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## MERKEL POULTRY AND PET STOCK SHOW OPENS DECEMBER 3, 3 DAYS

Sixth Annual Exhibition and Contest to be Largest in History of Association. Bring in Your Chickens Ducks, Geese, Turkeys, Rabbits and various Pets.

The Merkel Poultry and Pet Stock show will open to the world December 3rd, and continue until the 6th, giving one of the best shows ever held in West Texas and promising to be the warmest for competition yet held in our city.

All towns and individuals interested should write O. W. Williams, Secretary, for valuable information concerning the prizes and awards. The catalogue will be distributed within a few days and will contain rules and regulations of the show together with a list of prizes and special awards. Every chicken raiser of the Merkel country should get their show birds in condition for this array of the feathered tribe. Entries will be here from various parts of the state and the home blue winning delegation will be on hand with approximately 250 to 300 chickens.

## THOUGHT FIREBOYS WERE PAID MEN

Last Friday afternoon shortly after the conflagration in the A. H. Thornton residence which resulted in a small damage to the home, some onlookers approached Mr. Thornton and inquired as to the amount of damage.

To the query Mr. Thornton responded, giving low figures which answer did not satisfy the stranger. He then wanted to know what Mr. Thornton would have to pay the fire department for saving the house, stating that he always understood that the owner of a burning home was compelled to pay the fire fighters for their services. Mr. Thornton explained that he was forced to pay the fire boys nothing whatever but through gratitude would donate something as a token of his appreciation. Said stranger was not yet satisfied, he had seen fireboys ruin good clothing, take forced shower baths and he wanted to know what they got out of all their work. Mr. Thornton then explained to the man that they probably got nothing except the fun attached to such wetting an exposures. The inquisitor seemed satisfied with the results of the conversation but surprised that a body of men and boys would take such an interest in their neighbors property without having a cash consideration in view. Probably the fireboys have a big place in the mans heart now as result of the information.

### Pickers Come to Merkel

Cotton pickers continue to come to Merkel in parties of 50 and less, everyday increasing their numbers but yet many fields are without sufficient forces to gather the crops properly. Sunday 50 negroes arrived here from Calvert and next day a large number was seen to leave town in farm wagons going to different parts of the country. Tuesday morning others arrived.

G. O. Cozart came in Tuesday from the west to visit relatives and look after business.

## LITTLE JOHN DICK JACKSON IS DEAD

The hundreds of friends of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Jackson formerly of this place but now of Abilene were shocked Tuesday morning to learn of the death of their four year old baby boy, John Dick one of the most popular little fellows in town. His death takes from a happy home one of the most lovable children we have ever known and it will be a serious shock to the parents. A shock that has marred their plans for a bright future for this little one. It was the pleasure of the writer to have this bright baby boy often in our office and always a spirit of childish affection filled our heart as we would watch him play with the keys of our typewriter in his endeavor to "write a letter" as he would say. There will be no more joyous tapping by him on the keys of our typewriter or the one of his fathers. His absence will forever be noticed by those who knew him.

The following taken from Tuesdays Abilene Reporter gives a full account of the death:

At 2:00 o'clock Tuesday morning death invaded the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jackson, 17th and Grape street, and took their sweet baby boy, John Dick Jackson, aged four. The little fellow had been sick for 10 days but not considered dangerous until 48 hours previous to his death which was caused from nasal diphtheria. All that loving hands and hearts could do was done but to no avail. In life the little fellow was a most precious child and his fond parents are heart broken over his death.

The private funeral occurred at 4:00 p. m. from the family residence and was conducted by Rev. C. N. N. Ferguson, Presiding Elder of this district at the grave.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson moved to Abilene from Merkel only a month ago but they are known by hundreds of Abilene people who extend to them their tenderest sympathies in this sad hour of bereavement. May God, the source of all strength, comfort the hearts of those who mourn, and may the Devine Master, who said: "suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of heaven," give father, mother, sister and other relatives grace to say: "Gods will be done."

"What I do now ye know not, but ye know hereafter."

### Suffers From Poison

Agent J. J. Leighty for the Texas and Pacific Ry. Co., at this place has been suffering the past week with a poisoned finger having stuck the sharp point of an indelible pencil into the finger at the base of the nail. The injured member is improving now and the danger of serious operation passed.

Mrs. Roy Isom has returned to her home at Abilene after a few days visit with her parents and Mrs. S. F. Hay

## MERKEL BIRDS TO SAN ANGELO

With 69 prize winning Merkel chickens in the poultry show ring at San Angelo this week some of our home poultry raisers ought to sweeten their earnings materially from the cash prizes offered there.

Those sending show birds from here were H. P. Wilkins 8 pullets, 2 cock birds, 3 cockrels and 5 hens of the Barred Plymouth Rock stock; A. J. Hartley 2 cock birds, 3 cockrels, 7 hens and pullets, Buff Orpingtons; Henry Rose 2 cockrels, 2 cock birds, 5 pullets and one hen White Wyandotts; R. A. Ellis 3 cockrels and 4 pullets, Rhode Island Reds; O. W. Williams breeder of the W. O. W. strain of White Orpington has one cock bird, 2 cockrels, 4 hens and 5 pullets in the San Angelo show

It was a beautiful sight when all the Merkel chickens were assembled at the Wells Fargo Express office Monday afternoon for shipment. Many chicken fanciers passed judgement on the Merkel birds and in most every case a blue ribbon was awarded by the onlookers.

## 7250 BALES OF COTTON WEIGHED TO DATE--THIRD OF MERKEL CROP

Receipts Continue to Grow Larger Each Week. Heavy Dews Effect Daily Average of Local Gins. Pickers are Still in Demand. Thursday Prices, 7.30 For Top Grades.

Within a weeks time. From Thursday of last week until Thursday noon of this week the total receipts of cotton weighed at Merkel was 1500 bales, the largest weekly receipts of the present season. Thursday noon of last week the receipts were 6750 while the mark stood at

## QUICK WORK SAVES THORNTON HOME

Prompt and efficient work by the Merkel Fire department saved the A. H. Thornton home from flames, Friday of last week

The fire which started in the kitchen ceiling and roof about a flue was under good headway when the alarm was turned in. Firemen responded very quickly and with the aid of extremely high pressure force soon had the flames entirely extinguished with a damage to the home of probably less than \$50.

One peculiarity was brought about when the alarm was turned in and the fire horses were not at the station ready to respond. Shortly before, Fire Chief Ferrier had taken the team to a blacksmith shop to have them shod and the work had not been finished when the fire was reported under headway. The general alarm was held until the team was transferred to the fire station ready for work

This action delayed the department in getting to the burning house very quickly but nevertheless the boys kept their past good record up, saving a valuable home from destruction.

