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Some Facts Offsetting "Facts."

Habakkuk 2: 12-15—"Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood and establish a city by iniquity. Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him and maketh him drunken."

Col. Jake Wolters, chairman of the anti-prohibition organization of Texas, is sending out or causing to be sent, a paper entitled "Facts," but which could be more properly named anything else.

Because of this fact we are forced to preach and write upon the great subject presented in our text, "Temperance."

I would emphasize that it is not because I am paid to write this sermon that I write it (I am not paid) but out of a strong desire that the people may see their responsibility to God and keep before their minds the real issue in the prohibition campaign.

The issue is, shall we vote for the saloon to still live in our fair state debauching manhood; wrecking homes; depriving many children of food, clothing and an education; blighting the bright prospects of many of our boys; heaping upon us an enormous tax in trying to subject criminality, with many other evils too numerous to mention and perfectly familiar to every voter, or shall we by our vote blot out this awful curse from our state? Shall we help our neighboring towns and cities to build themselves in blood, by putting the bottle or glass of drink, directly or indirectly to the lips of our fellow men, or shall we vote all the time and all the way against licensing the awful curse?

We are aware that "Facts" would lead us, if possible, to conclude that there is nothing wrong with the sale of intoxicants, that it creates and helps business, that taxes are less because of the revenue derived from the license, that just as much will be sold illicitly, and hence we had better just regulate the sale, making the county the unit. Let us carefully examine these statements:

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Abraham Lincoln, one of our greatest statesmen, said "The liquor traffic is a cancer in society, eating out the vitals and threatening destruction, and attempts to regulate it will only prove abortive. There must be no attempt to regulate the cancer. It must be eradicated."

Every man who has lived where the saloon has existed knows how hard it is to regulate the business. The man who is in the business [is not in it for honor or the good he may do but for the money that is in it, and he will hardly turn it down coming from any one at anytime. Hence to license it is to license men to become law-breakers with the stamp of our government upon their business.

2. Just as much will be sold illicitly.

Is this statement true? "Facts" would say I'll prove it to you by looking at old prohibition Maine.

It is true that Maine has been lied about so persistently that even many who are against the saloons have come to believe that prohibition in Maine is pretty much a farce. But let us see what Hon. Chas. E. Littlefield, one of the greatest congressmen Maine or the United States has ever produced, says about it: "Men who violate the law are afraid of the government in Washington and are careful to pay the license fee which the law of the nation has established. To this we will all agree. Now to show you that prohibition in Maine is effective I will give you these figures: The internal revenue tax in Illinois amounts to \$9.20 per capita, in Kentucky to \$8.73 per capita, but in Maine to 4 cents per capita. Now gentlemen we know you can hardly find an illicit seller without revenue license, the same as the retail dealer. So if we compare Maine with any whisky state we can clearly see that prohibition does prohibit." Not all of course, but mainly so, thus protecting our boys and best grade of citizenship. Then, if we vote and use our influence against it we are not responsible for the sale of it, but if our vote helps to establish the saloon we are indeed giving our neighbor drink and hence my text says "Woe unto you."

3. To license the saloon will lessen taxes.

Is this true? Who will dare answer in the affirmative and meet it at the judgment? Yet the anti-prohibition forces are emphasizing that the breweries and liquor shops pay in more than a million dollars per year to the state. But what if they do? Where do they get it, with the additional millions that build their fine homes and swell their bank accounts?



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Let Us Convince You

Gentlemen, every thinking man knows that it comes from the consumer, largely, husbands and fathers. What an awful toll to be taken from our women and children of the state who are made to suffer to enrich the breweries and retailers. Just imagine how much better will be the condition of the people of the state when this money, instead of going into the coffers of the breweries and grog-shops, will be invested in homes for the working men and their families, will be spent for better food, better clothes and better education for their children. The state will get it back and more and people should not be led astray by such specious arguments as that prohibition will mean increased taxes. It may mean increased taxes for one class of men—the man who lives in a rented house and spends much of his money for drink but who, when the baneful influence of the saloon is removed, will be able to buy a home of his own and pay taxes on it, but that sort of increased taxation will be a blessing and not a burden. The fact is, my friend, that the saloon is our worst tax-producer. It costs ten times as much to suppress the crime and enforce the law that is broken, caused by the saloon, as the license amount to. This is not a wild statement. Think for yourself and you will conclude it must be so.

4. To license the saloon will create and help business.

Is this true? Is business better and money more plentiful where we find saloons?

This is not true, but it is true that the elimination of the saloon will establish a higher grade of business; will result in a better distribution of the money and will increase as the volume of business and put more money into the country, because it increases the earning capacity of our men. We know that the earning capacity of thousands is ruined by strong drink by the saloons.

Does it really put more money into the country to vote out the the saloons? Let us see. For each inhabitant of Maine there is \$95 in local saving banks, for each inhabitant of Illinois there is \$13 in local saving banks, and in Kentucky there are no saving deposits whatever.

Now, note that Maine is a prohibition state, while Illinois and Kentucky are saloon states subject to local option. So a thorough investigation will convince anyone that is a decided advantage to the masses, from the business standpoint, to vote the saloons out of our great state.

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We are doing business every day in the week and year at the same stand in the same old way.

Reliable Groceries At Reasonable Prices

Our service and accommodations are reliable. We carry everything in our line and can not be undersold on the same quantity of goods, anywhere.

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The Reliable Grocers



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Safe and Satisfactory

In the conduct of our business and treatment of our customers we strive to be worthy of our name---The Old Reliable. Liberal but conservative, always dependable

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J. E. FAUCETT, Cashier

331 building permits were granted; buildings to cost \$816,000. The postoffice receipts during the saloon period amounted to \$112,000 and during the period without the saloons \$120,000. In many other ways business advanced without the saloons.

But, should not our cities have the saloons to build up their streets, waterworks, sewer system, light plant and etc?

Every dollar comes off of the citizens of the locality in which the saloon is located. Why not let them pay for these improvements. Remember my brother, if you are a voter, you are a member of the body politic of this state and being a part of the body we are responsible to God for its moral condition so far as your vote and influence is concerned. Will we by our vote help to "build a town with blood and establish a city by iniquity"? My text says "Woe to him" who does so. Will we by our vote permit saloons to exist anywhere? If we do, are we not giving our neighbor drink? Are we not putting the bottle to him? Are we not making him drunk? Surely the wrath of the Almighty will rest upon us, if we by our vote allow the saloon—the worst foe of our homes—to exist; therefore there is but one safe thing to do in this great campaign for statewide prohibition and that is to pray for it, put your time and money into it to help carry on the campaign and on election day vote for the amendment. Let us free our state of this awful curse.

A. M. Martin.

Not Sorry for Blunder.

