

CROP PROSPECTS MERKEL COUNTRY

The reporter solicitor made a run into Fisher county Thursday morning, accompanied by W. F.ounds, going by way of Merkel.

We left Abilene on the 5 o'clock west bound morning train, and thirty minutes later were in Merkel and although the sombre shades of the past night still hovered over and round the little city of wells and wind mills, we were met at the train by J. T. Warren, farmer, banker, fine stock grower and all round good fellow with 1911 Cadillac and after partaking of a good breakfast at the north First street restaurant, we went honking westward two and a half miles where we turned north, our destination being a small ranch on Sweetwater creek in Fisher county. The country was all new to me, and while there are thousands of acres of alluvial soil, a black sandy loam, lying idle, there are some fine and looked to be well cultivated farms, and on many of them corn, cotton and milo maize coming up. The wheat and oats crops looked green and fresh, but not as far advanced as small grain crops in this section.

On our return we had a minor mishap just as we reached the home of B. L. James, seven miles from Merkel, and were detained about 30 minutes. Mr. James lives at the old Story home, a brick residence erected by Mrs. Story mother of Tom Story of Merkel, about 33 years ago, and it is said to be the first house covered with shingles between Abilene and Roby. Mr. James has lived there seven years, and while the other boys were taking out a punctured tube and putting in a new one. I took in the surroundings. Out in the orchard I counted 17 stands of bees busy at work making honey for the home, while at the lot I found a very fine stallion and five big fat hogs, and the spring chickens, many of them ready for market, could be seen in every direction. "My wife has 95 chicks mothered by three hens," said Mr. James. Honk, honk, and we are again on the road for Merkel, and said Mr. Warren in speaking of our delay, "I have run this car something over twenty-five hundred miles, and this was the first trouble of any kind I have ever had with it in any way."

We reached Merkel at 11 o'clock giving us just 30 minutes to shake hands with the boys there and catch our train for home.—Abilene Reporter.

Why not use the best flour when it cost you no more? We and our mill guarantee every sack of Light Crust Flour. Try Light Crust next time and you'll buy no other hereafter. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

W. Reed who is traveling for Industrial Rice Milling company of Houston was in Merkel Tuesday attending to business and visiting friends.

J. C. Provine was among the business visitors in Abilene Wednesday.

PROSPECTS ARE PROMISING

The rains of the past week have simply added to the already bright prospects of the Merkel country.

A good rain fell Saturday night, heavy in the Canyon country and since intermittent showers have fallen over our entire country. It was the proper treatment at the most propitious time for the big grain crop of our section and the only damage or detriment otherwise is a little delay in the work of planting. A great many of our farmers have finished planting their cotton and our reporter has heard many say they would finish in a few days.

All in all our people could not ask or expect better conditions for growing a crop and if these conditions continue favorable there will be a bountiful harvest in the summer and fall which will put our country on a permanently prosperous basis. It is said that this section can recover and overcome adverse conditions quicker and easier than any part of the world and in a sense it is true for our soil will produce more for the amount of labor and investment than any country anywhere. There are some farmers in our country who made more than the cost of their farms in one crop and an average of yield for the past ten years makes our land compare with the best of the black lands farther east which are several times the value.

The Merkel country and our business people have experienced the two past short crop years with but little serious damage and are justly entitled to the richest reward for their labors.

PIONEER LADY IS CALLED TO REWARD

In the death of Mrs. T. B. Garoutte which occurred at her country home north of this city Wednesday the Merkel country lost one of its oldest and best loved women.

The patient suffered the past several years from smothering and sinking spells and heart failure is given as the direct cause of death, and she was sick but a very short while. She was a good christian woman, a member of the Methodist church and was ever striving to do good during her long life on this earth. She was eighty-one years of age at the time of her death.

She leaves a husband who is one of our oldest citizens, now eighty-four years of age and a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars. In the loss of his helpmate and this great bereavement he enjoys the sympathetic love of our entire people.

The burial took place Thursday afternoon in Rose Hill cemetery.

Miss Lizzie Wisdom returned to Abilene yesterday where she is attending school after a pleasant visit here with Mrs. H. Turner and Miss Dethel Jenkins.

We received a lot more new hats and shapes in our millinery department this week, don't buy your hat until you have seen ours. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

J. W. Dowdy had us order some foreign reading matter for him this week.

'11 OUR GOOD READERS '12 The Old and The New

It may be that just because we have had too much business the past several weeks and did not have room for our list of subscribers that some suspicious somebody be thinking that the bottom dropped out of this department of our business.

It is a mistake for the people just keep being good to us and paying us their good money to buy more paper and ink to get more subscribers to pay us more money to just keep on getting more and more business, which makes us believe that after we gather a bumper crop this year this paper will be bigger than a saddle blanket.

We may have forgotten quite a number but the following are among our renewals and new subscribers since our last report:

Harry Hamm, Fort Stockton; Isaac Taylor, Trent; John C Hamm, Boise, Idaho; Mrs. S E Winsett, Paris, Tenn; Mrs. Emma Clendine, Springville, Tenn; (by T J Toombs); L G Gazzaway, Thornton; Miss Lisle Sandlin, Norman, Okla; Fred L O'Brien, Dallas; John A Hulen, Houston; John Horton, Thalia; Miss Addie Haley, Gorman; S H Meeks, Noodle; S N Diltz, Bonweir; J J Cook, Crowell; Ross Jennings, El Paso; W I Cogburn, W L Blair, W F Evans, J T Simons, W D Butler, H D Clark, W J Shannon, Ford Smith, Mrs. M A E Rains, Asa Sheppard, J D Cozart, W E Adams, T E Collins, Mack Herod, B D Presley, Clyde Hines, Miss Winnie Sandlin, J B Foster, W C Reid, J A Campbell, Jr., J O Wells, city and the rural routes, S. W. Trout route 1.

FAST SNAPPY GAME PLAYED SATURDAY

Owing to the failure of the Abilene team to fill their date with the Clover Clouters a picked team of the best talent in the city endeavored to teach the youngsters how the game was played but were defeated in the twelfth inning of the game by the score of six to five. It was the best game played on the local diamond this season and played in record time.

The score in the first of the ninth stood five to four in favor of the youngsters but was tied up by some clever base running of the first team and this stopped the scoring till the twelfth when Touchstone got a life on McCoy's error, stole second and was advanced to third by a batted ball to the pitcher and Britains error, Burroughs fanned, Hicks missed the third strike and Touchstone scored the winning run. Each man starred for his team and the result was perfect ball playing. Batteries: Clouters, Stroud and Boring; First team, Woodrum, Britain, Petty and Hicks. Umpire Tom Largent.

The locals have a game here with the First Niners of Abilene Saturday. Everybody come out and root for the home boys.

C. L. Barker, president of the First National has returned from a business visit to Dallas and eastern points.

Monday is the first day of May. Start the month right by buying your groceries from Merkel Dry and Grocery Company.

SUPERINTENDENT SCHOOLS ELECTED

At a meeting of the school board Saturday night R. L. Krigbaum of Weatherford was elected superintendent of the Merkel schools for the next term. While we regret the loss of Prof. Hudgins who does not think he will be in the school work at all next year and retires for a year's rest we feel sure there has been no mistake made in selecting his successor. Prof. Krigbaum comes to us with the very best credentials from some of the leading school men of the state and also several citizens of the Merkel country who know him personally and say the same good things about him. It is hoped that he will have the hearty co-operation of every one connected with or has an interest in the school next session.

