

CANDIDATES SPEAK HERE ON SATURDAY

Senator H. P. Brelsford of Eastland, candidate for re-election, Hon. W. J. Cunningham, candidate for District Attorney, Judge Burkett and Judge Scott, both candidates for District Judge, were speakers at the tabernacle on Saturday afternoon in interest of their candidacies.

Judge Burkett and Judge Scott spoke first and were without issues in their talks, which were clean cut and friendly. One intimated that the other was rapidly nearing the too old age while the other retaliated with the intimation that the other was probably in the still too young age. Hon. J. W. Cunningham followed in a short and to the point address on his campaign. In one statement Mr. Cunningham said, "He had much rather be a big man in a little office than to be a little man rattling around in a big office." His talk was openly and well received for he is a to-the-point speaker and eloquent in his delivery. He was given hearty applause as he concluded.

Senator Brelsford, one of the strongest men in the Texas Senate, is making a hurried campaign over the 28th district but is not missing any opportunities to reach the voting public in a square and straight forward way. His talk was in line with his work in the senate, and from the applause and hand-shaking that followed his closing remarks we would say that it was almost if not entirely a Brelsford crowd. Senator Brelsford is making his race for the second term and has a record of his first term that stands out as conspicuous, if not more so than the record made by any other member of the Senate. We predict that he will be elected by a handsome majority.

CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY

We are authorized to announce the candidacy of Jeff Hood of Abilene, for county attorney of Taylor county. Mr. Hood is a young man, 30, born and raised in Texas. For the past sixteen years he has been identified with the sturdy citizens on our farms and ranches in west Texas, and for four years has lived in Taylor county.

Mr. Hood is a graduate of high schools and two colleges, and says no one paid one cent for his schooling after he left the common schools. He is and has been a studious person, studying law at night in an effort to realize his ambitions. He also studied law under Sayles & Sayles of Abilene.

If elected, he promises to uphold the law irrespective of persons, and believes in speedy trials and law enforcement. But believes in the protection of the innocent as well as the prosecution of the guilty.

In the July primaries we ask that you give Mr. Hood a fair consideration. He is well qualified to fill the position for which he aspires and you can do no better than to remember him at the polls.

Box Supper At Blair

There will be a box supper at Blair Friday night June 30th for the purpose of raising funds to buy lumber to build a tabernacle. Everybody is invited to come out and bring a box. Will try and have some good music.

COTTON INSTITUTE FOR WEST TEXAS

Ballinger has been elected as the location for a cotton institute for Runels and near-by counties, to be held for several weeks this summer to meet the needs of producers and dealers, or any who want a better knowledge of cotton classing, figuring averages, bills of lading, invoices and everything else connected with proper marketing, such as compressing, routing, etc.

The services of an expert have been secured, a man of experience and exact knowledge. He will not leave you in doubt on any point connected with the handling of cotton.

The fee charged will be small. If interested write for particulars, addressing, Cotton Institute Box 514, Ballinger, Texas. 23t1

TROOP MOVEMENT BEGIN IN 48 HOURS

San Antonio, June 20.—Throughout the extent of the international boundary line between Mexico and the United States, from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific coast, the militia of this country will be stretched like a cordon, to protect American lives and property from the barbarous hostile elements beyond the Rio Grande. The magnitude of the militia movement was indicated today for the first time, when Major General Frederick Funston subject to whose orders the militiamen are being mobilized in every state in the Union, announced that he called for a large part of the organization of 100,000 men for immediate service and explained in a general way how he would use the new forces.

The vast movement of State troops toward Texas will begin within the next forty-eight hours if the railroad facilities of the country are equal to the task, General Funston having directed that no time be wasted unnecessarily by the mobilizing officers. Though General Funston did not specify how many troops he had asked for he indicated that the number constitutes a majority of the estimated 100,000 men now mobilizing. The number will be adequate he said to police effectively the entire southwestern border of the United States. In addition militia units that will be detailed for duty on the border. General Funston has directed that a large reserve force be sent to Fort Sam Houston (San Antonio), to be held there for emergency use. In the event of war between the United States and Mexico, the remainder of the National Guard will be sent to the border, said the department commander. The troops now under order to proceed immediately to Texas are intended for border patrol and not for invasion of Mexico, he explained.

Children's Day Services

All children of the Methodist Sunday school are invited to be at the practice at the church at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon at our Children's Day service.

Committee.

If the non-residents can afford to come into our community and spend his money in the development of our resources why can't we co-operate together in a small way, do this development ourselves and keep all profits at home.

National Defense and International Peace

Preparedness and Peace and the Engineer

THE United States desires peace, based on justice and maintained with honor. But to insure this kind of peace Americans must know that nations are now defended not alone by fighting men, but by fighting industries.

The Engineers of this country, trained as only American Engineers are trained, hold that truth to be as fundamental as the law of gravity. With the authority of the United States Government more than 30,000 Engineers and Chemists, members of five eminent American scientific bodies, are making for the first time in the history of the Government a minute, sweeping survey of the industrial resources of America. They will go to the factories and mines of the land and with their sole method, efficiency, and their sole motive, patriotism, form a vast, flexible organization, such as the world has never known.

Their work will be the basis for creating in this country a true line of defense in time of war—the ability to produce swiftly, abundantly and with sustained power all the thousand and one elements of modern warfare. Without such production there can be no efficient army and navy.

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The Engineers' work will lay for all time the ghost of the "munitions trust" by making it possible to have munitions made in thousands of plants.

This vital work of the Engineers will supply the military authorities in Washington with information never before collected, and it is carried forward without a dollar's cost to the Government. And this advertisement is not paid for. The Associated Advertising Clubs of the World have prepared the copy and the publishers have patriotically responded and printed it without pay for the sake of National Defense and International Peace.

All Americans are asked to strike hands with the Engineers so that America shall never be taken by surprise.

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DE BOGORY IS FOR REPRESENTATIVE

Attorney Eugene De Bogory of Abilene announces to the readers of the Mail as candidate for the office of county Representative, subject to the primaries of the 22nd of next month.

Mr. De Bogory has lived in Abilene and Taylor county for some ten years and has followed the practice of law during his residence in the above city. His practice in this profession has been a successful one and he is an able gentleman, qualified to the position to which he now aspires. Mr. De Bogory is intimately acquainted with many Merkel people and needs no introduction to those who know him. To those who have not met him personally, we ask that you give his claims careful consideration when you cast your ballot.

Many Candidates Here

Messrs. Roy Parmely, Hubert Drummond, J. N. Routh, J. D. Hilton, Jeff Hood were among the county candidates here Saturday meeting with the Merkel voters. District Attorney Rosenquest was in town Friday in the interest of his race for reelection, as were Judge Scott and Judge Burkett in their race for District Judge. Messrs. Cobb and Tucker of this place, both candidates for county representative were not to be found wanting in the general good fellowship mixup that is carried on here every Saturday. Austin Fitts another local man and a candidate was right in the collar all day, and as election day draws nearer politics continue to warm to a higher degree. The frost will not come for over a month yet.

Will Preach at Church of Christ

Elder J. W. Chism will preach at the Church of Christ next Monday night. Everybody invited to be present.

The best investment for large profits and quick returns is made in oil investments. See me at once and get on the ground floor. O. Brown.

Ride the barrel at Warren's Lake Sunday.

MAKES FAST TRIP OVER THE PLAINS

News from Mr. Thos. Johnson, who with several others left here for a cross-country trip by auto to Roswell, New Mexico, last week, intimates that while it has not rained in that section for some time, it is still "wet." Mr. Johnson's communication also suggests that the Plains is the home of the gas wagon, according to the distance that may be traversed in that country by an automobile. He said that he and party left Snyder, Texas, one day, arriving in Roswell, New Mexico, the same day, covering a distance of 262 miles.