"If my friends hadn't blundered in thinking I was a doomed victim of consumption. I might not be alive now," writes D. T. Sanders, of Harrodsburg, Ky., "but for years they saw every attempt to cure a lung racking cough fail. At last I tried Dr. King's New Discovery. The effect was wonderful. It soon stopped the cough and I am now in better health than I have had for years." This wonderful lifesaver is an unrivaled remedy for coughs, colds, la grippe, asthma, croup, hemorrhages, whooping cough or weak lungs. 50c, \$1.00 Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H C Burroughs

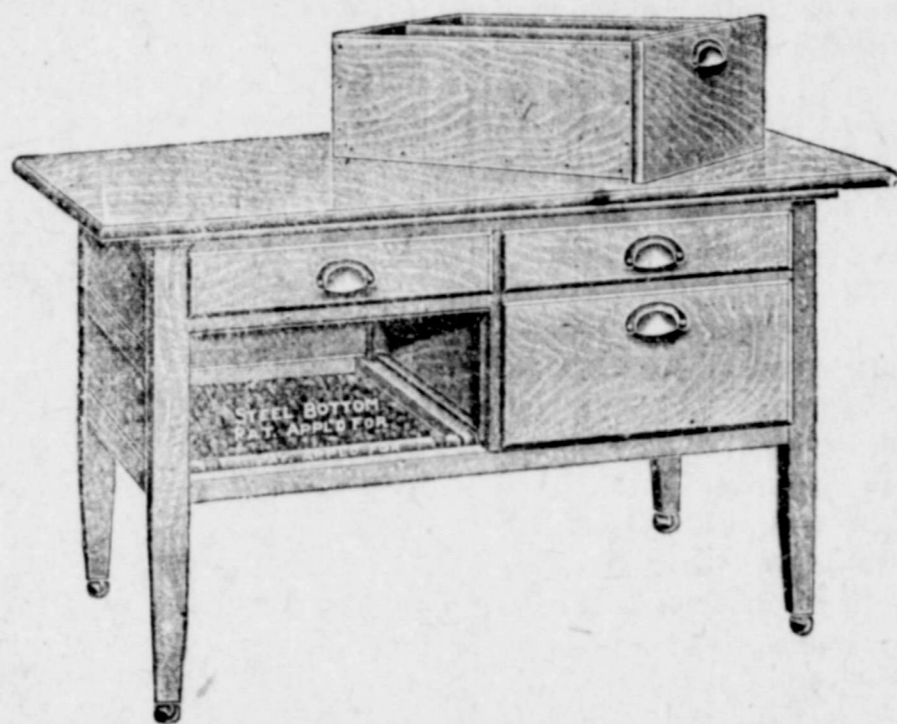
J. E. Pitzer Sr., has moved his family to Sweetwater where he has accepted a position with the Texas & Pacific Railway Co. as agent.

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

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harkrider spent Friday in Abilene.

You can get La France flour from G. F. West & Sons at the same price. It's better. 2t

THE MONEY YOU WASTE IN YOUR KITCHEN



We do all kinds of picture framing, but only the right kind. Bring your picture to help select the moulding to match. We can please you.

would quickly pay for one of our kitchen cabinets. Try it once and you will not do without it for twice the price.



Take care of the babies and they will take care of you. Take baby with you when you go out. Fresh air will do them good.

Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co

Mrs. W. H. Dickson is our regular reporter of the social happenings in Merkel. If at any time you have an entertainment at your house and Mrs. Dickson is not a guest she would take it as a favor if you would phone 6-4 and report it. Then no one would be seemingly slightly.

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

Mrs. Campbell, Miss Eula Sears and their mother, Mrs. Frank Sears left Sunday for an extended visit to Paducah, Ark.

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism. You will find Chamberlain's Liniment wonderfully effective. One application will convince you of its merits. Try it. For sale by all dealers.

Hosea Lee left Monday for Gordon to accept a position as manager of the South-Western Telephone Company at that place.

We have got the finest line of granite ware that ever came to Merkel, the Bluebelle ware. West Texas Hardware Co.

Charlie Milliken came down from Sweetwater Tuesday to the bedside of his mother who is seriously ill.

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

ICE

I now have plenty of ice and am making deliveries any where in the city at 1/4 cent per pound in quantities from 10 pounds up. It is my aim to furnish good ice at REASONABLE PRICES and I shall always give you the amount you pay for. I am prepared to give prompt service and will maintain these prices the season through if the people will give me reasonable support. I can make a living at this price and will appreciate your patronage. Harvey Warren.

Saves an Iowa Man's Life.

The very grave seemed to yawn before Robert Madsen of West Burlington, Iowa, when after seven weeks in the hospital four of the best physicians gave him up. Then was shown the marvelous curative power of Electric Bitters. For after eight months of frightful suffering from liver trouble and yellow jaundice, getting no help from other remedies or doctors, five bottles of this matchless medicine completely cured him. Its positively guaranteed for stomach, liver or kidney troubles and never disappoints. Only 50c at H C Burroughs

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

We take pleasure in announcing that we have recently received another car of LaFrance flour. Our rapidly increasing trade on this flour and the great number of satisfied customers voluntarily testifying of it's merits only reassure us that it is the best that modern intelligence and money can produce. If you are not satisfied with the flour that you are using we respectfully ask that try a sack of La France. It's better. G. F. West & Sons. 2t

Miss Leila Nisbett who has been teaching in our schools the past year and was re-elected for next year left Friday for her home at Fluvanna where she will spend a few days then will go to Canyon City to attend the state normal during the summer.

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

Miss Tennie George of Abilene is visiting Mrs. R. A. Martin. Her father was one of the first settlers of Merkel.

For a burn or scald apply Chamberlain's Salve. It will allay the pain almost instantly and quickly heal the injured parts. For sale by all dealers.

J. F. Abernathy called Saturday and ordered the Mail sent to his daughter at Temple.

See W. H. Laney at butcher shop for good milch cow. 3t

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Groene's Art Store. Open 8 to 6; and 8 to 10 on Saturdays.

Miss Ollie Kirtley returned to her home at Hubbard Monday.

El Paso Herald for sale at McClain's Drug Store. 2t

Mr. Pettit of Roscoe is the new manager of the telephone company.

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

J. L. Banner, H. M. Rainbolt and J. G. Jackson spent Tuesday in Abilene on business.

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

Miss Willie Bigham returned Monday evening from an extended trip to Marlin Wells and other places.

Be not deceived, there is no flour as good as La France. A trial will cost you nothing. 2t G. F. West & Sons.

Messes Mattie Paylor and Valrie Dye attended the exercises at Trent Friday night. They report a wide awake time.

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

Mrs. Pearl Tracy and two daughters left Saturday to visit her sister Mrs. Bessie Reed at Hillsboro.

When you see them you will want one of our new wash boilers. Come and see. West Texas Hardware Co.

Rev. J. T. L. Annis and wife are gone to Little Rock to attend the exconfederate re-union and visit relatives.

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

Mrs. G. F. West, Zora and Paul left last Friday for Augusta, Arkansas to visit Mrs. West's sister, Mrs. Stevens. They will be gone a month or two.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Crowley of Denison, are visiting her father J. P. Hamm. They once lived in Merkel and have many friends here.

