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FORMER MERKEL MAN IS HONORED

Prof. C. C. Shaver, once with the Merkel schools and one of the best liked teachers that ever held a position in our schools, has accepted a position as a member of the faculty of the San Marcos State Normal.

For the last two years Mr. Shaver has been superintendent of the Roscoe schools and at the opening of the Abilene Summer Normal held a position with the faculty of that institution and at the time of securing the position at San Marcos was a newly elected superintendent of the Santa Anna schools, but that town was unfortunate and lost their instructor to a better position.

We feel that a better man could not have been selected for the place and that his work will give entire satisfaction to all concerned, and more especially the students who will be under his direction for the personality of Mr. Shaver gives him prestige both in ability and congeniality. He will attend the State University at Austin this summer and enter upon his new duties at the opening of the San Normal this fall.

SENATOR SPEAKS HERE FOR RAMSEY

Saturday night Senator Odell spoke to a large crowd at the tabernacle in behalf of Judge Ramsey for governor.

Mayor C. D. Mims introduced the speaker who promptly launched out on the work before him. His speech here was very much like the one delivered at Abilene the same afternoon. He arraigned Colquitt very severely and recited that every law-breaker, gambler, boot-legger, every sabbath breaker, every brewer and distiller in and out of the state who shamefully defies the laws and debauches the politics, every man who is in the penitentiary and wants to get out and every man who is out and ought to be in, it was his charge that these are the men who are supporting Colquitt. But he said that every man who was supporting him would fall into this class.

He referred to the appointment of the young man to fill the place of the old confederate in the pension department and that after the young man had been installed in office he issued and had cashed pensions to men who had been dead for years and after the work went to Fort Worth and proceeded to get arrested while attending a prohibition convention. The speech throughout the evening was given to the fight against Colquitt and frequently the speaker was applauded in behalf of the fight he was making.

Mrs. H. A. Redding of Abilene was here the first of the week visiting the family of R. O. Anderson. She was accompanied by Mr. Anderson's sister Miss Luly Anderson.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK

at Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, June 14, 1912:

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$113,841.88
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	355.55
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	14,000.00
Other real estate owned	4,281.32
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies and savings banks	4.07
Due from approved reserve agents	5,730.69
Checks and other cash items	1,336.40
Notes of other National banks	210.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	143.80
Lawful Money Reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$5,388.00
Legal-tender notes	2,010.00-7,348.60
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625.00
Total	\$180,334.39

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	2,500.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	4,899.92
National Bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Due to other National banks	667.63
Individual Deposits sub. to check	64,212.89
Cashier's checks outstanding	753.95
Bills Payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	25,000.00
Total	\$180,334.39

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS: I, John Sears, President of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

John Sears, President.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of June 1912.

[SEAL] W. W. Wheeler, Notary Public.

CORRECT-ATTEST: C. L. Barker, M. Armstrong, H. C. Burroughs, } Directors

NO. 366

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of THE FARMERS STATE BANK

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 14th day of June 1912, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 28th day of June 1912:

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$41,098.31
Loans, real estate	5,747.94
Overdrafts	935.62
Other real estate	2,668.34
Furniture and fixtures	2,314.95
Due from approved Reserve Agents, net	\$11,335.59-11,335.59
Cash items	610.97
Currency	3,179.00
Specie	1,096.74-4,826.71
Interest Guaranty Fund	389.93
Assessment Depositors Guaranty Fund	43.14
Total	\$69,280.83

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	1,500.00
Undivided Profits, net	738.67
Individual Deposits subject to check	43,036.01
Cashier's checks	608.75
Bills Payable and Discounts	8,500.00
Total	\$69,280.83

State of Texas, County of Taylor: We, J. S. Swann as president, and R. O. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. S. Swann, president.

R. O. Anderson, cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 25th day of June A. D. 1912. WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

[SEAL] W. W. Wheeler, Notary Public.

CORRECT-ATTEST: R. O. Anderson, B. C. Moore, J. C. Comegys } Directors

Boy Injured in Fall.

Minor Burns, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns, suffered a broken shoulder and arm together with a dislocated shoulder last Thursday afternoon caused from falling off a windmill at the home of T. F. Compton south of town. The fall was about 16 feet and was caused by the boy missing his footing while working on the tower. The boy attempting to rise after falling found that his efforts were in vain and his father who had rushed up on seeing the boy fall quickly summoned a physician. Minor is now resting fine and with continued improvement will soon be out.

Mrs. Courtney Hunt, Mrs. L. D. Gaither and Mrs. W. V. Cranford were visitors in Abilene Monday.

BOOSTERS RETURN FROM COAST TRIP

Saturday afternoon two of the Merkel boosters, J. E. Faucett and R. O. Anderson, who started from Merkel June 9 on a trip to the southern part of the state and the coast country, returned bringing with them good news from all parts of the state they visited.

They report conditions around Merkel even better than the close surrounding country before the rain came but stated that the conditions of the southern part of the state were the best for years. Their quick return was caused by the call for reports from each of the banks which the men are connected with. This necessitated their being here the first of the week.

As for the tour of the coast country they give graphic accounts of their doings and harp very much on not being able to get Jim Gilliam away from Galveston, once he had a dip in the deep blue sea. It seems that all his cares were banished and that he only wanted a place to sleep the short time he spent out of the water. Other members of the crowd were normal in all respects and did not abuse the bathing privileges as much as did their companion.

Houston is praised along with Dallas in being the only two cities in the state that are building to any marked degree. The construction going on in these two cities give them the building supremacy over most all cities in the southern part of the United States. At Houston there is in course of construction a new Rice hotel to occupy the sight of the old Rice hotel. The new structure will be an 18-story building at the cost of \$3,000,000. It will be without a doubt the best hotel in the south and will surpass the Adolphus at Dallas by more than a million and a half dollars.

The rear guard of the boosters are arriving in sections. Lester Ellis made his appearance on Wednesday morning, leaving the touring cars at Dallas. Mr. Gilliam severed his connection at Italy, which left only two men to the car. Messrs. Comegys and Hunt will come straight from Dallas while Messrs. Jackson and Roberts will tour the northern part of the state and are expected to arrive here Sunday.

New Grocery Firm.

The Clark & Allen Grocery Co. has this week changed hands and will in the future go under the name of the Cash Grocery Co. and their place of business will be in the building formerly occupied by B. C. Gaither & Sons.

The new firm will be composed of I. S. Allen and Jim Black. Mr. Allen, a member of the old firm, is well known to the people and Mr. Black is one of Merkel's most honored young business men. His success as a groceryman is already demonstrated by his management of the grocery line for the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co., while Mr. Allen's ability to please his customers is without question.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK AT MERKEL

in the state of Texas, at the close of business June 14, 1912:

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$97,513.35
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	143.74
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds to secure Postal Savings	1,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	200.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	611.95
Furniture, and fixtures	2,800.00
Other real estate owned	6,437.25
Due from Nat. Banks (not reserve agt)	5,320.05
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies, and savings banks	11.30
Due from approved reserve agents	27,008.54
Checks and other cash items	466.71
Notes of other National Banks	6,300.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	275.00
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	11,568.50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	312.50
Total	\$166,718.89

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	9,998.67
National Bank Notes outstanding	6,250.00
Due to state and private banks and bankers	5,420.71
Individual Deposits subject check	99,967.81
Postal Savings Deposits	74.70
Notes and bills rediscounted	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	None
Total	\$166,718.89

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS: I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Thos. JOHNSON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of June, 1912.

