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MERKEL MEN ARE HONORED BY STATE

Among the appointments sent to the senate last week by Gov. Colquitt were the names of Dr. C. M. McCauley and T. J. Toombs of Merkel and the Merkel country.

The appointment of Dr. C. M. McCauley to a membership on the State Board of Dental Examiners comes as a special compliment to our citizen for reason of the fact that he did not make application for same, was of a different political faith during the recent campaign and had no hopes of the honors. Dr. McCauley is one of the most learned and skilled of his profession in the state and his friends congratulate him upon his appointment.

T. J. Toombs, one of our most wealthy and successful farmers and stockmen was honored by appointment on the board of managers for the Epileptic Colony at Abilene. Mr. Toombs was a faithful supporter of Colquitt, is ably qualified and well worthy of the position given him. John Bowyer, Esq. and V. E. Muir of Abilene are other Taylor county men appointed on the board.

Hon. A. S. Hardwicke, a personal friend of the Governor and who did valiant work for him during his campaign was honored by appointment as a member of the Board of Regents of the College of Industrial Arts at Denton.

Our Water Attracts Citizen.

E. W. Perminter, an old friend of T. J. Cross is among our newcomers. Mr. Perminter owns valuable property in Abilene and has other interests in West Texas, but bought a home in our little city on account of our good water and other advantages offered. The water is fine and we have the best schools, churches and people. Come to Merkel.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

Art. 1.—Name—This organization shall be known as the Ministerial Association of Merkel, Tex.

Art. 2.—Object—The object of this association shall be the unification of our efforts for good in the development of our own lives, and the opposing of the evil.

Art. 3.—Membership—The members shall be composed of all the resident ministers of Merkel, Texas.

Art. 4.—Officers—The officers of this association shall be a president, secretary and treasurer. They shall be elected semi-annually by ballot, at the first meeting in January and July.

Art. 5.—Duties of officers—The president shall preside at all the meetings of the association and see that nothing is discussed before the association that will produce friction in the body and call special meetings when necessary. The secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the association in a book, which shall be the property of the association, notify members of any special

meeting called by the president and make such reports for publication, as the association may desire from time to time.

Art. 6.—Committees—The association may raise such committees as are needed to carry on its work at any time.

Art. 7.—Order of Meetings—Devotional service. Roll call.

Reading minutes of last meeting.

Reports from pastors of their work.

Reports from committees. Miscellaneous business.

Raise Good Stock.

The importance of a fine stock show in stimulating farmers to raise good stock is not now disputed. The fat stock show at Fort Worth and the fairs at Dallas and San Antonio, are worth millions to the State of Texas in giving us better stock. The exhibition of the National Feeder's and Breeder's Show at Fort Worth, which is held in March every year—this year March 13 to 18—brings together the finest cattle, horses, hogs and sheep in the United States, and is considered the best show of such animals in the United States, except the International at Chicago. At the next show \$25,000 will be paid in cash premiums to the exhibitors of the winners, and a great number of special prizes and gold and silver trophies are offered.

The great value of such shows lies not in what the breeder may win, but in the instruction that the average farmer gains by visiting them and seeing the fine stock there, for few farmers go away without making up their minds that they can and will raise better farm animals thereafter.

Brotherhood.

I have no respect for the man or social fugitive who flees lest he fall. If the brotherhood of man is fact instead of fancy everybody who has fallen has the right to a helping hand. In this way it is possible to acquire a moral worth unequalled by those receiving the plaudits of the multitude—to acquire a moral heroism unequalled by the warrior. The recognition of social duty is the key to the peace of the world. The recognition of social duty will ultimately bring to the world universal peace and the end of all wars.—Senator Gore.

Coming Back to Texas.

Aetna, Tenn.—Merkel Mail:—Please find renewal for your paper. I like the Mail because I like Merkel, the Merkel country and the Merkel people. When we get in our new home will send for it again and it will be in dear old Texas.

Thelma Jones.

Regular Reader at Willis.

Willis Texas.—Merkel Mail:—I herewith enclose post office money order for \$1.35 to renew my subscription to the Merkel Mail and Holland's Magazine.

Hoping not to miss a copy of either, I am yours very truly Mrs. E. A. Oualline.

Come to the opera house Friday night, Jan. 27.

ROAD BONDS SOLD

Abilene Banks and Concerns of East are Buyers; Gave Par and Interest

WORK TO COMMENCE SOON

Foreman with 20 Years' Experience Employed to Supervise Active Construction; An Interview With Judge Bledsoe.

That the good road bonds of Commissioners Precinct No. 1 have been sold, that the money is actually in hand and that work will actively commence shortly, within a week in all probability, is a collective report that has been authenticated by County Judge Bledsoe. In an interview with the Reporter Saturday night Judge Bledsoe said:

"The bonds have been sold. All doubts and delays are happily done away with. Only the real work of constructing improved highways for the precinct remains. It will be a big job.

"Abilene banks and Eastern parties purchased the bonds for face value and accrued interest. The first actual work on the roads will commence shortly, the exact date I cannot state, not being positive myself. It will at the outset be necessary to work out the details and systematize a program of procedure. One crew will be started at an early date and so soon as is thoroughly organized and actively at work others will be put on the roads.

"Negotiations are now pending for road machinery which will be necessary before a full force can be put to work. All parties will be given opportunities to work so soon as these and other details are worked out.

"As has been heretofore agreed on and understood the work is to be done by the people living in the precinct. The commissioners court has secured the services of a competent foreman who has had more than 20 years experience in road construction and understands all the details thoroughly. He has constructed gravel and macadam roads and thoroughly understands the rock crushing business. He is in addition a thorough machinist and the court feels he can and will give absolute satisfaction and with his long experience assist materially in making the precinct roads as good as any in the entire state.

"We will have associated with us Mr. C. R. Thomas, an engineer from the Good Roads Bureau of the Department of Agriculture.—Abilene Reporter.

'11 OUR GOOD READERS '12

Our best friend is the subscriber who takes our paper and pays for it regularly. On this friendship and loyalty is builded our business. It is the foundation of any successful newspaper.

It is a deplorable fact that the advance in price of print paper makes a profit on subscription impossible for the country newspaper. There is no profit in that sense, for the money for the support of the enterprise, the pay-

ment of the payroll, ink and paper bills and expenses must come from the advertising, but this would and could not be but for the subscription list.

