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Scripture lesson, Mark 10; 13-16—Leader.  
Prayer.  
Song No. 69.  
Children the gift of God, Ps. 127; 3-5—Charlie Bell Thomas.  
Collecting children, Prov. 13; 24—Jewell Young.  
Sentance prayers.  
Song No. 156.  
Children blessed by Christ—Howard Laney.  
Comments on the lesson incident—Superintendent.  
Read next Sunday program.  
Benediction.

### Senior League Program.

Subject, Spiritual Power.  
Leader, Miss Allie Jennings.  
Song.  
Scripture lesson, with comments by leader. John 14; 26 16; 7-14.  
Scripture reading. Matt. 15; 15-29—Noel Moore. I. Con 2; 3-4, II. Tim. 1; 7—Carl Lowrey.  
Song.  
Spiritual power to be coveted—Miss Charlie Mae McDuff.  
What is spiritual power—W. T. Potter.  
Quartet.  
Acquiring spiritual power—Miss Maude Jinkens.  
Results of acquiring spiritual power—Miss Georgia Moore.  
Announcements.  
Benediction.  
Let every Leaguer come out to the business meeting Saturday night June 3, at 8:15.

### B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject, Dwelling in God.  
Scripture reading, Psalm 90:1-17.  
Song.  
Leader, Grady Collins.  
John 15:1-17—Floyd Dean.  
Eph. 3:14-21—Gaylen Lassiter.  
What is it to dwell in God—Miss Alice Valentine.  
Why we should dwell in God—Miss Clara Saffles.  
Prayer.  
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### A Peek Into His Pocket

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J. G. Jackson, President.  
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## LOOKING HOMeward

By Rev. James E. E. Sawyer  
Montreal, Can.

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That noble spirit, Lamennais, who tasted the bitterness of exile from his native land, comforted himself by saying: "Our homeland is not here below; man vainly seeks it here; that which he takes for it is only a lodging for the night."

The abiding home of humanity is not here. We are all wanderers. Our real home is elsewhere. This is not the place of our rest. All noble souls, loftily or lowly, are travelers, walking not by sight but by faith. Our dearest treasures are laid up in heaven. Our hopes, our interests, our hearts, are there. "They that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country." "They desire a better country that is heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city."

Our adversities are the necessary incidents of a journey. All earth's joys are the shifting scenes of a land through which we are traveling. This world is the scene of vicissitudes, of storms, of sorrows, of partings, of heart-breaks and tragic loneliness. There is a peaceful and permanent home awaiting the Christian—a city that hath foundations, a settled habitation, a haven after life's tempestuous voyage, a refuge from all the sorrows of the present existence, a land of light where there is no more painful mystery, a land of love and eternal reunion, where sympathy is perfect, where the heart is satisfied, a realm secure and gladsome, thronged with ancient folk and dear ones of our own day. There we shall see as we are seen and know as we are known. There light intellectual is full-charged with love, love of true good; full-charged with gladness—gladness which transcends every sweetness. That is the goal of all our belongings. Archbishop Leighton used to say that if he were to choose a place to die in it should be an inn, for that would look so like a pilgrim's going home. God gave him his wish. In an inn he ended his pilgrimage, and went home to the city of the sun, toward which he had long looked wistfully. To the spiritually minded that homeland is more real than anything round about them here.

It is not in the darkest hours of life alone that the vision of that home is most attractive. Often the thought of its peace, its fruition, its infinite and eternal satisfaction of our desires and possibilities, comes to us with strange power when life is strongest and most joyous. In the hour of some great joy, at the time of the accomplishment of some purpose which has cost protracted and strenuous endeavor, or when we have beheld the mystic beauty of a perfect morning or have looked into eternity through the splendor of the sunset, the thought of the home of the soul has been a rapture of desire. Our best and happiest hours are prophetic of heaven, are windows through which we obtain fascinating glimpses of its ideal beauty. When, like Simeon, we hold the Light and hope of the world in our arms, like him, our heart exclaims: "Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation." Were we to have one minute of perfect existence, bodily, mentally and spiritually, one minute of absolutely perfect health, perfect spiritual vision and harmony and happiness, the veil between us and our home would disappear. Without dying we would arrive instantly at home.

The longing for home is not the weariness of weaklings, the ennui of worldings, the indolence of the ease-loving, the cynicism and disgust of those who do not find this life worth living. It is characteristic of fullness of spiritual life and energy. None have more earnestly longed for heaven than the bravest soldiers of the cross, and heroes of the faith. Paul, though for the sake of others willing to remain in the flesh, confessed to a desire to depart. It was because to live

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to neglect liver trouble. Never do it. Take Dr. King's New Life Pills on the first sign of constipation, biliousness or inactive bowels and prevent virulent indigestion, jaundice or gall stones. They regulate liver, stomach and bowels and build up your health. Only 25c at H. C. Burroghs.

### Birds of a Feather.

The man who was trying to become an expert canoeist was discoursing on his canoe.

"What do you think I've named it?" he asked.

They knew not.  
"The 'New England Conscience.'"  
"Why?"

"Because it's almost always upset."

### A Vital Point.

The most delicate part of baby is its bowels. Every ament that it suffers with attacks the bowels also endangering in most cases the life of the infant. McGee's Baby Blixir cures diarrhoea, dysentery and all derangements of the stomach or bowels.



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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Miss Leno Largent is visiting at McKinney.

John Woodward went to Fort Worth Friday on business.

Come and hear our new records. The Elite.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Gaither left Friday to visit several days in Kent county.

Chas. Bartlett, manager of the Higginbotham Lumber Co., at Roscoe was in the city Friday.

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

Mrs. F. A. Sanders and children visited relatives in Putnam last week.

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

Hack Russell of Abilene was in town last week on business and called to pay his respects to the Merkel Mail.

