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Crowell Notes.

May 19—Well as I saw my letter in print I thought I would write again.

We had a fine rain Friday night and crops are looking fine and also the gardens.

J. J. Cook has been very sick but is better now.

There was an entertainment at J.W. Cooks Saturday night.

Jim Cates and sister Polly spent the night with J. W. Cook and family last week.

There was childrens day at the Methodist church last Sunday.

Jim Gaffard and father went to Thalia to a Mason meeting Wednesday night.

Miss Belle Cook and mother went to town today.

Mrs. Joe Harris spent the day with her sister, Mrs. Fox.

Frank Cates spent Tuesday with J.W. Cook and family.

Best wishes, Myrtle Cook.

Blair News.

Raymond Demere transacted business here Friday.

Miss May Peoples returned Thursday from a visit among friends at Ovalo.

Quite a crowd from Mulberry canyon attended the literary here Friday evening.

Miss Gladys Demere returned to her home in Nolan county Friday.

Wm. Clark returned Saturday from Little Rock where he had been in attendance to the exconfederate re-union and reported a good time except the occasion was marred by the death of three of the old soliders.

A number of Blairites were in attendance at the singing at Mt. Pleasant Sunday. There was a large crowd and plenty of dinner.

Mrs. Bell who has been here several days visiting the families of James Doan and Jep Horton returned Sunday to her home at Naches accompanied by Grandma and Burnice Doan.

Miss Lawrence and brother returned Monday to Ovalo after spending the week end with Miss Mae Peoples.

Mr. and Mrs. Gentry of Truby left over the Santa Fe Monday to visit relatives at Silver Valley.

Prof. Black and wife who have been visiting his father at Dora returned this week over the Santa Fe to Coleman.

Mrs. Standard and children returned Friday to her home at Lampasas after a visit with Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong at Merkel.

John McDonald of Merkel returned Monday to the construction work on the Santa Fe.

Daisie.

Shiloh Clippings.

Dear editor and correspondents here I am again to give the news of Shiloh.

There is not any sickness in the community at the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vines are proud parents of a new girl. seems to be very busy.

Valney Callahan and Miss Amy Dyess and Mr. Greenhil and Mrs. Theny Hammonds are the happy couples. Mr. and Mrs. Greenhill will make their home in Plasterco. We wish for both couples a happy union and a long and prosperous life.

There was a party at Lon Bennetts Saturday night. Quite a number of Kale people were with us.

School closed at Shiloh and Grayson school house Friday and the people of both schools went together and had a picnic down on Sweetwater creek. A number attended with well-filled baskets. Dinner was served at 12 o'clock and in the afternoon cream was served to the people.

Miss Rensler the school marm of Shiloh has left for California to join her parents.

Misses Noby Sander, Mary and Irene Green; Messrs. George Hightower, Elmer Pumroy, Val-dree Rutledge attended the literary at Noodle Friday night.

There will be church here Sunday and Sunday night.

Good by. Happy Hoolagan.

Salt Branch News.

Mr. Editor.—As we have not seen any news in your paper from this place in quite awhile with your permission we will try to give a few dots this week.

Sunday school was very well attended here Sunday.

Quite a crowd of young people from this place attended the all-day singing at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Ellis Petty and family spent the day Sunday with S. W. Taylor's family.

Joe Higgins and wife of Warren attended Sunday school here Sunday and were the guests of his brother Will and family. We were glad to have them with us and hope they will come again. The talk by Mr. Higgins was appreciated very much.

Frank Rogers, wife and little son were the guests of W. B. Beavers Sunday.

Oscar Mobley and family spent the day at Joe McMurrays Sunday.

W. B. Robertson, wife and J. W. Teaff and family attended the singing at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Misses Willye and Mollye Hardy and Dewey Floyd were the guests of Nina Beavers Sunday afternoon.

Burley, Oma and Ida Taylor spent Saturday night with Gardie and Lula Higgins.

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Butman Community.

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Lillie White attended preaching at White Church Sunday.

Adron Phillips, wife and little daughter of the Divide attended services at White Church Sunday.

J.A. Dulin transacted business in Merkel Saturday.

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Dewitt Phillips of the Divide was in our community Sunday.

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Nubla Dots.

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Childrens day at this place was attended by a large crowd Sunday.

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Grandpa Walker celebrated his 81st birthday last Saturday. Those present were Bud, Ibra and Oscar Walker, Mrs. McCain and family, Mrs. Sallie Walker and family of Merkel.

Henry Horton and sister Emma visited George and Hattie Hunter Saturday and Sunday.

Claud Hannah, Ernest Moore and Will Toombs were pleasant callers at A. L. Stanley's Sunday.