DENTAL NOTICE

As I intend to be away about thirty days this summer, and because it has been rumored every summer, during my absence on business in South Texas, that I was planning to leave Merkel I wish to make this statement:

Five years ago I left a splendid practice and came to Merkel for my wife's health, bought a nice home and settedled down permanently. During this time I have acquired a most excellent practice. Instead of leaving I am planning to become a more permanent fixture.

I now have with me Dr. Wm. M. Gambill of Kentucky, a graduate of Louisville Dental College and a most skillful practitioner. We are equipping a more up to date and sanitary office and in a few days we will have installed two new Electric Ritter Dental Engines, the finest made cable type, the kind that runs smoothly and with the least possible pain. Special attention is given to clean instruments and sterilization.

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O. F. McMaster, Dentist 16t1

Summer suits for boys from 10 to 16 years old, cheaper than ever sold before in Merkel. Come and see A. L. Jobe. 16t2.

COTTON BLOOMING IN MERKEL COUNTRY

J. S. Blasingame, of two miles west of Noodle, was in Merkel Tuesday, and in conversation with the Mail reporter, stated that his cotton has been blossoming since the 17th of this month.

"The light rain we received Thursday night," said Mr. Blasingame, "did the cotton much good, and it is looking as fresh and fine as I ever saw."

Mr. Blasingame said threshing wheat was almost a thing of the past in this country this season, as almost every farmer has just about finished threshing and the bulk of the wheat is now in the sack. He said his wheat, like most everyone's in Taylor county, was very light, only yielding about six bushels to the acre.

INSTALLATION OF MASONIC OFFICERS

There will be a call meeting of the Masons of the Merkel Lodge Saturday for the purpose of installing officers. There will also be lectures in the first and second degrees. It is desirous that all local members be present. We also cordially invite all visiting Masons.

Wesley Edwards, W. M.

MORE ABOUT BLANTON

After the stand Congressman Smith has taken in regard to preparedness we hardly see how any voter in this section could support him. The chances are that his home city will not support him. Judge Blanton is our choice for Congress and we believe the masses will decide that he is the logical candidate to represent them. "Alpine Avalanche."

Stop! Gentle Annie, and listen at the above, which comes from the confines of a former Smith "stronghold." The Avalanche was strong for Congressman Smith in his former races, but how does she line up now? Brewster county has formerly been a Smith stronghold, but just step aside and watch her this year! Judge Blanton is truly the logical man; his support is growing stronger every day. Where he run in the lead two years ago, he is now far in the lead, and where he broke "even" he is now far in advance of his former strength, and where he lost two years ago, it is stated that he will have a "good" majority this year. The people are simply awakening to the fact that it is unsafe, undemocratic and a sacrifice of their best interests to keep a man in office "always," consequently Judge Thomas L. Blanton will be our next congressman.—Upton County Round-Up.

There is no doubt that Judge Blanton is well qualified and his past record of always doing what he promises to do is making him votes all over the district every day. He is making a strenuous campaign, and is just now finishing a tour of every county in the district, something that has never before been done. Judge Blanton is a worker of untiring energy and believes in the public value received for the money paid to public officials.—Toyah Valley Herald.

Wanted man with small family to do farm and ranch work. C. M. Lagent. 9t

NOTE TO CARRANZA IS SHARP IN TONE

Washington, June 20.—The issue of war or peace with Mexico hung in the balance tonight, awaiting General Carranza's decision as to the course he will pursue. Officials here believe that forty-eight hours might bring a clear understanding of what the immediate future has in store.

A note signed by Secretary Lansing, conveying President Wilson's rejection of the demand for withdrawal of American soldiers from Mexico, accompanied by a specific warning that an attack on the troops "will lead to the gravest consequences," was telegraphed to Mexico City today by Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican Ambassador designate. In plain terms it accuses General Carranza of having brought matters to the verge of war by open hostility toward the United States and failure to safeguard even the lives of Americans in Mexico or on the border from the lawless elements among his countrymen.

In sternest terms the note repudiates and resents imputations of bad faith and ulterior motives brought against the Washington government in the Mexican communication, to which it is a reply. Carranza is informed in so many words that protection of its own borders is the only object sought by the United States and told that object will be pursued whatever the consequences may be.

When the note had been handed to Mr. Arredondo for delivery to his chief copies were sent to all embassies and legations for their information. A summary was telegraphed to Special Agent Rodgers in Mexico City that he might wisely counsel American residents there.

INJURED IN T. & P. WRECK SATURDAY

Mrs. Austin Fitts of this city accompanied by her daughter Mrs. Henck of Passadena, Cal., were on the Sunshine Special passenger train that wrecked three miles west of Putnam Saturday evening at 6:40. Both Mrs. Fitts and Mrs. Henck sustained slight injuries as did over one hundred passengers who miraculously escaped death.

At the point the wreck occurred the track is on an embankment some fifteen or twenty feet high and down this all the coaches rolled with the exception of the observation car attached to the rear of the train. This car toppled off a high trestle and landed across Bushy Creek, making a perfect bridge to the stream. The engine and baggage car was all of the train that remained on the rails. Mrs. Fitts and her daughter were occupying a pullman and like many others probably escaped serious injury through the use of steel coaches that made up the wrecked train.

On Wednesday evening of this week Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin accompanied by their daughters Miss Maude and Mrs. E. V. White of Denton left in their car for an extended trip through Colorado and the northwestern states. They expect to be away most of the summer.

Keep West Texas money at home by making investments in the Consolidated Oil & Gas Co. O. Brown.

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SHILOH

Rev. Grover Tyner preached here Sunday morning. Grover is a young man who practices what he preaches and has good influence with the young people. They have great confidence in him.

Mrs. Martin of Big Spring returned to her home Monday morning after a visit here with her daughter, Mrs. Wilner Grayson.

Miss Edith Mayberry of Abilene spent the week end here with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago spent Saturday night with their aunt,

Mrs. Childress of Anson.

We failed to mention last week that Wilbur Wood's Sunday School class presented him with a nice bible. It was very much appreciated by their teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Winters and children spent Sunday with their son Marian and family.

Grandma Phillips was accidentally knocked down but wasn't very seriously injured. She was able to be up Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Kirby of near Amity died Tuesday night and was buried in the Shiloh cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Julia Cotton of Merkel spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Beavers.

Save the Gears

One of the troubles of operating heavy machinery is the rapidity with which gears wear out.

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When Wagner Fled.

Richard Wagner, the composer, was an ardent republican in 1849. In the archives of Dresden there is a document setting forth a case of high treason against the musician. He was accused of having written to a friend a letter proposing to turn Saxony into a republic. "But whom shall we make president?" he asked. "I see nobody competent for the office except our present sovereign, Frederick Augustus II." Frederick Augustus does not seem to have appreciated the humor of the suggestion that he should doff the crown and content himself with the dignity of a republican president. For this flash of unconscious fun Wagner had to bolt to Switzerland.

The Soul of a Nation.

The Nelson monument, set among the lions at Trafalgar square; the tattered battleflags in the Church of St. Louis almost touching the tomb of Napoleon, the trophies of war treasured in public galleries in all great nations of the world, are not symbols of victories or of heroes and conquerors, but expressions of that unity of spirit which makes the soul of a nation. There is no true patriotism, no true love of country, without this unity of spirit. No true nation exists or can exist without it. It is a thing which money cannot buy or mere natural wealth create.—George W. Alger in Atlantic Monthly.



