

FARMERS MET HERE LAST SAT. EVENING

Saturday was farmers day at this place, practically every farmer of the Merkel country who could leave his work was here to help in the organizing of a Farmers Institute.

Special Demonstration Agent F. A. Peel was here and assisted in getting the business of the meeting started. After the meeting was called to order the name of T. R. Lassiter was placed before the body as the man for president of the order, his election together with that of W. A. Campbell as secretary took a very few moments time. The enrolling of members was then taken up, seventy-five charter names being placed on roll.

With the organization complete the selection of delegates to the State Farmers Institute at College Station was taken up. President T. R. Lassiter and Secretary W. A. Campbell were chosen at once to represent Merkel. The membership of the local organization being large enough to grant two delegates from this place, H. B. Chambless and S. A. Coats were chosen from the members present to accompany Messrs. Lassiter and Campbell.

After the meeting was over several members started a campaign of getting more members in order to justify a larger representation from Merkel and by night Saturday something like 100 new names had been secured by ardent members who were working for the success of the organization.

Another meeting will be called Saturday evening at 8:30 to enroll new members and finish the work of electing delegates to the state meet. Free transportation will be furnished each delegate provided the representation does not exceed 25 delegates. President Lassiter hopes to secure the enrollment of sufficient farmers who are interested in better farming to give Merkel 10 or 15 delegates to College Station.

The co-operation of every person in the country should be given this work. Remember Saturday is the last day for enrollment in order for your personage to be of any benefit to some friend in getting him or her a free pass to College Station, July 28th. Everybody come to the Tabernacle, Saturday evening. Meeting will be called to order by President Lassiter at 8:30 sharp. Prospective delegates should have their credentials ready to present to the secretary for enrollment.

Masonic Installation.

The local lodge of A.F. & A.M. met Monday night to install the newly elected officers for the ensuing year. The officers for this year are as follows. E. V. Ellis, worshipful master; Wesley Edwards, senior warden; T. A. Johnson, junior warden; J. J. Stallings, treasurer; H. R. Hicks, secretary and J. M. Garrett, tiler.

COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION

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Some time ago I was talking with a traveling salesman whose home is in a town of some 4,000 population, and whose wife had just made a shopping trip to a large city little more than 100 miles away.

Besides a number of minor purchases made, as she put it, "just while she was there," she had exhibited to him on her return a handsome suit, the primary object of her visit to the city, and which she proudly asserted had cost her only \$35.

Taking pencil and paper he called for her other expenses; railroad fare for herself, one child and nurse \$17, hotel bill \$12, carriage and car fare \$2.50, other expenses \$5—a total incidental expense of \$36.50, making the suit cost, in fact, \$71.50.

Her astonishment at the actual cost of the suit was only equalled by her chagrin, but a moment later, with a shrug of the shoulders, she asked "What else is a body to do?"

Commenting on the incident the gentleman said to me: "I do not see why some one of our local merchants doesn't stock these 'standard' things that women are going to have and stop their going to the city for them; they not only lose that particular class of trade, but these city shoppers always buy a lot of other stuff that could be bought at home. In many of the smaller towns that I visit I see in the show windows the same brands of well-known goods that I see in the city windows, and as well displayed, and these enterprising merchants tell me that they are lessening considerably the city shopping of their citizens."

Insofar as he carries a complete stock of up-to-date, well-known "trade-marked-advertised" goods, and advertises and displays them well, just so far will the small-town merchant turn the steady flow of his town's money from the city into his own tills.

People should and will buy what they want at home if they can get it at home.

NEW BUSINESS TO COME TO MERKEL

That the conditions of Merkel are more promising than at any time in late years is proven by the fact of new and established improvements and business concerns that are making the "City in Clover" their home.

The latest addition to our business element is the assurance of a general line of merchandise to be placed in our city within the next 30 days. The new enterprise is in the hands of Dr. J. O. Crenshaw of Fort Worth who owns the Crenshaw buildings of the Crenshaw Block of this place. In a talk with our reporter this week he stated that he would arrange the various buildings in the block so as to justify his placing in a \$45,000 stock of goods and that he would begin the work of making ready for the business just as soon as possible. Dr. Crenshaw arrived here Wednesday from his home at Fort Worth to look after the business of the Model Shoe Store, a late enterprise placed in our city by the Doctor.

Lubbock Barber Shot.

Lubbock, June 19th.—E. L. Crosser owner of the Commercial Barber Shop was shot and almost instantly killed by H. M. Holbrook, conductor on the Crosbyton-South Plains Ry. The shooting took place in the lobby of the Howard Hotel near the entrance to the barber shop. Family affairs are given as the reason of the trouble.

Special-Train Excursion To Yellowstone National Park.

Join the Southern Methodist University's Second Annual Personally-Conducted Special-Train Excursion to Yellowstone National Park. It is easily America's Greatest Scenic and Health-Getting Trip and will leave Fort Worth July 4th. Total Expense \$110 to \$140.

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LOST—Cow branded "ZOR" on left side. Finder please notify Mrs. T. J. Coggin, Merkel, Texas. tf

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LID GOES ON IN MERKEL JULY 4

As far as we have been able to ascertain Merkel will be closed up like a clam on July 4. With the possible exceptions of the drug stores, these places will close from about 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Already merchants, clerks and others have been planning how the day is going to be spent. A large crowd is expected to attend the picnic west of town. Others have planned outings of different descriptions, in fact the majority of our inhabitants have devised some way of enjoying the day without working. Every person who needs a shave better get it on Thursday for the barbers have declared a strike a week in advance of the day. Grocery men will oversleep themselves on Friday so you had better get your lunch the evening before.

Three New Fords.

The matter of delivering mail to rural free delivery patrons in the Merkel country is fast becoming an item of progress.

During last week two new Ford automobiles were pressed into service. Messrs Price Bankhead and F. A. Sanders, carriers of Routes 4 and 3 are the owners of the new cars. Mr. Bankhead gave his machine a successful tryout last week, while Mr. Sanders watched him break the ice and then got in the swim the first of this week with his car.

These two additions to our postal delivery service brings the number of U. S. A. cars up

LOCK YOUR HOME THIEVES ARE HERE

A seemingly well organized band of petty thieves has been operating in Merkel during the last few days. They have so far confined their taking ways to jewelry and in their special line of business have not been letting many chances pass.

Wednesday night of last week the home of L. H. King was entered and the house gone through in all parts. Nothing was taken but the fact that they had visited the home was very evident. On Friday night the homes of Ollie Sharp and H. F. Groene were entered while the owners were at the moving picture show. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp are losers to the amount of about \$10.00 worth of jewelry that had been left in the house, from here it is supposed the wonder workers went to Mr. Groene's home and at this place secured jewelry to the amount of \$40.00. Content with this good work no further steps were taken by the light fingered parties until Sunday night when they entered the home of T. E. Collins of Bettes Heights. While Mr. and Mrs. Collins were at church the work was done and on their arrival home found the door to the dining room open and the lamp chimney still hot. It is supposed that the parties were in the house when the occupants returned. The loss reported by Mr. Collins amounts to about \$20.00.

Don't You Owe Yourself Something.

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to three. B. L. Moore, carrier of Route to Noodle, having used a Liberty Brush for the past 13 months with only a loss of 24 days, these being on account of heavy rains.