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Earl White and Z. T. Lamar attended church here Sunday.

Nemo.

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RUST & MCCAULEY DRUG COMPANY

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

Crowell Notes.

May 19—Well as I saw my letter in print I thought I would write again.

We had a fine rain Friday night and crops are looking fine and also the gardens.

J. J. Cook has been very sick but is better now.

There was a entertainment at J.W. Cooks Saturday night.

Jim Cates and sister Polly spent the night with J. W. Cook and family last week.

There was childrens day at the Methodist church last Sunday.

Jim Gaffard and father went to Thalia to a Mason meeting Wednesday night.

Miss Belle Cook and mother went to town today.

Mrs. Joe Harris spent the day with her sister, Mrs. Fox.

Frank Cates spent Tuesday with J.W. Cook and family.

Best wishes, Myrtle Cook.

Blair News.

Raymond Demere transacted business here Friday.

Miss May Peoples returned Thursday from a visit among friends at Ovalo.

Quite a crowd from Mulberry oanyon attended the literary here Friday evening.

Miss Gladys Demere returned to her home in Nolan county Friday.

Wm. Clark returned Saturday from Little Rock where he had been in attendance to the exconfederate re-union and reported a good time except the occasion was marred by the death of three of the old soliders.

A number of Blairites were in attendance at the singing at Mt. Pleasant Sunday. There was a large crowd and plenty of dinner.

Mrs. Bell who has been here several days visiting the families of James Doan and Jep Horton returned Sunday to her home at Naches accompanied by Grandma and Burnice Doan.

Miss Lawrence and brother returned Monday to Ovalo after spending the week end with Miss Mae Peoples.

Mr. and Mrs. Gentry of Truby left over the Santa Fe Monday to visit relatives at Silver Valley.

Prof. Black and wife who have been visiting his father at Dora returned this week over the Santa Fe to Coleman.

Mrs. Standard and children returned Firday to her home at Lampasas after a visit with Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong at Merkel.

John McDonald of Merkel returned Monday to the construction work on the Santa Fe.

Daisie.

Shiloh Clippings.

Dear editor and correspondents here I am again to give the news of Shiloh.

There is not any sickness in the community at the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vines are proud parents of a new girl. seems to be very busy.

Valney Callahan and Miss Amy Dyess and Mr. Greenhil and Mrs. Theny Hammonds are the happy couples. Mr. and Mrs. Greenhill will make their home in Plasterco We wish for both couples a happy union and a long and prosperous life.

There was a party at Lon Benetts Saturday night. Quite a number of Kale people were with us.

School closed at Shiloh and Grayson school house Friday and the people of both schools went together and had a picnic down on Sweetwater creek. A number attended with well-filled baskets. Dinner was served at 12 o'clock and in the afternoon cream was served to the people.

Miss Rensler the school marm of Shiloh has left for California to join her parents.

Misses Noby Sander, Mary and Irene Green; Messrs. George Hightower, Elmer Pumroy, Val-dree Rutledge attended the literary at Noodle Friday night.

There will be church here Sunday and Sunday night.

Good by. Happy Hoolagan.

Salt Branch News.

Mr. Editor.—As we have not seen any news in your paper from this place in quite awhile with your permission we will try to give a few dots this week.

Sunday school was very well attended here Sunday.

Quite a crowd of young people from this place attended the all-day singing at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Ellis Petty and family spent the day Sunday with S. W. Taylor's family.

Joe Higgins and wife of Warren attended Sunday school here Sunday and were the guests of his brother Will and family. We were glad to have them with us and hope they will come again. The talk by Mr. Higgins was appreciated very much.

Frank Rogers, wife and little son were the guests of W. B. Beavers Sunday.

Oscar Mobley and family spent the day at Joe McMurrays Sunday.

W. B. Robertson, wife and J. W. Teaff and family attended the singing at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Misses Willye and Mollye Hardy and Dewey Floyd were the guests of Nina Beavers Sunday afternoon.

Burley, Oma and Ida Taylor spent Saturday night with Gardie and Lula Higgins.

Quite a crowd of old folks enjoyed ice cream at S. W. Taylor's Saturday night.

Guess Who.

Butman Community.

May 23—Cotton chopping is the order of the day now in our community.

We are sorry to say that R. B. Grider is suffering with the fever but we hope he will soon recover. Mack Grider is some better

this week.

Lillie White attended preaching at White Church Sunday.

Adron Phillips, wife and little daughter of the Divide attended services at White Church Sunday.

J. A. Dulin transacted business in Merkel Saturday.

Willie White went to Merkel Saturday.

Dewitt Phillips of the Divide was in our community Sunday. Guess Who?

Nubia Dots.

May 24—We are having some very warm wather.

