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OFF TO AUSTIN TO FARMERS' MEETING

Saturday night and Sunday over thirty delegates to the State Farmers' Institute left this place for Austin, where the convention has been in session this week.

Among the local organizations represented were Comper, Stith, Noodle, Salt Branch, Golan, Shiloh, Blair and others.

Among those going were S. H. L. Swafford, Henry Foster, J. W. Hass, Dee and Chester Lucas, N. C. Palmer, Alfred Ely, H. O. Miller, A. B. Highsmith, Guy Jones, Lawrence Vantrees, Sam Mashburn, Piron Winters, W. C. Church, Bob Mashburn, Clayton Goode, Bruce Wheeler, Henry Eason, Geo. Harris, J. E. McCaleb, Willie Woods, Ellis Harris, W. W. Harvell, F. J. Smith, J. B. Walton, Chas. Breeden, Herbert, Emmett and Homer Patterson, Miss Maggie Foster, Arthur McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Dennie Hartley, Joe Hartley, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Buzbee and Mrs. Joe Higgins. There were others whose names we failed to get. Many of the delegates, on returning stopped at Dallas and attended the National Tractor Demonstration.

DR. J. D. SANDEFER ON SUBMISSION

Dr. J. D. Sandefer, President of Simmons College at Abilene made an interesting speech for submission at the Methodist church Monday night. Despite the fact that lack of time was had to properly advertise the speaking the house was well filled and close attention was given the speaker.

Dr. Sandefer, urged pros and anties alike to vote for submission at the polls on July 22, that the issue was purely democratic, and that the public should be allowed to voice itself on prohibition as well as any other question that might come up.

Aside from his address, Dr. Sandefer expressed himself as in favor of Woman Suffrage and related some interesting facts as to why there should be no discrimination on account of sex.

POULTRY MEETING FRIDAY AFTERNOON

"A meeting of all men and their wives interested in poultry is to be held at 5:00 P. M. Friday, July 21st, in the Merkel Tabernacle. Dr. F. J. Craddock, poultry specialist from A. & M. College, Extension Service, will present methods of producing guaranteed eggs and marketing them at premium prices. Attention will also be given to breeding and care of poultry."

S. A. Minear, County Agt.

Wheat Advances; Farmers Selling Wichita, Falls, July 18.—Wheat scored another advance, the price now posted at local elevators being \$1.07, a gain of 12 cents since the season opened. Farmers, as a result of the higher prices, are turning their wheat loose as fast as it is threshed, as a rule very little grain being held.

MASS CONVENTION PROHIBITION PARTY

To All Texas Prohibitionists—

Dallas, July 12.—Never was the cause of Prohibition brighter throughout the nation than appears at this time! Millions of American citizens are demanding that the issue be settled this year. Thinking men of all parties agree that political union on this question is essential to victory. The failure of the Democratic and Republican parties to take notice of this great issue this year, has led such prominent men as Ex-Gov. J. Frank Hanly and Sec'y Wm. Shaw, Republicans; Ex-Gov. Eugene Foss, Dr. Ira Landrith and Ex-Gov. Wm. Sulzer, Democrats; to abandon their parties and to identify themselves with the Prohibition party. The same course is being taken by many thousands of others not so well known. In the presence of the great opportunity thus confronting us, let all Texans be true to the cause of prohibition.

Wherefore a mass convention of the Prohibition Party of Texas is hereby called to meet at the City Hall in the city of Dallas, at 1:00 P. M. on Tuesday, August 8 1916, for the purpose of nominating 20 Presidential Electors, 1 U. S. Senator, 2 Congressmen-at-large, and a complete State ticket, also to adopt a platform elect a State Central Committee, and transact any other business properly coming before the convention.

All persons in sympathy with the principles and aims of the Prohibition Party, and intending to affiliate therewith, regardless of past political affiliations, are cordially invited to attend and participate in this convention.

State Prohibition Com. By A. A. Phelps, Executive Sec.

TORNADO WED. EVE. S. WEST OF TRENT

Late Wednesday afternoon a small tornado down into the country south west of Trent completely demolished the house, commonly known as the Hogue place.

Mrs. Harter who was in the house at the time was painfully injured by having two large splinters driven into her right lower limb. Her two children who were in or near the house escaped.

The force of the wind which no doubt was in short a cyclone was sufficient to lift the two story house from its foundation, tear it to pieces and drop it in a nearby lane some fifty yards away a mass of ruins and wreckage.

EVANGELIST IS A FORCEFUL MAN

Elder Milholland who is conducting the meeting at the tabernacle is a scholar and one of the most forceful speakers to appear in our city recently.

Services are conducted twice daily during the week with a special hour service on Sunday. Another article in this issue gives the hours of preaching.

Peaches

Nice fresh peaches direct from the tree for 75 cent per bushel. Phone 238 or come and get them. C. L. McNeess.

SPECIAL ISSUE--SPECIAL OFFER

This issue of the Mail is going to voters over all of the surrounding Merkel country and is the last appeal of candidates before that eventful day, July 22nd.

As a special offer and for the last time we will give it, the Merkel Mail will be sent to your address for one year for 60 cents. If you desire to take advantage of this exceptional offer before Saturday night we will be glad to accommodate you. After the primaries are closed the price will return to the original amount of \$1.00 per year. Better take a good thing while you can get it. The Mail wants 250 new and renewal subscriptions on the coming Saturday. Will you be one of them? Either see our representative on the street or call at the Mail office.

ELECTION RETURNS AT THE OLD PLACE

All interested voters and others who desire to get quick election returns are requested to congregate at the old election stand, facing the bulletin board that will be erected in front of the local telephone exchange.

The Mail is endeavoring to have returns wired here from El Paso and the border country, in regard to the race for Congress. We will also keep accurate accounts of the returns from all county boxes and will endeavor to get this information at the very earliest possible moment.

LITTLE BOYS SAVE BABY FROM LAKE

James, 11, and Calvin, 6, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Handy of Rockledge farm, deserve Carnegie medals for their action Tuesday in saving the life of their two-year old brother.

The two older boys were fishing from a pier at Lytle Lake, near the Handy home. The baby wandered to the lake and fell off into about seven feet of water.

Quick as a flash James slid down an upright pole which was fortunately close to the spot where the little fellow fell in, and caught hold of his brother's hand, which was the only part of his body out of the water. Clinging to the pole with one hand and his baby brother with the other, James with the assistance of Calvin, just six, rescued the baby from certain drowning by pulling him up to safety.

Neither of the older boys could swim, but it is certain James would have plunged into the water after the baby even, if the upright pole had not been handily by. Considering their youthfulness, the presence of mind exhibited by the little fellows place them in a class by themselves.—Abilene Reporter.

BLANTON RALLY AT ABILENE TONIGHT

This Friday night at 8:30 o'clock a rally of Abilene people has been planned for Judge Thos. L. Blanton. Prominent speakers of the city will take part in the speaking while the Abilene Band will furnish music for the occasion.