## HALLOWEEN JOKES ONE A FIRE ALARM

Spooks of all kinds were roaming Saturday night doing mysterious things and creating excitement for the entire town for awhile.

Yard gates were taken, signs moved, autos, buggies and various things were taken from their usual sheltering places and conspicuously displayed in many ways. Some practical joker set fire to a refuse stack of straw south of the stock pens causing the fire department to be called out.

### Cotton Fire at Abilene

An early morning fire Sunday caused a property loss of probably \$120 to \$150, when five bales of cotton caught on fire, four of which were damaged beyond redemption. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is the belief of Mr. Ellison, in whose yard the fire occurred that the fire was already in the cotton when it was brought to the yard by a farmer. Another slight fire occurred Sunday evening but was quickly extinguished. The fire company responded to the morning call and assisted in saving much cotton.—Abilene Reporter.

## SATURDAY BEST GIN DAY OF YEAR

Last Saturday was the banner gin day for Merkel for the present season to date. The four gins were crowded to their capacity throughout the day and many farmers were unable to get their cotton ginned until after 10 o'clock at night.

The total for the day according to the gin record was 244 bales: The number does not represent the amount brought here for marketing. A report from the cotton yards shows also the largest weighers day of the season, with a total of 404 bales for the time.

### Advertised Letters

These can be redeemed upon payment of one cent.  
Mrs. M. L. Brown  
Mrs. T. E. Brown  
Sam Johnson  
Allie Roberts  
Tidwell Bros.  
Vera Well.

These will be sent to the dead letter office November 14th  
H. C. Williams, P. M.  
Merkel, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blair of Nubia visited here last week. Mrs. S. F. Hay

## 83 DEMOCRATS, ONE REPUBLICAN AND ONE PROGRESSIVE VOTED HERE

Six Others Scratched up Their Ticket Until it Couldn't be Said Just how They Did Vote 91 in all Registered Their Ballot During the Day. No Disturbances.

## CITY COUNCIL MET MONDAY P.M.

In regular session of the city council Monday evening the amount of \$156.00 in accounts were allowed exclusive of the officers salaries and collections made to the amount of \$130.22 excluding interest on city funds and some fines lately collected.

The proposition on natural or manufactured gas for Merkel was discussed freely and the Secretary instructed to renew correspondence with both the Oklahoma and Abilene companies in regard to the matter. The council also voted to build a drain rack for fire hose at the fire station and to have a lot built at the rear of the station for the team to be exercised in.

The amount of \$41.00 in fines have been collected since the last report exclusive of the court cost. Lloyd Clinton fined \$1.00 and costs on a plea of guilty to a charge of drunkenness. John McLean, John Throop, H. H. Tittle and Jack Barnes were each assessed \$10.00 and costs in a plea of guilty to a charge of gaming.

### Here From Arkansas

L. E. Propst of Jonesboro, Craighead county, Arkansas came in last Thursday morning to spend a few days with his cousin H. L. Propst of this place.

The visiting Mr. Propst is in this section of the state prospecting; having sold his farm and other property holdings of Jonesboro at a handsome price. So far he has not become accustomed to milo maize and kaffir corn and he continually been calling for just plain old corn as a necessity for raising good hogs. Other than this one drawback to Merkel, as Mr. Propst sees it, he is highly pleased with our country and is still looking for a location.

According to the Jonesboro weekly newspaper in a comment of Mr. Propst coming west they state he is one of the most progressive farmers of the entire county; one who believes in raising little cotton, much livestock, vegetables, fruits, melons, peanuts and such things as bring money into the farmer's pockets the year round.

### Moves to Merkel

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blair and family have moved to Merkel from Nubia and will make their home in the future at the Pierce hotel house, which will be under their management in the future.

### W. O. W.

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

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

Mrs. Chas. Hill and children of Granger are visiting the former parents Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

Miss Lura Moore left Thursday

Merkel voters usually 426 strong when an issue is up were represented in the General election Tuesday by 91 voters. Of this number 83 were Democrats and voted a straight ticket, one was a staunch Republican and one a progressive. Six others failed to vote so the presiding judge could tell what they were. In Taylor county the much hooted cotton acreage amendment was defeated by about 100 votes. All other amendments took a sail up the same creek and the Legislators will continue to draw their \$800. per per-diem for special sessions.

Throughout the entire country the Republicans made sweeping gains. Uncle Joe Cannon one of the greatest Republicans of the present day will be in Congress again. New York State probably saw a greater Republican gain than any other state.

Oklahoma continues Democratic.

## PICKS COTTON TO PAY MONEY RENT

One of the strongest lessons possible of the usefulness of the Merkel country has been brought to our attention.

At the same time the fallacy of people are living in less productive parts of the state. At present there is one man working in the Merkel country, making good wages as a cotton picker who is devoting his earnings to pay the balance of money due from renting land in McLennan county of which Waco is the capital city. The name of the party in question has been withheld but the information has been given us by reliable parties of the Noodle community. The man rented McLennan county land for a money consideration. His earnings from the place were not sufficient to liquidate the indebtedness so he started west in search of work. Before reaching Merkel he was again unfortunate and lost his railroad ticket and as a result he was compelled to stop and pick cotton to obtain money to reach his destination. He has finally reached here and is now accumulating funds with which he will pay for the useless use of McLennan county land.

### Late Birth Reports

Sam D. Martin and wife a girl on Nov. 1st.  
Earl Foster and wife a girl on Oct. 29th.  
Tatum Wasson and wife on Oct. 29th a girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Leeton a boy on Oct. 29th.  
Wm. Stass and wife of Stith on Oct. 15th a girl.  
Wesley Derstine and wife Route 2 a girl on Nov. 1st.  
O. F. Darrington and wife Merkel Route 5 a boy on Nov. 4.  
Miss Blanche Walker of Abilene visited her sister Mrs. E. all the past week.  
Miss Barton of Waco here for a

# The Farmers State Bank

OCTOBER 31, 1914

## RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts.....	\$131,266.46
Banking House.....	9,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,500.00
Interest in Guaranty Fund...	791.55
Cash and Exchange.....	42,292.42
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$188,350.43</b>

## LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	2,083.00
<b>DEPOSITS</b> .....	<b>125,402.12</b>
Bills Payable.....	25,514.65
Reserve for Taxes.....	350.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$188,350.43</b>

Our money is loaned to customers, as shown by above statement.  
No hoarding here. We solicit your business.

### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

#### Butman.

There is talk of getting a rural route for this community. We hope it will be secured as there will be mail only once a week from this on owing to a change made by the postoffice department.

