

GOV. FERGUSON IN SWEETWATER TUES.

His Excellency James E. Ferguson, governor of Texas, passed through Merkel Tuesday morning on Texas & Pacific passenger No. 5, on his way to Sweetwater to take part in the dedication of the Trammell Lake, Sweetwater's new water supply.

In conversation with the writer Gov. Ferguson announced a desire of coming to Merkel Tuesday afternoon and meeting his Merkel friends, if his speaking appointment at Sweetwater would permit him to leave that place early enough in the afternoon. It was later found however, that this would conflict with the program the Sweetwater people had arranged and the Governor was unable to pay his respects to the Merkel people as he expressed a desire to do. A visit to our town the following day was also out of the question from the fact that business and state matter demanded a quick return of the Governor to Austin.

HERE FOR ORPHAN CHILDREN HOME

Capt. J. T. Lynn manager of the Lynn Orphanage Work of Dallas, was in Merkel this week in the interest of his work.

Capt. Lynn says he hopes to locate some good homes for orphan children while in the city. He stated that his work was non-sectarian and only Christian homes with sufficient means of support to give a child a chance in life would be considered. The work is strictly charitable and the management of the orphanage never makes a charge for their services. Parties applying for children should give good references including a pastor of the church. They would also like to know of any homeless children in this section of the country who are in need of good homes. People desiring to correspond should address their letters to The Lynn Orphanage Work, Box 325, Dallas, J. T. Mgr. and send stamps for reply.

IS MONSTER OF LARGE RATTLERS

J. P. Vinson living west of Blair brought in one of the largest specimen of rattle snakes yet seen in this vicinity, having killed the snake by shooting its head off.

The reptile was of the Diamond Rattler Tribe and supposed to be the most poisonous of all rattle snakes. Measuring the snake it was found to be six feet and ten inches long with a measurement of twelve inches around the largest part of its body and carried a "Sirene whistle" of twenty two rattlers. The skin of the snake is being exhibited by J. C. Caneegys at the Star Store and is a very unusual sight.

Mr. Vinson in speaking of snakes says that the large one on his place is yet to be killed and he will endeavor to capture this time alive.

I have my Millinery establishment at the J. A. Duckett store for this season where I will be pleased to have my friends call and see me. Miss Ona Stanley.

Fine brown sugar for making preserves and sweet pickles. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

MAN ELECTROCUTED BY 35,000 VOLTS

A. J. Thomas, aged about 40 years, was electrocuted early Friday morning of last week by a live wire near the bridge over Little Elm creek, four miles west of Abilene on the Merkel road.

Camped with his wife and four small children, Thomas had finished breakfast and was getting ready to continue his journey on to Merkel when the accident occurred. During the night some of his stock had got into a field belonging to J. E. Potter, living about three hundred yards away, and Thomas had gone to the house to get his stock. Earlier in the day, Thomas saw that one of his cows had got mixed up with a live wire, lying along the ground, and went to her rescue. He chopped the wire in two with an axe, his small son said later, and freed the cow. Then he discovered that one of his horses had become entangled in the wire about seventy-five or a hundred yards east and went to its rescue. In attempting to free his horse Thomas was killed. The horse was also killed.

The body of Thomas was taken into Abilene in the automobile of Wm. A. Payne, a traveling salesman for the Wooten Grocery Company, who was on his way to Merkel when he discovered the accident at the camp.

The body was taken to the parlors of the Laughter Undertaking Company where it was prepared for burial.

There were several bad burns about the body, one on the left shoulder, one on the right wrist, one on the right thigh and scorches across the face. The body was mottled, showing the effects of the enormous voltage which passed through it. Thomas was a man of slight stature and wore a small mustache.

The family lived at Merkel four years but had been at Junction, Kimble county, for a time. They were returning to Merkel to make their home.

The pole next to the creek, where the man and animal were electrocuted, was charred at the base by the wire. All along on the ground where the wire lay the vegetable matter was cooked and drawn up into globules as large as walnuts in some places. The earth was parched where the wire came into contact with it. The wire itself was burned and fused.

The wires to Merkel are said by the company to carry 35,000 volts, many times enough to kill any living thing.

From the best information obtainable, the accident must have happened after sun-up. Mrs. Thomas told Mr. Fagan it was about 7:30 o'clock.—Friday's Abilene Reporter.

Visit Oil Field at Petrolia

Messrs E. D. Teaff, John Briggs, E. W. Perminter, L. E. Sanders, O. M. Sharp, J. J. Shelton, B. C. Moore and Arch Anderson motored to the Petrolia oil fields near Wichita Falls last week to view the oil producing land that several Merkel men are interested in.

On their return several of the members expressed themselves as confident that their investment would prove good.

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt and children, Matalyn and Deyo, of Haskell, motored home Tuesday. Mrs. Hunt and children spent the vacation weeks here with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Comegy.

ELECTRIC SERVICE MUCH IMPROVED BY OUTSIDE POWER BROUGHT HERE

Long Looked for Continuous Electrical Service Has Proven a Success Within its use During the Past Week

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth and the earth was without form and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep and the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters and God said let there be light and there was light."

Auspicious occasion marked the first flicker of current from Abilene to Merkel which now brings continuous service and ample voltage for all power purposes of our city.

The last connection was made by Mayor J. J. Stallings Thursday afternoon of last week following a short talk in which he welcomed the new enterprise to Merkel in behalf of the citizenship of our town. City Attorney C. D. Mims acted as master of ceremonies and Miss Agnes Hall, sponsor for the occasion, following her description of Merkel as being "THE BIGGEST LITTLE TOWN IN WEST TEXAS," broke a bottle of grape juice against one of the transformer post commemorate of the advancement our town was making in obtaining continuous electric service.

Many prominent persons were present from Abilene and Mayor Kirby of that city spoke in interesting words and in an entertaining way to approximately five hundred people who congregated at the power station to pay their respects to the new Company for their interest taken in our city. Mayor Kirby expressed a hope that before many years should pass that Merkel and Abilene could be connected by an interurban line and that Merkel would be a suburb of Abilene. Replying to this A. V. Wainwright, general manager of the American Public Service Corporation said in a speech later that Mayor Kirby had the prospective conditions reversed and that he was sure that when the day came for an interurban line that it would be Abilene that was the suburb with Merkel as the central city. Other speakers for the occasion spoke in welcoming words toward the American Public Service Corporation and especially interesting was the address of Banker T. A. Johnson, who is described as being the second Morris Sheppard by City Editor Frank Grimes of the Abilene Reporter. Among the others from Abilene who were present during the evening were Messrs. Geo. L. Caffrey manager of the Abilene Light & Power Co., and Geo. H. Clark Commercial Manager of the American Public Service Co., for this district.

Immediately following the last speaker an electrical demonstration was given of the electric cooking and two newly equipped electrical gins were put into operation and the crowds remained in the vicinity of the Power Co's., office for some time, the ladies viewing the electrical cooking going on under the supervision of Mesdames Sharpe and Clark of Abilene while most of the men viewed the Brown Independent Gin and the McDonald and Stith Gin during the time they were ginning their first bales of cotton by the use of electrical power.

Mayor Kirby of Abilene struck a popular key when he expressed a desire to see Merkel have natural gas within a short time and with this addition advantage and good roads leading into town it could be well said that "MERKEL WAS THE BIGGEST LITTLE TOWN IN ALL WEST TEXAS."

COTTON PRICES PASS 10 CENTS PER POUND HERE YESTERDAY--TOP 10.15

Highest Market Price Paid Since War Started. Over 10 Bales Sold in Excess of 10 Cts. Many Going at 10.10 and 10.15

For the first time within the history of the present war cotton has sold on the streets of Merkel at market values of ten cents and above.

Thursday morning the price started around 9:30 and before noon several bales had sold for ten cents, later in the evening much cotton sold for ten cents, and several bales at 10:05 and 10:10 with the top record going at 10:15, which is some consolation for the conditions of the Merkel country following the two consecutive cotton crops and the largest feed crop this country has ever made.

Few people will question that "MERKEL IS THE BIGGEST LITTLE TOWN IN TEXAS" and few will challenge her market at any time. Merchant buyers will give you more for your products if you are a regular customer of our town.

COME TO MERKEL TO TRADE AND SELL YOUR COTTON.

MEXICANS ENGAGE FIGHTS ON BORDER IN BLOODY FIGHT STILL CONTINUE

As usual when Mexican fight between themselves they fight with a determination peculiar to themselves and with little showing of fear of what may result or their personal welfare and on Saturday afternoon an illustration of their tactics was given near the section house of the T. & P. Ry.