Judge Blanton will probably be asked to make a short address, but the purpose of the rally is to allow his friends to demonstrate their support. All Taylor county has been invited to participate.

G. M. Sharp's for groceries.

3 CITIES IN FIGHT FOR ROTARY MEET

Cincinnati, July 18.—After a short business session today in which the report of the committee on constitution was received, the convention of the International Rotary Clubs, in session here, entered into a general discussion on honorary members in Rotary and "Rotary in Smaller Cities."

The fight for the next convention has grown lively between Kansas City, Atlanta and Salt Lake City, while Chattanooga is asking for the 1918 meeting. The selection of the next convention city will be made Friday.

In the Rotary golf tournament, Victor H. Smith of Atlanta won the prize for the lowest individual score with 82. The four lowest scores qualified the following cities to participate in the semi-finals this afternoon: Memphis, 177; Cincinnati, 183; Atlanta, 177; Springfield, Ohio, 172.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ferguson of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Farmer and little son, L. H. Jr. of Weatherford came in Saturday last to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ferguson.

DILLARD TALKS TO TAYLOR CO. VOTERS

To the voters of Merkel and the west part of Taylor County. Dear Voter:

I have endeavored to render you the best service of which I was capable. I have tried to accommodate you in every way possible. Why? Because I appreciate beyond words to express the good support you gave me two years ago.

I know that some have criticized me because of the delinquent taxes notices, but I want you to know that what I have done, would have been done by my opponent or any one else who might have been in the office, if he had done his duty as prescribed by law.

No man can say that I have not taken the greatest of pains to help him get any matter correct and make satisfactory everything brought to me for my service. No matter how much time or trouble, I have not complained, my time is yours and I am glad to help you get all tax matters correct.

In conclusion, please remember that I will appreciate your vote as much as any man on earth. I am only asking for a place to work that I may support my family, and in return for every dollar received, I expect to render every accommodation and courtesy I can. I expect to give Merkel and the west part of the county a better accommodation than I did last year, thus accommodating both the tax payers and bankers of your section. Don't hesitate to call on me.

My motto is: "Collect the Taxes," with courtesies to all, but special privileges to none.

Sincerely yours, W. F. DILLARD, For Tax Collector.

140 IN SUN HERE ON WEDNESDAY

Talking about hot weather but Wednesday set a record as far as observations have gone in this part of Texas.

Individuals who were interested and impressed by the oppressive heat of Wednesday decided to see just how hot it was in the sun. Often times we hear of how hot it is in the shade without thinking how hot it is for the man who is out taking a turkish both in the open with old sol and the bath house keeper. The registration of the highest mark reached here was 140 degrees. (The soldier boy who said it was hot as the devil in Texas is now pronounced of sound mind.)

VOTE EARLY AND ASSIST THE JUDGES

By voting early Saturday morning or early in the afternoon of that day the Merkel people who desire quick returns from the Merkel box, may have their expectations fulfilled.

It being a tiresome job to keep up with the count during the day when the votes are scattered, all voters can assist in early returns from the home box by going to the polls early.

Try a Turkish or Russian bath for your aches and pains. Alcohol rubs free. Dr. J. T. Pue.

BOSSES WIN GAME FROM THE CLERKS

Nearly two hundred enthusiastic fans witnessed the best ball game of the season last Friday afternoon when the local merchants met and defeated their clerks on the high school ball grounds, the score being 15 to 10.

Burroughs pitched for the clerks and worked hard, Easterwood pitched for the bosses and likewise worked hard but it was a free hitting affair from start to finish. Doss Sheppard of Dallas the boy they say could never come back, was successful in parking the ball several times. Sears, Swann, Sharp, Largent, Howard and Renfro also pounded viciously. Several errors were made on both sides. The line up:

Clerks: Little, Burroughs, Sharp, Boring, Swann, Touchstone, West, Comegys, Grimes. Merchants: Ferrier, Easterwood, Howard, Ferrier, Largent, Renfro, Foster, Sheppard, Sears, Coats.

Wanted—Cotton Seed at Highest market price. Gaither and Dupree.

NEGRO BATTLES POLICE; KILLS 4

Chicago, July 18.—H. J. McIntire, a negro religious fanatic, becoming violently insane today, killed four persons and wounded three others with a rifle before the police, whom he held at bay for an hour, killed him and his wife.

In all McIntire's hallucinations that he must "carry my report to the Almighty" cost six lives.

Hundreds of shots were exchanged between the crazed man, barricaded in his flat in a two-story brick structure at 320 North Irving avenue, and the police. The latter made an ineffectual attempt to burn the place and exploded three charges of dynamite under it, as they were unable to make headway against the rapid and accurate fire of the negro.

6 MEXICANS TRY TO CROSS RIO GRANDE

Brownsville, July 14.—Company C, Second Texas Infantry, a San Antonio organization, prevented a Mexican raiding party, from crossing the Rio Grande near Donna, Texas, early today.

The outpost ordered six approaching Mexicaus to halt, but they continued to advance.

The Texans opened fire which was returned briefly. The Mexicans retreated. No casualties are believed to have been suffered by either side.

Four More North Carolina Deaths Asheville, N. C., July 18.—Four more deaths were added to the North Carolina flood toll today. A telephone message from Brevard was that John Heath and his mother and Mrs. Caldwell Santelle and her child died today from injuries received when their homes were caught in a landslide four miles from Brevard.

SEVERAL REASONS WHY

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St. John For Tax Assessor

I am a candidate for re-election to the position of Tax Assessor, subject to the action of the Democratic Party, which position I now have the honor to hold.

If my services have been satisfactory during the time that I have been Tax Assessor, I will appreciate your support. It is, of course, not for me to say how well I have served in this position, but I hope it will be considered pardonable in me to mention, that so far as I am aware, there has been no public criticism of the services which I have rendered.

If you can consistently aid my candidacy, I shall be grateful to you for doing so.

By reason of my past experience, I am more competent and efficient now than ever before to render you the very best service of my life, and if elected, I promise you the very best service possible for me to give.

W. T. St. John.

Diarrhoea Quickly Cured

"About two years ago I had a severe attack of diarrhoea which lasted for over a week," writes W. C. Jones, Buford, N. D. "I became so weak that I could not stand upright. A druggist recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. The first dose relieved me and within two days I was as well as ever." For sale by all dealers.

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The Texas Co. Brand.**



THE ICE YOU EXPECT

will be there on time if you make us your iceman. No disappointments when you need ice the most. No impurities in the ice either. We guarantee that. So will the board of health. We are delivering in your vicinity. Why not to you too?

Warren Brothers

H. C. O'Neill of Brownwood is spending his vacation among Merkel friends this week.

Miss Laura Carey returned to Dallas last Friday after spending the past month here with relatives.