This session will close on May 10 turning out nine graduates. Closing exercises will be held at the opera house on the nights of May 9 and 10.

Among his old friends and longing for a place back among them J. J. Cook of the Crowell country was here the past week. He owns a good farm south of Merkel but last year rented it out and moved to his present address. He admitted the coin that we had the best prospects, crops and country and intimated that he will be back this way in the near future. Bill Cogburn and some more of his friends have arranged to have him dipped in the event he attempts anything of this nature.

W. D. Butler was in this week to renew his subscription to the Mail and stated that he had the best and prettiest crops and prospects that he had ever seen anywhere in his life. He was feeling and talking good.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Alsobrook shipped their household goods this week to Hermleigh where they will make their future home. Our town hates to lose this good family but wishes them continued success in their new home.

Run your dry goods and grocery account with us next month and see if you don't get better service and cost you less money. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co. Phone 170.

Uncle John Toombs was in from his Canyon farm the first of the week and was kicking about too much rain and threatening to move farther west. He says that he has had too much.

When you don't know what to cook for dinner phone 170. We'll tell you, we have it, fresh vegetables every day in the week. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Miss Lula, daughter of J. T. Copeland of the Mt. Pleasant community underwent an operation at one of the Abilene sanitariums Monday.

You should see the new Ingersoll "Junior and Midget" watches, something new and good time-keepers at Rust & McCaulley's.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Martin's Nest.

April 25.—As it is the time of the year when the martins begin to rustle for a place to build their nests I will let you know that this neck of the woods is not forsaken.

Cotton planting is almost over; this is a right cold spell on summer cotton. I haven't any of the winter variety like J. S. Hutson and Billie Teaff of the Salty neighborhood. Some people have had pretty hard luck in getting a stand of feed. Ye Scribe has planted some the second time.

Our old standby uncle Charley Williams went back to the old home country two weeks ago to see his son at Paris, Tenn., and the news comes back that he is dangerously ill. Hope when we hear from him again he will be in his usual good health.

Mr. Floyd on J. H. Couch's place is rustling with the weeds and Johnson grass.

Jim Williams has a large cotton crop for one hand and a boy. Mr. Camp on the Bachelor place is an old timer in this country since 1880.

Mr. Bonds is a new comer in our midst; he is at the Williams place.

Mr. Douglas is a new comer in this neighborhood, living on J. H. Couch's place.

Oats sure look well. We are all expecting a bumper crop this year.

Cotton is coming up; if a few hot sunshiny days would come it would whoop it.

Well as news is short had better quit. Old-timer.

Nubia Dots.

April 25.—We are having some very cold weather.

K. Blackburn wife and daughter Lola visited his brother near Riney Sunday.

J. S. Blair, wife and daughter

Dixie visited W. J. Campbell and family Sunday.

Mrs. Cattie Deavenport went to Abilene Tuesday.

T. J. Walker is very feeble at this writing.

F. E. Combs had the misfortune of getting one of his horses cut in the barb wire Saturday night.

Harry Riney, Grover and Fanny Blair and Hattie Hunter attended Sunday school at Riney Sunday evening.

Miss Della Sutphen passed through Nubia this morning.

John Toombs went to Merkel Tuesday.

Ira Thornton was able to attend Sunday school and prayer meeting Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Moore visited Mrs. Emma Campbell Tuesday.

Quarterly conference will be at this place Saturday and Sunday. Dinner on the ground Saturday. Brown Eyes.

Blair News.

April 25.—There is some sickness in our community but nothing serious.

We had a nice rain Saturday night.

Misses Addie and Ada Franks of Mulberry canyon visited here Friday and Saturday.

The literary was largely attended Friday night.

Miss Mary Stinson of Tye visited Amabel Moore last week.

Jake Reeves and Jerry King attended church in Mulberry Sunday night.

Mrs. Aubrey Ray left Friday for Sweetwater where she will join her husband John H. Ray who is firing on the Santa Fe.

Brother Crane pastor of the Presbyterian church and who preached for us once a month left with his family Friday for Santa Anna where they will reside in the future.

W. A. Hall and daughter, Miss Sallie, went to Abilene last week. Daisy.

Riney.

April 25.—Mrs. W. I. Cogburn and children of Center Point spent Sunday with A. Whisenhunt and family.

The families of Roland and Hurley Toombs spent the day at Jim Moore's Sunday.

The school at this place closed last Friday.

Miss Hattie Walker of Merkel who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ola Porter, returned to her home Saturday.

Messrs. McGehee and C. C. Barnes and families took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Boden Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Riney spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Richie in Merkel.

Mrs. Campbell and daughter, Miss Fannie, were seen in Nubia Saturday afternoon.

R. L. McClain has been attending court at Abilene the past week.

Roy Riney and wife spent Sunday with the former's mother.

Miss Blanche Randolph called on the Misses Whetsel Sunday.

T. J. Toombs has resigned his position as "champion whittler" at Nubia and has moved to his mountain home to spend the summer.

Selma Russel and family spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Merkel.

Jim Milam and family of White Church community were visiting at Jess Campbell's Sunday.

Alvia Sipes was a pleasant caller at the home of Mr. Whisenhunt Sunday.

J. R. Toombs took dinner with T. J. Walker and wife Monday.

Shiloh Clippings.

My, my, still trying to rain over here and cloudy. Cotton will soon be big enough to chop. Sure have to keep old Jude and John turning to keep down the weeds.

All the sick folks in this community are better. Mrs. Carr and Sellers are able to sit up.

The good farmers went last week and planted Mr. Carr's cotton for him.

Mrs. Green went to Merkel Sunday and carried her little son to be treated by a specialist from Snyder. They are afraid he will lose the sight of his other eye.

Church at Shiloh Sunday. Some of the Noodle people were with us. The lesson was for young people Sunday night. A number were there and enjoyed the good words by our pastor Rev. Gentry.

Miss Amy Dyess visited her brother Sunday.

There was an ice cream supper at Mack Blackwell's Friday night. A large crowd in attendance and there was plenty of ice cream and cake.

The young people enjoyed a candy breaking at the home of Mr. Wright Monday night.

Miss Florence Cade visited the Misses Hale Sunday.

Grayson's school gave an entertainment Friday afternoon which was enjoyed by a number of visitors. Happy Hooligan.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

See our beautiful line of Easter candies. The Elite.

Mrs. E. P. McMillen visited friends in Abilene Saturday.

Fred Bigham left the first of the week on a business trip to Houston.

See our large shipment of new watches just received. Rust & McCauley.

W. R. Bigham left Sunday morning for Eagle Pass where he goes on business.

We serve the best of cold drinks, always good and cold. The Elite.

Mrs. Dr. Dingle was in the city from Trent Friday visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Clemons.

New "I-T" watches, solid nickel case, guaranteed, \$5.00 and \$6.00 at Rust & McCauley's.

Rev. J. M. Vinson who has been here visiting Rev. T. N. Lowrey has returned to his home in Anson.

