

FIRE TEAM SAVES INSURANCE MONEY

The purchase of the team and wagon for our fire department has caused some discussion as to the amount of saving in insurance for our people and the value of a paid driver. Mayor W. T. Potter wrote to the Insurance Commissioner and the following reply brings the information that there is a total saving of 10 cents on the \$100 insurance, an annual saving to policy holders of our little town of \$400 to \$500 and this saving will certainly justify the payment of a nominal sum to one of our firemen to sleep at the station. The fire boys are willing to do the work without pay but a paid fireman makes a further reduction and for this reason the matter will receive the attention of our council. This saving added to the reduction in our key rate as the result of our water-works system will give a good idea of the value of the system to our town.

The Letter.

August 15, 1913.

Hon. W. T. Potter, Mayor,
Merkel, Texas.

Dear Sir:

MERKEL KEY RATE.

We have been advised that your citizens are contemplating the purchase of a horse drawn hose wagon and should this piece of apparatus be installed, the present charge of 3c in your key rate for equipment not drawn by horses, will be removed provided hook and ladder is also drawn by horses, or 2c will be charged for no hook and ladder truck, securing a net reduction of 1c.

If at least one full paid fireman is employed to devote his entire time to the service and sleep at station, the present charge of 10c in Key Rate for department wholly volunteer, will be reduced to 3c, securing a further net reduction of 7c. If the horses are not used solely for the Fire Department and are used to sprinkle streets, city hauling, etc., the charge of 2c is applicable in the Key Rate.

Yours truly,

E. R. BARROW,
Chief Clerk.

Delayed Rain News.

Our reputation as a weather forecaster was saved last week by a very small margin to spare. We had predicted and promised for our readers a rain for the week and until just a few minutes before going to press Thursday afternoon there was no precipitation. At that crucial moment however a cloud about the size of our bank account came over the town from the southeast and traveled to the city limits and back again and there was a total downfall of pure wetness to the amount of one full half-inch, registered by our George Washington rain gauge. It was good what there was of it and next week we are going to get lots of it.

A Nice Present.

Mrs. Eula Coggin who recently visited her husband at El Paso was presented with a new Ford 4-passenger car and her present was driven home by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Coggin who visited here for a week or ten days. T. J. Coggin is at home this week and pleased to know that his wife has already learned how to "herd" her car sufficiently to keep it in between two fences on each side of the road, and we are confident with a bit more experience she is going to take the Mail editor out for a joy ride.

On Vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Leighty left yesterday for a trip to the north to spend their vacation. Mr. Leighty having been relieved of his duties as agent at this point by Mr. Moore for this purpose. We wish our agent and his lady a jolly good time and safe return to our town and his labors.

EXTENSION OF WATER MAINS

The proposition for the extension of our water mains into the other residential sections of our town is receiving some discussion and consideration at the hands of our mayor, aldermen and people.

It is wisely suggested and shown that the laying of about ten blocks more of mains will cover our town and give protection to practically all of our properties. This provides for the extension of a line from the Templeton boarding house east to the J. J. Stallings corner, a line from the southside Christian church three or four blocks south, a line on Elm street west to the G. M. and J. P. Sharp corner and the extension of the Oak street main line one block south.

With these additional mains our town would be well protected and the people in these sections are certainly entitled to the reduction in their insurance, the protection and the benefit of water privileges and to be sure those who are already enjoying these advantages will raise no objection to the proposition. It is sure that this amount of work at this time will require some special arrangement as to the finances but that will be easy and is not a sufficient objection why we should continue this needless risk of property.

Our local laborers and plumbers are competent to do the work and need the labor and our city marshal is amply qualified to superintend the construction and see that it is done in accordance with the original plans for our water-works system. There is no valid reason why we should not make this improvement at this time and it is the desire of our mayor and council to do the wishes of our people to the best advantage of all. If you are in a section to be benefitted by the extension of the mains speak to your aldermen and if you are already in the protected limits be liberal enough to tell your aldermen that you want your friends and neighbors farther out to enjoy the same advantages, benefits and protection.

This extension and some special effort for new water customers will almost perfect our system and put it on a paying basis.

Moves to Venus.