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

Mrs. F. M. Orr and children of Wildersville, Tenn., are in Merkel visiting the families of Dr. J. A. Adkisson and F. A. Sanders.

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

Y. A. Orr and two daughters of Putnam visited relative in Merkel a few days this week. They were accompanied by Miss Sallie Orr.

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.

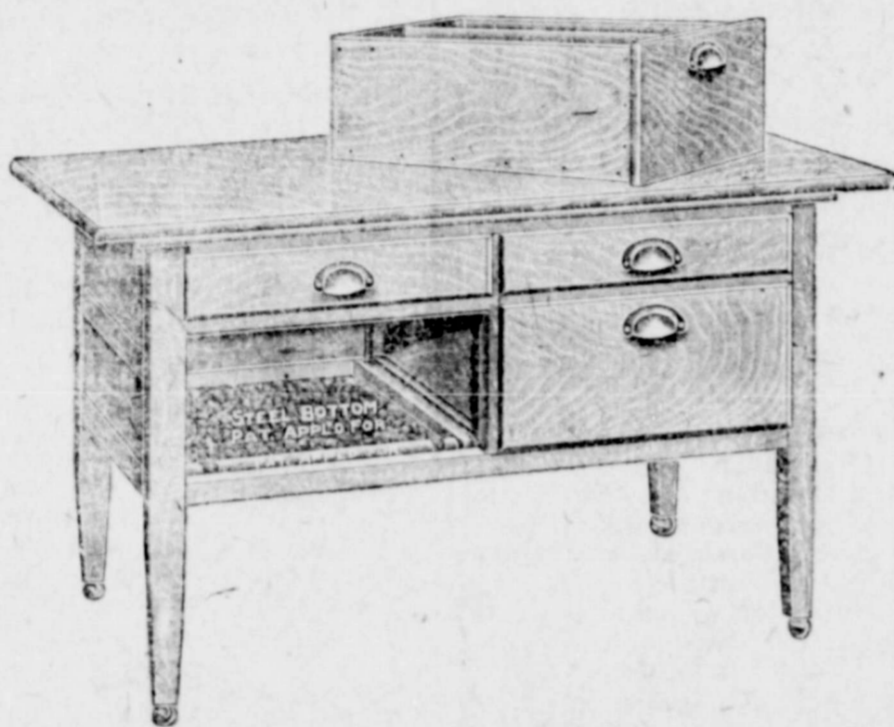
We are glad to hear that Miss Sophia Howard passed the examinations at the Sam Houston Normal and will be entitled to a first grade state certificate.

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

Misses Josie Lowrey, Ola and Pope left Saturday for City to attend the summer normal. They will be gone six months.

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.

## THE MONEY YOU WASTE IN YOUR KITCHEN



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



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.

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

### A New Business Opened.

The Merkel Bottling Works has been overhauled, cleansed and put in first-class running order. We are ready to furnish all kinds of bottle goods, such as has been handled here before and also furnish gas for fountains and ice cream in any quantity at all hours.

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

J. N. Routh, Mgr.

Mrs. G. R. Pettus was called to Norman, Okla., last week to the bedside of her daughter Mrs. K. B. Barb who died last Friday. Mrs. Barb (Dora Pettus) was well known in Merkel having been reared from girlhood in or near Merkel. She taught school last year at Noodle and was very popular. She married about a year ago. Death is always sad but more especially so for one so young. The Mail extends sympathy to her mother and husband.

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.

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

## 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.

### 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.

### To Notaries.

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

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

Bob Allen of Salt Branch was in town Saturday.

### A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity of the kidneys 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.

Miss Duncan Browning left Friday for Fort Worth to attend the commencement exercises of the Polytechnic college and then she will visit at Tulsa and other places in Oklahoma. She will be gone till about the first of September when she will return and resume her kindergarten work in Merkel.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Lilly of White-wright who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. John Sears, left for their home Friday.

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

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Robert Hicks has accepted a position with B. C. Gaither & Sons. §

W. A. Scott was in Abilene Monday looking after business matters.

Weslie Edwards has been visiting in and near Midland since our last issue.

Miss Inez Sharp has gone to Denton to attend the State Normal this summer.

Frank Ferrier resigned his position with B. C. Gaither & Sons and is now with Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

It is worse than useless to take any medicines internally for muscular or chronic rheumatism. All that is needed is a free application of Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. E. M. Rust left Sunday for Dallas to attend a meeting of the jewelers and opticians this week.

Will furnish the paper and paper your house for \$5.00 per room. You select from my samples. H. H. Long. 1tpd

Mr. and Mrs. H. Turner who attended the re-union at Little Rock and visited the old home while gone returned Saturday.

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

Mrs. Walker who has been visiting her sister Mrs. E. Hall returned to her home at Anson Friday.

The uniform success that has attended the use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has made it a favorite everywhere. It can always be depended upon. For sale by all dealers.

Misses Lena and Grace Tucker left Monday for Denton to join their parents who preceded them. They will enter the State Normal School.

There is one medicine that every family should be provided with and especially during the summer months; viz. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed. It costs but a quarter. Can you afford to be without it? For sale by all dealers.

Miss E. Love Hawkins left Monday for her old home, Huntington, Tenn. She will return in September to resume her work in the Merkel high school.

### Sore Nipples.

Any mother who has had experience with this distressing ailment will be pleased to know that a cure may be effected by applying Chamberlain's Salve as soon as the child is done nursing. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the babe to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with best results. For sale by all dealers.

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telephone message to that effect. If an occur-  
rence of unusual interest transpires, a re-  
porter will be promptly sent for full particulars.

## BOOSTING EDITOR IN COLLIN COUNTY

It was the pleasure of one of our editors last week to spend a few days in McKinney, Farmersville and other points in the black land belt of East Texas.