This is written in a spirit of appreciation of the liberality of our subscribers and their prompt renewals this season, in spite of the conditions. It is our hope to be worthy of this friendship.

The following are our new subscribers and renewals since our last issue:

B. F. Cordell, Ringgold; C. W. Holcomb, Ft. Worth; H. L. Propst, Isaac Lloyd, E. A. Click, J. M. Smith, A. G. Jennings, C. R. Hutcherson, Trent; W. B. Farmer, Purdon; Geo. S. Berry, Tulsa, Okla.; Mrs. J. W. Ferguson, Brandon; I. E. Lassiter, Martin, Tenn; Supt. E. V. White, Abilene; J. B. Barnes, Honey Grove; Miss Mabel Collins, Liberty, Mo.; Rev. C. B. Smith, Caps; W. T. Childress, Tye; Allie Harris, Brownsville; Sam Phillips, Breckenridge; Mrs. Pearl Tracy, O. B. Boden, E. R. Strickland, W. R. Bigham, G. W. Brady, N. Harrison, J. L. Harris, H. West, Joe Winter, J. B. Toombs, A. T. Kimbrough, R. A. Ellis, city and rural routes.

Dr. Adkisson Receives Appointment.

Dr. J. A. Adkisson has just received notice from the officials of the T. & P. Railroad that he has been appointed surgeon for the road. The appointment of Dr. Adkisson to this position is the culmination of the efficient services which he has rendered the road during the past ten years.

The friends and acquaintances of our local physician will be pleased to hear of his appointment. Dr. Adkisson is an "old timer" here having been in actual practice for the past eleven years. He is a man of sterling quality and high professional ability and we feel that the rail road is to be congratulated.

The assumption of his new duties will not materially interfere with his local practice and he will continue in the general practice of his profession at Merkel as before.

Revival Sunday at M. E. Church.

A revival will begin at the Methodist church Sunday, held jointly by the Presbyterians and Methodist churches. The people of all the churches of the town are earnestly invited to attend and take part in the revival. All the outside people are invited. All the singers of the various churches are requested to attend and help in the music. Rev. Crane will lead the singing.

Our first quarterly meeting will be held Saturday night at 7:30 and Sunday at 11 a. m. Presiding Elder, Rev. S. A. Barnes, will be present and do the preaching. Quarterly Conference will follow preaching on Saturday night.

The services during the week days will be conducted at 3:30 and 7:30 p. m. and to these and the Sunday services we especially invite the people of the surrounding country.

A. M. Martin, pastor Methodist church.

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

ANOTHER SHOWER FOR OUR COUNTRY

More rain came this week to add to our store of moisture and farmers who have visited our office reported that the land is in excellent shape for plowing and considering all things the signs are looking good for 1911 as a crop year.

J. J. Patterson of Dora and one of the best farmers on the Divide stated that he had most of his land in shape and that the present moisture was sufficient for all present purposes and a good general rain before planting time would meet the demands of our farmers. "One good sign," he said "is the growth of weeds for I notice on some of my land they are coming up thick as hops. That may not mean much to others but 't looks good to me."

It is certain that our people were never farther advanced with their work and another fact is that they realize the almost absolute necessity of a good crop this year and will spare no work to make good on the job.

Teacher is Pounded.

Miss Leila M. Misbitt, one of our popular teachers was surprised last Friday morning by a number of her pupils when they gave her a "fruit shower," or pounding. The same was greatly appreciated by the teacher and her pleasure made delight for the following, who contributed:

Misses Mamie Ellis, Eva Calvert, Nell Tracy, Roxie Moon, Dorothy Lee Potter, Genevieve Rust and Zora West.

Eyes Tested Free.

One may have serious defects in the eyes without being conscious of it. Have them scientifically tested free of charge. If glasses are needed we will fit you perfectly. Half the regular optician's price is all the glasses will cost you for the next 30 days. Rust & McCauley.

To Delinquents.

If you own any property in Merkel that is on the delinquent list you had better come and pay your tax and cost and get right. If this tax is not paid soon, the property will be sold for taxes.

G. M. Cauthen, City Tax Collector.

To City Tax Payers.

If you own any property in Merkel, you know it and if you own any property here, you owe city taxes on it so come and pay your tax at the city fire station.

G. M. Cauthen, City Tax Collector.

Miss Elouise Hammans who has been here in attendance upon the bedside of her mother and visiting her brothers, Messrs. Hammans, left yesterday for her home at Blair. We are glad to report that her mother is convalescent.

Mrs. Kimmel and two daughters in company with Capt. J. H. Redfren of Abilene were guests at the Walker Cottage Sunday afternoon. Capt. Redfren is advertising representative of the Southern Railway.

Nineteen Hundred and Eleven is Here

And we are, as usual, ready to serve our customers in the same way, only a little better, and our aim in this, as in the preceding years, is to give you the very best drugs that money can buy, and give you "WHAT YOU WANT WHEN YOU WANT IT." Will you give us a trial? We will certainly appreciate it and supply your every want in the drug line. Call to see us and feel welcome.

Rust & McCauley Drug Company, L. Brown, Manager

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.

Spiritual Environment.

II. Kings 23; 8.

Thirty years ago the word environment was rarely used. It perhaps occurred in some scientific treatises, but as to its use in magazines and newspapers it was seldom if ever seen. Now it thrusts itself upon us for recognition. In no phase of life can we escape it. It is a vehicle of thought for the social reformer, the essayist, the religious teacher. It has come to stay.

However we do not mean that this word has created the condition, but it came as a salve to our blinded eyes. But one may say, "Has it had a savory affect on every eye?" Will you kindly answer this in your own heart and live the sincere answer out to the world? You may see if you will.

"Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God;
But only he who sees takes off his shoes—
The rest sit round it, and pluck black-berries."

Healthy life has led us to see the immense importance of environment in plant and animal life. A healthy and vigorous germ will not produce strong life in either kingdom if the proper environment is overlooked. On the other hand it will either be sickly or wither and die.