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

IS DELIGHTED WITH MERKEL COUNTRY

L. L. Miller, a wealthy citizen of Collin county, was among the prospectors to our country last week and after spending a couple of days driving in all directions he said to a reporter of the Mail:

"Am simply delighted. You have a magnificent country and will say honestly and conscientiously that it is the best I have seen in West Texas. I have traveled over many miles between the mountains on the south and the Clear Fork on the north and it seems to me that 90 per cent of the land I saw was first-class tillable land and the most of it as level as the floor. You have a good country and good prospects."

S. A. Hawthorne of Carthage was another visitor and our readers will remember that the latter last fall invested about \$16,000 in Merkel dirt. He is more than pleased with his purchases and intimates that he will feel better when he is rendering more Merkel country land to the tax assessor of our county. He made his purchases before the drouth was broken and of course our present season and prospects make him better satisfied with his investments.

Come to the Merkel country.

Say don't you need a nice wash boiler. We have got the latest pattern something new made of heavy charcoal tin. West Texas Hardware Co.

A 36-horse power steam thresher is standing on the track at the depot to be delivered to Tom Jenkins of the Dora country. For several years the farmers of this section have not been sowing but little if any small grain but this winter a great many took the risk again and the crops so far bid fair to be away beyond their expectation.

Samovar of the Romans.

The samovar seems so distinctly a Russian invention that it will be a surprise to hear that it was a Roman invention.

In the Swiss city of Avenches, which was the Roman Aventicum and before that the ancient capital of the Helvetii, there has just been dug up a bronze instrument that has all the internal mechanism of the samovar.

The jar itself is of a different shape, but the use of charcoal was clearly indicated, and the ornamentation showed that it was meant for keeping wine hot.

Your Printing

If it is worth doing at all, it's worth doing well.

First class work at all times is our motto.

Let us figure with you on your next job.

Farm and Factory

There is no better way of helping the farmer than by building factories. The farmers of Texas are compelled in many instances to ship products across the ocean in order to reach the factory. We are world factors in agriculture. Our cotton and wool clothes the human race; our meats supply the larder of nations and our cereals fill the granaries of the world, but we are in the main dependent upon other states and countries to manufacture our raw materials.

The farmers of Texas ship an average of \$1,200,000 worth of raw material to the foreign factory per day. Load these products on wagons and they will form a procession 220 miles long and our annual production on its way to the foreign factory will form a gigantic parade that will reach around the world three times and it will require eleven years to pass a given point. It is a golden stream of prosperity flowing out of the state and on its bosom floats factories, cities and millions of happy homes. It is laden with opportunities destined for the people of the whole world and it furnishes life giving substances to the withering veins of European nations.

The parade costs \$200,000 per day and \$75,000,000 per annum and is paid for by the sweat of those who till the soil. Our public servants who desire to do something more than swim around undevoured in the waters of public life should watch the parade. Our raw material on its journey to the foreign factory forms one of the most colossal pageantries in the history of the human race and is the commercial tragedy of the Twentieth century. Watch it!

Credit Farming

The credit system used by many farmers in the state is more damaging to agricultural interests than the boll weevil. No farmer can thrive and pay the debts of his neighbors which is the inevitable result of the credit system. Debt is a hard taskmaster and it saps the vitality of every man and every line of industry that is within its clutches. The merchant and banker should help the farmer get on a cash basis. When the farmer has a good bank account we are all prosperous.

Road Building

"Road building is a science," said G. L. Cooley, representing the good roads department of the Federal government at the Good Roads Convention at the Dallas Fair last fall. "There is no more reason why a man should work out his road tax than that he should teach out his school tax. We lose millions of dollars annually by lack of intelligent application of road funds."

TO TALK ACROSS OCEAN

Transatlantic Communication by Telephone Is Promise of Near Future.

Transatlantic communication by telephone is the promise of the near future. If the new cable just laid between Dover and Cape Gris Nez, to increase the facility of telephonic communication between England and France, performs the wonders expected of it, some of the difficulties to be overcome in talking across, or under, the Atlantic ocean will be removed. We already send the sounds of human speech under the water for tolerably long distances. England talks with France and Belgium. Telephonic communication between our mainland and islands off the coast is in common use, and excites no comment, though our grandfathers would have considered it impossible. The new channel cable has a system of coils which is expected to reduce the distortion of current impulses and make the transmission of speech clearer. If the experiment is successful, further improvements in this system are expected to make an ocean telephone cable a possibility.

It is not conceivable that ocean telephoning will ever be cheap. To talk between Europe and America will likely be an expensive luxury, but there will be occasions when the opportunity to do so will be eagerly seized, no matter what it costs. The ocean telephone, when it comes, will scarcely be a formidable rival of the cable telegraph and the wireless for the transmission of long messages. But it will be still another means of obliterating distance, of overcoming the remoteness of nations, and the consequent lack of mutual understanding which caused many of the international complications of history. Science, working for the improvement of the arts of peace, is doing more to remove the causes of war than the great modern armaments which science has developed can do to make nations hesitate before plunging into war.

OUR STREETS AND ALLEYS

To the Hon. City Council:
As requested I herewith submit a report on the general condition of the streets and alleys of the city.

I find the streets are in a fair condition and require but little work at present other than raking, scraping and clearing the surface. I find that the bridge south of the T. & P. R. R. crossing on Oak street is in need of repairs, and that the road bridge, as well as the foot bridges are without any railings to guide vehicles or pedestrians onto the bridges and that in this matter I think the city has not taken the necessary precaution to protect life and property that the law requires, and should a person step off of the foot bridge or a vehicle run off of the road bridges for want of a guide rail, and any damages occur in consequences, the city might be held for damages. I would therefore recommend that the planks on the floor of the road bridge (which are now worn and weak) be replaced with new ones and the old planks used to extend said bridge on the sides so as to include sidewalks and a guide or hand rail placed on either side.

I find the alleys, both in the business and resident portions, and back of the business houses generally filthy, disorderly and in an unhealthy condition and greatly in need of a thorough cleaning.

I believe that cleanliness in private or public affairs is the cheapest mode of improvement and that we would be amply repaid both in appearance and health should we exert ourselves in this respect. And it will be my endeavor and pride (with the assistance of the council, street committee, business men and citizens) to make Merkel the cleanest little city in west Texas.

Respectfully submitted,
W. N. Hall, Marshal.

Facts

YOU LOSE MONEY

when you allow any of your stock or poultry to remain sick a day.

They give you less results in beef, pork, work, or eggs, when they are not in perfect health. Take a little interest in your own pocket book and doctor them up with

Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine

It will pay you to do this. It has paid thousands of other successful farmers and stock and poultry raisers.

This famous remedy is not a food, but a genuine, scientific medicine prepared from medicinal herbs and roots, acting on the liver, kidneys, bowels and digestive organs. Sold by all druggists, price 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1. per can.

Write for valuable book: "Success with Stock and Poultry." Sent free for a postal address. Black-Draught Stock Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Don't Overlook

that subscription. If you are in arrears remember that we can always find good use for

the MONEY

KING & JACKSON EXCHANGE

We make our service of value to the buyer as well as the seller. We can list a good farm cheaper than you can buy it and we give you the benefit of our knowledge and experience in this country. We will tell the truth and give you a fair and honest deal. Write our bankers, merchants and farmers about us and then tell us what you want.

