

ANNOUNCES FOR CO. ATTY. OF JONES CO.

J. L. (Lee) Cearley announces to the Mail readers in Jones county that he is a candidate to succeed himself in the office he now holds for his first term, that of County Attorney. Evidence of Mr. Cearley's activity in discharging his duties was shown in the findings of the late grand jury of Jones county. Thirty-three indictments were returned, twenty-seven being felonies and only six were misdemeanors. This small number of misdemeanors or finding is evidence that the county attorney has kept a close watch over the petty offences committed in the county. The Western Enterprise made the following comment of Mr. Cearley's candidacy:

Mr. Cearley is serving his first term in the office and invites the people of Jones county to investigate his record in office. He has used his best endeavor, so far as it has been within his power, to enforce the laws, and has been impartial in prosecuting those whom he believed guilty of an offense. The position of county prosecutor is one of no little importance to every law-abiding citizen and it is the duty of all to weigh well the qualifications of every candidate before casting a ballot. Mr. Cearley is entitled to your consideration, and will appreciate your vote and support.

SANITARY NOTICE TO MERKELITES

All property owners and renters are hereby notified, under present regulations you must make shutters for your outhouse so as to make it chicken proof and at the same time have it so arranged that the city scavenger can easily remove shutter and clean place.

This must be looked after and all are notified that outhouses must be cleaned regularly. This can be looked after by phoning the city marshal and having your place listed in the Civic Service list. Parties who refuse to do this will have their places declared a nuisance by the city health officer and on any complaint being filed of negligence of this order fines can be assessed against the resident of the offending place. Please lend your assistance in keeping this civic work up.

B. A. Walters, W. M. Cranford, City Marshal, City Health Officer

WORK STARING ON MERKEL CHURCH

Work of tearing down two Merkel churches is in progress this week. The Presbyterian church near the Baptist church and the Presbyterian church just east of the R. L. Bland home are the two now being razed to the ground.

A new Presbyterian church will be erected at the corner of south second and Oak street. The building will be a brick veneer and plans are now in the hands of an architect for final drawings. A modern home of four or five rooms will be erected by R. O. Anderson on the sight of where the old Presbyterian church stood.

Vaccine at Burroughs.

Merkel was very largely represented in the capital city Monday. Those going down to pay their taxes and attending to other business were: Messrs. N. D. Cobb, J. B. Shannon, M. H. Mashburn, H. F. Groene, W. E. Britain, W. A. Hellums and others.

3,500 POLL TAX RECEIPTS ISSUED

Taylor county voters to the number of 3,500 qualified to vote before the tax collector's office closed Monday night at 12 o'clock.

The number of receipts issued at that hour was 3,476. There were several receipts not yet issued, as the payers had sent for them through the mail, and these will bring the county total to 3,500. Monday and Monday night saw a constant stream of tax payers through the county collector's office, something like four hundred receipts being issued during the day.

Following is the total for each box in the county, as shown by the collector's books.

Abilene	1,468
Merkel	453
View	61
Rogers	18
Ovalo	146
Dewey	39
Blair	66
Nubia	83
Guion	74
Tuscola	105
Bradshaw	62
Iberis	37
Trent	169
Buffalo Gap	100
Moro	79
Caps-Merkel	34
Tye-Abilene	35
Hamby	22
Elmdale	32
Caps-Abilene	62
Potosi	114
Jim Ned	35
Tye-Merkel	51
Shep	100
Total	3,375
Exemptions	101
Grand total	3,476

The total issue by the county in 1915 was 2,700. The total assessed in the county this year was 4,088. The 1916 total is 800 larger than for last year. Tuesday's Reporter.

TRENT BAND TO BE HERE SATURDAY

The Nally Band of Trent is scheduled to be in Merkel Saturday afternoon, to give a free concert.

This band has recently been organized and every member of it is of one family and every member of the family except the mother plays some instrument. Persons who have heard the Nally band in concerts at Trent compliment their playing very much.

Recent Births

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tipton, a boy, Sunday, Jan. 22.
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Toombs, a boy, Sunday, Jan. 22.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jess Higgins, a boy on Thursday of this week.

Mules to Loan.

Mules to let out to break. Parties interested need not apply if your barns and lots are not good. S. S. Brandon, Dora. Pd-4t2

School Books are strictly cash. Burroughs.

HIS ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY RUN.



—Donelan in Providence Journal.

FIREMEN TO HAVE CARNIVAL HERE ALL NEXT WEEK—CAP. VAN SICKLE COMPANY

Come Here Highly Complimented as a Clean Moral Attraction. Recommendations From Clubs Over Entire State

The Captain Van Sickle Carnival Company with seven complete shows will be here all next week under auspices of the Merkel volunteer fire department.

With the company is a strong band and free concerts will be a daily attraction during the entire week. On the closing day, Saturday, Feb. 12th, Malone Brothers will attempt to get a rider for the noted "Blue Jay" horse all of which will be under the auspices of the carnival company and fire department.

No carnival company coming to Merkel has been more highly recommended than the Van Sickle Shows. Fire chiefs from various towns in Texas, Commercial Clubs, Confederate Daughters Clubs and other clubs bespeak of this attraction in the highest terms.

J. M. WAGSTAFF TO BE HERE TONIGHT A. J. JONES FOR SUPERINTENDENT

Hon. J. M. Wagstaff, candidate for congress in the preferential primary to be held in this country tomorrow is to speak at the Cozy Theatre tonight, February 4.