It was not our first visit but it was the only time that we sojournd long enough to get acquainted with the people and their country. Collin county ranks fourth in the state and every native born contends that by rights she should be at the top. In writing and making comparisons of our own country and other sections it is our desire to be fair. If it was not we would be afraid to say a word against that section of the state for there are many of our best people from dear old Collin, fine old Fnnnin, good old Grayson or some other part of grand old Texas and they might make us talk two ways but we believe all of Texas is good and that the conditions, the people and the development make the difference in values and opportunities. In Collin county the land is as black as a crow and as rich as the vally of the Nile. It will produce as much corn or cotton as any land on the face of the earth. The prices, \$75.00 to \$150.00 per acre seem awful high to our readers but at that they are cheap. Land in Iowa and Illinois which will produce no more than Collin dirt is worth \$200 to \$400 per acre and in Denmark and some of the other older countries the prices run up about the \$1,000 mark. As stated before, the values are made by the people and the development of their community. We saw the faults as well as the virtues and we were much surprised to learn that Collin, although at the head in the rank of our counties in wealth and production is at the tail end on the good roads question. The black land is as sticky as gum, will wad up on your feet or a vehicle until it is almost impossible to travel and yet no goods roads. A man in three miles of his trading point is farther from law than a farmer is in our country who is fifteen miles out and everybody knows we do not claim that our roads are good. This was our only criticism and we were glad to learn that sentiment was rapidly changing and that the day when gravel and macadam roads will run by every farm in Collin county is not far distant and the normal values of their properties will not be reached until that good day.

The people are solid, substantial and satisfied citizens; many wealthy, for McKinney and Farmersville are considered among the wealthiest in the state considering their size and most of the people are in easy financial circumstances. Money is plentiful and cheap and in the negotia-

tion of a loan the only question is that of security which is right. Credit in our country has been much more loose and liberal but banking and business in our section is fast assuming the conditions of the older countries for the safe and sure way is the best policy for borrower or lender. It is the most economical way for when credit is liberal and the conditions of credit easy the buyer is tempted and yields to the indulgence of the luxuries and extravagance.

### Some People We Met.

In Farmersville we met I. H. Harliss, formerly a citizen and always a friend of the Merkel country. He is enjoying the best of health and sufficient prosperity that he paid us a dollar to renew his paper. He was glad to learn that crop prospects and conditions were good in our country for he said he would feel under obligations to send Ben C. Gaither some groceries if this country went to the bad for he was under obligations to the Merkelite for a part of his living while out here. We struck the trail of D. F. Bandy, another good reader of our paper but could not locate him. Many others asked about Jeff Jones, Mr. Flippen and a dozen whose names we can not remember. We met Sam Harris, a young boy weighing 408 pounds, the biggest in the state and he asked us to advertise and ask some of our readers to send him two badgers and he would pay \$10.00 for the pair for he was going to New York with the Woodmen and wanted to be able to match some real good badger fights. At McKinney we learned that C. M. Largent now one of the wealthiest citizens in the Merkel country and the raiser of the best Herefords in the world was once an ordinary druggist and was not near so fat, healthy and happy as now. We met many good people and enjoyed every hour of our visit.

### A Comparison of Conditions.

There are many of the best citizens of that section who have their eyes on our country and they are coming out this way to make their investments. They believe that in view of the conditions our country offers the best opportunities. In fact, as a study of nature anyone knows that the Great Creator did not make the lands in east Texas to be worth \$100 to \$150 per acre and the rich section surrounding Merkel to be worth but \$25 to \$40 per acre when our land will under favorable seasons produce just as much and even now with a fair and honest consideration of the amount of labor necessary for cultivation return as great reward for the tiller as the rich black soil. These are facts to be appreciated by any practical man. They know our lands at their present values will double many years before their values are increased in the same proportion and that makes the investment. The drouth of the past two years is no discouragement for them for they know such is the history of any new country and like the rich man's secret of success they know the time to buy is when properties are cheap and sell when they are high. Now is the time to invest in west Texas and if you buy in the Merkel country you will have a deed which will read to so much land in the country in clover, the best on the market. Come to Merkel. Our reporter is under obligations to Mr. L. L. Miller of Farmersville for the invitation for

this delightful trip and for many courtesies shown us by him, his good family in their christian home and his friends. They are good people and in a grateful spirit of appreciation we extend for all of our readers and citizens their standing invitation to, "Come to Merkel."

## CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED—Man with family to do farm work. Sam Butman.

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, tf

### 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.

The Mail 'is the Paper the People Read

### SHOPLIFTER HAS HARD LUCK

She Cannot Wear Clothes of Latest Design or Make Herself at All Conspicuous.

When the confusion caused by the arrest of a shoplifter had died down a bystander said:

"Well, she wasn't my idea of a shoplifter. I had always imagined shoplifters were dressed in up-to-date clothes. She wasn't.

"None of them are," said the store detective. "Ultra-fashionable clothes would ruin their business. What chance would a woman wearing a harem skirt have of getting away with a bolt of lace or a willow plume? There would be so many pairs of eyes fastened on her that she couldn't even buy a paper of pins without being caught in the act.

"It was the same way with hobbie skirts. They got pretty common, still there were enough people who saw something so funny about the hobbie that they had to stop and stare at every one they met to make it risky for a shoplifter to put one on.

"Also the shoplifter cannot afford to dye her hair a pronounced color, to wear extra big hats or high heels. All those things make her a target for the public gaze and limit her proficiency. Every calling has its disadvantages, and shoplifting is no exception. The person who succeeds at that must make sacrifices, and the first of these is to forswear showy clothes when plying her trade."

## Facts

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.

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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.

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Another Luxury That Every Family can enjoy to-day that a king could not a hundred years ago.

If you are not using a refrigerator one of ours will save enough food in a season to pay for itself, to say nothing of the satisfaction of having better things to eat.

If you are using an old ice box (ice burner is a better name) one of our refrigerators will save you enough in ice bills to pay for itself in a season or two, besides unnecessary trouble and work, and keep your food better and longer. Our line of refrigerators is complete and it will pay you to examine them.