Mrs. J. B. Steele and children of Waurika, Okla. are visiting the formers parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browing.

Miss Cecil Haley has returned to her home at Matador after an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. W. E. Britain.

Always a good fresh stock of bread and cakes on hand. Phone us your order. Prompt delivery. Phone 118. Merkel Bakery. 21t1

Mrs. M. C. Traylor has returned home to Winfield from a visit with her sister, Mrs. M. R. Woodrum. Harry Woodrum accompanied his aunt to Fort Worth.

Miss Murticet Saffles of Plainview is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. J. Largent.

Mrs. J. B. Warren returned this week from an extended visit with relatives at Waco and other eastern points.

Who wants to exchange good business income property in Merkel for a well improved farm close in. No junk wanted. Write me, T. B. Story, Riverside, Arlington Station, Cal. 14t4

Dr. G. M. Williams and wife returned Monday from a months visit in Arkansas. Among the cities they visited were Harrison Eureka Springs, Leslie, Marshal, Yellvill and the mining district.

Plenty of good feed, maize, chops and bran. Good Boquet Flour at \$3.30. Clark & Walker. 21t2

Bill Evans, formerly of this city but now of Anson and Ford agent of Jones county motored here this week to visit friends and relatives.

Mrs. James West and little son James Jr. are visiting Mrs. Lee Rice of Jayton.

G. E. Comegys and daughter Mrs. R. O. Anderson and Mrs. Doss Sheppard made a trip to Clyde Wednesday.

Boyd Dosier of Colorado was a visitor in Merkel Sunday.



**AUGUST 12TH, AT FROM 2
TO 5 P. M.**

Is the big day on which the women of Merkel are going to learn the truth about this wonderful invention—

**The FREE Sewing
Machine**
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An expert from the factory will be here, and he will tell you why **The FREE** is the biggest advance in sewing machines since the days of Elias Howe, the inventor of the sewing machine.

Anchor Mercantile Company

Statement of The Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business Friday, June 30, 1916

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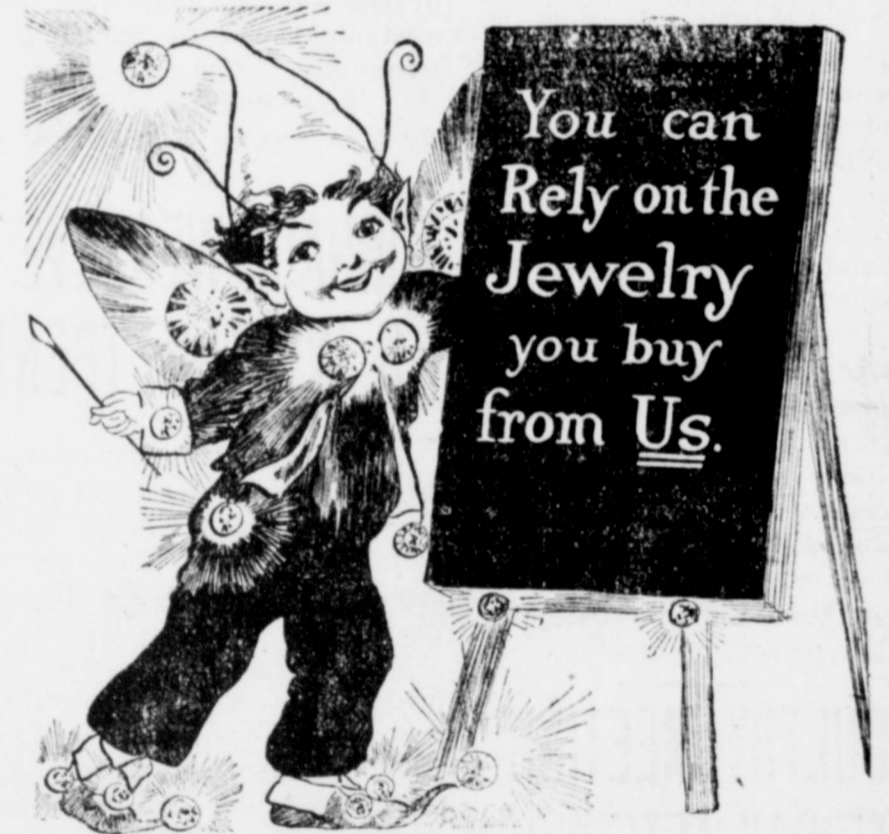
Loans	\$218,392.52
U. S. Bonds—par	10,250.00
Stock in Federal Bank	1,500.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real Estate	5,900.00
Cash and Sight Exchange	84,185.97
Total	\$324,140.99

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	42,767.86
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
DEPOSITS	250,123.13
Total	\$324,140.99

We appreciate your business and are anxious to render good Banking service to our friends and patrons at all times.

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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.

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Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 25c.

LOCAL NEWS

Lake Renfro and Vernon Borling left in a Ford Wednesday on a trip west.

Mrs. Phillips Pettit of Cisco returned to her home Wednesday evening after a short visit with Jno. Sears.

Thos. Sears of Whitewright came in Tuesday to visit his brother, Jno. Sears and family.

Hear President Sandifer at the Baptist church next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Boyd and son Fred, Mrs. M. D. Angus and daughter Maurine are in Mineral Wells for a stay.

Just arrived, a beautiful line of mid-summer felts and dress hats. Be sure and call and see us. Woodroof Bros.

J. T. Howard is visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. T. Middleton in Nadors this week.

John West returned from a pleasure trip to Dallas Tuesday morning.

If you are interested in a good cornet or clarinet call and see me. I have one each for sale. Henry M. Rose 21t2

W. E. Brittan, Verner Sublett and Clyde Foster rode their pop-pops to Loraine Wednesday to witness the automobile races.

Motor Trouble is often due to inferior oil and gas. Use The Texas Co., oil and gas and avoid such worries.

W. E. Britain, agent.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Halls Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Halls Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by druggists. Price 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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Secured or Your Money Back
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She—Well, it's an old hat, and I do hate to wet my new umbrella.

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"Last winter I used Chamberlain's Liniment for rheumatism pains, stiffness and soreness of the knees, and can conscientiously say that I never used anything that did me so much good."—Edward Craft, Elba, N. Y. For sale by all dealers.



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COME IN, WE WILL GIVE YOU, TOO, MORE THAN YOUR MONEY'S WORTH.

See our special low price on Shoes, \$2.00 to \$4.00 values now **98c to \$1.48**

Only a few dresses for ladies and children in 75c to \$1.25, now **45c to 89c**

Men's Summer Suits at close out prices. Drop in and see them. We will save you money, \$5.00 to \$7.50, now **2.79 to \$5.19**

Special low price on hats, underwear, neckwear, shoes

Our extremely low price in all departments still prevails. The remnant of this stock must be moved. Remember you get it for less at the Star Store

That good old Marechal Neil Flour, as good as the best, per hundred, **\$3.25**

McCall's Patterns and Fashion Sheets

The Star Store FOR BARGAINS

See Our Bargain ShoeCounter.....

