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OUR WEEKLY SERMONETTE

In the hope to make our paper of more interest to the majority of our religious readers and of some force for the promotion of our moral as well as material interests the Mail invited these contributions from our local ministers. Their cheerful acceptance enables us to promise this as a regular feature for our many readers during the new year.

"Wasted Substance."

He wasted his substance with riotous living.—Luke 15-13.

These words refer to the prodigal son, who had received his portion of the goods from his father, and then pursued his journey to the far-off country. This other represents our Heavenly Father who has endowed each of us with a sufficient stock of goods which if properly improved upon will insure for us a successful life and finally a home in heaven.

This Jew boy gradually pursued his downward course until he was found feeding swine, one of the most disgraceful occupations a Jew boy could be found engaged in. But he had joined himself to the "old citizen," which represents the devil, and he was carrying out his orders.

Sin gradually takes its hold upon the life of an individual. Men do not learn to swear in a day but the first time they took God's name in vain they imagined they could hear the foot-fall of a loving mother. They had a live conscience but gradually they moved downward until some of them can curse before their wives and children. May God have our men and boys from cursing, as it is not a mark of intelligence and it does not bring to us any value.

It seems that many people do not realize the evil effects of the dance but it gradually entices and fascinates the individual. And its effect upon city, community or individual is blighting. It is enough to know that all the leading protestant churches forbid it. May God bless our own fair little city and drive from it such evils as will wreck and ruin our boys and girls.

Men do not learn to gamble in a day but gradually. Many receive their first impulse to gamble in the social game, perhaps in the parlor at home. I knew a young man early in life who told me that his mother and sisters taught him to play cards. Afterwards in the city of Waco, Texas, he was found in a gambling hell just to look on, but the game was so fascinating he could not resist and so he has made a life-long gambler. Starting from the parlor at home he gradually pursued his course to a professional gambler. May God save our men and boys from being gamblers.

Neither do men become drunkards in a single day but begin with a dram or a social glass. The dram drinker has no right to sneer at the man that has landed in the ditch because he is traveling the same road himself and is likely sooner or later to fill a drunkard's grave. My father gave me a safe prescription when a little boy which was, if I would never take the first dram I would never be a drunkard. That prescription has worked well so far. I wish all the men and boys of Merkel would try it. But there are many who take their drams

and say they can quit when they get ready, but the great trouble with so many is that they never get ready. They remind me of the old lady who canned her cherries and when opened for use they were soured. She threw them out and her turkeys ate them, but after a little while they were stretched out drunk as if dead. She proceeded to pick their feathers off and throw the turkeys over the fence. The next morning they were all on their feet and came into the yard saying: Quit, quit, quit. When she saw them she exclaimed: "You little fools if you had said quit sooner you would have your feathers now."

Let me say to the dram drinker, may you quit, and like the prodigal son, come to yourself and return to your Heavenly Father, acknowledging your sins and asking his forgiveness before you lose your will-power, self-respect, wreck your character and home and thus waste all your substance in riotous living.

T. N. Lowrey.

Miss Winnie Smith of Corsicana, Texas, returned to that place Tuesday morning after an extended visit near our city with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee.

'11 OUR GOOD READERS '12 THE OLD & THE NEW

The bitter always goes with the sweet and the fact that we lost a good subscriber the past week makes us feel sad in spite of the many new and renewal subscribers. It may be true that the Mail is no wizard in the newspaper world but it is equally true that we are publishing the best paper possible under present conditions and patronage and somehow we feel that we should not lose the name of a single good man whose interests are in Merkel or the Merkel country.

Our readers are making good response to our statements being mailed and we ask you all to at least let us hear from you. We know there are many here and in the country who can not right at the present pay us their subscription in advance but come to see us or drop us a card and let us know that you will continue to read our paper.

The following are our new subscribers and renewals since our last issue: Rev. A. J. Leach, B. M. Williams, J. T. Vessel, Trent; W. P. Browning, C. F. Sanders, Dora; Sam Butman, BT Ranch; M. S. Wyman, A. H. Barnes, F. H. McDonald, W. J. Teaff, J. W. Teaff, H. C. Williams, Dr. C. McCauley, Mrs. E. M. Rust, E. L. Rogers, S. S. Scheidler, E. D. Coats, H. F. Groene, W. L. Harkrider, J. B. Evans, Flower Branch, Ga; Dr. J. M. C. King, Doss Sheppard, J. B. Bell, I. H. Yates.

TRENT HARDWARE DEAL IS MADE

L. E. Adrain, Cashier of the First State Bank of our sister city was among the business visitors this morning and gave us the particulars of a business deal just consummated. The interests of I. C. Hale in the Star Hardware Company were sold to the Hutcheson Brothers and then a deal made whereby the stocks and business of the Trent and the Star hardware, furniture and implement companies were consolidated. This makes possible one of the largest firms of that line in this section. Besides Hutcheson Bros. mentioned there are interested J. D. Southworth, W. A. Abbott, C. T. Beckham, T. J. Williamson, and D. J. Rawlings, all prominent citizens of Trent. The business will be conducted in the quarters used by the Star Hardware Company.

A. H. Barnes recently purchased of Mr. Cunningham his interest in the West Texas Hardware Company where he invites the visits of his friends. Mr. Barnes will continue to reside upon and cultivate his farm south of the city.

John King who has been working with the Duke & Ayres nickle store of Waxahachie for the past several months returned to his home in this city the latter part of last week.

THE W. O. W. SUPPER

Entertainment of Local Woodmen Last Friday Evening.

EVENT A BRILLIANT SUCCESS

Address of Gov. T. A. Johnson and Special Numbers of Music Were Features and Supper Was Spread for All.

The social entertainment and supper given by the local lodge of Woodmen last Friday evening was an event which eclipsed in point of both interest and attendance all previous fraternal undertakings of like nature. It is conservatively estimated that there were in attendance more than six hundred. Plates were laid for this number and there were a large number more who did not take places at the tables, which were circled around the large room of the Thornton building on Kent street.

The program was opened with music by the orchestra and the address of the evening was delivered by Gov. T. A. Johnson. Mr. Johnson made all present feel welcome and in a few and well chosen words explained the objects, benefits and growth of woodcraft. Special features of the musical program were a quartette by Misses Largent, Pitzer, West and Potter, vocal solos by Misses Jessie O'Briant and Lyska Pitzer and piano solos by Misses Dethel Jenkins and Bessie Settles.

The committee requests us to thank those who assisted and especially those who took part in the musical program and made possible the brilliant success of the event.