Lame shoulder is nearly always due to rheumatism of the muscles, and quickly yields to the free application of Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all dealers.

T. M. Richards has returned to his home at Abilene after a pleasant visit with his son E. C. near Noodle.

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

Misses Charley Bell and Murphy Thomas were visitors in Abilene Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Milliken.

In cases of rheumatism relief from pain makes sleep and rest possible. This may be obtained by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all dealers.

Oran Edwards has returned to his ranch near Midland after a short visit in Merkel with his mother Mrs. West Edwards.

Fresh vegetables can be had every day in the week at Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company. Phone 170.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Shaver of Roscoe were the guests of Miss May Valentine Saturday.

As a household remedy for cuts, burns, bruises, piles, pain and soreness of all kinds, Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniment, 25c size, as no equal. If not satisfactory, money refunded. For sale by all druggists.

A. Sellers was in the city from Eskota Saturday.

Ingersoll's \$1.00 and \$1.50 watches for sale by Rust & McCauley.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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B. W. Hudgins was attending to business in Abilene Monday.

We are now serving the best ice cream. The Elite.

D. V. Parshaff of Longworth, Fisher county, was here Monday on business.

Telephone us your orders for ice cream and get the best. The Elite.

Mrs. D. C. Hutcherson visited relatives in Trent Saturday and Sunday.

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

E. A. Thornton and family are here from Olustee, Okla., visiting his mother, Mrs. A. M. Thornton.

A shipment of Easter candies, novel and new, just received at the Elite.

Mesdames J. D. Southworth and R. B. Johnson were in the city from Trent Saturday shopping.

The new model Ingersoll-Trenton jeweled watch for \$5.00 is the best time-piece for the money on the market. Rust & McCauley.

Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford has returned from Abilene where she has been visiting her son Tom Swafford.

Bring us your chickens and eggs for highest prices. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company. Phone 170.

Miss Lella Dubose who has been teaching the Union Ridge school returned to her home in Cisco Monday.

We have arranged with Jno. Castles of Abilene to do our repair work on jewelry, watches and all work will have careful attention if left with us. Rust & McCauley.

J. F. Anderson and son G. F. who have been here visiting daughter and sister, Mrs. T. N. Lowrey, have returned to their home in Hill county.

Now is the time to list your lands with us for sale. Give us full, fair and honest description with lowest price and we will do the rest. King & Jackson.

Mrs. Dela Creale who was operated on for appendicitis at St. Joseph's Infirmary at Fort Worth is slowly convalescing at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frederickson in north Merkel.

WOMEN'S WOES.

Merkel Women are Finding Relief at Last.

It does seem that women have more than a fair share of the aches and pains that afflict humanity; they must "keep up," must attend to duties in spite of constantly aching backs, or headaches, dizzy spells, bearing down pains; they must stoop over, when to stoop means torture. They must walk and bend and work with racking pains and many aches from kidney ills. Kidneys cause more suffering than any other organ of the body. Keep the kidneys well and health is easily maintained. Read of a remedy for kidneys only that helps and cures the kidneys and is endorsed by people you know.

Mrs. J. M. Golightly, of Merkel, Texas, says: "I have had trouble from my kidneys for the past five years. There was a dull ache across my hips and loins, at times extending into my limbs as far as my knees. The kidney secretions were also unnatural. I used two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills and they did me so much good that I gladly recommend them."

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Laredo in Citrus Fruit Belt.

In a recent report prepared for the Laredo Board of Trade, Prof. Fred W. Mally of the State Agricultural Department recommends that district as being especially favorable for the growing of citrus fruit.

The citrus fruit district of Texas is rapidly increasing in area and the irrigation districts are fast taking rank with the sections more favored by an abundance of rainfall.

A Healing Salve for Burns, Chapped Hands and Sore Lips.

As a healing salve for burns, sores, sore nipples and chapped hands Chamberlain's Salve is most excellent. It allays the pain of a burn almost instantly, and unless the injury is very severe, heals the parts without leaving a scar. Price 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

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Harvey Warren.

The New Mayor of Merkel.

Tuesday of this week Judge C. D. Mims was elected mayor of Merkel, a hustling little city in Taylor county, by almost a unanimous vote. Judge Mims had only been a resident of Merkel about eighteen months and was not a candidate for the office and had refused to make the race. Friends, however, made the announcement and had his name placed on the ticket and at the election of the 197 votes cast for mayor he received 190.

Judge Mims was for a long time a resident of Nacogdoches and has a host of friends here who will congratulate Judge Mims and also the city of Merkel in securing such an enterprising gentleman as their mayor.

While a resident of Nacogdoches Judge Mims was a practicing attorney and at the death of Judge G. W. Ratcliff was appointed by the commissioner's court to fill out his unexpired term. At that time there was no good roads movement for our county roads and it might be truthfully said that he was the instigator of the movement in this county. It was through his effort that the county commissioners were induced to make an appropriation for a demonstration road and it was through him that the federal government was induced to join in on the proposition and to put in the section of good road near town known as the government demonstration road, on the public road leading to Melrose. This road was the starting point for all the good roads work in this county which is now so popular and which has done so much toward the development of Nacogdoches county.

Judge Mims is thoroughly progressive and is just the kind of a man that is needed for mayor of a town that is growing and that wishes to continue to push forward.—Nacogdoches Sentinel.

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If you have any land or desirable city property for sale list it at your lowest price with us and we will find the buyer. King & Jackson.

Had to Show Him.

C. P. Booker living on Butternut near South was opposed to issuing bonds to build better roads in precinct 1, at the time of the election but he's been converted. "Since traveling over the five miles of new road between here and Buffalo Gap I have decided that the men who worked and voted for the bond issue knew more about it than I did," said he. And continuing— "Traveling over the newly built road leading out to Buffalo Gap has made a believer of me, and if the county or anyone else thinks I'm joking, I'll put up \$100.00 cash and furnish two teams to build a road like this one, to run by my farm in Tuscola valley."—Abilene Reporter.

The Dayton Construction company is constructing and equipping a park in the suburbs of Greenville at a cost of \$20,000 to be used for amusement purposes.

The Texas Steamship and Banana company has established a regular steamship service connecting Houston with outside ports. The initial cargo consisted of thirty-three car loads of bananas.

Marion county has purchased mules, scrapers etc., for the purpose of putting the county roads in good shape; also appointed an overseer to supervise the work.

The Texas Horse

The Texas horse, as a utility animal, excels those of any other state in the Union. He has plowed our fields, fought our battles, and is the most faithful of animal kind. Among all the animals he stands first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of the people.



1910 VALUE PER HEAD \$80.

The horse has contributed more toward the progress of the country than any other animal and our philanthropists, as civilizers, must all take off their hats to this dumb brute. During the past quarter of a century he has given away more than half his occupations to the cause of science and scientific discoverers and inventors are now operating in his remaining territory, but he has more than held his own in value and he is today the unit of power by which all his competitors must measure potential energy. He must not only compete with the inventive genius of man, but the mule—his progeny—has wrested from him some of his most valuable occupations. No animal ever met with such strenuous and untiring competition and while press agents have been predicting his elimination he has become a prime factor in the high cost of living. He came out of the war worth \$29.40 and has steadily increased in value until today he is worth \$80.