Miss Exa Bouden of Brownwood who has been in Merkel for two weeks visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. E. McGhoey, returned home the first of the week.

Miss Jess Bouchette left for her home at Clyde the first of the week after a ten days' visit in the city with Miss Jewell Toombs and other friends.

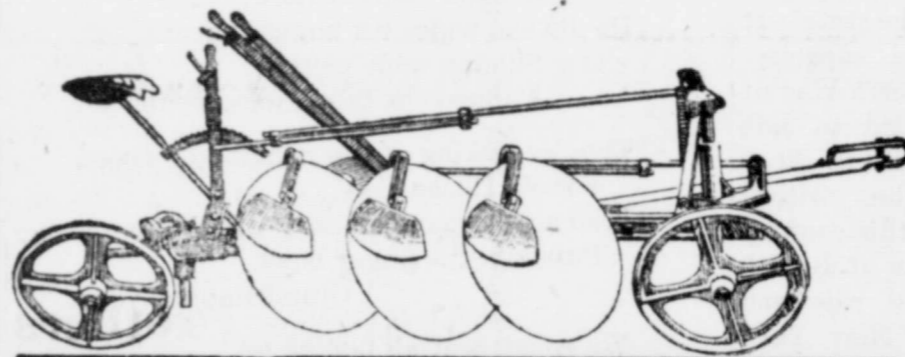
Say man, why don't you let us fix that old suit? We are better prepared and our tailoring service is the best. Ferguson & Renfro. 21t2

A. H. Jones of Clyde who has been here for the past two weeks visiting A. M. McRight, returned to his home Wednesday.

\$25.00 Reward

The undersigned will pay a reward of \$25.00 for the arrest and conviction of any one guilty of interfering with, or in any way molesting, any of our Electric Lines, especially our high voltage line to Merkel.....

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LOCAL NEWS

C. E. Jacobs left for Dallas Sunday to visit his father.

Maize chops, corn chops and bran at G. M. Sharps.

Mrs. J. T. Nelson is in Comanche visiting relatives.

Wanted—Cotton seed, hay and grain. Gaither and Dupree.

John West was in Dallas on a week visit with friends there.

Fresh car Seymore's best flour at G. M. Sharps.

A. M. Wimberly is in Waxahachie for a short stay.

Wanted—Cotton seed, hay and grain. Gaither and Dupree.

W. J. Dulin and Bob Sides left Saturday for points in Georgia and other eastern states.

Lytton Howard visited friends in Abilene this week.

Wanted—Cotton seed, hay and grain. Gaither and Dupree.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes and son Stewart motored to Sylvester Sunday to visit their son Dr. Robt. Grimes.

Lon Sadler and family and Mrs Ed. Clark and son of Gatesville are in the city visiting relatives.

J. M. Shelton and wife left Tuesday morning for Fort Worth Fort Smith, Ark. and Fayetteville, Ark., for an extended visit with friends and relatives.

Milton Pate returned from Sweetwater Monday after a week's visit with his brother, Oscar.

Oils and gas that satisfies. The Texas Co. Brand.

Miss Mabel Brackeen has returned from Rotan where she visited relatives.

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 Chill Tonic. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. 50c.

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Gage, Henry
Johnson, J. E.
Schmidt, Enald
Walker, Della
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office August 2 1916.

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

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

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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.

POLITICS THAT SMELL

The Mail has received a copy of a circular letter sent out from Naples, Texas, the same being addressed to Hon. James E. Ferguson and signed by thirty one reputed tenant farmers from Naples. The letter asks the Governor appropriate money to pay the grocery bills of these thirty one men. The men further state that they would like to have the state pay their transportation over some railroad only if they fear they are not able to make the trip but if they could, the smoker would be good enough for them and they would sleep on the floor of the car instead of in a pullman.

Every person who has received one of these dirty contemptible letter knows that no thirty one tenant farmers from Naples had any thing to do whatever with sending them out. Some politician up the creek has started this and the Mail resents the fact that we are expected to swallow a bunch of rot like it contained.

It is against the expectation of any man that the Governor of Texas, be he James E. Ferguson or may he have been Thos. Campbell or Jim Hogg that these distinguished men of dignity in position not take advantage of a sleeping car when they are traveling; regardless of whether they are on business for themselves or for the state. The instance referred to in the Naples letter was the trip Governor Ferguson made to Washington, New York and St. Louis in which he recovered for the state of Texas \$40,000 worth of goods stolen from the the war department of the state. If a man be of service to Texas in such a capacity, is he not entitled to good accomadations? Was'nt the Governor Ferguson of Texas entitled to ride in a sleeping car and was he not entitled to stop at the leading hotels of the cities he visited? Where is the fair minded voter of all this country who will say that our Governor, a man of dignity and whose dignity we uphold, should ride and sleep in a smoking car from Texas to New York and then eat at a ten cent chili counter and sleep on park benches.

For the time being and as long as we are able to think fairly and clearly we will look with contempt on the effort of any politician who tries to stick a bunch of such rot under our nose and expect us to swallow the dose. We do not object to taking medicine but we dislike limburger when roses should be handed out.

THE DEUTSCHLAND

The mightiest under water ship afloat, the Deutschland marks a new area in commerce. Germany now claims the British blockade broken and promises to establish a regular merchant marine of underwater boats. If they are as successful with others as they are with the Deutschland, England may look to other methods of "strafing" the Dutch.

Carrying one thousand tons of dyestuffs, medicine and mail this submarine has accomplished the greatest feat possible to ocean commerce. Safety or comparative safety from the enemies warships this giant of the under sea may with a number of sister ships, keep Germany far better supplied with necessities than the Allies may think.

An editor is a millionaire without money, a congressman without a job, a king without a throne. He constructs without a hammer or saw, builds

a railroad without spikes or rails and farms without a plow. He runs a butcher shop in the journalistic world, and deals brains cheap for cash or credit. He loves those who advertise as he does a brother. The editor, a lawyer and a preacher; he sends truths out to others and is condemned himself. He heals the wounded, cares for the dying and rescues the perishing and starves himself when a ham sandwich would jerk him from the jaws of death.—Swiped by Hamlin Herald.

That is the old timer. The modern editor is different. He insists on pay for his paper and his space and when a bunch of them meet in association they smoke ten centers and feel like they own the hotel where they are stopping.—Snyder Signal.

One of these editors must have been nursing a grouch while the other one must have visited a friend's sideboard where the stuff that made Milwaukee famous was flowing. They are both half way right and half way wrong and will perhaps get things straightened out when they get over the temporary spree they were on when they penned the above.