We have the goods to sell and guarantee every representation we make to you. Read the following list and write us for a plat and better description. Now is the time to buy Texas land, the Merkel country is the place and we are the agents.

478 acres, near Pryon, new town on the Santa Fe; northeast and joining Claytonville, Fisher county, good inland town with store, church, school and blacksmith shop; on Cottonwood creek, 85 per cent richest agricultural land in Fisher county. Owner will sell quarter or half section at \$20.00 per acre or entire tract at \$19.00 per acre, on liberal terms.

Small Stock Farm at Sacrifice.

A section of land, 640 acres, improved, on Sweetwater creek, in one-half mile Eskota, ten miles of Sweetwater, 75 acres in cultivation, 150 more first-class agricultural land and balance except 25 acres good grazing, small house, fenced and cross-fenced. Price, \$8.00 per acre; \$2500 cash, balance 5 years. This is best little stock farm in country and the cheapest land in this section.

The Merkel country is the best farming lands in West Texas, lying between the mountains in the southern part of Taylor county and the Clear Fork in Jones county. It is the cream of West Texas.

We have 550 acres, 75 in cultivation, no other improvements, 90 per cent agricultural, which we can sell for \$18 per acre.

320 acres; 125 in cultivation, 75 more good, 120 rough mountain land, richest land in Taylor county. Price \$4,500; \$2,000 cash, balance 1 to 5 years.

170 acres 9 miles of Merkel, 80 in cultivation, 6-room house, barn, cistern, etc. Price \$27.50 per acre, all cash.

135 acres six miles of Merkel, 107 in cultivation, all level as a floor, good house and improvements. Price \$32.50 per acre; \$1500 cash and liberal terms.

100 acres improved, 6 miles of Merkel, 70 in cultivation, 3-room house, good land. Price \$22.50 per acre; \$750 cash and balance on terms. You get the rents off 55 acres in cotton and balance in feed. This is a little snap.

We know our people and our lands and know a bargain when we see it. If you are looking for an investment we can show it to you. Write, wire or come to see us.

WE DO ALL KINDS OF NOTARY WORK

KING & JACKSON, Real Estate
FARM LOANS AND LIFE INSURANCE

The Secret of Youth

Do you ever wonder how you can remain young, or why other women older than you, look younger than you do? The secret can be put in a few words: "Preserve your health, and you will preserve your youth."

By "health" we mean not alone physical health, but nerve health, as, sometimes, magnificently strong-looking women are nervous wrecks.

But whether you are weak physically or nervously, you need a tonic, and the best tonic for you is Cardui.

It builds strength for the physical and nervous systems. It helps put flesh on your bones and vitality into your nerves.

Take CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"My mother," writes Mrs. Z. L. Adcock, of Smithville, Tenn., "is 44 years old and is passing through the change of life.

"She was irregular and bloated and suffered terribly. My father stepped over to the store and got her a bottle of Cardui, which she took according to directions and now she is up, able to do her housework and says she feels like a new woman." Try Cardui in your own case.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free.

J. A. WOODARD

Livery, Feed and Sale Stable
SOUTH SIDE

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

MERKEL : : : TEXAS



BINDER TWINE

The twine that binds and is bound to stay. Poor twine is false economy; the loss of time and gain will pay the whole bill and then some.

So we sell good twine, not because it pays a bigger profit, but because it will pay you to use that kind.

Better place your order NOW, most of the farmers realize it pays to buy twine of us and we don't want to disappoint you.

West Texas Hardware Co.

MERKEL, TEXAS

Number of Elect Limited.

London has been invaded by a troop of missionaries with untrimmed beards and with hair reaching to their shoulders. All have been sent out from Exeter, the British headquarters of the sect, which originated in Boston, Mass., the home of so many novel "religions." The main tenets of the sect are embodied in a book published by "Benjamin the Seventh Messenger" in Michigan, and addressed to the "Twelve Tribes of Israel scattered abroad." The members believe that exactly 144,000 people were born to be of the elect, and that everybody else is outside the pale. All the elect have by the law to allow hair and beard to grow unchecked, to show that they are spiritual men apart from this unregenerated community.

Dollar Bills From All Over.

"That dollar silver certificate you have there has been gathered together from all over the world," said the bank cashier. "Part of the paper fiber is linen rag from the Orient." "The silk comes from Italy or China. The blue ink is made from German or Canadian cobalt. The black ink is made from Niagara Falls acetylene gas smoke, and most of the green ink is green color mixed in white zinc sulphite made in Germany." "When the treasury seal is printed in red the color comes from Central America."

CROUP

stopped in 20 minutes sure with Dr. Shoop's Croup Remedy. One test will surely prove. No vomiting, no distress. A safe and pleasing syrup—50c. Druggists.

The Purpose of an Advertisement

is to serve your needs. It will help sell your goods—talk to the people you want to reach. An advertisement in this paper is a reference guide to those whose wants are worth supplying.

Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Routh, Messdames G. H. Adams, J. C. Provine, R. A. Martin, J. L. Harris, H. C. Williams, O. W. Williams, J. W. Jennings, Misses E. Love Hawkins and Lucy Cary and three or four others whose names we failed to get went to Abilene Thursday to attend the Missionary Society convention.

J. T. Warren, L. H. King, John Wheeler and C. M. Largent started to San Angelo Thursday by the overland route in an auto. Ross Ferrier was to do the chauffeur act. They will be gone several days looking at the country and will attend the auction sale of fine hereford cattle at the Lee Bros. ranch.

When you want a nice oil or gasoline stove remember we have them for you. West Texas Hardware Co.

Mrs. C. D. Mims has been very sick at her home in the southern part of our city for the past week or ten days and Miss Ruth, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Mims who is in Polytechnic College at Fort Worth came home Wednesday to attend her mother.

Is there anything in all this world that is of more importance to you than good digestion? Food must be eaten to sustain life and must be digested and converted into blood. When the digestion fails the whole body suffers. Chamberlain's Tablets are a national and reliable cure for indigestion. They increase the flow of bile, purify the blood, strengthen the stomach, and tone up the whole digestive apparatus to a natural and healthy action. For sale by all dealers.

T. A. Johnson cashier of the F. & M. bank of Merkel, C. L. Barker president of First National bank of Merkel and R. O. Anderson of the Farmers State bank of Trent are in Dallas attending the banker's convention.

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

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Our cream and drinks are the best. Try them and be convinced The Elite.

The Trent public school closed last Friday turning out two graduates.

Dr. S. L. Davis returned Sunday from the dentist's state convention at San Antonio.

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

Trent citizens have organized a prohibition club with 99 members Rev. R. O. Bailey is president.

Mrs. R. E. Smith returned to her home at Arlington Tuesday after several days visit with relatives and friends in Merkel.

Sick headache results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by the use of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Try it. For sale by all dealers.

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.

W. A. Cozart, Wm. Clark and Sam Curtis bought tickets for Little Rock Sunday morning. Suppose they have gone to the re-union.