He has carried the pack of the pioneer, pulled the stagecoach in early days, herded the cattle on the plains and while bringing forward the civilization of the country has lifted himself from a broncho to a thoroughbred. He pulls for Texas stronger than any other animal.

According to the census reports of the Federal department of agriculture, dated Jan. 1, 1910, we had 1,369,000 head of horses and the latest estimate given on value per head was \$80, making a total value of \$109,520,000 for all horses of all ages. This is an increase of 100,000 in number and \$75,000,000 in value during the past decade.

The soil and climate of Texas is particularly adapted to horse raising and no country on the globe can equal us in economy and quality of production.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

R. O. Anderson of Trent was in our city one day this week.

H. A. Clem of Dallas was in Merkel Saturday shaking hands with friends.

WANTED—Man with small family to do ranch work. C. M. Largent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kelly have returned from Loraine where they visited friends.

Buy your binder twine and grain bags from Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

G. L. Goza and daughter, Miss Annie, were here yesterday from near Noodle visiting relatives.

Bob Phillips and family left Tuesday night for Cisco where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown went to Abilene Wednesday to visit Mrs. Jim Norris who is very sick.

Rev. A. M. Martin has returned from Austin where he has been for the past two weeks holding a meeting.

See those new collars, belts barretts, bead and hand bags at the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

You can talk long distance twenty-five per cent cheaper at Rust & McCauley's over the independent lines.

Mrs. A. M. Thornton and son are in Sweetwater this week visiting and attending to business.

The Methodist ladies wish to thank the people for their liberal patronage of the Schubert Symphony Club.

J. B. Harrington is in our city from Normangee, Leon county, visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Barlow and family.

E. A. Click and family were visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederickson Saturday and Monday.

Miss Stella Caldwell was here from Cisco Tuesday in the interest of the West Texas Odd Fellows Association.

Ed Larimore who has been living near Noodle for the past few months returned to his home in Mobile, Ala., Tuesday.

Miss Anie Erwin returned to her home in Trent Monday after a pleasant visit in this city with her sister, Mrs. F. A. Whitley.

Mrs. Mirum Wiswell who has been visiting at the home of G. W. White near Comper returned to her home at Cisco Thursday.

Rev. Edgar A. Burton, formerly pastor of the Central Baptist church at this place but now pastor at Stanton, was in the city Saturday and paid us a pleasant call.

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Water Wagons at Work.

County Judge Bledsoe stated Saturday that twelve hundred lineal feet of good roads were laid on the Buffalo Gap road Friday. Speaking of the work the judge said:

"Four miles on the Buffalo Gap road have been completed, or will be after another wetting and rolling. The Buffalo Gap road at the present rate will be completed by the end of the month. Work on the Elmdale road is progressing nicely and is in good shape, the run being made with increased speed of putting down the rock and wetting and rolling as the hands become familiar with the work. Material for the new bridge over Lytle has been shipped and the bridge will be placed on concrete piers with an eighteen foot passageway, giving sufficient width for double passageway. The present bridge over Cedar will be removed and a double width bridge on concrete piers placed in its stead and the Elmdale road at the Cedar creek crossing will be brought from the west end of the bridge to the Abilene & Southern right-of-way, and all the unsightly gullies will be filled in and the road raised from two to three feet.

"The class of gravel now being used on the Buffalo Gap road, taken from the J. B. Knox premises, shows up to be a very excellent grade and will make a very strong road for this character of a material. In the wetting process now used the water wagons run at night in order to expedite the rolling process which is done during the day.

"A Mr. Adams of Kentucky, who has been building pike roads

OUR FRATERNITIES

Merkel Lodge I. O. O. F. No. 355, meets each Tuesday night in the Odd Fellows hall. R. C. Hampton, N. G., John Banner, Secretary.

Merkel Rebekah Lodge No. 14, meets each 1st and 3rd Thursday nights in Odd Fellows hall. Mrs. Rosa Newberry, N. G., James Shaffer, Secretary.

Merkel Lodge A. F. & A. M. meets Saturday night on or before the first full moon of each month in the Masonic hall. W. B. Farmer, W. M., Henry Hicks, Secretary.

Eastern Star meets in the Masonic hall the first Monday night after regular meeting of A. F. & A. M. Mrs. H. T. Merritt, W. M., Mrs. G. H. Adams, Secretary.

Merkel Camp W. O. W. No. 719 meets 2nd and 4th Friday nights in the Woodmen hall. Rev. Geo. A. Crane, C. C., Seth Hamilton, Clerk.

Merkel Grove W. O. W. Circle No. 563 meets each 1st and 3rd Friday afternoon in the Woodmen hall. Miss Etta Burns, Guardian, Miss Pearl Rawling, Clerk.

in that state, stopped over at Abilene and went out to see the manner of building gravel roads on the Buffalo Gap route, and he pronounced the work being done as the finest he had ever seen of that kind, saying that in his judgment it made a road almost as permanent as the macadam roads of his state."—Abilene Reporter.

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We always make great sacrifices at the end of the season to close up stocks. This is the natural final in every well regulated establishment but this is the first time we have been able to present in the height of the season a lot of the latest and best styles of Men's Clothing, Dry Goods, Millinery, Dress Goods and Shoes at the end-of-season prices. Come and see them.

Staple Department

We offer for this event some staple specials that will convince you of our ability to serve you in a right manner in this department as well as in the dress goods and trimming lines.

Full 36-inch Brown Domestic regular at 7½ cent special for this sale.....**5c**
Good grade Bleached Domestic regular at 7½ cents special at.....**5c**
Genuine Pepperel Sheeting regular price 32 cents special at this sale.....**25c**
Good grade Cotton Checks worth regular 6 cents special.....**5c**
Best standard calicoe only.....**5c**
Best grade Bleach Domestic worth regular 10 cents special only.....**8c**

Embroidery Special

For this great sale we have decided to make prices on embroideries that will cause you to long remember our store as the place of the greatest embroidery values you ever before saw offered. Note the prices then come and see.

Lot No. 1 consists of our entire stock of flouncing, allovers, banding, galloons, etc., not one pieced reserved but all go in this lot, worth regular 85c up to \$1.25 special this sale.....**69c**
Lot No. 2 consists of embroideries in match sets with dainty insertions and bands to match, worth regular 50c to 65c special this sale.....**39c**
Lot No. 3 consists of values up to 40c special this sale.....**29c**
Lot No. 4 represents a full line of embroideries that are so much in demand at this season of year and for this sale we are going to mark the price in the same proportion as the above prices.

Specials in Colored Tub Fabrics

We offer some special values in Tub Fabrics that will interest you.