## West Texas Hardware Co

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

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

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

W. R. and Mrs. Hampton went to Abilene Tuesday.

Miss Fay Lowrey visited at Sweetwater this week.

Jim Campbell says they had but little rain though crops look all right.

Earl Stallings left for Houston Monday after visiting his parents the past week.

Mr. Elder, manager of the Trent Telephone Co., was in Merkel Monday.

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

J. W. Hill of Golan was in town Monday and says that crops are in good shape so far.

Mrs. I. S. Allen and son took in the Trent country from Thursday till Sunday visiting and going to church.

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

We understand that Prof. Shannon has been elected superintendent of the Clyde school. Good selection.

Rowland Toombs from the Nubia country reports fairly good showers and further south the rain was better.

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

Bob Grider who has been sick for several days died Monday night and was buried at Merkel Tuesday.

Bring up your chickens. We will pay you all they are worth. The Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Ab Harris and O. B. Boden of the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood were in town Tuesday and report light showers in their part.

Mrs. Ivy McCoy was at the closing exercises of the high school at Sweetwater Monday night.

The city marshal is having some much needed work done on the streets in the way of removing loose rocks and trash accumulated about the side walks.

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.

Mrs. Eva Perkins who has been teaching in the Abilene schools for the past three years is this week a guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin and will later go to Boulder, Colo., for the summer months where she will attend a normal.

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. §

The east bound train was two hours late Tuesday on account of a washout on the road west.

Some would have you believe their flour is as good as Light Crust. Our hundreds of satisfied customers are our best advertisement, when you once use a sack you never change. LIGHT CRUST has no equal, it is the highest grade flour brought to Merkel. The Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.



# SKIRTS & UNDERSKIRTS

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No matter how good an over-skirt, it always requires the proper under-skirt in order for you to be properly dressed. So solid is this rule that it works both ways. You can't have the benefit of a good under-skirt unless it is covered with a good over-skirt. We realize this, so we run our special skirt and underskirt sale together in order to make a gala occasion for you to be properly skirted. We have an elegant line of Skirts and Underskirts that we are making special prices on Friday, Saturday and next week. Now is your opportunity if you expect to buy a skirt or underskirt this summer

## Special for Friday, Saturday and Next Week

Regular \$12.50 Skirts in fancy and black voils.....	<b>\$8.75</b>	Regular \$6.50 Skirts in fancy and black voils.....	<b>\$4.85</b>
Regular 10.00 Skirts in fancy and black voils.....	<b>7.85</b>	Regular 5.00 Skirts in fancy and black voils.....	<b>3.85</b>
Regular 7.50 Skirts in fancy and black voils.....	<b>5.85</b>	One lot of \$5.00 and \$6.50 Skirts, special in this sale	<b>3.50</b>

We have an elegant line of Silk, Heatherbloom and Near Silk Petticoats we will make **SOME EXTRA SPECIAL PRICES ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND ALL NEXT WEEK**

\$6.50 Mesaline Petticoats.....	<b>\$4.95</b>	\$2.00 Near-Silk Petticoats.....	<b>\$1.45</b>
5.00 Silk Taffeta Petticoats.....	<b>3.85</b>	1.50 Near-Silk Petticoats.....	<b>1.10</b>
3.50 Heatherbloom Petticoats.....	<b>2.85</b>	1.00 Near-Silk Petticoats.....	<b>75c</b>
2.50 Heatherbloom Petticoats.....	<b>1.85</b>	These are rare offers and an investigation will benefit you	

# Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

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Thirteenth International Sunday School Convention June 20-27.

## TEXAS DELEGATION SPECIAL

Delegates Have Been Enrolled from Every State in the Union and Every Province in Canada.—Fare only \$50.00.

The Thirteenth International Sunday School Convention to be held in the city of San Francisco, June 20-27, promises to be the greatest religious gathering for all denominations ever held on the continent. News comes from far and near that special train loads of people are coming from every corner. Already delegates have been enrolled from every state in the union and every province in Canada and a delegation from Mexico will be present.

The Texas delegation will travel on a special train, leaving Fort Worth June 13, at 9:30 over the Fort Worth and Denver railway. We will stop at night for a two hours rally at Amarillo taking the Santa Fe system, we go by the way of Albuquerque, N. M., holding a big rally there at noon Wednesday and then go on to the Grand Canyon of Arizona, where we spend Thursday, leav-

ing that night we travel on to Los Angeles, reaching there Friday at 2:30 p.m., and stay until Monday, leaving Monday over the Southern Pacific for San Francisco, where we arrive Monday night, in time to become settled before the convention begins on Tuesday.

Already delegates from 47 towns and cities have been elected and the delegation promises to be over 100, who will travel in the special train. Texas is entitled to 72 delegates and 72 alternates, all of whom will have the privileges of this great convention. Any pastors, superintendents, teacher or Sunday school worker is eligible as a delegate, and any other friends who desire to go with this special train may do so, whether they are delegates or not.

The railroad fare is the cheapest ever given for such an attractive trip, being \$50.00 from all common points in Texas for the round trip, with \$6.50 extra for the Grand Canyon trip and of course any other side trips to be taken will be extra. The privilege of returning by any route, northern or southern, with stopovers allowed at any place, up to September 15, are the chief features of the rates.

After the Sunday School convention meets, there will be the

great convention of the National Educational Association and the public school teachers may have the privilege of two great conventions in one. In addition to this the great Association of Physicians will meet. In addition to this, the National Convention of the Christian churches will be held at Portland.

With these many attractions we will be glad to enlist others to join our special delegation. Please address the Texas Sunday School Association, 407-SF Plateau Bldg., Dallas, if you care to go, at once, as the time is short and we must make requisition for a sufficient number of sleepers to make reservation for our party. So don't delay, stating whether you wish reservation in the standard or tourist, the rates being in addition to the railroad rates, as follows: standard sleepers, \$11.00, tourist sleepers \$6.50, for double berths; upper berths being just one fifth less. Don't delay in advising us at once.