Profelio Lopez and Antonio Asparsar were the contestants. According to reports Profelio and Antonio had a grievance of some standing brought about by gossip among the Mexican women and just after noon Saturday Profelio decided end the matter and started for Antonio with a vicious looking knife, voicing his intentions to kill Antonio then and there. Antonio being unarmed first sought to evade Profelio but seeing he would be unable to do this grabbed a shovel handle and dealt Profelio a hard blow over the head which broke Profelio's arm and crushed the bones about the left elbow and ended when it struck his skull, this lick only seemed to make Profelio the more angry and he seemed to be more determined to cut Antonio in twain and again Antonio attempted to evade the injured man and started running away but was forced to take the fight up. In doing so he landed an all but crushing lick across the head of Profelio for the second time and his assailant went down for the count to remain in ignorance of all proceedings for about fifteen minutes. Antonio was not injured and escaped to parts unknown soon after the fight. Profelio was given medical treatment by Dr. Armstrong and during the time evidenced little pain of the surgical work being done to sew up the deep cuts in his head and or the work done in setting the crushed arm.

Returned From Arkansas

T. J. Williamson of Trent was in our office yesterday to renew for the Mail and noticing the peculiar look on his face we inquired as to the reason of it all.

We found that he had just returned from a three weeks stay in Arkansas, which reason was accepted as sufficient to cause any facial contortions imaginable. Mr. Williamson stated that on his arrival in that section he found condition of the crops as fine as he had ever seen them in any country but before he departed excessive rains came and the entire country in which he visited was devastated of all its splendor. The White river registering a fifty-three foot rise and great damage done over the entire White river section. He was water-bound in Guion for eight days and through train service had not been established when he left there.

The Mail is in receipt of a complimentary ticket to the West Texas Fair to be held at Abilene October 12th to 16th, inclusive. Thanks to those who befriended us and we will be there with "bells on." It may be however, that we will not be able to attend every day, but we are going down to pay our respects and see the many attractions the Fair Management has secured for their second annual exhibit.

John Dean of the Golan community, brought to our city Saturday, a wagon load of turkeys. Merkel is undoubtedly the market.

Cretonne collars cuffs at Woodroof Bros.

Brownsville, Tex., Sept 7.—Deputy sheriff's and Mexicans fought across the Rio Grande for a few minutes yesterday near Mission. Apparently some Mexicans were hit, although there is no official statement as to the losses.

Sheriff Baker and a party were scouting along the river bank when the sheriff showed himself and became a target for several rifles. The sheriff was known and disliked by the Mexicans because he had pushed them hard in the recent fighting. The sheriff fell back in the bushes as if hit and when cheers were given and hats thrown into the air across the river about one hundred yards away, immediately a party of deputies opened fire on the Mexicans, who thus showed their location.

The police today released on bond several Mexicans who were riding in the suburbs and fired pistols last night.

S. D. MARLOW GOES TO HIS REWARD

S. D. Marlow aged 86 years and a resident of Merkel and Merkel country since 1888 died at his home in south Merkel Sunday afternoon of old age, having gradually weakened until the last hour through a period of several months that he had been unable to leave his home.

Mr. Marlow was born in the state of Maryland and came to Texas about forty-five years ago, residing for several years in Dallas. He was a conscientious christian and had been a devoted member of the Methodist church for over forty years. Surviving him is his wife and two children, one son and one daughter who were with him during his last moments. Mrs. James Ferguson of Brandon and J. D. "Bub" Marlow of Seymour.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock and burial given the body immediately afterward in Rose Hill cemetery.

COTTON SEED GO \$26.50 PER TON

The highest price yet paid in West Texas for cotton seed of this season was paid in this city last Saturday when local buyers carried it up past the market and to the figures of \$26.50.

A price of \$22.00 to \$23.00 had prevailed most of last week until the latter part when the sudden rise made things highly interesting in our city. Monday the market returned to normal and remained close to the market during this week.

Sad but True

Thousand of intelligent people are ruining their eyes going with out necessary glasses or using cheap glasses not suited to their eyes. Dr. McGuire who has had thorough training on optics and years of experience will be at Burrough Drug store Monday September 13, 14 and 15, Remember he fits glasses that fit. Adv.

G. H. Johnson, one of Roscoe's leading business men, was in the city the latter part of the week, looking after business matters and visiting relatives.

Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas

Condensed Statement as Reported September 2, 1915

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans \$156,412.29	Capital Stock \$35,000.00
Banking House 9,500.00	Surplus and Profits 5,621.92
Other Real Estate 3,688.00	DEPOSITS 136,719.60
Furniture and Fixtures. 4,500.00	Bills Payable and
Interest in Gty. Fund... 1,086.74	Rediscunts..... 23,244.36
Other Resources..... 284.56	
CASH AND EXCHANGE ... 25,114.29	
Total \$200,585.88	Total \$200,585.88

We solicit the patronage of Farmers and Merchants and assure them of Fair dealings at all times

Our money is for the use of our patrons and we solicit business upon our merits for Service, Safety and Courtesy

GUARANTY FUND BANK

NO. 7481

Report of the Condition of THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AT MERKEL

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business, Sept. 2, 1915

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts (except those shown on b) \$134,708.45	Capital Stock paid in \$ 25,000.00
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) .. 6,250.00	Surplus Fund 25,000.00
U. S. Bonds pledged to secure postal savings dep. (par val) 4,000.00— 10,250.00	Undivided profits \$8,139.12
Securities other than U.S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged..... 125.00	Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid..... 6,637.49
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve bank 3,000.00	Circulating notes..... 6,250.00
Less amount unpaid 1,500.00— 1,500.00	Due to banks and bankers (other than included in 5 or 6) .. 11,517.46
Furniture and Fixtures 3,600.00	Demand Deposits:
Other Real Estate owned 6,500.00	Individual deposits subject to check..... 133,760.46
Due from Federal Reserve Bank..... 5,480.20	Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days 1,000.00
Due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis..... 10,558.50	Postal savings deposits 2,951.34—149,229.28
Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities. 21,772.81— 82,331.31	Time deposits:
Due from banks and bankers (other than inclu. in 9 or 10) .. 8,774.11	Certificates of deposit due on or after 30 days..... 12,150.60
Checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank 1,188.39	
Outside checks and other cash items 214.94	Total \$224,266.75
Fractional currency, nickels and cents 351.10— 566.04	
Notes of other national banks..... 2,140.00	
Lawful money reserve in bank: Total coin and certificates Legal-tender notes..... 500.00	
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5 per cent on circulation) 312.50	
Total \$224,266.75	

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:
I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of Sept. 1915.
C. D. MIMS, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: J. T. WARREN
G. F. WEST,
BEN T. MERRITT, Directors.

NOTICE ISSUED TO COUNTY TRUSTEES

A letter addressed to the School Trustees of Taylor county and handed to the Mail for publication calls on the various boards of the county to meet at Abilene September 13th, in response to a notice issued by County Superintendent J. S. Smith. The letter addressed to the Mail is from H. L. Bentley, representative of the State Department of Agriculture and he asks the trustees of districts where no Institutes have been organized to prepare a list of certain men and women and their addresses who will be interested in the work and who would be able to act as officers of the organizations from the community they represent. Names sufficient for the selection of President, Vice President, Secretary and various committees should be given. Mr. Bentley asks that the trustees take special interest in this matter and give him their co-operation on the above mentioned date, that he may have a live working organization throughout the entire county.

The entire letter would have been published only from the fact that it reached us too late to be set up for this issue of the Mail.

Miss C. B. McMaster of Victoria has accepted a position with Parten Dry Good Co. having arrived here from San Angelo last Thursday where she was employed during the past year in one of the largest dry good establishments of that city.

Mrs. I. S. Allen came in Wednesday from Denton to visit her sister, Mrs. W. Parten, and it is hoped that since Mr. Allen has been detained here the past few weeks on business that this former Merkel family will again take up their residence in our midst.

Miss Eva Payne of Abilene and guest, Miss Glade McKnight of Senora visited friends here Friday.

Little Miss Mary Comegys is visiting her cousin, Miss Madalyn Hunt of Haskell.

Miss McMasters of Victoria is here visiting her brother, Dr. O. F. McMaster.

J. L. Counts, a prominent stock farmer of Erath county, was a visitor at the home of Will Burns, Saturday.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

III—Julius Kruttschnitt
On Financing Railroads



The farmers of this nation need to become better acquainted with the railroad men and their problems. It is only those who know that can give us information and the farmers of America should listen attentively to what the men who manage railroad property have to say. Mr. Kruttschnitt, executive head of the Southern Pacific, has written an article dealing with the financing of railroads. He said in part:

"The financing of a railroad is a function which the people, through their servants, the Railroad Commissioners and the Legislators, have never attempted, but it is a most important problem, especially to sections of a State where new railroads are needed. The placing of securities has been left entirely with the promoter and owner of railroads.