The speaking is scheduled to open at 7:30, at which time Judge Wagstaff will discuss his platform and candidacy for congress from this district. The public is cordially invited to attend this speaking.

A Letter to the Men

There is a special letter to the men of Merkel in this week's issue of the Merkel Mail. Read it in Behrens-McMillen's ad.

Good axes with Hickory handles only 49 cents at J. A. Ducketts.

Plenty of Bran, Shorts and Chops. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Arthur J. Jones of Tuscola announces his candidacy to the readers of the Mail for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction of Taylor county subject to the election of July.

Mr. Jones is a native of Texas, native of Taylor county and a native of the community he resides in. At present he is principal of the Tuscola schools and is one of the most prominent young educators in the country. He is well known throughout the country and has numerous friends here. Mr. Jones should receive your careful attention in the coming primaries.

Have H. M. Rose, the tinner fix it for you. Plumbing and water fixtures looked after on short notice.

Ask your druggist for "Bass"

Dr. J. L. Gilliland with his family is moving this week to Roscoe. Dr. Gilliland was associated in dental practice with Dr. O. F. McMaster, but has decided to seek new fields of endeavor. We regret to lose the family but wish them success in their new home.

REST ROOM WILL OPEN SATURDAY

A rest room for the use of Merkel ladies and ladies who come here from any other vicinity will be open to the public Saturday at ten o'clock.

Mr. E. P. McMillen of the Behrens-McMillen Co., has made arrangements to equip the room throughout at the expense of his company. Chairs and rockers, go-carts, mirrors, combs and accessories, such as ladies will need, will be found. The only restrictions placed over the place is "It is for ladies only," and men and boys will not be permitted to enter the place. Ladies of Merkel and Merkel country are requested to assist Mr. McMillen in making this a success and all are asked to lend a helping hand. Entrances to the rest room can be made from the street or through the Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.'s store. The room will be situated where the J. B. Cox Fruit Stand has been in the past.

This improvement is one that Merkel has been needing for some time and everybody should assist in making it a success.

The Mail will from time to time contribute magazines and papers for the pleasure of the rest room visitors.

Moves Here From Kentucky

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Gamble of Blaine, Ky. have moved to Merkel and have taken rooms at the J. W. Daniels home. Dr. Gamble will be associated in the practice of dentistry with Dr. O. F. McMaster at the latter's office on the West building.

A. C. Browning was here the latter part of last week the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning.

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FIRE INSURANCE IS REDUCED HERE

Again, for the second time within the last year insurance rates in Merkel have been reduced. Much work has been done within the last year to improve the efficiency of the Merkel Fire Department and the most recent one was made when the city employed a paid driver, whose exclusive duties are to remain at the fire station in readiness to answer alarms.

At this time last year the Merkel rate was 54 cents, improvements cut it to 46 cents and now our town enjoys a reduction of 7 cents more, making the rate now effective at 39 cents which compares very favorable with towns the size of Merkel in this state. The activities of Chief Ferrier have been responsible in a large measure to the late reductions.

Notice

If you have accounts against me, please present them before the 10th of each month.

C. M. Largent.

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C. H. P'POOL FOR CLERK JONES CO.

The Mail is requested to announce the candidacy of C. H. P'Pool of Anson for the office of county clerk of Jones county, subject to the July primaries. Mr. P'Pool is the present clerk of Jones county and a most efficient man. The Western Enterprise of Anson makes the following comment of Mr. P'Pool's claims and his past record:

C. H. P'Pool announces for re-election to the office of County Clerk this week, subject to the action of the democratic primaries. Mr. P'Pool's record in this office is an open book, subject to the inspection of all, and this candidate invites an investigation of his official acts. Mr. P'Pool is a pioneer of Jones county, and few citizens are more universally known. In his hands and under his supervision work of the office has been done with correctness and dispatch, and in the transaction of all business the people have found him and his assistants at all times courteous and accommodating to the highest degree. The claims of this candidate for your consideration for re-election merit careful consideration of everyone interested in the welfare of business matters of Jones county.

UNUSUAL OFFER IS MADE IN MERKEL

An advertisement of a Merkel merchant wanting 5000 jack rabbits is something highly unusual but it is a fact and the parties behind the proposition hope to get a car load of the vermin Saturday.

Jack Rabbits are one pest that yearly costs this section of the country hundreds of dollars and if they could be killed out the country would be greatly benefited and to sell them for a fair sum makes the work a pleasure. Where these rabbits will go when loaded here, we are not informed but Mr. Duckett, the merchant who is offering to buy them is making a substantial bid for all the Merkel people can bring to him tomorrow. His advertisement in this week's Mail states how the rabbits should be handled when killed. It is to be hoped that every long-eared feed eating rabbit in the entire Merkel country will be killed between now and tomorrow night.

CALF BRINGS GOOD BIG ROUND PRICE

One of the most recent sales from the Blue Ribbon Herefords here was made last week to I. B. Cauble of Big Springs.

Mr. Cauble paid the Largest here of cattle many compliments, offering some fancy prices for several young bulls and at last purchased Fairfax Lad, champion bull calf of the recent Midland County Fair and Fat Stock Show last fall. At the time the calf was shown at Midland Mr. Largent was offered \$1600.00 for him but the offer was refused and the present sale was made after an agreement was reached allowing the calf to remain in the Largest herd until after the Ft. Worth Fat Stock Show.