Mrs. C. L. Barker and family left Wednesday morning for Venus where they will join their husband and father C. L. Barker who has accepted a position with a bank. C. L. Barker came to Merkel from Venus and is returning to his old home and first love. He has made many warm and staunch friends in our town and country whose best wishes go with him and the Mail realizes that we have lost from our town one of our best friends and customers and promises to visit him each week to keep them posted as to our town and country.

Homer Easterwood Sick.

A message to J. A. Woodard Monday brought the information that Homer I. Easterwood, our former business manager was seriously ill at Dallas with typhoid fever. Mr. Woodard in company with Dr. J. A. Adkisson left on the first train for Dallas and returned Wednesday morning with the patient who was removed to the country home of his mother. Homer is reported very sick but here is hoping that he will pull through the siege alright and soon be well again.

Moved to Meridian.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. King and son Ewing left last week for Meridian where they will make their future home. Mr. King came to Merkel from Leonard and has been engaged in the real estate business here during his residence and goes to Meridian to continue in his chosen work. We regret to lose this good family, commend them to their new neighbors and wish them success and happiness in abundance.

Trade Day Success.

The Eskota Trade Day enterprise closed Saturday and there was awarded to their friends and customers a total of \$75 worth of valuable premiums. Dr. J. H. Warnick in conversation with our reporter stated that the results were more than expected and that all concerned were well pleased.

New Awning.

Contractor Dyess informed our reporter that he would begin work Monday morning to remove the old style awning from the Neely building and replace it with a new modern awning.

UNC. BILL BOOSTS BUT DENIES HOME

It is fortifying to the patriotic soul of every citizen of our town and country to learn that one of us, denies us. There has nothing since the time of Esau happened just like it and our good citizen who is guilty of denying his own home is none other than one of the pioneers, Uncle Bill Russell.

The following is taken from the columns of the Live Stock Reporter and we publish the article to notify the world that the party interviewed is a native of Merkel, acclimated and located for life and was never in Abilene but once in his life and that time was before they organized this town.

Dry Out West.

That fairly good conditions prevail out in Taylor county this year, despite very dry weather, was the information given out by W. W. Russell, a prominent stockman of Abilene, who was on Wednesday's market with a consignment of cattle.

Mr. Russell declared that a little more moisture each year was all that needed to make that section one of the best in the state. He said that the soil was very fertile and that maize, kafir corn and other feed crops could be produced in profusion under ordinary conditions.

"That would mean more hogs," he said. "We have quite a number of hogs out there—I raise quite a few myself. But when we begin raising bigger feed crops, which will certainly come when rain is more plentiful—and that time is sure to come—we will raise plenty of hogs. And there is some interest in silos out our way. Some will be built within the next few months."

Boy Scouts Hike.

The Merkel Boy Scouts made a hike last Wednesday afternoon from town out to Blowout mountain where they spent one night and a day. At Blair they were treated to a pleasant surprise by Mrs. A. W. Hall who served them with delicious cream. The trip back home was made the next day and the boys were in charge of Scout master Simpson Christopher.

Our Fire Team Here.

All of the fire boys are happy and the people are well pleased with their investment in the team, wagon, harness and hangers bought of Abilene. Chief Frank Ferrier and Trusty Claud Comegys made a flying trip to Abilene on their motorcycle Tuesday afternoon and drove the team home that night. The horses will be cared for in McCauley livery stable until the fire station is ready for their reception.

New School Catalogue.

The Mail has just finished for the Merkel School Board their new catalogues for the 1913-1914 term. It is the desire of the board to get a book in the home of every friend and patron of the school and if you can not get a copy at the banks or stores leave word with Supt. B. D. Black and a copy will be mailed to your address.

Our Mistake.

In the advertisement of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank last week we made two very bad busts, one of which made it appear that we had cashed about \$7,000 worth of their good paper and appropriated the amount to our benefit. It was our mistake and we reproduce the ad with the corrections and beg the pardon of critical bankers for no other would notice the discrepancy.

Firemen Association.

The Northwest Texas Firemen's Association was in session this week at Sweetwater and the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department was well represented. Among those in attendance from Merkel were Mayor W. T. Potter, W. L. Burns, Forest Galther, George Woodrum, Otis Burns and Salty Pate. All of them report a good time.

