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## MEXICANS STEAL SUITS AND SILKS

Two lines of evidence caused several of the local Mexicans to be arrested on last Sunday morning by the county authorities.

Saturday night burglars entered the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company's store through a window over the back doors. They then proceeded to take about thirteen ready-made dresses, some sixteen suits most of which if not all were mismatched by the thieves and to wind up with they had a hobby and as long as they could steal it they did. About thirty bolts of silks were taken and every person that has ever seen a Mexican knows that they are as bad after silk as a negro is after a water melon.

Then upon being questioned about a trip to Abilene the Mexicans told conflicting stories about the time of departure from here as they left some time Saturday night or early Sunday morning returning here about noon. Most of the goods have been recovered at least a larger part of them to the amount of \$300 worth.

The Mexicans are in jail with the exception of two that are suspected of helping and they can not be located just now. Most of those arrested had goods on their person or hid about their houses in Abilene where the goods were carried.

## FORMER MERKEL MAN LOSES HOME

T. B. Garoutte received word a few days ago from his daughter Mrs. H. L. Vaughan in Zacualpa, state of Chiapas, Mexico that their home and all their belongings except a very few things had been destroyed by the rebels in Mexico. Some time ago they were forced to leave their home in Aurroar, Mexico and go for safety to the American consul at Zacualpa and on leaving their home which is the head of a large plantation in the state of Chiapas they left in charge some trusty Mexican servants. These servants succeeded in getting away two trunks before the rebels destroyed the home by fire and laid waste the plantation which was the property of a syndicate and under the charge of Mr. Troube Vaughan as he was commonly known to the Merkel people.

The condition in Zacualpa is not considered so bad so Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan are now there and will perhaps remain unless the trouble comes nearer to their present home.

Mrs. E. M. Rust left Saturday for Chicago where she will enter the Northern Illinois College of Optometry. She will spend several weeks in the noted school going over the work of a Post-Graduate and taking advantage of all new ethics that may present themselves. Mrs. Rust expects to return to Merkel as one of the best Optometrist in the western country.

## HAPPENINGS IN MERKEL SOCIAL REALM

### Miscellaneous Shower for Miss Jennings.

Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock Mrs. W. A. Scott, Misses Lucy Bean, Susie Penn and Ruth Mims were hostesses at the home of the latter. The doors of the Mims home were opened wide in their true hospitality. Hearts and wedding bells were used in profusion in the parlor. Pink carnations were favored in the living room. Cut flowers added grace and charm in the dining room. Seven tables had been arranged for the social game of progressive 42. Dainty bells score cards in water colors marked progression, Mrs. Deavenport Gaither winning high score and the beautiful berry spoon in a cut with Mrs. J. P. Sutphen, she in her winsome way presenting the prize to the bride-elect, Miss Mabel Collins was loser in the cut for the consolation prize, Mrs. J. G. Jackson winning the fancy basket of rice. After showering the bride-elect with the rice she presented her with the basket.

The color scheme was beautifully carried out in the refreshments, green cone shaped cream with delicious white cake. Bell shape leaves were left at each table. Each was to form a page in the bride's book of recipes, wishes and household information. A hand-painted cover, Cupid unwinding the skein of love for a maiden fair, graced the book in its completeness. Misses Mary and Jackie Jennings in costumes charmed all with a lovely Japanese love song.

It was here to music soft and sweet that dear little Cupid, Louise Scott, armed with the bow and a quiver full of arrows appeared drawing a lovely white coaster laden with gifts in linens, cut glass, hand painted china, silver, handwork, etc. These remembrances were showered upon the bride-to-be who with a cherry word and a smile greeted each articles as it was lifted for inspection.

Those present were Misses Martin, Collins, Hoya of Nacogdoches, Henderson of Abilene, Moon, Allie Jennings, Sutphen, Burroughs, Coggin, Coleman of Paris, Bigham, Mesdames Britain, Browning, Dickson, John D. and Davenport Gaither, Hunt, Jackson, Johnson, Irving Jennings J. W. Jennings, Krigbaum, Largent, Mims, Sutphen, Jno. Steele of Oklahoma the honoree and the hostesses.

### Lawn Party.

Thursday evening the man in the moon smiled down from his lofty perch on the merry group of fun makers as they were assembled on the lawn south of Mrs. J. T. Dennis' where Miss Inice Moon received a number of her young friends in honor of the Misses Long of Stephenville enroute to their new home in Pecos.

Tables were given over to progressive conversation a special topic being assigned at each table. It was a wee bit embarrassing (?) to some to tell of their first beau. William Green Hills' churning experience was mild to some that were related. After lining up the guest were blindfolded and given strings. In this manner partners were arranged for refreshments. Fruit sherbet and cake were served. Refreshing punch was served during the party hours.

The guests were Messrs. Ellis Easterwood, Roscoe and Parker Sharp, Provine, Barnett, Hicks, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Touchstone, West, Leeper, Dennis, Trabue of Waxahachie, Misses Beryl and Ione Long, Burroughs, Sutphen, Paylor, Mary and Flay Gunn, Allen, Rust, Coggin, Virginia and Ona Hamblet, Roxie and Inice Moon.

The Three T's were royally entertained at the home of Miss Mary and Flay Gunn Tuesday afternoon on Elm street. Embroidery, jokes and music selections were the features of the afternoon. Those present were Misses Annie Lou O'Brian, Annie Smith, Fannie Burroughs, Jessie Sutphen, Elma Sheppard, Virginia and Ona Hamblet, Pauline Johnson, Ezma Allday, Amy Gunn and the hostess. Delicious sherbet and angel food cake were served. Next meeting will be with Misses Virginia and Ona Hamblet Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

### Edwards-Jennings

What was one of the nicest affairs of the season was the Edwards-Jennings marriage on Wednesday at ten o'clock preceding high noon, at the Jennings residence 710 Oak Street.

The guests were assembled as a unit and their attention held by the words of "All That I ask of You is Love" by Misses Jackie and Mary Jennings. This was the signal for the wedding march by Miss Ruth Mims to begin and soon footsteps could be heard by every expecting heart and almost as soon little Mary Louise Scott and Lucile Guitar descended the winding stairs to pave the way for those who were to follow. Walking side by side they scattered flowers upon the aisle leading to the altar of holy matrimony. Their coming stopped the passage of any but those slated for an appearance for as they entered the door ribbons were caused to be fastened to their sleeves which served to make a narrow lane from the entrance to the altar. Then with the pomp and fidelity to the work he was then doing Jno D. Gaither, Jr., acting as ring bearer appeared at the end of the lane with the Bridal Rose which seemed to give him a feeling of individuality that would have commanded the attention of militant judges and he seemed contented at having tendered the flower to Rev. A. M. Martin from which was taken the emblem of the occasion.

He had hardly stepped aside when from down the winding stairs came Mr. Mr. Wesley Edwards with arm extended to Miss Laura Jennings who was dressed as in silvery array, a decided contrast to that of her escort. They advanced to the altar where before them stood Rev. A. M. Martin of Sweetwater ready to pronounce them man and wife. Above their heads hung a large wedding bell with white streamers flowing down that acted as bell cords. At the command the ring was presented and placed with all sincerity by the groom on his lady's extended finger, they first having taken a solemn obligation of duty to each other. The words were then pronounced that made them as one, then followed a true prayer to their welfare and happiness, at the end of which the flower girls grasped the silken bell cords with firm and determined hands that caused hundreds of pretty rose petals that were held within the bell to shower in profusion on the heads of those standing below.

Congratulations were given with all sincerity by Rev. A. M. Martin followed by relatives of the bride and groom together with the guests.

Miss Lucy Bean then showed her willingness and determination for a wedded life by grasping the bride's bouquet as it was thrown from the head of the stairs to the young people who had gathered together with hopes of winning the consolation for a near future marriage. Miss Bean was declared the logical candidate above the bride's sister Miss Allie Jennings. All were then conducted to the dining room where Miss Ina Coleman the bride's cousin presided to the pleasure of all present over some of the most refreshing punch that could be had.

All guests that had not registered upon entering the home were then asked to place their names in the record book to answer as witnesses to the marriage. The names appearing there were Mrs. J. W. Jennings, Miss Allie, Jackie and Mary Jennings, Mesdames Irving Jennings, Baker, G. M. Sharp, Guitar, Browning, Chas. Edwards, Boyce, Mims, SoRelle, Coggin, Arthur Sears, J. D. Gaither, T. A. Johnson, A. M. Martin, Misses Coleman, Henderson, Mims, Sutphen, Burroughs, Hoya, Lula, Roxie, Nellie and Ola Sharp, Johnson, Sears, Martin, Elizabeth Gaither, Boyce, Lucile Guitar, Mary Louise Scott, Messrs. J. L. Baker, A. M. Martin, Thos. Johnson, Taylor Jennings, G. M. Sharp, Claud Sears, George Ferrier, Homer Easterwood, John D. Gaither, Jr., Lee and Andrew Baker.

At 11.38 a. m. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Edwards left Merkel for Mineral Wells where they will spend their honeymoon and visit Mr. Edwards mother who is there. They will return here Monday and will be at home to their many friends.