William Nehemiah Wiggins, General Secretary.

Dr. J. A. Adkisson received notice this week of his selection as one of the board of trustees of the Christian College at Abilene. This came as a surprise but a proper recognition of a worthy man for the place.

## ELECTRIC FANS

Beginning June the first we will operate our plant for the convenience of Electric Fans and Irons and will continue giving day service until Oct. 1st.

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Dick Shoop of Wayne county Kentucky and brother-in-law of L. Brown is prospecting in the Merkel country and will perhaps make this his future home. He is a farmer and says he likes the looks of this land and wants to own some of it. That's what we want, good substantial farmers to locate here.

J. R. Pee who has had his daughter under treatment of an eye specialist reports considerable improvement and hopes to get a permanent cure soon.

Mrs. J. W. Dennis is at home from Sweetwater where she has been visiting for several weeks.

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## 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.

## THEY KNOW HE SELLS PEPPER

Undesirable Acquaintances and Train Porters Do Not Annoy Peddler of That Spice.

"After a man has learned to control his own organs of sneezing, selling pepper for a living has its advantages," said the blond young man. "For one thing, it keeps undesirable acquaintances at a distance. Whenever I feel a desire to commune with my own soul all I have to do to secure the necessary privacy is to mention my occupation and people flee from me as if I had the plague.

"And I have got it, in one sense. It is impossible to handle ground pepper all day long without carrying home an ounce or two on my clothes, and a vigorous whack on my coat sleeve sends enough pepper flying to set a dozen people sneezing. For that reason a pepper salesman is immune from many of the annoyances that unprotected persons have to endure. No man who knows my occupation greets me with that familiar slap on the back that makes the most amiable man alive feel like fighting, and there isn't a porter on a train running into New York who pesters me with whisk-broom attentions. They all know that I sell pepper."

## RECITAL

### Pupils of Miss Mackey

Opera House

Thursday, June the First

Nineteen Hundred Eleven

8:30 O'CLOCK

Rondo	Strebogg	Josephine Medlen, LaVerna Swafford, Pauline Johnson
Serenata	Moszkowski	Winnie Warren
Graceful Airs	Schoebel	Madalin Adkisson
Valse Op. 9	Weik	Stella Martin, Emzi Burroughs, Bernice Rainbolt
March de Troubadors	Lack	Inice Moon, Roxie Moon
Moonlight on Lake	Gauz	LaVerna Swafford
O! That We Two Were Maying	Nevin	Miss O'Briant, Willie Joe Largent
Elfin Pranks	Lerman	Lola Armstrong, Louise Warren, Mildred Hogue
Valse	Bachman	Effe Hutson
Rose Valse	Strebogg	Louise Warren
Bolero	Parlow	Lois Hogue, Madalin Adkisson, Lucile Sutphen
Singing of You	Farrar	Willie Joe Largent
March Lyrique	Weil	Stella Martin, Sudie Hogue, Pauline Johnson
Perpetual Motion	Bachman	Lois Hogue
Des L'Arte	Ravina	Strossy Martin, Bessie Touchstone, Faye Allen
Festival Procession	Rathburn	Carroll Rister, Leno Largent
Gigue B Flat	Bach	Fannie Burroughs
Invitation de la Valse	Weber	Miss O'Briant
Happy Days	Strelzki	Viola Obligato, Miss Mackey
May Day	Rathburn	Bessie Touchstone, Lois Hogue, Ruth Merritt
Gavotte G Minor	Bach	
Minuette Op. 1	Paderewski	Inice Moon
Galop Brilliante	Wollenhaupt	Inice Moon, Fannie Burroughs, Winnie Warren
Contest:—Roxie Moon, Ruth Merritt, Bessie Touchstone, Lois Hogue, Lucile Sutphen, Madalin Adkisson, Faye Allen, Strossy Martin, Bernice Rainbolt, Stella Martin.		
Presentation of Medals.		

## GROSS CRUELTY TO BOOKS

Librarian Protests Against the Way Some People Handle Volumes in Street Cars.

"The way some people handle books in street cars knocks that old Sunday school precept, 'Let not your angry passions rise' into smithereens so far as I am concerned," said the librarian. "I get especially wrathful when the abused books happen to belong to a public library. Most of them do belong there.

"Persons carrying a great pile of books are the worst offenders. A bunch of books carried under the arm get pretty unmanageable. They slip and slide around as if they had been greased.

"One way to prevent that is to slip the top cover of the bottom book into the lower cover of the book just above it, and so on through the pile. The books cannot slip then, but heaven help the covers. They will get torn loose in no time.

"Every once in a while a subscriber who wants to save himself the trouble of chasing books in the street locks a bundle of them together that way before leaving the library, but usually somebody who knows the effects stops him. In street cars he is free to do as he chooses unless some librarian catches him at it. Maybe they have no right to interfere then, but most of them do."

## ART OF CONVERSATION LOST

Once Brilliant Speech Was Plentiful, But It Is Forgotten in Modern Life.

With all our learning in our race in the great battle of life, have we not lost, just for lack of time—but oh, the pity of it—the art of conversation? Does anyone really converse now? To talk shop, to use slang, to be always and ever on the endless rush—are not these the modern fashion? How graceful was the measured speech of our grandparents. In those days, too, as in ours, were to be found the genial, the bright, the clever, 'How did wit shine, and repartee polish itself against repartee.

The bishop of Cork was a celebrated teetotaler. Shortly after he was made bishop he was invited to dine with the bishop of Ossory.

"My lord," said the bishop of Ossory, "even though you are John Cork you must not stop the bottle." "I see, my lord," replied the new bishop, "that you want to draw me out."