Off to Market.

W. Parten left Sunday night for St. Louis where he will buy his fall stock of dry goods, clothing, etc. In his absence the business is in charge of Mr. Abe Rogers who will appreciate the visit of his friends.

Picture "Took".

H. F. Groene our enterprising photographer was in attendance upon the Firemen's convention at Sweetwater this week just to take their picture.

CITY HALL MADE INTO FIRE STATION

On Monday morning carpenters began work on the city hall remodeling it and arranging it for a fire station. The building has been raised two or three feet and the office of the city marshal removed to make room for the fire team and wagon. The building is to be extended about six or eight feet on the west side which will give ample room for the stalls and the wagon. The plan for the improvement could not be better and the special committee of Aldermen Adams and Williams and Fireman Cauthen are to be complimented. The contractors expect to have the station complete and ready for the team and fire fighting apparatus the latter part of this week and the fire boys are making arrangements to furnish a part of the upstairs in a room for the fire boys.

Rogers Dies at Knox City

KNOX CITY, August 19.—S. A. Rogers, a hotel keeper of this city, was found dead in his room this morning. Indications point to his having met death from the effects of carbolic acid.

Mr. Rogers was well known and liked by all the traveling public. He had been a citizen of this place for more than four years, as proprietor of the Hotel Rogers.

Mr. Rogers retired from the hotel business here yesterday.

Mrs. Rogers was away at the time and returning this morning, was the first to discover the body lying on the floor of his room, dead. Her screams summoned assistance.

The untimely death of Mr. Rogers came as a surprise to his friends.

DALLAS, Aug. 19.—The heroic efforts of a graduate nurse of Dallas saved the life of a man who was dying from the effects of bichloride of mercury at Lake Cliff Park Tuesday morning. Miss Hickey was in bathing with other young women when a man approached the edge of the swimming pool and shouted to them that he had taken mercury and was dying. Before the nurse could reach his side he reeled and fell heavily to the ground. Miss Hickey dragged the near-unconscious form of the dying man towards the bath house and there administered such simple antidotes as were handy.

A doctor was summoned and a call put in for an ambulance. Meanwhile the other young women were hysterical, but Miss Hickey continued bravely in her efforts to save the man from the threatening death.

Dr. Homer Donald arrived in a few minutes and between he and the nurse the man was saved from death. The Henninger-Brewer ambulance soon had the unconscious man in St. Paul's sanitarium where medical skill probably put him out of danger.

"I never saw such heroic work on the part of a woman," Charles A. Mangold said Tuesday. "The man weighed over two hundred pounds and the girl nearly naked him from the edge of the pool to the bath house."

Girl Shoots Herself at Beaumont

BEAUMONT, Aug. 20.—Pretending that she was going in search of her trunk key, Miss Susie Taylor of Brewton, Ala., today went into the bath room at the home of her uncle, whom she was visiting, and discharged a shotgun into her breast. She died instantly. The reason for her act is unknown.

Merkel School Rally.

Supt. B. D. Black and the school board is arranging for a big school rally to be held at the tabernacle Friday night, Sept. 5th. At this early date paste the notice in your hat and be present.

Comegys Breaks Leg.

On the trip to Abilene Tuesday afternoon after the fire team and wagon Claud Comegys suffered a broken leg in a fall from his motorcycle and will be confined to his bed for some time.

Fort Worth—The local chamber of commerce has just received ten thousand post cards, containing a facsimile of the chamber of commerce building, which is being erected in this city at a cost of \$75,000. The postals will be sent broadcast over the country.