The last addition to the carriers service in the way of automobile deliver was put into service Wednesday morning when Victor Harris, carrier of Route 1 came out in a brand new Ford. This gives the entire Merkel country auto mail delivery with the exception of the country through which O. J. Adcock, carrier of Route 5 goes. This section of the country is rougher than any other traversed out of Merkel but even with all the roughness the carrier on his new 7 hp Yale motorcycle makes his rounds some mornings before the genial P. M. knows his understudy has left the city limits and it is said that a number of the patrons on his line whose hearing is bad never know when he passes their place, and go to their mail box only when they smell the burnt gas of the long gone car.



A CAMEL PROVIDES HIMSELF WITH ENOUGH WATER FOR HIS TRIP OVER THE DESERT.

SQUIRRELS PROVIDE FOR THE WINTER; BEES, BIRDS AND ANIMALS ALL PROVIDE FOR THE FUTURE—WHO GETS THE MONEY YOU EARN?



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Autos Collide Head-on.

Big Springs, June 18—Two autos collided head-on here yesterday afternoon, painfully if not seriously injuring some of the occupants.

The cars were being driven at a very fast rate of speed and the collision almost completely wrecked them. The injured occupants were as follows. Judge J. B. Litter, driver of one of the cars, several ribs broken, cut and bruised about the face. Chas. Yarnell, driver of the other car, deep cut beneath eye, cheek bone crushed, shoulder injured. J. I. McDowell, nose broken, cut about face and a sprained ankle. L. C. Holdsclaw, painfully injured about chest, his wife received a deep cut on her forehead. Mrs. Yarnell was rendered unconscious by being violently thrown out of her husband's machine, her baby was slightly burned on the forehead when it fell between the fender and radiator of the auto. Mesdames J. B. Litter, G. C. Brown and F. S. Henderson though bruised and receiving minor cuts, were fortunate in escaping so lightly. Johnston Throop escaped without a scratch.

That some were not killed seems a miracle. The bed of the Litter car was torn completely clear of the running gear and hurled to one side.

Flareback.

"Had your diamonds stolen lately?" inquired the cub reporter. "Engaged to any dukes?" "Kindly omit banalities," responded the stage favorite. "Actresses don't talk that kind of stuff nowadays. If I am to be interviewed, I shall discuss ethical questions only."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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Erosion Losses.

In thirty-five years England has lost 5,640 acres by erosion but this has been more than made up by the new land which has formed during that time.

Overlooking a Bet.

If baseball were played in Esperanto that language might have some show of getting into universal use.—Toledo Blade.

Aerial Mails in Italy.

Italy is experimenting with aerial mails, an aviator recently carrying a sack of letters 101 miles in 88 minutes.

Egyptian Telephone Operators.

Telephone operators in Egypt are required to speak English, French, Italian, Greek and Arabic.

A Tense Matter.

Millie—"Was that your intended with whom I saw you yesterday?" Grace—"Yes, my present 'future,' so to speak."

Negroes Talk German.

In the large German colonies in Brazil there are many coal-black negroes who can talk nothing but German.

One Great Idea.

A great man attains his normal condition only through the inspiration of one great idea.—Hawthorne.

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In This Paper

A Flirt Like a Dipper.

A flirt is like a dipper attached to a hydrant; everyone is at liberty to drink from it, but no one desires to carry it away.—N. P. Willis.

Uncle Pennywise Says:

Very few men will venture to tell you what to do for a sick horse, but anybody will tell you what to do for yourself.

So Appropriate.

Green peas are said to promote frivolity. No doubt that is why they are served with the silly and irresponsible lamb.—Boston Transcript.

Always Some Remedy.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson says that poverty is a disease. Well, there is the gold cure.—Judge.

Losing Their Freedom. . .

All male British subjects are born free men, but a lot of them get married.

Cross as a Signature.

The cross was formerly a part of all signatures, made as an evidence of the subscriber's faith and not of inability to write, as it is now.

The Difference.

In intoxication a man sees two flowers where only one grew before; in love he sees a whole conservatory.

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Ah Flight for Consumption.
If you have incipient consumption—take a flight in an airship. Doctor Fleming, an eminent authority on tuberculosis, lecturing before the Berlin Aeronautical association, described the benefits of high altitudes upon those afflicted, and asserted that fifteen minutes' exposure to the sun's rays during an airship flight at high altitude was certain death to the bacilli of tuberculosis.

Willing to Please.

"During an anti-fly campaign," writes E. K. O. to the Cleveland Plain Dealer, "one of the teachers in our public schools urged the children to bring in all the flies they could capture. The reward was to be ten cents a pint. On the following day the schoolmarm was astonished to get this question from one of her small charges: 'Teacher, we ain't got no flies at our house. Will bedbugs do just as well?'"

From Recent Books.

"It takes but very delicate shadings to mark evolution in the friendship of women—because women are so seldom friends."—"The Unknown Woman," by Anne Warwick.

Models of Teeth in Wood.

An Indian carpenter in Uganda has sent to a dentist in Nairobi cedar wood patterns of a couple of teeth which he wants made to order. It is stated that when the work is completed the cedar models are to be sent to the British museum.

Some Women.

Some women can't bear the odor of gasoline until they get an auto.—Judge.

Tender Bread Crust.

Bread may be brushed over with melted butter three minutes before removing from the oven if a tender crust is desired.—National Magazine.

Have Long and Short Lives.
The average life of an elephant is one century, while a rabbit lives seven years and a cow fifteen.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

W. L. Clay of Charleston, Ark., was here last week visiting his old time friends J. T. Warren. Mr. Clay is well known here, having made his home in Merkel for years and during the time he was connected with the old time firm of Warren & Son, pioneer business men of this place. On leaving here Mr. Clay goes to Hawley to visit his son Comer Clay, after which he will return to his home.

Fruit jars, rubbers and covers at the Anchor Hardware Co.

Bring your wheat and oats to Gaither Bros., and get the highest market price.

R. E. Counts, dealer in real estate, was in Abilene Tuesday looking after business matters.

Deering binder twine at the Anchor Hardware Company.

Arthur Wiman came in Monday from El Paso to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Wiman. From here Mr. Wiman went to Fort Worth to join his family.

We invite our customers to weigh every article purchased at our store and see if the weights we are giving are correct. The Cash Grocery.

W. H. Gilliam left Wednesday for Fannin county to visit friends and to look after business matters.

You will miss a good time if you don't come to Bland's Tank July 4.

Mrs. W. H. Orr of Putnam and Miss Nell Jones of Strawn were here from Friday of last week to Monday visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lamar.

Don't forget about the Air-dome.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Scarborough of Fort Worth were here last week visiting the latter's brother J. T. Warren and family.

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L. Sparkman of Dallas passed through Merkel Thursday in his Ford auto.

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Receives Message.

E. P. McMillen received a message from Bloomingfield, Iowa on Wednesday morning telling him that his wife who has been there visiting relatives for some time was very ill and for him to come at once. Mr. McMillen left Wednesday night for there and expected to reach the bedside of his wife Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. McMillen have a host of friends here who are waiting anxiously to hear that Mrs. McMillen's condition is improving and that her husband found her much better on his arrival there.

Making Balance Even.

A chimney sweep's boy went into a baker's shop for a twopenny loaf, and conceiving it to be small remarked to the baker that he did not believe it was weight. "Never mind that," said the baker. "You will have the less to carry." "True," replied the lad, and, throwing three half-pence on the counter left the shop. The baker called after him that he had not left enough money. "Never mind that," said young sooty, "you will have the less to count."

Drastic Punishment.

For having vexed her dead husband during life, a Parisian shopkeeper, Mme. Mathilde David, recently set herself on fire after saturating her clothes with petrol. In a letter, which she wrote before her suicide, she stated that she had chosen the most painful death she could think of to punish herself.