This may be a chestnut, but it belongs to a time when brilliant speech was a matter of every day. Let us, with all our tremendous advantages, not quite forget the little courtesies and the gay wit of the old times.

Find time, therefore, happy modern girl, for charm. So bright and captivating are her fairy wings that she is worth pursuing.

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G. R. Ward, photographer, Opera House Bldg., Abilene, Texas, says: "Doan's Kidney Pills rid me of a pain in the small of my back which had caused me considerable suffering. As I used no other remedy at the time, I give Doan's Kidney Pills the entire credit for bringing this relief."

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### 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.

### Saved His Wife's Life.

"My wife would have been in her grave to-day," writes O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time." Infalible for coughs and colds, its the most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhages, la grippe, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough. 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

### A Partnership.

"My father and I know everything in the world," said a small boy to his companion.  
"All right," the latter said. "Where's Asia?"  
It was a stiff question, but the little fellow answered coolly: "That is one of the questions my father knows."

### A Wreck

is the only fit description for the man or woman who is crippled with rheumatism. Just a few rheumatic twinges may be the forerunner of a severe attack—stop the trouble at the start with Ballard's Snow Liniment. Cures the rheumatism and all pain. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### 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.

### Petticoat Lane.

The trade in old clothes in London is almost entirely in the hands of Jews, whose great market is Petticoat lane in Houndsditch. The crooked, narrow streets are crowded with pedestrians buying and selling bundles of clothing, with great rows of ticketed garments hanging along the store fronts above the congested crowds. Some articles are sold just as they are, others are mended and patched. The skirts of a coat are easily made into children's clothes. France takes all the old black cloth of the lane too far gone for children's clothes, making it into caps, while Russia and Poland take the parts still more worn and threadbare. Black velvet waistcoats are converted into skull caps for German and Polish Jews. The bulk of England's old clothes goes to Holland and Ireland, but the vast majority of the scarlet coats worn by officers in the British army find their way to the annual fair at Leipzig, Germany. Smart liveries, robes of office and similar showy garments are greatly coveted by the natives on the west coast of Africa and most of them are sent thither to be exchanged for ivory and other things of value.

### Lightning Kills Few.

In 1906 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach trouble is vastly greater, but not if Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from virulent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was then completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at H. C. Burroughs.

### Prima Facie Proof.

After the report had been current for a week that John's wife, whom John had met and married and was still secluding in Chicago, was ugly as sin, a friend who had John's interests at heart ran down the author of the rumor with the intention of making her retreat.

"How do you know she is ugly?" he asked. "Have you ever seen her?"

"No," said the experienced gossip. "I never have, neither have I seen her picture nor anybody who has either seen her or her picture, but I know she is ugly because I had it straight from a person who lives in Chicago that when she ordered a dozen pictures taken just awhile before the wedding the photographer made her pay in advance, and a photographer never does that unless the subject is so ugly that she will be discouraged when she sees the pictures and refuse to accept them on the ground that he hasn't done good work. If you don't believe me, ask a photographer."

But John's champion let the matter drop.

State of Ohio, City of ss.  
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### Did Not Linger.

State Senator Bowerman of Oregon defended a participant in a shooting scrape recently and a material point in the case hinged upon the testimony of an aged Tennessean. "Where were you when this shot was fired?" queried counsel for the defense. "I was about ten feet behind the feller what got shot." "And were you there when the marshal arrived?" "No, sah; I wa'n't nowhere nigh the place." "You must have traveled pretty fast," suggested Mr. Bowerman. The witness projected his goatee over the rail of the witness stand and in a confidential tone of voice said: "Well, Jay, I'll tell ye; I made jest three tracks between Knox's livery barn and the cotehouse."

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### SNAKES TO PREVENT PLAGUE

London Professor Urges the Domestication of Serpents to Kill Flea-Bearing Rats.

In a recent article on the plague, Professor Sombon, of the London School of Tropical Diseases, makes the curious suggestion that, instead of trusting to cats and dogs as animal assistants in the war on rats, we should take a lesson from antiquity and again make domestic pets of the big nonvenomous snakes. The professor even goes so far as to hint the Esculapian serpent was an object of widespread respect for the excellent reason that it killed the rats that brought the fleas that infected men—probably with more plagues than one.

This theory involves the belief that the ancients knew a lot about the nature, cause and transmission of disease that was afterward forgotten and only recently rediscovered. It will probably not be accepted by many, but whether true or not, Professor Sombon, whether seriously or not, does make out quite a case for the fireside snake as a rat-killer. Judiciously selected, its efficiency would be beyond question, and it would not, like both cats and dogs, itself provide the fatal flea with convenient shelter and pasturage.—New York Times

### You Never Can Tell

just exactly the cause of your rheumatism, but you know you have it. Do you know that Ballard's Snow Liniment will cure it?—relieves the pain—reduces the swelling and limbers the joints and muscles so that you will be as active and well as you ever were. Price 25c 50c and \$1.00. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### House Built From One Tree.

The town of Elma, Wash., in the midst of the great fir timber belt on the west slope of the Cascade mountains presents a unique feature in the form of a two-story house, containing 14 rooms, built entirely of the timber from a single fir.

This tree was a giant Douglas fir, and was felled west of Elma. It was wonderfully straight, and when scaled was found to contain 40,000 feet of serviceable timber. The tree was cut into six logs, the first or butt being 28 feet in length. Inside the bark the stump measured seven feet and nine inches in diameter. The distance to the first limb of this tree was 100 feet, and the total height of the tree was over 300 feet.

At the standard then prevailing—\$25 a thousand—the lumber in this tree was worth more than \$1,000.—Harper's Weekly.

### The Big Head

is of two kinds—conceit and the big head that comes from a sick headache. Does your head ever feel like a gourd and your brain feel loose and sore? You can cure it in no time by acting on your liver with Ballard's Herbine. Isn't it worth trying for the absolute and certain relief you'll get? Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### Maine's Deserted Villages.