We call your attention to the above statement and solicit your account. We are able and willing to take care of our customers and have always done so. **THE ONLY GUARANTY FUND BANK IN MERKEL**

J. S. SWANN, PRES. JNO. SEARS, VICE-PRES. R. O. ANDERSON, CASHIER B. C. MOORE, ASST. CASHIER

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CONDITION
THE FARMERS STATE BANK
MERKEL, TEXAS
AUGUST 9TH, 1913

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans.....\$118,244.05	Capital Stock.....\$15,000.00
Interest Guaranty Fund... 500.00	Surplus and Profits..... 367.91
Banking House..... 9,500.00	Increase of Capital Stock... 20,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures... 4,500.00	Bills Payable..... 13,000.00
Real Estate..... 2,419.00	Dividend unpaid..... 5.00
Stocks and Bonds..... 600.00	Deposits..... 123,098.72
Cash and Exchange..... 35,708.58	
Total.....\$171,471.63	Total.....\$171,471.63

The above statement is correct.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

DIRECTORS

John Sears M. Armstrong Jim Swann B. C. Moore R. O. Anderson

ALL HOME FOLKS

Hamblet & Rogers.

Don't forget Hamblet & Rogers when you have the cash this fall and winter. We have furnished the farmers for the past 7 years through cold, hot, dry, sand storms and would like to see the time when we could supply you through a wet time. If you don't know that we have fed three fourths of the farmers in the Merkel Country ask your neighbors if this is not true. We are going to meet all cut prices. Come to see us before you buy your groceries. Good Kansas flour (that is good as any Texas flour you can buy anywhere) for \$1.30 per sack. Try a sack.

Yours respectfully,

Hamblet & Rogers.

Business Change

A deal was made this week in which the stock and interest of J. O. and Seth Hamilton in the dry goods store was sold to Dr. J. H. Warnick and these parties will retire from business. The senior Hamilton was one of our pioneer merchants, coming here in 1891 and built one of our first buildings, a building on Front street. Dr. J. H. Warnick has been interested in this business since the organization and will continue the business along the same progressive lines which characterizes his other business ventures.

Pawns Cloths For License

Frank Young, twenty two years old, a member of Company A, Oklahoma National Guard, Sunday pawned every stitch of clothing he had save a khaki uniform, to secure \$3 for a marriage license to wed Miss Rosa Thomas, aged 18, with whom he fell in love after a courtship of one day.

The soldier met Miss Thomas in Tulsa Saturday and immediately became enamored to her. He gained the consent of her mother. Then Young remembered he had no money and went to a pawn shop and sold his clothes.

Young's mother owns a big cattle ranch near Bald Hill, Okla., and is said to be very wealthy. —Abilene Reporter.

Private Weighers Not Barred

Private Weigher G. R. Gazzaway this week gave us a notice of the opinion of our attorney general to the effect that private weighers are not barred where there are regularly elected public weighers. The opinion was the result of an application from a county attorney and was rendered the 23rd. of July.

Mrs. Willie Davis and daughter of Abilene were visiting the family of T. B. Garoutte this week.

Notice.

I am unloading a fresh car of Boquet flour, I have just sold one car of Light Crust flour and I find that my trade had rather have the Boquet flour at the same price, but listen I can sell the Boquet at \$2 85 per hundred and I will guarantee it to be as good flour as you can buy and I don't care what you pay for it, so try a sack of the Boquet and you won't buy anything else.

Walter Clark.

W. F. Derrick returned this week to his home in Collin county after a visit to his son Claud Derrick, of the Noodle community and a prospecting trip. Mr. Derrick stated that this country looked quite different from the time of his former visit 38 years ago and that he thought he would make some investment in our land this season.

Miss Mary Reid, of Hillsboro, came in Sunday from an extended visit to Mexico, to visit Mrs. Emory McDonald.

The Kodak Way

Pictures taken in the home atmosphere and home surroundings have a quality and charm their own. The Kodak enables you to take just such pictures of your family and friends, indoors or out. Take a Kodak with you. Kodaks for rent and films for sale at Rust & McCadley Drug Co.

The contractor is this week engaged in moving the Anchor Hardware Company buildings and the company is ready to do business in their handsome new home.

Miss Winnie Warren will entertain the B. Y. P. U. at her home with a lawn party Friday evening. Each member is requested to bring one person outside B. Y. P. U.

Messrs. W. H. Laney, A. B. Walters, Emmett Counts and C. D. Mims were in Abilene Monday attending to business matters.

Miss Ruth Wheeler returned Monday from a short visit to friends at Sweetwater.

Our Carriages Are Models



of grace and beauty. They show unmistakably that they are no common just made to sell vehicles. They are the latest as to style too. To see them is to admire them, but you won't fully appreciate their worth until you have had one in service. For they are as easy riding as handsome, as dorable as they are graceful.