Mislaid.

Patron—"What took you so long with my eggs?"
Waiter—"Pardon the delay, sir; but they were mislaid."
—Judge.

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.

RUPTURE EXPERT HERE

Seeley, Who Fitted Czar of Russia Called to Abilene.

F. H. Seeley of Chicago and Philadelphia, the noted truss expert, will be at the Grace Hotel and will remain in Abilene Monday only, June 30th. Mr. Seeley says: "The Spermatic Shield Truss as now used and approved by the United States Government will not only retain any case of rupture perfectly, affording immediate and complete relief, but closes the opening in 10 days on the average case. This instrument received the only award in England and in Spain, producing results without surgery, harmful injections, medical treatments or prescriptions. Mr. Seeley has documents from the United States Government, Washington, D. C., for inspection. All charity cases without charge, or if any interested call he will be glad to show the truss without charge or fit them if desired. Any one ruptured should remember the date and take advantage of this opportunity.—Adv 1tpd

Matter of Doubling.

Oliver Wendell Holmes was a classmate of Doctor Clarke at Harvard, and according to the reminiscences of the latter, the Autocrat of the Breakfast Table was as witty then as later. One day the two were talking of metaphysics, when the bright-tongued little great man exclaimed, "I'll tell you, James, what I think metaphysics is like. It is like a man splitting a log. When it is done he has two more to split!"

"The Good Lord Made Them All."

You doubtless remember the story of the old lady who deplored the shooting of crabs because, though she didn't know what they were, "life was probably as dear to them as to anybody."—From "The Business of Being a Woman," by Ida M. Tarbell.

Her Opportunity.

"I'd like to open a singing school," said the young lady with the squeaky voice, as she stepped from the train at Brecon. "Do you think there is a large field in this community?" "Yessum," drawled the rude farmer on the platform, "thar be a field 40 acres wide back o' the brick-kilns, an' nothin' you could disturb but rabbits and worms."

Fairly Good Excuse.

A candidate for state office asked a Leavenworth man over the phone the other day to look up some election returns. "I'll do it in a few minutes," said the Leavenworth man. "I am very busy just at this moment. My \$40,000 business block is burning down."
—Kansas City Journal.

Desperate Measure.

Miss Laffin—"What has become of our friend Mr. Clay?" Mr. Rand—"He has taken employment in a powder-mill for 6 months." Miss Laffin—"How strange!" Mr. Rand—"Not at all. He wished to break himself of smoking."
—Puck.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. C. Marlow of Seymour who has been here visiting his father M. J. Marlow, returned to his home Thursday. Mr. Marlow was called here from his home at Seymour on account of his father being very ill and on leaving reported the aged Merkel man much better.

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G. M. Sharp wants your second hand oat sacks.

Mrs. Austin Fitts and daughter Mrs. M. L. Henck of California were in Abilene Tuesday visiting. Mrs. Henck will be here for some time yet visiting her mother before returning to her home.

We will pay the highest market price for your wheat and oats. Gaither Bros.

G. M. Sharp will buy your cotton seed.

We will pay the highest market price for your wheat and oats. Gaither Bros.

We are expecting another car of corn binders in any day. Anchor Hardware Company.

Don't forget about the Air-dome.

Miss Clara Moore and Eather Williams returned Sunday from a visit with the former's cousin Mrs. Belle Kunze of Fort Worth.

Misses Fannie Pearl Moore and Eufie Cypert were in Abilene Sunday visiting friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis and Miss Elma Sheppard were in Abilene visiting Sunday.

G. W. Boyce was in Abilene Wednesday attending to business matters.

Misses Pauline and Cornelia Johnson of Stamford are here visiting friends.

Grandma Leeman of Pecos came in Wednesday night to visit her daughter Mrs. A. D. Templeton.

Unconscious Vulgarity.

You can be as vulgar as you like, so long as you know that you are being vulgar; it is when you are vulgar without knowing it that you are socially lost.—"Adam's Orchard," by Sarah Grand.

Unappreciated.

"Miss Screecher is chuck full of music, isn't she?" "I guess she is. I've never heard any of it coming out yet."

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PRIZE FIGHTING AND PRAYER.

Prize fighter Arthur Pelky was exonerated this week by the Crown's court at Calgary, when he was tried for manslaughter. Having struck Luther McCarty such a vicious blow in their late fight at the above mentioned place that McCarty died almost instantly.

As a prelude to this fight a preacher walked into the ring and offered prayer, speaking of the game in the kindest way possible and placing his stamp of approval on it by saying that it was a manly sport, that it was not dangerous or brutal. Hardly had the words left his lips when the fighters went together and before the first round was over one was dead. The question is with that preacher now, how is he going to explain his attitude in this matter when the big fight comes off with him, no doubt he will go down under just such a lick as ended McCarty, but old St. Peter will not have on any kid gloves when he does the trick. No doubt he was paid for his services. Just the name of a preacher approving of such will tend to lengthen the life of the game but not of the participant.

FIGHTING THE FLY.

As a matter of justice and comfort to yourself and to those who are associated with you in your home and about your business are the conditions to be met up with such as would bear close inspection from the health officer?

If the conditions are not and your place of business is dirty, gummy and nasty even for the least part of it, that part of it serves to give that individual business a black eye and at the same time places your business house or home on the list of veritable germ brooding pens. One of the most serious things to contend with here is the state in which many people allow their personal premises to become, the back yard is dirty and the alley back of the yard even more dirty than the yard. It is an undisputed fact that the average fly is as happy as a dead pig in the sunshine when he strikes such a place, and that average fly before coming to your home for a personal visit takes a survey of the back yard coming up by way of the alley visiting all the out houses along his way. His next debate is in the kitchen where he is known to do most harm. The majority of the homes in Merkel have screens on both the doors and windows, but go on the inside and see if there is an absence of flies. The fly that comes into your home when the door is open is supposed to carry as much filth on his feet as the fly that does not have to contend with screens. A grocery store that does not use care and consideration in the handling of its fruits and vegetables should not have the patronage accorded the house that uses care and guards against the danger of flies.

A campaign against flies in Merkel is a campaign to help the town win the Hollands Magazine Prize. Dr. Carrick who visited Merkel last

year saw, and expressed himself on Merkel people not using enough care in keeping flies out of their homes and business places. The time for swatting the fly was never better than now and for your own individual benefit you should do your best to help the good work along.

President Wilson has bearded the lion in his Wall street den. Now he is going to give the nation currency reform. When a man has the nerve to tackle tariff reform and currency reform in midsummer, he may well be called the Napoleon of American politics and the Hercules of American statesmen. President Wilson has the nerve. He is willing to assume all responsibility. He is the most diplomatic of all the Presidents. In 1916 should he be in the land of the living, he will again be the standard-bearer of the Democratic party. The Peerless One should be able to see the handwriting on the wall.—Fort Worth Record.

And after all this long propoganda he has time to go out to see the Washington team play ball. Just the other day he occupied a seat in his special box with the intentions of rooting for the home team, but this was one time when he did not have a look in. The Senators were made to look kinder foolish even with the mighty Johnson helping them out.

MERKEL AFTER A PRIZE.

Some time ago Merkel was entered in the list of towns of Texas that are in competition for the Hollands Magazine Clean Town Prize. Towns of Texas are divided into three classes and Merkel is in class C of towns of less than 2500 inhabitants.