"The immediate determination of what earnings the railroad shall be permitted to receive and what burdens it shall have put on it is in the hands of other servants of the public

—the Legislators and the Commissioners.

"Managing a railroad is quite different from managing a government where the money is raised by taxation. When the expenditures, for good reasons or otherwise, increase, taxes can be equally increased. The railroads, while servants of the public, cannot raise money with such ease and facility. The railroads must keep their expenditures within their incomes because while they have some control over their expenditures they have almost no control over their incomes, their rates being fixed by public authorities.

"There is not a railway manager in the country today who is not fearful that under the press of increasing demands the transportation systems of the country will, in a few years, break down, unless the railroads are allowed to earn larger funds wherewith to build it up. There are vast sections of the country, especially in the West, where more railroads are needed and they cannot be built unless the railroads raise new capital.

"People invest money in order to make money, and they are skeptical as to whether they can make money by investing in concerns that are dealt with stringently and unfairly. Railroad securities must be made more attractive to invite investments, and in order that they may be made more attractive, the roads must be allowed earnings that will enable them to meet the increased capital charges."

COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION

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A merchant in one of our smaller town made the statement to me not long ago that the reason he refused to carry standard brands of clothing and shoes was that this class of goods costs both the retailer and the customer more than the unadvertised sort—because of the money spent by manufacturers in advertising.

To prove this contention he exhibited a suit, of the non-standard variety, containing his private brand, with this argument.

"This suit was made by one of the best known manufacturers of standard clothes in this country, it retails under the established trademark for \$25, the same price I ask for it. I buy these clothes, without the makers' name in them, for \$15.00 per suit, whereas if I demanded the makers' name I must pay \$18.50. In other words I must either lose \$3.50 profit on each sale, which amount goes in to a fund to pay for the makers' advertising, or else raise the price to the consumer."

Investigation on my part developed the fact that the manufacturers in question refuse to place their name and trademark on a suit until it has been carefully inspected and found to come up to standard in every way. Suits containing faulty material or workmanship are called "second" and sold unbranded at reduced prices. The makers have invested too much money in the good will of their name to permit its association with faulty or under-standard products.

This incident is illustrative of existing manufacturing and merchandising methods, and conditions, that are of vital importance to you, and every other consumer.

There are two distinct classes of merchandise on the market: Standard goods of known quality, backed by reputable makers, and goods of unknown or doubtful quality and origin. It should not be a difficult matter to judge which class offers you greatest advantage.

DR. McGUIRE Graduate Optician Coming to Merkel

We have arranged with Dr. McGuire to come to our store regularly, and please remember Dr. McGuire has made a specialty of refraction for 15 years and comes with a long list of testimonials from good influential people who have used his glasses for years with the best results.

This being the Doctors first visit to our city he will for

Three Days

Commencing Monday September 13th and ending Wednesday Sept. 15th, not only test your eyes FREE but will put into your old frames one pair of his perfect spherical lenses Absolutely Free. Such as Compound, Torics, Kryptoks and etc., at special prices. Those desiring frames will be supplied at greatly reduced prices but remember you are not required to buy anything or pay the doctor a single cent, as this special sale and reduction has been inaugurated in this city as the means of getting acquainted with the eye glass wearing public and you who are in need of a good pair of glasses had better take advantage of this liberal offer.

Special attention given to the eyes of school children. About 75 per cent of all headaches can be relieved by a pair of glasses properly fitted and our stock comprises of all of the very latest styles and shapes in both glasses and spectacles.

Positively no drugs used or given. Remember the time and the place of sale

Monday Sept 13th, 14th, and 15th
Burroughs Drug Store
Merkel, Texas

The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 2nd day of Sept. 1915, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 10th day of Sept. 1915.

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral \$152,476.29	Capital Stock paid in \$35,000.00
Loans, real estate 3,936.00	Surplus Fund 25,000.00
Real Estate (banking house) 9,500.00	Undivided Profits, net 8,121.92
Other Real Estate 3,588.00	Individual Deposits sub. to check 132,575.07
Furniture and Fixtures 4,500.00	Time Certificates of Deposit 2,963.66
Due from approved Reserve Agents, etc. 9,937.61	Cashier's checks 1,180.54
Cash Items 2,459.87	Bills Payable and Rediscunts 23,244.36
Currency 6,407.00	Total \$200,585.88
Specie 3,013.75—11,880.62	
Int. in Depositors Guaranty Fund 1,086.74	
Bills of Exchange, Cotton 3,296.00	
Other Resources as follows 284.56	
Total \$200,585.88	

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, J. S. Swann as president, and R. O. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
J. S. Swann, president.
R. O. Anderson, cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of Sept. A. D. 1915. C. D. Mims
(SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas
Correct—Attest: John Sears
M. Armstrong } Directors
B. C. Moore }

TO OPEN PRIVATE SCHOOL MONDAY

I will start private classes of the third and fourth grades of school work on next Monday and will be glad to talk with parents desiring to give their children advanced study before the regular school term opens.

I have obtained a large roomy house only one block north of the school building and in the second home north of the H. C. West home. Rates will be \$2.00 per month and those desiring to talk with me in regard to their children will find me at the Grimes Drug Store Saturday. Special attention will be given this and I will be especially glad to talk with any parents in regard to this work. Respectfully, Mrs. I. M. Robertson.

J. A. Collum of Dalton, Ga. returned to his home Wednesday night following a weeks visit here with friends and relatives, spending most of the time with his brother-in-law, Jim Bridges.

Styles and Prices ARE WHAT SELLS GOODS

Knowing this I am prepared with both in my advanced showing of fall and winter

MILLINERY

Don't fail to visit my parlor at the J. P. Sharp Dry Goods Store and see for yourself "Hats That Speak for Themselves."

Miss Lizzie Mae Freemon

MILLINER, at J. P. SPARP'S

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. A. Duckett sells it for less. For sewing see Mrs. C.B. Smith or phone 244. Nov. 1

L. Warren and wife were in Abilene Saturday visiting.

Very fine chocolates just received. Burroughs Drug Store. t2

Mrs. A. J. Hill of Golan, visited relatives here Saturday.

Plenty bran and cow feed at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

G. W. Harrell was in Clyde the latter part of last week on business.

New cretonne, a beautiful dress material at Woodroof's store.

Lewis Lawless of the Golan community, was a Merkel visitor Saturday.

Wool taffeta, new shades and designs for ladies fall dresses at Woodroof Bros.

Miss Velma Hill of Golan, was guest of her cousin, Miss Annie Mae Costephens, Sunday.

Save money by buying your cotton sack Duck from J. A. Duckett.

J. E. Costephens attended court at Abilene the latter part of the past week.

Summer goods almost given away at J. A. Duckett's.

Dr. J. O. Crenshaw of Fort Worth was here last week on business.

The Price is the Thing. J. A. Duckett.

Mrs. S. R. Dwiggins of Everman is here visiting the family of Thos. Smith.

Miss Martha Ellis of Athens, Ga. is the guest of Mrs. J. J. Shelton.

Mrs. J. J. Shelton and Miss Martha Ellis were visitors in Abilene the latter part of last week.

J. A. Duckett will save you money. He says the Price is the Thing.

The birth of an eight pound boy is reported to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Popham of Route 1.

Mrs. E. M. Rust visited in Putnam and attended to business at her Callahan farms the first of the week.

Mrs. C. P. Warren of Abilene visited the family of her son, J. T. Warren, the past week.

Cotton scales at J. A. Duckett's at bargain place.

Mr. Owen of Hamlin came in last week to visit his parents Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Owen.

Miss Lola Roberts who was here visiting her sister Mrs. J. W. Powell, left Saturday for Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Witt are back from Moody where they spent their vacation.

J. B. Cooper and Thos. Patillo of Murphysboro returned to their home Saturday night after a short visit here with the formers cousin J. I. Ford of Route 1. Messers Cooper and Patillo had been seeing the sights of the Panama Exposition and stopped here on their return home.

Mrs. Bob Mitchell of Plainview who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. N. Farris, of Noodle, has returned home.

Jno. Sowell who has been in Abilene for the past three months, returned home the latter part of last week.

Miss Dixie Howard is in Haskell visiting her sister, Mrs. Rufus Grisham.

MATTER OF COMMON SENSE

After Explanation, It Was Easy to Understand Why Eben Chose Eliza.