Change in Business.

A deal consummated this past week changed the style of one of our oldest and most popular dry goods stores, J. P. Sharp buying the interests of G. M. Sharp in Sharp & Company. The latter has opened a grain store in the building just north of Hogue-Hamilton Company and the dry goods business will continue as ever in the name of J. P. Sharp. Alex A. Wisdom, the popular young bookkeeper announces that he will leave the first of next month.

J. P. and G. M. Sharp began their successful merchandising in 1900 in our little city and have always been among our strongest firms and it is our wish that their success separately may continue in the future as in the past partnership.

My Mail in My Maryland.

Baltimore, January, 1911.
The Merkel Mail:—I take pleasure in handing you herewith my check for \$1 in payment for your paper. I received your paper during the past year and read the same with much interest and pleasure, and hope that you will renew my subscription for another year. With best wishes, I have the pleasure to remain,
Yours very truly,
J. F. Body.

L. D. Gaither inflicts the Mail on John Bonnard, Ovalo, Texas for a whole year. They have been enemies since childhood.

CONDITION OF OUR COUNTRY

In the beginning of the new year of business it seems almost marvelous that our town and country makes such a substantial showing in the face of the preceding trying years, but our bank statements and the business of our local merchants gives indisputable evidence of a healthy condition, that all lines of business have been adjusted to meet the new conditions, and point to a year of conservative and safe but successful operation.

In our local banks more than a quarter of million dollars is on deposit, more than one fourth of the total amount carried by the financial enterprises of Abilene, and the total loans amount to less than two hundred thousand. In the event of a good crop this year our entire people and country would make a prosperous showing and business conditions will be better than any year of our history, for the previous element of speculation and risk is eliminated. In this event the experience of short crops as a result of the drouth will prove a blessing by having taught us in the school of experience lessons of economy in business and living that could not have been successfully done through any other medium.

The credit for this showing is to be given to our farmers and citizens for never before in the history of our town and country have such efforts and sacrifices been made to take care of their obligations. Our farmers, that is the great majority where necessary, have sold their surplus stock, land and other properties possible to meet their obligations. Thus, the showing of our banks and business enterprises reflects much to the credit, honor and integrity of our people as a whole with whom they do business.

The Mail knows of but very few farms that have not been rented; in fact most of the land is now broken or being turned for another crop and a good rain will serve to still further inspire confidence and stimulate business.

Then the gathering of a good crop this fall will cause Merkel and the Merkel country to come into her own prosperity which she so richly and rightly deserves.

Center Point News.

Jan. 11.—Miss Fannie Clack and sister and Jasper Tucker attended the teachers' meeting at Merkel last week.

Misses Dilla and Rochie Sutphen attended the teachers meeting last week.

Clare Demere of the Springs community was in our midst last week buying cattle.

Clarence Demere was in our midst Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bickly of the White Church community gave a nice dinner Christmas day in honor of Mary. Many of the young people report a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. N. West gave a dinner Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. West gave a New Year's dinner New Year's day. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Cordell and son, Mr. and Mrs. N. West, Arthur West, and Misses Maude West and Mittie Burrows of Loraine.

Mittie Burrows visited N. West and family Christmas week.

Miss Hattie Hunter spent New Year's in Fort Worth visiting her sister, Mrs. Edwin Clark.

Blue Buds.

A Frightful Wreck.

of train, automobile or buggy may cause cuts, bruises, abrasion sprains or wounds that demand Bucklen's Arnica Salve—earth's greatest healer. Quick relief and prompt cure results. For burns, boils, sores of all kinds, eczema, chapped hands and lips, sore eye, or corns, its supreme. Surest pile cure. 25c at **M. C. Burroughs**.

Nubia Dots.

Jan. 10.—We are having some very pretty weather.

Sunday school is moving along nicely.

Rev. Sibley filled his regular appointment at Riney Sunday.

Geo. Hunter was a pleasant caller at Mr. Blair's Sunday.

Dr. Gwinn is very sick this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Blair went to Merkel Saturday.

Miss Hattie Hunter is visiting her sister, Mrs. Clark, at Fort Worth.

Bob McClain, R. H. Randolph, W. L. and Grover Blair went to Abilene last week.

Misses Della Sutphen and Jewel Toombs went to Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. A. R. Toombs is quite sick.

Rev. Bailey of Trent will preach here Saturday night and Sunday. **Brown Eyes.**

A Sprained Ankle.

As a rule a man will feel well satisfied if he can hobble around on crutches in two or three weeks after spraining his ankle, and it is often two or three months before he is fully recovered. This is an unnecessary loss of time, as by applying Chamberlain's Liniment, as directed, a cure may as a rule be effected in less than one week's time, and in many cases within three days. Sold by **Rust & McCauley Co.**

Salt Branch Items.

Jan. 10.—There was preaching Sunday and at night by Brother Archer of Abilene.

Misses Olive and Ocie Teaff were guests of the Smith girls Sunday.

STATEMENT

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank
OF MERKEL

COMPTROLLER'S CALL OF JAN. 7, 1911

RESOURCES

Total Loans	\$ 63,677.07
U. S. Bonds	6,250.00
Premiums on Bonds	200.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,800.00
5 per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Cash	108,141.74
Total	\$181,381.31

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	21,878.59
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	128,252.72
Total	\$181,381.31

On the merits of the above statement we invite deposits and business of the public. Through all the varying conditions of business the same high standard of public service has been maintained. We have ample cash resources of over \$180,000.00 and are enabled to furnish dependable and satisfactory service to our patrons.

J. T. WARREN, President

T. A. JOHNSON, Cashier

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Miss Oma Taylor was the guest or Misses Cora and Alma Hays Sunday.

Will Higgins and family were guests of W. B. Beavers Sunday. Miss Selena Teaff is going to the Merkel High school.

Misses Annie and Gertrude Higgins were the guests of Misses Cora and Almer Hays Sunday.

Misses Essie and Dewey Floyd were the guests of Misses Lida and Nina Beavers Sunday.

H.C. Floyd and family of Merkel have moved to the Miller place near here.

School is progressing nicely under the management of Mr. Hendrix and Miss Tennie Pope.

Bro. Archer took dinner with W. E. Petty Sunday.

Mrs. Floyd and children were visiting at Mrs. Beavers Monday afternoon. **Blue-eyed Girl.**

Those Pies of Boyhood.