JEFF HOOD, CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY

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FOR SALE—Five-room house on South Rose Street. Good terms. Robert Hicks. 23tf.

LOST—Small blue and white cameo pin on south side. Return to Mail Office. Miss Jessie Sutphen.

FOR SALE—My home in northwest Merkel where I now live. A bargain. T. J. Evans. 17tf

STRAYED OR STOLEN—Bay mare with white spot in forehead, thin, sixteen hands high, lame in front feet. \$5.00 reward. Return to city marshal. J. T. Walker. 2p

See W. H. Roach The Kent Street Wagon Yard Grocery for staple and fancy groceries everything new and fresh highest price paid for Poltry, Eggs and Butter. 9t4

I do painting of all kinds, houses, buggies and autos, paper hanging a specialty. See or phone 24. A. C. McGee. 2t4.

Honey for sale. See or phone J. S. Hutson. 16t2pd

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the Democratic Primaries of July, 1916

For Legislature
(Capt.) J. T. TUCKER
N. D. COBB
EUGENE DEBOGORY

For District Judge
JOE BURKETT, of Eastland
W. P. MAHAFFEY
D. K. SCOTT, of Cisco.
F. S. BELL, of Baird
Callahan County

For District Clerk
J. N. ROUTH
H. O. DRUMMOND
J. FULLER—Re-election

For District Attorney
N. N. ROSENQUEST
(Re-election)
W. J. CUNNINGHAM

For Sheriff
J. T. DODSON, Re-election

For County Judge
E. M. OVERSHINER
Re-election
H. ROB. KEEBLE

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

For County Attorney
W. H. GRAHAM
JEFF HOOD

For County Superintendent
J. S. SMITH, Re-election
C. E. SIMS
ARTHUR JONES

For Treasurer:
J. A. BOYCE
AUSTIN FITTS

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

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)

For Justice of the Peace
W. W. WHEELER
I. S. ALLEN

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

Do Not Compare Prices

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.. But Compare Quality ..

CLOSES
SATURDAY

And you will find our prices 15 to 25 per cent lower than elsewhere. Don't fail to be on hand Saturday to partake of these astounding bargains. Hundreds have taken advantage of these low prices during the past week. And until Saturday we will make the following prices. Don't fail to be here.

One lot ladies pumps in patent leather, 3.50 and 2.50 values now \$1.95
Ladies white canvas shoes and oxfords worth 1.50 now 1.15
Ladies white canvas shoes and oxfords worth 1.75 now 1.25
Ladies white canvas shoes and oxfords worth 2.00 now 1.45
Ladies white canvas shoes and oxfords worth 2.50 now 1.75
Ladies white canvas shoes and oxfords worth 3.00 now 1.95
Ladies white canvas shoes and oxfords worth 3.50 now 2.25

Men's 15.00 H. S. and M. Dixie Weave Suits.....\$13.85
Men's 13.50 H. S. and M. Dixie Weave Suits..... 11.85
Men's 10.00 H. S. and M. Palm Beach Suits..... 8.25
Men's 9.50 all wool Dixie Weave Suits..... 7.85
Men's 8.50 Palm Beach Suits. 7.25
Men's 7.50 Palm Beach Suits. 6.95
Men's 6.50 Palm Beach Suits. 5.25
Men's 12.50 all wool blue serge and fancy suits..... 10.95

One lot 3.00 Kingsbury hats..\$1.95
Men's John B. Stetson \$6 hats 5.25
Men's John B. Stetson \$5 hats 4.25
Men's John B. Stetson 4.50 " 3.95
One lot ladies' lawn and dimity dresses, worth 1.50, 2.00, 2.50 and 5.00 at..... Half Price
Ladies' silk kimonas, worth 5.00 now..... 2.85
One lot stylish soiled wash skirts in linens and fancy light weight fabrics, worth from 1.25 to 3.50, sale price 75c to..... 1.00

You simply cannot afford to miss this life-time opportunity, coming as it is in the heart of the season. Be here. Get yours.

WOODROOF'S

MERKEL'S QUALITY STORE

Messrs. Shirley King and Geo. Smith have returned from Georgetown, where they have spent the past school year.

Mrs. H. E. Bullock and two little daughters are in Jermyn, where they were called by the illness of the former's mother. Their stay away is indefinite and will probably be extended.

J. W. Daniel, who has been in the country north of peecos for several weeks, has returned home and reports dry weather in the west and the country suffering for the want of rain.

Shipment of the popular F. G. Conklin Gloves for ladies and gentlemen just received ask to see them at A. L. Jobs. 16t2

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown, old time residents of Merkel, but now living at San Angelo, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Joe Higgins.

Miss Mabel Collins left Monday night of this week for an extended stay in El Paso and Cloudcroft. While in El Paso she will visit Miss Zora Coggin.

DR. J. T. PUE

Formerly of Grogan Wells, Sweetwater, is in Merkel to stay. Have you heard of the wonderful results of

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LOCAL NEWS LOCAL NEWS

J. A. Duckett is in Greenville this week on business.

Will Woodroof left on a business trip Tuesday morning for Dallas.

Miss Mamie Nelson of Abilene is the guest of Mrs. Geo. Graves this week.

Messrs. Vernon Emmons and Russell Miller were Sunday guests of Mrs. Geo. Graves.

Miss Leila Hill, our popular teacher of violin has been quite ill for several days, but is reported improved at the present time.

Shirley King and George Smith University students of Georgetown have returned home for the summer vacation.

Miss Effie Hutson is in Thalia for a few weeks visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Black and two children, Lena and Joe, of Stamford, were guests of friends and relatives here Sunday.

Mr. Richard Oliphant of Dallas is here this week visiting O. J. Adecock and family.

Judge C. D. Mims returned Saturday from a hurried business trip to Vernon. He reports crop conditions good in northwest Texas, but states however that the grain crop will be shorter with the people of that country than it was last season.

Mrs. Grace Byars and daughter, Estelle, who have been visiting in Merkel for the past week, took their departure for Lockney their home, Monday.

When you come to Sweetwater, Texas, drive your car in the National Southern Highway Garage, on the west side of the square near the hotels. No charges to tourists and visitors for day storage. Do not leave your car in the hot sun, it will ruin the varnish and upholstery on your car. You are welcome to make our place home while in Sweetwater. We have free air and water on the sidewalk. We carry a fine line of accessories and tires. Our readers are especially invited to call on them while in Sweetwater.—Adv. tf

T. & P. Time Table

| EASTBOUND | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Sunshine Special..... | 8:44 a.m. |
| No. 4..... | 9:54 a.m. |
| No. 6..... | 10:18 p.m. |
| WESTBOUND | |
| Sunshine Special..... | 8:22 p.m. |
| No. 3..... | 6:08 p.m. |
| No. 5..... | 5:55 a.m. |

HOME TIES

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Friday Night, June 23rd

MERKEL, TEXAS

CAST OF CHARACTERS

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|---|-----------------|
| Martin Winn, with Memories of the Past..... | John M. Pike |
| Leonard Everett, a son of the Soil..... | Noel Moore |
| Harold Vincent, from New York..... | Roy Coats |
| Josiah Tizzard, an umbrella mender..... | Frank Armstrong |
| Ruth Winn, Martin's daughter..... | Mamie McNeess |
| Alma Wayne, her friend from the city..... | Wilma Garrett |
| Aunt Melissa, Martin's sister..... | Minnie Coats |
| Mrs. Poplin, a widow with a pension and "Symptoms"..... | Josie Smith |
| Lindy Jane, a colored girl..... | Osee Teaff |

SYNOPSIS

Act I. An afternoon in June, between five and six o'clock. The home coming.
Act II. One month later. Visitors from the city.
Act III. An evening next week. The party.
Act IV. The following January, six months having elapsed. The wedding announcement and "Home Sweet Home."