Rev. Bailey filled his appointment here Saturday night.

Childrens day at this place was attended by a large crowd Sunday.

Mr. Stegall and family of Dora attended church here Sunday.

John Tombs, John Smiley and Misses Cora and Fannie Campbell attended the singing at Mt. Pleasant Sunday evening.

Grandpa Walker celebrated his 81st birthday last Saturday. Those present were Bud, Ibra and Oscar Walker, Mrs. McCain and family, Mrs. Sallie Walker and family of Merkel.

Henry Horton and sister Emma visited George and Hattie Hunter Saturday and Sunday.

Claud Hannah, Ernest Moore and Will Toombs were pleasant callers at A. L. Stanley's Sunday.

Mrs. O. B. Boden of Mt. Pleasant visited her sister, Mrs. Jonas Deavenport Tuesday.

W. L. Blair and son Doyle went to Merkel last week.

Brown Deavenport, wife and baby visited his father Sunday.

Earl White and Z. T. Lamar attended church here Sunday.

Nemo.

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.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Merkel Mail Printing Company of Merkel will be held at the office of said company in the town of Merkel, Texas, Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, June 14, 1911, for the purpose of electing officers and a board of directors and the transaction of any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

J. G. Jackson, President.
Merkel, Texas, May 11, 1911.

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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Much of the labor of washing day will be saved if you use the right kind of materials. Come in and let us show you why other clever housewives are making those days a positive pleasure by using the kind of washing-day goods sold at this store. Here you find a grand assortment of all the latest things used in washing—sweet-clean, white washing. Call in today. We will give you free one package of washing powders with each 25c order of following brands of laundry soap: Crystal White, Clairette, Swift's White, Swift's Pride. **B. C. GAITHER & SONS**



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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Mrs. Will Hutchison of Trent spent Friday in Merkel.

Elder Cypert was in Colorado last week holding a meeting.

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

Mrs. Cranford left Friday on a visit at Cisco.

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

W.R. Bigham, and S.S. Scheidler were in Abilene Friday.

J. M. Dunnigan and Geo. Harris of Stith were in town Saturday.

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

S. P. Hardwicke of Abilene had business in Merkel Saturday.

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

Millard and Andrew Coggins of Post City spent Saturday in Merkel.

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

L. Brown and wife, Fred Bigham and wife spent two days last week fishing on Sweetwater creek.

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.

Mrs. S. P. Rister went to Abilene Saturday to be with her sister who is visiting from El Paso.

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.

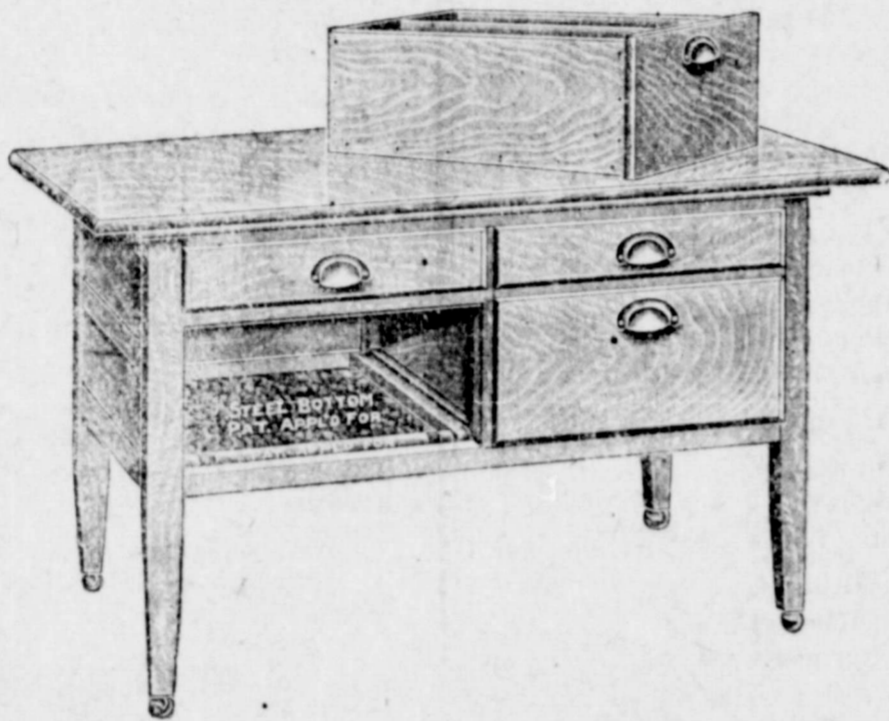
Dr. C. M. McCauley came down from Abilene and spent Sunday with home folks.