1500 yards of dainty sheer Colored Lawns in figures, dots, stripes and floral designs, regular price 15c on sale at per yard.....**12½c**
Genuine imported Silk Finish Poplin, all dainty and popular shades regular at 50c, special.....**39c**
Egyptian Tissues very sheer and dainty patterns regular at 25c, special price.....**19c**
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All 10c, 12½ and 15c Ginghams go at.....**10c**
All Silk Ginghams, regular 20c sellers go at.....**16c**
A comprehensive showing in Crepes in Oriental and floral designs, just the Tub Fabric you so much need for that cool kimona for summer wearing, regular price 25c, special at.....**19c**

New Spring Skirts

We have just received a new shipment of fine Dress Skirts all new spring fabrics in latest models and designs, making for you an assortment to select from that you will find no place else. For this special we are making the following prices:

One lot fine skirts, latest styles and models trimmed and plain tailored, regular at \$10.00, at this sale special.....**\$8.49**
One lot fine new models all fresh stock, regular price \$9.00 go in this special at.....**\$7.49**
Our \$6.00 line of skirts are very strong values at regular price, but during this special you may buy them for.....**\$4.49**

Trimmed Hats

During this sale we will offer a special selection of hats that are beyond doubt the best values ever offered for the price this includes specially trimmed hats made during the past week to add additional beauty to the collection, they represent the latest and best in large and medium shanes, profusely trimmed with flowers, ribbons, velvets, etc., each represents a special and substantial reduction. Come and see them during this sale. Each lot will be on separate tables, so it will be easy for you to select the kind and price you want.

Table No. 1 represents fine trimmed hats regular price up to \$3.50 special for.....**\$1.98**
Table No. 2 represents values to \$6.00 special for this sale.....**\$3.48**
Table No. 3 represents hats worth up to \$8.00 special for this sale.....**\$4.45**
Table No. 4 represents a line of swell dress hats values actually worth to \$12.50 special for this sale.....**\$7.98**

Clothing Special

In looking through our clothing we find we have entirely to much for this season so during this sale we will sell you a fine SUIT AT A CHEAP SUIT PRICE.

Mens \$10.00 Suits for this sale.....**\$ 7.95**
Mens 12.50 Suits for this sale.....**9.95**
Mens 15.00 Suits for this sale.....**11.95**
Mens 16.50 Suits for this sale.....**13.95**
Mens 18.50 Hart Schaffner & Marx.....**14.95**
Mens 20.00 Hart Schaffner & Marx.....**16.95**
Mens 22.50 Hart Schaffner & Marx.....**17.95**
Mens 25.00 Hart Schaffner & Marx.....**19.95**
Boys Clothing same reduction.

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Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Editor

Thursday afternoon April 20 Mrs. J. G. Jackson entertained complimentary to the members of her houseparty. The reception rooms were beautifully decorated with honeysuckle and roses. Hand-painted score cards were used to mark progression. In progressive 42 Mrs. N. C. Sinclair was awarded a beautiful cut glass dish for progression. The consolation favor went to Miss Jewel Coggin in a cut with Miss Jessie O'Briant. The guest prize, a cut glass bon-bon dish was won by Mrs. I. E. Bachelor. At the conclusion of the games an ice course was served. The cream was frozen in La France roses and was served with cake.

The guests were Mrs. Will Fisher and I. E. Bachelor of Leuders, King and Hollis Roberts of Nugent. Members of the house party: L. D. Gaither, S. S. Harris of Abilene, J. P. C. Hunt, C. M. McCauley, W. H. Dickson, W. E. Britain, Lanier Brown, L. Sparkman, Fred Bigham, N. C. Sinclair, C. D. Mims, Misses Jewel Coggin, Jessie O'Briant and Allie Jennings.

Forty-two Party.

Among the daintily appointed affairs honoring the members of Mrs. Jackson's house party was the progressive 42 party given by Mrs. Deavenport Gaither Friday afternoon April 21. This cozy little home was artistically decorated with fragrant roses in bowls and vases. Beautiful cut glass and hand-painted china added to the decoration scheme in the dining room. Hand-painted score cards marked the games of each player. Mrs. W. H. Dickson won the progression favor, a lovely cut glass dish, in a cut with Miss Jewel Coggin. The guest prize, a cut glass perfume bottle, went to Mrs. Hollis Roberts. The consolation prize went to Mrs. I. E. Bachelor in a cut with Mrs. C. D. Mims.

The guests were Mesdames L. Sparkman, N. C. Sinclair, J. P. C. Hunt, W. E. Britain, J. G. Jackson, B. C. Gaither, W. V. Cranford, I. E. Bachelor, Leuders, Will Fisher, Leuders, Hollis Roberts, Nugent, King Roberts, Nugent, S. S. Harris, Abilene, C. D. Mims, Lanier Brown, Fred Bigham, Claud Bigham, W. H. Dickson and Miss Jewel Coggin. An ice course was served. Easter lilies were represented in the cream making it both beautiful and delicious.

Miss Zora West was the charming hostess Friday evening to a number of friends at her home in west Merkel. Music, conversation and 42 afforded entertainment for the many guests present.

The personnel of the crowd: Misses Elma Sheppard, Eunice Nibbitt, Jessie Sutphen, Leno Largent, Carol Rister, Gene

Rister, Mattie Paylor, Josephine Medlen, Ona and Virginia Hamblett, Dethel Jenkins, Maggie Roberts, Clara, Margie and Murtice Saffle, Fannie Burroughs and the hostess. Messrs. Robert Medlen, Robert Hicks, Willie Joe Largent, Ottis Barnett, Low Barnett, Taylor Jennings, Oscar Pate, "Choc" Jones, Frank Ferrer, Parker Sharp, Tyre Sublett, Sam Swann, Lytton Howard, Conna Adams, Raymond Touchstone, James and John West.

On Saturday afternoon April 22, Mrs. N. C. Sinclair honored the visiting ladies with a dance at the opera house. During the afternoon delicious fruit punch was served. Among those who enjoyed the dance were Mesdames Hollis and King Roberts of Nugent Bachelor and Fisher of Leuders, Harris of Abilene, Hunt, Gaither, Brown Bigham, Sheppard, Jackson, Misses Jewel and Zora Coggin, Jessie O'Briant Daniel, Pitzer, and the hostess. Others who enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. N. C. Sinclair were Mesdames Magness, Comegys, Walker, Claud Bigham, Dickson

A crowd of young people met at the home of Eugenia Rister Sunday afternoon. After enjoying vocal and instrumental music they went to the league. The crowd included Misses Josephine Medlen, Sutphen, Sheppard, Burroughs, Paylor, Eunice Nibbitt, Carol and Gene Rister. Messrs. Merritt, Hicks, Medlen, Evans, Ferguson, Jones, Roy Bradley.

The Baracas of the M. E. church held another of their rousing meetings Friday night. A dozen or more members filled with enthusiasm over the many topics under discussion put new life into all present. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Simpson Christopher; Vice-President, Frank Smith; Secretary, Bert Hudgins; Assistant Secretary, John Moore; Treasurer, Frank Smith; Assistant treasurer, Ira Shaffer.

The reports of all committees were good. Membership and christian work committees, personal talks about religion, six; invitations to attend Sunday school, ninety; report also shows seven visitors, five new members and fifteen bibles in class. This is one of the best working organized young men's class in the state.

Be a worker, a doer, a winner. Our motto: "We Do Things." Our platform: "Young men working for young men, all standing by the bible and the bible classes."

A dainty and prettily appointed party was given Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Fred Bigham. The reception rooms were decorated with cut flowers roses in bowls and vases were preferred, the soft rays of light reflecting from the chandeliers added charm to the decorative scheme.