For weeks Dr. Brooks semingly has had a long lead for the United States Senate on the pro side, Colquitt leading for the antis. Campbell who has been gum shoeing, is gradually drawing close to Dr Brooks and the next two weeks promise a battle of giants between these two men. Both are competent, both are eloquent, both have strong pro supporters and both are running like a scared wolf.—Richardson Echo.

Back up there. You must have taken a straw vote of your own imagination. Who has ever accused either Campbell or Colquitt with being in the race. They probably don't think they are themselves so why should a newspaper man become deluded. You can mark your bottom dollar that Brooks will leave Campbell like a jack rabbit would a cotton tail and Colquitt had a political funeral several weeks ago. The run off now looks Brooks and Culberson.

PASTED PARAGRAPHS

FIT FOR FINISHING

We're calling out the firing squad
For Hiram Henry Houth
Who tries to talk with quite a wad
Of breakfast in his mouth.
—Youngston Telegram.

We're going to electrocute
Old William Samson Roth,
He always wipes his fingers on
Our Sunday table cloth.
—Painesville Telegraph-Republican.

They're talking of the hangman's noose
For old Elisha Cole,
Who always asks for soap when they
Pass him the finger bowl.
—Grand Rapids News.

We're advocating boiling oil
For James Montgomery Clewes,
Who always makes appearance in
Dress suit and yellow shoes.
—The Sharon Herald.

We're thinking of a lynching bee
For Peter Perkins Prater,
Who sits down in a restaurant,
And whistles to the waiter.
—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Boiling in oil is none too good
For Ebenezer Croup,
Who makes a noise like sawing wood
When he is eating soup.
—Springfield Union.

We've sent some poisoned candy to
Old mushmouth William Blath,
Who, when he tries to talk to one,
Gives one a shower bath.
—Houston Post.

We're going to ask the hangman to
Attend to Simon Sneath,
He stands beside our office door
And picks his bloom in' teeth.
—Commercial Appeal.

Tar and feathers we prescribe
For Hiram Hemp DeWaukin,
He waits until we're goin' good
And butts in when we're talkin'.

To Jones County Voters

In making this final solicitation to the voters of Jones county in my behalf for the office of county tax assessor, I am sorry it has not been possible to meet every one personally; but since this cannot be done, I earnestly desire your support at the democratic primary tomorrow (Saturday, July 22). Believing I am eminently qualified to discharge the duties of this responsible office, I ask you to do me the honor of electing me over my splendid opponents who have been so courteous to me, throughout the campaign.

If elected, I have only one promise to make—an honest servant—and no matter how well I may perform the duties of such office, I can do no more than the oath of office or the citizenship of Jones county requires; nor more than I am paid to do. If others before me have given efficient service, it is no more than their duties to you well performed, and for which they have received pay. Now, for the first time in life, may I not ask you to favor me with your vote for a public office of trust? I assure you that, should you elect me, the duties of this responsible office

will be safeguarded with zealous care.
W. G. Thomas.

Another Paper Advance

From April 25th until July 10 paper prices held the same and newspaper men began to hope the last rise in prices had been quoted but such was not the case for on the latter named date another advance of certain papers was quoted and the price continues to soar.

Owns New Overland

W. B. Robertson is driving a new five passenger Overland Touring car, a very recent purchase.

ELECTION DAY SPECIALS

Saturday, July the 22nd
BUY YOUR COTTON SACKING NOW

We bought 7 bales of Duck early and naturally cheaper, and as a business stimulant will sell the 8 ounce duck for one week only, from Saturday, July 22, to Saturday, July 29 inclusive for only **12½c**

12½c Figured Lawns, Saturday's special only **7½c**
\$2.00 Black Felt Hats, for men, Saturday special only **\$1.00**
Old ladies' Comfort Slippers, Saturday special only **\$1.25**
Best grade men's Interurban Special Overalls Saturday special **\$1.00**
Men's 25c Balbriggan Undershirts, Saturday's special **18c**
All ladies' and girls' pretty Parasols only **Half Price**
John B. Stetson Hats, Saturday's special only **\$3.50**
20c Beautiful Lace Stripe Lawns only **10c**
Men's 50c Elastic Seam Drawers only **39c**
Men's 50c Balbriggan Undershirts only **39c**

And hundreds of other big bargains too numerous to mention here. It will pay you to see us on everything before buying. We are the Spot Cash, Real Bargain Store of the West.

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W. H. GRAHAM

Candidate for County Attorney of Taylor County. At the Democratic Primary July 22nd, 1916

QUALIFICATIONS

Ten years experience as a court stenographer. Am a licensed lawyer for more than two years. Considerable experience in the trial of cases. Well equipped with law library and office equipment. Have passed the experimental stage. Am familiar with court procedure.

PLATFORM

Fair and impartial administration of all laws. Faithful and efficient service. True to the highest ideals of honesty and integrity.

Elect me and I will do my dead level best to make you the best County Attorney Taylor County has ever had.

(Political Adv.)

N. D. Cobb's Last Appeal Have you Heard It

IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT AS TO MY MORAL QUALIFICATIONS, READ THE EVIDENCE

I am now, and have been for the past four years, teacher of the Bible Class of the Methodist Sunday School, and I am now the Recording Stewart of the Methodist Church at Merkel, Texas.

Rev. W. P. Garvin, pastor in charge of the Methodist Church at Merkel at present, says: N. D. Cobb has been a member of our church for the past four years, and I consider him one of our best members. He deserves a great deal of credit for his strong will and determination, having surmounted one of the worst difficulties known to mankind. I commend him to the voters of Taylor county.

Rev. R. A. Clements says: I have known Mr. N. D. Cobb for the past four years. He is a consistent member of our church. He is a deep thinker, and is qualified to fill any office in the State of Texas, to which he may aspire. I commend him to the voters of Taylor county for the office of Representative. Rev. Clements is now pastor at Colorado, Texas.

Dr. McMaster, Superintendent of Merkel Sunday school, says: N. D. Cobb is one of our best Sunday School teachers and has been for four years. He is logical, unassuming and faithful to every trust.

Judge Goodman says: I have known Newt Cobb since his boyhood days. I have watched him plod his way upward, from a farm boy to some of the most responsible positions of trust and honor, and have ever found him faithful to his duty. He was County Superintendent of Robertson county for six years. Judge Goodman is now county judge of Robertson county, Texas.

Judge J. C. Scott, of 28th Judicial District, says: Newt Cobb comes from one of the best families of Robertson county. He is a self-made man, capable and deserving, and I commend him to the voters of Taylor county for the office of Representative.

Now, fellow citizens, with the above, I ask you to kindly consider my claim for the office of Representative and should you elect me my sole purpose will be to look ever to the best interest of the state and to Taylor county.

Give me your vote and I assure you that you will never have cause to regret it

N. D. COBB, Candidate For Representative 107th Legislative District

SHILOH

There was a very good attendance at Sunday School Sunday.