How delicious were the pies of boyhood. No pies now ever taste so good. What's changed? the pies? No, its you. You've lost the strong, healthy stomach, the vigorous liver, the active kidneys, the regular bowels of boyhood. Your digestion is poor and you blame the food. What's needed? A complete toning up by **Electric Bitters** of all organs as digestion, stomach, liver, kidneys, bowels. Try them. They'll restore your boyhood appetite and appreciation of food and fairly saturate your body with new health, strength and vigor. 50c at **M. C. Burroughs**.

Stock and Implements.

Good work horses and mules, double disc and sulky plows, cultivators, planters, etc., cheap for good note. Dr. M. Armstrong, Merkel, Texas. 16tf

Butman Community.

Jan. 11.—The farmers are all making use of this pretty weather.

The people of this community met Friday night and organized a literary society and will have a debate Friday night Jan. 20th. Everybody invited.

Mr. Woods and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Campbell near Riney.

Misses Ethel Coats and Ruth Pannel spent Sunday with Miss Ludie Dulin.

Miss Amber Neighbors attended singing at Mr. Butman's Sunday evening.

Miss Pearl Perkins returned home Monday.

We are sorry to say that little Miss Gladys Grider is suffering with rheumatism this week.

Miss Mary Grider attended preaching at Whitechurch Sunday afternoon.

Earl Perkins was among our visitors at prayer meeting Sunday night. **Red Rose.**

Napoleon's Grit.

was of the unconquerable, never-say-die kind, the kind that you need most when you have a bad cold, cough or lung disease. Suppose troches, cough syrups, cod liver oil or doctors have all failed, don't lose heart or hope. Take **Dr. King's New Discovery**. Satisfaction guaranteed when used for any throat or lung trouble. It has saved thousands of hopeless sufferers. It masters stubborn colds, obstinate coughs, hemorrhages, lagrippe, croup, asthma, hay fever and whooping cough and is the most safe and certain remedy for all bronchial affections. 50c. \$1.00. Trial bottle free at **H. C. Burroughs**.

Read the Mail. 1.00 a year.

Farmers State Bank
TRENT, TEXAS

Capital Stock \$15,000.00

GUARANTY FUND BANK

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$21,967.66
Overdrafts	1,076.45
Banking House, Fur. and Fixtures	5,630.00
Interest Guaranty Fund	265.97
Stocks and Bonds	210.00
Cash and Exchange	17,983.01
Total	\$47,133.09

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$15,000.00
Surplus and Profits	2,165.00
Bills Payable	3,000.00
Rediscounts	None
Cashiers Checks	494.31
Individual Deposits	26,473.78
Total	\$47,133.09

The above Statement is Correct.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier.

This bank realizes the relationship of its customers and endeavors to show its appreciation of business entrusted. We solicit your account on the merits of the above statement.

J. S. Swann, President.
T. J. Williamson, V.-Pres.

R. O. Anderson, Cashier.
B. C. Moore, Asst. Cash.

Armstrong & Co.

JIM GILLIAM, Manager

Edwards Street Merkel, Texas

HOME, SWEET HOME

There is no place like it, and we want you to make our store your home when in town. We are in our new quarters, the store vacated by J. T. Dennis & Co., in the middle and on the shady side of Edwards street. We sell **DEPENDABLE DRUGS—Pure Drugs.**



A GOOD RESOLUTION

Start the new year with a bank account, no matter how small. Deposit all of your savings, write checks, which make indisputable receipts for your accounts and let us be of some assistance to you and your financial interest during 1911. We invite you to come in and let's talk it over.

C. L. BARKER, Pres.

J. E. FAUCETT, Cashier

PRODUCE WANTED

This is to announce that we have made arrangements to handle your country produce which insures that we can pay you the very highest market price to be realized in spot cash. We want to buy your turkeys, geese, chickens, ducks, eggs, etc.

Then we remind you of our line of staple and fancy groceries, always fresh and complete and solicit a share of your patronage. We meet any competition but do not sacrifice quality.

B. C. GAITHER & SONS.

MERKEL'S RELIABLE GROCERS

THE TEXAS & PACIFIC TELEPHONE COMPANY

Have the only lines that connect with all the Exchanges between Abilene and Big Springs. Also we own exchanges in all the towns between Abilene and Big Springs, and we are prepared to give prompt service at any time. No waiting for your party. Through copper lines

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J. A. WOODARD
Livery, Feed and Sale Stable
SOUTH SIDE

Solicits a share of your patronage during the New Year and promises courteous treatment. Phone No. 44. Opposite T. & P. Depot.

MERKEL

TEXAS



TWO SWEETS
RODGERS BAKERY

A WOMAN'S BACK

The Aching and pains Will Disappear if the Advice of this Merkel Citizen is Followed.

A woman's back has many aches and pains. Most times 'tis the kidney's fault. Backache is really kidney ache; that's why Doan's Kidney Pills cure it. Many Merkel women know this.

Read what one has to say about it.

Mrs. C. A. Milliken, of Merkel, Texas, Says: "My opinion of Doan's Kidney Pills can be expressed in a few words. They are the best remedy I ever used, during the fifteen years that my kidneys were disordered. I was greatly annoyed by a difficulty with the kidney secretions. My back ached constantly and if I sat for any length of time, it was hard for me to arise. I finally procured Doan's Kidney Pills at Rust & McCauley's Drug Store and since using them, I have felt better in every way. My rest is refreshing, my appetite has returned and my entire system has been built up."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Feeling Encouraged.

Uncle Charlie Brown gave us an order for the Gal-Dal News this week and the information that he is feeling encouraged. He was out to his place in the Canyon last week and stated that he was surprised to learn of the amount of moisture in the ground, and looking to the northwest where he saw a bank of clouds resting he continued, "and we are going to get plenty more."

All druggists sell Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniment, 25c, 50c and \$1 bottles. Guaranteed to heal without leaving a blemish, or money refunded.

Mrs. Alice D. Templeton had some improvement made in her premises this week which added to the appearance of the property and is calculated to stop the mysterious disappearance of wood from her back yard. In the event the fence is not sufficient, Mrs. Templeton is going to try some buckshot. We feel as much anxiety for the safety of the neighbors as the wood thief.

R. L. Bland, Jim Black, Will Burns, Homer Jobe, Jack Provine, John Elliott and J. E. Paylor accepted invitations tendered them Wednesday and attended the Woodmen oyster supper at Trent. A good program was carried out and the visitors report a good time and plenty to eat.

Mrs. M. G. Desmond of Tyler is expected this week and will be a guest of Mrs. Nan Thompson and T. B. Story. Mrs. Desmond is an old friend of our citizens and they look forward with much pleasure to her visit.