### Whitley-Walker.

Some two weeks ago Claud Whitley took a few days off from the worries of his business and went to visit friends in various parts of Louisiana. The visit terminated in the marriage of Mr. Whitley to Miss Beulah Walker of Gibsland, La. The marriage took place in the home of Rev. A. J. Wharton at Arcadia the county seat of the parish in which Gibsland lies. After the wedding the bridal party went to Liberty Hill on a visit to Mrs. J. A. Butler a sister of the groom, and then back to the home of the bride's parents and from there to Lindale, La., to visit the bride's sister Mrs. Park Egerton. After leaving Louisiana Mr. and Mrs. Whitley came to Fort Worth where they were the guests of the bride's brother, J. A. Walker. From Fort Worth they came to Merkel where they will make their home.

The bride is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Walker of Gibsland while the groom needs no introduction to the Merkel people.

### Lawn Picnic.

Dr. Warnick's class of girls royally entertained Mr. Black's class of girls Tuesday evening on the pretty lawn of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Potter. The girls had prepared lunch which was spread on the lawn. Outdoor games of all kinds were played. After lunch all were ushered to the parlor where a number of songs were sung by the melodious voices. Those present were Messrs. H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Conna Adams, Jack Walker, Emmitt and Ennis Grimes, Roger Hamblet, Raymond Touchstone, Ollie and Ira Shaffer, Parker and Roscoe Sharp, Robert Hicks, Ben Merritt, Ottis Barnett, Willie Trabue, John and Noel Moore, Ulyses McNeas, John West, Dr. Warnick and Mr. Black, Misses Zora West, Hattie Bell, Almeda Harris, Bessie Touchstone, Geneva Warnick, Murtice Saffle, Pauline Johnson, Leno Largent, Carrol and Eugenia Rister, Clara and Margie Saffle, Dorothy Lee Potter, Inice Moon, Virginia Hamblet, Fannie Burroughs, Mattie Paylor.

### Birthday Party.

In honor of her son Herbert's eleventh birthday Mrs. J. T. Dennis prepared for a few friends at her home on Oak street Tuesday afternoon from 4:30 to 6:30. Herbert gave them a hearty welcome as they arrived. Much fun was obtained from outdoor games. Then each tried to take popcorn on a knife from the house to the gate and back and not lose any. Several were successful and received a prize. Lemonade was served during the afternoon. Cream and cake were served to Walter and Woodie Hodson of Brownwood, Eugene Potter, Loring Rogers, Quay Hamblet, Morris and John Hogue, Gordon and Dick Mims, Ray Adkisson, Ray Allen, Herbert and Carlton Dennis, Lillie Pratt Sears, Johnnie Sears, Mary Rogers, Vannie Hamblet, Tilroe and Opal Moon and Lola Dennis.

Among the social honors shown Miss Bess McMurry of Colorado, guest of Miss Annie T. Daniel, was a moonlight picnic out on Mulberry Wednesday evening. The woods now call to picnic folks, the trees, the shrubs and plants. The little birds asked them to come and feast, also the little ants. It was an ideal evening for an outing leaving pleasant memories of a tempting and delicious luncheon intermingled with camp fire stories and songs. Those present were Messrs. M. M. Hamil of Abilene Forest Gaither, Olly Sharp and John R. Daniel, Misses Willie Bigham, Gertrude Thornton, Olga Sheppard, Clarie Tate of Abilene, McMurry, Annie T. Daniel, Mrs. J. W. Daniel.

Thursday evening Rev. Hamilton's class of boys were hosts at the home of Rev. Hamilton when they entertained Miss Berta Diltz class of girls, naming Willie Trabue of Waxahachie as guest of honor. An evening of parlor games and music were greatly enjoyed. Pine apple cream and cake were served.

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## POST MAKES RAIN SAYS ABILENE MAN

Mat Brown, a well known traveling man, was in the city this morning, after a trip of three weeks in the South Plains country, and in speaking of the recent efforts to produce rains by dynamiting, said to a reporter this morning:

"If the effort is made right the dynamite plan will bring rain. I have just seen it tried out on the Plains. C. W. Post planted a lot of dynamite on the "Cap Rock," near Post City. Thursday, May 25th, and it not only rained on that very day, but kept it up intermittently for the next two days, raining all the way from Spur City westward to and over the South Plains country."

Mr. Brown says Mr. Post followed up the plans of the California rainmakers and has very successfully produced rains every time he has tried to, six times that he knows of.

These people, he says, always try when there is a high wind and when atmospheric conditions are favorable for precipitation, and thus the concussions brought about in the air drive the rain globules together, giving them weight which fall to the earth by the natural laws of gravitation.

—Abilene Reporter.

Lowney's fancy box candies just arrived at the Elite.

## SWEETWATER MAN KILLS EMPLOYER

A Mr. Watts of Sweetwater died Monday afternoon from knife wounds received at the hands of R. A. Beene an employee of Mr. Watts.

The trouble seems to have started over some business transactions in regard to a rooming house in Sweetwater in which Beene was working and Watts was the proprietor. The trouble came up Friday afternoon and after some very hot words the men engaged in a fight that resulted in Watts receiving a deep cut on the side of his face that penetrated to the hollow of the mouth, another on the lower left side that severed two ribs. The cause of Watts death is given to the lower cut which is said to have severed his liver almost in half.

Beene is in jail at Sweetwater awaiting trial on next Monday morning and until the trial is had the details cannot be given. The feeling at Sweetwater was somewhat warm during Monday and Merkel men who were in the town on that day say the sentiment is against Beene.

Miss Nina Louise Trott came in Monday from Abilene fully recovered from the operation for appendicitis. She was accompanied by Mrs. Zella Cherry of Dallas. They remained here over Monday while Miss Trott was preparing to leave for Dallas where she will make her home in the future.



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Try missing your dinner at home on Saturday and eat with the ladies, it will indirectly help you through the school, for a well equipped school is very essential to any country. Remember, eat with the ladies at the Gaither building on Saturday.

### Notice.

All persons are hereby warned not to cut, tap or in any way interfere with our wires or meters or other equipment. Those found so doing will be prosecuted. Merkel Electric Co.

### Picnic is Now Assured.

The picnic at Cozart's lake on the 2, 3 and 4th of July is getting itself into shape for a big time to everybody. As it was first thought that the old Confederates would have a day but that has now been disposed of so far as the program is concerned. However, they decided that all who would want to attend could do so on the 3rd and would have the pleasure of meeting with the other confederate veterans on that day though they will take no part in the program. The other days will be given to different forms of amusements and the gathering of lodge representatives from different parts of the country.

### Merkel Girl Wins Medal.

Miss Leno Largent returned home Friday afternoon from Bristol, Va., where she has been attending the Intermount college. At the closing of the school Miss Largent won the Boice medal in a vocal contest over some thirty contestants. This speaks well of the Merkel young lady and it is with pride that Merkel claims the distinction of having within her borders young men and young ladies who acquit themselves so well in the older states.

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## PROVISIONS MADE FOR A. & M. NEEDS

Governor Colquitt has put his foot on another extra session of the legislature but will do all he can toward helping the state school out in any other way.

In a conference with a committee of business men from Bryan and College Station he made the following statement.

I want to say at the outset that under no consideration will I call a special session. I am friendly to the Agricultural and Mechanical College and I will do all in my power for the college.

I am exceedingly sorry these fires have occurred and intend the latest loss shall be thoroughly investigated. I want the new structure to be replaced by a thoroughly modern building and I will take the responsibility of issuing deficiency warrants for the necessary sums. A special session would cost at least one-third as much as the new building.

He also said he had a plan for financing the work if the proposition regarding banks did not materialize.

### Telephone Changes.

An opening for promotion caused Merkel to lose the former manager Mr. P. Pettit to the better position at Cisco where he was installed as manager of that exchange. The new man in the Merkel office is Mr. S. A. Duckett formerly of the Ovalo exchange. We regret to lose Mr. Pettit but are glad to see him advance in his line of work for we feel that he is due the consideration of such promotions that may fall in his line.

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"Cruel one—oh, cruel one!" she cried, in anguished tones. "I have borne with you too long! You have injured me; you have tortured me, and yet I could not bear to give you up!

"When first we met, how your ease and polish attracted me!" she continued. "When you became my very own, how my friends envied me! But your understanding is too small for my large soul! You have ruined my standing in society? If we had never met I might have walked in peace! So now begone! We part forever!"

There came a moment's convulsive breathing, a gritting of teeth, and a sharp sigh. It was all over. The tragedy was ended. By an almost superhuman effort she had pulled off her new shoe.

**Sore Nipples.**

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**Had His Eye On the Boat.**

Alexander Carr has a reputation as a wit and story teller only equalled by his reputation as an actor. His latest story was told the other night and runs as follows:

Two Hebraic gentlemen, friends of long standing, went to the lake and each hired a rowboat for a trial of skill and strength. In the middle of the lake one tipped over his boat and sank from sight. Coming to the surface close to the bow of the other boat he shouted:

"Ikey, Ikey, save me, I can't swim!" Carefully holding the boat at a few feet away from his drowning friend, the other looked on unmoved.

Again the unfortunate one sank below the surface, and as he came up for the second time repeated his cries for help.

A third time he came up, and then, as he started to disappear from sight for the third and last time, his friend shouted:

"Able, if you don't come up again can I have your boat?"

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Mrs. C. E. Whitaker received a message from Snyder Tuesday afternoon telling her of the death of her aunt Mrs. S. L. Knight. Mrs. Knight was buried Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Snyder cemetery. She was well known to many of the Merkel people and her husband Rev. L. S. Knight was well known throughout the country as a minister.



**IN EMERGENCY**

Accident or sickness on the farm.