A perfect peach blossom with a germ cloak incasing its delicate beauty may nestle on the bow of a healthy and prolific tree, but it requires a sunny and propitious atmosphere, full of morning dews, and days of radiant sunlight, before the luscious fruit may be plucked.

It is no less so with the fruit of the spirit—the produce of our life—God is its husbandman. If we will seek to make the proper environment God will see to it that there is growth. Solomon was not looking well to this one fact when he built the temple for Naamah on Mount Olives—Moloch the abomination of the children of Ammon. Let us imagine ourselves thus environed for the first twenty years of our lives, would we do less than did Rehoboam, her son? The wrong impression made alongside the right will make a life of checkered scenes. Energies spent in battling down the wrong impulse

that the right may reign is but a necessary waste for want of a continuous proper environment. A friend of mine is wont to say that when he is passing an open saloon, if the fumes of liquor are floating upon the atmosphere without, he has to summon the powers of his manhood and set his heart like flint to go by. Could he do mission work in such a place? Not to the best advantage, for some of his time and energies would of necessity be spent in conquering this awful appetite. Yet, this good man never drank a swallow of whisky that he knows anything about. Why this oft-repeated struggle? Answer—Environment. Who is responsible? He is not. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Poor fellow, he is having to reap what he did not sow, neither did he have the power to make it otherwise. How can one love the makers of such environments? My answer is, he does love them, but he can not have that high regard for their wisdom which he might otherwise have. Life is a fact, a positive reality, not a fancy, not a dream. There are divine laws as well as physical which have to do with life, and, as sure as the child that walks off the high precipice goes to death, just so sure will every one suffer, in some way, either in himself or his progeny for violating either one of these laws.

Hannah thought more of God than she did of the companionship of Samuel and she was more concerned for his spiritual environment and the service of God than she was for his temporal advantages. For this reason nations will stand up and call Hannah blessed while time shall last.

Is it not rather every mother's prerogative to give a Ruth or a Samuel to the world than to give an Ahab or a Jezebel?

If we will pay the price for the proper environment we may be to the world a blessing.

W. C. Taggart.

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

Civic Improvement.

Our interest in the civic improvement work seems rather quiescent for the past several months. In the beginning of another year is the time to awaken and stimulate interest in the matter and plan and organize the year's work. If some of our genial editor's commendable optimism and enthusiasm could be infused into even a small band of determined workers surprising results could be obtained.

So much can be accomplished along lines of civic attractiveness with but small outlay of money by well directed energy and organized effort. A few cents invested in flower seed and a dollar or two in trees, combined with work and proper care by members of a home, will transform a neglected, uninviting appearing place into a "bower of beauty."

Interest the children of the home in care and growth of plant life, the beautifying of the home and the order and cleanliness of the premises and one phase of the problem of "control of children," restraint for idle hours will be largely eliminated. You will have secured profitable employment for your child the developing of strong muscles and consequent health by exercise in open air and sunshine and breathing in with pure air that fills their young lungs a mental growth and strength born of the recognition of their worth and helpfulness in the production of the beautiful.

That beautiful surroundings have a very appreciable influence upon the formation of character is generally conceded. If nothing more than the improvement of the time and thoughts of the children, for awhile, resulted it would shorten their hours for idle or mischievous pursuits, and so be not a poor investment.

People are inclined to judge of the interior order and conditions of our homes by outside appearances and surroundings and it is often a true test. Just as we are wont to consider a slovenly disregard for personal habits and appearances are index to a loosely constructed, poorly regulated character.

Make our yards neat and attractive and having orderly sanitary premises is but a small part of the work considered at large but a very vital one.

It is a duty that we owe first to our own self-respect and that of our families, it is a duty due our neighbors whose health or pleasure our nearness may effect, and a duty we owe to the town which

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must acknowledge us her citizens.

Let's observe the state clean-up day March 10 in Merkel.

The Zenobia club has taken the civic improvement work under advisement and we hope to soon have some definite and useful plans for the year's work to report and trust every one will feel disposed to lend a helping hand.

B. R. M.

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. Suspend 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.

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At the First Baptist Church.

On the 29 day of this month Mr. H. L. Duke of Dallas will occupy the pulpit at the 11 o'clock hour. While he is no preacher yet he has a message for the hearts of men. Hear him. It will pay you.

W. C. Taggart, Pastor.

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.

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JIM GILLIAM, Manager

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O. D. Phillips, P. O. Box 84, Rotan, Texas, says: "I never used another remedy that acted as satisfactorily as Doan's Kidney Pills. I had an extreme lameness in my back, accompanied by a constant, dull ache in my kidneys and these troubles defied all my efforts for relief until I used Doan's Kidney Pills, I can strongly recommend this preparation for all troubles arising from disordered kidneys."

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

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel Tex. for week ending Jan. 28, 1911:

Growns, P. F.
Jones, C. L.
Shelley, Mrs. Pearl
Steelman, Dr. J.
Tyler, Valentine.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Feb. 11, 1911.

H. W. Derstine, P. M.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Deskin who have recently moved to the Mt. Pleasant community from Hamilton county were pleasant callers at our office last week and among our new subscribers. We are glad to meet all newcomers and especially is this forming new acquaintances delightful when they place their names upon our subscription list. These people are good reliable christian citizens and we welcome them to our midst.

If you want any kind of jewelry made special we will attend to it for you. We make it our business to provide anything in the jewelry market. All kinds of repairing done and guaranteed by us. Rust & McCauley.

W. B. Farmer, of Purdon, was out farther west this week to see a relative and on his return, stopped to visit with E. V. Ellis, an old friend and neighbor. Mr. Farmer subscribed for our paper and stated that the Merkel country was the best he saw on the entire trip.

We are fitting the eyes with genuine ground glasses for the small cost of \$1.50 for the next 30 days. Now is the time to have your eyes properly fitted. Rust & McCauley.

Barney Garrett has returned to his home in this city after an absence of six or seven months. Barney has been with some manufacturing company and has visited Mississippi, Arkansas, Illinois, Louisiana, Alabama, Oklahoma and a few other states while away.

If you are needing a good clock we can save you money if you buy now. Special discounts. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

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

C. E. Whitley left Tuesday for his old home in Louisiana where he will visit relatives and hunt squirrels as he did in his boyhood days. Mr. Whitley says he will be absent from Merkel about six months.