If any of our subscribers have any good pigs to sell we suggest that they advertise them in these columns. We are getting inquiries every day and don't know where to send them.

Will Woodroof left for Waxahachie the first of the week to attend to business and will be absent from the city for several days.

Don't fail to see W. M. Jenkins on Edwards street for cheap goods and best prices for your produce.

Mrs. M. J. Marlow is this week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ferguson, at Brandon in Hill county.

Sam Butman and J. H. McDonald shipped a car of cattle to the eastern markets Wednesday.

Miss Eva Williams and Mrs. R. T. Pence visited friends and relatives in Abilene Wednesday.

Russell Brothers shipped another car of cattle to eastern points Wednesday.

CURED OF DIABETES.

Springfield, Mo., Oct. 1909. Hall's Texas Wonder, of No. 2926 Olive street, St. Louis, cured me of a severe case of Diabetes and I recommend it to any one suffering from Kidney trouble.—Mrs. Kate Waldorf, West Calhoun street. Sold by Druggist.

Fever Sores.

Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely, but should be kept in healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by Rust & McCauley Co.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

All kinds of fresh fruits and nuts at the Elite.

W. O. Boney was an Abilene visitor yesterday.

Sam Butman was in from his ranch one or two days this week.

Harvy Warren and R. C. Young were Abilene visitors this week.

W. M. Jenkins pays the highest prices for chickens, turkeys and eggs.

Mrs. J. E. Pitzer, Jr., is visiting friends and relatives in Abilene this week.

A few choice young registered Hereford bulls for sale. C. M. Largent, Merkel, Texas. 5tpd

J. R. Dye left for Abilene Thursday where he has contracted some carpenter work.

Go to the City Barber Shop for first-class work. West & Evans, Proprietors.

J. M. Williams of Abilene attended to business here this week and talked with his old friends.

Come to W. M. Jenkins on Edwards street for cheap goods and high prices for produce.

Claud Mann of Pecos, while enroute to his home spent a few hours in our city one day this week with friends.

Dr. Cox's Painless Blister, price 50c. Guaranteed to blister without pain or money refunded. For sale by all druggists.

Mrs. J. S. Grider of Clyde returned home yesterday after an extended visit in the city with her cousin, Capt. T. J. Tucker and family.

Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniment does not burn or blister, relieves pain quickly and flies will not bother the wound. For sale by all druggists.

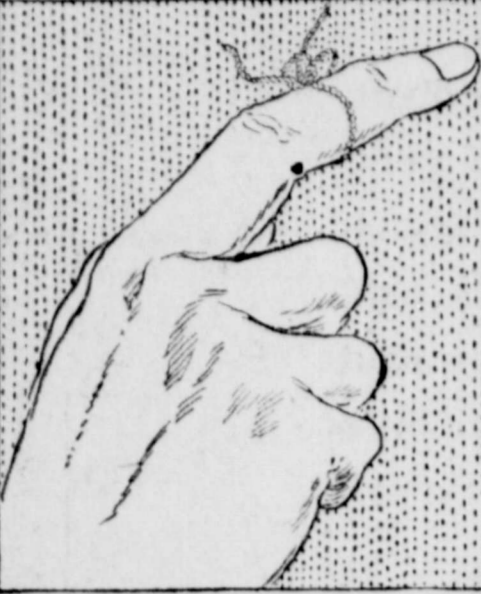
Robert Hicks and Andy Brown resigned their positions as carpenters on the Santa Fe Thursday and returned to their home at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson left for Ovalo Thursday morning to visit the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Edmison. They will return the first of next week.

T. H. Christopher left Wednesday morning for Austin where he will spend a short time with a sister. He will then go to San Antonio where he has engaged some carpenter work.

N. D. Cobb and little son, Buddie, left Wednesday morning for Hearne, Texas, where they will spend a week or ten days with relatives.

REMEMBER



That we have every facility for turning out neat printing of all kinds. Letter heads, bill heads, office stationery, etc., furnished at the lowest prices first class work will permit.

Caught in the Rain

When a cold and a cough—let it run on—get pneumonia or consumption that's all. No matter how you get your cough don't neglect it—take Ballard's Horehound Syrup and you'll be over it in no time. The sure cure for coughs, colds, bronchitis and all pulmonary diseases in young and old. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

About Hobble Garters.

A young lady in one of our neighboring towns went into a drygoods store the other day and blushing asked the head clerk if he "had any of those elastic bands, capable of being elongated and adjusted at pleasure, and used by the feminine portion of mankind for putting around the lower extremities of their locomotive members to keep in the proper position and the required altitude habilaments of their tibia." The last heard of the clerk was that he is now braking on the Sap.—Hallettsville Herald.

A very similar coincidence but the young lady in Abilene expressed her wishes in the premises thusly: "It is my desire to purchase a pair of circular appendages made of oscillating qualities, capable of contraction and expansion, further description of which my fidelity to feminine modesty forbids me to mention."

There are no hobbles on our language.

Too Much Face.

You feel as if you had one face too many when you have Neuralgia. Don't you? Save the face, you may need it; but get rid of the Neuralgia by applying Ballard's Snow Liniment. Finest thing in the world for rheumatism, neuralgia, burns, cuts, scalds, lame back and all pains. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

H. M. Rainbolt has been in attendance upon court in Eastland county as a witness.

Job Printing

We are here to serve you with anything in the line of printed stationery for your business and personal use. □ □ □ □

Letter Heads Bill Heads
Envelopes Cards
Wedding Invitations
Posters or Announcements
Of All Kinds

See Us Before Going Elsewhere

The best quality of work at prices that are RIGHT

Notice to My Friends.

It is my wish that my friends know that I am retaining my interests in the Anchor Hardware Company at Merkel and I ask that they continue their favors and patronage for this institution. I decided to return to my farm and will raise a bumper crop, if possible, this year but will continue my interests with and for the Anchor Hardware Company. When in need of anything in our line go to see them. Yours cordially,
H. L. Propst

A Dreadful Wound

from a knife, gun, tin can, rusty nail, fireworks, or of any other nature, demands prompt treatment with Bucklen's Arnica Salve to prevent blood poison or gangrene. It's the quickest, surest healer for all such wounds as also for burns, boils, sores, skin eruptions, eczema, chapped hands, corns or piles. 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

NORTHERN PEOPLE BUYING HOGS IN SOUTH.