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**THOUGHT TIN WAS SILVER**

Chinese Pirates Meet Bitter Disappointment After Risking Their Necks for Loot.

It was a surprise to the Chinese pirates who looted the Pacific Mail liner Asia, wrecked in Oriental waters sometime ago, when what they believed to be slabs of silver turned out to be nothing but tin. They were more than disappointed in view of the fact that they had risked their necks to get the supposed precious metal and had conveyed it a great distance in sampans to dispose of it.

According to W. W. Pipkin, connected with the Chinese maritime customs service, who arrived the other day of the liner Persia, there were at least 100 small Chinese fishing boats that put in at various places laden with tin. In their haste to get away with the cheap but shining metal the pirates had overlooked the more valuable silks and other rich far eastern products which were in the Asia's cargo.

There is nothing now visible of the old Pacific mailer, according to passengers on the Persia, which passed close to where her sister ship went to her doom on the treacherous crags that seem to beckon mockingly out of the mist that incessantly hangs over them. What portions of the steamer were not broken up by salvagers were dismembered by the beating seas.—San Francisco Chronicle.

**Fell From Scaffolding.**

Oklahoma City, Okla.: Oscar A. Anderson of 2401 South Walker street fell from a scaffold and, though considerably sprained and bruised, is able to be about. He says Hunt's Lightning Oil took all the soreness away. It is also good for headaches, neuralgia, rheumatism. All dealers sell in 25c and 50c bottles.

**Swedish Court in Days of Bernadotte.**

If Lady Kilmarnock were to wear Scottish dress when she arrives in Stockholm she would be like the wife and family of our ambassador there 80 years ago, who were afterward told by the maids of honor that they mistook the tartan for a livery of the servants and wondered when the ladies would appear. Court dress when Bernadotte was king was sometimes black and sometimes gray or white, but it always included a particular slashed sleeve, and the master of ceremonies fetched the minister to court in a glass coach. In winter both the king and the queen had a habit of turning night into day. She went out driving after dark and dined after the play, and he undermined the health of his ministers by engaging them all through the night or summoning them at 3 in the morning. And sometimes the king remained in bed for weeks at a time fearing poison, and sustaining himself largely on apples in consequence.

Teething babies always have a hard time of it when this process occurs in hot weather. They not only have to contend with painful gums but the stomach is disordered, bowels loose and the body uncomfortable. The best help you can give the little sufferer is McGee's Baby Elixir. It corrects sour stomach, cools and quiet, the bowels and helps digestion. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

W. L. Harkrider, F. J. and Frank Smith, C. E. Bradley and G. H. Adams are taking an outing on the river this week. They propose to catch all the large ones in the country.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Lowney's chocolates in fancy boxes at the Elite.

Dr. Watson was in town on business from Trent Wednesday.

New oat and wheat bags for sale at the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

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

Rev. A. M. Martin and wife of Sweetwater came down Tuesday morning to attend the Edwards-Jennings marriage.

Sheraton silver is guaranteed for fifty years. Its good and goes a long time. At Rust & McCauley's.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Edwards of Midland came in Tuesday to attend the Edwards-Jennings marriage.

All persons wanting rights, concessions or stands for the picnic July 2, 3 and 4 may see R. A. McClain and secure same not later than June 15.

A bilious, half-sick feeling, loss of energy, and constipated bowels can be relieved with surprising promptness by using Herbine. The first dose brings improvement, a few doses puts the system in fine vigorous condition. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Have you seen the fine display of new furniture at Behrens-Mö-Millen? If not call and see the pretty things. Your are under no obligations to buy and they will be glad to show you through the line.

New oat and wheat bags for sale at the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

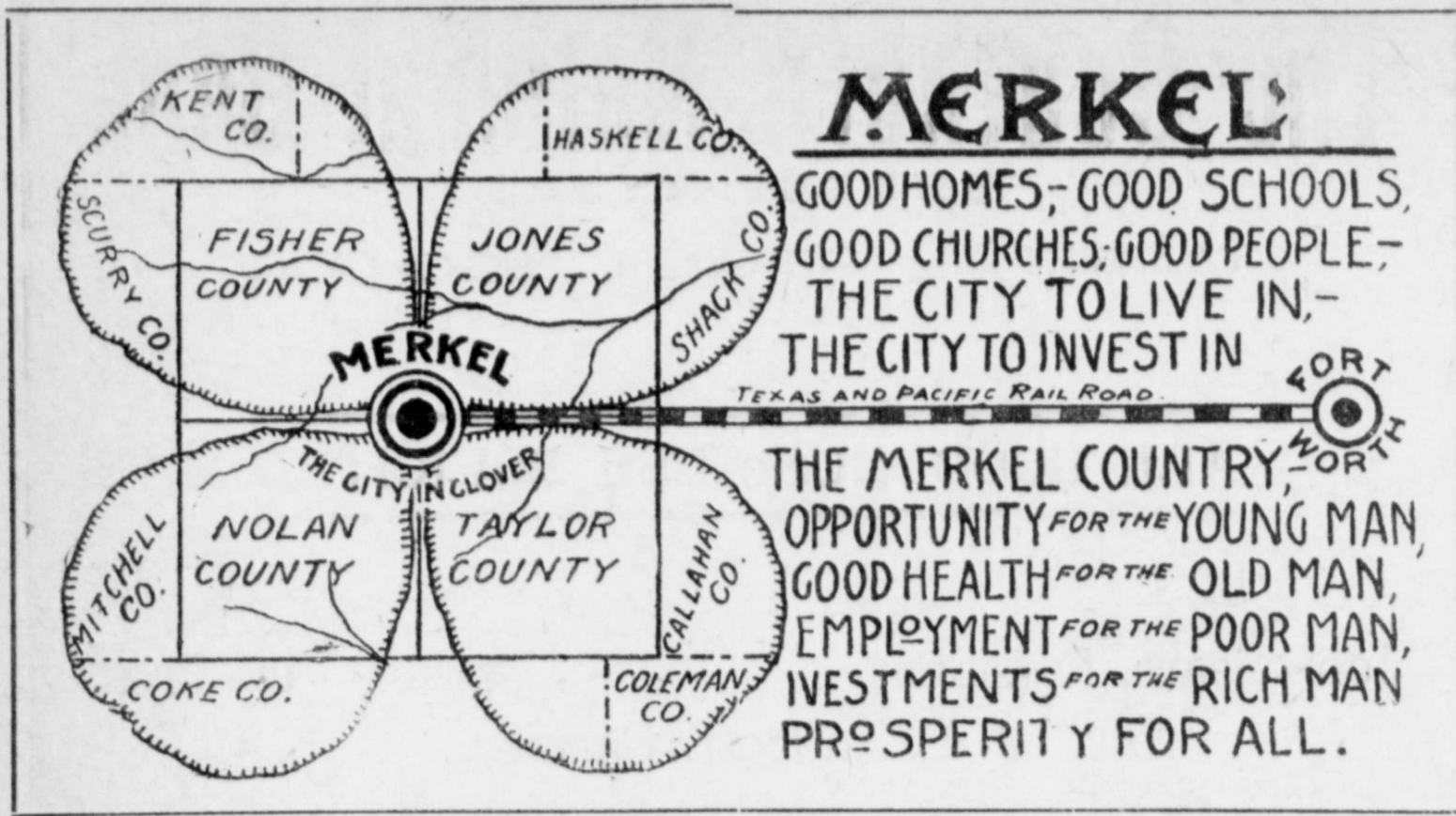
Burhl Wheeler returned from Abilene Tuesday afternoon where he has been in the Alexander sanitarium for the past two weeks. His condition seems to be improving and his friends hope to see him out among them soon.

Each age of our lives has its joys. Old people should be happy, and they will be if Chamberlain's Tablets are taken to strengthen the digestion and keep the bowels regular. These tablets are mild and gentle in their action and especially suitable for people of middle age and older. For sale by all dealers.

W. A. Franklin is here from Haskell county where he has been teaching school the past year. He will remain here a few days and then go on to Abilene where he will enter the summer normal at Simmons college.

Mrs. J. B. Boden and Miss Josie King left for Melissa Sunday in answer to a letter telling them of their aunt Mrs. R. B. King being in a critical condition and that she was not expected to live.





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### WATCHING TEXAS.

"The eyes of the world are on Texas," is a favorite expression of the domestic booster as well as of some progressive politicians says the Star-Telegram. But as familiar as is the conjuring phrase, it is literally true. There is a reason for this truth. Texas has more area and more resources than any undeveloped region on this continent. It is growing in population and in the activities that make the commercial and industrial wealth and pre-eminence of the country. It holds out the most attractive invitation of any of the states to the homeseeker and the home builder, as well as to the investor of cheap money. But, before it can get either, it must put the producer in easy and profit-sharing touch with near by markets. One of the essentials in the solution of the problem lies in better transportation facilities. These must be had by resort to the construction of more miles of railroad and the better equipment of the railroads we now have. Men who are devoting energies and capital to the building of new railroads argue that, in some important respects, Texas laws are not such as to encourage new railroads or to protect them in the right to earn legitimate profits on investment after they are built. It is a subject that at least demands the best and most patriotic thought of Texans who stand for the upbuilding of the state. There is no doubt but that Texas business men are giving these matters serious consideration and that they will solve them right. In the meantime, the eyes of the outsider who is looking for a square deal territory in which to invest his money are watching Texas development. The New York Evening Mail says:

Texas has been called the most radical of states, but a strong undercurrent of conservative sentiment is developing there, especially among the law makers and members of state commissions. Most likely the obnoxious stock and bond law will be repealed. Railroad men find the railroad commission much more amendable to argument than it used to be. Commissioner Williams has just returned from a trip into the Rio Grande valley along the Brownsville road and says that Texas ought to have several thousand miles more of new railroad in order to give the undeveloped sections of the state a chance to grow. He believes that the railroad is the leading agent in bringing about state growth."

### ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS.

There has just been published a pamphlet by the Texas Anti-Tuberculosis Association under the direction of Mrs. O. B. Colquitt, president of the association.

Among other things is a recital of Texas needs. The first need as given, is a public hospital in every county, with a special and separate provision for the tuberculosis patients and for cases of any other contagious and infectious diseases, with provisions for the admission of pay and indigent patients.

### THE SITUATION IN CUBA.

President Taft has listened patiently to the plea of President Gomez of Cuba against intervention but at the same time he sees the wisdom in landing American troops to look after American interests in the island.

Possibly in no other foreign country has the United States become so deeply involved. American interests are scattered all over the island and American money has been invested in many of the most important enterprises of Cuba.

Cuba is one of the wealthiest islands of the Atlantic. The soil is rich, the possibilities almost limitless. It is not a country ridden with earthquakes or torn by volcanoes, as most tropical islands are. It is a gift of nature to mankind. It is the gem of the Atlantic.

When the United States stepped in and aided the Cubans secure their freedom it was without the expectation of ever taking possession of the island. Under the Spanish yoke the natives were tax-ridden, they were denied any semblance of liberty, they were preyed upon and held under subjugation. All who remember the rule of the Spanish can recall the difficulties that American planters had in Cuba. Spain seemed to persevere in persecuting American interests. This was possibly the real reason why this government, wise in all things, stepped in to aid the Cubans in their fight for freedom. It was believed that the yoke once thrown off, the Cubans could well administer the affairs of the island in peace and harmony. This has been a mistake, however. The Cubans have been quarrelling among themselves ever since. There is no possibility of harmony. Gomez has shown himself to be a failure. The United States does not wish to take any part in the revolution movement now on but it does propose to protect the interests of our citizens invested in the island. They are entitled to the protection, and if President Gomez cannot secure it, then our government must.

The present revolution is more in the nature of an uprising of the Cuban negroes. They have been on the verge of war for many months. If the outbreak had been checked at the beginning all would have been well, but it was not. It was allowed to gain headway and now the situation is quite serious.

Much uneasiness is felt in Washington and unless some drastic move is shortly made there will be open rebellion in the island, which will result disastrously to American interests.—Commercial Appeal.

Another important provision is that there should be a separate and special provision for the tuberculosis children in public and private schools and that there should be separate and special provisions for tuberculous inmates in public and private institutions of all kinds.

The Post Power Co. of Post City has filed its charter with the secretary of state. The object of the company is to manufacture and distribute gas and electricity in that section of the country.

Texas markets offer the allurements of the eastern trade centers including the prices.

No man ever did or ever can do a great work alone. All must pull together.

Say to the stranger "Welcome to our city" and make the welcome good.

Men succeed best who work with other men for the general good.

You can always "come back" on a good road.

Time waits for no man, build that good road.

Do things the other man hasn't thought of.

## TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XXXVII. POWER

CYRUS THE GREAT founded the Persian Empire and exercised absolute power over a larger number of people than any other human. From a wandering horde he organized a vast wave of human power and grandeur which swelled and rolled on in undiminished magnitude and glory for many centuries. This powerful man was able to lift the soul of humanity into the heights of reason and by his compelling and persuasive power lead them into higher altitudes of civilization.

No event of importance in the human race was ever accomplished without the guiding hand of a spirit of great power.



CYRUS THE GREAT ORGANIZING GOVERNMENT.

Let those who search for authority understand that power is permanent only when the product of principle, that ability will attract the homage of the masses like a lodestar, and that the rare qualities of initiative leadership have always quieted seething humanity and organized turbulent masses into peaceful and happy communities where civilization can yield its golden fruit. Texas Needs Great Men.

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## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Pate & Rose shaving parlor. Barber work a specialty.

Meet me at the Gaither building on Saturday and eat dinner.

Mrs. R. A. McClain was a social visitor in Abilene last Saturday.

EOR SALE—One big work horse. Cheap for cash. Fred Guitar.

Mrs. M. B. Overstreet is in Hawley this week visiting the family of D. C. Overstreet.

All silverware at reduced prices through the month of June. Rust & McCauley.

Mrs. Jim Gilliam is visiting relatives in Italy this week. She will be away for several weeks.

New oat and wheat bags for sale at the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Mrs. O. F. Rogers of this place is in Moran this week visiting her mother Mrs. Grace.

Highest cash market price for chickens and eggs. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Company.

Mrs. S. J. Roberts went to Tye Saturday to visit her daughter Mrs. R. O. Denton.

Eat at the Gaither building on Saturday and help build up the city schools.

New oat and wheat bags for sale at the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Postmaster A. G. Terry and wife of Trent were in town Wednesday.

**Three days picnic July 2, 3 and 4th at Cozart's tank.**

Miss Claire Tate has closed her art class for the summer months and has returned to her home in Abilene.

None better than the Quick Meal oil stove highly recommended by the maker. Anchor Hardware Company.

Mrs. S. J. Wallace of Fort Worth returned to her home Saturday after a short visit to her sister Mrs. C. V. Bigham.

We will pay the spot cash top of the market price for 100 dozen fryers. Kent St. Grain & Grocery Company.

A sprained ankle may as a rule be cured in from three to four days by applying Chamberlain's Liniment and observing the directions with each bottle. For sale by all dealers.

Holland Teaff came in from Waco Friday where he has been attending Baylor college during the past session.

Sheraton pattern community silver is an exceptionally nice wedding present. Rust & McCauley.

P. J. Parker of Gustine was here the first of the week visiting his sister Mrs. J. D. Couch and attending to business.

There is no real need of anyone being troubled with constipation. Chamberlain's Tablets will cause an agreeable movement of the bowels without any unpleasant effect. Give them a trial. For sale by all dealers.

Miss Genevieve Rust and Q. Rust left for Cottonwood Saturday to visit Mrs. Rust's father S. S. Ramsey. They will remain with him while Mrs. Rust is in Chicago.

Three refrigerators and large size ice box that must be sold regardless of cost. See them before you buy. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company.

**July 2, 3 and 4th.**

## THE ONLY WAY

Many Merkel Citizens Have Discovered It

Just what to do when the kidneys are affected, is a question that concerns both young and old. Weak kidneys neglected in childhood lead to life-long suffering. People of advanced years, with less vitality, suffer doubly. In youth or age, languor, backache, urinary irregularity, dizziness and nervousness make life a burden.

There is one remedy that acts directly on the kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills owe their world-wide fame to the fact that they have cured thousands of cases of sick kidneys and cured them permanently. Follow the example of this Merkel citizen.

Mrs. H. D. Wilson, Merkel, Texas says: "Different members of my family have used Doan's Kidney Pills with excellent results. One member of the family had been afflicted with kidney trouble for a long time and finally he used Doan's Kidney Pills. They entirely cured him. We give Doan's Kidney Pills great praise and recommend them to anyone suffering from kidney trouble."

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.

### Impossible Road.

Chauncey M. Depew frequently deprecates the comparisons that are drawn between American and European railways.

"These comparisons are unfair to us," he once said at a banquet in New York. "When I'm told how very safe the European railway is I think of the Nola Chucky line."

"The president of the Nola Chucky line once waited on me to request an exchange of courtesies. I interrogated him, and he said proudly:

"On our line, sir, not only has a collision never occurred, but on our line a collision would be impossible."

"Impossible?" said I. "Oh, come, I know that the latest automatic safety devices are excellent things, but impossible is a large word."

"It's literally true with us, sir," he replied.

"How can it be?" said I.

"Why," said he, "we own only one train."

### 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 25c. Samples free at all dealers.

### Wanted to See It Bloom.

Mabel Parr, just turned six, lives in Lauderdale avenue, in Lakewood, says the Cleveland Leader. Her mother, a Scientist, has been troubled for some days with a cold-sore, much to her little daughter's concern. When she could no longer restrain her sympathy she turned interrogation point.

"Mother," she asked, pointing to the slight disfigurement, "what is that you've got?"

"That's a rosebud, dear," said Mrs. Parr.

Mabel was silent and thoughtful all the rest of the day. When she yielded to pressure she confessed she'd been worrying about her mother.

"I've been thinking about that rosebud," she said, "and wondering why that flower never blooms."

### Fools a Foul Plot.

When a shameful plot exists between liver and bowels to cause distress by refusing to act, take Dr. King's New Life Pills and end such abuse of your system. They gently compel right action of stomach, liver and bowels and restore your health and all good feelings. 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

### Bill the Philosopher.

Wise remark, by Bill, the Philosopher:

"There's one good thing about it. Anybody who talks about himself all the time hasn't time to be a knocker."

Know any of 'em?—San Francisco Chronicle.