All \$5.00 clocks for \$4.50; \$4.00 clocks for \$3.50 and still some cheaper. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

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

H. J. Houston of Dallas who has been here visiting his sister left Sunday for his home.

Don't fail to hear "A Tea Party of Ye Olden Times" Friday night, Jan. 27.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Groene's Art Store. Open 8 to 7; and 8 to 10 on Saturdays.

Parker Sharp and Jesse Ferguson visited in Abilene Sunday.

Two choice farms for rent. 100 acres or more. C. M. Largent.

H. Turner attended to legal business in Abilene Wednesday.

Bargains in clocks. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

J. R. Dye returned to his work Monday after a visit with his home folks here.

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

Dr. J. O. Crenshaw of Fort Worth is looking after business interests here this week.

FOR SALE.—For good secured note a team of good mules. See E. W. Perminter, Merkel. 172t

Mayor Wheeler and C. E. Whitaker were business visitors to Abilene this week.

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

Lester Ellis and Claud Comegys were business visitors to Abilene Wednesday.

We tell whether it is eye glasses you need without cost. Rust & McCauley.

Rev. A. M. Martin returned Wednesday from Midland where he preached Monday.

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

Mrs. Jno. Eoff left for a visit the latter part of last week with friends and relatives at Winters.

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

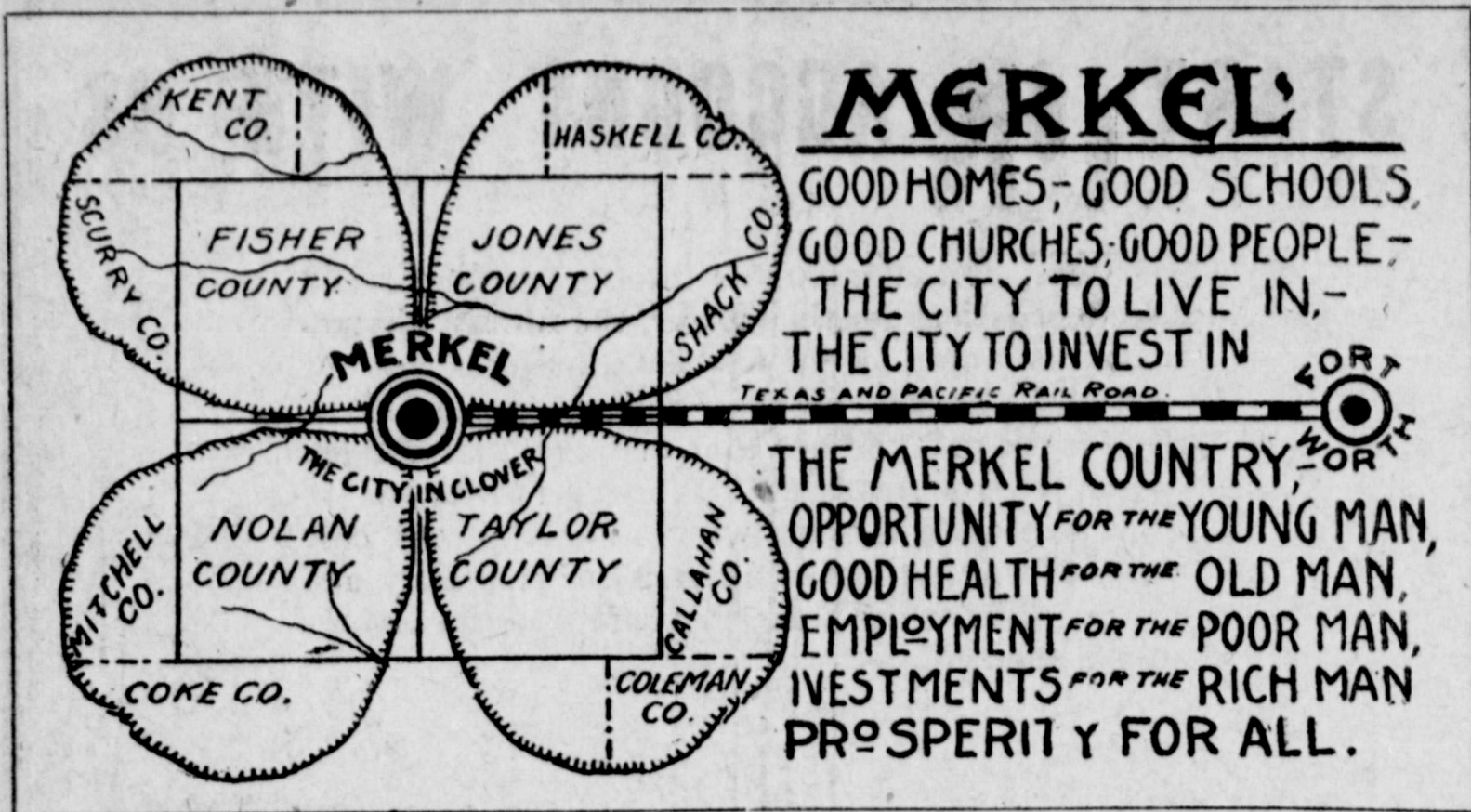
Miss Mae Wilson of Abilene came in the latter part of last week and spent a couple of days with her friend, Miss Laverna Swafford.

Ten per cent reduction on all set rings Friday and Saturday, Jan. 27 and 28th. Rust & McCauley.

R. X. Scott of Abilene returned to his home after a week or ten days visit with his son, W. A. Scott and other relatives and friends.

If you are accustomed to dull headache around the region of the eyes, it may be glasses you need. We will test your eyes free of charge. Rust & McCauley.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

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

ANOTHER SCRAP FOR THE POSTOFFICE.

Once more the interests of our little city are disturbed and the lines drawn, according to the selfish interests of those enlisting, in a tug of war over the location of the post office.

U. S. Inspector Charles G. Kinzel arrived in our city the first of the week and it became known that his business was for the location of the postoffice and it was then that those interested got busy. The result of all the work was that the U. S. government received two propositions to be furnished quarters, light, fuel and water at a rental price of less than half what same costs the business men and the papers were forwarded to the postoffice department for decision in the premises.

Of course there is no guessing what the result will be and the very best that we can tell our readers is that the office will either remain where it is now located or move to one of the rooms in the Crenshaw block of buildings.