Charlie Lewis has returned from Dallas where he had been attending the fair. While there he rustled himself ten laborers, paid their fares to Merkel and three of them slipped away from him, thus beating him out of over \$18.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Whisenhunt of Cross Roads visited at Mr. W. Turners Sunday.

Andy Hunter claims to be the luckiest of three men in this country owing to the fact that he ginned three bales Saturday.

Miss Victoria Warlick of Commerce, one of the teachers for Butman school arrived Saturday. Her many friends and pupils were glad to see her.

The many friends and former pupils Miss Dota Garrouthe were shocked to hear of the misfortune which befell her. We trust she will enjoy a speedy recovery as she has been employed to teach Butman school.

Some of the young people of Butman attended Sunday school at White Church.

The farmers are all praying for favorable weather to expedite cotton picking.

Omitted from last week.

The wintry antipathies of nature have absconded and sunny days of the kind congeniality are welcome guests again, and life seems a merry contest of frivolous jocosness which adds elixir to ecstatic felicity.

W. Turner made a business trip to Merkel Monday. He reported that no street sprinklers were in evidence.

Ideal weather conditions have necessitated resumption of operations at Butman gin.

Owing to inauspicious weather many boys around here who were bent on going to Dallas to see Beachy fly were compelled to forego their plans.

A number of farmers here are going to sow grain when the ground gets dry enough to permit.

Misses Ila Mae Anderson and Verdie Turner have been engaged for the past week taking orders for household furnishing companies. They say they aim to give them a present for their work.

The writer was in the "City in lover" Monday and from the number of people of different racial indications there it resembled a cosmopolitan hospice rather than a quiet, peaceful ostentation vending mart.

Have you noticed the "W... Delavid

comet yet? It can be seen of clear mornings in the northeast from about five o'clock until twilight.

Mr. Wood prophetically declares that the sign forebode a rise in the price of cotton pretty soon. We trust that Uncle George's prognosticating adequacies are by no means defunct.

#### Stops Rheumatic Pain Right Now

It is astonishing how quickly Hunt's Lightning Oil relieves pain. Rub it on and the hurting fades away almost instantly. That's why so many people keep it in their home for one never knows when they will need this excellent liniment. For neuralgia, headache and the like there is nothing better. Sold by all druggists in 25c and 50c bottles. adv

#### Route Three

Cotton picking is the order of the day. Some are hauling their feed stuff.

Rev. Huddleston filled his regular appointment at Rock Crossing Sunday. There was no Sunday School.

Miss Ava Harris who has had the typhoid fever is able to be up again.

Rev. Rodgers will preach at Rock Crossing Sunday.

Mrs. Sammie Frazier and Mrs. Laura Waldon were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Rev. Morrison preached at Mount Pleasant Sunday night.

There was a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith's Thursday night. All report a good time.

We will have our B. Y. P. U. program Sunday night at Mt. Pleasant. Everyone is invited to attend.

Misses Mae and Daisy Rister are visiting their uncle Frank Berryman.

The party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Berryman Saturday night was attended by a large crowd and all report a very pleasant time.

#### Salt Branch.

The health of this community is very good at this writing.

J. P. Petty of Clyde is visiting relatives in this community.

There was a candy breaking at T. C. Allens Saturday night and all report a nice time.

Emery Petty purchased a new binder one day this week.

W. J. Higgins and S. W. Taylor made 1,000 gallons of Syrup off of five acres of sugar cane.

Quite a crowd took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. E. Petty Sunday. All report a nice time and a good dinner.

Sunday School and singing were well attended Sunday.

Willis Taylor visited Edd and Homer Shipley Saturday night.

#### Sick Headache

This distressing disease results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by taking Chamberlain's. For sale by all adv

### STATEMENT

## Farmers and Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business October 31st, 1914

### RESOURCES

Loans.....	\$98,409.41
U. S. Bonds—par.....	8,750.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	3,600.00
Real Estate.....	6,657.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund.....	1,062.50
<b>Cash and Exchange</b> .....	<b>69,891.72</b>
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$188,370.88</b>

### LIABILITIES

Capital.....	\$25,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	28,368.11
Circulation.....	21,250.00
Bills Payable.....	None
Rediscouts.....	None
Other Borrowed Money.....	None
<b>Deposits</b> .....	<b>113,752.77</b>
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$188,370.88</b>

With ample Capital, plenty of Cash and no borrowed money, we are in position to offer the best of service.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.

## CALOMEL DYNAMITES YOUR LIVER! MAKES YOU SICK AND SALIVATES

"Dodson's Liver Tone" Starts Your Liver Better Than Calomel and You Don't Lose a Day's Work

Live up your sluggish liver! Feel fine and cheerful; make your work a pleasure; be vigorous and full of ambition. But take no nasty, dangerous calomel because it makes you sick and you may lose a day's work. Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel crashes into your bile like dynamite, breaking it up. That's when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. Listen to me! If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver

Tone tonight. Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal money-back guarantee that each spoonful will clean your sluggish liver better than a glass of nasty calomel and that it won't make you sick.

Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working; headache and dizziness gone; stomach will be sweet and bowels regular.

Dodson's Liver Tone is entirely vegetable, therefore harmless and can not salivate. Give it to your children. Millions of people are using Dodson's Liver Tone instead of dangerous calomel now. Your druggist will tell you that the sale of Calomel is almost stopped entirely here.

### MERKEL COLLECTING AGENCY

ADJUSTMENTS MADE ANYWHERE

Our system of making collection or adjustment of your past due notes and accounts is best for you and customer, endorsed by banks and business men. Affiliated with Retail Merchants Association and banks of Texas. All business strictly confidential, and on a commission basis.

IRA A. STRONG, MANAGER FARMERS STATE BANK

### Trail of The Lonesome Pine



Mr. Chas Newton.

Who will appear here in the big Scenic Production of "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," in the leading role of JOHN HALE.