[SEAL] H. C. Williams, Notary Public

CORRECT-ATTEST: J. T. Warren, G. F. West, J. T. Howard, } Directors

NO. 354

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of THE FIRST STATE BANK, TRENT, TEXAS

at the close of business on the 14th day of June 1912, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 28th day of June, 1912:

RESOURCES	
Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$19,554.28
Loans, real estate	1,889.00
Overdrafts	215.96
Furniture and fixtures	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	\$7,343.96
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to ck., net	5,946.44-13,290.40
Cash items	3.20
Currency	1,905.00
Specie	383.95-1,992.18
Interest depositors guaranty fund	272.00
Assessment for Guaranty Fund	36.43
Total	\$38,625.31

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus fund	3,000.00
Undivided profits, net	2,388.25
Individual deposits, subject to check	22,333.10
Cashier's checks	\$17.74
Certificates of deposit issued for money borrowed	56.22
Total	\$38,625.31

State of Texas, County of Taylor: We, R. B. Johnson as vice-president and L. E. Adrian as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

R. B. Johnson, Vice-President

L. E. Adrian, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 21st day of June, A. D. 1912. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

[SEAL] E. D. Teuton, Notary Public.

CORRECT-ATTEST: J. T. Warren, G. F. West, L. E. Adrian, } Directors

Miss May Derstine returned from an extended visit to the eastern states Saturday.

Miss Derstine was not able to make the trip she intended to on account of the excursions being extended into July a date at which she had to be in the local post office to take care of the quarterly reports.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bacon were very pleasant visitors in Merkel Saturday afternoon. On returning to their home they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Austin Fitts who spent Sunday in the neighboring city as their guests.

Mrs. T. F. White of Austin nee Miss Mary Stramer is here this week visiting friends.

MANY PEOPLE ARE TO VISIT MERKEL

We are in position to shelter some very large crowds during the next week, and the picnic south of town is a good drawing card for people from all parts of the country who have announced their intentions of coming to Merkel to celebrate during July 2, 3 and 4. A party from Abilene said that many of the automobiles that were open for service there had been spoken for during the picnic dates and that the majority of them were coming to Merkel.

The fact that the Woodmen are going to make one of the days a gala attraction of the local lodge is going to draw large crowds from the neighboring W. O. W. camps and if the weather is in any way favorable the crowds that will flock to Cozart's Lake will even surpass crowds drawn by an attraction like Campbell Bros. circus. On another page appears an ad giving the program for the three days.

Rev. A. A. Baker will preach at Trent Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and would be pleased to see his friends. Everybody invited.

LONE MASKED MAN ROBS MAIL TRAIN

Longview.—One of the boldest and most daring robberies that has ever been made in this section of the state occurred near this city at two thirty o'clock Monday morning when an unknown masked robber climbed into a mail car of train No. 5 International and Great Northern bound for Texarkana, as it slowed down for the Bolivar crossing.

Covering the three mail clerks in the car with a pistol, the bandit kicked one mail sack out of the door, and before the clerks were able to do anything, he had backed out of the door and escaped in the dark.

The woods are being scoured but up to noon today, no trace had been found of the unknown man.

Miss Duncan Browning left Tuesday for Russelville, Ky., where she will join relatives for a visit to the eastern states. While away Miss Browning will visit the principal cities of the east, coming down to New York by the noted route of the Hudson. After leaving New York she will take an ocean steamer down the coast of New Jersey and in that way familiarize herself with the sea. After landing the crowd will visit many of the lower eastern cities using much of the summer in the trip. Miss Browning will return home in about two months.

Saturday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. L. Brown, Miss Mabel Collins and Jim Guitar went to Abilene to join W. R. Walker and family fishing on Lytle. They returned Sunday afternoon and reported a good catch Saturday night.

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STATEMENT

Farmers and Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Call of Comptroller June 14, 1912

RESOURCES

Loans	\$ 98,269.04
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	7,450.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,800.00
Real Estate	6,437.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Cash and Sight Exchange	51,450.10
Total	\$166,718.89

LIABILITIES

Capital paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	29,998.67
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	105,470.22
Total	\$166,718.89

The above statement is correct.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.

United States Depository

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren C. P. Warren G. F. West
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J. T. Howard Thos. Johnson

Miss Irene Swann came in from Tyler Tuesday afternoon where she stopped on her return from Tennessee, to visit her brother Sam. After the closing of school at Nashville Miss Swann visited many of the eastern cities, making the trip with many of her school girl friends.

Baptist Meeting Starts.

The fact that Rev. D. B. Clapp could not come in time to start the Baptist meeting himself did not effect the work, it was taken in charge by Rev. Jacobs.

Revs. Clapp and Westbrook arrived Tuesday and promptly took the work up. The meeting will continue for some time yet and it's success has already been started, Wednesday bringing the first convert.

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SUGAR PLUM CENTURIES OLD

It Was Invented by Julius Dragatus a Roman Baker, in the Year 177 B. C.

Of all candies, perhaps the "sugar plum" boasts the most ancient lineage. It was the invention of one Julius Dragatus, a noted Roman baker and confectioner, a member of the family of the Fabii.

Dragatus put forth the first specimen of this confection in the year 177 B. C. The bonbons of this variety were called dragati, after their inventor (dragées is French), and their manufacture constituted a monopoly enjoyed exclusively by the Fabian family. Whenever there was a birth or a marriage in that family a great distribution of dragati took place as an evidence of rejoicing. This custom is still retained by certain of the old noble families of Europe.

The pastille is of a far later origin. It was invented and introduced into France by an Italian confectioner, the Florentine Pastilla, a protégé of the Medici. When Maria de Medici married Henry IV of France Pastilla accompanied his royal patron to the French court, where his bonbons soon achieved a tremendous vogue. Everybody ate the Florentine's candies. They were offered in all flavors.

Burnt almonds are a confection of purely French origin, owing their inception to the gluttony of a French merchant. One day tradition has it, Marshal Duplessis-Pralin sent for Lassagne, the inventor of many toothsome dainties, and bade him concoct a new bonbon. Lassagne searched, reflected, combined, until he finally hit upon the confection of burnt almonds, which were baptized with the name of the old gourmet, the French for burnt almonds.

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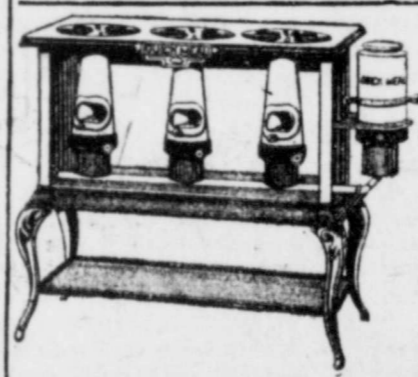
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

F. F. Clark is in Hico this week visiting relatives.

R. L. Bland and Arthur Sears spent Tuesday night on the river fishing.

Love James of Coleman is here this week visiting his sister Mrs. Jim Eoff.

Miss Grace Perkins came in from Houston Wednesday to be the guest of her aunt Mrs. W. A. Scott.

Mrs. H. P. Scarborough of San Angelo has been here the past week visiting her friend Miss Clara Moore.

The presence of our postmaster is missed by the regular callers at the post office. He has been on the sick list since last Thurs-

day and his condition is not improving very fast.

Mrs. J. C. Williams returned to Clyde Wednesday after a visit to her parents Mr. and Mr. J. P. Hutchens and to her sister Mrs. Ed Rider.

John Collins shipped a car of cattle to Fort Worth Wednesday. He is trying his own ideas on the cattle market to see if he knows as much about it as his father.

E. D. Coats brought two stalks of cotton into the Mail office this week that were raised by Lee Cox on the Coats farm south of town. Each of the stalks were well formed, about eighteen inches high, one of them with 35 well filled squares and the other with 34 squares. Mr. Cox says he has about 25 acres of such cotton and it is still putting on forms.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

Notice the label on your paper and see when it expires. For example, if the figures "11Aug12" appear on the wrapper, your paper will be out the eleventh of August 1912. Watch this and renew before the time is out so as to avoid missing a copy.