D. G. Ash, Transfer. Phone my residence, will meet all trains.

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Condensed State of Condition of

The Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas

As Reported December 31, 1915

RESOURCES

Loans	\$191,243.53
Banking House	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	5,800.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Interest in Guaranty Fund	1,492.03
CASH AND EXCHANGE	119,193.77
Total	\$331,729.32

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	10,411.57
DEPOSITS	285,829.32
Reserved for Taxes	488.44
Total	\$331,729.33

The above statement is correct.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

**ONLY GUARANTY FUND BANK
IN MERKEL**

HOW "BLUE JAY" PERFORMED HERE

This article should have appeared in last week's issue of the Mail, but we were unable to get all the information we desired about the "Buster" who got busted in attempting to view the town of Merkel from the periscope position atop that noted buckin' hoss "Blue Jay" on Saturday, January 22nd.

About one year ago this animal performed to the satisfaction of several hundred Merkel enthusiasts a sixty-two second bucking bill, during which time he manipulated sixty-five jumps, twists and turns known only to himself. He evidently did his best on that memorable day but one Marion Humphries refused to leave the saddle as all others had done who had gone that way before him. The writer saw this performance and knowing "Blue Jay" as we do, we are forced to say that "the old pony must'a been off'n his feed or not a feelin' well that day as he only pitched about 1500 yards in all, doin' everything from the figure-8 to the do-see-do, and only went about nine feet high, and swapped ends four times each jump, landin' fourteen feet back of where he started with his head in the wrong direction. Humphries wound up the last few seconds of the show by raking the ole hoss from the roots of his tail to his ears and both ways to where his feet met on the sides. He started to curry him down the off side but changed his mind long enough to get back on top and finished a winner over his blue steed of national reputation. Humphries received \$25 for his work and since that time various riders have met with defeat in their attempt to land a similar amount that is offered to

Blanton's Last Appeal

TO CITIZENS OF MERKEL:

You have always given me a splendid vote. I thank you for it, and highly appreciate it. My whole political future depends on your vote to-morrow. I appeal for the vote of each one of you individually. I may need just your vote. You will never regret voting for me. I pledge you the best that is in me. Remember that Judge Wagstaff is past the meridian of life; that he is in good circumstances, and loves the easy comforts of life; that he has been a corporation lawyer for 25 years; that he is now attorney for the Abilene Light Co., the Abilene Water Co., the Abilene Ice Co., the Street Railway Co., several National Banks, the Western Union Telegraph Co., the T. & P. Ry. Co., the A. & S. Ry. Co., and various other public service corporations. He has looked at matters from their standpoint so long, do you imagine that he can see things from any other angle? I am young, active, energetic, and will devote all my time to your service, free and untrammelled from corporate influence.

Give me a chance by your vote.

Sincerely, your friend

THOMAS L. BLANTON

all comers who can duplicate the Humphries feat.

The latest attempt was made by Montana Earl, lesser known correctly as 'Montana' Earl Sutton from the Spearmit ranch, at Owosso, Mich., who met his Waterloo in Merkel Saturday afternoon, January 22nd in the presence of nearly five hundred old range riders from around about Merkel. The 25 bucks looked good to this salmon-haired gentleman from afar-off and many broad-brims who were present said he was a sure bet but little or no money was seen to change hands while the preliminaries were in progress. Finally the blue horse was led into the ring amid yells. 'Montana' Earl took extreme care to have the neck rope and saddle set just right. The attendants most of whom had experienced what their matinee hero was about to get, had some trouble in turning the blue demon loose accordin' ter rules. Finally the Montana visitor said "let'im go," and they did. The horse started one way and went t'other and all 'hands' agreed that when any horse came unwound that way it was sure rough sittin'. He made two jumps ahead and back-tracked in less than nothin'. He changed his mind just before Mister Montana changed his position and the show was over with the exception of the photographic imprint of the rider as he hit terra firma. This last pose was the second one during the evening. Just before the big show started some puncher took a camera snapshot of the horse and rider while both of them had their feet on the ground and someone who knew the horse promptly picked out the exact spot where the next one was taken.

In all it was a good show and no one has recently taken the \$25 offered by the owner, Mr. Scott of Anson, to any lucky rider who will do a clean job of riding this horse. The show was pulled-off" by Malone Bros., local wild west promoters.

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You can get Familylite at the **TEXACO Agent** in your neighborhood. Call on him when you need oil for any purpose whatsoever.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the Democratic Primaries of July, 1916

For Legislature (Capt.) J. T. TUCKER

For District Judge JOE BURKETT, of Eastland

For District Clerk J. N. ROUTH

For County Clerk J. D. HILTON, Re-election

For County Attorney W. H. GRAHAM

For County Superintendent J. S. SMITH, Re-election

For Treasurer: J. A. BOYCE AUSTIN FITTS

For Tax Assessor: W. T. (TOM) ST. JOHN, Re-election JOHN H. VANCE, L. R. (ROY) PARMELLY

For Tax Collector: G. B. (BLUE) TITTLE W. F. DILLARD, Re-election

For Public Weigher at Merkel J. M. (Jim) TOOMBS, Re-election

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2. T. R. LASSITER (Re-election)

Jones County Announcements

For County Attorney J. L. (Lee) CEARLEY, Re-election

For County Clerk C. H. P'POOL, Re-election

For Tax Collector R. L. BARRETT, Re-election

LOCAL NEWS

Auto oils and gasoline at H. M. Ross's.