The North is so short on hogs that farmers north of the Ohio river have invaded the South and are buying hogs for breeding purposes and shipping them to their farms. Breeders' Gazette, taking notice of this condition says:
"A number of shipments of stock hogs have gone into Indiana from Tennessee, Arkansas and Southern Missouri. Some farmers who bred fewer sows last fall than usual have tried in this way to get in line for profits on the corn that their shoats can convert into pork during the next few months. According to reports these ventures have so far been successful and no disease has broken out as a result."

A sow should have nothing but water twelve hours before and for twenty-four hours after farrowing. If she is fat she has reserve flesh to draw upon and consequently does not have a ravenous appetite, and will remain more quietly in her bed than were she forced out by hunger and the sight of food.

Barcelona.

Barcelona is divided, for administrative purposes, into the old Barcelona of the Middle Ages and the new Barcelona, with its wide streets and beautiful residences. The public works of the old and new parts are entrusted to separate Spanish officials and paid for out of separate funds, and the problems are entirely distinct. In the new town the sum of \$6,500,000 is being expended on a sewerage system, while the old town is medieval in this as in other respects, and even has a bit of sewer built in Roman times.

Work 24 hours a Day.

The busiest little things ever made are Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar-coated globe of health, that changes weakness into strength, languor into energy, brain fog into mental power; curing constipation, headache, chills, dyspepsia, malaria. 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

The Texas farmer who can stand on his back porch while he sounds his pig-o-e and have it answered by a half hundred hogs, big and little, next fall is the man who is going to have money in the bank. Raise hogs, and lots of 'em, for the demand for pork is increasing more rapidly than hogs are.

Stomach Trouble Cured.

If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klote of Edina, Mo., says: "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by Rust & McCauley Co.

Our Plumbing.

We are pleased to announce to the trade that we have secured the services of Mr. W. L. Burgess, an experienced and official city plumber who will have charge of this department of our business and will promptly and properly execute all orders left with us.
Anchor Hardware Co.

DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY Will Surely Stop That Cough.

Read our Mail—4/1/1914



The sun was setting on the crest Of sleepy woodland in the west. When June and I, one summer day, Went out to play at raking hay!

The farmer laughed and said, "Young man, You're late to gather hay or tan! I fear the harvest you will glean Will be quite sparse and short and mean!"

But in the sunset, raking hay, I won a woman's heart that day. And as the orb sank down to rest, We watched it in the glowing west!

No farmer, toiling in the sun, E'er reaped a harvest like this one! A woman's heart! A woman's yes! Ah, that was going some, I guess!

—BYRON WILLIAMS.



Where His Interest Lay.

It was at a ball game between Chicago and Pittsburg. The score was tied, two men were out, a runner was on third and Hans Wagner was at bat! The crowd was too excited to be noisy, says Lippincott's Magazine. A sporting editor had taken his neighbor to the game. The neighbor was not a fan, but he had succumbed to the delights of "travelling on a pass" and was having a real, garrulous, good time. At the moment when there wasn't a heart beating on the bleachers, and the grand standers were nauseated with suspense, the sporting editor's neighbor emitted this: "Look, Jake! Look at that coke train! Did you ever see one engine pulling so many cars? I'm gonna count 'em!"

It Rested With Him.

Upton Sinclair, discussing the fasting cure that he has done so much to advance, said in New York:
"Fasting has become as popular as appendicitis. I hope, though, it won't fall into the same disrepute."
"It's currently believed, you know, that a leading surgeon said to his wife one day:
"I operated on Mrs. Gobba Golde for appendicitis last night."
"Goodness!" said the lady, "I wonder who'll have it next!"
"I don't know," the surgeon answered, absently; "I haven't decided yet."

The Foolish Virgin.

"We should always be prepared," said J. K. Adair, the San Francisco detective, in an interview in New York, "and then we will miss nothing."
"You've heard, perhaps, of the young lady who said, as she sipped her tea:
"I've just had such a dreadful experience."
"A dreadful experience?" asked another young lady.
"Yes," was the reply. "I saw a splendid bargain in shoes downtown and I've got a hole in my stockings."



Cheerful Dots.

Parties at which the guests answer the question, "Why I got married?" are much in vogue. It is always so interesting to hear the married people try to find some excuse?
Technically speaking, it wouldn't be half as much fun to be rolling in wealth as rolling in a clover bed.
Every man who takes your measure does not make you a suit of clothes.
Get your muck rake down. The frost is almost out of the ground!
Many a man's desire can be traced to his wife's desire for success.

—BYRON WILLIAMS.

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Stocks and Bonds.....	210.00
Cash and Exchange.....	17,983.01
Total.....	\$47,133.09

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$15,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	2,165.00
Bills Payable.....	3,000.00
Rediscounts.....	None
Cashiers Checks.....	494.31
Individual Deposits.....	26,473.78
Total.....	\$47,133.09

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FT. WORTH DOCTOR IS INTO TROUBLE

Dr. W. D. Littler, indicted by the 48th district grand jury Saturday for murder and criminal practice, surrendered to the sheriff Monday morning and made bond in the sum of \$3,500, Judge Buck on the 48th district court fixed the amount of the bond.

O. P. Rudd, Blacksmith and carriage maker, indicted as an accomplice in the same case was admitted to bond in the sum of \$2,000. Rudd was arrested Saturday.

The indictment against Dr. Littler charges that Oct. 12, 1910 he performed a criminal operation on Anne Johnson from the effect of which she died a few weeks later.

The indictment against Rudd alleges that he procured the services of Dr. Littler to perform the criminal operation.

Dr. Littler is a prominent Fort Worth physician and is also prominent in lodge circles in Texas. He formerly practiced his profession in Abilene.

As he was leaving the court house with his attorneys after making bond Dr. Littler said that he would not make a detailed statement at this time.

"I will say however that I never felt better in my life and on the trial of the case will be able to prove that the charges against me are false," Dr. Littler said.

Annie Johnson, the woman whose death is the basis of the charge, was a Swedish cook employed in the household of a prominent family.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel Tex. for week ending Jan. 14, 1911:

Brigs, Mrs E J
Irvin, S B
McCormick, Miss Leone
Malen, Lem
Parker, H L
Parke, W A (2)
Sherley, H E

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Jan. 28, 1911.

H. W. Derstine, P. M.

GINNERS NOTICE.

The gins of Merkel will run Saturday, January 21st. 2t
Merkel Gins.

On Jan. 9, 1911 the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Malone was laid to rest in the Rose Hill cemetery. Many friends enter keenly into sympathy with them in their sorrow.