This beautiful story written by John Fox, Jr. has been dramatized and put in a very beautiful play in 4 acts, replete with all special scenery, with Miss Dorrit Ashton as "June" supported by an all Star cast, with Vaudeville between acts. The press and public say, positively one of the best opera companies traveling the South. Seats will be on sale at the Elite Confectionery Saturday, 25-50 and 75 cents. One night only, Monday, November 9th. at Opera House. Adv

#### The Magic Washing Stick

I am perfectly delighted with the Magic Washing Stick. It makes the clothes so pretty and white and it saves time and labor. I would give it for nothing I have ever used. I can recommend it highly as a labor saver as you don't have to rub the clothes at all writes Mrs. M. A. Graham, Dustin, Okla. Guaranteed to contain no lye, acid, alkali or any injurious ingredient. A truly wonderful article. Three Magic Washing Sticks for 25c. Sold by grocers and druggists or sent by mail. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas. adv

#### Thirty Licenses to Wed in October

The following are the marriage licenses issued during the month of October, 30 in number, and the names of those to whom they were issued:

J S Anderson and Miss Lida Humphreys, R L Britton and Miss Nora Harrison, J T Washburn and Miss Alma Smith, J O Green and Miss Willie Lou Darby, J W Ferrell and Miss Carrie Belle Manley, N C Robins and Miss C E Yoes, A V Hawkins and Miss Etta Riddle, Ernest Klepper and Miss Lula England, H V Hargrove and Mrs Beatrice Gray, B K Bruce and Ethel Williams, R D Burlson and Mrs Bonnie B Seaborn, Marcus Smith and Miss Madge Barnett, Kellie Dudley and Miss Hattie Stonecipher, W T Maddox and Miss Stella Dean, E F Clark and Miss Willie Coats, Lee Sanders and Miss Artie Mullican, Alex J Miller and Miss Ruby Morris, H Taylor and Miss Gertrude Pore, W D Seak and Miss Doris Hodge, L H Min and Miss Alma Tapp, F E Allyn and Miss Inez Trent, C E Spen-

#### Best Cough Medicine for Children

"Three years ago when I was living in Pittsburgh one of my children had a hard cold and coughed dreadfully. Upon the advice of a druggist I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough remedy and it benefited him at once. I find it the best cough medicine for children because it is pleasant to take. They do not object to taking it," writes Mrs. Lafayette Tuck, Homer City, Pa. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult. Sold by all dealers. adv

**IS YOUR BLOOD RICH?**

Poor Blood is the indirect cause of much winter sickness—it allows chills, invites colds and sickness.

NOURISHMENT alone makes blood—not drugs or liquors—and the nourishing food in Scott's Emulsion charges summer blood with winter richness and increases the red corpuscles.

Its Cod Liver Oil warms the body, fortifies the lungs, and alleviates rheumatic tendencies.

YOUR DRUGGIST HAS IT. SHUN SUBSTITUTES.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days  
Your druggist will refund money if PAIN-RELEASING OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives ease and rest. See.

# MORE SPECIALS ADDED

## AND SALE AT WOODROOF'S CONTINUED

### Ladies' Hats

BIG REDUCTION

\$5.00 Values.....	\$3.50
4.00 Values.....	2.85
7.50 Values.....	5.00
10.00 Values.....	7.25

### Children's Hats

ALSO REDUCED

### Ladies' Suits

AND COATS

Ladies \$15.00 Suits and Coats special.....	\$10.50
Ladies 12.50 Suits and Coats special.....	9.95
Ladies 18.50 Suits and Coats special.....	14.95
Ladies 20.00 Suits and Coats special.....	15.95

### \$5 Off on New Suits for Men \$5

Men's latest Fall and Winter Suits. Regular \$15.00, \$18.50 and \$20.00 sale values. These clothes have just arrived by express and our stock is now entirely too large. TO LOWER THE LOT these suits will be sold at

### \$10.00, \$13.50 & \$15.00

Boys all wool suits \$6.00 grade special	\$4.75
Boys all wool suits \$5.00 grade special	3.95
Boys all wool suits \$4.00 grade special	3.25
Boys all wool suits \$3.50 grade special	2.95

Mens \$2.50 shoes special	\$2.25
Mens 3.00 shoes special	2.50
Mens 4.00 Atlantic special	3.50
Mens 4.50 Atlantic special	4.00

### Big Reduction

ON THESE ARTICLES

Best grade men's Shirts.....	45c
Best grade men's Overalls.....	90c
Nice quality Bleached Domestic.....	5c
Nice quality Cotton Check.....	5c
Good heavy quality 10c Shirting special for.....	9c

### Calico and Domestic

Best grade calico	4c
10c bleached domestic	8½c
10c brown domestic	8½c

# WOODROOF'S

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. L. Sublett are at home from Abilene where they attended the Clark-Christopher wedding.

Mrs. Lillian Welch of El Paso returned to her home Monday after visiting relatives here.

Mrs. E. M. Brown is at home from San Angelo where she visited her son J. Brown and family.

Mrs. T. S. Dennis is visiting her sister Mrs. J. A. Porterfield of Goree.

Mrs. J. N. Hatfield of near Noodle was visiting in Merkel Monday.

Mrs. Ed R. Wallace and daughter Victoria visited in Dallas the latter part of last week.

Mrs. J. W. Jennings and daughter Jackie are at home from Dallas where they visited Mrs. W. Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson visited friends in Dallas and other points the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allyn come in Sunday to visit their sister Mrs. Claud Bigham.

Miss Elma Sheppard has been visiting her brother J. D. Sheppard and family of Dallas.

Miss Ruby Payne visited in Abilene Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes of Sylvester came in last week for short visit with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes. Dr. Grimes going from here to Ballinger on business.

Miss Mamie Moore returned home Tuesday morning from Ft. Worth where she visited her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kunze.

Miss Laura Winters visited relatives in Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. F. E. Allyn of Eskota visited her daughter Mrs. Claud Bigham last week.

Miss Ina Durrett of Weatherford returned to her home Tuesday after a short visit with Miss Ona Hamblet.

C. Williams of Waco who has been here visiting his son Lee D. William of the Noodle country returned to his home Tuesday. The Waco man is highly pleased with the Merkel country and took a sample of our products home with him. In a talk with him for the Mail just before his departure he stated he was very much opposed to his son coming to this country a few years ago but now sees where he wrong and his boy was right.

Buy Bell Vernon flour. Will be higher next week. G. M. Sharp.

Little Dixie Blair age nine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blair, formerly of Nubia has made an excellent record as a cotton picker; having gathered 182 pounds of the fleecy staple in one day. This is exceedingly good for a child so young.

Miss Exa Burns of Anson who has been here for sometime visiting Mrs. Earl Lassiter returned to her home Tuesday via Abilene.

Arkansas Apples. G. M. Sharp.

Miss Beulah Overshiner was in Abilene Saturday visiting her brother County Judge E. M. Overshiner.

Mrs. J. F. Holdridge left Saturday for Cottonwood to visit relatives.

Miss Gladys Bell is in Dallas visiting her brother Alvin Bell and wife.

Fresh Groceries at G. M. Sharp's.