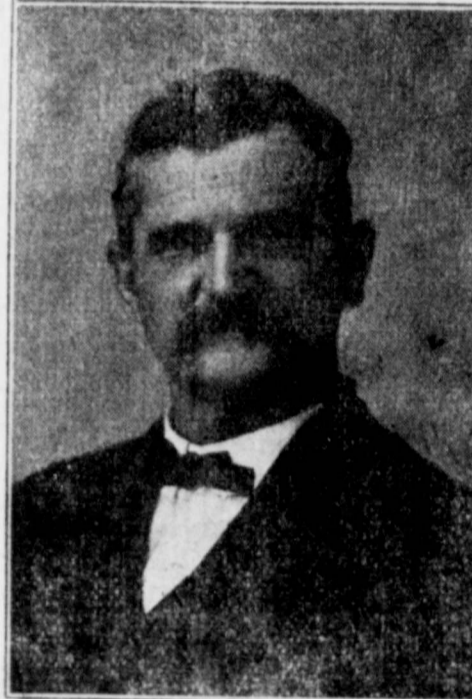
### This Is So.

We wish to state in as plain and vigorous way as words can express it that Hunt's Cure will positively, quickly and permanently cure any form of Itching Skin disease known. One box is guaranteed to cure. One application affords relief.

## PROMOTION FOR UNCLE JOE HARRIS

He is Made Division Manager in Southwest Texas for the Oxypathor.

HIS Jurisdiction Over Thirty-Three Counties. Headquarters at Merkel.



JOE L. HARRIS

A little more than a year ago "Uncle Joe," as he is popularly called although still in the prime of life, was compelled to give up his drug business in Merkel on account of a serious case of sciatic rheumatism.

He had tried almost every known remedy for the disease without relief, and the doctors held out no hope for his recovery.

He happened to hear of the OXYPATHOR—secured one of these valuable little instruments for home treatment—and in a short time was a well, sound man again. He accepted the Merkel District Agency of THE TEXAS OXYPATHOR CO. and has been successful in the work—as is proven by the many pleased patrons in this section.

Following the recent visit of Mr. Arthur W. Shaw, General Manager of the Company at San Antonio, Mr. Harris was tendered and has accepted the general managership of the ABILENE-MIDLAND DIVISION, composed of the following thirty-three counties:

Andrews, Borden, Crane, Coleman, Callahan, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gains, Garza, Glasscock, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Loving, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Runnels, Scurry, Stone-wall, Taylor, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler, Yoakum.

The Headquarters Office for this division will be maintained at Merkel, where Mr. Harris will keep a complete stock of OXYPATHORS and Oxypathor goods to supply patrons, and district, county and local agencies in southwest Texas.

Mr. Harris has built his business and success on his own deep personal conviction that the OXYPATHOR is the best of all the modern, drugless and harmless methods of relieving pain and distress and curing disease by yourself in the privacy of the home and that the price of this "little home doctor" is the best investment that any family can possibly make—from the standpoint of its great value as a preventive.

He maintains that while it will not do everything, it will do enough to be "worth its weight in gold" in any home—and that's a fact.

The State Management of this new and "better way" congratulates itself of securing the valued services of so good a man as "Uncle Joe" Harris, and takes pleasure in commending him to the people of southwest Texas.—(Adv.)

## WHY SHE CHANGED HER MIND

Where Wifely Ignorance is Husbandly Bliss 'Twere Folly to Put Her Wise.

Mrs. Blithers had not always found herself in an approving mood in respect to the so-called sports of the sterner sex, and her opinions concerning golfers who spend Sunday on the links, or sportsmen who shoot pigeons, were so very decided that Blithers invariably looked around for cotton to stuff in his ears when she began to deliver them. One can imagine his surprise, the other night, when the good lady suggested the idea of his taking her to a horse race some time. The notion that she could bring herself to approve of such a diversion had never occurred to Blithers, and he gazed at her in simple amazement.

"You don't mean to say that you approve of horse-racing?" he demanded.

"Well, I didn't use to," Mrs. Blithers replied, "but now that I am coming to know more about it I think I do. I've been taking the trouble to read about the races that are allowed to be run latterly, and I have made up my mind that there's more good in those race-track men than we've given them credit for."

"Well, well, well!" laughed Blithers. "Wonder of wonders! What has brought about this remarkable change?"

"Well, I've discovered how kind those men are to their horses," said Mrs. Blithers. "I noticed last week that every time a horse wasn't feeling well enough to run, his owner, instead of going out and beating him with a whip, has in every case gone out and scratched the poor animal!" —Lippincott's Magazine.

### Famous Stage Beauties

look with horror on skin eruptions, blotches, sores or pimples. They don't have them nor will any one who uses Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It glorifies the face. Eczema or salt rheum vanish before it. It cures sore lips, chapped hands; heals, burns, cuts and bruises. Unequaled for piles. Only 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

### MYSTERY OF LAKE BAIKAL

Body of Water Remote From Ocean Contains Many Organisms Apparently Marine.

The riddle of Lake Baikal, in central Asia, is similar to that of Lake Tanganyika, in central Africa. In both cases a large body of fresh water, remote from the ocean, contains organisms apparently marine. Both lakes, again, contain a very large number of species not found elsewhere. Lake Baikal contains numerous salmon and seals as well as three species of hermit. It also contains a few mollusca of apparently marine forms.

One of the most remarkable features of the lake, perhaps, is that, although it is frozen over for about five months in the year, the animal life is extremely abundant and varied. This may be partly accounted for, perhaps by the existence of hot springs.

One of the latest attempts to answer the riddle of Lake Baikal is that of the Russian investigator Berg. Of the 33 specimens of fish found in the lake he finds that 14 are peculiar to it, while 19 have a wide distribution in Siberia and Europe.

Many of these peculiar species are without near relations anywhere. Of the mollusca 90 per cent. are peculiar.

Berg does not think the facts demand the hypothesis that the lake was once marine. He believes that it has always been fresh and that the fauna peculiar to it have had a twofold origin. A part has originated in the lake itself during the long ages of its existence, and the rest is a portion of the prehistoric fresh water fauna of Siberia which it has preserved.—Harper's Weekly.

It is now well known that not more than one case of rheumatism in ten requires an internal treatment whatever. All that is needed is a free application of Chamberlain's Liniment and massaging the parts at each application. Try it and see how quickly it will relieve the pain and soreness. Sold by all dealers.

### Not Disappointed.

"My wife reads the marriage notices carefully every day. Wouldn't miss a day for worlds."

"Why not?"

"Oh, about once every six years somebody gets married that she knows."

### Caromel is Bad.

But Simmons' Liver Purifier is delightfully pleasant and its action is thorough. Constipation yields, biliousness goes. A trial convinces. (In tin boxes only.) Tried once, used always.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Cigars that are moist all the time at the Elite.

**Three days picnic July 2, 3 and 4th.**

Marshal Hall spent Wednesday in Abilene looking after official duties.

Buy the Quick Meal oil stove and get the best. Anchor Hardware Company.

James Bright and Geo. Smith were business visitors in the city from Trent Wednesday.

New oat and wheat bags for sale at the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Miss Zedie Street of Abilene was the guests of Mrs. Ivy McCoy Sunday.

WANTED.—One hundred customers to buy Quick Meal oil stoves. Anchor Hardware Co.

Rev. R. A. Clements has been very sick during the past week but is somewhat improved now.

The Elite has the only sanitary tobacco case in town. Their chewing tobacco is always moist.

Miss Burnice and Hazel Lee Rainbolt went to Abilene Saturday to visit their sister Mrs. Chas. Fryar.

Just received a big shipment of Sheraton silverware. New patterns, new designs. Rust & McCauley.

Miss Jaennette Henderson of Abilene came in last week to visit friends and attend the Edwards-Jennings wedding.

Tell your wife you won't be home Saturday for dinner. Eat at the Gaither building. School benefit.

Lowney's chocolates in fancy boxes at the Elite.

A fishing party started out Monday morning to spend several days on the river. Those going were Henry King, Alva McClain, Shirley and Stanley King.

Answer your wedding invitation with a piece of Sheraton silver. Its guaranteed for 50 years. Rust & McCauley.

Rev. Joan Hawkins formerly of Dora was in town from Fort Worth the first of the week visiting his cousin Mrs. C. E. Whitaker.

Now arrange the kitchen to save steps these hot days by getting a kitchen cabinet. If you once get a cabinet you would not be without it for twice the price. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Children that are affected by worms are pale and sickly and liable to contract some fatal disease. White's Cream Vermifuge expels worms promptly and puts the child on the road to health. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coryell stopped off here Sunday to visit Miss Rubie Jones. They were on their honeymoon extending from Ohio to Morence, New Mexico where they will make their home.

If it is a Quick Meal oil stove you have the best by many odds. Everyone sold under a strict guarantee. Exclusive agents. Anchor Hardware Co.

Mrs. Floyd Cox and Miss Lula Cozart were visitors in Abilene Monday. While there they called on Miss Moore, daughter of Geo. Moore, of this place who was taken there for an operation some three weeks ago.

**Three big days picnic July 2, 3 and 4th at Cozart's tank.**



# CALUMET BAKING POWDER

The wonder of baking powders—Calumet. Wonderful in its raising powers—its uniformity, its never failing results, its purity.

Wonderful in its economy. It costs less than the high-price trust brands, but it is worth as much. It costs a trifle more than the cheap and big can kinds—it is worth more. But proves its real economy in the baking.

Use CALUMET—the Modern Baking Powder.

At all Grocers.