Maine has had her deserted farms and now and then one can find her deserted villages. Such a one is Welchville, in the town and county of Oxford, where once the pulse of machinery kept life beating fast in a thriving little community. To day the population is scattering, on the farms thereabouts chiefly, while the change in the value of the property is indicated by the story recently related of the sale of a 2½-story house for \$175, which was worth \$1,500 75 years ago. But the number of such towns is small. Maine is building up fast. Her deserted farms are being taken up, sometimes by progressive young farmers, and again by summer people, and the deserted Maine villages promised a new lease of life.

### Stomach Troubles.

Many remarkable cures of stomach troubles have been effected by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. One man who had spent over two thousand dollars for medicine and treatment was cured by a few boxes of these tablets. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at all dealers.

### A Good Press Agent.

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Whooping cough is not dangerous when the cough is kept loose and expectoration easy by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It has been used in many epidemics of this disease with perfect success. For sale by all dealers



# COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

## Stith News.

May 24.—As I have not seen anything from Stith in a long time thought I would write a few lines.

Farmers are all busy chopping cotton. Some wheat has been cut and it will not be long before the thresher will begin to whistle.

Mose Croustin came down from Haskell county last Friday and him and Miss Mag Mundy stole a march on their many friends and went to Rev. W. D. McDonald and got married and they left Sunday for Weiner where they will make their future home. They have the best wishes of their many friends.

Scott King and sisters Hattie and Ana are spending a few days with their brother Gus King.

The childrens day was well attended Sunday night and a fine and interesting program was had. Rev. Ed McDonald filled his appointment here Sunday and preached a fine sermon.

There will be Decoration services here June 4 by the W.O.W. Mrs. Lit Winters visited Will Shaffer Sunday.

John Berry and Mr. Trout were in Merkel Tuesday.

Walt Bradley and Uncle Sam Cannon were in Merkel on business Saturday. Stithiker.

## Nubia Notes.

May 25.—The crops are needing rain in this part of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. John Deavenport visited Andie Hunter and wife Monday.

Ira Thornton and Miss Mollie Whetchel took dinner with Miss Fannie Blair Sunday.

There was a very large crowd attended the childrens day here Sunday. They had as fine a program as could be had. There were several from Dora in attendance.

We are glad to say Mr. Percell who got his akle broken is now able to go to Nubia.

Miss Effie Watkins is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hunter this week.

D. L. Boyd and family and cousin Miss Grace Wood went fishing Tuesday.

Mrs. Oliver Boden and children visited J. B. Davenport Tuesday.

Dave Anderson of Hermleigh is visiting his brother George Anderson.

Mrs. A. L. Stanley and daughter Gertrude went to Merkel Friday.

E. L. Stanley will sing at Riney Sunday.

Misses Hunter and Watkins and Fred Horton visited Mrs. John Davenport Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stegalls and the Misses Eliot took dinner at A. L. Stanleys Sunday.

Mrs. Josie Clark and Miss Alpha Channels took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stanley Sunday.

Miss Ruth Martin visited at D. L. Boyd's Tuesday. Lone Oak

May 30.—The farmers are rejoicing over the rain which fell Sunday evening.

Mrs. Criss McGehee went to Nubia Saturday on business.

Mrs. Sallie Walker who has been visiting her father returned to her home at Fort Worth Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stanly visited her mother, Mrs. Jocie Clark Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Boyd spent

Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Toombs near Riney.

Mrs. Jim Toombs and children visited Mr. and Mrs. K. Blackburn Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Blackburn spent Sunday with their brother near Riney.

Miss Grace Wood took dinner with the Misses Stanley Sunday.

T. J. Toombs of Riney was in Nubia Monday.

Fine Hogan and wife were in Nubia Monday.

Harrie Riney attended Sunday school at this place Sunday.

Mrs. Jet Riney and sister Tennie Richie of Merkel went to Nubia Monday.

Tom Hogan and wife from Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Jim Moore and family.

Oscar Walker and family visited his father T. J. Walker Monday.

Mrs. Jim Moore is very ill this week.

Mrs. Dollie Mathews and her daughter in law, Mrs. Ella Mathews went to Nubia Monday.

Mrs. Wat Blair is very ill this week.

Miss Grace Wood who has been visiting her cousin, D. L. Boyd, left Tuesday for Pecos where she will visit relatives.

Mr. Leslee and family of Eskota visit Ruffus Davenport and family Sunday.

Mrs. John Davenport and children visited her son Jonas Davenport Sunday.

Guy Boyd went to Merkel Tuesday.

A. L. Stanley and wife went to Merkel Tuesday.

There was no prayer meeting at this place Sunday night on account of the rain.

Cotton Chopper.

## Blair News.

May 30—Mr. Cox spent last week at Sweetwater and San Angelo.

J. J. Vandergrift was called to his home at Snyder last week on account of the illness of his wife.

Prof. Joe Nally and sisters of Trent attended the singing here Sunday.

Mrs. Bluford Tittle and baby of Trent are spending several days at the home of J. W. Mayfield.

Prof. Elza Stanley and wife of Nubia attended singing here Sunday.

The singing Sunday night at the home of James Doan was well attended.

Emma Clark was in Merkel Saturday.

The literary will not meet Friday night on account of the meeting going on at the church.

Oscar Walker and Arthur Clark went to Merkel Saturday.

Several from here will attend the picnic June 8 at new Lawn.

Everybody come to meeting this week.

Little Leonard Harris has been very sick but is some better now.

It is with a sad heart that we learn of the death of Mr. Bob Grider. His friends are numbered by those that knew him.

J. M. Reeves and family visited relatives in Fisher county last week.

Luther Franks of the Canyon attended singing here Sunday.

Homer Long of Sweetwater was here last week visiting relatives.

We are glad to have with us again W. A. Hall. He has a large land interest here and believes in paying more tax to help build a

good school here. I wish we had more like him. Daisie.