Rev. Grover Tyner and Chas. Seago filled Rev. Horns' appointment at Golan Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson attended the funeral of the latter's father at Waco last Friday. We deeply sympathize with Mrs. Grayson in the loss of her loved one.

Mrs. Wilner Grayson accident-

ly turned a kettle of boiling water over on her feet one day last week, scalding her left foot badly from which she is suffering severe pain. Dr. Watkins of Trent was called to render medical aid.

Mrs. Julia Cotton of Merkel is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Grayson.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Barnes of Merkel visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Carr and daughter of the Golan community spent Monday with Mrs. Bud Brown.

Mrs. Martin, son and daughter of Big Spring was called to the bedside of Mrs. W. Grayson.

Dr. Watkins was called out Sunday afternoon to render medical aid to Miss Vennie Grayson who inflicted a wound on her right arm while playing, which required nine stitches to sew it up. She was resting well Monday.

Mrs. Will Bond and children spent Saturday with Mrs. Beavers.

A number from here attended the all day singing at Trent Sat-

urday.

Mr. and Mrs. Beavers called on Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shelton of Kale Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. V. Calahan has just returned from a visit at Lamesa.

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

Mrs. Bessie Johnson of Seago-ville is here on a visit to her mother and others.

Traveling Man's Experience.

"In the summer of 1888 I had a very severe attack of cholera morbus. Two Physicians worked over me from four a. m. to 6 p. m. without giving me any relief and then told me they did not expect me to live; that I had best telegraph for my family. Instead of doing so, I gave the hotel porter fifty cents and told him to buy me a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and take no substitute. I took a double dose according to the directions and went to sleep after the second dose. At five o'clock the next morning I was called by my order and took a train for my next stopping point, a well man but feeling rather shaky from the severity of the attack," writes H. W. Ireland, Louisville, Ky. For sale by all dealers.

NOODLE

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Witt and Homer Herring returned Saturday from Matador where they spent the past week with relatives.

Quite a number of young people enjoyed the singing at E. E. Wheelers Saturday night.

R. W. Green shipped a car of hogs to Fort Worth Tuesday.

Mrs. E. J. Calloway came in Sunday from Colorado to visit her daughters, Mrs. A. J. Barbee and son Dock Calloway.

A. J. Barbee and Geo. Cook returned Sunday from New Mexico where they have been prospecting.

There was a singing at the Methodist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago of Shiloh spent Monday with the former's aunt, Mrs. R. W. Green.

There was a number of delegates left Saturday night for Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee of Paducah are the guests of friends and relatives at this place.

Eld. George of Cumby will begin the Christian meeting here Saturday night. He will be assisted by the sixteen year old preacher, Dewey King.

Mrs. Parker Hendrix spent a few days of last week with relatives and friends at Merkel.

B. N. Wheeler and children of Armita left last week to visit relatives at Vernon.

We are still having some dry weather and still expecting a rain.

Sunday School and prayer meeting was well attended Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ely and two girls Misses Bertha and Beulah, motored to Tuscola and returned Thursday. They enjoyed their trip very much.

Twenty-Five Cents is the Price of Peace

The terrible itching and smarting, incident to certain skin diseases, is almost instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Salve. Price 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

A WORD WITH WOMEN

Valuable Advice to Merkel Readers

Many a woman endures with noble patience the daily misery of backache, pains about the hips, blue, nervous spells, dizziness and urinary disorders hopeless of relief because she doesn't know what is the matter.

It is not true that every pain in the back or hips is trouble "peculiar to the sex." Often when the kidneys get congested and inflamed, such aches and pains follow.

You can tell it is kidney trouble if the secretions are dark colored, contain sediment; the passages are too frequent or scanty. Then the weakened kidneys. Don't expect them to get well alone.

Doan's Kidney Pills have won the praise of thousands of women. They are endorsed at home—read this Merkel woman's convincing statement:

Mrs. M. A. Warren, El Paso St., Merkel, says: "I had a great deal of trouble with my back and could hardly turn without a sharp catch across my kidneys; I felt worn out and languid nearly all the time and became very nervous. Doan's Kidney Pills soon helped me and I kept up the treatment until I was cured."

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

Speak Here To Voters

I will speak in Merkel near the T. & P. Depot Friday, July 21, at 4 p. m. in the interest of my candidacy for District Attorney. I hope that all who possibly can will come and hear my answer to the criticisms that are being urged against me. N. N. Rosenquest.

Wanted—Cotton Seed at Highest market price. Gaither and Dupree.

THE TABERNACLE MEETING

You are kindly and earnestly invited to attend each and every service, at 4 and 8:30 P. M.; regardless of what you think or believe. If you have any particular passage of scripture that would like to have help on or hear discussed just make your wants known and Bro. Milholland will take pleasure in rendering you any assistance possible, and will do it kindly, willingly and in the spirit of our Redeemer and in no way will you be criticised or looked upon as being unfriendly. But come, let us reason together.

The meeting is increasing in interest and effect with each service, and this mighty man of God is delivering at every service a grand lesson pertaining to your soul's eternal welfare. Come one come all and take part in this great work. Feel free and welcome for this is God's work and service for God's people. If the preacher asks you to do anything not revealed in God's book, the bible, reject it; if he asks you to do only those things found in the God's eternal truth receive it and all will be well.—The Elders.

Help For Those Who Have Stomach Trouble

After doctoring for about twelve years for a bad stomach trouble, and spending nearly five hundred dollars for medicine and doctor's fees, I purchased my wife one box of Chamberlain's Tablets, which did her so much good that she continued to use them and they have done her more good than all of the medicine I bought before.—Samuel Boyer, Falsom, Iowa. This medicine is for sale by all dealers.

YOUR VOTE FOR COUNTY JUDGE

Who Will it be For? Think it Over, Then Cast Your Ballot According to Your Best Judgment

I was appointed to the office of county judge March 24, 1913 by the commissioners' court, to succeed Judge T. A. Bledsoe, resigned. I was elected at the November election of the following year and will have served about three years seven and one half months at the completion of my present term office. During the greater part of my administration the county was engaged in building a new court house which has been successfully completed. As far as I have had control of county affairs I have practiced economy and tried to handle same on business principles. I have had no pets or favorites in the administration of county affairs but have tried in each instance to see that the county got value received for all moneys expended. In the county court I have tried to exercise the same impartiality as in other Co affairs to dispatch business promptly yet at the same time give every man a hearing and to exercise such deliberation as would insure a minimum of error. Out of twenty-two cases appealed and passed on by the courts of appeal to March 24, 1916, only three were wholly reversed and three reversed in part. I wish to thank the people for their support in the past, respectfully submit my record, and hope that you may find same sufficiently worthy for your support for another term.