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

Earl Stalling who has a position in the Commercial National Bank of Houston is at home with parents this week.

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. 5

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.

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"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

S. S. Scheidler and two boys left Monday for Cambridge, Indiana to attend the golden wedding of his father and mother on June 6. It has been nearly 20 years since he saw them. They are then to have a re-union of the family. He expects to be gone about a month.

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

T. H. Christopher had business in Abilene Saturday.

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.

ICE

I now have plenty of ice and am making deliveries any where in the city at 1/2 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

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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 its 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 Bessie Medlen who has been one of the teachers in the Merkel high school the past year left Tuesday for her home at Anson accompanied by her sister, Miss Josephine.

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.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

W. Parten spent Sunday in Abilene.

J. M. Pate returned from a trip west Sunday morning.

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

Mr. Black of Dora was in Merkel Monday.

Mrs. Frank Johnson went to Abilene Tuesday.

Miss Clara Keeton of Medina, Tenn., came home with Dr. Adkisson to spend a year.

Saturday Evening Post at McClains Drug Store.

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.

Miss Mamie Mann who has been visiting Miss Fannie Burroughs returned to her home at Stamford Monday.

Dr. Cox's Painless Blister, price 50c. Guaranteed to blister without pain or money refunded. For sale by all druggists. 5

W. A. Armstrong of the Noodle community was in town Monday and reports crops in good condition in his neighborhood.

When you see them you will want one of our new wash boilers. Come and see.

West Texas Hardware Co.

E. L. Woodroof of Waxahachie was looking after his interests in Merkel Monday.

If you want sometime elegant and new in wedding presents come see our line. At Rust & McCauley's. tf

Misses Jewel and Zora Coggins and Tillie Mosher visited Abilene Monday.

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

B.W. Hudgins transacted business in Abilene Monday.

We want your business. If you are not already a customer of ours give us a trial, we believe you will like our treatment. We have hundreds of other satisfied customers and we can satisfy you. The Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Ray Allen has accepted a position with H.L. Propst near Trent.

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PEACE IN MEXICO.

The sudden and unexpected assurance of the immediate resignation of President Diaz in all probability brings peace to Mexico, while it reveals with astonishing abruptness the real depths of disaffection throughout the country. The "old lion" would never have yielded had not conditions been so grave as to threaten almost immediate anarchy and disintegration. Only a few days ago he had declared a tentative purpose to resign, but throughout his statement breathed a defiance that boded ill for an early termination of the uncertainty. His almost complete surrender indicates that the seriousness of the situation has been borne on upon even his iron determination.

Diaz is also disclosed as capable of that patriotism his intimates have all along claimed for him. It would be silly to believe that the element of personal fear entertained into his calculations. So that even those who have most resented the old man's obstinacy must now admit he has been actuated by a sincere, if uncomprehending, desire for the ultimate welfare of the nation.

Given the confidence of the people, it ought not to be difficult to stamp out guerrilla warfare and, in due time, to work out a genuine democratic government. As for Diaz, personally, there can be only strong admiration, tinged with sympathy. He will stand out as one of the most powerful figures in the history of the new world. He brought rehabilitation and peace to Mexico by the only method that could, at that time, have been effectual. With the inevitable readjustment of time and progress, other mediums and processes were needed. The world will hope that he will be spared to see his country's welfare vindicate a sacrifice that required even more courage than he displayed in his earlier and more ruthless days.

Incidentally, the advocates of violence and intervention, the professional hot-heads, in our own country, are properly rebuked. Had President Taft been less firm, the present placid prospects would never had been approached. In all likelihood, we would have been drawn into an entanglement the end of which could only have been embarrassment, loss of life and extra tax levy on our people.—Atlanta Constitution.

President Diaz goes down under almost identically the same pressure that put him at the head of the government more than 30 years ago. There will never be permanent peace in any country on the western continent as long as the common people are oppressed. More than 400 years ago a spirit of equal rights to all the people was the prominent feature and direct cause of all the trouble the first settlers had with their mother country. Their cause prevailed and freedom proclaimed through out all the land. Since then other nations have been added to the roll and in no case where a republican form of government has been established have they ever returned to the autocrat rule. Diaz was slow to take the hint. Mex-

ico has been fighting 90 years for the reforms they are now about to get.

IF WE KNEW.

Could we but draw back the curtains
 That surrounds each other's lives,
 See the naked heart and spirit,
 Know what spur the action gives—
 Often we would find it better,
 Purer than we judge we would;
 We would love each one better,
 If we only understood.

Could we judge all deeds by motives,
 See the good and bad within;
 Often we would love the sinner
 All the while we loathed the sin,
 Could we know the powers working
 To overthrow integrity,
 We would judge each other's errors,
 With more patient charity.