In the beginning it was a bad precedent, the movement of the office for selfish interests and it is our hope that this will be the last of the matter. If at the expiration of the present lease the office would serve the whole interests of the town better at some other location then this should be established by agreement of our citizens and the government be allowed to pay a reasonable rent for the use of same.

Uncle Sam is making appropriations and building handsome structures in other cities while in Merkel they are taking up collection to contribute to his welfare and he does not need nor ask for the charity.

GOVERNOR-ELECT COLQUITT'S NEW YEAR WISH

Asked for an expression as to what he would like to see Texas achieve during the year that would be ushered in Sunday, Governor-elect Colquitt said:

"I should like to see Texas prosper in all its parts. Good fortune to all the people, of every creed, of every political faith, of every walk in life, is my heartfelt desire.

"I should like to see the educational progress and the material of Texas fostered and augmented as it has never been before.

"I want every legitimate enterprise to be encouraged. I hope that the honest endeavor, of either laborer or capitalist, will be crowned with genuine success, and these I desire should not be hampered by a prolixity of unnecessary legislation.

"I want Texas to be a State where true happiness dwells, where each may live out his own life untrammelled by external interferences, as long as he bears at heart the welfare of the people at large.

"May the new year bring prosperity 50 per cent larger than it has known in any preceding year. Not only is this my earnest wish, but for its fulfillment, I shall labor incessantly."

If you want to see your town or community grow and prosper, by all means patronize every worthy home enterprise. If you are anxious to see the mail order houses prosper at the expense of your home place send to them for your purchases. No business can prosper without patronage, in the same way no town or community will ever amount to much without the home enterprise. Take away all our public enterprises and your land and other property soars downward in value.—Sweetwater Reporter.

The Mail has a good live correspondence this week from Happy Hooligan of the Shiloh community and she, we mean he, promises to contribute every week. Let us urge that all of our correspondents get busy and be regular with your contributions. See to it that your community is represented every week on our Merkel Country page. Tell us what your neighbors are doing and thinking and give us the experience of any which might prove beneficial to others. Help us to make a more interesting paper.

It is one of the greatest secrets of success in the accumulation of the world's wealth to buy things when they are cheap and sell them when they are high. If people with money for investment heeded this admonition and knew of the opportunities in Merkel and the Merkel country there would be something doing. You can buy land and property here now at a real bargain. Come and see.

The sending of your home paper to some friend in another section of the country who might entertain the idea of a new location with new opportunities is one way of showing your patriotism and advertising your own country. This paper serves that purpose admirably, and this is but a hint to our wise citizens with a few extra dollars in their jeans.

A contributed article to our society and civic improvement page suggests the observance of March 10th as clean-up day and it is good and timely. It would give us plenty of time for thorough organization and if our citizens will give the proper encouragement and assistance to the good ladies we predict that the movement will be a success.

There is going to be a hair-raising prohibition campaign this summer and about seven good roads elections besides a few smaller attractions and you had better hike it right now to the tax collector's office and get the proper credentials to entitle you to a vote. Do it now or be disfranchised for a whole year.

You will not feel good this summer singing in the chorus with your friends "Texas is Going Dry," or "Down Went McGinney," unless you have a poll tax receipt in your pocket. This is our last warning.

Spring time comes early for the Merkel country and right now our citizens should begin planning and working to make their home premises and our little city more beautiful in the coming summer.

One consolation, all of the croakers have gone and if they will just stay away we will learn to like this drouth after we forget about it. Smile and speak well of your town and country. Boost.

Our subscribers have been chipping into our subscription cash box pretty lively the past few months and here's hoping that the good work will keep up.

Raise Pure Bred Hogs

We have a plan whereby any farmer boy will be enabled to start in the hog business with pure bred hogs without a cent of cost. The plan is simple and successful and offers an excellent opportunity for any boy on the farm who wants to earn money of his own. Only a few boys in each county will be given an opportunity, and the ones who reply early will be the lucky ones. For full particulars address

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\$1,550 Damage Suit.

J. H. Oliver, through his attorney J. M. Wagstaff, filed suit with the District Clerk yesterday against the Wichita Valley, Fort Worth & Denver, Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe and St. Louis and Southwestern railways for \$1,550 damages.

The petition alleges that on April 6, 1910, J. H. Oliver shipped 26 head of mules from Seymour, Baylor county, to Leon Junction, Texas; that the mules were handled by all the roads named as defendants but through gross negligence and carelessness the mules were delivered at Leon Junction six days late. The petition further alleges that each of said defendants was guilty of negligence in transporting mules in that they were roughly handled and knocked down, skinned and bruised by the cars jerking against each other, that when they arrived at their destination one was dead, two badly crippled and rendered wholly unable to do service, the others skinned, scarred, bruised and drawn.

For the above causes the plaintiff asks damages for \$1,550, together with interest at 6 per cent for cost of suit and for general and equitable relief.—Abilene Reporter.

A Long List.

Chfman—You've been living in the suburbs so long, I suppose you've had considerable experience with servant girls?

Subbubs—Well, it's got so that when my wife is interviewing an applicant now she always begins by asking, "Were you ever employed by me before? if so, when and how long?"

Caught in the Rain

then 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.

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A 53 Point Deer Head.
A Bangor resident tells a story of the largest head secured during the Maine deer season this fall.

The other day F. K. Smith, a Gridstone guide, brought to Bangor a 53 point deer head, which he sold to a local firm of taxidermists for a nominal sum. The head rivals the 50 point buck killed on Grand lake in October, for which E. S. Cuark of Bar Harbor paid \$200.—Boston Record.

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.

An Ungenerous Assumption.
"Do you know that man's views on the tariff?"
"No," replied Senator Sorghum; "but I'll bet I can tell what they are as soon as I find out what business he's engaged in."

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 it trouble at once and prevent any complication. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

GINNERS NOTICE.
The gins of Merkel will run Saturday, January 21st. 21
Merkel Gins.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs Addie Parker and little granddaughter of Abilene were the guests of Mesdames W. A. Scott and Ed Compton.

Harry H. Hamm has returned to his work in Pecos after quite an extended visit with friends and relatives here.