E. M. OVERSHINER,
Candidate for County Judge.

FOUR YEARS' PROGRESS OF TAYLOR COUNTY SCHOOLS

J. S. Smith, County Superintendent

1912, We Had

30-one-teacher schools with 34 per cent of the enrollment and 30 teachers.
18-two-teacher schools with 40 per cent of the enrollment and 36 teachers.
5-high schools with 26 per cent of the enrollment and 19 teachers.
A total of 85 teachers.
2,824 pupils enrolled, an average of 33 pupils per teacher.
10 school districts voting 50 cents.

1916, We Had

13-one-teacher schools with 10.5 percent of the enrollment and 13 teachers.
20-two-teacher schools with 34 percent of the enrollment and 40 teachers.
15-high schools with 53.5 percent of the enrollment and 53 teachers.
A total of 106 teachers.
3,400 pupils enrolled, an average of 32 pupils per teacher.
32 school districts voting 50 cents.

18 of our schools the past year got \$8,725.00 from the "Million Dollar Appropriation"—\$5.50 per capita.

70 per cent of the pupils of the rural schools of Taylor county will be in schools having standard equipment.

Let's re-elect our County Superintendent and thus further the progress; he'll appreciate it and do his very best.

PUT YOUR SCHOOL INTEREST ABOVE THE INTEREST OF ANY MAN

J. A. McMahan

For County Treasurer

I am now Deputy Sheriff and have never asked for Public Office before. If you will help me become your County Treasurer I will appreciate it beyond expression.

I am itching for the office, but scratch the other fellow

(Political Advertisement)

To Owners of Tractors and Other Heavy Farming Machinery

You bought your equipment because of the very evident economies it would introduce—
But, unless all the parts are kept in working order, you do not reap the full benefit.
One of the greatest causes of depreciation of tractors is the wearing out of gears—
You can save tractor gears, and all other heavy duty gears with

TEXACO CRATER COMPOUND The Great Gear Lubricant

We want to tell you that CRATER COMPOUND is one of the greatest discoveries in the field of lubrication. It fills a long-felt want. It protects and preserves many parts which never before could be adequately lubricated. It coats each tooth with a WEAR-checking film which does not harden or scale off. It won't run or dry out. It is always there—lubricating. Dirt and flying dust cannot break this coating on the gears. It protects them from wear and rust. CRATER is one of the many fine lubricants made by us and sold only under the TEXACO Brand. You can secure CRATER, as well as a full line of lubricants, for any purpose whatever, from the TEXACO Agent near you. Call on him—it pays.



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For District Clerk

J. FULLER

Vote for J. Fuller on July 22nd and you will make no mistake. His private life, his public life and his experience are a guarantee of the best possible

SERVICE

Vote for Tittle and he Will Win

G. B. TITTLE

Candidate For Tax Collector

Good Pianos For Less

Pianos, direct from factory to you. On account of bad health I will close out my pianos at present at a very low price. I will sell you strictly a high grade piano for \$250.00, part cash or good trade and the rest on time, and I will guarantee this piano to be as good as the wagon man will ask you \$450.00 for. So you save \$200.00 and buy from a home man. You get a piano fully warranted for ten years by one of the largest factories in the country. What's the use of giving from \$100.00 to \$250.00 to have a piano hauled to your house when you can come in and make your selection and I will deliver it to your home. I also have one good second-hand piano, very cheap, if you are in the market for a piano and will drop me a card I will come to see you and make it worth your while. I don't believe in hauling pianos around over the country, but believe in a straight, upright business. I am here to stay and have scores of satisfied customers all over the country and will save you money on pianos as long as my stock lasts. So if you are in the market please come to see me or write me and I will call to see you.

Player Pianos \$350

Yours for a square deal,
E. D. Coats.

Go To Austin

Messrs and Mesdames John McClung and F. E. Cauve were among those who left Saturday for Austin to attend the Farmers Institute.



"BELL" Connection Brightens Farm Life

A telephone, on a line connected to the Bell System, adds much pleasure to life on the farm.

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Justice of the Peace 1908
County Attorney 1912

Help him to be County Judge in 1916 and let a young man rise among his own people

I have had the same experience Judge Overshiner had when he entered the office of County Judge. I followed him as Justice of the Peace. I followed him as County Attorney.

I made a better record than he did.

I want to follow him as County Judge. He has served nearly two full terms and asks for a third term. I have worked my way upward through the hard unprofitable years as County Attorney and now ask for promotion on my record

Judge Overshiner has had his Opportunity

WILL YOU DENY ME MINE?

Mr. J. L. Cooper returned Monday morning from Dallas, Mesquite, Peaster, Grand Saline, after quite an extended visit with friends and relatives. Mr. Cooper tells us he found crops in those section good, but needing a little rain.

Miss Palace Meeks is among the Abilene visitors this week. She is visiting her friend Miss Opal Humble.

Mrs. Eva Burleson and daughter, Miss Ethel, of Big Springs, are here visiting Mrs. W. A. Pope.

Turkish baths and massages makes rheumatism migrate. Alcohol rubs are free. Dr. J. T. Pue. Phone 49

Chas. Beard, accompanied by his brother, Rev. E. T. Beard, of Milam, Tenn., came in from Hamlin, Sunday, where they had been attending their family reunion. This was the first reunion of the family in thirty years. Rev. Beard left Tuesday morning for his home in Tennessee.

The Texas & Pacific valuation crew of about ten men finished their work here and went west Monday. They say it will take three years to estimate the value of the company's property.



IN SEASON

or out of season; good season or bad season; hot or cold, wet or dry we are here to serve you and we are here to stay.

And every sale we make, regardless of season, from the smallest to the largest, is backed-up by our unqualified guarantee of absolute satisfaction. Goods reasonable, prices reasonable.

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

BARGAIN—Nice east front home, two large lots, corner, well located, orchard. Will sell cheap. Might take good Ford. Box 454 Merkel. 21t2

FOR SALE.—A small West Texas pony horse. He is strong full of life and active. Would make some boy a good cow pony. Will work to buggy. Will also sell nice surry to match this pony. C. D. Mims.

Forage and Supplies Released

El Paso, July 14—Forage and supplies on the Mexican Northwestern train for Gen. Pershing which was held up in Juarez last night on Gen. Gonzales' orders, were released today on instructions from Gen. Trevino.

Beauty More Than Skin Deep.

A beautiful woman always has good digestion. If your digestion is faulty, Chamberlain's Tablets will do you good. For sale by all dealers.

RUSSIANS WIN AN IMPORTANT BATTLE

Advices from Petrograd via London say a Russian victory over Teutonic forces in Southern Volhynia has resulted in their being driven across the river Lipa. The statement says:

In the Riga region there was an artillery duel. The Germans at many places attempted unsuccessfully to recapture their lost trenches.

As the result of the last skillful operations of General Saka-roof's troops in Volhynia we gained a victory on July 16, which brought us 13,000 prisoners and 30 guns, as announced and enabled us to sweep the enemy completely from the left bank of the Lower Lipa, driving him to Krassoff and beyond the river.