To every person who lives within the city limits the keeping of their premises clean and subject to inspection should be a duty carefully looked after. The presence of weeds in and about your home or business makes it all the more undesirable and unsightly to a person who passes that way. For a person who likes to see the effects of keeping a place clean, the civic condition in which the city waterworks and grounds thereabouts and more especially the condition in which the camp and wagon yards are being kept directly across the street from the waterworks, with absence of trash and weeds and clean walks even they are only hard dirt walks, should be an inspiration to every Merkel citizen. A general weed cutting will improve the looks of the street or alley about your place more than anything you can do and if such could be kept up it would give Merkel a fair chance at winning the prize offered by the above mentioned magazine.

Abilene and Merkel are about in the same boat when it comes to housing up a bunch of petty thieves. The only thing is that it is known that the Abilene crowd is purely local talent from the nature of their loot. During last week Merkel was a steady victim of some jewelry thieves who from all appearances were proficient in their special line of work, but with the Abilene bunch the evidence is different. On last Saturday night two homes were visited in Abilene and the chicken roosts relieved of 80 nice big fat hens and frying chickens. No out-of-town person would trouble himself to go to Abilene for chickens when any other part of Taylor county could furnish more "yellow legs" than Abilene does so we take it as an undisputed fact that the thieves were Abilene people.

The new life of industry has inoculated Merkel with a get busy solution. One brick building 90 x 100 is nearing completion, three novelty and racket stores have made their homes here. The bank deposits of the various banks show 82 percent gain over last year's June statement. And now there comes a new company placing a \$45,000 general merchandise stock in the town.

Studebaker

"Studebaker wagons certainly last a long time"

"I have had this wagon twenty-two years, and during that time it cost me only \$6.00 for repairs, and that was for setting two tires."

"And after twenty-two years of daily use in good and bad weather and over all kinds of roads, I will put this wagon against any new wagon of another make that you can buy today."

"Studebaker wagons are built of air-dried lumber and tested iron and steel. Even the paint and varnish are subjected to a laboratory test to insure wearing qualities."

"No wagon made is subjected to as many tests or is more carefully made than a Studebaker. You can buy them of Studebaker dealers everywhere."

"Don't listen to the dealer who wants to sell you a cheap wagon, represented to be 'just as good' as a Studebaker."

Farm wagons, trucks, dump wagons and carts, delivery wagons, buggies, surreys, depot wagons—and harness of all kinds of the same high standard as the Studebaker vehicles.

See our Dealer or write us.

STUDEBAKER South Bend, Ind.

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WANTED—A RIDER AGENT

IN EACH TOWN and district to ride and exhibit a sample Latest Model "Ranger" bicycle furnished by us. Our agents everywhere are making money fast. Write for full particulars and special offer at once.

NO MONEY REQUIRED until you receive and approve of your bicycle. We ship to anyone anywhere in the U. S. without a cent deposit in advance, prepaid freight, and allow **TEN DAYS' FREE TRIAL** during which time you may ride the bicycle and put it to any test you wish. If you are then not perfectly satisfied or do not wish to keep the bicycle ship it back to us at our expense and you will not be out one cent.

FACTORY PRICES We furnish the highest grade bicycles it is possible to make at one small profit above actual factory cost. You save \$10 to \$25 middlemen's profits by buying direct from us and have the manufacturer's guarantee behind your bicycle. **DO NOT BUY** a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone at any price until you receive our catalogues and learn our unheard of factory prices and remarkable special offers to rider agents.

YOU WILL BE ASTONISHED when you receive our beautiful catalogue and study our superb models at the wonderful **factory prices** we can make you this year. We sell the highest grade bicycles for less money than any other factory. We are satisfied with \$1.00 profit above factory cost.

BIKE DEALERS, you can sell our bicycles under your own name plate at double our prices. Orders filled the day received.

SECOND HAND BICYCLES. We do not regularly handle second hand bicycles, but usually have a number on hand taken in trade by our Chicago retail stores. These we clear out promptly at prices ranging from \$2 to \$6 or \$10. Descriptive bargain lists mailed free.

COASTER-BRAKES, single wheels, imported roller chains and pedals, parts, repairs and equipment of all kinds at half the regular retail prices.

\$10.00 Hedgethorn Puncture-Proof \$4.80
Self-healing Tires A SAMPLE PAIR TO INTRODUCE, ONLY

The regular retail price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but in introductory offer we will sell you a sample pair for \$4.80 (cash with order \$4.55).

NO MORE TROUBLE FROM PUNCTURES
NAILS, Tacks, 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 percent (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 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, hence this remarkable tire offer.

IF YOU NEED TIRES don't buy any kind at any price until you send for a pair of Hedgethorn 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 prices.

DO NOT WAIT for tires from anyone until you know the new and wonderful offers we are making. It only costs a postal to learn everything. Write it now.

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

QUININE AND IRON—THE MOST EFFECTUAL GENERAL TONIC

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic Combines both in Tasteless form. The Quinine drives out Malaria and the Iron builds up the System. For Adults and Children.

You know what you are taking when you take GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC, recognized for 30 years throughout the South as the standard Malaria, Chill and Fever Remedy and General Strengthening Tonic. It is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic, but you do not taste the bitter because the ingredients do not dissolve in the mouth but do dissolve readily in the acids of the stomach. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.

THE WONDERFUL, OLD RELIABLE DR. PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL. An Antiseptic Surgical Dressing discovered by an Old R. R. Surgeon. Prevents Blood Poisoning.

Thousands of families know it already, and a trial will convince you that DR. PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL is the most wonderful remedy ever discovered for Wounds, Burns, Old Sores, Ulcers, Carbuncles, Granulated Eye Lids, Sore Throat, Skin or Scalp Diseases and all wounds and external diseases whether slight or serious. Continually people are finding new uses for this famous old remedy. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

There is Only One "BROMO QUININE" That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE on every box. Cures a Cold in One Day. 25c.

To Prevent Blood Poisoning
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The Best Hot Weather Tonic
GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC enriches the blood, builds up the whole system and will wonderfully strengthen and fortify you to withstand the depressing effect of the hot summer. 50c.

SEE J. P. SHARP'S ADV On This Page Next Week

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Don't forget about the Air-dome.

Buggy and wagon paint at the Anchor Hardware Company.

J. L. Harris is in Cisco this week on business.

Diamonds on easy terms and small payments. See Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Mrs. R. E. Bowles was in Abilene visiting the first of the week.

Cash paid for chickens, eggs and butter. W.H. Young, rear of Southern National Bank.

W. L. Harkrider and family visited in Abilene the first of the week.

Meet your friends at Bland's Tank July 4.

Judge B. A. Cox of Abilene was in the city Tuesday afternoon on business.

Seymour's best flour, best in town or your money back. Whitley, Son & Co.

Mrs. H. R. Glass left Tuesday evening for Bronte to join her husband.

Cash paid for chickens, eggs and butter. W.H. Young, rear of Southern National Bank.

W. P. Moore of the Canyon was in town Saturday buying a supply of binder twine.

See the Anchor Hardware Co. for corn binders.

Mrs. M. J. Lowe is in Baird visiting her daughter Mrs. S. A. D. Grounds.

New oats and binder twine at the Kent Street Grain & Grocery Company.

The syrup we sell Saturday and next week will go at cost. Whitley, Son & Company.

If you need fruit jars and rubbers go to Crown Hardware Company.

Homer Jobe of Rule was here Sunday morning visiting friends and relatives. He departed for Abilene on the noon train.

Get a free food chopper at the Cash Grocery. Only one week, come and see about this business.

If you are in need of cakes, pie, bread or cookies of any description. Get them from us. Warren Baker Co.