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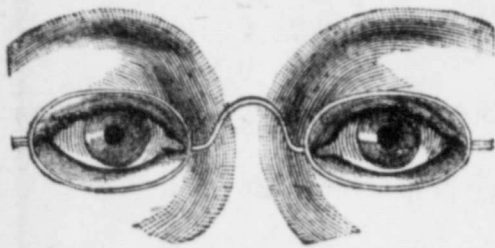
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Chas. Holcomb came in Wednesday morning from Abilene, Brownwood and other towns close by where he has been in the interest of the insurance business.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

W. A. Hall was in Abilene Wednesday on business.

Miss Johnson of Abilene is visiting Miss Sadie Collins this week.

Remember we buy everything you have to sell—in return buy from us. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

There was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collin of View on Monday a fine girl and to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Meeks of Route 5 a fine boy on the following day.

We have a quantity of disinfectants, fly and insect destroyers that we guarantee. If it doesn't satisfy we refund your money. Armstrong Drug Co.

Mrs. F. M. Richards who has been here visiting the family of H. F. Richards left for Breckenridge Monday. She was accompanied by Mrs. W. C. Bullard of that place.

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. S. Telford of Anson is spending the week with his daughter Mrs. J. P. Sharp. Mr. Telford is on his way home from Des Moines, N. M., where he has been for some time.

We want to buy your wheat and oats. Will pay the highest market price. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

The picnic at Tuscola was a good drawing card for C. L. Barker, Jno. Sears, B. C. and J. D. Gaither. They went over to Blair and caught the early morning Santa Fe train and returned on the late evening train.

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.

J. J. Stallings was showing some milo maize heads on the streets Wednesday that were almost matured. The heads were well filled and would make a good crop if they were forced to go without rain until the head was ready to out.

When your child has whooping cough be careful to keep the cough loose and expectation easy by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as may be required. This remedy will also liquify the tough mucus and make it easier to expectorate. It has been used successfully in many epidemics and is safe and sure. For sale by all dealers



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No. 5. 160 acres of good land, 3 miles of Merkel; 80 in cultivation and average improvements. Bargain at \$25.00 per acre. 1/2 cash and terms.

No. 6. 160 acres, 3 miles of Merkel; 100 in cultivation, balance good grass; pretty good improvements and good home. Price, \$25.00 per acre; \$1,500 cash and terms.

I have a number of small farms and some stock and good grass land propositions for sale. Tell me what you want and I will do the rest.

JNO. G. JACKSON
Real Estate Agent, Merkel, Texas

NO MORE CALOMEL FOR THEM

Persons Who Have Tried Dodson's Liver-Tone Find It Safer Than Calomel And Just as Sure-

Dodson's Liver-Tone is a vegetable substitute for calomel that starts the liver to work just as successfully as calomel does, and hundreds of persons have stopped using the powerful drug calomel to use Dodson's Liver-Tone, mild vegetable liquid, instead. Calomel often shakes up the liver too much, and brings on bad after-effects and sometimes salivation—a terrible condition. Rust & McCauley's drug store sells Dodson's Liver-Tone at fifty cents per large bottle, and guarantee it to be harmless to both children and grown-ups. Remember this guarantee and try a bottle, next time your liver gets lazy.

Tarver to New Mexico.

Wednesday afternoon Cass Tarver the Texas White Hope went through here on his way to Las Vegas, N. M., to witness the Johnson-Flynn fight to take place there on the 4th of next month. It is Tarver's intentions to whip Jack Johnson and he is now on guard and will see all the danger he is booked to go up against so if after seeing how the big negro comes out Tarver still is in the ring for a battle it will be safe to bet that Tarver thinks enough of his physical ability to mix it with the dusky champion.

As for measurements Tarver has Johnson bested even better than Johnson has Flynn bested. Johnson is only 6 feet 3/4 inches high while Tarver stands 6 feet 6 and weighs 245 to Johnson's 215 in fighting trim and further than that Tarver has a reach of over 80 inches while the negro's reach is only 75 inches. Tarver it is said will challenge the winner of the fight.

New Plumber.

Mr. Frank L. Turner has opened up a plumbing shop in his place of business. Will be with Mr. Wm O'Briant. Mr. Turner has been in the business for 25 years and is prepared to do plumbing and all kinds of repairs in his line. Leave your orders at Tin Shop. Windmills, pumps, bath tub, lavatories, hot and cold water put in and repairs made. Your work will be promptly attended to. Yours for business, Frank L. Turner. 1414

Masons Install Officers.

The local lodge of Masons installed officers Monday night for the ensuing year. After the installation cream and cake were served, making the evening a very enjoyable one.

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.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Will Smith is here visiting his uncle J. H. Oliver.

Rev. Clements was a visitor in Abilene Wednesday.

Fred Groene was in Abilene Tuesday and Wednesday on business.

Mrs. W. E. Oliford came in from Birdwell Wednesday to visit her mother Mrs. Cade.

Trade with those who buy what you have to sell. We do that. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Mrs. J. E. Brown and children of San Angelo are here this week visiting the family of W. E. Brown.

I wish to trade a typewriter for a good bicycle. Itpd
Guy Hamilton.

Miss Lucile Sutphen came up from Abilene Monday to visit Mrs. W. E. Brown.

Trade with those who buy what you have to sell. We do that. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho Smith of Trent were here Tuesday evening to attend the Jenkins-Jennings wedding.

W. R. Bigham came in from the west Wednesday where he has been looking after the cattle commission business.

We want to buy your wheat and oats. Will pay the highest market price. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Miss Bess Hall returned to her home in Sweetwater Wednesday, having been the guest of Miss Francis Burroughs for the last week.

We will guarantee to keep the flies off your cattle and horses if you follow our directions, Cost only 25 and 50 cents. Armsrong Drug Co.

J. E. Paylor and Thos. Christopher left for Big Springs Wednesday where they will take charge of a contract for the erection of a building.

Remember we buy everything you have to sell—in return buy from us. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

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. W. L. Woodroof reports his child very low. He was called here from Sweetwater Tuesday afternoon to see it and Wednesday morning the child's condition was such that he could not return to Sweetwater where his business called him.

J. P. Sharp's Sale Closes

SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 29th

This is emphatically the last concession sale that J. P. Sharp will give this summer. It has been a grand success; even more than we expected. We needed money and we have made prices so that we could easily get the money to supply our needs. These prices will remain marked down until Saturday night, June the 29th.

ASK YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THIS SALE--SEE FOR YOURSELF

MEN'S FURNISHINGS DEPARTMENT

Men's Union Made Work Shirts, extra heavy..... 39c
 One lot of Men's Dress Shirts, worth \$1 and \$1 25, at..... 79c
 Elastic Seam Drawers, this sale..... 33c
 All men's \$2 50 Hats go in this sale for..... \$1.98
 One lot men's whipcord work pants, in all sizes, worth \$1.75 to \$2, for..... \$1.25
 Men's Overalls, Everett Denim, going at..... 89c
 Men's two-piece Suits, gray, blue & black, worth \$10. \$3.98
 This suit is absolutely guaranteed or money refunded.
 Men and youths' Dress Suits in fancy serges and worsted worth \$12.50 going in this sale for..... \$7.48
 Men's extra fine Dress Suits in latest cut and style, extra padded shoulders, worth from \$15 to \$17.50..... \$9.98

Many of the articles priced here are running very low, so don't delay, come at once.