If we knew the cares and trials,
 Knew the efforts all in vain;
 And the bitter disappointment—
 Understood the loss and gain—
 Would the grim, external roughness
 Seem, I wonder, just the same?
 Would we help where we now hinder?
 Would we pity where we blame?

Ah! we judge each other harshly,
 Knowing not life's hidden force;
 Knowing not the fount of action,
 Is less turbid at its source;
 Seeing not amid the evils,
 All the golden grains of good,
 Oh, we'd love each other better
 If we only understood.

—Selected.

THE LITTLE ROCK RE-UNION.

The re-union at Little Rock was largely attended and a very enjoyable meeting so the boys report. Of course it had its sad features, as has been the case for several years some who left home well and hearty fell by the way and never returned. So it was 50 years ago. Then they were in the prime of manhood and gave up their young lives in a heroic struggle to defend a cause dear to all the south. It is different now the cause was lost, they are struggling to keep fresh the memories of the other days and stamp upon the pages of history that never surrender at Appomattox their love for their Dixie land.

Some stayed away on account of not feeling physically able to make the trip others had sickness in their families or other various good reason for not being there but will say that not one stayed away because his love for the cause had waned in the least degree.

The next meeting is to be at Macon, Georgia.

We notice of the graduates of the Abilene high school there are 17 girls and one boy. In the Merkel schools 7 girls and one boy. Now we are willing to grant that the girls have always been prettier and sweeter than the boys but are not ready to admit that they are naturally able to out number them in graduating classes, in fact it really ought not to be. Why do the boys drop out? They certainly have not figured on what it means to go out into the world without at least a high school education especially in this age when it is almost a necessity in every branch of business. Statistics show that the boy with a high school education receives \$1.00 per day better wages than the one without it. Then it is a business proposition. An investment that pays a big dividend besides the polish and pleasure it carries with it. Of course some few have succeeded in the world without an education but these few cases only emphasize its importance. These very men would not be willing to try it again nor advise you to risk it. Boys get in the procession and try to make it a tie next year at least.

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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.

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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.

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Here also is the finest picked stock of kitchen and general hardware in the county. It was bought to suit the needs of the district—YOUR needs. Call and see if we have what you want.

Some Special Lines and Prices: New Perfection and Detroit Wickless. Prices range from \$8.50 to \$13.50

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HOSIERY SHOWING

That's what it is---showing all the new lines and all the new patterns in plain and fancy silks, plain and fancy lises, new lace, in fact everything that is to be worn this season on the foot. When you see them in our windows and on our shelves you will want to see them on yourselves. We have set a price on them that you can not resist the temptation to buy.

Pure Silk Hose in black.....	50c
Pure Silk Hose, linen heel, toe and top, black.....	65c
Pure Silk Hose, all colors.....	\$1.25
Pure Silk Hose, white, blue, pink and embroidered.....	2.25
Real Lisle Hose, very thin and sheer, all colors, for 25c, 50c and.....	1.00
Fancy Lisle and Lace Hose 25c, 50c and.....	1.00

At this season it is natural for you to feel that you ought to be garbed as light as nature's own in fluffy, tasty, cool things. You will find them here, for we do enjoy buying summer fancies and in order to buy of course we have to sell, and you will find the prices on these goods correspondingly light. Come and take a look at them.

Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Seth Hamilton Tuesday a fine girl.

Grandma Winter of the Shiloh community is reported very low.

J. H. McDonald is fishing this week on Valley creek.

W. T. Potter and W. O. Boney went to Abilene Wednesday.

H. C. Floyd of the Salt Branch neighborhood spent Tuesday in Merkel.

W.R. Hampton has torn down his barn and rebuilt it in a more substantial way.

Birthday presents at Rust & McCauley's. Cut glass, silver novelties and china. tf

Ensign Cleveland McCauley is visiting his brother C. M. McCauley and family.

D. J. Kunkleman made a trip to Coleman, Comanche, Hico and other places prospecting last week.

Our prices are right on wedding presents and birthday presents. Come and see them. tf Rust & McCauley's.

W.B. Farmer left Thursday for a ten days visit at Clyde, Eagle Cove and other places. Mrs. Farmer accompanied him.

J. F. Tipton who has been traveling for several weeks in the counties northwest is at home and reports crops in good condition.

Wedding presents of the most appropriate and up-to-date kind. Prices \$1 to \$100. Everything neat, nobby and new. Rust & McCauley Drug Co. tf

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

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In a letter to home folks Mrs. J.M.C. King who has been at the bedside of her father and mother at Anna for several weeks says that their condition is still very serious.