Miss Beulah Burkett was the week-end guest of her parents in Abilene.

25 per cent off on shoes at J. A. Duckett.

Carrol Johnston of Cisco was a visitor in the home of Gene Hargrove Friday evening.

Let Howard and Grimes look after your laundry every week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. O'Mally of Abilene came in Monday to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson for a few days.

Your money back if "Bass" 3363 fails to do what we say.

Mrs. Minnie Bates of Big Springs who has been a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Pate for the past few days, returned to her home Monday evening.

School Books are strictly cash, Burroughs.


Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Moore were in Abilene Monday. Mr. Moore was attending to business while the latter was a visitor to that city.

Irving Pittard of Anson was the guest of Merkel friends Sunday. Mr. Pittard is a brother of J. K. Pittard of Anson once a resident of Merkel.

Mrs. J. T. Dennis who for her health has been stopping at the Grogan Wells in Sweetwater is reported to be in an improved condition.

Mrs. P. M. Garvin of Post is a guest in the home of her son Rev. W. P. Garvin. Mrs. Geo. Ralston who has been a visitor in the Garvin home has returned to her ranch home near Arah.

J. T. Warren, Pres. Thos. Johnson, Cashier



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THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

See me before selling your cotton & grain.

W. D. WOODROOF

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED — All the second hand goods you have. Will pay the highest prices for same. J. T. Dorsey.

FOR SALE—Jersey male. See Chas. Beard. 28t2.

WANTED—Man with small family to work on farm. S. H. L. Swafford.

Wanted—Job with farmer who has house—good "hand." Call at Mail office 4t1pd

FOR SALE—At a bargain my home in Merkel; 5 rooms, bath and two porches; two lots; two barns; separate cow, horse and wood lots; cement sidewalks, shade trees and shrubbery; well and windmill. Cost over \$3000. Price \$2000 for quick sale. Jno. G. Jackson, Abilene. 3t3

HOUSE FOR SALE—4 room house, with 4 lots, barn and windmill, close to business portion of town. S. F. Haynes. 4t

FOR SALE—Work horses, mules and mares, second hand wagon and plow tools. All cheap for cash. Dr. M. Armstrong.

FOR SALE—A good work horse for cash or good approved note until fall. See A. L. Jobe in the Boyce building. 4t1

Mrs. J. L. Harris is visiting her daughter Mrs. Steve Duckett in Snyder.

To Drive Out Malaria And Build Up The System

Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents

News has reached Merkel of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Duckett of Snyder, Texas. Many Merkel relatives and friends give this young lady a hearty welcome, with the hope that she will be much comfort and happiness to the young father and mother.

Mrs. J. C. Comegys Dead

The death of Mrs. J. C. Comegys occurred at El Paso Thursday morning, according to a telegram received from Mr. Comegys by his father, G. E. Comegys of this place.

With Mrs. Comegys at the time of her death was her husband and sister, Mrs. H. F. Groene. Ill health caused this esteemed lady to go west for her health and following her arrival there her condition improved to such an extent, Mr. Comegys returned home for a few days, only to receive a message telling him that his wife had suddenly become worse and could not live.

The remains will reach Merkel this, Friday, noon on Texas & Pacific No. 4, and burial will be held this afternoon in Rose Hill Cemetery, the hour of burial not having been set at the time of publication.

The Mail and the Mail force extend sympathies to the bereaved husband and relatives, and especially to those two beautiful babies who are now deprived of the mother's love.

NOTICE

Dr Daly of Abilene, will be in Merkel February 19. Practice confined to diseases and surgery of the Eye, Ear, and Throat, and fitting glasses.

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(Steel Equip't)

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Via



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From North Texas To St. Louis and Memphis SAVES A BUSINESS DAY

To the North and East. For reservations, etc. see T. & P. Ry. agents or write

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RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.

To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and ¼ oz. of glycerine. Apply to the hair twice a week until it becomes the desired shade. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Full directions for making and use come in each box of Barbo Compound. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and removes dandruff. It is excellent for falling hair and will make harsh hair soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off.

21-4t

NOT ENOUGH CHILDREN

ever receive the proper balance of food to sufficiently nourish both body and brain during the growing period when nature's demands are greater than in mature life. This is shown in so many pale faces, lean bodies, frequent colds, and lack of ambition.

For all such children we say with unmistakable earnestness: They need Scott's Emulsion, and need it now. It possesses in concentrated form the very food elements to enrich their blood. It changes weakness to strength; it makes them sturdy and strong. No alcohol.

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An irritable, fault-finding disposition is often due to a disordered stomach. A man with good digestion is nearly always good natured. A great many have been permanently benefitted by Chamberlain's Tablets after years of suffering. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. For sale by all dealers.

stopped in 20 minutes sore with Dr. Sheep's Group Remedy. One test will surely prove. No vomiting, no distress. A safe and pleasing group-remedy. Druggists.

PERSONAL

Effective March 1, the price of the Chalmers Six-40 will be \$1450 f.o.b. Detroit. This is an increase of \$100 over the present price. It is made necessary by the sharp rise in cost of raw materials.

Aluminum which sold for 19 cents a pound only a few months ago now brings 53 cents.

Copper has risen from 14 cents to 24 cents.

Vanadium Steel a year ago brought \$1.85 a pound. Now it sells for \$8.50.

High-Speed Steel formerly at a \$1.05 a pound now is worth \$3.35.

Leather formerly 20 cents a foot now brings 33 cents. And so on.