Dutch score cards designated the table and partner for progressive 42. Mrs. W. R. Walker triumphantly carried off the out

glass favor for progression. The consolation favor, a darned egg, went to Mrs. L. Sparkman in a cut with Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Hunt. Refreshments were served, angel's food and cream, the cream moulded to represent dutch shoes were in keeping with the score cards.

The guests were Mesdames Taylor of Lubbock, Harris of Abilene, McCauley, Jackson, Claud Bigham, Sheppard, Henry West, Coggin, Otho Williams, Daniel, Hunt, L. D. Gaither, Brown, Walker, Sparkman, Sinclair, W. D. Woodroof, Dickson and Miss Lucy Bean.

In response to a very cordial invitation from Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hamm the L. M. A. society of the Baptist church met in regular session in the palatial home of these good people and held one of the most interesting meetings since its organization. An interesting missionary program had been arranged and was well rendered. A free-will offering was taken and was very liberally contributed to for home and foreign mission work. After the business of the society was attended to and the program carried out the guests were served with delicious refreshments prepared by Mr. Hamm and his good wife. The members will ever remember the generous hospitality extended them by these good people and there will always be a tender heart to go out for them by each member. There were eighteen members present. Next meeting will be with Mrs. J. T. Warren. Secretary.

Wednesday afternoon April 19, Little Miss Madalyn Hunt celebrated her seventh birthday. Four little girls came in to play and help her enjoy the punch, bananas and candy. They had lots of fun. The playmates present were little Misses Lucy Tracy, Tilroe Moon, Elizabeth Barker and Opal Moon. All wished the little hostess many happy returns of the day.

The closing program for the XX century club will be given Saturday. Miss Long, Leader. Biographical sketches of the leading characters in the play just finished will be given. Mrs. Armstrong—Henry the VIII; Mrs. Dickson—Catherine; Mrs. Sparkman—Ann Bullen; Mrs. L. H. King—Wolsey; Miss Lucy Bean—Cramner; Mrs. L. D. Gaither—Comwell.

Mrs. W. P. Browning is at home from an extended trip to the coast. She visited her son Lem at Aransas pass. She also visited Corpus Christi and Rockport. En route home a three days stop was made at San Antonio for the carnival.

Mesdames I. E. Bachelor and Will Fisher of Leuders and Hollis and King Roberts of Nugent have returned to their respective homes after a delightful visit in the Jackson home.

Miss Allie Jennings has gone to Abilene to visit Mrs. W. H. Sewell.

Failed in Health

"My mother died six years ago," writes Miss Ruth Ward, of Jerseyville, Ill., "and left me to care for six children. I had never been strong; and this, with the shock of her death, was too much for me. "I failed in health. I was tired all the time and did not want to go anywhere, nor care for company. I had the headache all the time and such bearing-down pains. "A very dear friend advised me to take Cardui, as it had done her so much good, so I commenced to use it and now I am in good health."

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GLASSES FITTED

Mrs. Elma Obither of Odessa was the guest of Mrs. J. W. Daniel this week leaving for her home Tuesday.

Mrs. S. S. Harris left Wednesday for her home in Abilene after a week's visit with Merkel friends.

Mrs. Taylor of Lubbock is the guest of Mrs. C. M. McCauley.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

The State of Texas: To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon W. D. Carpenter by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 42nd Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 42nd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice's Court of Precinct No. 5, Taylor County, to be holden at Merkel in said Taylor County, on the 24th day of April 1911, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 8th day of March 1909, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 483, wherein The First National Bank of Merkel, Texas, a banking corporation having its domicile at Merkel, Texas, is Plaintiff, and L. N. Simmons and W. D. Carpenter are Defendants, and said petition alleging and declaring on the part of plaintiff in a suit on one certain promissory note executed by L. N. Simmons and W. D. Carpenter for the principal sum of \$114.00, bearing date of June 2nd 1908, due four months after date, providing for ten per cent interest after maturity, and providing for ten percent attorney fees, if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection.

Plaintiff alleges that said note is long past due, and though often requested, defendants and each of them have failed to pay same or any part thereof.

Plaintiff prays judgment against the defendants, L. N. Simmons and W. D. Carpenter, jointly and severally, for its said debt, interest, attorney fees and costs.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next

regular term, this writ, with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, N. D. Cobb Justice of the Peace for Precinct No. 5, Taylor County, Texas.

Given under my official signature, at office in Merkel, Texas, this the 29th day of March 1911.

N. D. Cobb Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5, Taylor County Texas.

The septic tank for the Bryan municipal sewerage system has been completed and 2,000 feet of the main trunk line pipe laid. The system will be ready for use in the business district within thirty days.

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[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 Missionary Society meets second Monday at 2:30 p. m. You are cordially invited. Strangers are welcome. A. M. Martin, Pastor.

B. Y. F. U. Program.

A special program has been arranged for the union at the Baptist church Sunday April 30, at 8 p. m. Everybody cordially invited.

Subject, Missions.

Leader, Mrs. Victor Harris.

Song.

Prayer by Rev. W. C. Taggart.

Song.

Paper, Progress of Work in South America—Miss Dollie Teaff.

Male Quartet—Messrs. Ben Moore, W. C. Taggart, Ben Merritt, Elbert Dean.

Paper, Conditions in Argentina—Miss Mattie Murphy.

Solo—Miss Ethel Roberts.

Messages from Mexico, Japan, China, Italy, Turkey by five Juniors in costumes.

Doxology.

Dismissal.

League Program.

Subject, Help and hindrance from within in guarding the life.

Leader, Leslie McNeess.

Song, Hymnal, No. 570.

Scripture reading Rom., viii; 16-26; I John iii; 20-21.

Address by leader.

Song, Hymnal, No. 524.

Luke xvii; 21.—Carl Lowrey.

Hebrews vii; 15.—Noel Moore. Instrumental music—Bessie Touchstone.

Right feelings—Gladys Christopher.

Right thoughts—Ola Pope.

Right desires and right choices—A. W. Hudgins.

Hindrance within—Ollie Shaffer.

Song, Hymnal, No. 350.

Benediction.

W. H. M. Program May 1.

Scripture reading Acts xvi; 2-26; Rom., xvi; 3-5; 1 Cor., 16-19—Mrs. Mims.

Women with a trained mind and a willing heart—Mrs. A. M. Martin.

The effect of housing conditions upon labor and upon home life—Mrs. Jennings.

The movement for pure milk, pure food and proper sanitation—Mrs. M. Armstrong.

The district nurse and the clinic—Mrs. Routh.

Settlements and the health of the community—Mrs. Will Ayres.

What may be done without a trained leader—Mrs. H. C. Williams.

Leaflet on city mission work without a trained leader—Mrs. Edwards.

Motto—Mrs. Sparkman.

School Program.

The following is the program of Salt Branch school Friday night April 28:

Welcome Address—E. V. White.

Opening Address—Osie Teaff. Quartette.

Dialogue, Mind Your Own Business. Two acts.

Recitation, The Widow Piper—Ida Taylor.

Recitation, Nobody's Child—Annie Higgins.

Speech, Mollies Little Ram—Nim Teaff.

Dialogue, Double Faced. One act.

Reading, Bill and I on Hornet—Holland Teaff.

Dialogue, The Days of the Week—Seven little girls.

Recitation, A Cany Rule—Constance Harris.