Mrs. J. C. Chambers of Abilene returned to her home Saturday after a short visit with Mrs. J. E. Costephens of this

### CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED: to fix your violin, mandolin or guitar. All work guaranteed. W. C. Wetzel. 30t2

FOR RENT. A good four room house close in barn and windmill. S. F. Haynes. 30t2pd

FOR RENT. A good four room house. Three blocks from business portion of town. No conveniences other than good well with pump. Apply at Merkel Mail office. tf.

WANTED. Clean light color cotton rags at Mail office. 5 cents per pound.

Every man, woman and child who happens to read this should remember the Dallas Semi-Weekly News and The Merkel Mail are only \$1.50 for the two for a year. You will subscribe sometime. Why not now?

#### Cow Lost on Salt Branch.

Cow 5 years old, red and white spotted, brand C Bar on left side. The brand has the bar run through the C. Finder return to R. H. Collins.

#### Harness Shop Notice.

New Harness and repair shop will be opened this week on front street adjoining the E. D. Coats music store. Will be glad to serve the people of Merkel and surrounding country in all repair work. Have had an experience of 40 years. Yours for patronage. A. B. Stephens. tf.

On spot cash groceries our prices equal any to be found in Merkel. Try us. Hamblet & Rogers.

#### Oats For Sale

900 bushels of Oats for sale. Johnson grass seed or weeds W. Childress, Rt. 4. 23t2pd

### THINK OF IT

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Mrs. C. D. Mims has returned from Ft. Worth where she visited her daughter Mrs. C. I. Gilliland.

Miss Callie McLesky of Nashville, Tenn. is here this week in interest of her work in connection with schools.

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Mrs. Ed Collings of Pecos City visited the families of J. T. Tucker and J. W. Daniels the past week.

Mrs. Jno. Sear and children visited in Dallas this week.

Mrs. E. M. Rust visited friends in Abilene Tuesday.

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Mrs. Lillie Welch of El Paso who is here visiting her parents was in Abilene Saturday.

Misses Zora Coggin and Mabel Collins were in Abilene Monday visiting Mrs. J. C. Jackson.

Mrs. W. V. Cranford and daughter Mrs. L. D. Gaither were in Abilene Monday visiting friends.

J. F. Leuty of Rhea Springs, Tenn., came in Sunday afternoon to visit his sister Mrs. G. W. Johnson of this place who has been in bad health for several months. This is the first trip Mr. Leuty has made to this section of Texas in over 20 years and he expressed a surprise at such a wonderful change the western part of the state had undergone since his first visit to Taylor county.

Elder W. G. Cypert was called to Clyde Sunday to preach.

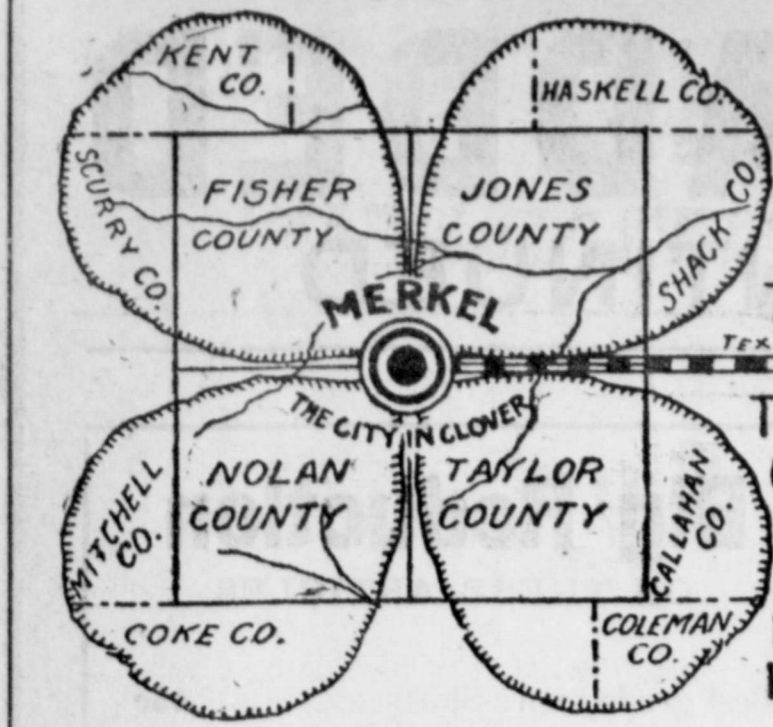
Ottis Barnett came in Wednesday from Rotan where he has been working several months.

Try Bell Vernon flour. G. M. Sharp.

Dr. G. M. Williams has returned from Dallas where he attended a Medical association last week.

Tom Freeman is here visiting his sister Miss Lizzie May Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Boyce daughter Loraine have returned from Houston and Beaumont where they have been for the last three weeks, being called to the former city to attend the funeral of Mrs. Boyce's mother.



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### "THE CALF PATH"

One day through the primeval wood  
A calf walked home, as good calves should  
And made a trail all bent askew,  
A crooked trail as all calves do.  
Since then two hundred years have fled  
And, I infer, the calf is dead.  
But still he left behind his trail  
And thereby hangs my moral tale.  
The trail was taken up next day  
By a lone dog who passed that way.  
And then a wise bell-weather sheep  
Pursued the trail o'er vale and steep,  
And drew the flock behind him, too,  
As good bell weathers always do.  
And from that day o'er hill and glade,  
Through those old woods a path was made  
And many men wound in and out  
And dodged and turned and bent about  
And uttered words of righteous wrath,  
Because 'twas such a crooked path.  
But still they followed—do not laugh—  
The first migrations of that calf.  
And through this winding woodway stalked  
Because he wobbled when he walked.  
This crooked path became a lane  
That bent and turned and turned again  
This crooked lane became a road,  
Where many a poor horse, with his load  
Toiled on beneath the burning sun  
And traveled some three miles in one.  
And thus a Century and a half  
They trod the footsteps of that calf  
The year passed on in swift fleet,  
The road became a village street  
And this before men were aware  
A city's crowded thoroughfare  
And soon the central street was this  
Of a renowned metropolis.

And men two centuries and a half  
Trod in the footsteps of that calf.  
Each day a hundred thousand rout  
Followed the zigzag calf about;  
And o'er his crooked journey went  
The traffic of a continent.  
A hundred thousand men were led  
By one calf near three centuries dead.  
They followed still his crooked way,  
And lost one hundred years a day.  
For thus such reverence is lent  
To well established precedent  
A moral lesson this might teach,  
Were I ordained and called to preach  
Gor men are prone to go it blind,  
Along the calf's path of the mind  
And work away from sun to sun  
To do what other men have done.  
They follow in the beaten track  
And out and in, any fourth and back  
And still their devious course pursue,  
To keep the paths that others do.  
But how the wise old wood-gods laugh,  
Who first saw the primeval calf.  
Ah! many things this tail might teach—  
But I am not ordained to preach  
—By Sam Walter Foss, in Dental Digest.