This goes to show our prices are much lower than the people are accustomed to getting in SALES. We have got the prices to suit you if you will only let us show you the goods

OUR SHOE DEPARTMENT SPECIALS

One lot 50 pairs Ladies' Shoes and Oxfords, worth up to \$2 50, going at..... 98c
 One lot Men's Oxfords, worth \$2.50 to \$4, closing at..... \$1.98
 One lot Children's Shoes, sizes 9 to 2, worth up to \$2..... 98c
 One lot of Ladies Fine Shoes, Oxfords and Pumps, in lace, button and tie, worth up to \$3.50..... \$1.98
 Men's Fine Dress Shoes in patent kid, box calf and vici, (Burton, Packard and Florshiem makes) worth \$4, \$4 50 and \$5 00, going for..... \$2.78
 One lot Men's heavy Work Shoes, worth \$2.50 to \$3, going in this sale for..... \$1.48
 One lot Men's work Shoes, shoes in box calf and kangaroo calf, worth \$3 50 to \$4 00, going at..... \$2.19

Remember the Closing
Saturday
 JUNE THE 29th

IN OUR DRY GOODS DEPARTMENTS

12 1/2c and 15c Lawns going in this sale for..... 8 1/2c
 10c and 12 1/2c Gingham during this sale..... 8c
 15c and 17 1/2c Gingham going for..... 10c
 54-inch Table Linens, worth 75c per yard, for..... 48c
 54-inch Table Linens, worth 40c per yard..... 29c
 LL Sheeting, 36 inches wide, unbleached..... 6c
 500 yards unbleached Domestic at..... 5c
 1,000 yards bleached Domestic, worth 15c, in this sale..... 10c

Remember the Closing
Saturday
 JUNE THE 29th

COME TO SEE US--ABSOLUTELY LAST PRICE-CUTTING IN SUMMER STOCK

Forced-to-Raise-Money
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J. P. SHARP

Forced-to-Raise-Money
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Eleanor Daniel is reported very sick.

CARBON at Armstrongs Drug Store after this week.

W. M. Jenkins was in Abilene Tuesday on business.

Pate & Rose shaving parlor. Barber work a specialty.

Sheriff Weir spent Friday evening in the city on official business.

You are welcome at Armstrongs Drug Store if you want nothing but rest.

Miss Jessie Obriant and J. E. Faucett were the guests of friends in Abilene Sunday.

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

Dr. J. H. Warnick was in Eskota the first of the week on business.

See the moving picture show at the opera house on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Don't forget our Fountain, it is always clean and the glasses polished. Armstrong Drug Co.

Vernon Boring came in from Fort Worth Saturday night to visit relatives. He states that he will perhaps remain here.

Avoid the offensive odor caused from perspiring by using Euthimol Talcum Powder. Armstrong Drug Co.

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.

WE KNOW IT

We Want You to Know It--We Prove It at Our Own Risk.

Sensible, direct-acting, widely recommended by men who know what they are doing. Guaranteed to do its work—to put red into the blood, zest into the muscles, that healthy look into the complexion, steadiness into the nerves, vigor into the entire system—in fact, to use a homely phrase, guaranteed to put "meat on your bones."

We mean Rexall Celery and Iron Tonic. We want you to know about this splendid remedy, this nerve-food and flesh-builder. Rexall Celery and Iron Tonic gets right at the seat of trouble in many cases of mental and physical fatigue, sleeplessness, irritation, loss of appetite, nervous exhaustion, impoverished blood and general debility. It doubtless has saved many a man and woman from long periods of sickness. These are strong statements, but no stronger than our faith in Rexall Celery and Iron Tonic, and no stronger than our guarantee. You risk nothing in letting this remedy prove its worth to you, because we will refund your money if it doesn't give satisfaction. Cost a dollar. Sold in this community only at our store. The Rexall Store. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

Miss Flossie Cypert has gained third place in the Fort Worth Record Prize Contest, one station better than she had last week. Hamblet & Rogers will give you votes with all cash purchases.

Miss Mattie Daugherty of Abilene spent part of last and this week in Merkel the guest of Miss Pearl Rawlings.

After the picnics and outings use Hinds Honey and Almond Cream to remove the sunburn and tan. We also have a large assortment of other cold creams. Armstrong Drug Co.

Will Close July 4.

Practically every merchant in Merkel is going to close their doors on July 4 and celebrate that grand old day. The drug stores cannot well close all the day for there will be people who will need medicine and it will be necessary for those needs to be looked after. Those who announce their intentions of closing are as follows:

- Hogue-Hamilton Co.
- J. P. Sharp.
- Star Store.
- W. L. Harkrider.
- Pate & Rose.
- C. L. Cash.
- City Barber Shop.
- R. L. Bradshaw.
- The Cash Grocery Store.
- J. S. Thomas.
- W. M. Brown.
- J. T. Darsey.
- Anchor Hardware Co.
- Parten Dry Goods Co.
- Merkel Lumber Co.
- Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.
- Howell Produce Co.
- Kent Street Grocery Co.
- Geo. Brown.
- Wm. O'Briant.
- J. E. Martin.
- Whitley, Son & Co.
- G. M. Sharp.
- West Texas Hardware Co.
- P. C. Jones.
- Behrens-McMillen Fur. Co.
- Hamblet & Rogers.
- J. T. Dennis.
- J. L. Banner & Son.
- The Nickel Store.
- Jno. B. Bell & Son.
- Burton-Lingo Lumber Co.
- Merkel Mail Printing Co.

Miss Bacon of Abilene was the guest of Miss Zora West and other friends Sunday and Monday.

STOPS SCALP ITCH

Dandruff and Every Form of Scalp Disease Cured Quick By Zemo.

It is simply wonderful how Zemo goes after dandruff. You rub a little of it in with the tips of the fingers. It gets right down into the glands, stimulates them, stops the itch and makes the head feel fine. No, it isn't sticky! Zemo is a fine, clear, vanishing liquid. You don't have to even wash your hands after using Zemo. And what a wonder it is for eczema, rash, pimples and all skin afflictions. Zemo is prepared by E. W. Rose Medicine Co., St. Louis, Mo., and is guaranteed by all druggists to give perfect satisfaction. Endorsed and sold in Merkel by the Rust & McCauley drug store. 3

Auto for Sale or Trade.

My high wheel auto, good running shape, will sell cheap for cash, or trade for horse and pay difference if any. Going to get a new machine. First reasonable offer will be accepted as I wish to dispose of it before going north. Dr. Geo. L. Miller.

Something Extraordinary.

A personally conducted first-class Special Train Excursion through the Rocky Mountains to the famous Yellowstone National Park and return, under the auspices of "THE CAMPUS," the new monthly magazine of the Southern Methodist University, at low rates and consuming about 15 days, (tickets will be good until October 31st for returning and allowing stop-overs enroute) will leave Dallas and Fort Worth August 12th. For complete itinerary, expense particulars and photographic literature illustrative of the journey's superb attractions, free of cost, address Frank Reedy, Bursar, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Will Dunning of Eskota was here on business last Saturday.

Henry Hill of Abilene was a social caller in Merkel Tuesday.

W. W. Smith of Cleburne was here the first of the week visiting relatives.

Don't forget to trade at Hamblet & Rogers where you get votes in the Fort Worth Record contest.

J. D. Gaither and C. E. Bradley attended court in Abilene the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Bankhead left for Sweetwater Friday on a visit to relatives.

You cannot have good health and unclean teeth at the same time. Use Pro-phy-latic tooth brush and Euthimol tooth paste and it is a pleasure to clean your teeth. Armstrong Drug Co.

T. S. Wiman of Roscoe was here the first of the week visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Wiman.

Remember that the Old Reliable Peace maker flour is to be found only at Hogue-Hamilton Company.