All Norley had expected Eben Joyce of the Forks farm to marry Ellen Ivins, his nearest neighbor on the South Fork road. Ellen was pretty, competent, well dowered, of suitable age—Eben was well past his youth—and it was not believed that, if properly entertained, she would remain permanently averse to matrimony. When he announced that he was engaged, not to Ellen but to Eliza Little-tree, there was much wonder and gossip, for Eliza, although an excellent woman and housewife, was ten years older than he and of unalluring voice and feature.

"Eben, why did ye do it?" Uncle Eli Emmons at last inquired frankly, from the keg which Norley politely always left free for him, as the dean of the social circle of the grocery, until he appeared to claim it.

Eben, slowly stowing assorted packages in his various bulging pockets, recognized the questioner as the spokesman of a public opinion naturally and of right concerned with his affairs. He was not offended.

"I s'pose folks was some surprised," he explained, amiably, "but 'twas natural enough. Soon's ye reelly give your mind to it, takin' all the circumstances into consid'ration, you'll swing round to my p'int of view—see? ye don't. There's the farm, plunk in the crotch of the Forks. There's Ellen—and I ain't got a word against Ellen; she's a grand woman in her way—well, there's Ellen a long mile down to the South Fork road. And a scant half mile up the North Fork road there's Eliza. Some of ye's married men, and some of ye's wishful to be, and the rest of ye's watched other fellers sparkin', ef they haven't sparked themselves. Ye all know how 'tis. No matter how much sense a woman's got, she's a woman, and she's bound to keep ye tendin' out and dancin' round and trottin' to and fro for goodness knows how long before ye can bring her to a plain ye's or no. It's the way of 'em. It has to be stood. The best a man can do is to reckon his time and distance keerful, and that's what I did. Eliza saved me a mile trudge, and a quarter of an hour time whenever I came courtin' her, by jest not livin' where Ellen did."

"Gosh!" whispered the man on the cracker box, gently. He was the youngest present.

"Eben," said Uncle Eli solemnly—he was the oldest—"I've done ye an injustice. I never suspicioned ye had an intellect capable of graspin' details in sech an amazin' and illuminatin' manner. No, I never did. Ye're a plumb wonder!"

"Not at all, not at all, Uncle Eli," said Eben, departing with a flattered smile. "It wa'n't anything but jest plain common sense."—Youth's Companion.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR RENT—Two rooms nicely furnished for light house-keeping. Phone or see Mrs. S. F. Annis. 3t2pd.

FOR SALE—McCormick Row Binder in good condition \$50.00 cash. No trade. H. D. Simpson. 3t2pd.

LOST OR STRAYED—From J. H. Graysons farm a red horse mule known as the Derrington mule. J. D. Beasley. tf

WANTED—An upright piano must be a bargain. H. F. Groene 23t3pd.

FOR SALE CHEEP—160 acres in mountains, 50 acres cultivated, half sand, running water, 5 miles west Buffalo Gap, 4 miles south View, J. J. Smith, Buffalo Gap. 10t4pd

BUGGY FOR SALE:—Good buggy and harness for sale. See F. Y. Gaither at Harkrider store.

FURNISHED ROOM—Close in and desirable for two young men. Apply to Mrs. Wm. O'Briant.

WANTED:—Good all-around farm and ranch hand would prefer man with family. Phone, write or see Sam Butman, Nubia, Texas.

FOR SALE—Good milch cows. Chas. Orr, two miles southeast of Merkel. Oct20pd.

LOST—Size 18 silver open face Waltham watch, having leather fob. Reward for return to Asa Sheppard.

Receives Appointment

L. D. Gaither left the first of the week for Albany in answer to a letter from the Texas Live Stock Commission naming him inspector of the Albany District. Mrs. Gaither will join her husband at their new home with in a few days.

Notice To Patrons

I beg to announce that during the coming fall months my business will not allow me to devote much time to my book work and consequently will place this in the hands of another, and any person desiring to settle their account will please take the matter up with W. A. Armstrong at my office as he will have complete charge of my books and collections. Respectfully, Dr. M. Armstrong.

Miss Myrtis Huffaker who has been here visiting her sister, Mrs. H. C. Burroughs, Jr., left Monday evening for her home in Greenville.

Misses Maude Jenkins, Myrtis Huffaker, Vera Jenkins and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs, Jr., motored to Abilene Saturday.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

\$35.00 Bicycle for sale. Very cheap. Burroughs Drug Store. t2

Cecil Jobe left Sunday evening for Lubbock where he will enter school.

Freshest Box candy at Burroughs Drug Store. .2t

The birth of a new boy is reported to Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Gazzaway.

Fine and fresh chocolate candies at Burroughs Drug Store. t2

Mrs. Geo. W. Hawkins of Dora is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Whitaker.

Call and see my Millinery at the J. A. Duckett store. Miss Ona Stanley.

Miss Eather Williams is the guest of Miss Flora Hendrix of Abilene this week.

If you are not a customer of our store please come in and try us out. Harkrider Dry Good Store.

W. H. Laney, deputy sheriff at this place, was in Abilene the first of the week on business.

If you are interested in new styles for fall visit our store. Harkrider Dry Goods Co.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Williams and daughters, Lenora and Helen, have moved to Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Young of Rotan visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Duckett, the past week.

You will find the best line of shoes at our store that is possible to offer at our prices. Harkrider Dry Good Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Porter of Loraine returned home Friday after visiting their mother, Mrs. N. E. Reidenbach.

Ladies don't fail to visit me and see my new fall and winter hats at the J. A. Duckett store. Miss Ona Stanley.

Miss Wi Leeman who visited her aunt, Mrs. Jud Sheppard, returned to her home in Duncan, Okla. Wednesday.

Miss Bess Swann enroute to her home in Tyler, spent several days here visiting her cousin, Miss Irene Swann.

Mrs. E. V. White and children visited the formers parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, while en route to their home in Denton.

We want your business and known what it takes to get it. The right kind of goods at the right kind of prices. Harkrider Dry Goods Co.

Miss Margarette Sumpf has returned to her home in San Antonio via Cleburne after visiting her cousin, Mrs. Jno. W. Briggs.

We now have the newest novelties in neckwear, middies and tams; also a complete showing of the new fall dress goods and silks. Harkrider Dry Goods Store.

Mrs. I. S. Allen has joined her husband here. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are returning home after spending a year or more in Denton.

James Black was in town Sunday with his family, returning Sunday night to his position with the Waples Platter Grocery Co., at Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Woodruff and son, Don. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Woodroof and children, William and Evelyn, motored to San Angelo the first of the week to visit relatives.

Miss Gail McCarty of Sweetwater, who has been in Carter, Okla., visiting her parents, was the guest of Mrs. W. H. Dickson and Miss Elma Sheppard Sunday.

September marks the beginning of fall trading and our store is loaded with new merchandise and the new season is ushered in with many special bargains. Harkrider Dry Goods store.

STATEMENT CONDITION

Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

Of Merkel, Texas

At close of Business Sept. 2, 1915

RESOURCES

Loans	\$130,434.89
Overdrafts	None
U. S. Bonds—Par	10,250.00
Stock in Federal Bank	1,500.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real Estate	6,500.00
Cash and Exchange	71,814.81
Total	\$224,412.20

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	31,637.49
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	161,524.71
Total	\$224,412.20

On the merits of this clean and well balanced statement we invite new accounts. No borrowed money. High Cash reserve and large volume of deposits.

Board of Directors

J. T. Warren G. F. West C. P. Warren
Ed. S. Hughes Henry James
Ben T. Merritt Thos. Johnson

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

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

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TELEPHONE No. 61

It is force we must eventually apply if we expect to subdue the sister republic.—Commercial Appeal.

COMMERCIALISMS

Russia has the world's record when it comes to retreating.

Carranza is as slow at letter writing as he is at fighting.

There is a good deal of peace talk going on—it is just talk, however.

War prophets are no longer with us. It was different this time last year.

Automobile racing is about as near as the United States has yet come to the perils of war.

The question of neutrality in the Balkans is nothings more nor less than the question of price.

If a man is obliging, declares Jerome, he is very apt to be popular, because he can always be imposed upon.

Hailstones 14 inches in diameter are said to have fallen in England last week. No doubt the peasant thought of Zeppelins.

It is astonishing how many Russians forts that were so important a few weeks ago are now detailed as unimportant in the Russian dispatches.

September morn seems to have warmed up a bit: must have found her furs.

Give him time and the sport shirt man will yet wear a string of beads to finish up the effect.

Among the "smashing" drives of the autumn there should be counted that of the movie van men.

Of course, if Bulgaria cant make up her mind whom to fight she might as well wipe off her war paint.

"A million eggs for the English soldiers?" But that would not be one apiece if Kitchener's army ever materializes.