Judging by the abundance of war material the enemy abandoned he retreated in great disorder. Some of the big guns captured were already bombarding enemy positions on the south bank of the Lipa.

Read This

The Pastor of the Baptist church will be absent in a meeting next Sunday, but is happy to announce that President Sandifer of Simmons College will fill the pulpit at the 11 o'clock hour. Come out and hear a good sermon by a layman. L. B. Owen.

To Undergo Operation

Aunt Nan Thompson, accompanied by Dr. Cranford, left for the Alexander Sanitarium where Mrs. Thompson is to undergo an operation. Her many Merkel friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

Wanted—Cotton Seed at Highest market price. Gaither and Dupree.

Give The Baby A Chance

Bad air, bad milk, over-crowding, poverty, dirt, ignorance, heat—these combine in summer to kill the city baby. It seems as though the brunt of the cities' sanitary sins were focused on baby. The baby didn't ask to come, to live in a hot, dark, airtight tenement, to be fed on dirty, half spoiled milk, to be pestered with flies and mosquitoes. He is not responsible for any of these conditions and it is his right that he have fresh air, clean surroundings and decent food. The United States Public Health Service issues free of charge to all applicants a bulletin on "Summer Care of Infants." It should be in the hands of every mother.

SUBMISSION IS ON TICKET. VOTE IT

While the article regarding submission is somewhat peculiarly constructed on the ticket you will vote here Saturday, the management of the Mail insists that there should be no reason why you should not vote for this with the greatest influence possible.

In voting for submission, as it has been placed on the ballot, you are allowing the people of Texas an opportunity to say by a vote whether existing liquor conditions in this state shall continue.

I am Prepared

I am prepared to give scientific Turkish and Russian baths, salt rubs, alcohol rubs, etc. These together with massage treatment is the greatest of all treatments. Mr. Business man are you all run down? A few such baths and massages will be worth more to you than a vacation. Dr. J. T. Pue, Phone 49.

Sacked corn at G. M. Sharp's.

WATCH OUT FOR A BROKEN LIVE WIRE

The Mail has received the following letter in regard to an ad that appears in this weeks paper and we beg to call attention of every individual to it. It is very necessary that this high voltage line be protected for the lives of people who go and come from Abilene are placed in jeopardy when some miscreant shoots the insulators. The following is explanatory.

Abilene, Texas, July 14, 1916. Merkel Mail, Merkel, Texas.

Dear Sirs:

Please insert the offer of reward in two issues of your paper. We find that some parties are continuously destroying insulators on the Merkel high line making it necessary for us to cut off the service every Sunday from one half to three quarters of an hour while repairing this. This is not only an expense to us but interrupts the service of the Merkel people and causes a menace to lives by making it possible to let a wire to the ground at some places.

Thanking you for your attention to this and requesting you to bill Mr. McSpadden at Merkel for the same, I am,

Yours very truly,

F. A. Matthes
Manager, Abilene Gas and Electric Co.

Ladies Free Rest Room

Ladies dont 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.

Filling station for oil and gas at Merkel Garage belongs to W. E. Britain. Come, see me.

Saturday Specials

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8.50 Palm Beach	6.85	4.00 Gunmetal button lace	3.45
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COTTON SCHOOL

The Cotton Institute to be held in Ballinger this summer, beginning July 24th will cover the whole field and will not leave you in doubt on any point connected with the handling of cotton. Nothing is more needed by the people of this section than to know cotton thoroughly. Many who have a partial knowledge would like to be more familiar with all phases of cotton producing and marketing. Many thousands of dollars are lost every year by producers and dealers because they lack an exact knowledge along this line. To meet this condition this Cotton Institute will be held.

Also there are many who would like to become expert cotton classifiers because of the high salaries paid these men. If you would learn cotton classing, marketing, etc., thoroughly, you would be able to either connect with large firms at a good salary or handle cotton for yourself. Many a cotton grower does not know the difference between a Good Middling bale of cotton and a Strict Middling bale, has to take another's word for it and possibly dispose of the cotton at a price below the market value.

Again, if offered a basis price for, let us say, twenty bales (his entire crop), after the cotton has been classed he could not determine positively, without a training such as we give, whether he received above the basis price, or whether he was cheated if told that his cotton fell below Middling or the basis price. We guarantee that our students can handle the most complicated lists of cotton known to the cotton world.

If you and a number of your friends wished to throw in your cotton crop together and ship to a cotton broker at some port, you could do this without embarrass-

ment and would not need to secure someone with a better understanding of the proper handling of cotton to assist you, who would in all probability, charge you a percent. Again, if you desire to consign your cotton with some cotton firm and draw upon it for within a small margin of the actual value of that particular grade and character of cotton on the day of consignment, if you had taken our training, you could do this to your entire satisfaction.

In addition to the above, you could properly fill out a cotton bill of lading, invoice, draft, shipping order, and many other items connected with the cotton trade. You will learn here at first hand all the details about properly handling cotton.

Now just a word about the opportunity for those who learn the cotton business. In the South there are raised every year from 12,000,000 to 14,000,000 bales of cotton. There is hardly a county that does not raise some cotton. Every bale has to be classed from one to four times and seldom by the same person twice. Until recently there has been no training school along this line, consequently the supply of men for this work is necessarily limited. The fact is that we lose thousands of dollars each year for lack of trained men.

Again, there are being erected in this country thousands of warehouses under the Permanent Warehouse Law and every warehouse requires from two to three men to grade cotton, and every warehouse requires from two to three men as caretakers in the manner prescribed by this law. The young man trained scientifically is certainly more desirable than the one who has learned by guess. You can easily see that there is a demand, and one that it will take years to fill.

Everyone of the South should

know something about cotton—its cultivation, preservation and classification. It is our leading product and is here to stay. The world's production is about 16,000,000 bales annually; Texas and five other Southern states supply 85 per cent of this total. The man raising it knows very little about it, and is, therefore, wholly at the mercy of the man doing the buying. Some buyers will grade your cotton Strict Low Middling and pay you accordingly, when in reality the cotton offered for sale is Middling and you are entitled to the difference in price, which is no small amount. You can see the necessity of knowing how to grade your own cotton. In two weeks' time we could prepare you to save in one season several times the cost of the course.

A question which you will naturally ask at this point is this: "Can you successfully teach cotton classing?" Our answer is this: The man in charge of the teaching is one of the leading cotton men of the South—a man of exact knowledge. There will be no question about his ability or your ability after you have taken the course, and the best way in which we can assure you beforehand of our confidence in our training is to state that we will refund your money, without discussion or quibbling, if upon taking the course you find that there is any misrepresentation or that the instructor is in any way incompetent. Remember, there will be no questions asked. All you will need to do is to file your statement and get your money. That is the only way I know to handle the situation in a convincing manner. We also guarantee to handle the subject in two weeks.

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