Recitation, They Say—Dewie Floyd.

Dialogue, A Precarious Predicament. Two scenes.

Reading, How Rulie Played—Q. A. Hendrix.

Speech, A Rough Rider at Home—Willie Teaff.

Tableau, The Sleeping Boy (a mother's dream). Three acts.

Recitation, In as Much—Paul McMurray.

Dialogue, Better Than a Doctor. Two scenes.

Dialogue, Mrs. Jones Takes Tea with Mrs. Brooks—Two little girls.

Speech, Too Late for School—Nina Beavers.

Speech, Neighbors—Paul McMurray.

Journal—Olive Teaff.

It's the World's Best.

No one has every made a salve ointment or balm to compare with Buckle's Arnica Salve It's the one perfect healer of cuts, corns, burns, bruises, sores, scalds, boils, ulcers, eczema, salt rheum For sore eyes, cold sores, chapped hands or sprains, its supreme Infalible for piles Only 25c at H C Burroughs

Big Shipment of Cabbage.

Reports from Harlingen show that thirty car loads of cabbage were shipped to northern and eastern markets from that place recently. Texas cabbage is acquiring a reputation for its excellent quality and finds a ready sale in all markets of the country.

A Knecker

is a man who can't see good in any person or thing It is a habit caused by a disordered liver If you find that you are beginning to see things through blue spectacles, treat your liver to a good cleaning out process with Ballard's Herbine A sure cure for constipation, dyspepsia, indigestion, sick headache, biliousness, all liver, stomach and bowel troubles Sold by H C Burroughs

Farmersville has voted a bond issue of \$10,000 for permanent street improvements.

When a medicine must be given to young children it must be pleasant to take. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is made from loaf sugar, and the roots used in its preparation give it a flavor similar to maple syrup, making it pleasant to take. It has no superior for colds, croup and whooping cough. For sale by all dealers.

TEXAS INDUSTRIAL NOTES

Sweetwater has let the contract for eleven blocks of grading in the business district. Crushed rock and asphalt will be used.

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

The city of Longview has voted a bond issue of \$90,000 for the purpose of paving the business streets, erecting modern lighting facilities, etc.

"Our baby cries for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. T. B. Kendrick, Rasaca, Ga. "It is the best cough remedy on the market for colds, and croup." For sale by all dealers.

Most people look upon the good roads question as an abstract proposition, good to talk about but a poor thing to pay for.

Mere Wishing Never Brings Success.

To make a success in the cure of kidney, bladder or rheumatic trouble take Hall's Texas Wonder. It gives quick and permanent relief. Write for testimonials, Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggist.

An ice cream cone factory has been established in Houston by the Casey and Eddy company of Des Moines, Iowa, for the making of ice cream cones and other confectionery novelties. The machinery is of the latest improved type known to the confectionery business.

Constipation brings many ailments in its train and is the primary cause of much sickness. Keep your bowels regular madam, and you will escape many of the ailments to which women are subject. Constipation is a very simple thing, but like many simple things, it may lead to serious consequences. Nature often needs a little assistance and when Chamberlain's Tablets are given at the first indication, much distress and suffering may be avoided. Sold by all dealers.

The contract has been let for the construction of the duplicate water main across Galveston bay at a cost of \$66,389. This main is to be thirty inches internal measurements and approximately 10,766 lineal feet, to be constructed along the causeway from Virginia point to Galveston Island.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm. Walding, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

An iron and brass foundry, machine shops and boiler works are being put up at Aransas Pass by Chas. J. Stanzel at a cost of \$12,500. The plant consists of three separate buildings, 40 by 100 feet.

The Circus

acrobat finds it is necessary at all times to keep his muscles and joints supple That is the reason that hundreds of them keep a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment always on hand A sure cure for rheumatism, cuts, sprains, sore throat, lame back, contracted muscles, corns, bunions and all pains Price 25c 50c and \$1 per bottle Sold by H C Burroughs

The Texas Hog

The dinner bell of the nation rings out the praises of the Texas hog and he is diligently sought after by the consumers of both continents.

No domestic animal has ever made such sacrifices to meet the demands of progress as the hog. He has given half of his life and fifty-six pounds of flesh to meet the market demand for young stock. Certainly the human race has made no such sacrifice for success as this dumb brute. According to the census reports of the Federal department of agriculture the average weight of the hog has decreased from 275 pounds to 219 pounds during the past thirty years and he is now going to the market one year earlier than formerly.



1910 VALUE PER HEAD \$7.70.

As a revenue producer he undoubtedly excels any other animal on the globe and enjoys the distinction of being the only animal that can swell a bank account by emptying a swill barrel. The hog is the most prolific of all domestic animals. As a rule the hog is not troubled with competitors, although King Cotton has made an effort to imitate his by-products by putting on the market a compound substitute for lard, but wherever the fat of the hog can supply the market his counterfeit quickly disappears.

The hog has thickly populated the rural districts of Texas and his rapid approach has so alarmed city councils that numerous ordinances have been passed prohibiting him from entering the city limits, but when properly dressed and cooked he quickly wins the favor of both aldermen and citizens.

The Texas swine is the most prosperous of all hogs in the United States. According to the census reports of the Federal department of agriculture on Jan. 1, 1911, the average value of hogs of all ages in Texas was \$7.70, which is an increase of 373 per cent since 1870. No state in the Union can compare with us in increase in value per head of hogs. The total value of all hogs of all ages at the present time is approximately \$25,000,000. We have shown an increase of 539,000 in number and \$17,000,000 in value during the past decade.

Texas is one of the best hog countries on the globe and the animal fattens economically under natural conditions.

Eminent Authorities Say

that out door exercise is needed by the American people. That's all very well, but how can people with the rheumatism follow that advice? The answer is very simple—use Ballard's Snow Liniment and the rheumatism will go; leaving you as spry as a colt. Gives quick and permanent relief from rheumatism, neuralgia, lame back and all pains. Sold by H C Burroughs.

Paper Mill Enlarged.

The Lucher Moore paper mill at Orange, which is the only paper mill in the world using yellow pine in the manufacture of its output, has recently doubled the capacity of their plant. The United States government is rapidly increasing its use of yellow pine products and is placing large orders with the Texas mill.

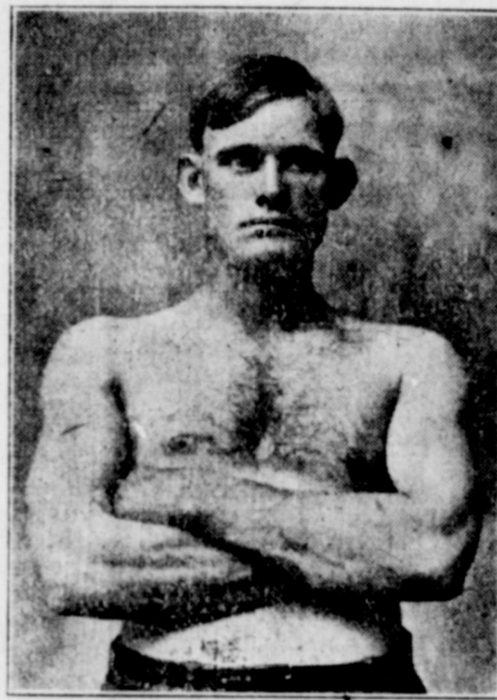
This is one of the instances of the possibilities for a varied utilization of our natural products heretofore untried and proves the enormous benefit to be derived by the manufacture of our raw material.