Ed Swafford who was here last week visiting his parents, left Saturday for east Texas. Mr. Swafford has been in Vanderbilt College the past two years, taking special work in the law department.

Crown Hardware Company is the place to get your fruit jars and rubbers. They have them for sale.

Free Vote at The Star Store

You are entitled to a Free Vote each day until Saturday, July 5th. On this date we will give Free \$5.00 in merchandise. You must be in the store at 4:00 o'clock July 5th. You will be entitled to one extra vote with each 50-cent purchase.

THE STAR STORE

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Don't forget about the Air-dome.

Buggy and wagon paint at the Anchor Hardware Company.

Miss Stella Martin is in Anson this week visiting friends and relatives.

White Swann Syrup is 100 per cent pure and it is for sale only at Whitley, Son & Co.

Mrs. Lillian Welch and son Clark came in last week from El Paso to visit relatives.

Cash paid for chickens, eggs and butter. W.H. Young, rear of Southern National Bank.

Miss Agnes Hall returned home Saturday from an extended visit at Kosse, Waco and Dallas.

Wanted—A man with small family to do farm and ranch work. C. M. Largent. tf

Everybody goes to Bland's Tank July 4.

Misses Zora Coggin and Mabel Collins were in Abilene Saturday visiting friends.

Fruit jars, rubbers and covers at the Anchor Hardware Co.

J. W. Burton returned to Merkel Tuesday, going on to Stith to visit relatives.

Plenty fruit jars and rubbers at Crown Hardware Company.

Messrs Emmett and Ennis Grimes left Sunday evening for Vernon where they will spend the summer.

Mrs. C. D. Mims and children returned Friday evening from a months visit at Tyler and other points in east Texas.

Anchor Hardware Company handles corn binders, both the Deering and McCormick.

T. J. Coggin left Friday afternoon for Douglas, Ariz. with a stop off at Midland to look after business matters there.

Mrs. Robert Terrell of Xenia, Ohio who has been here visiting her daughter Mrs. R. I. Grimes left for her home Thursday of last week.

Deering binder twine at the Anchor Hardware Company.

D. L. Boyd of Nubia was in town Saturday on his way to Abilene business. Mr. Boyd was very unfortunate in sustaining the loss of his merchandise establishment at Nubia the first of last week.

From now until June 25, I will give absolutely free of charge one extra pair of trousers with every two-piece or three-piece suit ordered through me from the S. E. Perleberg line. L. J. Renfro, The Taylor.

Bring your wife to Bland's Tank July 4. Good shades for a dinner spread.

COUNTY COURT FOR NEXT WEEK

John L. Burns vs. Russell Bros.

L. A. Pires vs. R. K. Blackshear et al.

A. D. Hamilton vs. R. A. Humble.

J. H. Baxter et al, vs. P. R. Henson.

State of Texas vs. Mack Washington.

State of Texas vs. Lafayette Bennett.

State of Texas vs. Charlie Barden.

Tuesday, July 1—G. Wolf Holstein Co. vs. W. W. Cox.

Wednesday, July 2—Walker-Smith Grocery Co. vs. G. W. Collins.

Mrs. Emma Fly, executrix, vs. Claud E. Jones.

John H. Kegans et al, vs. W. A. Shipley.

Thursday, July 3—J. F. Whitely vs. T. & P. Ry.

J. F. Whitely vs. T. & P. Ry.

Probate business will be taken up Friday of first and second weeks.

A TEXAS WONDER.

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

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending June 28, 1913. Kovar, Frank H.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office July 12, 1913.

H. W. Derstine, P.M.

Closing Notice.

The leading business houses of Merkel will close at 6:30 each day except Saturdays until September 1st.—Adv.

If You Want

RESULTS

YOU can get them by advertising in this paper. It reaches the best class of people in this community.

Use this paper if you want some of their business.

Use This Paper

Did You See it Start
Are You One of Them

ONLY
FIVE WEEKS
MORE

The Fight is On

It grows Interesting
"To the Victor Belong
The Spoils."

WHO WILL BE VICTOR?

10 Votes
with every cent
of Your Purchase
TOMORROW

WORK For The NUMBER
YOU ARE ON

West Texas Hardware Co

BIG MEETING TO RUN INDEFINITELY

The meeting at the Baptist Church that is being conducted by Rev. W. M. Gaddy is nearing the end of one of the most successful meetings ever held by the Baptist Church at this place.

The calling of Rev. Gaddy to the Merkel church has placed a new interest in the individual work of the membership and the meeting now in effect is doing a great work to organize the Baptist church into a more successful body than it has ever been in the history of its home here. Rev. Gaddy is a very strong talker and conducts his meeting in a way that keeps the interest going, at no time does he allow the interest of his hearers become uninterested but on the other hand is constantly bringing such thoughts into his sermons as tend to make his work the most effective possible. Aside from the professions the work done in the meeting and by Rev. Gaddy and the work done since his coming here has created a closer feeling of fellowship in the church than has been experienced heretofore.

Bakery Notice.

When you are in need of bakers bread or any kind of bakers sweets 'phone the Pure Food Bakers and we will deliver what you want in short order. To please is our aim. Phone your orders. H. M. Warren & Co's. Bake Shop.

Money! Money!

Plenty of 8 per cent money on 5 and 10 years time with the option of paying or not. Get in your application in time.

V. E. Muir, Abilene, Texas.

W. H. (Bill) Kendrick well known in these parts departed last Thursday afternoon for a country far more western than this. Going from here to Midland where he was to join the shippers of a train of cattle to the border country of Arizona.

Don't forget about the Air-dome.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

On the afternoon of Wednesday, June 18th., Mrs. Geo. L. Miller entertained at 42 at her home on Elm street in honor of her guest Miss Roxie Mount of Jackson, Tenn.

Promptly at 3:00 o'clock Daniel's Mitchell car was called into service to transfer the guests to this lovely home where they were received by the queenly young hostess who presented her charming honoree, Miss Mount, wearing a beautiful gown of blue brocaded satin entrain with pink rosebud trimmings. Mrs. Miller wore shadow lace over yellow satin with cut velvet trimming. Delicious punch was served in the hall by the hostess after which progressive 42 was played at five tables. Mrs. J. W. Daniel winning top score, a beautiful hand painted plate, which in her own graceful way she presented to the honoree with her best wishes. Mrs. John C. Hamm was consoled with a lovely blue feather Parisian fan.

At six o'clock pink and white brick cream and angel food cake were served to about twenty-five guests. Mrs. Daniel assisted the hostess in serving. The guests departed for their homes after expressing themselves as having spent a very pleasant afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Groene honored Miss Jessie O'Briant Tuesday evening with a daintily appointed six o'clock dinner. Covers were laid for Misses Elma and Olga Sheppard, the honoree, George Groene and Mr. and Mrs. Groene. After the dinner the host and hostess were joined by their guests in a visit to the Airdome, by appointment the party added Messrs Bill Sheppard, Ollie Cordell and J. E. Faucett to the joy makers, all were treated to cream and cake.

The devotees of the dance, honored Miss Jessie O'Briant Wednesday evening with an informal dance at the Thornton building. Music was furnished by the Merkel String Orchestra. Those present were Misses Jessie O'Briant, Zora Coggin, Elma and Olga Sheppard, Roxie Mount, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Dr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Miller, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis, Mrs. Doss Sheppard, Messrs Dee Grimes, Dem Rust, H. L. Easterwood, J. E. Eaucett and W. H. Kendrick.