Miladi says "the light that never was on land or sea" doesn't keep you from stubbing your toe if the gas goes out.

Not a single thing has happened since Mr. Bryan left the cabinet to justify his resignation, even on his own peace grounds.

Motto for the "coppers:" He who shoots at the moon aims highest; also he hits no innocent women running on the side walks.

If Henry Ford is to devote the remainder of his life to stopping wars, who is going to make "the little Fords that run right along?"

They have raised the F-4, but they have not lifted any of the mystery of its destruction; but there is this much about it, the men who go down in submarines know that the government will hunt them if they are lost, and that's something.

BORDER FIGHTING

Mexico seems determined to see just how much the United States will submit to before a more aggressive policy is adopted.

Texas has for many months been growing more and impatient.

Sooner or later the sons of the Lone Star State will do a little fighting on their own hook, and when they do, Mexico will find out that war is not such a joke after all.

It was about a year ago that the belligerent governor of Texas asked for permission to bring order out of chaos in Mexico. Starved mexicans were crossing the Rio Grande to become dependent on Texas generosity. These unfortunates only became a burden. As a citizen the Mexican is not to be considered. He is lazy, he is never to be depended on, and he is treacherous. Mexicans fight because they would rather enjoy this excitement than consistently apply themselves to any occupation. There is an istinctive dislike on the part of the average Texas ranger to anything from south of the Rio Grande. No one questions the gameness of the Texan. The state is the home of historic fighters. If left to Texas, Mexico can be subdued and the state would no doubt be grateful if President Wilson would just give them a chance to say "sick 'em boys."

It is a sore trial for men with families living adjactant to the Mexican border to be used as targets by the snippers across the river. Gen. Scott visited the territory across from Arizona and secured an agreement by which the bandits were moved out of range of the American line. This, however, seems to have been forgotten, for those same marauders are at it again.

Such a condition of affairs cannot possibly last. We are making vigorous protests because Americans have been killed on belligerent ships carrying war munitions. We should look over the growing list of Americans dead in Mexico and on American soil, victims of Mexican treachery.

It may be admitted that the Mexican leaders are not responsible for the recent outbreak. Carranza has done what he could to restore order. The whole truth of the matter is that no man in Mexica can control the warlike factions of malcontents and inland marauders.

Diaz ruled Mexico because he was a man of iron and ruled with a whip. The average Mexica cannot be treated as a human being. He is never so pleased as when being ruled by force.

Drug Addiction in the United States

This subject has been much discussed since the Harrison law went into effect, and many exaggerated and misleading statements in regard to it have been published. A timely paper by M. I. Wilbert of the U. S. Public Health Service, on "The Number and Kind of Drug Addicts," has recently appeared in the Public Health Reports. It was generally predicted that the result of the enforcement of the federal anti-narcotic law would be the besieging of hospitals by drug addicts and a crime wave of national scope, accompanied by a trail of suicide and death. Although hospital reports clearly show an effect of the enforcement of the law, these dire predictions have by no means been

"TIZ" FOR ACHING, SORE, TIRED FEET

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

Good-bye corns, callouses, bunions and raw spots. No more shoe tightness, no more limping with pain or drawing up your face in agony. "TIZ" is magical, acts right off. "TIZ" draws out all the poisonous exudations which puff up the feet. Use "TIZ" and forget your foot misery. Ah! how comfortable your feet feel. Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" now at any drugist or department store. Don't suffer. Have good feet, glad feet, feet that never swell, never hurt, never get tired. A year's foot comfort guaranteed or money refunded.

Exclusive Values

There's a world of meaning in the word "Exclusive" as it is applied to Firestone Tires. The Non-Skid letters which insure safety with extra mileage on any road—this is an exclusive Firestone design.

The famous fighting endurance under tug and strain is packed into the tire-body by methods exclusively Firestone.

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Because all these advantages in enormous output and efficient methods of making and marketing give you Firestones at the price of only ordinary tires.

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 Merkel, Texas

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Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy

"I advised the 'boys' when they enlisted for the Spanish war to take Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with them, and have received many thanks for the advice given," writes J. H. Houghland, Eldon, Iowa. "No person whether traveling or at home should be without this great remedy." For sale by all dealers.

2nd Hand Lumber for Sale

I am tearing down the Hamm Lumber sheds and will have a large amount of good second hand lumber for sale at a bargain. See me now if interested. Jno. C. Hamm. 27t3pd.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure.

The worst cases, no matter how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

Notice

Located at my old stands weighing cotton and wagons also buying seed. With accurate weights and highest market price for seed I ask a continuance of your patronage.

G. R. Gazzaway

Chamberlain's Liniment

If you are ever troubled with aches, pains or soreness of the muscles, you will appreciate the good qualities of Chamberlain's Liniment. Many sufferers from rheumatism and sciatica have used it with the best results. It is especially valuable for lumbago and lame back. For sale by all dealers.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Four druggists will refund money if FAZO 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. 50c.

Best Treatment for a Burn

If for no other reason, Chamberlain's Salve should be kept in every household on account of its great value in the treatment of burns. It allays the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a severe one, heals the parts without leaving a scar. This salve is also unequalled for chapped hands, sore nipples and diseases of the skin. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

For Sale

My Blacksmith shop and dwelling house at Nubia. B. F. Riney 3t4pd

10 Cent Cotton

Wanted on Pianos, Organs, Singer Sewing Machines and all notes.

E. D. Coats. 3tf

The New Fall Stocks Have Taken Full Possession

Come and see the delightful new things that are ready for your inspection here now

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Read over this range of prices, then come and examine goods

Wool Suitings, Serges and Silks in all the latest styles

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Men's Clothing

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All weaves and colors in cotton dress goods from

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Boys' Clothing

\$3.00 to \$6.50

We will give a Premium with every Dollar traded Saturday the 11th

THE STORE THAT SAVES YOU MONEY

J. P. SHARP & SONS

BIG VALUES

SMALL PRICES

GOOD ANALYSIS OF WORRY

Foolish and Altogether Too Prevalent Habit Which All Should Strive to Avoid.

We worry because we are afraid of something. Worry is fear of the consequences of something that has occurred or something that may happen. A curious thing about it is that it is never associated with the immediate present. It is generally in the future, though sometimes in the past.

Animals and babies who are conscious of nothing but the present cannot worry. As all creatures, except human beings, live only for the moment, they do not worry because they have no recollection of what has happened and can form no conception of what may happen.

Human beings having the capacity to look back or forward, mentally are susceptible to the fear that causes worry, and as most persons live more in the past or future than in the present, this tendency affects for worry or not, according to our viewpoint of life in other respects. Worry is mental fear of an impending something.

Persons afflicted will be less worried about their condition than relatives or friends who sympathize with them. A person may worry in anticipation of a sickness or operation, but when they have the sickness or the operation is performed, the worry disappears, and, though they may fear, they cannot worry in the present.

Where the Blame Belonged.

Many veterans can recall the powerful and persuasive eloquence of Colonel Morrow of Detroit when he was calling for patriots to enlist in the Civil war. Just after the battle of Fredericksburg a deserter was brought before him. Nothing so roused the colonel's indignation as a willful desertion or cowardice, and he turned on the weak-kneed soldier in a towering rage and said: "What do you mean by deserting your post in the hour of your country's peril? Have you no feeling of patriotism? Why did you ever enlist if you are such a coward?" "Well, colonel," said the soldier, "if you want to know I'll tell you why I enlisted. It was that — speech of yours at Livonia."

His Liberal System.

"Yes, I give my boy a regular sum for spending money. I find it's the best way."
"How much?"
"Fifty cents a week. It seems plenty, doesn't it? He's sixteen."
"Why, yes, I suppose it's plenty. You give it to him every Monday, do you?"
"No, I deposit it for him every Saturday."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Cotton and Grain

We will buy cotton from yards anywhere in Taylor or Jones counties if you will only bring us the GINNERS' SAMPLE

We are also in the market for headed or threshed maize, wheat and Oats.

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E. L. WOODROOF, Buyer

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Texas



IRONING SHIRTS

is no child's play and no woman burdened with a thousand other duties should be asked to do it. Besides it takes a special knack and training. Send your shirts and other linen to this laundry and they'll be done up right. We have the "know how" and the facilities to apply it.

SWEETWATER STEAM LAUNDRY
M. E. BELL, Agent, Merkel.
Phone No. 133

BEE'S LAXATIVE COUGH SYRUP
RELIEVES COUGHS AND COLDS

Notice

Any person caught hauling wood out of my pasture without my permission will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. R. J. Adcock. 1tpd

For Sale

Good Edison Phonograph and about 40 records, also good Organ. A. L. Jobe. 1t.