LOST—At opera house May 10, handsome oval ebony back hand mirror. Liberal reward to finder. E. Love Hawkins.

Rev. Pinnick who has been conducting a meeting at the tabernacle for several days was called home Tuesday on account of sickness in his family.

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

We have got the best list of lands in this section and can save any prospector money. No prospector can buy any property cheaper than we can sell it. King & Jackson.

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

J. M. Howell, a popular druggist of Greensburg, Ky., says, "We use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our own household and know it is excellent." For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. Comer Clay came in on No. 7 Tuesday to spend a few days in Merkel. Comer has gone to Little Rock to the ex-confederate re-union and will visit his father at Charleston, Ark.

We don't want you to take our word for it try a sack of La France flour and you will know that it is better.

G. F. West & Sons.

Quite a large crowd went to Trent Friday night to attend the closing exercises of Trent high school but was sadly disappointed when they found nothing doing.

Miss Mattie Murphy who has been teaching in the Merkel school the past year returned to her home at Abilene Monday. She expects to spend the summer studying school work in some normal school.

We are requested to announce that there will be all day singing at Mount Pleasant on the third Sunday in May. Dinner will be had on ground and everybody cordially invited. All singers are requested to bring books and well-filled baskets.

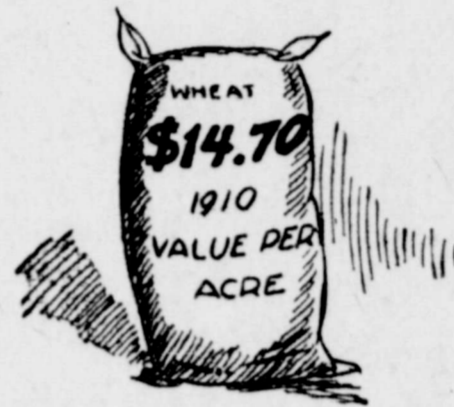
Come and hear our new records. The Elite.

Biliousness and Constipation.

For years I was troubled with biliousness and constipation, which made life miserable for me. My appetite failed me. I lost my usual force and vitality. Pepsin preparations and cathartics only made me worse. I do not know where I should have been today had I not tried Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. The tablets relieve the ill feeling at once, strengthen the digestive functions, purify the stomach, liver and blood, helping the system to do its work naturally.---Mrs. Rosa Potts, Birmingham, Ala. These tablets are for sale by all dealers.

Texas Wheat

The increase in the world wheat acreage has not kept up with the increase in population during the past decade and students of economy tell us that we must increase our wheat acreage or face a bread famine. According to estimates of the Federal agricultural department's reports, in 1910 the wheat fields of the world harvested 3,667,494,000 bushels, which makes 2.5 bushels per capita. In Texas we raised 18,780,000 bushels, which is approximately five bushels per capita.



An examination of the wheat acreage planted in Texas each year for the past three years shows an irregular and volcanic condition. In 1908 we harvested 924,000 acres, in 1909 there were 555,000 acres harvested, and in 1910 we harvested 1,252,000 acres, indicating sudden and rapid changes in our wheat acreage.

Our wheat crop ranks third in value of Texas' agricultural products and has a farm value of \$18,404,000. We produced fifteen bushels per acre and the farm value was \$14.70 per acre.

Texas Oats

Our oat crop ranks fourth in value. In 1910 we had an oat acreage of 695,000, producing 24,325,000 bushels, farm value \$11,433,000. Our oats yielded thirty-five bushels per acre and a farm value of \$16.45 per acre.



Texas is fast taking its place among the cereal producing states in the Union.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

You can get fresh country honey at Gaither & Sons.

Mrs. T. A. Johnson was a Dallas visitor this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harkrider are visiting in Dallas.

Mrs. Claud Bigham is in Eskota visiting her parents.

You can get fresh country honey at Gaither & Sons.

Mrs. R. E. Bowles went to Abilene Wednesday.

Miss Pearl Rawlings came in from the west Wednesday.

Saturday Evening Post at McClains Drug Store.

Miss Tillie Mosher of Dallas is visiting Miss Jewel Coggin.

Miss May Belle Stephenson of Abilene was the guest of Miss Duncan Browning last week.

Mrs. G. W. Black of Sweetwater is visiting her sisters Mrs. W. Parten and Mrs. I. S. Allen.

Judge Blanton of Abilene will speak at the tabernacle on State-wide prohibition Saturday night May 27 at 8:30.

Columbia—the best graphophone and records made. Both disc and cylinder for sale at the Elite.

Mrs. Ketron of Mesquite who had been visiting the family of E. D. Coats returned home Wednesday.

Pupils of Miss Mackey will give a recital and concert at the Opera House Thursday June 1, 8:30 p. m. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

W. R. Walker, the genial proprietor of our popular hostelry had business in Dallas this week and took advantage of the low rates to the bankers convention.

Prof. C. G. Duncan of Loriane was among the visitors to our city this week, making application for a position on our faculty of teachers for the next term.

Miss Bessie Hall of Sweetwater has returned home after a delightful visit with Miss Fannie Burroughs.

Charlie Milliken was on No. 7 Wednesday and said that his mother who was operated on at an Abilene sanitarium was doing well.

Evangelist T. N. Lowrey returned this week from Cisco where he concluded Sunday night a revival meeting.



IF YOU ARE a Crank on Shoes We Want You!

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Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Editor

Mr and Mrs. Doss Sheppard entertained a jolly crowd of young people last Friday evening at their home five miles west of Merkel. Refreshments were served. A hay wagon ride was enjoyed by the crowd who were Misses Nisbett, Pitzer, Jenkins, Roberts, Burroughs, Sheppard, Rister, Tandy of Abilene, Alday, Ferguson, Pipes, Jones, Sharp, Rust, Potter, Clara and Margie Saffles, Ona and Virginia Hamblet, Mary and Flay Gunn and Merritt; Messrs. Largent, Pate, Sublett, Evans, Magness, Barnett, Merritt, Ferguson, Ellis, Roscoe and Parker Sharp.

Tacky Party.

Miss Faye Allen entertained a few friends Thursday evening. Various old time games were played. Lemonade and ginger bread were served to all present. Those present in costume were Misses Tucker, Allen, Mary Jackie Jennings, Stella and Strossy Martin, Sadie and Annie Collins; Masters Martin, Warren and Bigham.

Misses Winnie Warren and Inice Moon were visitors later in the evening.

On Tuesday evening May 9 Mrs. J. T. Warren honored the graduating class. A well appointed luncheon was served to Inice Moon, Pet Sears, Annie Smith, Fannie Burroughs, Ola Pope, Ina Wheeler, Winnie Warren and Frank Smith.

Mrs. H. C. Burroughs assisted by Misses Mamie Mann of Stamford and Miss Margaret Tandy of Abilene served a four course breakfast to the graduating class Friday morning at nine o'clock May 12, 1911. Carnations in the class colors were used in the decoration of the dining room.

Friday evening Judge and Mrs W. W. Wheeler honored their daughter Miss Ina and the graduates of '11 at their home in south Merkel with a six o'clock dinner.