Mrs. Bettie Smith returned to her home at Fort Worth Saturday after a short visit to Mrs. Jno. D. Gaither.

Would like to trade a good solid old work pony for young horse, four to seven years old, eight hundred to a thousand pounds. Will pay whatever difference there might be in value. Hogue-Hamilton Co.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Tacky Party.

A tacky party and banquet was given Friday evening Jun 21 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs in honor of Miss Bessie Hall of Sweetwater, Miss Fannie Burroughs hostess.

Invitations were issued on brown paper, reading:

Come to our party in tacky attire,
Even tho you come thru the mire.

Miss Mary Tommyshack
Honoring

Miss Sally Buschwhack.
Friday 8:30 p.m. 200 Rose St.

This unique invitation was answered in person at the stated place and hour. There were many amusing costumes. This was particularly true with the boys who represented "hill daisies." The girls turned their attention to fantastic hats and coiffures. Promptly at nine o'clock the first guests were invited into the dining room where they were greeted by Mesdames W. E. Britain, H. C. Burroughs, T. A. Johnson and J. A. Provine who served the banquet feast consisting of navy beans, corn bread, ginger bread and butter milk. Forks were placed by the plates but the call came from one of the "hill daisies" for a knife, "as he always ate beans with a knife." (?) The dining room had been gorgeously decorated for the occasion. Sun flowers formed a center piece for the red and white check table cloth that had been daintily spread over an oil cloth.

Through the evening the guests enjoyed a number of musical selections. By popular vote Miss Pauline Johnson was awarded the prize, a red fan, for the tackiest costume. A red bandanna made Olly Sharp supremely happy together with the fact that his shoes didn't hurt his feet.

After awarding the prizes to Miss Johnson and Mr. Sharp the hostess asked all to join her at the punch bowl where delicious punch was served to Misses Maude Martin, Winnie Warren Clara, Margie and Murtice Saffle, Dora Lee Potter, Zora West, Inice and Roxie Moon, Virginia Hamblet, Ruth Merritt, Ruth Mims, Ezma Allday, Elma Sheppard, Isla McDonald, Pauline Johnson, Eva Walters, Annie Smith, Clementine Barker, Ruby Jones, Ida Peterson, a guest of the Misses Saffle, Messrs. George Ferrier, John West, Virgil Touchstone, Otis and Lowe Barnett, Robert Hicks, Olly Sharp, Ennis and Emmett Grimes, Ben Merritt, James West, Jack Provine, Homer Easterwood, Roscoe Sharp, John McDonald, Raymond Touchstone, Frank Smith, Conna Adams, Joe Sisk, Cary Touchstone, H. C. Burroughs and members of the house party.

Ladies of the White House.

The pretty home of Dr. and Mrs. O. F. McMaster was the scene of a beautifully appointed entertainment Tuesday evening when the Ladies of the White House assisted by local talent entertained their friends with a porch and lawn party.

The porch had been converted into dream land. Red roses and a profusion of green leaves formed massive ropes that were entwined 'round the columns and cornice. Japanese lanterns and electric lights were artistically used in the decorative scheme. Chairs were arranged in a semi-circle on the lawn when the audience was seated.

The string band furnished music at regular intervals. Little Misses Hazel Harkrider, Opal Moon, Louise Warren, Pearl Maude Gilliland and Ina May Adams, Masters Ray Moore, Eugene Potter, Lloyd Gilliland, Earl Clements and Gordon Mims in colonial costumes were heartily received both in the Geo. Washington sketch and "society" four hundred years ago. Music selections by Misses Mims, Largent, Potter, Moon, Roxie Moon, O'Briant, Diltz, Allen, Saffle and Leeman were greatly enjoyed, especially so were the selections given by Master George Leeman the five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed J. Leeman.

The confusion of tongues was a hit when Uncle Sam tried his chorus a medley resulted for the negro lad, the Irish lady, the Chinaman kid the coquettish old maid, the German lassie, together with the Mexican don, the Spanish sonorita and dear old mamma. Each came in with a languaged peculiarly his own.

The Ladies of the White House were Mesdames Routh, Williams, Armstrong,

Gaither, Dickson, Potter, Johnson, Holcomb, Misses Diltz, Sears and Walters. The description was too much for one of the portraits causing her to vanish from the frame, "only an optic illusion," don't you see?

The vaudeville by Mesdames Routh, Sheppard, Miss Potter, Messrs. Burns, Rider, John and Dennis McDonald was a complete success and deserves more than a mere mention.

With the song Good Night Ladies the crowd was treated to delicious cake and cream by Misses Hamblet, Potter, Johnson, Sears, Burroughs, Mesdames Hale, Adams, and others. Besides being a social success it was a financial success.

Jenkins-Jennings.

Tuesday evening at nine o'clock June 25 at the home of the bride's mother Mrs. J. W. Jennings, Miss Allie Jennings and W. M. Jenkins were united in marriage by Rev. Clements.

The wedding march was played by the bride's sister, Mrs. Wesley Edwards, also a June bride. Only the immediate members of the two families and a few close friends were present. Cut flowers banked on the mantels in vases and panderians were used in the reception suite.

Miss Allie is the true type of pure young womanhood and a prize worth winning. Mr. Jenkins is indeed fortunate in his selection. Dainty refreshments consisting of cream and cake were served to those present. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins are at home to their many friends at their home on South Oak Street.

May happiness and prosperity shine on their pathway as they journey through life.

Ernest Duckett gave a party Thursday evening at the home of W. P. Duckett on Kent street. The ever fascinating game of forty-two was chosen for the evening and quite a number of games were played while others were enjoying the out-door games by moon-light. Dainty refreshments were served to Misses Bertha, Minnie and Almeda Harris, Lizzie May and Bernardine Freemon, Ruby Jones, Ezma Allday Jewel Pate, Mamie Moore, Dorothy Duckett, Messrs. Frank Smith, Ben Merritt, John McDonald, John Moore, Dennis McDonald, Britton Jobe, Noel Moore, Olly Shaffer, Ernest and Steve Duckett.

The Three T's held their regular business meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Miss Pauline Johnson. Misses Carrol Rister and Leno Largent were admitted as new members. Miss Bess Hall of Sweetwater was a welcome visitor. For an hour or more all were busily engaged with their embroidery which was followed by the serving of the most delicious ice cream to Miss Fannie Burroughs and her guest Miss Hall, Misses Elma Sheppard, Carrol Rister, Ona and Virginia Hamblet, Leno Largent, Inice Moon and Eva Walters. The next meeting will be with Miss Largent.

A most enjoyable party was reported as having occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes last Wednesday evening. A goodly number of the young people met and enjoyed an informal music and song program. Nuts, fruits and candies were passed to the guests.

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.

League Program.

Subject—The Permanence of Truth. Leader—Miss Dorothy Lee Potter.

Song.
Prayer.
Scripture lesson, Dan.12:1-4; Rev.2:17
Report on Daniel's latter life—Judge Potter.

Monotheism—Ulyses McNees.
Reading of Epworth Visitor.

Duet—Misses Jackie and Mary Jennings.

Collection.
Miscellaneous.

Benediction.

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.

Married at Hamlin.

The Baptist church at Hamlin was the scene of a lovely church wedding Tuesday evening June 25 at 8:45. Skilled and loving hands had transformed the church into a garden of flowers. Pails, ferns and oleanders were used in the decoration. The background was a lattice work of green foliage. The chosen color scheme, pink and white, was beautiful.