RHEUMATISM ARRESTED

Many people suffer the tortures of lame muscles and stiffened joints because of impurities in the blood, and each succeeding attack seems more acute until rheumatism has invaded the whole system. To arrest rheumatism it is quite as important to improve your general health as to purify your blood, and the cod liver oil in Scott's Emulsion is nature's great blood-maker, while its medicinal nourishment strengthens the organs to expel the impurities and rebuild your strength. Scott's Emulsion is helping thousands every day who could not find other relief. Refuse the alcoholic substitutes.

BUTMAN

We are having some real beautiful weather at this writing. The farmers are all busy with their crops, cotton picking being the most outstanding feature. Cotton pickers are very plentiful here. Fifty and sixty cents per hundred is the customary wages. The yield on an average will be about three-fifths that of last year. The boll worms and weevils are destroying a considerable portion of the top crop.

The christian meeting at Cross Roads closed Sunday evening at 4:00 o'clock. There were no additions to the church but considerable good was accomplished, for Elder Phillips made so many good impressions that to believe otherwise would be inconsistent. A sumptuous dinner was spread and many from Trent and Blair were present to partake of same.

A large crowd attended singing at Mr. and Mrs. Bud Perry's Sunday night.

Miss Annie Collins of Merkel is visiting Misses Lottie and Marjorie Butman this week.

Miss Effie Watkins of Knox City is visiting relatives in the Canyon.

Rev. Todd of Abilene preached at Butman Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Carrie Deavenport of Duncan, Okla., who has been visiting in the Canyon for three weeks will return home this week.

The prayer meeting at Butman has been reinstated. All are requested to attend.

Hoping that cotton will go to fifteen cents per pound and cotton seed to forty dollars per ton and that the war will close in sixty days as anticipated, the writer urges his readers to patiently bear with him till something occurs worth interest.

SHILOH

Sunday school was very well attended Sunday.

Those who attended the association at Prairieview report a most enjoyable time.

Mrs. Maggie Scott of Sylvester spent Sunday night with Mrs. G. W. Scott and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry were visiting in Sylvester Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Winters spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Phillips of Trent.

Bob Woods of Waco is here visiting B. L. Grayson and family.

W. B. Beavers and daughter, Nina, were Merkel visitors Tuesday.

Prof. and Mrs. Rollins of Abilene, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry.

Ulric Wheeler and family, Henry Wheeler and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wilner Grayson, spent Sunday with B. N. Wheeler and children at Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones spent Sunday with friends at Noodle.

Miss Edith Mayberry is at home from McCaulley where she has been teaching a music class.

Mrs. Condor and little daughter, Thelma, are visiting relatives in east Texas.

Miss Albertine Winters spent Sunday night with friends at Noodle.

Mr. Barclay of the Golan community took dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tyner.

Grover Tyner of Wichita Falls has come to make his home with his mother at this place. We welcome him to our midst.

Mrs. Lovey Maynard and baby who have been here visiting relatives, returned to their home in Comanche county Saturday night.

Rev. G. W. Scott is assisting Rev. Horn in a meeting at Brush.

Grandma Phillips spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Pomroy.

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

GLASS OF SALTS IF YOUR KIDNEYS HURT

Eat less meat if you feel Backache or have Bladder trouble—Salts fine for Kidneys.

Meat forms uric acid which excites and overworks the kidneys in their efforts to filter it from the system. Regular eaters of meat must flush the kidneys occasionally. You must relieve them like you relieve your bowels; removing all the acids, waste and poison; else you feel a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sour, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment; the channels often get irritated, obliging you to get up two or three times during the night.

To neutralize these irritating acids and flush off the body's urinous waste get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine and bladder disorders disappear. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys and stop bladder irritation. Jad Salts is inexpensive; harmless and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which millions of men and women take now and then, thus avoiding serious kidney and bladder diseases.*



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The Latest Wireless Signal of Distress

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Freeman, Mrs. Lila A.
Hopper, B. H.
Ions, Penrose N.
Moss, Leo
Nichols, J. R.
Rowland, R. W.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Sept. 18th.
H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas.

Good for Biliousness

"I took two of Chamberlain's Tablets last night, and I feel fifty per cent. better than I have for weeks, says J. J. Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness." For sale by all dealers.

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.

No Hunting or Fishing

All parties caught hunting or fishing on either of my places will be prosecuted. One is 4 miles north-west of Merkel and the other is near Noodle on the river.

C. J. Douglass. 3tpd.

EXCURSIONIST IN MERKEL 11-2 HRS.

One hundred strong the Abilene Trade Excursionists arrived here on scheduled time Wednesday afternoon and paraded from the depot through the business part of town before they broke ranks.

The Boosters were in our town shaking hands with friends and advertising the Central West Texas Fair for over one and one half hours. After their arrival here from Sweetwater the engine pulling their train was sent to Abilene to turn around in order to make the return trip to Sweetwater and Big Springs and thereby allowed the Trade Excursionists over half an hour longer here than they had anticipated.

The special bearing the Abilene Boosters departed at 7:15 for Big Springs, the delegation being scheduled to stop at Sweetwater for supper.

President J. D. Sandefer of Simmons College, H. O. Wooten and J. M. Radford of the Wooten and Radford Grocery Co's, respectfully, joined the excursionists here, arriving on T. & P. passenger No. 3 from Abilene.

In all the Abilene Trade Excursion was a complete success and the members of the party especially those who are due praise for making the excursion a success were as wide-awake bunch of business men as have ever visited Merkel and while the citizenship of our town did not seem surprised at the cooperative spirit manifested by the visitors and the magnitude of their undertaking, our town was taken off her feet for a short while in what equalled if not surpassed trade excursions of Dallas and Fort Worth.

IT IS ALL FREE TO THE MERKEL FARMERS

We have gone to the expense of advertising our labor exchange to cotton pickers who come to Merkel and when the farmers of the Merkel country are in need of any farm assistance of any kind they should phone us their wants. We will endeavor to find jobs for any person wanting work in the Merkel country if work is to be found and there will be absolutely no charges for our services.

If you are in need of a hand or hands just phone us and if you see any person wanting work send them to us and we will do our best to get them a job. E. L. Rogers Grocer.

LADIES! LOOK YOUNG, DARKEN GRAY HAIR

Use Grandma's Sage Tea and Sulphur Recipe and nobody can tell. Brush it through hair.

Gray hair, however handsome, denotes advancing age. We all know the advantages of a youthful appearance. Your hair is your charm. It makes or mars the face. When it fades, turns gray and looks dry, wispy and scraggly, just a few applications of Sage Tea and Sulphur enhances its appearance a hundred-fold.

Don't stay gray! Look young! Either prepare the tonic at home or get from any drug store a 50 cent bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy." Thousands of folks recommend this ready-to-use preparation, because it darkens the hair beautifully and removes dandruff, stops scalp itching and falling hair; besides, no one can possibly tell, as it darkens so naturally and evenly. You moisten a sponge or soft brush with it, drawing this through the hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two, its natural color is restored and it becomes thick, glossy and lustrous, and you appear years younger.

W. O. W.

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

W. M. Elliott, C. C.
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The Fair "Copette" and the Midgets.

TO Miss Blanche Poyson belongs the honor of being the only real special policewoman in the United States. Her star, bearing the inscription "Special Police, Toyland G. U.," is registered at the city hall in San Francisco. Miss Poyson, who stands six feet four inches without her boots, maintains law and order at "Toyland Grown Up," on the Zone, at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. Miss Poyson weighs 235 pounds, she is but twenty-four years of age and, despite her official position, is as delightful a young woman as one will meet in a long day of sightseeing on the Zone. She is enthusiastic over her work and keeps watch on the great throngs which visit Toyland day and night. Miss Poyson has presided with wonderful success over crowds of many thousands of persons. The two midgets beside Miss Poyson have taken great fancy to the "copette," and the three have become fast friends during their off hours at Toyland.

Toyland Grown Up, where Miss Poyson reigns, is one of the largest and most costly concessions on the great amusement thoroughfare. It was built at a cost of \$385,000 and covers fourteen acres. All the toys of the story books read by youngsters and grownups are to be seen there in monster proportions, and in this land of romance and enchantment, with its giant toys, the giant policewoman presides with dignity and efficiency.

MILLIONS of American youngsters will profit by their summer vacations this year, for with their parents they will flock to the great Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco. Realizing that the coming generation is interested in the wonderful exhibits and the general beauty of the Exposition, the Exposition directors made a strenuous campaign for the acquisition of the greatest historic relic in America, the Liberty Bell, and today that treasured emblem of the birth of the nation's independence is being prepared for its long transcontinental journey.