B. Y. F. U. Program.

Subject for Sunday May 21, "Envy." Leader, Lytton Howard.

Scripture reading—I. Cor. 13: 1-13.

Define Envy—Ray Adams. Can christians be envious?—Miss Dollie Teaff.

Show how envy is dishonoring to God—B. H. Moore.

Song. The hurtfulness of envy—J. T. Howard.

The remedy for envy—Miss Maggie Wheeler.

Song. Dismissal.

The Elite can furnish you with any kind of fancy cream for special occasions. The very best cream and any style you want.

Misses Medlen, Hawkins, Paylor, Dye, Allen, Leola and Willie Coats attended the prohibition rally at Trent Friday night

Senior League Program.

Sunday May 21, subject Giving a convincing testimony, a certain fruit of worthy living. Leader, Miss Love Hawkins.

Song No. 410 Prayer.

Scripture lesson, I. Cor. 2:1-5. Talk by leader.

Scripture reference, II. Cor. 1, 13, 20, Byron Thomas; The character of the witness, John Moore; The manner of the witness, Josie Lowrey; The matter of the testimony, Charlie Mae McDuff.

Song. Announcements. Benediction.

Texas Corn

Texas is a world's force in agriculture. Withdraw our farm products from the market and the people of two hemispheres will go hungry and shiver with cold. Out of the soil and from the air our farmers take annually nearly a billion dollars of wealth. In plowing the land the Texas farmers walk 330,000 miles per annum, which is equal to traveling around the globe 12,200 times.



1910 VALUE PER ACRE

The chief products of Texas in order of their value, as estimated by the Federal agricultural department for 1910, are cotton, corn, wheat, oats, hay, rice, potatoes, etc. Cotton as the leading product is far ahead of its rivals. Corn occupies second place without challenge. Wheat and oats have been disputing for third place, but the separation this year is so pronounced that there can be no longer any controversy over their respective positions.

An examination of our cereal products dispels the idea that Texas is a one-crop state. In 1910 we harvested 233,000,000 bushels of grain. Although a bushel of oats weighs less than a bushel of any other grain, yet there is some significance in the total quantity of all cereals produced. Our cereal belt is following closely behind the plow as it turns the virgin soil, and we have so far found no geographical limitation placed upon it by nature.

Our corn acreage in 1910 was 8,800,000 and production 181,280,000 bushels and it had a farm value of \$114,206,000. This corn was raised in 120 days, making an average production of approximately \$1,000,000 per day. We raised 20.6 bushels per acre at a farm value of \$12.95 per acre. The corn crop of 1905 and 1910 will purchase the railroads of Texas using the railroad commission's valuation on railroad property.

This giant industry has scarcely begun its development in Texas and the possibilities of extending the corn area and increasing the yield per acre present a wide field for enterprising farmers and there are millions of acres of idle land in the corn belt.

The End of the World

should it come to-morrow would find fully 1-3 of the people suffering with rheumatism of either slight or serious nature Nobody need suffer with rheumatism for Ballard's Snow Liniment drives away the trouble, relieves the pain instantly and leaves the users as well and supple as a two year old Sold by H C Burroughs

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

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.

Do not make the common mistake of leaving open furrows and throwing a large quantity of soil against the plants when you cultivate your corn. This is a waste of soil moisture. Cultivate shallow, keeping the surface of the soil as nearly level as possible.

For soreness of the muscles whether induced by violent exercise or injury, Chamberlain's Liniment is excellent. This liniment is also highly esteemed for the relief it affords in cases of rheumatism. Sold by all dealers.

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Do you ever wonder how you can remain young, or why other women older than you, look younger than you do? The secret can be put in a few words: "Preserve your health, and you will preserve your youth." By "health" we mean not alone physical health, but nerve health, as, sometimes, magnificently strong-looking women are nervous wrecks.

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Breed your cow to my registered Jersey bull "College Two-Eighty-Eight" out of A. & M. College cow Dixie's Gilt Queen with a ten days test of 370 pounds milk and 21 pounds butter; sired by Wanderer of St. Cloud, whose dam Texas Snow Drop has a record of eight gallons of milk per day. See him at my dairy on south end of Oak street. TERMS—\$2.00 when cow is served. Calf guaranteed.

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The Texas Sheep

The sheep is the greatest politician of all animals. He has entered every campaign since the beginning of government and in a number of elections his fleece has been the paramount issue. Sheep have been mentioned in the platform of every political party and wool has been listed in the tariff schedules of every nation on the globe. As a statesman he has pretty well held his own and although occasionally beaten at the polls and ejected from legislative halls, his friends invariably resubmit the issue, and today his fleece is protected by a tariff of 11 cents per pound.



1910 VALUE PER HEAD \$2.90.

He is the most economical of all animals; his flesh is the purest of foods and has always been an acceptable sacrifice to the gods; his fleece makes the finest of raiments and has clothed mankind since the creation of the world. He is a very prolific animal and while furnishing food and clothing rapidly replenishes his kind. He is the only animal that possesses three natural and unfailing sources of revenue—food, clothing and reproduction—and he has so successfully managed these gigantic lines of industry since the beginning of time that today he is a captain of industry among the animals.

The sheep is the only animal that has been humiliated by being compelled to compete with vegetable fibre on the markets, but notwithstanding the progress of his powerful rival, King Cotton, he has held his own and today he is worth more on the market than at any time during the past half a century and his fleece is the yard-stick for computing values of all vegetable fibres, and King Cotton must get prices from the sheep before entering the market.

According to the Federal agricultural department census report on Jan. 1, 1910, we had 1,000,000 head of sheep and the latest estimate placed upon them is \$5,536,000. During the past decade we have shown an increase in number of sheep of half a million head in total value of approximately \$2,500,000.

Texas is the home of the sheep and the mountain regions afford cheap grazing and the mild climate is well adapted to sheep raising and wool growing.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative power that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Child Accidentally Shot.

Roby, May 15—At 12 o'clock Friday Frank Parker, 7 years old, son of F. H. Parker, was accidentally shot by Pete Hughes while hunting. The accident occurred at F. H. Parker's ranch 7 miles west of Roby. The child died from the shock at 8 o'clock that evening.

No Slavery to Work.

Deskins, Va.—Mrs. Mary A. Vandyke, in a letter from Deskins, says: "I had serious female troubles, lasting 40 days at a time. I was so weak I could hardly walk, so I tried Cardui. Soon I was better. Now I am well." If you suffer from any form of womanly pain of weakness take Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui will lift you out of the misery and weariness caused by womanly weakness, and help you to see the bright side of life. Try it. Your druggist sells it.

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Don't take our word for it. Don't depend on a stranger's statement. Read Merkel endorsement. Read the statements of Merkel citizens. And decide for yourself. Here is one case of it: J. W. Bland, of Merkel, Texas, says: "For several years I had attacks of kidney trouble. My kidneys were very weak, and when I caught cold it was sure to settle in them, causing the kidney secretions to become far too frequent in passage. I tried several remedies, but with little success until I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Rust and McCauley's Drug Store. I can say that they did me a world of good. My back has not troubled me to any extent since using them, and my kidneys have performed their functions properly."