Received Highest Award World's Pure Food Exposition



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

### King-Woodruff.

Mr. and Mrs. King of Ennis are here spending their honeymoon with the groom's parents Dr. and Mrs. J. M. C. King. The marriage took place at the home of the bride's parents in Ennis at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening of last week. After the wedding infare was given at the home in the presence of friends and relatives. They left Ennis Friday afternoon and arrived here Sunday morning.

Mr. King is well known to the Merkel people and is frequently spoken of as a Merkel boy but his affections drew him in another direction where he also took up a line of work which he is now in. He is manager of one of Duke & Ayers stores located at Ennis. Mr. and Mrs. King will spend some two weeks here before returning to their home.

The G. S. S. girls entertained at Miss Faye Allen's Wednesday afternoon complimentary to the Misses Long of Stephenville who were visiting their cousin Miss Allen. A number of games were enjoyed. Misses Dorothy Lee Potter and Isla McDonald drew straws for the box of dainty home-made candy. Miss Potter was fortunate in the drawing and most graciously passed the candy to the girls letting all share its deliciousness. Miss Roxie Moon was consoled with a pink radish. Those present were Misses Ione and Beryl Long, Jackie and Mary Jennings, Inice and Roxie Moon, Dorothy Lee Potter, Isla McDonald, Genevieve Rust and the hostess.

Mrs. W. M. Wright of Abilene and Miss Bertie Sparkman of Alvord are the guests of Mrs. Courtney Hunt this week. Mrs. Hunt honored them with an informal dance and lunch Tuesday afternoon. Those present were Misses Mabel Collins, Bertie Sparkman, Mesdames Wright, C. Comegys, and L. D. Gaiter, Messrs. Courtney Hunt, Jim Guitar, Claud Comegys, Olly Sharp. Part of the evening was spent in dancing and other amusements but the prize winner was the lunch served to the guests.

### League Program.

Leader, Frank Smith.  
Subject, The Wisdom of Faith.  
Scripture lesson, Dan. 2:14-18; 27-30; Acts 13:1-3.  
Song and prayer service.  
Address by leader.  
How Daniel differed from the other wise men—Miss Jessie Sutphen.  
Daniel's victory not an individual victory—Ira Shaffer.  
The end of faith is social rather than individual—Miss Dora Lee Potter.  
Talks by Leagues on benefits received by attending League.  
Solo—Miss Ina May Adams.  
Collection.  
Miscellaneous.  
Benediction.

Merkel Mail \$1.00 per Year.

### Children Exercises.

Childrens' Day at Presbyterian church.  
Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:45. Preaching at 11 and communion service.  
Special music.  
The evening service at 8:30 will be given over to the children.  
Recessional.  
Prayer.  
Primary chorus.  
Address, Children's Day.—Eunice Russell.  
Song—Ruby Warnick.  
Recitation—Lola Dennis.  
Duet—Ona Faye Bland and Opal Moon.  
Scripture motto.  
Recitation—Hazel McClain.  
Lesson from flowers—Madaline Hunt, Ruth Jones, Mabel Russell.  
Recitation—Elna Nelson.  
Offering.  
Chorus.

### A TEXAS WONDER.

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

### OLD PUFFS AND SWITCHES

Ladies of Twenty-Five Centuries Ago Made Liberal Use of Borrowed Hair.

Caesar's wife may have been above suspicion so far as her morals were concerned, but the same could not have been said about her hair, any more than it could about the hair of the fashionable matron of today.

The Greek, Egyptian, Carthaginian and Roman ladies of twenty-five centuries ago made use of the most astonishing quantities of borrowed hair and the Roman women of the time of Augustus were especially pleased when they could outdo their social rivals by piling upon their heads a greater tower of additional tresses. They also arranged curls formally around the head.

An extensive commerce in human hair was carried on, and after the conquest of Gaul, blond hair, such as grew originally on the heads of German girls along the Rhine, became very fashionable in Rome. Caesar did not disdain to mix a little commercialism with his military enterprises and collected a vast amount of hair from the vanquished Gauls, which he sent to market at Rome, and in the Roman provinces a cropped head was regarded as a badge of slavery or at least of subjection.

The hairdressers of Rome were persons of real importance and charged exorbitant prices for forming the hair into fanciful devices, such as harp wreaths and diadems.

**CROUP** stopped in 20 minutes sure with Dr. Sloop's Croup Remedy. One test will surely prove. No vomiting, no distress. A safe and pleasing syrup—40c. Druggists.

### WE ARE NEVER SATISFIED

The Thin Man Bemoans His Fate, and the Fat Man Starves to Become Thin.

We are never satisfied, it seems, and the growls and walls of discontent rise all above us, showing that others feel as we do.

The thin man bemoans his fate. He eats fattening things and yearns to be fat, and the fat man starves himself as much as a fat man's self control will admit, and longs to be thin.

It's pretty tough. Over in the valley they grow alfalfa—great crops of alfalfa that bring in money, and our farm won't. It hurts our feelings, but over on the alfalfa farm they can't make a peach tree grow worth a cent, and they're kicking about it envying us.

It would seem that Nature would know better. Discontent is not natural, and it would appear that Nature might rig up some sort of an exchange by which discontented people might swap.

The poor man who aches for dollars could go there and give his appetite for half the sickly rich man's pile, and it would be gladly given.

The woman with the ostrich feathers her sailor brother brought her could swap with the envious woman for a diamond and thus control her own long ng.

All we'd have to do would be to go to the exchange and register, and Nature would do the rest. We'd list our discontented state and tell what would make us feel better, and sooner or later the exchange would be made and two discontented people would be made more contented. But no such exchange is being considered, and the two discontented parties to all these troubles are far apart.—Galveston News.

### PUT ON MOURNER'S BENCH

Little Dorothy Explains Break in Devotional Exercises for Her Family of Dolls.

Little Dorothy is the daughter of a minister. She has a family of fifteen dolls, one of them being a parson. Dorothy is devoted to her treasures. For a long time she held religious services for them, but suddenly the services were discontinued, only to be as unexpectedly resumed.

"Why did you stop the services, Dorothy?" she was asked.

"Oh, the dolls decided not to have them any more."

"But why were they started again?" "They all voted that way, that is—" Dorothy hesitated, but she added, regretfully, "All except the clown and the Teddy bear."

They were regarded as incorrigible by the minister's small daughter. Next day at the services they were seated immediately in front of the doll preacher, the other dolls occupying less prominent places.

"Why are the clown and the Teddy bear sitting so far forward?" inquired Dorothy's father.

"Oh," was the reply, "I thought they most needed to hear the sermon."

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"I used to be troubled with a weakness peculiar to women," writes Mrs. Anna Jones, of Kenny, Ill. "For nearly a year, I could not walk, without holding my sides. I tried several different doctors, but I grew worse. Finally, our druggist advised Cardui for my complaint. I was so thin, my weight was 115. Now, I weigh 163, and I am never sick. I ride horseback as good as ever. I am in fine health at 52 years."

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We have thousands of such letters, and more are arriving daily. Such earnest testimony from those who have tried it, surely proves the great value of this vegetable, tonic medicine, for women.

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It is the best medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter.

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will occupy your entire time when you become a regular advertiser in THIS PAPER. Unless you have an antipathy for labor of this kind, call us up and we'll be glad to come and talk over our proposition.

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FOR SALE—Some fine milch cows. Fresh. See or phone R. J. Allen. 713

FOR SALE OR TRADE.—Wagner motor-cycle in good condition. Will trade for good pony. See or write W. H. Craddock, Trent, Texas.

FOR SALE—Large 2,000 pound Alpine safe, 4 foot high, nice compartments for books and valuable papers. Cheap for cash or note. H. Turner, Merkel, Texas. 31tf

HAND WANTED—To work on farm by the month. Sam Butman, Nubia, Texas. tf

## T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND	
Train No. 2, leaves Merkel	10:04 p.m.
Train No. 4 " "	11:38 a.m.
Train No. 6 " "	12:19 a.m.
Train No. 8 " "	9:02 a.m.

WEST BOUND	
Train No. 1, leaves Merkel	4:02 a.m.
Train No. 3 " "	4:48 p.m.
Train No. 5 " "	4:28 a.m.
Train No. 7 " "	4:20 p.m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read  
Nos. 3 and 5, 4 and 6 stop at Sweetwater, Eskota, Merkel, Abilene, Clyde, Baird, Cisco, Eastland, Mingus, Weatherford and Fort Worth. West of Sweetwater all trains are locals except 3 and 4; they do not stop at Itan.

## FORTUNE IN RARE COINS

Fat Picking for Watchful Cashiers in Stores, Bartenders and Street Car Conductors.

Cashiers in stores and restaurants, ticket agents at theaters and railroad stations, bartenders and conductors on cars are in a fair position to become collectors of rare coins, as they handle every kind of money piece from foreign coins to old-time money of the United States. A saloonkeeper in Harlem declares he has made a small fortune during the last few years by saving the rare coins that are taken over the bar.

"I have a tin box filled with rare United States pieces," he related, "and I could have a collection of foreign coins if I so desired. You would be surprised to see how anxious some men are to get a drink at the expense of spending a rare old coin for its face value. Silver and paper currency that pay a good premium are given to my bartenders for face value. I have often noticed a reluctance on the part of the holder before parting with the coin. He will give a last look at the money and then place it on the bar for the refreshing beverage. One man told me that a coin had been in the the family for nearly a century. He wanted only one drink and was afraid I would not take the coin because of its age. I gave him the drink and change for the piece at its face value, and he was overjoyed."