The action of this play takes place in the sitting room of the Winn homestead, near a small village in the eastern part of New York state.

Admission - 25c and 35c

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TELEPHONE NO. 61

If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Patrons of the Mail who do not receive their paper regularly will confer a favor upon the management by reporting the fact. You should also watch the label of your paper to ascertain when your time is out and renew before your name automatically leaves our list, as all papers stop when the term of subscription expires.

PUTTING IT UP TO MONTANA

Montana votes on the liquor question next November, and its newspapers have been printing quarter page advertisements of doleful prophecy financed by booze. One such in the Missoula "Missoulan" paid for by the "Montana Commercial and Labor League" alleges, among other "startling facts" that Kansas, a prohibition state is not among the eight states cited by the "World Almanac" as "having the largest mileage of improved roads." If Montana should go "dry" will Montana roads go "wet" and become Kansas "mud holes"? What will happen anyhow? A few years ago one of Collier's representatives happened to be in Wichita, Kas., and became very much interested in the changed conditions of the town. He wrote this editorial:

Wichita, a few years ago, was the Gibraltar of the saloon in Kansas. Its saloons were running years after the Kansas law went into effect. Deals were made at State conventions and nominations secured through promises of open saloons for Wichita. The protest was long coming, but it arrived, and like many other reform movements of the day, arrived with momentum. A "dry" mayor was elected. Heavy penalties for violation of the law were exacted. The saloons died hard, but finally passed. Note the result. Before the saloons closed, the bank clearings of Wichita were \$1,200,000 weekly. In three years they had increased to something over \$3,000,000. The city, instead of going backward, as freely predicted, has steadily grown. A few years ago there were barely 10 percent of the population of Wichita opposed the saloon. Probably there are not now a very large minority of the population who would favor it. One newspaper changed from pro saloon to anti saloon. In six weeks its circulation had increased 6000 copies. Merchants declared that their collections increased. Workmen paying weekly insurance. Before the saloons closed 40 percent of these insured workmen were in arrears. Within a short time after the enforcement of the law these arrearages had disappeared and many were paying in advance.

Perhaps this little fact will help the voters of Montana to a more intelligent reading of the advertisements of the "Montana Commercial and Labor League." If we were writing our 1911 Wichita editorial today we should have to put the case more forcefully. The last year of Wichita's saloons was 1907 when bank clearings were \$55,000,000. For 1915 they were \$196,134,000. Wichita's bank deposits in 1907 were \$7,420,926. In 1915 they were \$17,048,009. Wichita's property valuation in 1906—the year before the saloons closed—was \$21,998,290. In 1915 the property upon the same basis was \$74,453,849. Now these figures do not prove that the property in a town is bound to be tripled and the population nearly doubled after nine dry years; but they do prove the stupidity of the argument that booze brings prosperity and that a dry community dries up. If the whiskey people want to argue against prohibition, they can hunt up some plausible arguments for their case, but they had better leave Kansas out. — Colliers Weekly.

The political pot has almost reached the boiling point—the freeze will come July 22nd.

THE DAYS OF '49—"NOFF SED."

In some of the advertising of the Warren Lake picnic last week the above heading appeared. Truly it was enough said and even too much, for enough is enough and too much is a dogs bait. This was a regular dog's bait of a drunken mess if reports reaching the Mail are true and we have every reason to believe that words hardly described the deplorable affair that took place at the picnic grounds during Saturday night.

In the future we believe no better action can be taken by the people than to positively refuse to attend any attraction wherein such a show as the "Days of '49" has been made one of the shows. Such shows are positively of the most degrading type and are undermining to a community. When any set of questionable men and women from some afar off place come into a community with a '49 show the public had just as well fight shy of any report about the people of the show being a nice set of individuals. Any drunken set who follows such a life ought to be given a ride out of town on a rail and we venture to say that if a bunch of Forty-niners ever set up their little tent in or near Merkel again they get the surprise of their lives. The decent, law abiding people of this community have about gotten their craws full of this rot, or we have missed our guess. It is to be deplored that this dance crowd was ever booked in connection with the Warren Lake picnic and we do not believe that any local man connected with the affair understood the real conditions or they would not have permitted such to have come under their direction. This is the second offence of its kind to have been perpetrated on Merkel within the last year and this second attempt so far outshines the first one in being a rotten, drunken brawl, that the first one fades into obscurity by virtue of its insignificance. Now if there ever be a third one and it improves in vice and vulgarity like this second one did over the first, people living in Merkel, five miles from the scene of the show, would have to hold their noses while the performance went on. The mail thinks the "Days of '49" should be abated and if no other method can be taken a committee of vigilant, decent citizens of the town and community should take the matter in hand.

FERGUSON AND BROOKS

Governor Ferguson is candidate for re-election Hon. S. P. Brooks is candidate for United States Senator. C. H. Morris is candidate for governor against Gov. Ferguson and Ex-Gov. Campbell is pitted against Mr. Brooks. As things are now situated politics between these four has taken a funny step. Ferguson is paddling his own canoe and Mr. Brooks is doing the same thing. Mr. Campbell takes opportunity to further his campaign against Mr. Brooks by referring to his former record as governor and his low tax rate, backers of Mr. Morris are doing incidentally the same thing and the same pot boils over in two directions. Morris takes advantage of a situation Campbell started of getting the state on a deficit, and thereby criticises Ferguson's tax rate, while Campbell refers to these doings in his effort to detract votes from Brooks.

The people will hardly stand for Campbell's plea and past record against what Brooks has to offer and at the same time they can see that it is a proposition of Campbell helping Morris and Morris helping Campbell, a mixup that has sprung a leak in two directions. The following from the Waco Semi-Weekly Tribune hits the nail squarely and fairly, while the article it is taken from slaps Campbell solidly and hits Morris at the same time.

"We recall a long-ago episode, in a far-away land, where a group of men who were berating an unfortunate woman were told that the man among them without sin should cast the first stone. Nobody picked up, much less cast a stone. We all remember that episode. And we are all waiting to see who of the critics of Ferguson or high taxation, will be the first to put his finger on an item that that critic, if in Ferguson's place, would have vetoed. They are not likely to do it. The people of Texas realize that it is the situation and not Ferguson that compelled the tax rate of this year. The taxpayer may wish it was otherwise but he'll be just to Ferguson and keep him two more years as Governor."

PARTEN'S

Great June Clearance Sale

Is in full blast. Have you been there? if not, hurry. Prices lower for wind-up. Greatest sale in Merkel's history. Read our big circular.