A pure white wedding bell with a pink clapper was suspended from the center of the arch under which the bride and groom exchanged marriage vows, the principals being Miss Annie Lou Green of Hamlin and Charley Stevens of Merkel, Rev. Saffle of Merkel reading the solemn marriage service. The wedding processional announced the entrance of the bridal party. Two darling little cupids with silver bows and arrows draped in marquisette led the way to the altar. The bride dressed in white satin was attended by her maid of honor, Miss Viola Bryans and bridesmaids Misses Flay Gunn of Merkel and Susie Veazy. Mr. Stevens was attended by Mr. Kent as best man and Messrs. Cooper and Ezell. As Rev. Saffle pronounced them one the cupids pulled the ribbons extending from the bell, showering rose petals over the happy pair. After the reception at the home of the bride's brother the bride and groom left for their Merkel home accompanied by Misses Mary, Flay and Amy Gunn, Irvin Addison, Joe Gunn, Ross Ferrier and Will Evans. Mrs. Stephens going away gown was a beautiful champagne messaline.

The home coming was in autos. Several delays were occasioned by losing the way, the crowd not getting in until 4 o'clock a.m. Congratulations are in order.

WHERE MARRYING IS WRONG

Fellows of Oxford University, England, in Certain Circumstances Are Penalized for Wedding.

Much is heard of the taxation of bachelors; but little is ever said of the communities wherein matrimony is deemed a punishable offense. Perhaps the most extraordinary ideas with reference to this subject may be said to be held at Oxford University in England. There, for instance, a fellow of All Souls College forfeits his fellowship, if when studying the classics, he should take unto himself a wife. In such event he must not only pay a penalty, but must also present his college with a memorial in the shape of a silver cup, with the further condition that on this cup shall be inscribed in Latin, "He backslid into matrimony."

There is an aristocratic club in London, the Bachelors of Piccadilly, whereof the members who so far forget their loyalty to the club as to marry are actually expelled and ostracized. The only saving feature of such expulsion is that, by the payment of a fine of one hundred dollars, the offending one may retain an honorary membership; but, so far as active membership is concerned, he is strictly out of it for the rest of his life.

There is a similar organization in Germany, the Junggesellen Club. Whenever there comes to the officials of this club any intimation that a member contemplates matrimony, he is immediately summoned for trial in the club court, with the president as judge. The culprit is allowed to plead in extenuation of his offense, and upon his skill in presenting such plea depends the amount of his fine, which ranges from one hundred to one thousand dollars. The humorous feature of the fine consists in the application made. The money is devoted to a dinner, whereat all members appear in mourning attire. At the conclusion of the repast the president solemnly reads the sentence of expulsion, and the delinquent is led from the room amid the groans and lamentations of his erstwhile club fellows. —The Sunday Magazine.

Passing of the Tollgate.

The passing today of the old tollgate at the northern entrance to the city is well worthy of the fireworks, oratory, and general jubilation which it has inspired. Strangers entering Baltimore by the Reisterstown road could hardly believe that this was really a city of the fifth order, when a village functionary had first to lift a bar and demand their pennies before they were permitted to enter the sacred metropolitan confines. The good roads movement, so intelligently urged and fostered by Governor Crothers and the Democratic party, has already done more to instill life and enterprise and a new spirit into the counties of this state than all other movements of recent years combined. The passing of the old tollgate is symbolical of the new order and the larger spirit of enterprise and progress. —Baltimore Sun.

Gave Up Hope

"I suffered five years, with awful pains, due to womanly troubles," writes Mrs. M. D. McPherson, from Chadbourn, N. C. "They grew worse, till I would often faint. I could not walk at all, and I had an awful hurting in my side; also a headache and a backache.

I gave up and thought I would die, but my husband urged me to try Cardui, so, I began, and the first bottle helped me. By the time the third bottle was used, I could do all my work. All the people around here said I would die, but Cardui relieved me."

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Simple Spelling Move.

A conference between representatives of British and American societies to extend the movement for a simplification of English spelling has just been held at University college in England, with a large number of professors connected with English universities, and the following from America: Dr. James E. Bright of Johns Hopkins university, Charles H. Grandgent of Harvard university, Dr. George Hempl of Leland Stanford university and Dr. Brander Matthews and Dr. Calvin Thomas of Columbia university. The proceedings were private, but a report of the conference will doubtless be made public after it has been submitted to the societies represented.

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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SECOND HAND BICYCLES. We do not regularly handle second hand bicycles, but usually have a number of them in trade by our Chicago retail stores. These we clear out promptly at prices ranging from \$3 to \$8 or \$10. Descriptive bargain lists mailed free.

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The regular retail price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but we introduce you with a sample pair for \$4.80 (cash with order \$4.55). **NO MORE TROUBLE FROM PUNCTURES.** **W.A.T.S. Tires, or Glass will not let the air out.** A hundred thousand pairs sold last year. **DESCRIPTION:** Made in all sizes. It is lively and easy riding, very durable and lined inside with a special quality of rubber, which never becomes porous and which closes up small punctures without allowing the air to escape. We have hundreds of letters from satisfied customers stating that their tires have only been pumped up once or twice in a whole season. They weigh no more than an ordinary tire, the puncture-resisting qualities being given by several layers of thin, specially prepared fabric on the tread. The regular price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but for advertising purposes we are making a special factory price to the rider of only \$4.80 per pair. All orders shipped same day letter is received. We ship C. O. D. on approval. You do not pay a cent until you have examined and found them strictly as represented. We will allow a cash discount of 5 per cent (thereby making the price \$4.55 per pair) if you send **FULL CASH WITH ORDER** and enclose this advertisement. You run no risk in sending us an order as the tires may be returned at **OUR** expense if for any reason they are not satisfactory on examination. We are perfectly reliable and money sent to us is as safe as in a bank. If you order a pair of these tires, you will find that they will ride easier, run faster, wear better, last longer and look finer than any tire you have ever used or seen at any price. We know that you will be so well pleased that when you want a bicycle you will give us your order. We want you to send us a trial order at once, please this remarkable tire offer.

IF YOU NEED TIRES Puncture-Proof tires on approval and trial at the special introductory price quoted above; or write for our big tire and Sundry Catalogue which describes and quotes all makes and kinds of tires at about half the usual price. **DO NOT WAIT** but write us a postal today. **DO NOT THINK OF BUYING** a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone until you know the new and wonderful offers we are making. It only costs a postal to learn everything. Write **TODAY.**

J. L. MEAD CYCLE COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILL.

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That question will be asked you almost daily by business men seeking your services, if you qualify—take the Draughon Training—and show ambition to rise. More **BANKERS** endorse **DRAUGHON'S** Colleges than endorse all other business colleges **COMBINED.** 43 Colleges in 18 States. International reputation. Banking, Typewriting, Penmanship, English, Spelling, Arithmetic, Letter Writing, Business Law—FREE auxiliary branches. Good **POSITIONS** GUARANTEED under reasonable conditions. **Bookkeeping.** Bookkeepers all over the United States say that Draughon's New System of Bookkeeping saves them from 25 to 50 per cent in work and worry. **Shorthand.** Practically all U. S. official court reporters write the System of Shorthand Draughon Colleges teach. Why? Because they know it is the best. **DRAUGHON'S PRACTICAL BUSINESS COLLEGE** Dallas, Houston, Austin, Galveston, San Antonio, Abilene, Denison, Amarillo, Texarkana, or El Paso, Texas.

Counting Your Money



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.

The Growing South. The south is forging ahead at a great rate. The fourteen southern states, with Missouri and Oklahoma, have a population of 32,000,000, or only 18,000,000 less than the total population of the United States in 1880. Since 1880 the sixteen southern states have increased the annual value of their mineral production from \$20,000,000 to \$340,000,000, as against \$450,000,000 in the whole country in 1880. Their manufactured products have a value within \$2,000,000,000 of the value of the whole country thirty years ago. In 1880 the railroads of the country had an aggregate length of 93,300 miles. The southern states now have 87,000 miles. From southern ports were exported last year goods to a value only \$100,000,000 less than the value of all exports from the country in 1880.—Chicago American.