Mrs. R. O. Anderson entertained with a slumber party Monday night, complimentary to Miss Jessie O'Briant. The other guests were Misses Olga and Elma Sheppard and Mrs. Doss Sheppard of Dallas. A lovely supper was served after which a picture show treat was tendered the guests. The only thing to marr the pleasure of an ideal evening of pleasure was the thought—the honoree will soon answer the call from California—and leave us for a new home and new friends.

A bird fry was greatly enjoyed Saturday evening. In the afternoon Messrs W. R. Walker, A. J. Leighty and others had splendid luck in securing an abundance of birds which they prepared and had ready for a crowd who came out with M. D. Angus on his float. They were Mesdames W. R. Walker, A. J. Leighty, Deavenport Gaither, M. D. Angus, W. N. Hall and little Miss Maurine Angus.

League Program.

Subject: The Price of Power. Leader, Dennis McDonald. "Are ye able to drink of the cup that I am about to drink?" Matt. xx, 20-22—Minnie Harris. "Whosoever shall lose his life for my sake the same shall save it." Luke ix, 24—Mattie Christopher. "They left all and followed him." Luke v, 11—Homer Laney. The worth of the spiritual power of God—Judge Potter. Duet—Mr. and Johnson. Mission study—Laureina McNeas.

Relic of Spanish Armada.

An anchor of the Spanish armada period, recovered from the Walleth, a well-known "swatchway," three miles off Clacton, England, has been presented to Colchester (Essex) Museum. For generations this anchor has been an enemy to the trawls of local fishermen, but at length one of the flukes became worn partially away, and the last trawl that struck it thus lifted it from the ground.

Notice Farmers.

Am ready to bale hay for the public. Using a new machine. 30Inpd W. L. Dodds, Merkel.

"LOOK OUT FOR THE CARS"

DO YOU know of anyone who is old enough to read, who has not seen that sign at a railroad crossing?

If everyone has seen it at some time or other, then why doesn't the railroad let the sign rot away? Why does the railroad company continue to keep those signs at every crossing?

Maybe you think, Mr. Merchant, "Most everybody knows my store, I don't have to advertise."

Your store and your goods need more advertising than the railroads need to do to warn people to "Look Out for the Cars."

Nothing is ever completed in the advertising world.

The Department Stores are a very good example—they are continually advertising—and they are continually doing a good business.

If it pays to run a few ads 'round about Christmas time, it certainly will pay you to run advertisements about all the time.

It's just business, that's all, to ADVERTISE IN THIS PAPER

Romantic, Indeed.

"You can't imagine how romantic it is where we live! At night when everything is asleep sometimes I hear the nightingale singing in the woods. Then I take my horn and accompany him for hours."—Fliegende Blaetter.

It Makes a Difference.

Little Willie—"Say, pa, what is business courtesy?" Pa—"There are two kinds of business courtesy, my son. One is the kind extended to people who pay cash, and the other is extended to people who don't."—Stray Stories

Enough.

"An' me husband got into another fight an' kem home wit' a black eye 'Tis too bad, so it is!" "Faith, it is. Wan'd think a married man 'd enough av it at home."—Life.

Shot by a Rabbit.

Cyril Newman, a schoolboy hunter, is dying in a Hackettstown (N. J.) hospital from shotgun wounds received while rabbit shooting. He had placed his gun on the ground while he opened a trap containing a rabbit. He intended to shoot the captive as it ran away, but the rabbit gave a jump and landed on the trigger of the gun, discharging both barrels.

Appealing Invitation.

Professor of Chemistry—"If anything should go wrong in this experiment we and the laboratory with us might be blown sky-high! Come closer, gentlemen, so that you may be better able to follow me."

Advertisement for 'We're Shouting' featuring a man shouting and text about printing quality.



Where There's a Farm There Should be a Bell Telephone

The progressive farmer surrounds himself with modern advantages.

He, too, appreciates that convenience ministers to health, happiness, progress and wealth.

What does he do? With other neighbors he starts a Rural Telephone line. Enough said.

Apply to our nearest Manager for information or write to

THE SOUTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CO. DALLAS, TEXAS

Advertisement for 'SIX WEEKS SUPERB ENTERTAINMENT AT THE Colorado Chautauque' with details about the show.

Advertisement for 'Facts YOU LOSE MONEY' regarding stock and poultry medicine.

Advertisement for 'KILL THE COUGH AND CURE THE LUNGS WITH DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY' for coughs and lung troubles.

Advertisement for JOHN R. DANIEL Livery, Feed and Sale Stable SOUTH SIDE, with Automobile Service in Connection.

Advertisement for THE MERKEL GARAGE, TEXAS COMPANY'S OILS AND GAS, S. P. FOSTER: PROPRIETOR.

Advertisement for W. P. DUCKETT THE PRODUCE MAN, featuring a NOTICE about buying produce.

Advertisement for T. & B. V. TO SOUTH TEXAS, featuring a Remember Direct Connection is Made at FORT WORTH.

T. & P. TIME TABLE. EAST BOUND and WEST BOUND train schedules.

Church Directory: METHODIST CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BAPTIST CHURCH.

Advertisement for SUMMER EXCURSION RATES, JUNE 1st and AFTER, with Local Excursion Rates and Round Trip Mineral Wells.

Merkel Mail \$1.00 per Year

Learning by Love Letter.
 "Love letters between young men and women are an excellent method of teaching literature," says Dr. Arthur Holmes. But it must be done tactfully. We have known a young lady who broke off an engagement because her fiance returned her love letters with the spelling errors neatly corrected in red ink.

Had Kept Her Bargain.
 An ingenious trick was recently played on some women of Madras, India. They handed a box of money to a woman who said that she possessed the power of doubling the contents. The victims had their packets returned to them after seven days, when the silver coins they had contained were found to have been changed into copper ones.

Opposition.
 A Blair county barrister recently handed a brief up to the court in which he thus described his two brethren on the other side: "They are two ghouls in a country grave, seeking a carcass to devour."—Philadelphia Record.

Needs a Nickname.
 If it is true that a taxicab in Athens is called a polipolyantoinetharmoxaxe, we should think that before you got through calling it, it might be out of sight.

If the Sequence Is Maintained.
 The St. Louis belle who uses her bracelet on her ankle naturally arouses curiosity as to where she would wear an engagement ring.—Washington Post.

Those Who Covet Secrets.
 None are so fond of secrets as those who do not mean to keep them; such persons covet secrets as a spendthrift covets money, for the purpose of circulation.—C. C. Colter.

Her Dread.
 There is nothing more painful to an actress than to appear on the stage looking as old as she really is.—"My Autobiography," by Madame Judith.

Mountain Weather Station.
 The Argentine government has established a meteorological station at San Esteban, province of Cordoba, at an altitude of 4,000 feet.

His Urgent Need.
 "What was the only thing Jonah needed to make him safe?" thus the Sunday school teacher, trying to impress the necessity of faith. "The earth," said one of her scholars.

Is This Expert Evidence?
 A woman's idea of elastic currency is a one dollar bill stuck under her garter.—Washington Post.

Poor Mother Earth.
 A bargain in a golf rig has decided one girl to go in for the ancient game at a resort famous for that sport.

On the Spot.
 A girl on a footstool often has an advantage over a girl on a pedestal.—The Tatler.

Immense Museum Library.
 The library of the British museum contains 1,000,000 volumes.

Where Honesty Is Worthless.
 Many a man would have turned rogue if he knew how.—William Hazlitt.

John Alden Explained.
 "I am an instructed delegate," he said. Not understanding politics, Priscilla manoeuvred a stampede.