All told, it costs \$118.22 more in raw material to build the Six-40 than it did some months ago. As this amount is considerably in excess of our net profit per car, only two courses were open to us.

One was to raise the price.

The other was to lower the quality.

To follow the latter course meant a "one-year" car. This kind of an automobile Chalmers has never built and never will build.

Therefore, a rise in price was the only procedure possible.

We regret that an increase in price is necessary, but we feel that other manufacturers of automobiles will be forced either to increase the price or use a low grade of materials.

For it is not possible to buy superior products in the open market at any less price than Chalmers pays.

We think it only fair to those who have planned to purchase the Six-40, and have been quoted the \$1350 price, to take this opportunity of saying that we will accept orders at that price up to midnight February 29. Thereafter the price of \$1450 f.o.b. Detroit will prevail.

Chalmers Motor Company

Mrs. W. R. Bigham who was painfully injured in a fall while stepping from her car a few days ago, is reported to be recovering nicely of her hurt. Mrs. Bigham was stepping from the car when her foot became entangled in the lap-robe, this threw her to the ground, and a shoulder bone was fractured in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Allyn, Jr. have moved from Merkel to again make their home at Eskota. We regret to give them up as residents of our town but it is a pleasure to them to locate at their old home. Mr. Allyn has been succeeded in his work at the T. & P. station by W. C. Turner, who, with his family, has moved here from Grand Saline.

"Bass" 3363 is safe, sure and pleasant to take.

"Bass" 3363 cures your cold.

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CUTTING PRICES FOR UNCLE SAM.
 The Merkel Post Office is a movable institution. It will be moved to the place where rents can be found the cheapest if other conditions are about equal.

During the last five or ten years as the terms of the lease may state, the government has leased the present post office building for less than some three room houses are bringing in Merkel and that is awful little. True, the government paid in total about \$200.00 per year for the building, the fixtures and everything used in the place even to lights, water and coal, repairs and incidental expenses of upkeep to the place. The owner of the building, W. S. Smelser has found that about \$45.00 worth coal is used per year, about \$35.00 to \$70.00 for lights must be figured, insurance and taxes were paid, and he has in the past year paid out \$12.50 for painting and repairs to the awning of the building; every quarter he pays for repair work on lock and combination boxes in the post office, as all that property belongs to him and he is under contract to keep it in a good state of repair or to furnish such other new material and fixtures as the demands of the office may need. In all Mr. Smelser has paid out a minimum amount of \$45.00 for coal, \$65.00 for lights, about \$35.00 taxes and insurance, probably more on this item, \$12.50 for repairs to the building, and \$10.00 incidental expenses or a total of \$167.50. This amount however is figured at the very lowest and will not cover the expenses of the building per year and he has received for his investment in the building and post office furniture, which aggregates \$4,500, the pitiful sum of less than \$32.50 as a net income on this property during the last year.

Recently the government asked for new bids on a post office building for a period of five to ten years and Mr. Smelser along with others sent in bids that were reasonable but they were rejected by a special agent sent here to look after this matter, for the reported reason that the bids were too high.

Were some other building owner get the rental contract for the post office for a period of five to ten years, the owner of the building would be under obligations to furnish new furniture for the building, all office supplies and desks to be used, a stove and the many other little things taken into consideration and when the matter is footed up the landlord will be furnishing nearly everything but the stamps and stamped envelopes. The practice of renting property for government use at figures far under their real

worth is detrimental to a town. Mr. Smelser should be given as fair rental price for the building the post office now occupies as adjacent property brings and for any special agent of the government to attempt to re-lease the building at a lesser figure, it is unfair to the owner of the place, unfair to the town and unfair to the patrons of the office. With a fair rental coming in every three months the building could be kept in a good state of repair but at the present prices Mr. Smelser is losing money every day he owns the property and has been, for several months and now that he asks a fair rent his proposition is rejected as being too high.

Regardless of what the special agent thinks of the proposition, Mr. Smelser or any other Merkel man should be given proper consideration of their investment when considering rentals. Uncle Sam is a bad tennant when he pays a net amount of not over \$32.50 per year for a \$4,500.00 building. What we want to know, is: Is it right?

CATHOLICISM AND JEWS
 We never did like the idea of President Wilson having one Joseph Tumulty, renowned Catholic and apparently a hater of the Masonic fraternity, in such a responsible position in state affairs but from the fact that we have been a believer in Wilson's policies we have thought as little as possible about Wilson's private secretary, and now insult is heaped upon injury when one Lewis D. Brandies, a Jew by decent, is slated for the Supreme Bench. The Mail likes Wilson and believes in him, but our feelings would have been respected to a much greater extent if an honest-to-God American could have been placed in each of these responsible positions.

IN MEXICO
 Two Mexican bandits, who had murdered several Americans, were executed at Juarez Monday and died cursing the Americans. The Americans will play this kind of a game without protest. They'll take the curses all right if the Mexican bandits will do the dying. —Honey Grove Signal.

The very execution you speak of was witnessed by a Merkel man, who describes the conditions in Mexico as being so horrible that words cannot picture the awfulness of conditions.

Wearing Away A Stone.
 Some Republican Senators are taking opportunity to let Germany know they do not appreciate the way she has permitted Democratic diplomacy to win. —Dallas News.

Now you will believe the story about "A Constant Drop of Water."

A Useful Book.
 The dictionary is full of words, but ideas are not so plentiful.—Fannin County Favorite.
 Right, you are. Throw the "dinged" old book away.