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

New Park at San Antonio

A tract of land one mile long and two hundred feet wide will be deeded to the city of San Antonio by P. F. Collins of that city for a public park and play ground. This park is being improved by Mr. Collins at an expense of \$50,000. Miniature lakes, swimming pools, etc., are being constructed and the place will be one of the most beautiful scenic parks in the southwest. Texas needs more parks and better parks and men who donate parks and playgrounds make a gift of permanent and increasing value to a city.

A TEXAS WONDER.

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

Lubbock Via Santa Fe.

Snyder, May 15.—The first through train on the Santa Fe from Sweetwater to Lubbock made the run last night. It carried four observation coaches. President E. P. Ripley was on board.

A Happy Father

is soon turned to a sad one if he has to walk the floor every night with a crying baby McGee's Baby Elixir will make the child well.—soothe its nerves, induce healthy, normal slumber Best for disordered bowels and sour stomach—all teething babies need it Pleasant to take, sure, and safe contains no harmful drugs Price 25 and 50 cents per bottle Sold by H C Burroughs

Ask Col. Tom Anderson, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, Houston, Texas, for a free copy of Prof. H. P. Attwater's booklet on dry farming. The booklet is chock full of facts for the dry farmer, and the colonel will be glad to oblige you.

Shall Women Vote?

If they did, millions would vote Dr. King's New Life Pills the true remedy for women For banishing dull fagged feelings, headache or headache, constipation, dispelling colds, imparting appetite and toning up the system, they're unequalled Easy, safe, sure 25c at H C Burroughs

Cotton

Cotton has given the world its most gigantic industry. Millions of people cultivate the plant and as many more weave at its looms and its fibre clothes the human race. It is the most powerful agency in our civilization, running both plow and factory, and it is the leading merchandise of mankind. Its field has aroused the inventive genius of the country and it is an important factor in medicine and arts. The seed is food for man and beast and cotton products appear in numerous forms on all markets of the world.



It is the most youthful of staple products, having had less than a century of commercial recognition, but it has rapidly acquired power until today it is the King of Products. The fleecy staple is as good as legal tender on any market and based on factory values is the richest of all industries.

For the past century it has engaged the brightest intellects of the world in science and commerce and many of its problems are only half solved. The inventive minds of the universe have peered over its fibre; merchant princes have studied its markets and the ablest financiers have sought to fix its value.

Cotton is limited in its area of production to Texas and a few other Southern states but its consumption is worldwide and it is one of the leading necessities of life which insures forever a profitable return to the producer. It has been maligned by its beneficiaries and railed at by writers, but Texas cotton stands today the most reliable and profitable staple product of any crop of all agricultural states in the Union. The state average of production per acre 1910 was 149 pounds; the lint selling for \$20.86 and the seed at \$3.77, making a total average production per acre of \$24.63. Comparing this with the leading agricultural products of other states we find corn in Illinois producing \$14.85 per acre; wheat in Kansas \$11.93 per acre and oats in Iowa \$10.20 per acre; these states leading in the products mentioned.

Cotton is by far the most valuable of our farm products. In 1910 we harvested 10,530,000 acres of cotton, making 3,140,000 bales, valued at \$219,656,000. The increase in yield in 1910 over 1909 was 24 pounds per acre. The crop of the United States in 1910 was 11,426,000 bales.

Texas is the home of this remarkable plant, the soil and climate being peculiarly adapted by nature to its propagation and to the proper maturing of its fibre.

A Smile

is a pretty hard thing to accomplish when you're blue, bilious and out of sorts. There is a sure cure for all kinds of stomach and liver complaints—constipation and dyspepsia Ballard's Herbine is mild, yet absolutely effective in all cases. Price 50 cents per bottle Sold by H C Burroughs

Pecans require more time to come into bearing than most other orchard fruits but the trees when once set require less care and attention and a well established pecan grove rarely fails to bring a good income. For shade about the house the pecan trees are excellent.

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Women desiring beauty get wonderful results from Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It banishes pimples, skin eruptions, sores and boils. It makes the skin soft and velvety. It glorifies the face. Cures sore eyes, cold sores, cracked lips, chapped hands. Best for burns, scalds, fever sores, cuts, bruises and piles 25c at H C Burroughs.

Numbers don't mean everything. Fifty hens well housed and well cared for will return a larger profit than a hundred that are allowed to take care of themselves.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Butman Community.

(Delayed)

May 11—The farmers are all busy with their crops.

Beulah May Grider is real sick this week.

Hardy Watford and Miss Willie Dulin, Bryant Dulin and Miss Thresa Watford were at Butman Sunday.

The Misses Clark of Center Point were in the Butman community Sunday.

Luther Franks was in our community Sunday.

Mr. Deavenport and family were visitors here Sunday.

Jerry King of Center Point was in the White Church community Sunday.

Farmers Girl.

May 15—Dent Cozart and son were visiting in our community Saturday.

Mack Grider has the mumps. Beulah May Grider is improving.

Oscar Dulin of Mount Pleasant was visiting at the home of J. A. Dulin Saturday.

Emitt Patterson was visiting Jean Patterson Sunday.

Bryant Dulin was a caller at the home of Mr. Watford Sunday.

Lillie White was the guest of Ludie Dulin Sunday afternoon.

Guess Who?

Blair News.

Mrs. Dykes of Merkel accompanied by Mrs. Carter and children of Houston called on Mrs. W. N. Moore Friday.

The party Friday night at the home of Oliver Marrs was well attended.

Homer Long returned Saturday to Sweetwater where he will make his future home.

Mr. Cox the well drill man drove to Tolon last week.

Little Huron Horton is sick this week.

Bro. Jobe of Merkel preached at the school house Monday night.

Mrs. Rains returned last week from a visit to several counties east.

Miss May Peoples and brother spent the week end with friends at Ovalo.

Gladys Demere of Nolan county is spending the week with Amabel Moore.

Homer Jobe of Merkel attended church here Monday night.

We are glad indeed to hear that our Mayor W.A. Hall will soon be able to be out at Blair again.

Mrs. Mattox of Hamlin is visiting her son.

Mrs. Mae Reed and children of Nolan county visited relatives here last week.

H. H. Watford transacted business at Merkel Monday.

Blair received a large express package Saturday. Miss Mirtus Moore says she is not only the post mistress, head millinery, agent for sale of lots, only merchant and now acting express agent. Hurrah for Blair.

Mrs. Smyth and children of Arlington spent the week end at the home of Prof. Watford.

Mrs. Kimbrough and little girls went to Merkel Saturday.

Misses Lula and Doll Harrison were trading at Blair Tuesday.

Daisie.

To Notaries.

Your name and \$3.00 will procure a \$1000 bond for two years. See Williams & Johnson.

CLASSIFIED ADS

LOST—Between my house and J. R. Dye's in south Merkel, a band bracelet partly engraved. Finder return to me. Mrs. C. C. Bankhead. 1t

FOR RENT—First house south from railroad pumphouse, 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. 1f

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 " " " " 6:26 p.m.