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 .0c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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Our Rates.

For District Offices	\$7.50
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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T. A. Bledsoe
W. H. Sewell
- For Sheriff:
S. E. Taylor (of Hamby)
T. C. Weir (for re-election)
- For Treasurer:
J. H. Thornton
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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. Burleson
E. D. Stephens
- For Tax Assessor:
W. T. (Tom) St. John (of Abilene)
C. B. Manly
- For Commissioner Prec. No. 2:
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- For Public Weigher, Merkel:
H. H. Tittle
- For County Superintendent
J. S. Smith

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- For Tax Collector
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- For Tax Assessor
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TO LAUNDRER PAPER MONEY

Indiana Man Devises Machine That Will Wash and Iron Soiled Bills.

It costs the United States government one and one-third cents to manufacture a \$1 bill. When the bill becomes soiled through continual handling it is sent to the treasury department, which destroys it and issues a nice new clean bill in its place. The same may be said of all other paper currency of large denominations.

Now comes a Shelbyville, Ind., inventor, F. B. Churchill, with a machine for washing, ironing and otherwise laundering paper money. According to the Inventive Age, Washington, the treasury department redeemed \$1,183,000,000 in soiled bills last year and issued new ones in place of them. Eighty per cent of the bills might have been washed at a cost of one-tenth of a cent per bill and resued at a considerable saving in cost to the treasury department.

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AN EXCLUSIVE POOR FARM

No One Can Be Admitted or Assisted Except Those Who Once Paid Taxes.

Providence, R. I., enjoys the use of the most valuable poor farm owned by any municipality in the world, all because Ebenezer Knight Dexter in 1824 made a bequest leaving a big, stone strewn meadow and several parcels of land for that purpose. Today the property is valued at no less than \$1,000,000, and is in the center of one of the most fashionable residence districts of Providence. But while this is a poor farm, it is a very exclusive one, to say the least. By the terms of a very rigid and iron clad will, none can be admitted or assisted except those who once owned and paid taxes upon real estate in Providence or whose father or mother was a real estate taxpayer in that city. No other Rhode Islanders and no person from any other part of the United States or from any foreign country may knock at the portal to obtain admittance and secure shelter and food.

The Dexter asylum is more than self-supporting. With a limited attendance, so to speak, it is said that the interest on investment or income is enough to furnish every inmate a trip to Europe each winter, with accommodations at the best summer hotels in the summer. During the hard times in Providence, when there was a great need of work for poor people, an old clause in the Dexter will providing for a stone wall built around the place was taken advantage of and many poor people were given work.—National Magazine.

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.

The Colonial Shilling.

The value of the Colonial shilling was gradually reduced from the English standard as the result of persistent coin slipping. As early as 1642 Massachusetts raised the rating of the Spanish dollar to 5s and Connecticut took similar action the following year. In 1645 Virginia raised the rating of the dollar to 6s.

In 1652 Massachusetts established a mint and began to coin shillings that were 22½ per cent higher than the sterling standard. In 1683 the Spanish dollar, weighing approximately 17 pennyweights, was rated at 6s 9d, while Pennsylvania valued it at 7s.

The consequence of these variations in the colonies was that in 1707 parliament passed an act providing that the Spanish piece of 8 reals (dollar) should not be valued at more than 6s, but Bullock tells us in his "Monetary History of the United States" that this law was almost universally ignored.

Finally New York and North Carolina settled upon a rating of 8s to the dollar, and this valuation was gradually accepted and retained until our national monetary system was established.

If you have the itch, don't scratch. It does not cure the trouble and makes the skin bleed. Apply Ballard's Snow Liniment. Rub it in gently on the affected parts. It relieves itching instantly and a few applications removes the cause thus performing a permanent cure. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Mr. J. B. Duke's Ploughing.

In spite of the distractions of the Tobacco company's reorganization, Mr. James B. Duke bestows much attention upon the work of developing and beautifying his three thousand acre estate, Duke's Park, near Somerville, N. J. Not infrequently on his tours of inspection he personally directs the laborers. One day he took the plough from the hands of a slow, awkward foreigner, saying:

"Here, let me show you how to plough a furrow. I've not forgotten how I did that when I was a boy in South Carolina."

Another day he took the place of the boss of a gang of workmen and before he got through he dismissed five for inefficiency.

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.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOR SALE—Some fine milch cows. Fresh. See or phone R. D. Allen. 7t4

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

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.

WHY CONDUCTOR WAS MAD

Because Youth Disowned Acquaintance With Woman Whose Fare Remained Unpaid.

There was an uncomfortable congestion at the rear end of the pay-as-you-enter car, every one trying to get out of the rain and mud and only a third having their nickels ready. A young man gave the conductor a quarter, received his five nickels and dropped one of them into the box. "Here," shouted the conductor, "put in another nickel." "What for? I ain't two people," retorted the young man angrily.

"Well, who's that woman up there?" "I don't know. I never saw her before."

"Well, she didn't pay." But the insistent passengers demanded attention and the man at the box had to drop the subject, although he looked into the car later, glaring with especial disfavor at the youth who disowned acquaintance with the woman whose fare remained unpaid.

Game All Right.

While playing an engagement in St. Louis a couple of seasons ago, Tom Lewis struck up an acquaintance with a wealthy Texan living in the same hotel. There was a ball game scheduled that day between the Browns and a visiting club and Lewis invited his new friend to go out and see it.

The battle was a particularly hot one, the game going to an eleven-inning tie. When they got back to the hotel the Texan, who had become imbued with some of Lewis' enthusiasm, began to recount the scenes and close plays of the game to the hotel clerk.

"Well," said that worthy, "I'm glad you saw such a good game."

"Wall, now," said the Texan, "I reckon as how it was a good game all right. Why, sir, them two passel of youngsters just played and played till plumb dark and nary one made ary one."

A regular morning operation of the bowels puts you in fine shape for the day's work. If you miss it you feel uncomfortable and cannot put vim into your movements. For all bowel irregularities **Herbine** is the remedy. It purifies, strengthens and regulates. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.



You May Talk to One Man

But an advertisement in this paper talks to the whole community. Catch the Idea?

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

NOTICE—We want to go to press next week earlier than usual and all correspondence should be in the office on Monday if possible.—Ed.

Blair Echoes.

June 25—Mrs. S. E. Powell is very sick at this writing.

Walter Clark, wife and children visited the family of O. W. Walker Sunday.

Pat Addison of Tolon attended church here Sunday.

Misses Amabel and Ruth Moore of Comper are here for a few days visit.

Miss Mary Clark was shopping in Merkel Saturday.

The Ladies of the Woodmen Circle surprised the Woodmen Thursday night with a nice supper. Several Woodmen from Nubia were present.

Miss Pearl Rains and brother Albert of Comper visited their grandmother Mrs. Mary Rains Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Minnie Stamford of Merkel attended church here Sunday.

James Mayfield attended the children's day at Rock Crossing Sunday.

Roland Goens was here from Abilene Tuesday to see his parents.

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.

Mulberry News.

June 25—The farmers are busy plowing crops over after the rain.

Rev. Summers filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Grandpa Daniels of Abilene who is visiting his daughter Mrs. Bill Moore is right sick.

Hamilton Chaney and wife visited the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. White-scarver of Salt Branch Sunday.

Mrs. Prather and grandchildren spent Saturday and Sunday at Morrowson's ranch.

D. H. Glover and family of Noodle spent Saturday night and Sunday with D. F. Rogers and wife.

Misses Estella Watts, Nora Harrison and Omega Martin were the guests of Misses Frankey and Maggie Lee Chaney Sunday.