Parten's Great June Clearance Sale

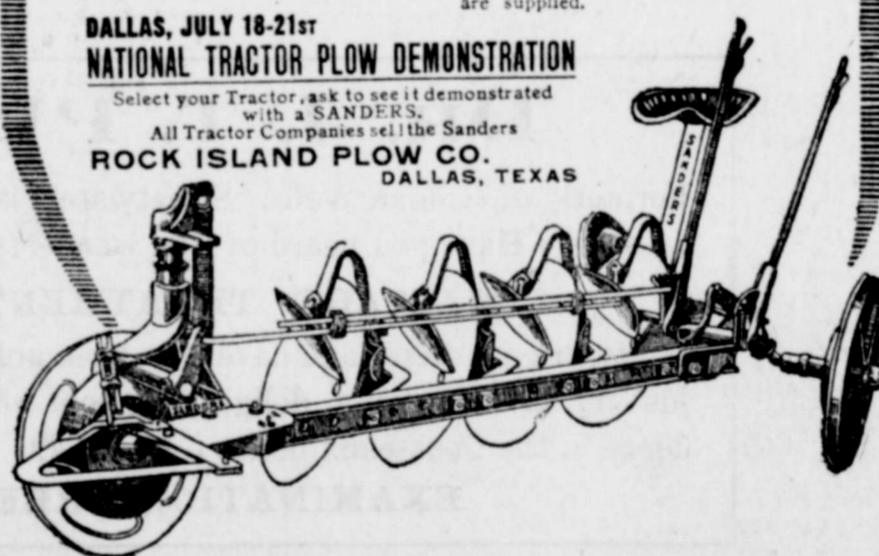
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SANDERS TRACTOR PLOWS

Guaranteed to hitch and plow successfully behind ANY LIGHT TRACTOR
 Don't Experiment with Your TRACTOR—it Costs Money!
 There's only ONE Universal TRACTOR DISK PLOW—the SANDERS

Built in 2, 3, or 4-disk. Can be set to cut 8 or 10 inches per disk. Regularly built with 24-inch disks but 26 or 28-inch can be furnished at small added cost. Turns to right or left while plowing. Plows 7, 8 or 9 inches deep, depending on size of disks used. Trails your Light Tractor perfectly. Raises high. Good clearance. Shipped complete with chain ready to attach. Any one can attach the SANDERS. Requires no operator on the plow.

DALLAS, JULY 16-21st
 NATIONAL TRACTOR PLOW DEMONSTRATION
 Select your tractor, ask to see it demonstrated with a SANDERS.
 All Tractor Companies sell the Sanders
 ROCK ISLAND PLOW CO.
 DALLAS, TEXAS



A SUIT MADE BY US

radiates the personality of him whom we cater to. The distinctive effect to the individual is a priceless heritage. Don't look shabby and don't appear ordinary. There is no necessity for it. Our prices have taken a downward trend that will appeal to you.

F. E. Church



We Get You Out

of our shop right on time for that "Fourth of July" ride. We hardly ever fail to live up to a promise, and then only on account of unforeseen developments. The work done by us is strictly high class and our charges reasonable.

MERKEL GARAGE

PROFESSIONAL

O. F. McMASTER
 DENTIST

Office Phone 154
 Over Woodroofs Store

M. ARMSTRONG, M. D.

Practicing Physician
 Office at Grimes Drug Store
 Merkel, Texas

Telephones: Res. 1-2; Office 1-0-5

DOCTOR MILLER

Physician and Surgeon
 Over Woodroofs Store

W. W. WHEELER

Real Estate, Fire, Accident and Tornado

Insurance Agent,
 Notary Public.

Office over Farmers State Bank

C. D. MIMS
 Attorney-at Law

General Practice and Collections
 Land Title Work a Speciality
 Office over Farmers State Bank.

G. W. JOHNSON

Real Estate, Fire, Life and Accident Insurance Agent
 Respectfully Solicits Your Business
 Notary Public in Office
 Office over Woodroofs & Company
 Merkel - Texas

SHAVING AND BATH PARLORS

The most Up-to-Date
 SHOP IN MERKEL

CITY BARBER SHOP

WEST & PATE : : Proprietors

W. U. W.

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

T. F. Compton, C. C.
 S. Hamilton, Clerk

The Strong Withstand the Heat of Summer Better Than the Weak
 Old people who are feeble, and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking regularly Grove's Tasteless Chili Tonic. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. 50c.

DRUGS

LEST YOU FORGET

DRINKS

THE MERKEL DRUG COMPANY desires to impress upon its patrons and the public in general the utmost careful attention we are devoting to the drug business in every line. It is Our Business to give the very best service, and we are willing that you be the judge of our success in this respect.

CIGARS

Come in and get acquainted
H. K. SHEPPERD, MANAGER

KODAKS

GOODNESS.

Whatever mitigates the woes or increases the happiness of others is a just criterion of goodness, and whatever injures society at large or any individual in it is a criterion of iniquity. One should not quarrel with a dog without a reason sufficient to vindicate one through all the courts of morality.—Goldsmith.

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 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.

Frank J. Cheney

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 6th day of December A D 1886.

(Seal) A. W. Gleason

Notary Public

Hall's Catarrh cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. Cheney & Co Toledo, O. Sole by all druggists 75 c. Take Halls family Pills constipation.

No Wonder.

"Father went off in a good humor this morning," observed the daughter. "Heavens!" exclaimed the mother, suddenly remembering: "That reminds me. I forgot to ask him for any money."—Chicago Tribune.



IT MAY SEEM IMPOSSIBLE

to you when we say that we can repair that old and damaged harness in a way that will make it as good or almost as new. But if you doubt our word there is nothing that would please us better than repairing your set of old harness to prove it to you. Our charges for repairing harness are very moderate. Just a fraction of the cost of a new set.

J. A. BROWN



Any Silo is Better than no Silo

but no Silo is better than the Indiana Silo. Let me sell you a silo, and let it pay for itself out of the proceeds of the Silo. If you are interested in a Silo write or see F. L. Wood, Merkel, Texas

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System
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.



H. L. DARWIN

(State Senator)

of Delta County

Candidate for

CONGRESSMAN-AT-LARGE

Democratic Primary July 22, 1915.

Your support earnestly solicited.

MY PLATFORM:

I favor Rural Credits, Marketing Bureau, Government aid to Good Roads, Organized Labor, Public Health, Preparedness, Prohibition, Flood Control, Levy and Drainage, Improvements of Harbors and Worthy Waterways, Competitive Cattle Market, Merchant Marine, and oppose "Pork Barrel" appropriations of every nature.

Years to serve.

H. L. DARWIN.

Resolutions adopted at Cooper, Texas, March 18th, 1916, at the organization of the Darwin Club:

Whereas, Senator H. L. Darwin of Delta County is a candidate for Congressman-at-Large in the July Primary, and we, the voters and Democrats of Delta County, know his qualifications to be in every way such as to enable him to make a valuable Representative in Congress, therefore, "We commend his candidacy to every Democrat in Texas, because he represents the best interest of all Texas, and Texas will be ably and favorably represented in his election. He is broad-minded, liberal and fair in all things."

"He is a graduate of the University of Texas, and the East Texas Normal College. He has represented the Second Senatorial District in the Texas Senate for the past four years, and was an able and conscientious member. Was prominent in advocating Workman's Compensation Act, "Blue Sky Law," Compulsory Education, Good Roads, Levy and Drainage, Property Rights of Married Women, Labor Legislation, Warehouse and Marketing Law, Rural Credits, Pure Seed Bill, Public Health, and opposed useless expenditure of Public funds of every nature. He was loyal to the best interest of the State, whether North, East, South or West, and no section appealed to him in vain when its best interests were involved.

"Senator H. L. Darwin possesses the highest educational training, which, combined with his native ability, energy and courage, will enable him to render valuable service in Congress. He represents the best the State affords in a personal, political and industrial way."

"Therefore, we urge all Democrats in Texas to support Senator H. L. Darwin of Delta County for Congressman-at-Large."

Resolution No. 2.

"We, the Farmers of Delta County, recommend Senator H. L. Darwin to the voters of Texas for their support."

"He was raised on a farm in Delta County, and now owns and operates a farm in this county. He has equipped himself with the best education the State affords. As a member of the State Senate he was a supporter of better agriculture, better marketing, better roads, better schools and better public health. He is an active member of the State Corn Growers' Association, the Farmers' Institute, and Farmers' Union. He is one of those who is working to better the condition of the farming interest in every way.