For Sale

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DON'T FORGET THIS

Joe Douglass, a force of laborers, carpentors and painters have this week been operating upon the property of Dr. J. H. Warnick on Kent street in a manner which will greatly improve the appearance of that part of the city, reduce the fire risk and add to the convenience of the Kent Street Grain & Grocery store and wagon yard. Two of the old buildings have been moved off the property and another to the front which will give more room for the yard and provide plenty of storage for grain and feed-stuff.

W. P. Browning renewed this week but would advance his figures no more than a year ahead, for as he said, "I want to see if you go boke." We disagree with Mr. Browning on everything from the idea of getting up early to good roads but he is an old timer, one of our very best citizens, and a good old subscriber of our paper. We hope that he lives a half century longer and we get a dollar out of him every year.

J. T. Vessell, formerly a citizen of Merkel, but recently of Trent, was among our visitors and renews this week. He has just left the hospital, suffering an accident on the Santa Fe but feels that he will be able to resume work in a few days.

The Mail has been favored this week with an extra nice lot of orders for job printing from our local and surrounding business people, for which we are grateful. The patronage of our job department is of first direct benefit to our paper and enables us better to represent our town and country.

The regular routine of business was transacted and plans put on foot for a supper next Monday night by the fire boys at their meeting the first of the week. After adjournment the boys engaged in some practice work on our streets.

Notice of Dissolution Copartnership.

Notice is hereby given that the copartnership existing between J. P. Sharp & G. M. Sharp, under the firm name and style of J. P. Sharp & Company, and doing a retail dry goods business in the town of Merkel, state of Texas, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. J. P. Sharp having purchased the interest in the said retail dry goods business he assumed the settlement of all liabilities of said firm and of whatsoever character or nature relative to the final adjustment of matters of said partnership.

J. P. Sharp and G. M. Sharp are authorized to collect all notes and accounts that are owing to the said firm, or to make such other arrangements that they may deem necessary as to the final adjustment or disposition of said notes and accounts that are due the said firm.

Witness our hands this the 1st day of January, 1911.

Signed J. P. Sharp,
G. M. Sharp.

Read the Mail. 1.00 a year.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

G. W. Johnson made two business trips to Abilene this week.

Work horse for sale cheap for cash or good note. C. W. Harris.

Master D. O., son of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt has been very sick this week.

Ed Newman of San Angelo spent several days of this week among Merkel friends.

C. E. Whitaker looked after business matters in Abilene the first of the week.

C. R. Rayburn of Fort Worth spent the first part of this week in our city attending to business matters.

Miss Annie Tedford left on an evening train Wednesday for Trent to spend a few days with friends and relatives.

We regret this week to learn of the severe illness of Mrs. Tom King who has been confined to her bed for several days.

F. A. Nott of Ovalo returned to his home Tuesday after spending several days in Merkel with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Garrett of Limestone county spent the holidays in Merkel at the home of their son, J. M. Garrett.

Mrs. Austin Boyd of Abilene came in Wednesday evening and is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Collins.

Hugh Swann of Rotan came in Monday evening and spent a few days with his uncle, J. S. Swann and other relatives and friends.

M. J. McDonald of Lamesa and Miss Malicie Thompson of Gustine were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McDonald several days this week.

Mrs. M. A. Cordell of Sweetwater who has been in the city for the past few days returned to her home Wednesday. She has been a guest of her parents Uncle Jack Coggin and wife.

Rev. A. J. Leach paid us a dollar on subscription this week and told us to change his paper to Abilene as that place would be his future home. We regret to lose this good citizen.

C. F. Sanders of the divide country was in our city one day this week laying in a supply of grain and groceries and gave us a dollar to buy some more ink to splatter over these columns.

Bob Ernest shipped his household goods this week to Van Horn, Texas, and will make that place his home. Mr. Ernest has been section foreman for the Texas & Pacific railroad at this place for several years and will be relieved by Chas. Mashon of Van Horn.

Elder M. W. Bishop who has spent a greater part of his life doing missionary work in Japan delivered a very interesting lecture on Foreign Missions at the North Side Christian Church last Sunday night. He left Monday for Dallas, his present home, and will leave soon for Japan to take up his former work.

PILES get immediate relief from Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment. RINGS DYSPEPSIA TABLETS Relieve Indigestion and stomach Troubles.

CHURCH NOTICES

[We will be glad to make any announcements of services, special programs or other items where no revenue is to be received, free of charge. Notices of entertainments for revenue or charging admission, at half the regular price.—Editor.]

At The Baptist Church.

Sunday school 10 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunbeam Band 3 p. m.; Junior Union 4 p. m.; Senior Union 6 p. m.; Ladies Aid on Monday 3 p. m.; prayermeeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m.; choir practice Friday 7:30 p. m. We cordially invite the public. W. C. Taggart, Pastor.

At The Presbyterian Church.

Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday School 7:45 a. m.; Y.P.S.C.E. 4 p. m.; prayermeeting Thursday 7:30 p. m.; Ladies Missionary Society Monday 4 p. m. after each 3rd Sunday; regular session meetings on Thursday 7:30 p. m. on or before the first full moon in the month. Geo. A. Crane, Pastor.

Senior Epworth League Jan. 15.

Subject: Our relationship with one another. Leader, McTyeire Martin.

Song No 5.
Prayer.
Song 129.
Roll call.
Chain of prayer.
Scripture lesson, Rom. 12; 4, 5. I. Cor. 12; 13-20—by leader.
Prayer.
Leader's Address.
Duet—Misses Burroughs and Lowrey.
Bible references with comment. I. Cor. 1; 10. Phil. 2; 4—Laverna Swafford. John 15; 12 and 17; 22—Ernest Duckett.
Song 39.
Reference, Gen. 4; 1-12—Carl Lowrey.
Talk, Who is my neighbor?—Frank Smith.
Short paper on History of the Epworth League—Miss Lizzie Mae Freeman.
Song No. 6.
Announcements.
Benediction.

E. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject for Sunday, Jan. 15: "The call to and office of the Ministry." Leader, Miss Ova Teaff.
Scripture reading.
Prayer.
Hymn.
Talk, "My ideal of what a true minister should be."—Miss Mattie Murphy.
Duet—Mrs. Victor Harris and Miss Ethel Roberts.
Does the bible warrant a distinctive call to the ministry?—Miss Alice Valentine.
Is it right to desire the office of a ministry?—Ollie Cordell.
Mymn No. 442.
Should we pray for God to call men to preach?—Mrs. E. Hall.
Comment on these subjects by Rev. W. C. Taggart.
Hymn.
Offeratory.
Business. Benediction.