The Calf Path evidently runs through some portion of west Texas and probably every other country on the face of the world. People follow the beaten path more from a force of habit than any other reason. Year in and year out we follow this set example of our predecessors of decades ago. When seriously considering our copycat conduct we can find no reason whatever

for not having already changed our system to a more practical one, yet we continue to follow "The Calf Path."

Tuesday and the things quieted down in dear old Texas. Hon. Jim will soon be at the Bow of the Boat of State for what we expect to be one of the most prosperous administrations the State of Texas has ever seen. Improvement is in order and legislators are requested to get out of the grand stand and play for the average man during the next four years. We say four years and why not?

Texas is three months behind the European countries. The shooting season opened here last Monday while over there it started the first of August. The nimrods will have to get a move on to catch up with all the start Kaiser Bill has.

"Down with Turkey" is the cry of the Russians. In Europe it started last month; with us we will not begin the cry of down with the Turkey until later in the month, but when we do, watch the enemy, number deminish.

Wonder if our City Dads couldn't adapt a plan of planting trees along the principle thoroughfares of our town. Beautiful trees are valuable assets to any town and Merkel needs more assets than a 20,000 bale cotton crop.

The Merkel poultry show—"The Cock O' the walk. Buy a ticket and come. If you haven't the necessary cash, start early and walk. It will be worth your time to see it. Remember the date and bring the children.

Cotton is selling for 7 cents per pound. Merkel prize winning roosters are bringing \$15.00 each. Figure it out for yourself and visit our show. Dec. 3, 4, and 5.

King Cotton at 7 cents steps down three days next month. December 3, 4 and 5th while the Merkel Poultry and Pet Stock show is in force. Make your arrangements to be here all three days.

Merkel is the champion stock raising and chicken growing country in west Texas. Visit our town during the Annual Poultry Show and Pet Stock show, December, 3, 4 and 5th.

Buy a bale will see its death when everybody begins to take to the poultry raising proposition as some of our farmers are doing.

Cut down your cotton acreage and plant more chickens. See the reason for it here at Merkel December, 3, 4, and 5.

You will miss it if you miss it. The Merkel Poultry Show. Here at Home three days in December.

The dove of peace has finally decided that the only wintering place it can find is in America.

The coal dealers did not have to start a buy-a-ton movement. They know where they are 'at.'

Or just as good subscribe for your home paper. Anything to make your self a good citizen.

The backgrounds of some of these war moving pictures look strangely like Colorady.

See the possibilities of a barnyard at Merkel during the Poultry show.

Be at the Merkel Pet Stock and poultry show December, 3, 4, and 5th.

When nations fall out the best man usually gets what is left.

The Red Cross is a respecter of all nations. It follows all flags.

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Flush the Kidneys at once when Back  
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forms uric acid.

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 clogs the kidney pores so they sluggishly filter or strain only part of the waste and poisons from the blood, then you get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, constipation, dizziness, sleeplessness, bladder 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, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any reliable pharmacy and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then 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 clogged kidneys and stimulate them to activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

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

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The manufacturers have absolute faith in Herpicide to remove all traces of dandruff. So perfect is this belief that all dealers are instructed to sell the preparation with a "money back" agreement.

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# THE MERKEL MAIL



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

The dancing crowd and their friends enjoyed several hours Thursday evening at the Coleman building where they honored Miss Zora Coggin with a social hop. Music was furnished by "Jerry" the new boy at the Elite.

On Monday afternoon the Womens Missionary Society held a business meeting at the Methodist church. Plans were formed to make some improvements on the interior of the church. The several officers handed in their reports.— Press Reporter.

The ladies of the 20th Century Club were entertained at the home of Miss Evalyn Gaddy Saturday afternoon. Spook stories and jokes were told at roll call. The Origin of Hallowe'en was given by Mrs. W. Parten. Mrs. R. A. Martin gave a brief sketch of Shakespeare in Germany in the 16th and 17th centuries. Mrs. A. C. Rose was leader for the lesson in the study of Hamlet. The next hostess will be Miss Huffaker. Miss McLendon was elected to membership. Cream and cake were served.

A very enjoyable party of more than usual interest was given by Will Merritt at his home on Elm St. Saturday evening. Jack O'Lanterns were on the gate posts and lighted the lawn where the young people played croquet. Music and progressive 42 furnished pleasure to all. Delicious fruit was served to the guests after which they were accompanied on a serenading trip by Misses Jones and Merritt. The evening passed all too quick leaving pleasant memories for those present.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Rylander request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Ruth to Dr. James M. Green on the evening of Thursday, Nov. 5, at 8 o'clock, Baptist church, Port Lavaca, Texas. Green is well known in social and business circles here, having had charge of Dr. O. F. McMasters dental office on several occasions. Many friends were made who send hearty greetings and congratulations.

On last Saturday evening the Senior class and High School faculty were entertained with a Hallowe'en party at the home of Mrs. E. M. McDonald in east Merkel. Music, ghost stories and fortune telling were the main features for the evening. Dim lights and ghosts, who suddenly appeared from unexpected places. The house was decorated beautifully in yellow crysanthemums and roses. After an evening of mystic rites and revels, refreshments consisting of chocolate and cake were served. The guests departed at a late hour all expressing a wish they might come to this charming home again soon.

The Ladies' Aid and Mission Society of the Baptist church met in regular session at the church Monday. A very interesting occasion for all present. After the election of officers for the following year of which our former worthy President Mrs. J. T. Warren was re-elected by unanimous vote, Mesdames Causseaux and Daniel were elected 1st and 2nd vice-presidents. Mrs. J. S. Swann secretary. Mrs. Victor Harris pianist. Mrs. E. Hall press reporter. It was agreed to have a called meeting Monday the 8th for the purpose of rendering a program for State Missions and we earnestly request a full attendance. Friends and visitors are cordially invited. We further agree

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—Mrs. E. Hall, Press Reporter.

### The Juniors' Hallowe'en

Miss Josie Smith entertained the Junior class at her home Saturday evening. Jack-o-lanterns filled the house with light. The guests assembled at seven o'clock and were greeted by the "Spook Party." Delightful music was furnished by various parties. Later the guests one by one were led by the hostess up the steep stairway down the narrow hall to the graveyard. Here their future life was revealed by the witch who inhabited the place. Afterwards an enjoyable contest was held in which each classmate revealed the characteristics of the other. Miss Jewell Pate won the prize a box of candy, by imitating Miss Wilmer Garrett when she was late at school. It was well won as she had to secure it from the "Spooks." The witch collected the caps which the girls had to draw in order to secure a partner for the supper. They assembled in the dining room which was beautifully decorated with ferns, cleaners and the class colors green and gold. A regular witch supper was served. The guests departed soon.