"He will make an efficient Congressman, and we recommend him as one of our number to every farmer and voter in Texas. The business interests will be ably and fairly represented in his election, and the producing class will have one of their number in Congress and one who will faithfully render a service to the State and Nation."

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. Miller, W. White, Jack Lemmons, G. Skeen, Arch Hendrix, J. W. Russell, and 800 others.

Turning Loose the Sunshine.
"It's a dark day," some one said to Brother Williams, "a very dark, hopeless day." And then the old negro said:
"Hit's ez you look at it. But why don't you unblock de sunshine? Ain't you got some hid out, roun' de house some's—in some ole co'ner what you clean fergot? Stir roun'! Stir roun' an' tu'n de sunshine loose! It's dar—in yo' house an' heart."
"Here," the dark day mourner said, "here's a dollar for you, old man."
"Bless God!" Brother Williams said, "I knowed you'd turn loose de sunshine. Hit wuz in yo' pocket all de time!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Greatly Benefited by Chamberlain's Liniment
"I have used Chamberlain's Liniment for sprains, bruises and rheumatic pains and the great benefit I have received justifies my recommending it in the highest terms," writes Mrs. Florence Slife, Wabash, Ind. If you are troubled with rheumatic pains you will certainly be pleased with the prompt relief which Chamberlain's Liniment affords. For sale by all dealers.

Restored to Good Health
"I was sick for four years with stomach trouble," writes Mrs. Otto Gans, Zanesville, Ohio. "I lost weight and felt so weak that I almost gave up hope of being cured. A friend told me about Chamberlain's Tablets, and since using two bottles of them I have been a well woman." For sale by all dealers.

Sore Nipples

Any mother who has had experience with this distressing ailment will be pleased to know that a cure may be effected by applying Chamberlain's Salve as soon as the child is done nursing. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the babe to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with best results. For sale by all dealers.

Not in a Hurry.

A somewhat impetuous young fellow rashly engaged himself to a charming young thing, who shortly after the excitement had subsided began to evince doubts. Said she:
"How long, dearie, do you think we shall have to be engaged?"
"Well, sweetheart," said the young man cheerily, "I have enough money to last for six months. I think."

SEE HERE

Do You Want Your Kidneys Experimented On

Kidney troubles are getting more common every day. Government health bureau figures say deaths from this cause are 72 percent more than 20 years ago.

Anybody who suffers constant backache, who feels blue, nervous and irritable, who has dizzy spells, headache and urinary disorders should suspect kidney weakness. Overworked kidneys must have a rest. Take a good kidney remedy to build the kidneys up again.

But be sure to get Doan's Kidney Pills—the oldest, the most widely used, the best recommended of all kidney pills, now in use all over the civilized world. Don't experiment with your kidneys. Thousands have already tested Doan's. You have their experience to go by. Plenty of cases right here in Merkel. Here's one:

Mrs. J. V. West, Merkel, says: "An attack of La Grippe several years ago left my kidneys weak and disordered, causing severe pain. As Doan's Kidney Pills had been taken with good results in my family, I used them. They reached the seat of the trouble, completely curing me. I have had no return of the trouble since."

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

The Fearsome Triceratops.

A terrible looking beast, but interesting, as it was the last of the great land reptiles, is the triceratops. It had a head like a rhinoceros; but, unlike the rhinoceros of today, it carried three formidable horns upon its face and a collar of spikes or spines around its neck. Skulls of this creature which have been unearthed measure seven feet and more in length. The animal had a total length of some twenty-five feet. It is the opinion of a great authority on prehistoric beasts that we have here a dinosaur trying to become a mammal. It is the opinion of this expert, too, that the creature got too "specialized" and therefore died out—the usual end of a too great ambition!—London Mail.

Comparative Possessions.

"I've got a fireless cooker."
"I've got a smokeless husband."—Baltimore American.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy

This is a remedy that every family should be provided with, and especially during the summer months. Think of the pain and suffering that must be endured when medicine must be sent for or before relief can be obtained. This remedy is thoroughly reliable. Ask anyone who has used it. For sale by all dealers.

SUMMER EXCURSION RATES

To the north and east. Tickets on sale daily. Long limit, unusual privileges

Via



Ride The Fine Fast Thru Train Sunshine Special SAVES HALF A DAY

Consult T. & P. Railway Agents or write

A. D. Bell, Geo. D. Hunter, Asst. Gen. Pas. Agt. Gen. Pass. Agt DALLAS

GRACIOUSNESS.

It is a very great privilege to have an opportunity many times a day in the course of your business to do a real kindness which is not to be paid for. Graciousness of demeanor is a large part of the duty of any official person who comes in contact with the world. Where a man's business is, there is the ground for his religion to manifest itself.—Sir Arthur Helps.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

A Stubborn Husband.

A most interesting phenomenon is the stubborn husband. He is not a bad man. He is contrary, and he has to be managed. He is usually married to a clever little woman, who is constantly devising schemes to accomplish the things which make their joint lives a success.

He has no suspicion of this. If he had he would be so mad he could undoubtedly eat her. So all through life she goes on swinging a turnip ahead of his nose to make him go the same as though he were a balky mule. She is a cheery little body, and she chuckles in her sleeve when he is not by. The stubborn husband is as interesting as a bug.—London Standard.



Stop in On Your Way Home

and purchase some of our ideal ice cream. It will keep hard plenty long enough for you to reach home. You will find it a splendid restorer of energy after the fatigue of shopping or calling. For our cream is more than a sweet. It is a food of exceptional nutritive value.

ELITE CONFECTIONERY

Kills Mad Dog

Transfer Agent Minor Goode of the Sweetwater Transfer Company, who makes his home in this city, back-tracked from the lot to the house at the J. W. Daniel home early Monday morning when he met with a mad dog.

Mr. Goode was going to the lot to feed his horse when he saw the dog. Even though stricken with convulsions the animal made for Mr. Goode, who returned quickly to the house and secured a pistol returning to the lot he found the dog trying to catch the horse; two shots from the revolver ended the dog's career, however, before it did any damage

Advertised Letters.

Archer, Mrs. F. M.
Barnett, John H.
Hodges, Minnie
Jones, Mrs. C. A.
Maddox, Effie
McDowell, Jno. H.
Perry, Minnie
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office July 5th 1916.
H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas.

A Boon To Expressmen

Announcement is made by Wells Fargo & Company Express to its employees of a new benefit and pension plan, which ranks in the generosity of its provisions with the best of the pension plans of the other great transportation of industrial corporations across the land. The new system, which went into effect on June 1, is not the first pension provision established by Wells Fargo. The company has been retiring its older men on pensions for more than a quarter of a century—for the past twelve or fourteen years its pension board has been a distinct feature of its general organization. But the new plan, as its name indicates, contemplates much more than pension relief. One of its most salient features is a disability clause, which applies to any established worker in the company's ranks who may be stricken by illness or by accident. This, of itself, is a tremendously advanced step among the pension plans of the great corporate interest of America.

Stomach Troubles

Many remarkable cures of stomach troubles have been effected by Chamberlain's Tablets. One man who had spent over two thousand dollars for medicine and treatment was cured by a few boxes of these tablets. Price, 25c. For sale by all dealers.

Hon. J. M. Wagstaff Here

Hon. J. M. Wagstaff of Abilene was here Saturday afternoon meeting with his friends and on business. When the speaking started at the tabernacle in the afternoon Mr. Wagstaff was present and introduced Senator Brelsford, candidate for re-election. He complimented the Senator as being one of the strongest and most capable men in the Texas Senate and a man worthy of the support of the people for his second term.