Rev. Summers from Abilene and Bro. Nickleson of Tye spent Saturday night with D. F. Rogers.

George Airs and wife were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Harrison Sunday.

Bob Popham and family of Warren visited the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. Popham last week.

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.

Weaver Springs Dots.

June 24—Crops look fine. Farmers busy working in their crops. Everybody smiling over the fine rain.

John Coomer spent Saturday night in Merkel.

Willie Tyler went to Abilene Sunday to visit relatives and friends.

E. M. Dixon is on the sick list this week.

W. T. Tyler and family returned Friday from a visit to their daughter Mrs. Adrain Campbell.

T. T. Tyler from Dora visited home-folks near White Church Sunday.

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,

3-DAYS-3 PICNIC COZART'S TANK, 5 MILES SOUTH MERKEL JULY 2, 3 & 4

Everyone requested to bring well filled baskets, good place to camp if you wish to stay. Each day will be a good one. Come and have a good time. There will be many attractions, fun-making and various amusements each day, too numerous to mention in this circular.

GOOD MUSIC EACH DAY BY SCHEIDLER'S ORCHESTRA

CANDIDATE DAY JULY 2

Hon. J. M. Wagstaff and Hon. W. J. Cunningham, candidates for Representative, will discuss the issues of the campaign, and several other good speakers will be there. The following candidates have stated they will be present and make talks or announcements. Judge N. D. Cobb will introduce the speakers.

For District Judge—Dallas Scarborough.

For County Judge—E. M. Overshiner,

T. A. Bledsoe, W. H. Sewell.

For District Clerk—J. Fuller.

For County Attorney—H. Rob Keeble.

For County Superintendent—J. S. Smith.

For County Treasurer—J. W. Christopher,

J. W. Red, G. B. Tittle.

For Sheriff—T. C. Weir, S. E. Taylor.

For Tax Collector—J. C. Burleson, D. T.

Harkrider, Baylor Crawford, E. D.

Stevens.

For Tax Assessor—Allen Williams, C. B.

Manly, John H. Vance, W. T. (Tom)

St. John.

For Justice Peace—N. D. Cobb.

For Cotton Weigher—H. H. Tittle.

BASEBALL, BLAIR VS. TRENT

BABY SHOW JULY 3

The United Confederate Veterans desire that all the old comrades meet on this date, no special program, but talk of old times and have a good time.

The Baby Show will be on this date. Bring the babies. A gold Bracelet or Locket or Ring will be given finest baby boy or girl under one year of age at 3 p.m.

Sack races, pie eating contest and all kinds of innocent amusements.

BASEBALL, BLAIR VS. TRENT

9 Camps --- Woodmen Day, July 4 --- 9 Camps

The W. O. W. Camps of Tye, Caps, Nubia, Blair, Trent, Shiloh, Noodle and Stith have been invited to join in with Merkel Camp and make this a great day.

Prominent speakers will be on hand, Rev. W. M. Green will deliver the Woodmen address in the forenoon and Judge H. Rob Keeble will present the principles of Woodcraft in the afternoon.

OTHO WILLIAMS, Master of Ceremonies.

BASEBALL, BLAIR VS. TRENT

Real Estate Deals.

G. P. Bradley et al to A. Y. Jones 221 45-100 acres of north end survey 7 certificate 28 Burr & Caswell survey, \$4,000.

T. L. Stevens to E. D. Tenton tract or lot in Sheppard's addition to Merkel, \$300.

S. D. Hunter to J. P. Parks, 201 1/2 acres out of lot 22 Gaudalup county school lands, \$6,011.28.

John J. French to David French of Jefferson county, Texas, south half of Wm. R. Willis league survey in Taylor county, \$1 and other considerations.

David French and wife to John J. French and wife entire north half of William R. Willis league in Taylor county, \$1 and other considerations.

A. Y. Jones and wife to G. P. and J. G. Bradley 221 45-1000 acres land off north end of survey 7, certificate 28, Burr & Caswell survey, \$4,000.

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.

ENDORSED AT HOME

Such Proof as this Should Convince Any Merkel Citizen.

The public endorsement of a local citizen is the best proof that can be produced. None better, none stronger can be had. When a man comes forward and testifies to his fellow-citizens, addresses his friends and neighbors, you may be sure he is thoroughly convinced or he would not do so. Telling one's experience when it is for the public good is an act of kindness that should be appreciated. The following statement given by a resident of Merkel adds one more to the many cases of Home Endorsement which are being published about Doan's Kidney Pills. Read it.

Mrs. Ada Walker, Merkel, Texas, says: "Doan's Kidney Pills did me a great deal of good and I can highly recommend them. When I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, I had severe pains in my back and side and my kidneys and bladder were weak. Doan's Kidney Pills quickly and effectively cured me."

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.

Real Estate Deals.

T. J. Toombs and wife to J. J. Toombs 59 1/2 acres out of survey No. 4, Burr and Caswell survey, also 80 acres out of said survey, also 4 1/2 acres in same number and survey, \$2,800.

L. E. Adrian and wife to J. A. Adrian 80 acres off south end of a 160 acre tract, being part of sections 35 and 42 in block 19 T. & P. lands, also 50 acre tract off north side of the S. E. 1/4 section 34, block 29, T. & P. survey, \$1 and other considerations.

State of Ohio, City of }
Toledo, Lucas Co. } ss

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.

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Inkum Items.

June 24—T. E. Reynolds made a business trip to Abilene Friday.

Mrs. Ruth Jones of Arlington is visiting her brother Cliff Perry and other relatives this week.

Bob Williams and family visited relatives at Sweetwater Sunday.

Mrs. Tarver of Sweetwater is visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. Breeding and family who have been on a prospecting trip to the plains have returned home.

Mrs. Adcock of Merkel who has been visiting her niece Mrs. W. C. Perry returned to her home Wednesday.

G. W. and O. H. Wilson made a business trip to Dora Wednesday.

Ernest Perry and wife visited relatives at Merkel Wednesday.

Mrs. Cora Pruitt of Haskell who has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds returned home Friday.

Marvin Cox was trading in Merkel Tuesday.

J. A. Wills and family were visiting relatives at View Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. Martin and daughter of Nubia were visiting the family of O. W. Phillips Sunday.

Mr. Lilly, Baptist minister from Abilene who has served that denomination as pastor at Bethel for several months preached his farewell sermon Sunday.

A good rain fell just west of Inkum Sunday evening.

Quite a number of persons from a distance attended the literary society Friday night notwithstanding the extremely busy season with the farmers.

Could Shout for Joy.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote C. B. 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 25—Nice crowd out at Sunday school Sunday.

Dennis Hartley and Miss Velma Hogg of the Warren community attended singing here Sunday afternoon.

J. W. Teaff and family attended church at Merkel Sunday.

Austin and Houston Robertson, Misses Oma Taylor and Mae Hogg attended the children's day services at Mount Pleasant Sunday.

Clint Allen and family were visiting the family of Will Higgins Sunday.

J. L. Barker and wife were visiting Jess Higgins and wife Sunday.

Joe McMurry and family were guests of Oscar Mobley and family Sunday.

Miss Lillie Wheat was the guest of Miss Annie Higgins Sunday.

Wesley Hardy and family spent Sunday with Porter Petty and family.

Miss Cora Hays is now able to be up after several weeks of illness.

Miss Gardie Higgins conducted the prayer meeting Sunday night.

Miss Lillie Wheat is visiting relatives in Merkel this week.

Everybody busy plowing in this section. Everything looking promising after the recent rains.

Grandma Allen is spending a few days with Mrs. Barker.

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.