### Clark-Christopher

Miss Mattie Christopher of this place and Mr. Arthur Clark of Fort Worth were quietly married at the home of the brides parents, on Oak street.

The decorations were simple being roses and other flowers. Just as the dear old grandmother's clock began to strike nine the sweet tones of the wedding march, played by her little sister; Mona T., were heard the bride and groom, accompanied by the brides brother and sister Mr. and Mrs. Sublett of Merkel, entered the room where Rev. Chas. W. Hearon pronounced the beautiful ceremony making them man and wife.

The bride and groom were both formerly of Merkel. The bride had lived here only a short time but every one had learned to love her. The groom is a prosperous young business man of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark left on the 10:40 train for Dallas and other points where they will spend a short honey moon. They will make their home in Fort Worth. —Abilene Reporter.

As stated in the Abilene Reporter Mr. and Mrs. Clark formerly lived here where they have a number of friends who extend congratulations and best wishes.

### Remarkable Cure for Croup

"Last winter when my little boy had croup I got him a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I honestly believe it saved his life," writes Mrs. J. B. Cook, Indiana, Pa. "It cut the phlegm and relieved his coughing spells. I am most grateful for this remedy has done for me." For sale by all dealers.

## COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

And For Three Summers Mrs. Vincent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst.

I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off.

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### Teachers Entertain.

At the invitation of Prof. Morris about sixty patrons of the school met the teachers at the school house Friday evening Oct. 30th

After being led in prayer by Rev. Baker a short talk planning the school needs followed by short talks by Dr. Armstrong, Johnson, Grimes, Scott, Harkrider, Baker and several others a permanent organization was gone into with the following officers: T. A. Johnson, President; W. L. Harkrider, Vice President; Mrs. W. A. Scott, Secretary; Maude Jenkins, Treasurer. The aim of this organization is the betterment of our public schools. A committee was appointed to select a name and get up a program for the next meeting November 13th. Forty members were enrolled. Every body is invited to attend these meetings and cooperate with the teachers in making Merkel Public School the best. Delicious Sandwiches and hot coffee were served.

### 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.

### BIG SURPRISE TO MANY IN THIS TOWN

Local people are surprised at the QUICK results received from simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ika, the German remedy which became famous by curing appendicitis. This simple remedy draws off such a surprising amount of old foul matter from the body that A SINGLE DOSE relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation INSTANTLY. It is the best remedy we have ever sold.

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### Buy-a-Bale Club

Members who have added their names to the Buy-A-Bale Club by having really purchased a bale of cotton paying 10 cents per pound for the staple.

Members we have been able to ascertain to date are: Mrs. S. M. Compton one bale, Anchor Mercantile one bale, Farmers State Bank two bales. No doubt there are others who have purchased cotton at 10 cents per pound but these are the only reports we have.

### Despondency Due to Indigestion

It is not at all surprising that persons who have indigestion become discouraged and despondent. Here are a few words of hope and cheer for them by Mrs. Blanche Bowers, Indiana, Pa. "For years my digestion was so poor that I could only eat the lightest foods. I tried everything that I heard of to get relief, but not until about a year ago when I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and got a bottle of them, did I find the right treatment. I soon began to improve, and since taking a few bottles of them my digestion is fine." For sale by all dealers. adv

## IF HAIR IS TURNING GRAY, USE SAGE TEA

Don't look old! Try Grandmother's recipe to darken and beautify faded, lifeless hair.

That beautiful, even shade of dark, glossy hair can only be had by brewing a mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Your hair is your charm. It makes or mars the face. When it fades, turns gray, streaked and looks dry, wispy and scraggly, just an application or two of Sage and Sulphur enhances its appearance a hundredfold.

Don't bother to prepare the tonic; you can get from any drug store a 50 cent bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy" ready to use. This can always be depended upon to bring back the natural color, thickness and lustre of your hair and remove dandruff, stop scalp itching and falling hair. Everybody uses "Wyeth's" Sage and Sulphur because it darkens 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 the hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair has disappeared, and after another application it becomes beautifully dark and appears glossy, lustrous and abundant.

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**T**HERE is something more to a pair of Beacon Shoes than the name on the strap or the lining. There's a good honest vamp, a good honest top, a good honest inner sole, an honest outer sole, heel and lining—all built together with the best kind of good old-fashioned New England workmanship.

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### WHITE CAP STARTS WORK IN TEXAS

Terrell, Texas, Nov. 3—Notice was sent to "the" editor of the Kauffman Herald, signed, "Captain No. 4 White Caps," demanding that he publish it under the penalty of having his plant destroyed.

The notice, which was received by the editor today demanded that the farmers reduce their cotton acreage two-thirds or suffer severe punishment.

#### What Would You Do ?

In case of a burn, scald what would you do to relieve the pain? Such injuries are liable to occur in any family and everyone should be prepared for them. Chamberlain's Salve applied on a soft cloth will relieve the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a very severe one, will cause the parts to heal without leaving a scar. For sale by all dealers. adv

#### Important

Bear in mind that Chamberlain's Tablets not only move the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. For sale by all dealers. adv

Irregular bowel movements lead to chronic constipation and a constipated habit fills the system with impurities. Herbine is a great bowel regulator. It purifies the system, vitalizes the blood and puts the digestive organs in fine vigorous condition. Price 50c. Sold by H C Burroughs. adv

#### Only One "BROMO QUININE"

To get the genuine, call for full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day, Stops cough and headache, and works off cold. 25c.



Subjects For the Methodist Pulpit For Next Sunday.

11 a. m. "Human Hand in Soul Development."

"Give your Soul a Chance."

7:15 p. m. "Save Yourself from the Untoward Generation." Acts 2:40

The most effective service a General can render is to put his men to the fight. And the greatest good a pastor can render a people is to put them to work. I want to show you that there is self saving energy as well as a destroying energy that may be exercised. Come and give me a chance to do you some service. Three more weeks may end my service with you.

ED. R. WALLACE

In damp, chilly weather there is always a large demand for Ballard's Snow Liniment because many people who know by experience its great relieving power in rheumatic aches and pains, prepare to apply it at the first twinge. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H C Burroughs. adv

### BUYS COTTON SEED PRICES ADVANCE

J. C. Mason of Deport who has been here some time looking after some farm property he has in the View community has decided to remain in Merkel for a time and has entered the cotton seed market as a means of keeping busy.