The Liberty Bell will leave Philadelphia July 5 and, making short stops throughout many parts of the country, will reach San Francisco on the evening of July 16. The greatest patriotic celebration in the history of the west will be held in San Francisco on July 17. Every man, woman and child should see this glorious demonstration. It will be an event to be remembered by children during their whole lives.

The city council of Philadelphia, which at first opposed sending the bell to San Francisco, fearing that the widening of the crack that appeared in it a century ago might be greatly increased, finally appropriated \$30,000 to cover the expense of transporting and safeguarding the great relic across the continent. In appreciation of this action 200,000 school children of California have joined in a petition thanking Philadelphia for allowing the famous treasure to be sent to the Exposition.

A special train will carry the great national relic to San Francisco, with an escort of twenty-four members of the select and common councils of Philadelphia. A number of distinguished citizens will accompany the bell.

During its stay at the Exposition the bell will be placed in the Pennsylvania State building, which is a replica of the famous Independence hall, where the bell first pealed out its message of liberty. This most revered historic relic of the nation will be placed in a monster vault and guarded by a special detachment of Exposition guards, who will see that no harm befalls it.

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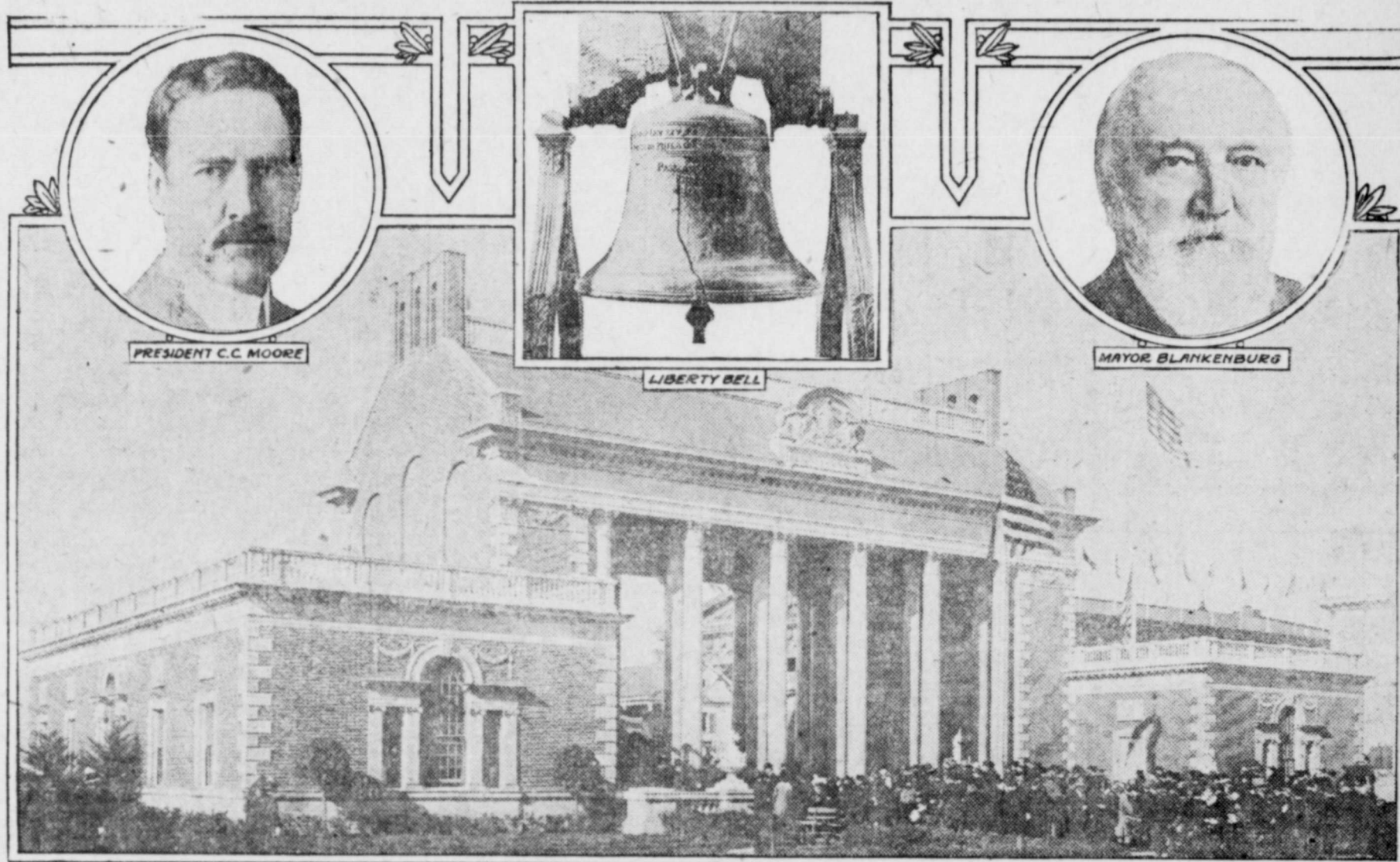
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Millions to Take Part In Greeting the Historic Relic at San Francisco July 17, When the Greatest Patriotic Celebration In the History of the West Will Be Held.



WORKED HIS WAY THROUGH UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS



Jack G. Grissom

That there is no boy in Texas so poor who, having the ambition, the health and the will, cannot obtain a University education, is demonstrated by J. G. Grissom, whose photograph in reproduction appears above. Mr. Grissom will receive this year two degrees from the University of Texas, the degree of Bachelor of Arts and the degree of Master of Arts. He has earned himself every penny he has spent at the University. But for the munificence of the state in supporting a University it would be impossible for poor boys to secure a University education. Handicap young Grissom, for instance, with a payment of \$200 per year for tuition, and he would be unable to attend the University. The founders of the Republic pointed out this fact, that whereas the rich can send their sons and daughters anywhere, to the East, to Europe, or to the Orient, to secure an education, the children of the poor must depend upon state supported institutions of higher education. Therefore, the University of Texas has been truly called "the poor man's school," since above half of the students within its walls are either in whole or in part self-supporting, and fifty per cent of the remainder would be unable to attend a university that demanded tuition-fees.

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POLITICAL AGITATORS

POLITICIANS WHO CAPITALIZE STRIFE A MENACE TO GOVERNMENT.

Neglect of Agricultural and Industrial Opportunities a National Crime.

By Peter Radford.

There never was a time in the history of this nation when we needed statesmen more or agitators less than at the present moment. The opportunities now afforded us on land and sea demand the best there is in statecraft and the possibilities that are confronting us call for national issues that unite the people, build industry and expand trade. The agricultural and industrial development of this nation has suffered severely at the hands of agitators who have sent torpedoes crashing into the port side of business and whose neglect of the interests of the farmer makes them little less than political criminals. We want no more of these evil spirits to predominate in government. Too long their hysterical cry has sent a shiver down the spinal column of industry. Too long have the political agitators capitalized strife, pillaged progress and murdered opportunity. An industrial corpse is not a desirable thing, a crippled business an achievement or neglect an accomplishment about which any representative of the government has a right to boast.

Issues that Breed Agitators Should be Eliminated.

The political agitator must be eliminated from public life before thoughtful consideration can be given to a constructive program in government. The liquor question is the most prolific breeding ground for agitators and whether pro or anti, the hatch is equally as undesirable. This article is in no sense a discussion of the liquor question but deals solely and by way of illustration with the political products of that issue. Other subjects will be dealt with in the order of their importance.

In the history of our government the liquor issue has never produced a constructive statesman worth mentioning and it never will. It has sent more freaks to Congress, Lilliputians to the Senate and incompetents to office than any other political issue under the sun.

The recent experience of the English Parliament which lashed itself into a fury over the liquor question has a lesson that it is well for the farmers of this nation to observe; for the subject in some form or other is constantly before the public for solution and oftentimes to the exclusion of more important problems to the American plowmen.

Too Many Political Drunkards.

Lloyd-George, the Prohibition leader of Europe who led the prohibition fight in England, has declared that he will never again take a drink politically and there are many American politicians—pro and anti—who would render their country a service by climbing on the water wagon or signing a pledge of political temperance. Too often our legislative halls are turned into political bar-rooms and many of the members become intoxicated on liquor discussions. We have too many political drunkards—pro and anti—in our public affairs. No one who is a slave to the political liquor habit is quite so capable of dealing with the business affairs of government as the sober and industrious. We have few public men in this day who are strong enough to resist the temptation of strong drink politically and when the demon Rum once becomes firmly entrenched in the mind of a politician, he is less capable of meeting the demands for constructive statesmanship now confronting this nation.