The Ladies Aid society of the South Side Christian church met Tuesday at 4 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dickson and elected officers for the year. Mrs. Fred Groene, president; Mrs. J. P. Hunt, vice president; Mrs. W. R. Walker, secretary; Mrs. C. M. McCauley, treasurer. They will hold their regular meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in each month at 3:30 p. m. Come and help these ladies in their bazaar.

Miss Elizabeth Browning of Louisburg, Ky., is visiting her cousin Miss Duncan Browning.

SOCIETY; THE CHURCHES AND CIVIC IMPROVEMENT

Mrs. W. H. Dickson Editor. Telephone 6-4

Progressive 42.

Mrs. J. P. C. Hunt royally entertained quite a contingent of young society folks at her home on Oak street from 8 till 11 last Saturday evening. Miss Elma Sheppard assisted Mrs. Hunt in her duties as hostess and games and music interspersed with much merriment. Progressive 42 was the feature of this delightful occasion and hot chocolate and cake were served to those honored with invitations who were Misses Fannye Burroughs, Winnie Warren, Elma Sheppard, Inez Moon, Eunice Nisbitt, Virginia Hamblett, Maudie Welch of Abilene, Ona Hamblett, Matty Paylor, Messrs William Joseph Largent, Ottis Barnett, Rufford Evans, Ben Merritt, Webster Ernest, Parker Sharp, Duke Evans, Ollie Cordell, Charles Jones, Roy Hudgins and probably others whose names we failed to learn.

The social event of the season was the 42 party given at the hospitable home of Mrs. E. Hall on Oak street Saturday afternoon from 3 to 6 when Mrs. Hall honored her daughter Miss Margarette who had just returned from Waco. The guests were Mesdames J. P. C. Hunt, John C. Hamm, Lanier Brown, N. C. Sinclair, Homer Magness, W. T. Potter, Doss Sheppard, W. N. Hall, Misses Willie Bigham, Jessie O'Briant, Matty Murphy, Dorothy Lee Potter, Agnes and Margarette Hall. Dainty refreshments consisting of fruit gellatin whipped cream and cake were passed.

20th Century Club.

Lesson for Jan. 21, King Henry VIII, scenes 2, 3, 4. Act 1. Give a brief sketch of Katherine. Of Bullen.
Comment on the power of Wolsey at the court as indicated by his position in the procession. Has the subject of the Queens petition been introduced in the preceding scene? Does the interruption of the Queen make an effective dramatic moment? Explain the social conditions resulting from the taxations. Who was responsible for the taxation? On what pretext were they levied?
What is Wolseys defense of himself? Do the facts or does the king accuse him and ask for explanations?
Indicate Henry's conservation policy. How does Wolsey turn the kings pardon to his own advantage?
What are the accusations against Buckingham made by his surveyor?
How does the queen bear herself during the entire scene? What is the dramatic purpose of presenting her at the highest of her official dignity and influence at the outset of the play?
For whom was the cardinals party given in scene 4?
What impression do you get of Annie Bullen in this scene? What side of Henrys nature is here presented? What of the Cardinal?
Is the incident of Masquers historical? Mrs. L. H. King, Leader.

The XX Century club held its regular meeting meeting Jan. 7 with Mrs. W. H. Dickson at 3:30 p. m. The regular order of

business was taken up. Twelve members responded to roll call. The newly elected officers for 1911 are: Miss Evelyn Williams, President; Mrs. L. Sparkman, V. President, Mrs. L. D. Gaither, Recording Secretary; Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Correspondence Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Member Executive board; Mrs. L. R. Porter, Member of Executive board. After the business meeting Mrs. J. M. Gilliam conducted the lesson. Act 1, scene 1, of Henry VII.

Monday evening the young men honored Miss Ona Bevans of Dallas, guest of Miss O'Briant, with a dance at the hall. Music was furnished by Master Larkin Rogers of Abilene. The guests were Misses Ona Bevans, Zora and Jewell Coggin, Annie T. Daniel, Agnes Hall, Olga Sheppard, Lulu Thornton, Messrs Ernest Faucett, Dee Grimes, Ed Newman, Dem Rust, Lester Magness, W. R. Walker, Drs. Geo. Miller, Dr. S. L. Davis, Messrs and Mesdames Lanier Brown, Homer Magness, L. D. Gaither.

The Zenobia Club met at the home of Mrs. J. T. Warren Jan. 6. This club is now studying the passion play. Mrs. Warren was leader. Their next meeting will be with Mrs. G. H. Adams on Elm street Jan. 20. at 8 o'clock. Lesson Japan, Vol. 3, pages 51 to 111.

The Imperial Palace and Mikado, pages 51 to 59.—Mrs. J. T. Warren.
Japanese Nobility, 59 to 63.—Mrs. C. M. McCauley.

The Fru, 63 to 73.—Miss Jennings.

The Ueno Park and flowers, 73 to 80.—Mrs. T. A. Johnson.

Free Culture, Sacred and National flowers, 80 to 85.—Mrs. J. C. Hamm.

Wrestlers, 86 to 89.—Mrs. R. A. Martin.

Nikko and surroundings, 89 to 94.—Miss Williams.

Court and Treasure Houses, 95 to 100.—Mrs. Hunt.

Shrines and Gods, 101 to 104. Mrs. H. C. Burroughs.

Shoguns 107 to 111, Mrs. Arthur Thornton. Mrs. G. H. Adams, leader.

Thursday evening a dance at the Crenshaw building was greatly enjoyed by the following young people and their chaperones: Misses Agnes Hall, Jessie O'Briant, Zora and Jewell Coggin, Annie T. Daniel, Messrs Ernest Faucett, Dee Grimes, Dem Rust, Lester Magness, W. R. Walker, Dr. S. L. Davis, Messrs and Mesdames L. D. Gaither, Lanier Brown, Homer Magness.

Ollie Cordell was at home to his friends Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groene. Progressive 42 was played by the following young people: Misses Ona and Virginia Hamblett, Elma Sheppard, Maude Ferguson, Maude Welch, Frances Falconer, Messrs Jesse Ferguson, James West, Ed Swafford, Mr. and Mrs. Groene. A delightful time was reported.

Mrs. Austin Fitts left Saturday night for Temple where Mr. Fitts manages a store. Mr. and Mrs. Asa Sheppard have moved into the Fitts Home.