Since Mr. Mason has started in as a seed buyer prices have advanced considerably and as a result of same the farmers were getting \$3.50 a ton more for their seed Tuesday of this week than they were last Friday. The market on seed here was \$10 per ton Friday, \$11 Saturday, \$12 Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Mason informed us Wednesday that he was paying \$13. per ton for seed where they were loaded in cars on the local switch tracks, and on Thursday seed was up another 50 cents when loaded on the car.

Rub a sore throat with Ballard's Snow Liniment. One or two applications will cure it completely. Price 25c, 50c and \$1 per bottle. Sold by Burroughs, adv

### WORLD FAIR VOTERS AND THE RUNNERS

The following count is for the last two weeks only and gives the total number of votes cast in the Woodroof Worlds Fair Contest up until the present time.

Miss Jewell Anderson	25580
" Lula Cogburn	63760
" Gertrude Dowdy	47365
" Lera Daniel	133305
" Beulah Whetsell	17620
" Armedia Wheeler	20885
" Hattie Stonecipher	21509
" Emma Braune	3735
" Alline Barbee	42625
" Mary Boothe	12365
" Irene Swann	4845
" Hallie Moore	75555
" Ethel Jones	4795
" Frankie Campbell	34650
" Della McClain	8890
" Carrie Shannon	39230
" Emma Mashburn	5800
" Mertie Rogers	13685
" Ruby Browning	13685
" Mary Wasson	3490
" Bertha Ely	15545
" Myrtle Farris	11360
" Sallie Anderson	6260
" Beatrice Powell	4925
" May Reynolds	5950
" Gertrude Stanley	5340
" Cleo Barnes	20870
" Lilly Lattimer	5635
" Amandie Alexander	16205
" Mattie Bird	3380
" May Lassiter	22745
" Emma Tipton	2525
" Georgia Moore	12635
" Selma Teaff	22550
" Alice Smith	16270
" Ennis Ford	10005
" Dovie Teaff	5820
" May Wilson	10465
" Ida Taylor	4735
" Jewel Tipton	7410
" Genevieve Warnick	15035
" Maud Hanks	3475

Regulate the bowels when they fail to move properly. Herbine is an admirable bowel regulator. It helps the liver and stomach and restores a fine feeling of strength and buoyancy. Price 50c. Sold by H C Burroughs. adv

#### Blue Nose.

Blue Nose is a popular name for a native of Nova Scotia. Halliburton in "Sam Slick" gives the following account of its origin: "Pray, sir, said one of my fellow passengers, 'can you tell me why the Nova Scotians are called Blue Noses?' It is the name of a potato," said I, "which they produce in the greatest perfection, and boast to be the best in the world. The Americans have, in consequence given them the nickname 'Blue Noses.'"

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, builds up the system. A true Tonic. For adults and children. 50c.

#### 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."

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#### The Wonderful Magic Washing Stick

The magic Washing Stick, the greatest helper woman ever had with her washing, and I have been singing its praise to my neighbor, writes Mrs Mollie Martin, Route 3, Apache, Okla. It is truly a wonderful article, saving all the washboard labor on washday. Three Magic Washing Sticks for 25c. Enough for fifteen big washings. Makes clothes white as snow. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas. adv

#### Shiloh

Sunday was a good day at Shiloh. Rev. G. W. Scott was ordained as ministry. Elder Strickland of Abilene preached the ordination sermon. The presbytery was Elder Strickland and Horn of Abilene, Genty and Wells of Anson, W. A. Scott of Trent, Owens Hamlin. Deacons Winters, Boyd and Beavers of Shiloh.

Rev. and Mrs. Horn of Abilene were here for services Sunday.

Messrs Calahan and Faulkner of Dallas county came in Tuesday to visit relatives in this community.

Miss Blanche Walker lectured at Shiloh Sunday night. She had many curiosities to show the people. A large crowd was out to hear her and good attention.

Misses Albertine Winters and Edith Mayberry of Simmons College spent the week-end with homefolks.

Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy of Noodle spent Saturday and Sunday with Misses Lyda and Nina Beavers.

Several young people from Noodle attended the lecture at Shiloh Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown spent Sunday with Mrs. Barclay of Golan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones who live on Sweetwater Creek attended the lecture here Sunday night.

#### Guarantee The Magic Washing Stick

The Magic Washing Stick is guaranteed to save all washboard labor on wash day, and to make the clothes white as snow. Contains no acid, alkali, lye or poison of any character and can be used with perfect safety on the most delicate fabric. Lifts the burden of work from the womenfolks. Price 25c per box, containing three Magic Washing Sticks, enough for fifteen big snowy white washings. Ask grocer or druggist. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

#### How To Give Quinine To Children.

FEBRELINE is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a Tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach. Children love it and never know it is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for 2-ounce original package. The name FEBRELINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

### "TIZ" FOR TIRED SORE, ACHING FEET

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."

"TIZ" draws out all the poisonous exudations which puff up the feet; "TIZ" is magical; "TIZ" is grand; "TIZ" will cure your foot troubles so you'll never limp or draw up your face in pain. Your shoes won't seem tight and your feet will never, never hurt or get sore, swollen or tired. Get a 25 cent box at any drug or department store, and get relief.

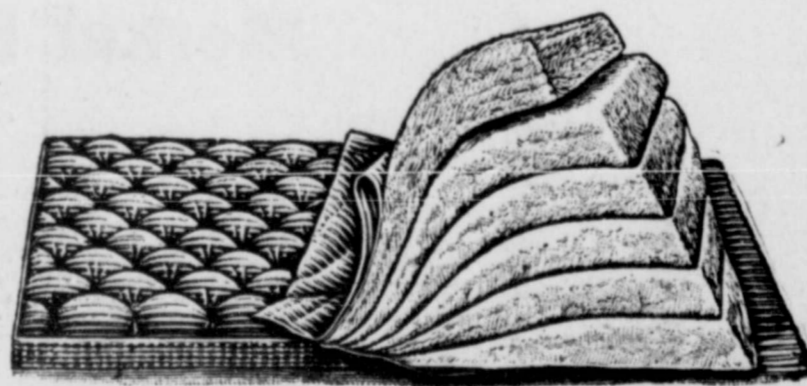


A tight feeling in the chest accompanied by a short, dry cough, indicates an inflamed condition in the lungs. To relieve it buy the dollar size Ballard's Hornhound Syrup; you get with each bottle a free Herick's Red Pepper Porous Plaster for the chest. The syrup relieves the tightness and the plaster draws out the inflammation. It is an ideal combination for curing colds settled in the lungs. Sold by H C Burroughs. adv

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