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Scholarship only \$15.00. Take no risks and write to the old reliable school that GUARANTEES every student a good position. Address, Draughon's Practical Business College, Abilene, Texas.

Boys will be Boys

and are always getting scratches, cuts, sprains, bruises, bumps, burns or scalds Don't neglect such things—they may result serious if you do Apply Ballard's Snow Liniment according to directions right away and it will relieve the pain and heal the trouble Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 Sold by H C Burroughs

The World's Creed.

Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He comes into the world without his consent and leaves it against his will. During his stay on earth his time is spent in one continuous round of pleasure or misunderstanding. In his infancy he's an angel; in his boyhood he is a devil; in his manhood he's a saint or sinner. If he attends to his duties he's a cranky; if he raises a family he's a chump; if he raises a check he's a thief and then the law sends him over the road; if he's a poor man he's a bad manager and has no sense; if he's rich, dishonest, but considered smart; if he's a politician he's a grafter and a crook; if he is out of politics he's an undesirable citizen; if he goes to church he's a hypocrite; if he stays away he's a heathen; if he donates to foreign missions he does it for show; if he doesn't he's stingy and a tightwad. He never gives to home missions.

When he first comes into the world everybody wants to kiss him; before he goes out, they all want to kick him. If he dies young there was a great future before him; if he lives to a ripe old age, then of course, he's living only to save funeral expenses and keep his heirs from enjoying his property. Life's a funny thing isn't it?—Selected,

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Announcement Party.

On Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock about 50 guests responded to the invitations given by Mrs. T. J. Coggin to meet Miss Tillie Mosher of Dallas at the Coggin home north of town.

The guests were received by Miss Coggin, daintily gowned in old rose messaline who presented Miss Mosher who preferred tan messaline.

The guests were kept busy with the rose contest. Mrs. J.G. Jackson was the fortunate winner, receiving a beautiful solid silver berry spoon, in the rose design, that told of a coming event in a most original way, engraved in the bowl each read "Azriel G. Crouch-Jewel Coggin, June 7, 1911."

Mrs. H.C. Williams then toasted the bride-to-be, showering rose petals over her graceful head and shoulders. The toast was answered by happy tears and smiles.

The reception rooms were decorated with roses and bowls of cut flowers. The dining room was pink and white. From the chandelier overhead garlands of pink and white reached the ceiling falling in graceful loops over a great vase of full and half blown roses whose leaves and petals showered the table linens and laces. The color scheme was carried out in the refreshments. Pink la France rose cream and angel food were served. A brimming bowl of delicious fruit punch was presided over by Misses Zora Coggin and Pet Sears.

An all-day picnic was enjoyed by a crowd of the younger set Tuesday when Mrs. Doss Shepard complimented her sister Miss Dorothy Lee Potter. The picnickers were ready to start with well filled baskets of the most tempting lunch. When the noon hour came drops of rain caused them to seek shelter of the large hall of the Sheppard home, where they spread their table linen. Then came the contents of the baskets while each happy young maiden sat Japanese fashion around the hall and enjoyed all the good cheer and delicacies the linen afforded. In the afternoon they went to Bland's tank and tried their luck fishing. At the first sign of approaching evening they bade Mr. and Mrs. Shepard good bye, each wishing to come again. With buggies and surries covered with wild flowers the happy picnickers returned to their homes. There were 17 present.

Nubia Dots.

May 16—The people are busy chopping cotton.

Mrs. John Walker and family visited her father Saturday.

Several from here attended the ice cream supper at Walter Lewis Saturday night.

Ernest Moore lost his hat Saturday night.

Nubia and Derrington ball teams played here Saturday. 9 to 3 in favor of Nubia.

Mrs. Harry Randolph and children attended church here Saturday.

Brown Deavenport and family and Mrs. Dowdy went to Merkel Friday.

Claud Hannah was a caller at A. L. Stanley's Sunday.

Luther Franks called at G. W. Woods Saturday.

The Rebekahs stormed the Odd Fellows Saturday night with ice cream and cake.

Z. I. Lamar and Lela Clark passed through here Sunday.

W. J. Campbell had the misfortune of losing one of his mules last week.

Watt Blair and family visited his father Saturday.

Children's Day will be here next Sunday 10 o'clock. All are invited to come.

Preaching Saturday night. Nemo.

May 16—H. Hughes and family spent Sunday evening with K. Blackburn.

Miss Effie Thornton attended services at Nubia Sunday.

Jewell and Pearl Toombs spent Saturday with Stanleys.

Harry Riney was a pleasant caller at J. S. Blair's Sunday afternoon.

Miley Burrus of Lorraine was visiting in Nubia Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. T. J. Toombs spent Saturday night with her son, Hearlie Toombs.

Mrs. Emit Strickland who has been visiting relatives in Merkel for the past week returned home Saturday.

Mrs. A. L. Stanley and her sons visited Bob McClane and family Friday.

Fine Hogan was in Nubia Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tillinghast spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Deavenport.

Mrs. Jim Perry was in Nubia Saturday.

There will be a children's day here Sunday. Everybody come and bring dinners.

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Milch Cows.

We have some good milch cows to sell cheap for cash or exchange for fat beef cattle. See Wesley Edwards or Claud Bigham. 14-2tpd

The XX Century Club held their regular business meeting May 13. A program committee was appointed to prepare the year books for 1911 and 1912. A most profitable years work has been enjoyed and they are looking forward to the coming year with pleasure.

Pupils of Miss Mackey will give a recital and concert at the opera house Thursday June 1, 8:30 p. m. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

Merkel Wins Extra Inning Game.

In the fastest exhibition of the great national game this season the Merkel team won from the Trent boys in a 15 inning game by the score of three and two. The game was played at Trent Friday and on account of the high wind enabled the fielders to make some great plays. In the ninth the score stood two to one in Trent's favor and with two down Brittan hit to right for three bases and stole home while the pitcher was standing with the ball in his hand, making the tying run. There was no further scoring until the fifteenth when Woodrum hit to left for a clean single, stealing second and third and scoring on Stroud's hit to shortstop which was fumbled giving him plenty of time to score. Trent went out easy in their half. Irving pitched the entire game for Trent allowing three hits, Woodrum and Stroud were hit for four safties.

Batteries: Trent, Irving and Howell; Merkel, Woodrum, Stroud and Jones. Umpire Vertrees of Houston.

Children's Day at Methodist Church.

Next Sunday 11 a. m. will be children's day at the Methodist church. The children are being trained by some of our best talent and will no doubt render a very impressive program. Every member of the Cradle Roll is expected to be present and sit in a body with their mothers, and any mother whose baby is not enrolled is requested to bring her baby and enroll it that day.

The Cradle Roll department will have some part on the program.

The members of the home department are also expected to be present.

You are cordially invited to attend. Let everyone who can do so come in time for the Sunday school at 9:45. A great time is anticipated.

The pastor will preach in the evening at 8 o'clock. The sermon will be the second one in a series on the Holy Spirit.

A. M. Martin
B. W. Hudgins
Lester McNeese.

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