We have in this country too many red-nosed politicians—both pro and anti. A candidate with political delirium tremens, a preacher with political snakes in his boots and an agitator drunk on the liquor question are the saddest sights in civilization and they should all be forced to take the political Keeley Cure.

It is far more important in government to make it easier for those who toil to eat than to make it more difficult for a few toppers to drink. There is not one person in one hundred of our rural population that ever touches liquor but we all eat three times a day.

THE LAYMAN'S DUTY

There never was a time when preachers and politicians formed an unholy alliance that civilization did not shriek out and Christianity cry aloud. Since the beginning of government, politicians have sought to decoy the ministry into the meshes of politics and make them carry banners in political processions. They have taken the ministry to the mountain-top of power and offered to make them monarch of all they surveyed, and while most of them have said, "Get thee behind me Satan," a few have fallen with a crash that has shaken every pulpit in Christendom.

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HER SILVER SHOWER

HOW GIRL GAVE FRIEND A LESSON IN ECONOMY.

Stopping of the Little Financial Leaks Accomplished What Seemed to the Careless One to be on the Border on the Marvellous.

"It is the finest idea I ever heard of," said Lucinda Grey, as she looked compassionately at her pale little friend just out of the hospital. "I'm tired to death of restaurant fare, and I haven't forgotten your cooking, Alice Benton! But are you sure you are strong enough to do it?"

"For two of us—in this place?" The pale girl laughed derisively. "It will be like play, and the best possible occupation for me."

"Very well, it is settled, if you are certain it's not too much for you. You'll find my purse in the bottom bureau drawer in a little tin box; use what you need for supplies and things."

"All right, but I am going to bear my half of the expense, remember."

"And do the work besides? I call that an unequal arrangement," protested Lucinda. She knew what must be the condition of her friend's purse after her long illness.

"My month in the hospital made quite a hole in my savings," Alice admitted, "but I need not be a burden to my friends."

"You mean you have money saved from your salary?" asked Lucinda, in astonishment. "Will you kindly tell me how you have done it, O wise young person? I've never been able to save a cent, and it worries me more than I can tell. I'm sure I try hard enough to be economical."

"Perhaps we shall find some of the little leaks later," said her friend, with a smile.

Two weeks had passed when, as Lucinda was dressing one morning, she called across to the little kitchen, "Now, Alice, you've mended this old corset cover. I told you it was not worth—"

Her voice died away into astonished silence. From the folded garment something fell with a thud to the floor. It was a silver half-dollar wrapped in a piece of paper, on which were written the two words, "Five Minutes."

Lucinda slipped the silver into an empty box in her bureau drawer, and put on the mended garment thoughtfully. As she was leaving for the office she paused to call back, "Do you mind telling me what 'Five Minutes' means?"

"That was the time it took to mend it," said Alice quietly.

Almost daily after that something was added to the contents of the box; silver half-dollars for each pair of neatly mended stockings that Alice had found discarded in a rag bag in the bathroom, and varying amounts for the undergarments and waists and neckpieces that she freshened and restored to usefulness.

"I'd like to know what she will do with a pinned-out collar," said Lucinda, a little vindictively, one day, as she put three of them into the rag bag. When the laundry was returned Lucinda found the three collars on her dressing table. A jaunty bow pinned on the front of each completely concealed the devastation the heavy brooch had made.

"You are certainly hard to circumvent, Alice," she said, with a laugh. "You needn't do any more, if you please. I've counted the money in my box, and I've learned my lesson. I'll never again see a partly worn garment without seeing also the money it would cost to replace it, thanks to your 'silver shower.'"—Youth's Companion.

Activities of Women.

Women cooks in Norway are paid from \$6 to \$13 per month, while housemaids get only \$5 per month.

A regiment of girl scouts are now being drilled in military tactics in a New York armory.

Woman carpet weavers in the Firth, Eng., carpet mills earn an average of \$5.47 a week.

The former Anna Gould, now a French countess, has opened a workshop in Paris to give employment to needy women who have been made destitute on account of their husbands going to war.

Miss Ruth Clair of Philadelphia is an authority on football and secretary to the rules committee.

When the women of Pasadena, Cal., go to the polls to vote they push baby carriages before them.

When Arabian women go into mourning they stain their hands and feet with indigo for eight days, and during that time they will drink no milk on the ground that its white hue does not harmonize with the mental gloom.

Look Ahead!

There are some persons who ride all through the journey of life with their backs to the horses' head. They are always looking into the past. They are forever talking about the good old times, and how different things were when they were young. There is no romance in the world now, and no heroism. The very winters and summers are nothing to what they used to be; in fact, life is altogether on a small, commonplace scale. Now, that is a miserable sort of thing. It brings a kind of paralyzing chill over life, and petrifies the natural spring of joy that should be forever leaping up to meet the fresh new mercies that the day keeps bringing.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, France Lawrence, to Luther W. Woodroof at the Methodist church Wednesday evening September fifteenth one thousand nine hundred and fifteen at eight o'clock. Everyone is especially invited to attend.

The Methodist Philatheas entertained the Baracas and a few special friends Monday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. O. F. McMaster on Austin street. A chicken fry featured as the means of giving pleasure and entertainment to over 72 guests.

Mrs. Ross Ferrier entertained Friday with a perfectly appointed dinner. Covers were laid for Miss Libbie Patton of Scott, N. M., Misses Elma Sheppard, Maude Martin, Agnes Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier and Frank Ferrier.

Miss Maude Martin charmingly entertained with a dinner at the Collins Hotel Saturday evening. The dinner party was afterwards her guests at the Cozy. The guests were Misses Libbie Patton, Elma Sheppard and Gail McCarty of Sweetwater.

Will Merritt who will enter the West Texas Normal at Canyon City was given a surprise party Friday evening at the home of Mr and Mrs Ben Merritt. Plans were so carefully made the surprise was complete. Many games were played. A watermelon feast was greatly enjoyed by Misses Lucile Edwards, Ida Meeks, Winnie and Elsie Sharp, Ruby Hamm, Myrtle Dupree, Ina Mae Adams, Julia Martin, Merle Clark, Ruby Cauthen, Pearl Gilliland, Messrs. Loyd Gilliland, Floyd Dry, Ed Scott, Elbert Touchstone, Lewis Milliken, Lewis Swann, Stewart Grimes, Menor Burns, Roy Holmes and Will Merritt.

Two Hearts as One

On last Sunday afternoon Sept. 5, 1915, a quiet, simple, home wedding was solemnized near Noodle. Mr. Wilbert H. Gray and Miss Mary Bell Wasson were the contracting parties. Rev. Moore officiated. Only a few relatives were present. The bride wore a simple white dress and never looked more lovely, while the groom was handsomely attired in a suit of blue serge. The only attendants were Mr. Rucker Sibley of Abilene and Miss Lila Wasson of Noodle, cousin of the bride.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Wasson and is much admired for her sweet disposition and beautiful traits of character. Fortunate is he who now has her for a life companion. Mr. Gray came to Noodle some time ago his former home being at Palestine. He is a highly polished and promising young man and has now many friends since coming to Noodle.

The many friends of this happy young couple wish for them a smooth sail over the tempestuous sea of wedded life. Mr. and Mrs. Gray will reside at Noodle for awhile. A Friend.

Graham-Clark

Mr. Thomas Graham of Hamlin and Miss Velma Clark of Merkel, were married at the residence of Elder W. G. Cypert last Sunday afternoon. After receiving congratulations and best wishes from those present, the bridal party left in a car for their future home in Hamlin.

Owens-Boles

Mr. Pirtle Owens motored over to Snyder Saturday where he was happily married Sunday to

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The first group, falls within a circle of 7 1/4 inches. The second goes into a circle of 5 3/8 inches. Each group consists of ten consecutive shots.

The accuracy of the American army rifle is very close to this, the groups of ten shots over 500 yards of range averaging about 8 inches, and some of them, of course, being still smaller. In other words, the American service rifle will put ten shots well within a china dinner plate at the distance of five long city blocks.

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Mrs. Ed Young and little daughter, Alice Glynn, have returned to their home in Lampasas, after visiting their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bigham.

Ladies laced trimmed corset covers only 5 cents at J. A. Ducketts.

Mrs. G. E. Hamm and little granddaughter, Lillian Craig, left Monday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crowley in Denison. En route home they will visit Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Gaddy in Dallas.

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They were taken to "see" the elephant. The first one touched the trunk and said that the elephant was like a snake. The second one grasped a leg and said, "How like a tree!" The third passed his hand along the side of the huge beast and said, "Just like a wall." As is frequently the case, they didn't combine their knowledge.

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