Two of Taylor county's foremost judicial minds have been stumping the county in a contest for Congress in a preferential primary, but after the count is taken Saturday night one of the two is liable to conclude that he has stumped his toe. The other one may not find out about this pedal obstruction until in July.

A sage of Merkel, a pioneer in the state and a man known for his sound judgement in any matter says he never orders from mail order houses and gives as his reason, the protection of his home town and his neighbors welfare.

If you didn't pay it before Monday night you have no one to cuss except yourself.

Ladies, be sure you see the latest in the kitchen equipment Saturday, at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Store. Our expert lady demonstrator will show you the easy and economical way of cooking—the electric way. Merkel Power Co.

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We will call for and deliver all orders of laundry or tailoring work. Howard and Grimes.

Mrs. Emma Daniel who spent several weeks at Waco and other eastern points visiting was in Merkel a few days before going on to Big Springs to visit Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Cordell.

If you are not trading with J. A. Duckett you are losing money.

H. C. West was a visitor in Abilene Sunday. School Books are strictly cash. Burroughs.

More EGG BEATERS

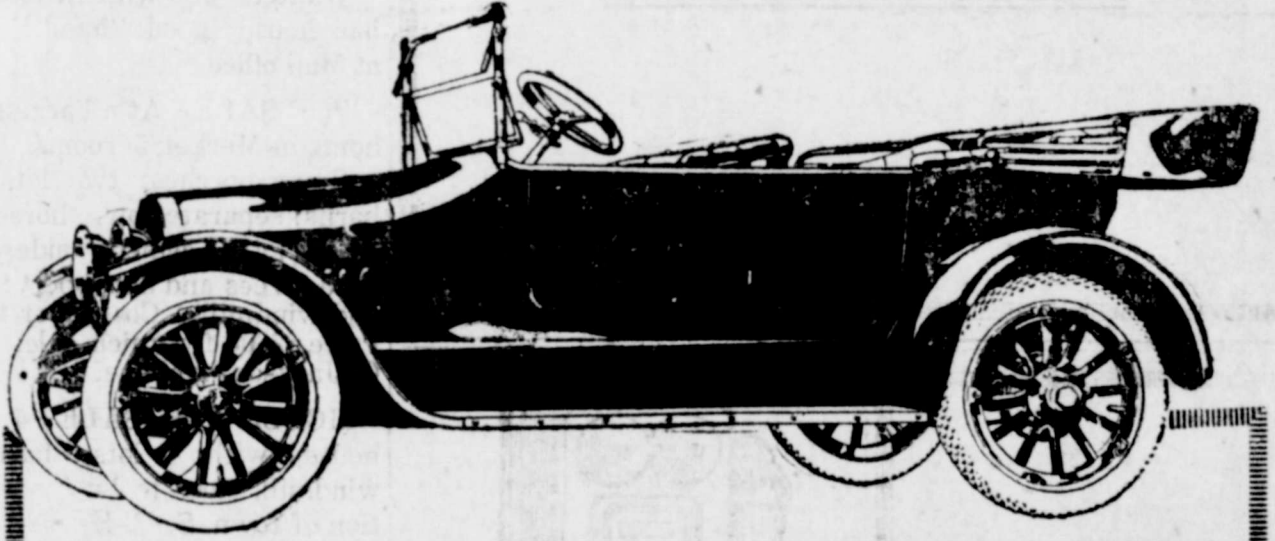
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Messrs. Fred Pribble and Carl Mangum were among the visitors here from Trent Sunday.

Buy your maize, chops, trico and cotton seed meal from Allen the feed and fuel man, Phone 245. 4t1pd

Miss Ida Smith of Trent was the guest of Miss Lillie Ayres the latter part of last week.

Saturday's Special
 On Saturday February 5th I will give a special sale on high grade watches. Don't miss this bargain if you want a high grade guaranteed watch come and get my price. Mrs. E. M. Rust.

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 Good drilling outfit complete, for sale cheap. See me. R. L. Porter. tf.

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 When constive or troubled with constipation take Chamberlain's Tablets. They are easy to take and most agreeable in effect. For sale by all dealers.

Get a phonograph free by trading with J. A. Duckett.

Mrs. Effie Faulkenbury returned to her home at Roscoe Sunday afternoon, having been the guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Holdridge for the past few days.

"Bass" 3363 gives relief when you have Neuralgia, earache, toothache or when you suffer from colds of any kind.

Miss Ruby Dowdy was a guest in the home of her aunt Mrs. J. I. Leamon of Trent last week.

Forest Gaither was a personal caller in Sweetwater Sunday evening.

Incubators and Brooders, a good line just received by H. M. Rose, the tinner.