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Victor Harris handed us a letter this week from Edgar Maxwell to his sister Mrs. Harris. He was an eye witness to the battle of Jaurez and gives a detailed account of the movements of both armies as he saw it. It is certainly very interesting to read and we are sorry we have not the space to print the letter.

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Queer Case of Suicide.

An extraordinary case of suicide was described at an inquest held on the body of Alfred Hampson at Virginia Water, in Surrey. It was stated that Hampson suffered from weak-mindedness. He was left alone in his private room in a sanatorium for about twenty minutes, and when his attendant returned Hampson was found pressing a red-hot poker into his body. He informed Doctor Moore that he had been told he had a devil inside him, and the only way it could be killed was by means of a red-hot poker. He died next day.

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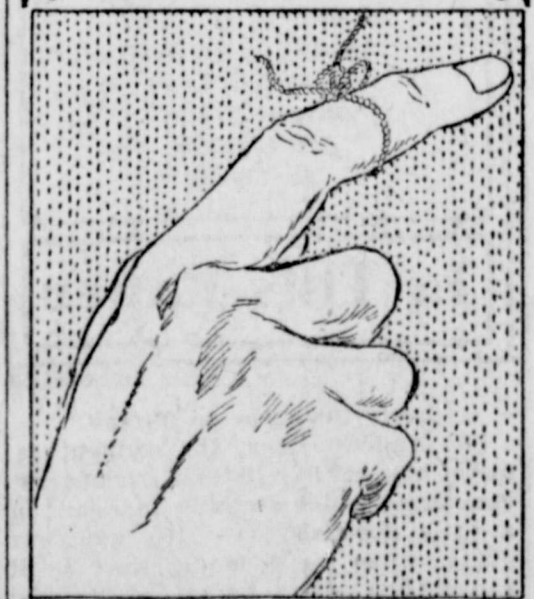
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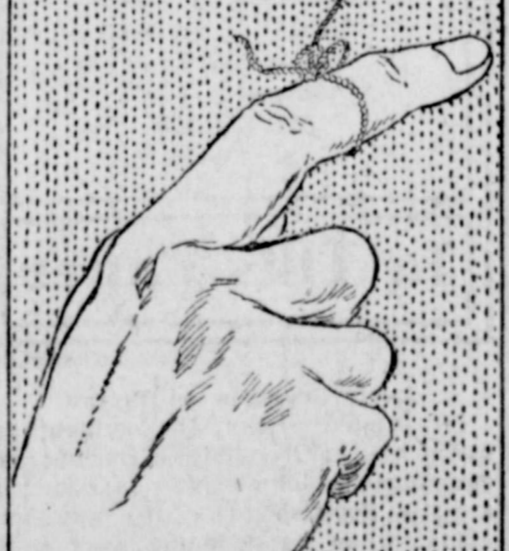
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We have more than twice as many mules as any other state in the Union. The census reports of the Federal department of agriculture on Jan. 1, 1910, reports 792,000 head of mules and the last estimate of value per head made by the department places the average value of \$108, making a total value of all mules of all ages of approximately \$75,000,000, which is an increase of a quarter of a million mules in number and \$45,000,000 in value, including both increase in value per head and increase in number during the past decade.

The mule raising industry is one of the most inviting pursuits and Texas is undoubtedly the greatest country on the globe for mule raising.

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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 powers 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.

Will Promote Beauty.

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.

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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, backache or headache, constipation, dispelling colds, imparting appetite and toning up the system, they're unequalled. Easy, safe, sure. 25c at H C Burroughs.

DECIDE YOURSELF

The Opportunity Is Here, Backed by Merkel Testimony.

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."

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

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

Is This Your Girl.

The following, which we clip from an exchange, may not be true but contains a lesson that many thoughtless girls would be better for heeding.

We see stated in an exchange where a 15-year old girl in a neighboring town, who was in the habit of meeting the trains and flirting with the trainmen, succeeded in landing a beau. She gaily consented when he asked her to walk home with him. Her newly formed acquaintance asked to be led to her home and upon arriving there he boldly rang the door bell. Her mother came to the door and Mr. Traveling man delivered a short lecture, something like this:

"Madam, here is your little daughter. I picked her up at the depot, a place where girls of her age should not go alone unless on business. I have a daughter at home the age of this one. I am away from home a great deal of the time and am not certain whether my daughter meets the trains and flirts with the trainmen and the passengers or not, but if she does, I hope someone will do for me that which I have done for you—take her home to her mother."

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.

The Marshall basket factory will be ready for operation soon and will be one of the largest factories of its kind in the south.

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.

The First National Bank building of Houston has installed a private electric light plant at a cost of \$27,000.

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. M. A. Sullivan.