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- The Merkel Mail and the Farm and Ranch \$1.50
- The Merkel Mail and the Hollands Magazine \$1.50
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Send us your check for any of the above. We take the responsibility of getting your foreign papers started correctly, and we save you money. Order while you think of it. Address all orders to

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Willing to Be Sacrificed.
 Father (to his old friend's pretty daughter)—"Good-by, my dear. I won't kiss you; I have such a cold." His Son (with alacrity)—"Can I do anything for you, father?"

Exercise.
 There may be courtesy, there may be even temper and wit and talent and sparkling conversation, there may be good will, even, and yet the humanest and divinest faculties pine for exercise.—Thoreau.

Seven Famous Bibles.
 Among the nations of the world the seven famous Bibles are: The Scriptures of the Christians, the Koran of the Mohammedans, the Eddas of the Scandinavians, the Tripitaka of the Buddhists, the Five Kings of the Chinese, the Three Vedas of the Hindus, and the Zendavesta of the Persians.

Her Speaking Silence.
 It is the things she leaves undone, the words she leaves unsaid, that a woman says more a thousand times than ever is asked of her.—"The Antagonist," by E. Temple Thurston.

Labor and Idleness.
 There is but this difference between labor and idleness: That labor is a profitable and pleasant trouble, idleness a trouble both unprofitable and comfortless.—Joseph Hall.

Knew His Man.
 Gibbs—"That's a pretty rocky-looking umbrella you have there, old man. I wouldn't carry one like that." Dibbs—"I know you wouldn't; that's the reason I carry it when you're about."

Wanted Advice.
 Wife of City Gentleman (who has gone back to the land)—"Oh, doctor, you are just the man I want to see. I want you to tell me how to cure a side of bacon."

Boy's Essay on the Ostrich.
 Ostriches are different from geese. Geese can swim and lay eggs but cannot kick, while an ostrich can kick and lay eggs like a horse.—Woman's World.

Take His Away.
 Man, says a French savant, has six times more lung capacity than he needs. How about the artist who plays on the slide trombone?—Chicago Record-Herald.

What Is Not Good.
 It is only because they are unused to the taste of what is excellent that the generality of people take delight in silly or insipid things.—Goethe.

Great Leaves of Palm.
 There are palm trees growing on the banks of the Amazon whose leaves are from ten to twelve feet broad and from thirty to fifty feet long.

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Be sure you get Dodson's Liver Tonic when you ask for it. There are imitations of it that may disappoint you.—Adv.

One of Our Own.

"The Countess of Bunk is coming over, but fears she won't be able to stand the noise and rush of America very long." "She has changed. She stood it for thirty-eight years, until her daddy struck copper in Montana."

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.

The Simple Reason.

"Why are we so late?" asked the passenger, whose question is reported to the Boston Transcript. "Well, sir," replied the conductor, "the train in front was behind, and the train was behind before, besides."

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A very small dog created a great stir in the streets of Paris a few days ago. A blyou pet dog was seen in the Champs Elysees with a lady. It was wearing indiarubber boots laced high up the leg, ear protectors, goggles to shield his eyes from cold or mud, and a raglan overcoat lined with thick flannel and provided with a pocket from which projected a tiny handkerchief with a monogram.

Itching Piles

I want you to know how much good your Hunt's Cure has done me. I had suffered with itching piles for 15 years when I was traveling through Texas a man told me of your Hunt's Cure. I got one 50 cent box and it cured me.

His Attitude Defined.

What is the question which is now placed before society, with the glib assurance which to me is most astonishing? That question is: Is man an ape or an angel? I am on the side of the angels.—Disraeli.

Put One Eye out. Suffered 36 Years From Skin Disease

I suffered from a skin disease for 36 years, and about six months ago it attacked one of my eyes and put it out. After it was too late, I got a box of Hunt's Cure and began to use it, and I must say that it is the best remedy I have used in 36 years, and I believe it will cure any skin eruption.

P. H. Chaney, Caney, La.

WITH OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

Castle Peak Items.

June 23—Most of the farmers in this section of the country are up with their work and are waiting for rain.

Jim Toombs and family spent Sunday with Lizzie Toombs and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sullivan spent Saturday night with Jim Moore and family.

Lee Dulin has been very sick for the past few days but we are glad to report he is improving now.

Albert Barnes lost a fine jersey cow last week.

Grandma Hughes spent Sunday with her son Chas. Hughes and family.

Marvin Blackburn was in Merkel Saturday on business.

Emmett Patterson and family spent Sunday with J. A. Dulin and family.

Take Plenty of Time to Eat.

There is a saying that "rapid eating is slow suicide." If you have formed the habit of eating too rapidly you are most likely suffering from indigestion or constipation, which will result eventually in serious illness unless corrected. Digestion begins in the mouth. Food should be thoroughly masticated and insalivated. Then when you have a fullness of the stomach or feel dull and stupid after eating, take one of Chamberlain's Tablets. Many severe cases of stomach trouble and constipation have been cured by the use of these tablets. They are easy to take and most agreeable in effect. Sold by all dealers.

Comperre Items.

June 23—A rain fell in this section of the country Wednesday evening that will be a great help to the crops.

Messrs Willie Childers of Hamlin and Charlie D. Percy of Comperre left here Friday for Colorado to visit their sister who is very low. Mr. Hanney accompanied them as far as Merkel.

Mrs. W. N. Moore and daughter Ruth made a business trip to Merkel Thursday.

Rev. Reed of Stith preached here Sunday in the place of Rev. Walker who had the appointment.

The farmers of this section are well up with their crops and are now waiting on more rain.

The neighbors of Walter Spurgin have set Wednesday as a day to work his crop out. Mr. Spurgin has had so much sickness in his family of the late he has been kept out of his field.

Manager of a Railroad Cured of Eczema by Hunt's Cure

At one time I had a very bad case of eczema. It troubled me for seven or eight years, and, although I tried all kinds of medicine and several doctors, I got no relief until I used Hunt's Cure. I used several boxes, and it finally cured me, and I have always kept a box with me for fear it will come back.

A. D. Goodenough,
Gen. Mgr. Lida Valley Ry.
50c per box at drug stores.

Mulberry Items.

June 24—Sunday school was well attended here Sunday.

Bob Britton and family visited Cal Britton and family Sunday.

Mrs. Annie Rogers and daughter Miss Ollie visited Mrs. Dean Popham Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Childers were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Reed at Stith Saturday.

Mrs. Bettie Chancey and Miss Frankey Chancey were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Miss Martha Bird who is attending the Normal at Abilene spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents.

Mrs. John Daniels has been sick but we are glad to report that she is better at this writing.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy

Every family without exception should keep this preparation at hand during the hot weather of the summer months. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is worth many times its cost when needed and is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over. It has no superior for the purpose for which it is intended. Buy it now. For sale by all dealers.

Inkum Items.

June 23—Mr. Willis, salesmanager for the Texas Nursery, was in our midst the latter part of the week taking orders for trees.

There was a picnic on Elm Creek south of Inkum, Saturday. It was pronounced an enjoyable occasion for those present.

Prof. Smith, superintendent for the Taylor county schools, addressed our people on "The Consolidation of Rural Schools" Saturday. The general condition of the schools at Bethel, Elm Grove and Knight were the special subjects for illustration.

Mr. Holliday of Potosi was one of the speakers of the day Saturday. His subject was "Art of War."

Mr. Bloodworth of Abilene preached at Elm Grove Saturday.

Frank Wilson was in from Abilene visiting home folks Saturday.