Don't fail to hear "A Tea Party of Ye Olden Times" Friday night Jan. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and son, Jack, of Trent, were week-end guests of Mrs. Anderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Comegys.

Few of the ordinary ailments are as annoying as piles; hence the demand for a reliable remedy. Rectone gives prompt relief and quickly overcomes the distressing condition. Its action facilitated by the ease with which it may be applied to the interior of the rectum, as well as externally. Sold only by Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

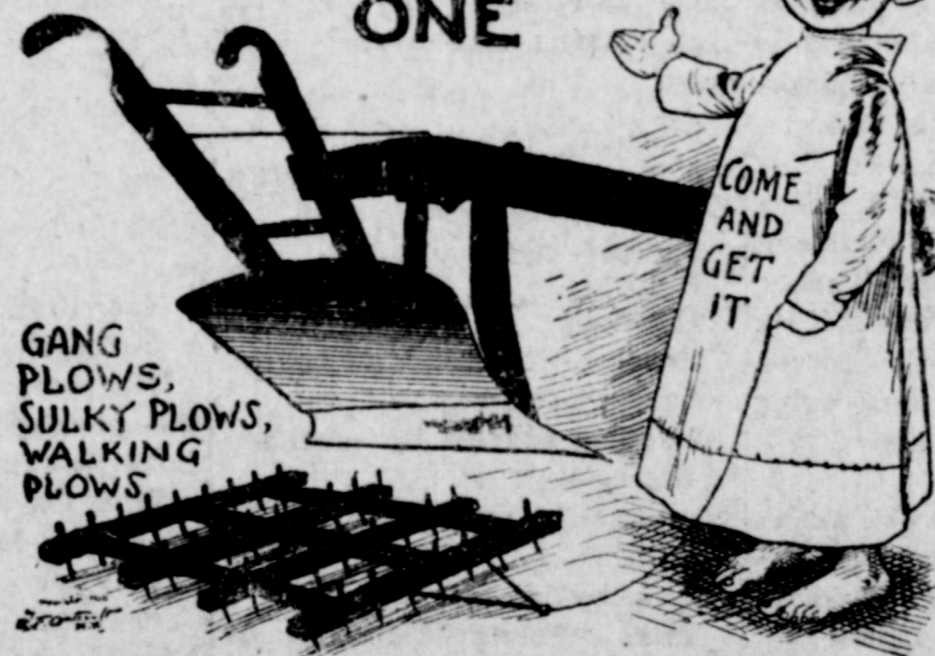
J. J. King of some ranch near Pecos who has been in Merkel since the holidays visiting his brother Arthur King and other friends and relatives has returned to his home.

A case of scarlet fever is reported in our city this week and our people should give the officers and physicians their best assistance in efforts to prevent an epidemic of the disease. All possible precautions are being taken by the physicians and health officer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Gentry are in Temple entertaining a young daughter, Miss Frances Jane, since January, 18, 1911.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Mary Burkhalter returned yesterday to Cisco after a visit here with the family of W. T. Reid.

Miss Melissa Johnson left yesterday for her home at Gustine, after a visit at the home of J. E. McDonald.

Mrs. M. J. Marlow has returned from Hillsboro and Brandon and reports that she had a delightful visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Ferguson, and friends.

Remember, when you are going to buy a remedy for yourself or family, get it in the Nyal Line because everything in the line, is personally guaranteed by us and without any Red Tape, you simply get your money back, if not satisfied. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

J. A. Collins shipped another car of mules and horses this week to Blossom and the bunch as a whole was classed as the best car of stock shipped this season. This is the seventh car for Mr. Collins sold this season at Blossom.

One of the most valuable remedies for the relief of nervous disorders is Nyals compound Celery Nervine. It tones up the system, improves the appetite, and aids digestion, and all sufferers from nervous troubles, should try this preparation. Sold only by Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

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. 16c

A the time of going to press we learn of the serious illness of a child of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp. There has been considerable sickness in this family recently, but all are reported convalescent with the exception of the one child and their many friends hope for news of her rapid recovery.

Land For Sale at a Bargain

On account of my health I am not able to farm or raise stock and will sell my land at a bargain. I also have some good horse stock to sell. Apply to or write Jas. Baker, Trent, Texas. 174t

J. D. Gaither was a business visitor to Abilene yesterday.

George Woodrum is suffering with a severe wound just below his left eye this week as a result of a kick of an auto crank. Although the wound is not serious the unfortunate lad is in a painful condition.

Anyone having sows or gilts to breed please see A. V. Dye's Poland China male. 4tpd

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Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Editor

Pink Tea.

Friday, Jan. 13 the Methodist Philathians entertained their many friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams on N. Front street. This lovely home was turned into a pink flower garden. All the rooms down stairs were thrown together and artistically decorated, pink being the color scheme. At the appointed hour 13 bright and happy young misses all dressed in pink, with their teacher, Mrs. G. H. Adams were present to give a hearty welcome to the guests who had been invited to come and drink tea and enjoy a well arranged program.

Vocal solos were rendered by Misses Zora West, Leno Largent, Clara and Murtice Saffle. Readings were given by Misses Mary Lee Hicks and Eleanor Daniels. Piano selections by Misses Dethel Jenkins, Mamy Heizer and Fanny Burroughs. After the program refreshments were served. Here the color scheme was once more carried out and dainty little pink tea pots were given to the guests as souvenirs. The personnel of the class: Misses Fae Lowery, Annie Smith, Eunice Nisbitt, Fanny Burroughs, Mattie Paylor, Sudie Hogue, Lela Coats, Laverna Swafford, Pet Sears, Virginia Hamblett, Beulah Tally, Tennie Pope, Tennie Brown.

Program.

Program for the XX Club Feb. 4, 1911. King Henry VIII. Act II. Scenes 1 and 2.

How did Buckingham conduct himself at his trial? Why is the trial not given before the spectators?

In his speech, scene 1, beginning line 55, what distinction does Buckingham make between the justice of his sentence and the fact of his own guilt or innocence?

What was the fate of his father? Is there any anticipation of the thought of Wolsey's farewell address in the speech of Buckingham?

How is Wolsey accused of implication in the rumored divorce of the King and Queen? Why did he desire the Arch Bishopric of Toledo?