Mrs. M. A. Sullivan, wife of E. D. Sullivan deceased, was a native of Tennessee and was born in the year 1828 and departed this life May 14, 1911, at 9:45 p. m. She embraced religion and united with the Presbyterian church in her youthful days.

After the death of her husband she made her home with the family of her brother Rev. A. A. Baker, where she spent her latter days. She had been an invalid for a number of years and through all her afflictions she expressed strong desires to depart and be at home with kindred spirits who had gone before.

While our hearts are sad and her room is vacant and her voice will not call us again in the home, our sadness disappears when we remember she only sleeps to rise again.

At the age of four score and three, A battle she has won; The heavenly angels greet her now And see the smiles upon her brow.

Yes, auntie, we will meet you In the sweet by and by, And we will sing together As do the angels now.

And when our lives are ended And sorrow is no more, Then we will live together On that eternal shore.

Carrie Baker Warnick.

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.

The Smithville 10,000 Club has closed a deal with a San Antonio firm for the erection of a pickle plant at Smithville.

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.

A half million cases of oil were shipped from Port Arthur this week to Australian points.

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.

Don't Take It For Granted

that just because you are in business, everybody is aware of the fact. Your goods may be the finest in the market but they will remain on your shelves unless the people are told about them.

ADVERTISE

if you want to move your merchandise. Reach the buyers in their homes through the columns of THIS PAPER and on every dollar expended you'll reap a handsome dividend.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Kelly of Lingleville is visiting J. P. Sharp.

Rev. A. L. Jobe goes to Elgin to conduct a meeting.

Jack Provine is to take charge of the express office at Merkel.

Miss Cecil Haley of Matador is the guest of her sister Mrs. W. E. Britian.

Miss Myrtle Conner of Baird visited acquaintances in Merkel Wednesday.

Mrs. J. W. Moore is in Fort Worth visiting her sister, Mrs. Ernest Kunze.

Mrs. Austin Pitts left Thursday for El Paso to attend her daughter's marriage.

J. G. Jackson left Tuesday night on a business trip to Farmersville and other places.

Dr. Warnick is repairing the W.R. Provine place which was damaged by fire few weeks ago.

Dan L. Boyd the enterprising Nubia merchant was in town Wednesday and reports every thing prosperous in his jurisdiction.

The Eastern Star Chapter will install officers Wednesday night. All members requested to be present. Refreshments.

Mrs. Copeland who has been visiting her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Eoff returned to Winters Wednesday.

The city has a new pound located just east of the waterworks. If your stock is missing the city marshal may be able to help you find them.

Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt and little daughter Hazel left Wednesday for a visit at Rising Star. They will be gone several days.

Mrs. Pearl Tracy who has been visiting her sister at Hillsboro returned Tuesday. Miss Mary Reed came back with her to spend a few weeks in Merkel.

Mrs. L. M. Tucker left Tuesday night for Denton. The family will follow in a few days. They go there to put their daughters in school.

The pastor of the Methodist church will preach Sunday, 11 a. m. on "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit—who and why?" At 8:15 p. m. "Loving your lover." A cordial invitation is extended to everyone. Special music.

The all-day singing at Mount Pleasant last Sunday was a grand success. The visiting classes were from Trent, Tye, Caps, Salt Branch and Nubia; also quite a number from Merkel. There was excellent singing, a nice dinner and all seemed to enjoy the day.

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.

R. J. Adcock had on exhibition today a half dozen onions of the white variety which he raised on his place in southwest Merkel. The six weighed 6 3/4 lbs the largest one nearly two pounds. Mr. Adcock has already some reputation as a truck grower in a small way and with the good soil he has it will be no trouble to raise his grad several points.



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We are here to accommodate the public and solicit your trade. Patronize home industry and watch it grow.

J. N. Routh, Mgr.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject for Sunday, May 28, "Home Mission Schools." Leader, Miss Irene Swann. Scripture reading—Matt. 28; 19-20.

Acts 11; 19-26 — Miss Winnie Warren; II Tim. 1; 3-9—Miss Ina Wheeler; Prov. 31; 10-30—Miss Ola Sharp.

Song. What are the Home Board Schools?—Miss Ethel Roberts.

How are they conducted and sustained?—Miss Fannie Swann. What is the use of them?—Rev. W. C. Taggart.

Prayer. Song. Collection. Announcements. Song. Adjournment.

The Rose Philathea class met in business session Tuesday afternoon at the home of their teacher Mrs. G. H. Adams with fourteen members present. Officers were elected, Miss Ona Hamblet, president; Miss Ezma All-day, vice-president; Miss Mattie Paylor, treasurer; Miss Jessie Sutphen, secretary. After the business had all been transacted cream and cake were served.

Meeting at Center Point.