To the Voters of Jones County

I made the race for Tax Assessor in 1912 and was second man in the final count. I am in the race again this year subject to the Action of Democratic Primary Election. I am very anxious to be elected and earnestly solicit your careful consideration.

I am a Democrat and have always voted that ticket.

If the voters honor me with the office I shall endeavor to manage the affairs pertaining to the same in a business manner and with due consideration to each Tax Payer in the county.

Yours truly,
L. A. Sadler

Ladies Free Rest Room

Ladies don't fail to take advantage of the Rest Room when in Merkel. It is free to you to use at any time you are in Merkel. Side entrance to Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Notice to Car Owners

If you want to cut off of the high cost of gasoline let us furnish you with a Henderson Oxidizer. Satisfaction guaranteed. C. W. Russell at Crown Hardware Co. 2t4

Picnic July 3-4

The annual picnic at Bland's tank will be marked by good speaking, goat roaping, broncho riding and boat-rowing and other amusements. See Arthur Bland for particulars. July 1 pd

Save money on Ice Cream freezers at J. A. Ducketts.



MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

Last Sunday at his home in Abilene Mr. Chas. Fryar was honored with a birthday dinner.

A few Merkel friends were entertained in the country home of the Beasley brothers near Noodle on Monday night.

Among the graduates named in the Georgetown Commencement invitations received by Merkel friends last week were the names of Miss Annie Smith and her brother Frank E. Smith both receiving A. B. degrees.

Dr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Miller were entertained at dinner Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston.

Frank Armstrong assisted by his mother entertained his classmates of the Senior High School class and other friends on last Saturday night at the Armstrong residence.

On last Thursday evening Mr. J. W. Ely and Miss Juanita May Thompson were quietly married at the bride's home in north Anson.

The groom is a highly polished and promising young man and has friends unnumbered.

On the evening of Tuesday, June 13, at the home of the bride's parents on popular street, Miss Thelma Tarpley and Mr. Simpson Christopher were united in marriage.

OLDER BUT STRONGER

To be healthy at seventy, prepare at forty, is sound advice, because in the strength of middle life we too often forget that neglected colds, or careless treatment of slight aches and pains, simply undermine strength and bring chronic weakness for later years.



"Bell" Connection Solves Farm Problems. Said a prosperous and up-to-date farmer: "We like to joke the women-folks about using the telephone, but I guess we men use it as much as they do."

The Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Co.

ing and accomplished young lady who has won a large circle of friends in Abilene.

Mr. Christopher is an enterprising young school teacher of this county, and also has many friends here.

All who have the pleasure of knowing this young couple wish for them a long and happy married life. - Abilene Reporter.

Jones-Hoppe

The wedding of Miss Lola Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Jones, and Mr. Paul Hoppe, Jr., was celebrated Wednesday morning at the Presbyterian church in the presence of a large number of friends.

The altar was banked with ferns, and draped with pink and white tulle. A canopy had been formed with smilax and capejas- amines and streamers of pink and white ribbons, from which a white dove was suspended, and here the wedding party stood.

The sweet notes of the pre-nuptial song "Loves Reason," sung by Miss Alice Cunningham accompanied by Miss Vivian Hall, announced the coming of the bride, but not until the wedding march pealed forth did any of the party come into view.

The bride wore a very attractive traveling suit of blue silk taffeta with old ivory trimmings, with accessories to match. She carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses.

The bride has the affectionate regards of a wide circle of friends, to whom she has endeared herself by her lovely traits of character and is very charming and accomplished.

MID-SUMMER FASHIONS IN SUITS AND FROCKS

Wash Satin Favored For Suits, Separate Coats and Skirts--Handkerchief Linen, Striped and Dotted, Smart for Shirtwaists

New York, June 17--With the first, sultry days of summer, one naturally turns to white, or the pale toned linens and cottons.

Wash Satin in Suits or Dresses. One of the coolest and most novel of the new summer materials, both for suits and dresses, is wash satin.



Pink Organdy Blouse, Black Satin Skirt

folk fashion, a belted Russian, or one of the various other peplum models developed in a soft tone of satin, may be worn for morning, sports wear or for afternoons.

The sheer linens, cottons and silks are all very popular for frocks and blouses. Pale tones and white predominate.

Separate Coat and Skirt

How the separate coat and skirt could ever have been laid aside for a season or two, as it

with his best man, Mr. John Blaine; and met the bride at the altar.

The bride wore a very attractive traveling suit of blue silk taffeta with old ivory trimmings, with accessories to match.

Mr. Hoppe is a young man of sterling worth, is connected with his father in the saddle and harness business here.

The happy couple left immediately for a visit in Fort Worth and Dallas.

On their return they will make their home at 440 Beech street. - Abilene Reporter.

was, is indeed a mystery, when one considers how very practical it is. Its popularity this season, however, is quite making up for the year or two of indifference.

The separate skirt and contrasting coat are particularly smart for sports purposes. Some of the good shops are showing cream-white serge skirts, combined with wash satin blouses, and coats of blue serge, or the novelty striped silks or linens, for tennis, golf and the like.

Neck finishes and cuffs offer particularly interesting possibilities this season. A well fitting cuff has much to do with the success of the gown, and may be flattering or decidedly unbecoming to the hand.



Pongee Frock With Slip On Blouse

probability, be as much favored as in seasons past. High collars seem to have entirely given away to the open throat, which proves that Dame Fashion has more of common sense to deal with just now than ever before in her reign.

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.

Mrs. R. L. Scott of San Antonio, formerly Miss Flay Gunn, spent a few days this week at Noodle with her mother, Mrs. P. B. Ceausseaux.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bragg of Hillsboro are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald.

For all first class painting and paperhanging, see or phone 24, A. C. McGee. 2t4.

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.

Patron, Ky.--In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The families of Messrs. Boyd and Angus enjoyed last week with an outing on Deadman about twenty miles northeast of Abilene. Very successful fishing as well as a delightful outing.

Make a through investigation of the Consolidated Oil & Gas Co., all West Texas people and its purpose is to develop West Texas. O. Brown.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

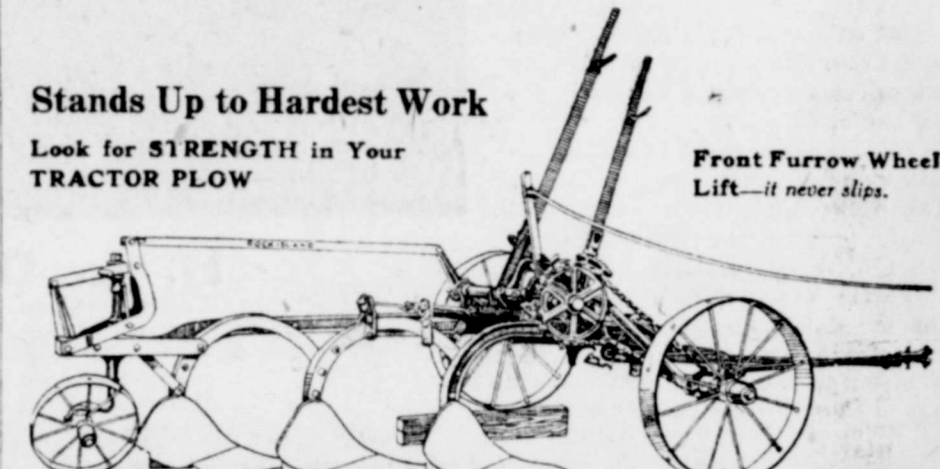
At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "The Best Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. 7-6

Bilious Attacks

when you have a bilious attack your liver fails to perform its functions. You become constipated. The food you eat ferments in your stomach instead of digesting. This inflames the stomach which causes nausea, vomiting and a terrible headache.