What element of the exposition does the letter (sc 2) supply? What relation does Suffolk bear to the king?

What does Norfolk say (sc 2) about Wolsey's influence over the king? How is he shown, by dramatic means, to be the privileged subject?

On what mission did Compeins come to the court? Give the Dr. Pace incident and its effect upon Wolsey. How did the Cardinal use all inferiors?

Interpret the king's allusions to Katherine at the end of scene 2. Leader Mrs. M. Armstrong.

The Zenobia Club meets with

Mrs. H. C. Burroughs Feb. 3rd at 3 p.m. Lesson, Japan, Vol. III, pages 115 to 186. Roll call—current events.

Russia, the grim Colossus, 115 to 124—Mrs. Frank Johnson.

Japanese Bridges, 125 to 128—Miss Allie Jennings.

Japan's postal service and method of tattooing 128 to 133.—Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Noel style of conveyance, 133 to 137.—Mrs. R. A. Martin.

Faji-yama 138 to 146.—Mrs. C. Hunt.

Hakone Lake 147 to 153.—Mrs. T. A. Johnson.

The adoption of European dress, 153 to 162.—Mrs. C. M. McCauley.

The Geisha and scenery, 163 to 166—Mrs. G. F. West.

The people and their characteristics, 167 to 171.—Mrs. G. H. Adams.

Volcanic eruptions, 171 to 173.—Mrs. Otho Williams.

Hotels 174 to 185.—Miss Evelyn Williams. Mrs. H. C. Burroughs, Leader.

The young ladies of the Baptist church met at the church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock and organized a Young Women's Auxiliary of the W. M. U. The following officers were elected: Mrs. J. A. Bell, president; Miss Lillian Howard, secretary; Mrs. Taggart, consulting advisor. Other officers will be elected at their next meeting. All young ladies are invited to come and take part in this work. The Auxiliary will meet each Thursday at 3 o'clock at the church.

On last Saturday evening a jolly crowd of young people met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp and enjoyed a pleasant evening playing 42 and bunco. Those present were: Misses Dethel Jenkins, Maggie Roberts, Maud and Minnie Ferguson, Ezma Allday, Euphie Cypert, Nora Hampton, Ola Sharp, Fannie and Clara Moore, Messrs Parker Sharp, Jessie Ferguson, Tyte Sublett, Alex Wisdom, Roscoe Sharp, Robert Hampton, Rufus McNeese, Clint Hendricks.

The XX Club had a well attended meeting Saturday at the home of Mrs. W. H. Dickson. The lesson was conducted by Mrs. L. H. King. Mrs. R. C. Aycock of Italy, Texas was a visitor. We hope to have her with us again. Misses Long, Browning and Mackey were appointed to prepare the programs for three consecutive meetings.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Southside Christian Church met in a business session Tuesday afternoon. They will take up the course of study, "Training for Service" and invite all ladies who wish to do so to come and meet with them. They meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. W. H. Dickson. Mrs. Fred Groene, Pres. Mrs. W. R. Walker, Sec.

Mrs. R. C. Aycock of Italy, Texas, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Gilliam.

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 9:45 a. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 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.

Northside Church of Christ.

Bible study every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; Communion services Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock; Prayer meeting every Friday evening at 7:30. Preaching 1st Sunday in each month. Every body cordially invited to attend these services. Elder Geo. W. Cypert.

Methodist Church Services.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Intermediate and Junior Leagues at 2:30 p. m.; Senior League 6:30 p. m.; Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m., followed by Teacher Training Class meeting; Choir practice Saturday 7:15 p. m.; Woman's Home Mission Society meets first and third Mondays at 2:30 p. m.; Woman's Foreign Mission Society meets second Monday at 2:30 p. m. You are cordially invited. Strangers are welcome. A. M. Martin, Pastor.

Special B. Y. P. U. Program.

The Senior and Junior B. Y. P. U. will render the following program Sunday, Jan. 29 at the regular preaching hour, 7 p. m. The pastor has omitted his services for that night and will let the unions have full charge. Everyone is invited to come.

Subject, Home Missions. Prelude. Doxology. Prayer.—Rev. W. C. Taggart. Song by congregation. Opening address by president of Senior B. Y. P. U.

Address by president of Jr. B. Y. P. U.

Song by Juniors.

Talk, "Foreign Missions at Home.—Mrs. J. A. Bell.

96th Psalms.—Miss Flay Gunn. Luke 10:1-4 Oscar Musick.

Comment.—Miss Ethel Roberts.

Male Quartet.—Ben T. Merritt, Clyde Garrett, Ben H. Moore and Grady Collins.

The good accomplished through Home Missions.—Ben T. Merritt.

What can you do and what can I do to bring in the kingdom of God in a spiritual way and financial way?—Miss Mattie Murphy.

Offertory.

Quartet.—Mrs. Victor Harris, Misses Ova Teaff, Mary Lee Hicks and Mrs. J. A. Bell.

Benediction.—Sr. President.

Tuesday evening a crowd of young folks met at the home of Miss Maggie Roberts and enjoyed a candy pulling. Among those present were: Misses Inez

Sharp, Ezma Allday, Dethel Jenkins, Maude and Minnie Ferguson, Euphia Cypert, Erma Alsobrook, Clara and Fannie Moore. Messrs. Parker and Roscoe Sharp, Tyte Sublett.

The members of the B. Y. P. U. enjoyed a social Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt on Elm street. The entertainment was arranged especially for the members of the union and most all were present. Refreshments were served.

League Social.

League Social at Rev. A. M. Martin's Jan. 20. Program: Song.

Prayer.—Rev. Martin.

Instrumental solo.—Miss Mamie Heizer.

Talk on Shakespeare's Julius Caesar.—Frank Smith.

Vocal Solo, "My own Louise.—Miss Leno Largent.

Paper, "Training of of the shrew."—Miss Pauline Johnson.

Antony's funeral oration.—Bert Hudgins.

Reading, Passion Play—Miss Fannye Burroughs.

This program was followed by a Shakesperian love story, blanks being left to be filled out by the guests and was a source of amusement. Then comes the representation of Shakespeare's characters. Music was furnished by Misses Mamie Heizer, Fannye Burroughs and Winnie Warren.

Senior League, Jan. 29

Subject, "The Missionary Message of the Bible."