There is no real need of anyone being troubled with constipation. Chamberlain's Tablets will cause an agreeable movement of the bowels without any unpleasant effect. Give them a trial. For sale by all dealers.

## Say, You!



## HOW about that printing job you're in need of?

Come in and see us about it at your first opportunity. Don't wait until the very last moment but give us a little time and we'll show you what high grade work we can turn out.

## Civic Improvement Prizes.

For the best kept premises, entire grounds and alley—1st prize, \$20.00 in gold by the First State Bank and Southern National Bank and one-half dozen pictures by the Groene Studio; 2nd prize, Merkel Light Company \$7.50 in wiring house or \$5.00 in merchandise; Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company \$5.00 in merchandise.

Best kept shade trees—1st prize, J. P. Sharp, \$3.50 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Anchor Hardware Company \$3.50 in merchandise.

Best kept alley by boy under 15—1st prize, West Texas Hardware Company \$5.00 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Hogue-Hamilton Company \$2.50 in merchandise.

Best kept, cleanest and most artistic back yard—1st prize, Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company \$4.00 in merchandise, 2nd prize, Parten Dry Goods Company \$2.50 in merchandise.

The most artistic vine covered back fence—1st prize, Elite Confectionery \$2.50 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Merkel Oil & Cotton Company \$1.00 cash.

The most artistic arrangement of vines on veranda—1st prize, S. S. Scheidler, Jeweler, \$2.50 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Hamblet & Rogers \$1.00 cash.

For the prettiest and most artistically arranged flower bed by girl under 15 years—1st prize, Banner & Son \$3.00 music roll; 2nd prize, Burton-Lingo Company \$2.00 cash.

Prettiest rose border or bed—1st prize, W. L. Harkrider \$2.50 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Bradshaw Grocery Company \$1.00 cash.

Best kept lawn—1st prize, Rust & McCauley Jewelry \$2.50 in merchandise, Merkel Mail \$2.50 cash; 2nd prize, Star Store \$2.50 in merchandise.

Best general collection of flowers—1st prize, Armstrong Drug Company \$2.50 in merchandise; 2nd prize, Clark & Allen \$1.00 cash.

Best canna bed kept by boy or girl under 12 years—1st prize, Merkel Lumber Co. \$2.50 cash; 2nd prize H. C. Burroughs \$1.00 in merchandise.

Best kept nasturtium bed—1st prize, R. A. McClain Drug Company \$2.00 in merchandise; 2nd prize, W. M. O'Brian \$1.00 cash.

Prettiest chrysanthemum in pot—Rust & McCauley Drug Company \$2.00 cash.

Prettiest geranium in pot—Merkel Telegram \$1.00 cash.

Prettiest fern in pot—G. M. Sharp Feed Store \$1.00 cash.

Prettiest carnation in pot—Whitley Grocery Company sack best flour.

Prettiest pot of ice plant—Merkel Telegram 1 year's subscription.

The merchants have made it possible to offer the above prizes. We desire to have each man, woman and child in Merkel interested in civic improvement to enter for one or more of these prizes. Entries should be made by May 1, 1912. The contest closes Oct. 15, 1912.

When you wish to enter for any of the above prizes phone to Mrs. W. H. Dickson. It is the wish of the Twentieth Century Club that a number of entries be made for each prize. Let all join in this laudable work for a cleaner, prettier and healthier Merkel. Just a little work each day will accomplish wonders.

## ENTRIES.

The time has been extended from May 1 until June 1 in which entries can be made for the different prizes offered under the auspices of the Twentieth Century club. Reread the list and be sure to make your entries by this date. To insure prompt attention phone 64 when you wish to make entries.

For the best premises, entire grounds and alley, Mrs. Phillip Pettit, Emzi Burroughs, Mrs. John Sears, J. T. Tucker, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Taylor Jennings, Ed Scott, Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Mrs. Fred Bigham, Mrs. Geo. L. Hamilton, Mrs. G. A. Rister, Mrs. J. E. Costephens, Conna Adams, Mrs. J. G. Hale, Mrs. Lulu Lednum.

Prettiest chrysanthemum in pot, Mrs. Phillip Pettit, Mrs. W. H. SoRelle, Mrs. R. A. McClain, Mrs. Lulu Lednum.

Prettiest geranium in pot, Mrs. Phillip Pettit, Mrs. Alice Templeton, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mrs. W. H. SoRelle, Mrs. R. A. McClain.

Prettiest fern in pot, Mrs. Phillip Pettit, Mrs. Alice Templeton, Mrs. R. A. McClain, Mesdames John Boden, Geo. L. Hamilton, W. L. Diltz.

Prettiest carnation in pot, Mrs. Phillip Pettit, Mrs. W. H. SoRelle, Mrs. R. A. McClain.

Prettiest pot of ice plant, Mrs. Phillip Pettit.

Best kept lawn, Mrs. J. W. Jennings, Mrs. John Sears, Mrs. G. A. Rister.

Best kept shade trees, Mrs. John Sears, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

Most artistic arrangement of vines on veranda, Mrs. W. A. Scott, Mrs. Alice Templeton, Mrs. Geo. Hamilton.

Best kept nasturtium bed, Mrs. W. A. Scott, Miss Ruth Mims, Mrs. G. L. Hamilton, Katherine Pettit, Mrs. Lulu Lednum.

Best kept, cleanest and most artistic back yard, Miss Annie T. Daniel, Mrs. Phillip Pettit, Jackie Jennings.

Most artistic vine covered back fence, Miss Annie T. Daniel, Mrs. G. A. Rister, Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Mrs. W. A. Scott, Ina May Adams, Mrs. Geo. Hamilton, Mrs. Lulu Lednum.

Prettiest rose bed or border, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mrs. J. T. Tucker, Miss Mary Jennings, Mrs. John Sears, Mrs. B. C. Gaither.

Best collection of flowers, Mrs. J. T. Tucker, Mrs. G. A. Rister, Mrs. J. E. Costephens, Mrs. Lulu Lednum.

For best kept alley, Ed Scott, Emzi Burroughs, Gordon Mims.

Best canna bed, Miss Madaline Hunt, Ina May Adams, Louise Warren.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Frank King of Farry was here Sunday visiting Dr. J. M. C. King. On returning home he was accompanied by his daughter who has been in Simmons college the past year.

Rev. W. L. Leach of Hermitage was in town part of last week shaking hands with friends. He came down to attend the commencement exercises at Simmons college this week.

Mrs. Ella McCullaud came in Tuesday night for a few days visit to Mrs. M. Armstrong. She is on her way to Paris where she will make her home in the future.

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen left for Abilene Wednesday where she will spend the summer. Miss Jesse Sutphen went down Thursday. She will enter the Abilene summer normal there today.

Miss Bess McMurry of Colorado, Misses Juanita Harris and Annie T. Daniel were visitors in Abilene Saturday. On returning Miss McMurry did not stop but returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Morton left here Saturday morning for Abilene. They will then go to Clyde, Buffalo Gap and Brownwood at each of which places they will visit friends and relatives.

Miss Leno Largent returned Saturday from Bristol, Virginia, where she has been in school the past year. The Merkel young people are very glad to have Miss Largent in their midst again.

Miss Velma Clark left for Abilene Saturday where she will take up work as a milliner with one of the firms of that place. She was accompanied by her sister Miss Leila.

## Confederates Meet.

Merkel Camp No. 79 U. C. V. met in regular session last Saturday with a good attendance. A memorial from Dick Dowling Camp of Houston was read proposing a division of the Confederate Association with the Mississippi river as the dividing line with separate officers and the holding of an annual reunion in each division. After discussion the Adjutant was directed to notify Dick Dowling Camp that this camp disapproved of the proposition.

A committee consisting of A. Baker, W. H. Hawkins and J. T. Tucker was appointed to prepare an address to the voters of Taylor county and request the newspapers of the county to publish the same urging the adoption of the proposed amendment to the constitution of the state authorizing the legislature to levy a tax of five cents on each \$100 assessed to provide pensions for the indigent Confederate soldiers in the state and their widows.

## 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.

# TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

## XL. WISDOM

SOCRATES taught the Athenians philosophy and Solon gave Greece her laws and under their inspiring influence civilization bore its noblest fruits. The Greeks owed their advancement to strong leaders who were able to grapple with fundamental thoughts and to a citizenship that drank deeply at the fountain of truth and wisdom. Every age has been indebted for progress to its geniuses who could open the store-house of knowledge and history tells us that nations pine away and die in the arms of ignorance.



SOCRATES TEACHING WISDOM.

Let that nation that would reach the towering height of civilization rock the cradle of thought in the billows of progress, nurture genius on the milk of inspiration, chasten ambition with the rod of experience that civilization may bloom and bear its golden fruits of power, happiness and prosperity. Texas Needs Great Men.

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## Polyglot Chicago.

The introduction of Polish as a course in the public schools of Chicago, by Superintendent Ella Flagg Young, is an interesting experiment, though some may regard it as a rash one. There is a tendency among children of foreign parentage to drop their native language, while it would no doubt add to the general culture of the rising generation in our large cities if they would retain it along with the prescribed studies. If the experiment is successful, Mrs. Young proposes to follow it up with other languages. There are perhaps 150,000 Poles in the city, but there are 14 tongues, each of which is spoken by more than 10,000 persons. Newspapers appear in ten languages and church services are held in twenty. In all there are forty different languages of dialects employed to express the thoughts, needs and emotions of the population. Chicago is the second largest Bohemian city in the world, the third Swedish, the fourth Norwegian, the fifth Polish and the fifth German. If all these are to be instructed in their national language and literature the city will eventually need an Elihu Burritt or a George F. Marsh to direct its educational activities.—Boston Transcript.