Clerk's Room - Making Sale or Carnival Week Bargains At PARTEN DRY GOODS COMPANY

THE BOSS HAS GONE TO MARKET AND HAS LEFT US IN FULL CHARGE WITH SPECIFIC instructions to make plenty of room---room for the big new spring stock he will purchase while in the Eastern and Northern Markets. Our big store is already crowded with new spring arrivals of Staples, Silks, Shoes and hundreds of other innumerable and highly desirable spring necessities and for this reason

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CLERK'S ROOM-MAKING SALE

Below we give you a hint of what we will do for you on your entire wants

Staples	Ready-to-Wear	Men and Boys' Winter Underwear	Men's High Grade, all Wool, New Model Suits
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Sheeting Regular 35c Pep sheeting 28 and 29c	Children's Dresses The best line ever sold in Merkel. Dresses 35, 50, 65, 75c Boys' suits and rompers 25, 35, 50, 75c	Overcoats \$10.00 overcoats for men only 4.95 15.00 overcoats for men only 7.85 7.50 overcoats for boys only 3.95	High Grade Shoes Extreme low prices \$4.00 best style in Sherwood shoe only \$2.95 3.50 best style in Sherwood shoe only 2.45 3.00 best style button and lace low heel 2.20 2.50 and 3.00 in H. M., all leathers only 1.95 2.00 and 3.00 Misses button gunmetal 1.70 1.50 and 1.75 Kid button gunmetal 1.10
Ginghams Best grade regular 10 and 8 1/2c 7 1/2c and 8 1/2c Any dress Gingham, fast colors, a gingham that usually sells for 12 1/2c now 10c Best line of new fadeless percales, 36 in. well worth 12 1/2c now 10c	Silk Dresses Regular \$12.50 dresses 8.95 Regular 8.50 dresses 4.95 20.00 Suits 10.00 \$3.50 corsets 2.50 3.00 corsets 1.95 2.50 corsets 1.65 2.00 corsets 1.35 1.50 corsets 1.10 1.00 corsets .78 .75 corsets .43	Suit Cases \$5.50 hard fiber with leather straps \$3.95 4.00 hard fiber with leather straps 2.95 3.00 fiber case 1.95 2.00 fiber case 1.35 1.00 fiber case .85	Ladies Coats and Suits And Misses and Childrens' Coats We are going to close'em out at these prices Ladies' \$20.00 latest style suits only \$10.00 Ladies' 25.00 plush coats, latest style 12.50 Ladies' 20.00 " and corduroy coats 10.00 Ladies' 15.00 coats for only 7.50 Ladies and Misses' 12.50 coats for only 6.50 Ladies and Misses' 10.00 coats for only 4.95 Ladies and Misses' 8.50 coats for only 4.45 Ladies and Misses' 7.50 coats for only 3.95 Ladies and Misses' 6.50 coats for only 3.35 Children's 3.50 coats for only 1.95 Children's 2.50 coats for only 1.45 One big lot ladies, misses and children's rain coats at almost half price.
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Great Sale Men's Hats \$1.50 Men's black Columbia Hat .98 2.00 Men's black white best style hat 1.35 3.00 Men's staple, white black hat 1.95 3.50 Men's nobby Lion Special 2.35 5.00 and 4.50 John B. Stetson Hats only 3.50		Boys' High-Grade Suits Boys \$3.50 suits, all latest models, for \$2.35 Boys 5.00 all-wool suits, latest models 3.85 Boys 6.50 all-wool suits, newest models 3.95 Boys 7.50 all-wool suits, extra weight 4.45 Boys 10.00 all-wool suits, fine quality 5.95	

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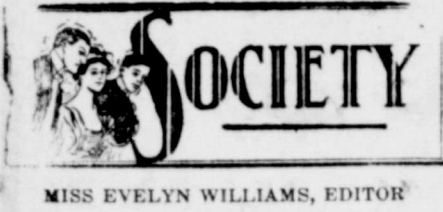
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Another Golden Wedding

On Friday, Jan. 28th, at their home in Merkel, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Sibley celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Invitations were issued for the day to many close friends and the hour of twelve was set to serve the wedding dinner, which was indeed a banquet of true old fashioned style.

The place of this wedding was Water Valley, Miss., in the year 1866. Truly these two have wandered far from their early home, but in this western one they have a host of friends who rejoice with them in their length of days together, and may there yet be many more.

These children were present: Rev. J. P. Sibley of Carbon, Texas; R. L. Sassaman and wife, V. M. Sibley and wife and Adam Sibley. The following friends were also there: Misses Lizzie May and Bernadine Freeman, Messrs. E. W. Dennis, A. J. Douglass, F. M. Dudley, A. J. Young, J. B. Hamblett, and Rev. W. P. Garvin, Messrs. and Mesdames B. M. Black, J. L. Harris, W. P. Duckett, J. N. Shelton Tom King and J. P. Hutchins.

Permitter-Fowler

True to the prediction of last week a wedding has occurred in Merkel and one, around which a great deal of interest has been centered.

At eight-forty-five Sunday evening at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. W. P. Garvin read the ring marriage ceremony which made Miss Inons Fowler the wife of E. W. Permitter. The original plan was for this wedding to have been on February 2nd, but in order to out-wit all interested friends it was moved forward three days.

The bride has only been a resident of Merkel a few months but she has won her way into the hearts of all whose pleasure it has been to know her and they think of her as a queenly, Christian woman. The groom is indeed to be congratulated upon winning her for his wife.

The groom has been very prominently identified with Merkel and its interest for several years, and these two will continue to make Merkel their home. Mr. Permitter having a home in readiness to which they went immediately after the ceremony, accompanied by a few close friends who bestowed the usual generous showers of good wishes intermingled with rice.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Permitter would also join, though a little tardy, in this same shower of good wishes for happiness and many years together.



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Advice to Young Writers.

Every few days a letter comes from some young man about to dip his ankles into the chill though bracing pool of literature. "Would you mind giving me some advice?" he asks, and, flattered as we are, we always say truthfully that we have none. We are going to tell the next young man to write not to please a mythical public or, worse, an editor who is trying to please a business office that thinks it is trying to please a public, but to write to please himself, to write what he himself would enjoy reading. He may be astonished to find how many persons there are with tastes like his.—New York Tribune.