Leader—Miss Ola Pope.

Hymn 197.

Scripture Lesson, Gen. 26:4.

Special Mission prayer.—Rev. Martin.

Responsive reading, Ps. 119:1-32.

The Universal Motive Force (Era).—Miss Gladys Christopher.

The Hungry shall be fed (Era)—Ira Shaffer.

The personal factor in making the message known.—Miss E. Love Hawkins.

What Christianity has meant to America.—Miss Allie Jennings.

Why are we so slow to commit ourselves to doing God's will?—Miss Mamie Heizer.

Prayer.—Miss Hawkins.

Song 27.

Benediction.

Ladies Aid.

Missionary program for Baptist Ladies Aid Monday, Jan. 30, at Baptist church at 3 o'clock.

Devotional.—Mrs. G. M. Sharp.

Summary of Southern work—Mrs. P. B. Causseaux.

Song.

Doing what we can't.—Mrs. W. E. Britain.

Loved for service.—Mrs. H. T. Merritt.

Home Mission work in Merkel—Mrs. Swann and Mrs. Hicks.

Every member of the aid is requested to be present.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Butman Community.

Jan. 23.—The inhabitants of this community are all smiles this week, the rain being the cause.

Misses Eula and Ruth Pannel spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. D. D. Coats.

The debate Friday night was an enjoyable affair and was attended by a good number of people.

There will be a box supper at the Butman school house next Friday and those in charge desire your attendance.

Adron Phillips and family and several other good people of the Divide mingled with their friends in this community Friday.

Miss Della Sutphen of Nubia was in our community Sunday.

Bryant Dulin spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Snow.

J. E. Costophens visited in Merkel Saturday.

Dewitt Phillips and family spent Sunday with J. A. Neighbors and family. Farmers Girl.

Salt Branch.

Jan. 23.—Sunday school was well attended Sunday despite the cold weather.

Miss Oma Taylor was a charming guest of Miss Annie Higgins Sunday.

Misses Cora and Alma Hays were callers at the home of Mrs. Letha Petty Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers visited Mrs. Emery Mobly Sunday.

Mm. Hays called on W. B. Beavers Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. J. T. L. Annis of Merkel visited the family of H. C. Floyd Friday.

Miss Selina Teaff attended the B. Y. P. U. entertainment at Merkel Friday night and reports the event to be an enjoyable affair.

Misses Essie Floyd and Lyda Beavers and Messrs Holland Teaff, Solie Woods, Rush Buford and Hugh Hogg visited the school Friday afternoon.

Mr. Mobly and family came in recently and expect to reside in this community in the future.

Houston Floyd and sister Miss Essie and Miss Lyda Beavers were Merkel visitors Saturday.

Blue Eyed Girl.

Cured of a Severe Attack of Bronchitis by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"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.

Swell Set Credentials.

Mrs. De Butt (making out a list of invited guests for dinner)—Can you think of any others?

Mrs. Von Better—There is Mrs. Kumbac.

"I had thought of her, but she didn't try to smuggle."

A Frightful Wreck.

of train, automobile or buggy may cause cuts, bruises, abrasion sprains or wounds that demand Buchlen's Arsenic 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 W. C. Burroughs.

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Butchers pay for beef animals in proportion to the amount of beef they can get out of them. It appears that these buffalo-cattle, or "cattaloes," as Col. Goodnight has named them, are good things for cattle raisers to take up, as they will undoubtedly sell at better prices than the common cattle, because they will make more beef.

Col. Goodnight is making arrangements to have a number of these cattaloes on exhibition at the National Feeders and Breeders Show, to be held at Fort Worth March 13th to 18th, next. They will be one of the greatest attractions of that show. The half-breeds have the heavy fore-quarters and hump of the buffalo, with heavy coats of hair, but not so shaggy and woolly as the buffalo's coat. As these original buffalo progenitors were crossed on Polled-Angus cows, these cattaloes are hornless. One of the cows was 21 years

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Jan. 25.—Church at Shiloh was well attended Sunday. A splendid address was delivered by Rev. Gentry of Trent.

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O. A. Hill lost a fine mule this week.

Hardy Rutledge who has been at work in Hamlin came down to visit relatives but left Monday for Oklahoma where he will stay until the spring.

Misses Dee and Essie Hale have been on the sick list but are reported some better now.

Miss Dora Pumroy of Graysons Community visited her sister Mrs. Frank Hale the first of the week.

Miss Mary Green has been quite sick with a sore throat.

The entertainment given by Mrs. Tom Smith in honor of Frank Smith of Trent was well attended by the Shiloh people.

Miss Mobie Sanders, one of Shiloh's young ladies is now attending school in the city in clover.

Another sprinkle of rain fell yesterday and it still looks rainy. A good rain would be gladly received although there is plenty of moisture for the farmers to do good plowing.

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Bro. Terrel Winters had business in Anson last week.

Mr. Dyess has traded his farm for Merkel property.

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That plaintiff and defendant were lawfully married on the 31st day of July A. D. 1901, and that said marriage is now a legal, binding and subsisting marriage; that they lived together as husband and wife from said date up to the 7th day of March, A. D. 1907; that between said dates and during said time plaintiff was kind and affectionate to defendant, always mindful of her marriage contract and vows, making a faithful and dutiful wife, notwithstanding all of which, and without any just cause or excuse and without the consent or knowledge of plaintiff, defendant, did on the 7th day of March, A. D. 1907, wilfully and voluntarily abandon plaintiff with the intention and purpose of permanently abandoning plaintiff; has not seen defendant since said date and has not heard of him for several years; that since said 7th day of March plaintiff and defendant have not lived together as husband and wife, and that said abandonment and has been continuous from said 7th day of March, 1907 up to the present time, a period of more than three years preceding the filing of this suit.

Wherefore, premises considered plaintiff prays the court that defendant be cited to appear and answer this petition, and that upon final hearing she have judgment of the court for divorce, cancelling and annulling said marriage contract, for costs of suit and for such other and further relief as she may show herself justly entitled.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at my office in Abilene, Texas, this 14th day of January, A. D. 1911.

J. F. Fuller, Clerk District Court, Taylor Co., Texas.
By D. J. Hill Jr., deputy.

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