## TALKED IN MUSICAL TERMS

Policeman Shows Result of Long Duty at Door of Concert Hall.

All amateurs are familiar with the musical term "syncopation," but for the benefit of the non-musical it may be said that it is a word relating to time or rhythm, the precise meaning of which will be sufficiently indicated by the story.

A celebrated conductor was conducting a long series of concerts, and he had observed that it was always the same policeman who was stationed at the nearest door to the orchestra. Remarking upon this, he was informed that the officer in question was becoming quite an expert in musical terms, etc., so long had he been on duty inside the hall. However, one evening he was passing, and meeting him accidentally in the corridor next night, the great conductor accosted him thus:

"Officer," he said, "where were you last night?"

"Last night, director?" replied the cop. "Oh, I was in syncopation."

"In what?" gasped the conductor.

"In syncopation—off the beat, sir," replied the policeman.



# COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

## Inkum Items.

June 3.—The health of this section is very good.

Weather still very dry but crops looking well. Oats are ripening and G. W. Wilson and son are preparing to harvest the crop in this vicinity as they brought out a harvester from Merkel Wednesday.

Messrs. J. V. W. Holmes and Logan of Sweetwater, Mr. Logan of Seymour with Mrs. Holmes and daughter Katherine combined pleasure with business and made an automobile trip to Mr. Holmes' ranch near Inkum Thursday.

A. F. Culbirth and family left for North Texas Wednesday where they propose making their home in the future. Their friends in this neighborhood regret to have them leave.

Mrs. E. C. Perry visited her mother Mrs. J. T. L. Annis at Merkel Saturday and Sunday.

G. W. Wilson and wife made a trip to View Saturday.

T. Reynolds and daughter Miss Effie were trading in Merkel Friday.

Adrain Hallmark and bride of Shep visited relatives in this section Saturday.

While riding a wild horse a few days ago Marvin Cox was considerably bruised up but not seriously hurt by the horse falling with him.

## Drives Off a Terror.

The chief executioner of death in the winter and spring months is pneumonia. Its advance agents are colds and grip. In any attack by one of these maladies no time should be lost in taking the best medicine obtainable to drive it off. Countless thousands have found this to be Dr. King's New Discovery. "My husband believes it has kept him from having pneumonia three or four times," writes Mrs. George W. Pierce, Rawsonville, Vt., "and for coughs, colds and croup we have never found its equal." Guaranteed for all bronchial affections. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free at H. C. Burroughs.

## Butman community.

June 3.—This part of the country is beginning to need rain. Most of the farmers are getting their crops in fine shape.

Several binders are running this week cutting wheat and oats.

John Jones entertained a company of his young friends Thursday night.

A large crowd attended the ice cream social at Geo. Anderson's Saturday night. Everybody had a good time.

Rev. Jeff Pritchard of Simmons college filled his regular appointment at Butman school house Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

Miss Bamma Richburg, formerly principal of Butman school left Sunday evening for Canyon where she will attend the West Texas State Normal.

The singing class met Sunday afternoon. Mr. Woods the leader gave a few instructions in methods of old time singing.

Several new buggies have appeared in this community lately but the girls still have to walk as a buggy will only carry three boys.

State of Ohio, City of }  
Toledo, Lucas Co. }<sup>ss</sup>

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. Frank J. Cheney.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. Gleason, (Seal) Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.  
Sold by all druggists, 75c  
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

## Mulberry News.

June 3.—Farmers are busy cutting their grain.

Ray, Linn filled his regular appointment here Sunday evening.

We have started to have prayer meeting every Saturday night at the schoolhouse. Everybody come and bring some one with you for there is

## DON'T POISON YOURSELF WITH MERCURY

That's What You May Do If You Take Calomel, Because Calomel is a Form of Mercury.

If you ask a druggist for bi-chloride of mercury, he will give it to you in a red label bottle marked POISON. Calomel is also a chloride of mercury, as your doctor will tell you, and, as everybody knows, mercury is a poison.

When you think you need a dose of calomel, instead of whipping your liver up with the mercury it contains, go to Rust & McCauley's drug store and pay fifty cents for a bottle of Dodson's Liver-Tone, a pure vegetable liquid that starts the liver to action just as surely as calomel does and is perfectly mild and harmless, with no bad after-effects. No restriction of habit or diet is necessary.

Dodson's Liver-Tone gives such perfect satisfaction in curing constipation and torpid liver that Rust and McCauley will give the money back to any person who tries it and does not find it a perfect substitute for calomel.

a good work to be done here.

Misses Nora Harrison and Ollie Rogers were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. John Burns who has been sick for several months died at her home last Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock. Was buried Friday morning at Stith Rev. Saffle of Merkel conducting the funeral service at the Baptist church.

Misses Allie and Jewel Glover of Noodle spent Sunday evening and night with their sister Mrs. Annie Rogers.

Mrs. Bettie Chancy was visiting home folks on Salt Branch Saturday and Sunday.

Remear Rainer is visiting his uncle Kermit Glover of Noodle this week.

Little Zelma Rogers and Clyde Chancy are on the sick list this week.

Charley Harrison, Tom Keen and Dice made a trip to Abilene Monday.

Singing at Mr. Peaterson's Sunday night.

The Methodist meeting will start at this place first Sunday in July. It will be conducted by Rev. Linn of Tye.

The farmers are beginning to want to see it rain. Feedstuff is needing it badly.

## Could Shout for Joy.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote C. E. Rader of Lewisburg, W. Va., "for the wonderful double benefit I got from Electric Bitters in curing me of both a severe case of stomach trouble and of rheumatism, from which I had been an almost helpless sufferer for ten years. It suited my case as though made just for me." For dyspepsia, indigestion, jaundice and to rid the system of kidney poisons that cause rheumatism Electric Bitters have no equal. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50c at H. C. Burroughs.

## Salt Branch News.

June 4.—Large crowd out at singing Sunday afternoon.

Miss Cora Hays is better at this writing.

Misses Annie Higgins and Ida Taylor were guests of Misses Cora and Alma Hays Sunday.

Clyde Williams left Sunday afternoon for his home at Mereta.

Mrs. Beavers and children were Merkel visitors Saturday afternoon.

J. W. Hardy and daughters were visiting at Porter Petty's Sunday.

Ollie Stone received a telegram Saturday evening stating that his father was dead. He and his uncles Charles and Will Higgins left Saturday night to attend the burial.

Mrs. Hattie Hardy and children were Merkel visitors Saturday.

The farmers are very busy cutting grain this week.

Lester Wheat left Saturday for Roscoe to visit relatives.

Mesdames Barker and Allen went to Merkel Monday.

## Prohibition Election Called in This County.

In accordance with the election laws, a prohibition election cannot be held sooner than two years after the last election was called. This time restriction is not recognized, however, by the people in recommending Hunt's Lightning Oil for neuralgia, rheumatism, headaches, etc. For thirty odd years it has been acknowledged to be the best. Sold everywhere in 50c and 25c bottles.

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For County Offices.....	7.50
For Precinct Offices.....	5.00
For City Offices.....	2.50
Subscription price, per year....	1.00

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For District Judge 42nd District  
Dallas Scarborough  
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For Representative Taylor County  
J. M. Wagstaff

For County Judge:  
E. M. Overshiner  
T. A. Bledsoe  
W. H. Sewell

For Sheriff:  
S. E. Taylor (of Hamby)  
T. C. Weir (for re-election)  
Felix R. Jones

For Treasurer:  
J. H. Thornton  
G. B. (Blue) Tittle  
J. W. Red  
J. W. Christopher

For County Attorney:  
H. Rob. Keeble

For County Clerk:  
W. J. (Dub) Young

For Tax Collector:  
D. T. Harkrider (of Ovalo)  
Baylor Crawford  
J. C. Bursleson  
E. D. Stephens

For Tax Assessor:  
W. T. (Tom) St. John (of Abilene)  
C. B. Manly

For Commissioner Prec. No. 2:  
J. L. Banner

For Public Weigher, Merkel:  
H. H. Tittle

For County Superintendent  
J. S. Smith

## JONES COUNTY CANDIDATES

For Tax Collector  
W. R. Cranston

For Tax Assessor  
John Hollis Roberts (of Nugent)

## Compere News.

June 4—Most of the farmers are about up with their work. Crops look well considering the dry weather.

Miss Stella Martin was visiting her mother and homefolks Saturday and Sunday.

Some of our young folks went to Noodle Friday night to the concert.

A jolly crowd met at D. W. Ashby's Monday evening and went fishing. They report a nice time and a good catch, between twenty-five and thirty pounds. Those present were Billie Shannon and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Estes, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Ashby, Misses Carrie and Mollie Shannon, Myrtle Foster, Ethel Ashby, Mattie Mitchell, Bonnie and Cecil Morton, Mrs. Ella Helm, John and Erbin Shannon, Walter and Gene Spurgin, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shannon and Master Perry Shannon, Miss Emma Mashburn.

Mrs. John Dinwitty was operated on last Friday for appendicitis and is doing very well at this time.

Bro. Steve Rains visited R. B. Rains Saturday and Sunday. Bro. Rains preached at Compere Saturday night and Sunday.

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