and the people vested in habiliments of merriest hospitality.

Simmon's Liver Purifier.

The mild and pleasant liver medicine, is Simmon's Liver Purifier. It's action is thorough, but pleasant, does not gripe or sicken like other medicines. Sold in 25c boxes by your druggist.

Time Saver.

When you undo a parcel fold the paper and tie the string around it—there will always be string to fit a bundle without looking for it.

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.

Charity.

"Do you think \$20 will be enough to give the minister?" inquired the prospective bridegroom. "You'd better make it \$25," replied the best man "He is going to be married himself next week."

What is Best for Indigestion.

Mr. A. Robinson of Drumkin, 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.

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This store's force is working day and night preparing this stock for the Greatest Fall Opening ever witnessed in Merkel which will be announced at an early date. We want every individual in the entire Merkel district to visit this Fall Opening and witness the surprise which will undoubtedly be in store for you.

THE MILLINERY DEPARTMENT of this Big Store will not only offer the latest creations of the season but will convince you beyond the possibility of a doubt the futility of seeking foreign markets for advantages in prices.

KEEP A LOOK-OUT FOR THEIR BIG OPENING "AD"

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PARTEN DRY GOODS COMPANY'S

BIG STORE

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Compere

The weather has fared up at last. Crops look fine in our midst.

The singing school is progressing nicely.

The Baptist protracted meeting commenced last Monday. The missionary that was to have helped in the meeting has been in bed for the past two weeks with slow fever. We are sorry to state that Rev. Walker is sick.

Henry Palmer of Johnson county is here visiting his mother. He expects to remain and pick cotton for Roman Palmer his brother.

Mrs. W. Edker has returned to her home at Rising Star.

Mrs. Lula Estes is visiting her parents at Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Foster of Noodle visited their parents at Compere this week.

Mrs. Henry is improving we are proud to state.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ashby and the latter's mother left Thursday for Anson.

The protracted meeting closed Sunday.

The singing school close Saturday evening. Quite a number of the Compere people went to Truby to attend the singing convention.

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.

Skin Disease Cured.

Sold under the positive guarantee to refund the money, Hunt's Cure has become the standard remedy for skin diseases. You run no risk in giving it a trial, because it is guaranteed. Ask your druggist.

Noodle.

More rain and that gives me a chance to give you the news so here it comes. Health is good so far as we know.

A. C. Sosebee and family have returned home from Pudaah where they visited friends and relatives.

Mrs. Will Bicknell has been visiting her uncle C. S. Jones of Anson this week.

G. N. Wright and wife attended church at Trent Sunday. Elder Geo. Cypert is conducting a revival meeting there.

Charles Jones is spending a few days with his cousin Will Bicknell.

Quite a number of young folks attended the county singing convention at Truby last Sunday.

G. N. Wright and wife have returned from a two weeks visit at Nugent.

Harvell Jones has gone to Bailey to live with his brother Oliver Jones.

Misses Arminta Harris and Rubie Wheeler attended church at Shiloh Sunday.

The Baptist meeting at this place closed Saturday night. The attendance was large and lots of interest was manifested.

Will Foff and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Beckham of Trent Sunday. This was a happy meeting as Mr. Foff and Mr. Beckham were boys together.

Advertised Letters.

These can be redeemed upon payment of one cent.

Baker, J. W.
Bickerson, Homer
Williams, Sam W.

These will be sent to the dead letter office September 5th.

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

Trent.

W. A. Cozart who has been at the point of death for several days at the home of his daughter Mrs. T. L. Stevens, is reported no better but gradually sinking.

Mrs. Hillburn who has been visiting in Greenville for several weeks has returned. She will make her home with her sister Mrs. D. J. Rawlings.

R. L. Hutcheson and Milton Sherman were in Clyde Sunday visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Virginia Riley who has been here from Coleman visiting her brother W. H. Riley, has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cotton have returned from Fort Worth where they have been on a prospecting tour of several days.

How's This?

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The singing school is progressing nicely.

The Baptist protracted meeting commenced last Monday. The missionary that was to have helped in the meeting has been in bed for the past two weeks with low fever. We are sorry to state that Rev. Walker is sick.

Henry Palmer of Johnson county is here visiting his mother. He expects to remain and pick cotton for Roman Palmer his brother.

Mrs. W. Edker has returned to her home at Rising Star.

Mrs. Lula Estes is visiting her parents at Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Foster of Noodle visited their parents at Compere this week.

Mrs. Henry is improving we are proud to state.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ashby and the latter's mother left Thursday for Anson.

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Noodle.

More rain and that gives me a chance to give you the news so here it comes. Health is good so far as we know.

A. C. Sosebee and family have returned home from Pudaah where they visited friends and relatives.

Mrs. Will Bicknell has been visiting her uncle C. S. Jones of Anson this week.

G. N. Wright and wife attended church at Trent Sunday. Elder Geo. Cypert is conducting a revival meeting there.

Charles Jones is spending a few days with his cousin Will Bicknell.

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Will Foff and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Beckham of Trent Sunday. This was a happy meeting as Mr. Foff and Mr. Beckham were boys together.

Advertised Letters.

These can be redeemed upon payment of one cent.

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Trent.

W. A. Cozart who has been at the point of death for several days at the home of his daughter Mrs. T. L. Stevens, is reported no better but gradually sinking.

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