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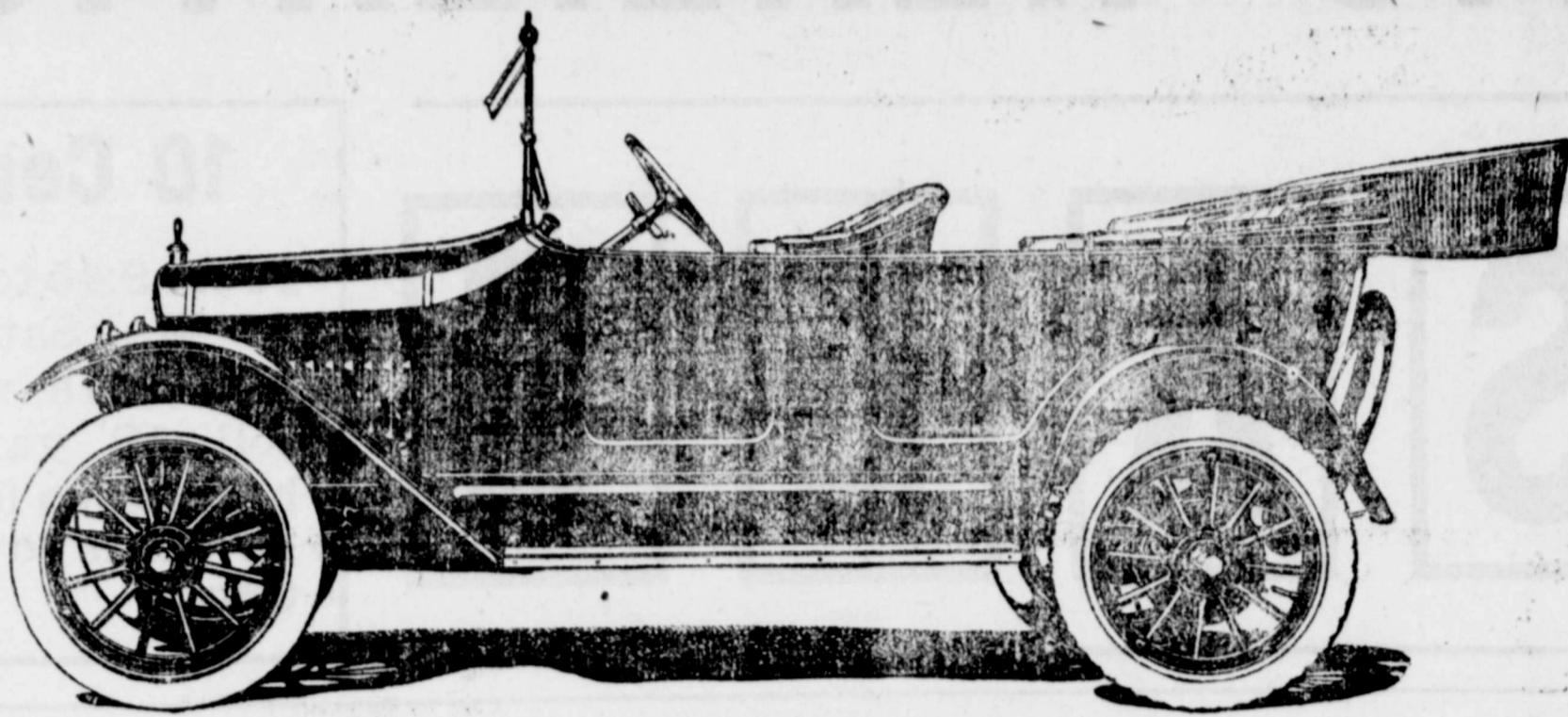
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THRIFT.

Thrift is a determination to live with a margin for future advancement, to earn a little more than one spends or to spend a little less than one earns, getting meanwhile the value in strength.—David Starr Jordan.

Tedious Job.

"First we crush the quartz, then we mix it with mercury, which has the faculty of dissolving the gold particles. We treat this amalgam in retorts and finally extract the pure gold." "I see," said the lady visitor. "It's a complicated process. Almost as complicated a process as extracting money from my husband."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

An Ingenious Astronomer.

The novel star finder of a Shanghai inventor has the form of a parasol. When the parasol is opened and its stick is pointed toward Polaris the stars and constellations charted upon its covering are found to have the same relative positions as in the sky overhead, so that finding the celestial objects is easy.

Serious Oversight.

"Yes," remarked Farmer Cornstossel, "Josh knows a heap. He can tell me all the scientific names of what I'm tryin' to raise an' what injures the crops. But there's one thing he never investigated. If he had studied a little deeper Josh wouldn't have got all mussed up while out walkin' in his Sunday clothes."

Woman Will Argue.

Belle—You would make any girl happy, Jack.
Jack—But marriage is a game of chance.

Belle—True, but you are such a good loser, Jack.—New York Globe.

Unique Costa Rica.

Costa Rica is unique among modern nations, inasmuch as it has more teachers and soldiers. The standing army is only 500 strong, while the teachers in active service number about 2,000. For about half a century the country has enjoyed internal peace, and the executive power has been transferred regularly by elections every four years.

FREE

Opposite the postoffice a new Gasoline Station has just been completed. The first 50 ladies to get five gallons of gasoline each will also get one gallon FREE

RUSH

BAD HABITS.

Each year one vicious habit rooted out in time ought to make the worst man good.—Benjamin Franklin.

Tired.

Gerald—There is no rest for the weary. Geraldine—Nor for those they make weary.—Exchange.

Owls in Asia Minor.

Perhaps Asia Minor is richer in crude and interesting fancies than any other country. When children hear an owl hooting from the cypress groves they cry, "Good news for us, good messages for you." If they catch an owl they hold it up by the beak and chant, "Fain Sunday owl, how does your mother dance?" The meaning of the rite is lost, but the habit lingers.

Where Once a Home Stood.

And what is more melancholy than the old apple trees that linger about the spot where once stood a homestead, but where there is now only a ruined chimney rising out of a grassy and weed grown cellar? They offer their fruit to the wayfarer—apples that are bitter-sweet with the moral of time's vicissitude.—Hawthorne.

GIGANTIC REALIZATION

FREE FREE

To the first 25 ladies buying \$1.00 worth of mdse. we will give free a nice dress pattern of good material the opening day at 9 a. m.

SALE

10 Cents

From 9:45 to 10:00 A. M., Saturday, June 24th, we will sell 10 yards of best calico for 10c. 10 yards to a customer.

The Star Store, G. E. Comegys, Merkel, Tex.

The entire stock has been turned over to the London Sales Company with instructions to realize the CASH regardless of how great the loss, and to give the people of Merkel and surrounding country some real genuine bargains, and to hold the greatest sale ever held in West Texas. And you will readily see when you come to this store that every little tag means greater reductions than was ever attempted before. This store will be covered with bargains from the ceiling to the floor. Everything will be marked in plain figures and sold just as advertised, no false statements nor misrepresentations are guaranteed by G. E. Comegys.

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**Sale Starts Saturday, June 24th
At 9:00 A. M.**

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To the first twenty men spending \$1.00, we will give a nice present free the opening day, Saturday, June 24 at 9 a. m.

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Bargains galore from the ceiling to the floor, will greet you as you enter the door. Prices will be so low, everything bound to go.

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Store will be closed Thursday and Friday to arrange stock. Nothing to be sold until opening day, Saturday, June 24, at 9 A. M.

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