Kills a Murderer.

A merciless murderer is appendicitis with many victims. But Dr King's New Life Pills kill it by prevention. They gently stimulate stomach, liver and bowels, preventing that clogging that invites appendicitis, curing constipation, headache, biliousness, chills 25c at H C Burroughs.

WRESTLING MATCH AT OPERA HOUSE Saturday Night Apr. 29 AT 8:30 O'CLOCK

KEITH VS ADAMS



R. F. ADAMS

Abilene athlete will try again to put the Merkel wrestler on the mat twice within one hour to make good his claim for the Middleweight Championship of West Texas.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Arrangements have been made for a musical program and ladies are invited to attend.

Admission : 25c and 35c

Notice of Trustee Election.

In conformity with an order passed by the Board of Trustees of Merkel Independent School district on Monday, the 10th day of April, 1911, notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the city hall in Merkel, Texas, in the said Merkel Independent School district on Saturday, the 6th day of May, 1911, for the purpose of electing four trustees for said district.

J. J. Stallings is duly appointed manager of said election, which shall be held as nearly as possible in conformity with the general laws of the state of Texas.

T. J. Coggin, acting Pres.
Joseph H. Warnick, Secy.
At Of the Board of Trustees.

Just Half in Bed.

Clyde, Ky.,—Mrs. I. A. Decker writes from Clyde, "I recommend Cardui, the woman's tonic, to any woman in need of a remedy. For five years I was unable to do my work. Half my time was spent in bed. At times I could not stand. At last I tried Cardui. Now I am well and happy, and can do my own work." Don't suffer pain, headache, backache and other womanly misery when your own druggist has on his shelf a remedy—Cardui. Get a bottle for your shelf.

Eyes tested. Glasses fitted correctly. Prices reasonable.
Rust & McCuley.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Mebane planting seed. S. F. Haynes.

FOR SALE—Cabbage plants. Homer Rainbolt.

IF you want a nice Jersey cow see T. N. Lowrey, Merkel, Texas.

EGGS—Pure Rhode Island Red (the Reed strain)\$1.50 and \$1.00 per setting of 15, first and second pens, respectively. R. A. Ellis, Merkel, Texas. tf

FOR RENT—First house south from railroad pump house, five rooms, east front, good water, dug well, crib, shed, chicken house, lot, chicken fence, fine wheat patch with chicken fence. \$3.00 per month. Dr. Joseph H. Warnick. tf

BREEDER'S NOTICE.—A good jack, draft stallion and an all purpose horse will make the season at the old Tracy ranch. Clyde Hines. 134tpd

FOR SALE—Two cows and calves for cash or on time. John S. Hughes six miles south of Merkel. 1tpd

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND
Train No. 8, leaves Merkel.. 9:02 a.m.
Train No. 4 " " .. 11:29 a.m.
Train No. 6 " " .. 11:18 p.m.

WEST BOUND
Train No. 5, leaves Merkel.. 5:31 a.m.
Train No. 7 " " .. 5:11 p.m.
Train No. 3 " " .. 6:46 p.m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

Read the advertising in this and all other issues of the Mail for our business people are making bids for your patronage.

Rural Mail Delivery.

There is nothing that congress has done since the establishment of the rural free school system that was worth any more to the farmer than the delivery of his mail. This service started only a few years ago, with only a small appropriation but now there are nearly 42,000 carriers serving perhaps 3,000,000 families. Now the stockman and farmer of every class reads his daily paper though he lives several miles from his office.

Interest in diversification of farming and raising of prize winning stock has grown wonderfully in the past few years. The bringing of the farmers into closer touch with each other and with their market prices by the daily delivery of his mail comes in for a large claim as one of the cause of the above improved condition of our great country.

With the editors permission we will say more later about the rural districts over which we travel. A Carrier.

INSURANCE

Fire, Hail and Tornado

If you want good safe and sound insurance at a small cost, something that will protect you against fire, hail, lightning, tornado, etc., protection for your vacant buildings, live stock and crops. See E. D. Coats, with the underwriters of Fort Worth, Tex.

Texas Cattle

The Texas steer fills the larder of the civilized world; provides boots and shoes for the rich and poor of two hemispheres and our dairy products are a factor in the world's trade. No Texas product is so well and favorably known as that of our livestock industry.



1910 VALUE PER HEAD \$19.80.

The Texas steer is a close student of the markets and has shown more business instinct than any other animal. From a reckless pioneer of the plains he has forged his way to the mastery of the world's markets and has transformed himself from a wild, unruly beast into a docile, thoroughbred and today he is the leader in packing house society and faces the markets of the world as sound commercially as the Bank of England. He once went to market under his own steam, but he now rides in palatial cars and he is as much at home traveling in a tin can on an ocean liner as on the plains and he scales the tariff wall of foreign countries with as much ease as his ancestors climbed an ordinary rail fence.

The Texas steer possesses stronger powers of concentration than any other animal. He has but one purpose in life and that is to produce food for man and he displays a tenacity and ability in pursuing his chosen vocation that would be a credit to many members of the human race.

Texas grass—the cheapest of all animal foods—has been his principal diet and from it he has taken pure blood and solid flesh and built up a world reputation as the healthiest of animal foods. With the canopy of heaven for a covering and the natural pastures as a range he can be reared more cheaply in Texas than any other country on the globe.

Texas has twice as many cattle as any other state in the Union. According to the census reports of the Federal department of agriculture, Jan. 1, 1910, there were 8,268,000 head of cattle in Texas and the latest government estimate values them at \$19.80 per head. We have made an increase of over 1,000,000 head of cattle and a total increase in value of approximately \$2,000,000 during the past decade.

The Texas ranches are being cut into small tracts, but the cattle remain on the farm and increase in number and improve in quality and value.

An Excursion to Cuba for 10c.

The museum car "Cuba on Wheels" which represents the department of agriculture, industry and commerce of the Cuban government, and has been enroute since the St. Louis fair, being also on exhibit at Jamestown and various other exhibitions, will be on exhibition in Merkel two days next week Friday and Saturday April 28 and 29 at the T. & P. depot.

The car will be open to visitors daily from 10 o'clock each morning until 10 at night. Admission, to help defray expenses enroute, 10 cents. School classes with teachers 5 cents. Remember you will see the real articles from Cuba in this car. It is in no way a "land car" but an exhibition exhibit from a foreign country. The agricultural and manufacturing exhibits interest business men; the handiwork of Cuban women, and oil exhibits such as the \$100 fan etc., entertain ladies while the entire exhibit is educational for school children and the Cuban monkey and alligator interest the little folks. The relics from the wreck battleship Maine are interesting to everyone.

For Constipation.

Mr. L. H. Farnham, a prominent druggist of Spirit Lake, Iowa, says: "Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are certainly the best thing on the market for constipation." Give these tablets a trial. You are certain to find them agreeable and pleasant in effect. Price 25 cents. Samples free. For sale by all dealers.

RINGS DYSPESIA TABLETS
Relieve Indigestion and Stomach Troubles.