Missionary L. E. Masters will hold a three-days meeting with the Baptist church at Center Point beginning Thursday night before the first Sunday. Everybody invited to attend the meeting.
N. Harrison, Clerk.

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.

After a two months absence Dr. Adkisson returned to Merkel on last Monday morning. The doctor has been in New York city where he has pursued a course of advanced surgical and medical study at the New York Post Graduate School and Hospital and the New York Polyclinic. Attesting to the work accomplished while there the doctor brought back with him two sheep skin certificates. We are glad to have him back and pleased to learn of his accomplishments while away.

J. D. Teague who had been suffering for several months with cancer of the stomach died at home in south Merkel Tuesday night and was buried in Rose Hill cemetery Wednesday. He was 62 years old and leaves a widow and two children. The Mail extends sympathy.

At a meeting of the school board Saturday night V. B. Black of Allen, Texas, was elected principal of the high school and Miss Pattie Richardson and Miss Jewell Garrett were also elected to positions in the Merkel school.

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

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"I have stood by the bedside of hundreds of dying people," observed an old physician, "and I have yet to see a dying person shed tears. No matter what the grief of the bystanders may be, the stricken person will show no sign of overpowering emotion. I have seen a circle of agonized children around a dying mother—a mother who, in health, would have been touched to the quick by signs of grief on a child—yet she reposed as calm and unemotional as though she had been made of stone. There is some strange and inexplicable psychological change which accompanies the act of dissolution. It is well known to all physicians that pain disappears as the end approaches. And nature seems to have arranged it so that mental peace shall also attend our last lingering illness."

Extra Special Announcement.

We are authorized to announce that the Fort Worth Record will make the following unusual offer to Rural Route subscribers on account of the forthcoming prohibition campaign: The Daily and Sunday Record will be sent by mail to any Rural Route address or to those living in small towns where the Record is not delivered by local carrier, from now to July 31st, 1911, for \$1.00, or from now until August, 31st, 1911, for \$1.50. Remit by money order direct to the Record Co., Fort Worth, Texas.

Every farmer should become thoroughly posted on this great vital question and the Record can be depended upon to give both sides of the question fully and impartially.

RAMESES, A GREAT EGYPTIAN

Was Inordinately Vain and Ostentatious, but a Courageous and Determined Fighter.

Rameses' superb statue in Turin is proven by his surviving body to be a faithful portrait, showing us at least the outward man as he was. In person he was tall and handsome, with features of dreamy and almost effeminate beauty, in no wise suggestive of the manly traits which he certainly possessed. For the incident at Kadesh showed him unquestionably a man of fine courage with ability to rise to a supreme crisis; while the indomitable spirit evident there is again exhibited in the tenacity with which he pushed the war against the great Hittite Empire and carried his conquests, even if not lasting, far into northern Syria. After his nearly fifteen years of campaigning, in which he more than redeemed the almost fatal blunder at Kadesh, he was quite ready to enjoy the well earned peace. He was inordinately vain and made far more ostentatious display of his wars on his monuments than was ever made by Thutmose.

With his name perpetuated in vast buildings distributed at all points along the Nile from the marshes of the northern Delta to the Fourth Cataract. Rameses lived on in magnificence even surpassing that of Amenhotep III. His was the sunset glory of the venerable line which he represented.—Breadsted's "A History of Egypt."

A Family's School Attendance Record. Few families can boast of the school attendance record of the four children of J. R. Dannatt, assistant overseer of Newchurch, Isle of Wight, who have been connected with the local school for 17 years.

They have attended for an aggregate of thirty-two years and one month without missing a single attendance. The record is as follows: Harry Dannatt, five years and five months; Charlie, ten years and five months; Nemo, seven years and ten months, and Ada, eight years and five months. The school is about two miles from the family's residence, and the distance traveled by the quartet in journeying to and from school exceeds 30,000 miles.—London Daily Mail.

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

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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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To Notaries.

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

The Farmers Our Best Citizens.

Every battle field that marks the worlds progress, the victory of liberty over tyranny, or right over wrong has been deluged with the blood of our farmers. The farmer evades neither the tax nor the recruiting officer. The sons and daughters of our farmers are filling the seminaries, colleges and universities of the land and from our farm homes have gone in the past, as they are going now, leaders in literature, science and art, presidents of great universities, the heads of great industrial enterprises and they direct our government. The typical American today is the farmer and city life with its stir and bustle, its hurry and rush must be replenished from our rural homes.

Notice to Trespassers.

All parties and their dogs are hereby notified to keep out of my pasture, the Hamm lease, or they will be prosecuted to the full extent of law. KEEP OUT. 26t2pd
Chas. Orr.

Shall Women Vote?

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

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