## Salt Branch News.

May 30—Brother Archer of Abilene filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Jim Ingram and wife of Mt. Pleasant attended church here Sunday and were guests of the family of J. W. Teaff.

S. W. Taylor and family, Carter Lyles and wife were guests of Charlie Higgins and family last Sunday.

W. M. Hays and family and Grandma Hays visited at the home of W. B. Beavers Sunday.

Clint Allen and family took dinner with Will Higgins and family Sunday.

Ralph Golightly, wife and children took dinner with W. Y. Harris and wife Sunday.

Miss Ruth Allen was the guest of Willie and Mollie Hardy Sunday.

Tom Keene and family of Mulberry attended church here Sunday.

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

Quite a crowd of young people took supper with S. W. Taylor and family Sunday.

Several from this place attended the prohibition lecture at Merkel Saturday night.

Walter Hall and wife of Hamlin attended church here Saturday and were the guests of Chas. Higgins and family.

A large crowd was out at singing Sunday afternoon at which time the Salt Branch singing class elected new officers for the ensuing year as follows: Emery Mobley, president; S. W. Taylor, vice president; Cartha Lyles, first leader; Houston Robertson, second leader; Burley Taylor and Holland Teaff, assistants; Miss Oma Taylor, secretary; Miss Henrietta Harris, organist. W. B. Robertson was elected house sweeper.

Misses Cora and Alma Hays and Lillie Wheat were visiting Miss Annie Higgins Sunday.

Miss Selena Teaff was the guest of Miss Henry Harris Sunday.

Paul McMurray was leader of the B. Y. P. U. Sunday night. Paul rendered his part of the program nicely for one so young and we want to say "Hurrah for Paul." He will make a man some day if he lives and gets the encouragement we are sure he deserves. Guess Who.

## Shiloh Clippings.

May 31—Some of the people around Shiloh had a good rain Sunday evening. It makes the cotton look good.

We are called to report the serious illness of Mrs. Winters, better known as Mother Winters, is reported at the point of death. We hope that she is not so ill as reported and that she will soon recover.

Church at Shiloh Sunday was attended by a large crowd but on account of the unfavorable weather only a few were there Sunday night.

Mr. Hightower and family gave a birthday dinner in honor of his father. They invited the community to take dinner with them. J. A. Armstrong has been on the sick list but is better now.

Will Barnes and sisters Misses Howard and Pearl went to Hamlin to visit their sister Saturday.

Olan Scott of Anson was to see Miss Hightower Sunday evening.

Deputy Sheriff Register of Anson was in the Shiloh community last Tuesday attending to business.

Chas. Segal and wife visited Valney Callahan and wife Sunday afternoon.

Happy Hoolagan.

## Work Brought Exhaustion.

Adel, Ga.—"For three years," writes Mrs. C. J. Rentz, "I suffered with female troubles. When I would lie down I could hardly breathe. I could not do any work without being exhausted. I took Cardui according to directions and now I can do my work, and do not suffer at all." Cardui has brought health and happiness to thousands of weak women. It acts on the cause of women's backaches, headaches, nervousness, dragging sensation, weakness and misery. It relieves. It cures. Try it.

It seems that Governor Colquit and Dr. Rankin don't agree on what the Methodist church teaches on the prohibition question. Wouldn't it be better for the governor to find out what Christ and the apostles taught if he wants to look at it from the view point of his religious duty.

Mrs. W. M. Scarborough will leave this week on a few months visit to her sister in Mississippi. Her husband will join her at Memphis, Tenn. While away they expect to spend some time in Florida, perhaps the summer months.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

John Sears made a business trip to Midland Wednesday.

The stock law takes effect June 1 in the Merkel precinct.

C. M. Largent visited Abilene Thursday on business.

W. S. Telford and family of Anson are visiting the family of J. P. Sharp.

W. W. Wheeler was in Abilene Thursday to renew his notary bond.

Mrs. Grider whose husband was buried Tuesday is reported very low.

Mrs. King who has been visiting the family of T. J. Coggin returned home Monday night.

Several local showers have fallen in the Merkel country this week but general rain is needed.

Rev. M. B. Malloy will speak at the Presbyterian church next Wednesday night. Everybody invited.

Prof. McDonald who has been teaching in the Stamford College the past session is visiting his father in Merkel.

Supt. R. L. Krigbaum and wife arrived in Merkel Tuesday and will occupy the Shaffer place on Elm street for a while.

Dorothy Lee Potter who has been suffering several days with a severe case of sore throat is reported to be some better.

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

Fay Allen attended the commencement exercises at Sweetwater Monday night and visited her cousin Ruby Black a few days.

Miss Dota Garoutte who has been teaching at Snyder for several years but will be at Colorado next year is at her fathers north of town for a while.

Mrs. Lee the very efficient and deservedly popular night operator at the telephone office left Thursday to join her husband at Gordon who is manager of the telephone company at that place. They leave many friends in Merkel who are sorry to see them go.

One of the last duties of Rev. W. C. Taggart as pastor of the Baptist church at Merkel was to baptise three of our young people at the Courts tank Sunday evening, Will Merritt, Wilmer Garrett and Winnie Sharp. It is the manly thing to do to join the army if you expect to make a soldier.

## Orient Headquarters.

Austin, May 31.—The supreme court reversed and rendered the case of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railway vs. the City of Sweetwater, holding for San Angelo and against Sweetwater.

This is the famous suit over the location of the shops and the Texas headquarters of the road.

## Were Not on His List.

The late Rev. Horatio Stebbins of San Francisco was a man of large mind and noble powers, but more familiar with the world of intellectual and scholastic interests than with trivial and timely things.

His household was blessed with a charming daughter, who grew up tall and beautiful, commanding the admiration of all who saw her. One day a visitor said to the good doctor: "Doctor, your daughter grows more charming day by day. Why, she's a regular Gibson girl."

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