Willing to Oblige.

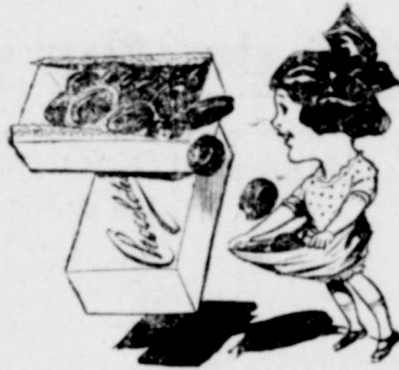
"Have you a stove lifter I could borrow?" asked the woman who had just moved in.

"I'm sorry to say I haven't, but my husband is a piano mover," suggested the woman next door.—Judge.

Lacked Imagination.

"I have here an idea for a play," said the moving picture author to the producer. "In the first reel an oil tank blows up, in the second an entire railroad train falls into a gorge, in the third a huge steamer sinks at sea, in the fourth a volcanic eruption destroys a city, and in the fifth we have a battle calling for 10,000 supernumeraries." "Entirely too small for me to fool with," said the producer, doing some rapid figuring with a pencil. "That play wouldn't cost more than \$5,000,000 to stage, and I'm not considering anything that involves an expenditure of less than \$20,000,000. The trouble with you authors is that you have no imagination."—Judge.

Mrs. John Russell and daughter Eunice entertained a few of their friends Sunday, with a well appointed feast. The cold weather cannot always hinder plans, as was proven by this merry "bunch." Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler, Misses Beatrice Nidever, Charlie Bell Thomas, Josie Smith, and the family of Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Eunice, J. J. and Nina Bell Russell. In the afternoon, Messrs. Claude Jenkins, Wilbur Whitaker and Robert Rainbolt joined the merry party. Part of the afternoon was joyfully spent in climbing hills, building campfires and kodaking. The time flew too fast, and all too soon, the parties had to depart. Hoping again soon to enjoy another outing.



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

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THE DIVERSIFICATION SITUATION IN A NUT SHELL

With characteristic forcefulness and terseness, Hon. Bradford Knapp, head of U. S. Farm Demonstration work, in an address to bankers, business men and farmers of the South, covers the diversification situation as follows:

"With the price of cotton going up, are you, Mr. Banker, Mr. Business Man, and Mr. Farmer, going back to the old way? The history of the agriculture of the South has been a history of lean and fat years. The farmer has lived in distress because short crops and high prices are almost invariably followed by big crops and low prices. If we would produce our own living it would steady the whole system and keep the boat from rocking. The entire agriculture of the cotton belt has been a gamble. It has not produced a rich and prosperous farming people because of its uncertainty, although cotton is one of the greatest cash crops.

"With the rise in the price of cotton, are you going to play safe or are you going to take a chance? Now is the time to decide. If you gamble on the price of cotton you take a chance; if you follow the program outlined by all the agricultural forces last fall, you will take no chances. Here is the program in a nutshell the title of which is Safe Farming:

"First. Produce a home garden for every family on the farm. Produce Irish or sweet potatoes, and wherever possible, have a patch of sorghum or cane to produce syrup for the family.

Second. Produce the corn necessary to support all the family and the livestock.

Third. Produce the necessary oats and small grain to supplement the corn as feed. Pay attention to winter grazing of ani-

mals.

Fourth. Produce hay and forage. Use legumes.

Fifth. Produce the meat necessary to supply the people, thru increased attention to hogs and poultry especially.

Sixth. After all these things have been provided for in the crop system, produce cotton for the market.

"If this course is pursued the farmer will prosper whether cotton is fifteen cents or six cents. If cotton is six cents the farmer will be able to live; if it is fifteen cents there will be more profit in his cotton crop in the long run than there would be if he neglected the living.

"Mr. Business Man and Mr. Farmer, do you want the South to prosper permanently? If so, lend your influence to this great problem of safe farming. A campaign will be carried on in the various states during the winter and spring centering around the various lines of this program. Lend your aid and assistance to us in this campaign as you did last year. Not 'Safety First' but 'Safe Farming Always.'

Added to the advantages enumerated by Mr. Knapp in favor of less cotton and more of other things, it has been observed that a small cotton crop usually brings more money to the grower than a large crop; in other words, the more cotton he grows the less he receives for it.

R. R. Claridge,
Agricultural Agent, T. & P. Ry.
Co., Fort Worth, Texas.

Elihu Yale's Grave.
Elihu Yale, from whom the college in New Haven took its name, sleeps in the graveyard at Wrexham church, near Chester, England. The following inscription (restored some years ago by the council of Yale) is to be found on one side of his tombstone:
Born in America, in Europe bred, in Africa traveled, in Asia wed,
Where long he lived and thrived; in London dead.
Much good, some ill he did, so huge a name
And that his soul through unnumbered years
To heaven.

NOODLE

Prof. Jackson spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolk in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Herring, Leldon Goode and Odell Herring motored to Anson Saturday.

Walter Barelay of Matador spent Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee.

W. R. Grayson and U. B. Wheeler of Shiloh was in our community Monday.

Jim Boaz and Ernest Thompson motored to Merkel Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee moved to Paducah last week to make that their future home.

Dock Callaway made a business trip to Anson Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe returned home last week after a pleasant visit with relatives and friends at Wichita Falls and Merkel.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County,

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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