Millard King of Tye was transacting business in this section of the country Saturday.

Mr. Tibb of Abilene a student of Draughtons Business College was visiting in this section Sunday.

Miss Ima Fuqua and brother Horace spent the week with friends at Tye.

Miss Lula Cogburn of Nubia visited Miss Artie Atkins Sunday.

Frank Whisenhunt and wife visited the latter's parents Friday.

Key Wilson made a business trip to the Shep country Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin of View visited J. A. Wills and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jet Riney of the Canyon were visiting relatives in this section of the country Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brookerson of Buffalo Gap spent Saturday with their daughter Mrs. O. H. Wilson.

Salt Branch News.

June 23—There were good crowds out at both Sunday school and singing here Sunday.

Misses Annie and Lula Higgins were the guests of Miss Ada Taylor Sunday.

A few of the Merkel people attended singing at this place Sunday afternoon.

Ellis Petty and family were the guests of S. W. Taylor and family Sunday.

Mrs. Sallie Greenway and children of Hamlin have been visiting her sister Mrs. Will Hays.

W. B. Robertson's sister from Knox county is here visiting him.

Miss Ida Taylor was the guest of Misses Cora and Alma Hays Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Porter Petty and sister visited the former's daughter Mrs. Hattie Hardy Monday.

Grandma Barker who has been sick for some time is reported to be no better at this writing.

Mrs. Will Higgins was shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Route Three Items.

June 24—Most of the farmers are busy chopping their cotton over the second time.

Rev. Sibley filled his regular appointment at Castle Peak Sunday.

The health of our community is good.

Frank Whisenhunt and family attended the picnic near Buffalo Gap Saturday.

Jim Toombs and Walter Hathaway were transacting business in Merkel Saturday.

Hoyt Horton has treated himself to a new buggy.

W. P. Moore was in Merkel Saturday on business.

Miss Mell Davis and sister Vio and Miss Dedie Fitzgerald were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Miss Pearl Baccus and sister Mrs. Lillie Hathaway were in Merkel Saturday.

We are sorry to report that Lee Dulin has had a severe attack of pneumonia.

Guy Sullivan and wife were in Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. Baccus and little son were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Miss Eula Campbell spent Saturday with her sister Mrs. Lola Patterson north of Merkel.

Misses Mae, Daisy and Rosetta Rister were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Misses Lula and Beulah Reidenbauch were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Trent Items.

June 23—J. A. Elliott of Arlington passed through here Friday enroute to his ranch southwest of town.

Miss Faulk of Arlington came in Thursday to visit her aunt Mrs. E. D. Massey.

Wess Allen ranchman of Colorado came in Thursday to look after his cattle south of Trent.

Mrs. L. W. Rose and children left Sunday for Abilene to spend a few days with her parents.

Slim Banner is working for Uncle Sam while John Howell is prospecting in south Texas.

T. S. Coffee, banker of Loraine, was changing words with Trent people Thursday.

J. F. Bonner made a business trip to Roscoe last Saturday.

C. T. Beckham had business in Roscoe Thursday.

J. S. McCollum of Newman was in town Saturday and says crops are looking good in his part of Fisher county.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith of Merkel spent Sunday with their daughter Mrs. Cal Hamner.

John Childress, our R. R. agent, has the best garden in Trent. If you want vegetables of any kind just swing a tin pail on your arm and drop a few shekels in your pocket and go to his garden he will fill the pail (and get the shekels before you leave).

J. L. Banner our commissioner was in town Saturday.

Mrs. Childress who has been here visiting her son J. C. Childress for the past few days has returned to her home at Roscoe.

Several couples of our young people attended the singing at Eskota Sunday night, they all report the singing a success.

J. A. Brown and W. H. Craddock are the champion fishermen of this place, if they don't spend one night in every week on the banks of the Clear Fork it is because they can't get there.

Don't forget to come to Trent Saturday and bring your coupons. This will be a big day and as every dog has his day it may be yours.

Stomach Troubles

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

Blair Items.

June 23—Rev. Williams filled his regular appointment at Center Point at eleven o'clock Sunday. The Blair Sunday school was well attended in the afternoon.

The interest in the protracted meeting here that is being conducted by Rev. Young is growing in enthusiasm with each service.

W. A. Hall is on the sick list but reported better at this writing.

Grandma Powell and son Mart Powell visited Mrs. Eliza Campbell Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Goens spent Sunday with Mrs. Addison of this place.

R. J. Hannah and family and H. H. Tittle and family were guests of J. H. Campbell Sunday.

The Blair school board, E. B. Rains, J. W. Mayfield and J. H. Campbell made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

Misses Odie and Mamie Graves, Messrs Oscar Warren and Jasper Tucker were visiting Miss Mattie Campbell Sunday evening.

James Doan had the misfortune of sticking a large nail in his foot last week, but was doing well at the last account.

J. M. Provine and family came over Sunday to eat roasting ears with Sam Provine. The corn-on was fresh out of the patch from Mr. Sam's field.

There is some hustling out this way among our farmers who want to go as delegates to the Farmers Institute at College Station. We hope there will be a good representation from the Merkel country.

For Weakness and Loss of Appetite
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and sure Appetizer. For adults and children, 50c.

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Still Admired the Ring.

A few days ago Maud, who was a little jealous of Ethel, said: "When you broke your engagement with Jack, of course you returned the diamond ring he gave you?" Ethel answered promptly. "No, and I don't intend to, either. I don't care for Jack any more, but my feelings haven't changed toward the ring."—National Monthly.

The Only and Best Itch Medicine

Says Dr. W. V. Brockingham of Kingstree, S. C. He writes "Please send me by mail at once one dozen Hunt's Cure, the only and best itch medicine to be found in the U. S." 50c per box, and money promptly refunded if it fails in itch, eczema, ringworm, tetter, etc. All druggists. Manufactured by A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Candor and Manners.

Pitt was once canvassing for himself, when he came to a blacksmith's shop. "Sir," said he to the blacksmith, "will you favor me with your vote?" "Mr. Pitt," said the son of Vulcan, "I admire your head, but hang your heart." "Mr. Blacksmith," said Pitt, "I admire your candor, but hang your manners."

Can't Keep Secret

The splendid work of Chamberlain's Tablets is daily becoming more widely known. No such grand remedy for stomach and liver troubles has ever been known. For sale by all dealers.

Doing Good.

We are to relieve the distressed, put the wanderer into his way, and to divide our bread with the hungry, which is but the way of doing good to ourselves; for we are only several members of one great body.—Seneca.

Sine Qua Non.

Sonny—"Aw, pop, I don't wanter study arithmetic." Pop—"What! A son of mine grow up and not be able to figure up baseball scores and batting averages? Never!"

Feline Wisdom.

"If a man could only fall like a cat and land on his feet every time, this world would be a happier place." "No doubt; but if a man wouldn't take so many more chances than a cat does he wouldn't fall so often."

Shake off Your Rheumatism

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism. Try a 25c bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and see how quickly your rheumatic pains disappear. Sold by all dealers.

Coal Consumption.

The coal consumption of the world has just about doubled every ten years for the last century.

Matter Easily Settled.

Butler—"Quick! Quick! Your wife, sir, is climbing out of the window to elope with your chauffeur, sir." Master—"Humph! Ask them, as they pass the newspaper office, to insert an 'ad' for a new chauffeur."

Why He Did It.

"So your oldest boy has joined the glee club?" "Yes." "What caused him to take that step?" "I don't know. But, judging by sound, I guess it must have been melancholia."