The Baraca Class will hold its regular semi-monthly business meeting tonight. Besides the regular and special business of the class will be the election of officers. Let me urge every member to be present. We have a special invitation to the social given by the Philatheans. We will try to finish up in time to go. Members come! We need you. Special invitation to all young men to join us. The Secretary.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. E. Robertson, formerly Miss Madie Grimes, received announcement cards reading thus: Mary Lou, Dec. 24th, 1910, Meridian, Texas.

Mrs. L. R. Porter and daughter Miss Amelia left Friday evening for Smith Grove, Ky., having been called there by the illness of Rev. Jessie Grider.

Mrs. C. W. Hamilton has gone to Sweetwater to visit her son Paul Hamilton. Mrs. Hamilton has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Holcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. Will White of Abilene were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stevens Sunday.

Mrs. C. W. Holcomb and children leave Saturday to join Mr. Holcomb in Fort worth.

Mrs. Clayton McCauley and children are visiting friends in Abilene.

Mrs. E. M. Rust is up after a severe case of grip.

Mrs. Pipes is quite sick at her home on Elm street.

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"On October 18th, last, my little three year old daughter contracted a severe cold which resulted in bronchitis," says Mrs. G. W. Gibson, Lexington, Ky. "She lost the power of speech completely and was a very sick child. Fortunately we had a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house and gave it to her according to the printed directions. On the second day she was a great deal better, and on the fifth day, October 23rd, she was entirely well of her cold and bronchitis, which I attribute to this splendid medicine. I recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy unreservedly as I have found it the surest, safest and quickest cure for colds, both for children and adults, of any I have ever used." For sale by Rust & McCauley Co.

Card of Thanks.

We want to offer our many thanks to our Merkel and country friends and physicians who were so good and kind to us in the sickness and death of our little girl Beulah. May God reward each one of you is our prayer. We shall never forget your kindness. pd
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LIST OF PROPERTIES TO EXCHANGE

No. 25 \$15,000 stock of dry goods, clothing and shoes that will trade for land in West Texas, but land must be priced right.

No. 26 Six brick buildings in North Texas, county site town; 2 of the houses two stories high, 4 one story buildings; all buildings 25x90 feet, all connected, and also connected with good brick warehouse 110x200, all being used by one company as department store. Price \$60,000, encumbered \$15,000 due 1911-12-13-14-15 at 8 per cent annual interest. Owner wishes to trade for good western land.

No. 27 160 acres in Cottle county, 20 miles west of Quanah, 5 miles of good railroad town, near good 2-teacher school, 90 per cent good land, 70 acres in fine state of cultivation, 3-room house, well and other improvements; desire to trade for good first-class land in Taylor county; land must be first-class in every respect. Price on this 160 acres is \$30 per acre and the land we trade for must not be over \$30 per acre. Will pay cash difference and take 320 acres.

No. 28 \$3500 stock general merchandise and store building \$1000 in good country location to trade for good small farm. Get busy if you want this little deal.

No. 29 \$9,000 stock of dry goods, shoes, hats and notions, will take \$5,000 in good land and \$4,000 cash. This is a good clean stock of merchandise only opened up in 1909. The stock shows to be as good as new. Fixtures speak for the kind of store this is and they are described to-wit: 6 floor show cases 8 ft., plate glass tops on large 7 by 12 feet cloak and skirt case, equipped with nickle extension racks and large sliding glass doors, one hat case 7x12 ft. with glass doors, one large tripple mirror, cash carriers, nice counters, deep bracket shelving and everything in the furniture line is mahogany finish to match.

No. 30 Dallas property to exchange for western land. This property is clear of debt. Land must be priced right. One 9-room house, lot 100 ft. front, all modern improvements, servant house, etc.; value \$10,000. Also 8-room house, corner lot, Forest ave. and Cleveland street, on Colonial Hill, one of the choice residence portions of Dallas. Price \$7,500. Also have vacant lot on Colonial Hill, 53 ft. front, price \$2500. Also 12 acres near end of car line in south Dallas, price \$15,000.

In addition to the above my client has 104 acre farm near McKinney in Collin county, Tex. Also has some good first-class city property in the city of Paris, Texas. Will trade the whole batch or any part of it for western land, but desires to get big tract of land in one body.

No. 31 \$6,500 stock of dry goods and groceries, about $\frac{1}{2}$ dry goods. \$10,000 equity in the building which shows an 8 per cent rental income on its valuation of \$17,500, will trade for good land worth the money asked for it. This stock of goods and building is located in a large city in north Texas.

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W. S. Smelser was among the business visitors to Abilene Tuesday.

Bill George of Eskota attended to business in this little city one day this week.

Twyman Collins shipped some cattle to the eastern markets the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Otho Williams spent Wednesday in Abilene and was a guest of Mrs. Comer Clay.

Bring your butter, eggs and chickens to W. M. Jenkins on Edwards street. tf

C. W. Harris is improving the looks of his home on Oak street this week by applying a new coat of paint.

Miss Lizzie Wisdom, who is attending the Abilene Christian College, visited her brother Alex Wisdom of Merkel Sunday.

TURNIPS, TURNIPS for sale at my house, phone 238. Price 75 cents per bushel. C. L. McNeese. 13t2

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Henry Lee of Rising Star and Willie Falconer of Sipes Springs returned to their respective homes this week after a lengthy stay in the city with Hony Lee and family.

A Word to the Borrower

IF you are a borrower of this paper, don't you think it is an injustice to the man who is paying for it? He may be looking for it at this very moment. Make it a regular visitor to your home. The subscription price is an investment that will repay you well.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

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FOR RENT.—A good farm with plenty of pasture and good improvements. Apply to A. C. Boney, Merkel, Texas, Box 291. 5tf

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FOR SALE OR TRADE for good note or good property, pair mules and good mare. O. Wilder, Trent, Texas. 1tpd

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The Advertised Article

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Go After Business

in a business way—the advertising way. An ad in this paper offers the maximum service at the minimum cost. It reaches the people of the town and vicinity you want to reach.

Try It—It Pays

Real Estate Transfers.

J. S. Tunskill and wife to Eugene Wilder, lot 9 and the south half of lot 10, block 51, Johnson addition to the town of Merkel, \$125.

Eugene Wilder and wife to J. R. Dye, same tract as above \$50.

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Every Mother

is or should be worried when the little ones have a cough or cold. It may lead to croup or pleurisy or pneumonia—then to something more serious. Ballard's Horehound Syrup will cure the trouble at once and prevent any complication. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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