THE PROSPECTIVE BRIDEGROOM

will be wise to see that the kitchen of his new home is abundantly supplied with utensils of all kinds. It will mean good meals and good temper. Wise housekeepers always come here for their kitchen utensils and household hardware. Why? Well stop in and we will show you the reason in half a minute.



CROWN HARDWARE CO.

J. T. WARREN, President

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

NO. 7481



CAPITAL & SURPLUS OVER \$50,000.00

The policy of this Bank has been established through years of successful business. Through all the varying vicissitudes of recent years our business has been characterized by steady service to our patrons.

WE INVITE YOUR ACCOUNT

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren G. F. West Ed S. Hughes
C. P. Warren Henry James Ben T. Merritt Thos. Johnson

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Aug. 23, 1913.

Goens, Roland
Hamilton, Mrs. John
Moore, L. C.
Perkins, E. W.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Sept. 6, 1913.
H. W. Derstine, P.M.

The Twentieth Century Club has placed an order with the Mail for their year books and we are grateful and will do our best.

Mr. and Mrs. Burri Wheeler came up Sunday from Abilene and spent the day with home-folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwards of Midland are here visiting the families of Wesley Edwards and G. M. Sharp.

Miss Ina Wheeler returned Monday from an extended visit to her sister Mrs. W. L. Johnson at El Paso.

Mrs. R. A. Martin and Mrs. W. Parten went to Sweetwater Sunday to visit Mrs. W. C. Calvert and family.

G. E. Comegys left Sunday for Dallas where he will spend a few days purchasing goods for the Star Store.

Misses Jennie and Marie Keny returned home this week from a short visit with their brother, Steve Keny, at Crowell.

Miss Beulah Copeland returned to her home after a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jno Eoff.

Read The Guarantee!

WE GUARANTEE ABSOLUTE SATISFACTION.—Simply return to us any unsatisfactory purchase or report to us within ten days' time and we will adjust it satisfactory with you or give your money back.

QUALITY FIRST -- THEN THE PRICE

It seems unnecessary to say anything about the price on our goods (all marked in plain figures) but there are so many shoddy, worthless goods offered for sale now-a-days that we feel compelled to ask our customers to always consider the quality of an article when comparing our prices with those of other firms, and to remember that we refuse absolutely to handle any but the best grade of home furnishings possible for the price. Don't believe we are under sold just because other firms sometime make low prices on certain articles. It looks bad just at first, we will admit, but just be honest with yourself and with us—bring in your catalogue or article purchased and compare them with what we have or can get for you. Nine times out of ten upon investigation it is found to be merchandise of inferior goods.

We guarantee absolute satisfaction.

"MACK"

Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co. FURNITURE AND Undertaking

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Special attention given to your prescriptions. Grimes.

Judge W. T. Potter was attending to legal matters in Abilene the first of the week.

Bring us your fat hen and friers. Kent Street Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brown left Monday on a north-eastern trip in their car.

Plenty of oats, shorts and chops at the Kent Street Grocery.

Misses Eva and Lillian Welch of Abilene are here visiting their aunt Mrs. J. B. Ferrier.

We have a complete line of Colgate's toilet articles, at Grimes.

John Spaulding of Abilene was transacting business matters in our city the first of the week.

Miss Winnie Warren went to Abilene Tuesday to visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. John Phillips, of Westbrook came in Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. H. C. Burroughs.

What we want is more business. Call and see us. The Elite.

Mrs. J. M. C. King and son John left last week for McKinney where they will spend a few days visiting relatives.

Just a few more of those Guaranteed money back hot water bottles left for exchange, at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Miss Virginia Hamblet came home Monday from Abilene where she joined a fishing party and spent last week on the river.

Misses May Dell Birdwell of Big Springs and Esthel Bloxton of Dallas stopped off here Sunday to visit Miss Genevieve Rust.

Have your physician to phone us your prescriptions where they are filled accurately, and delivered immediately Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Misses Bessie and Louise Powell of Abilene came in Friday afternoon to spend a few days with their cousin Mrs. Will Meeks and other relatives.

C. A. Bickley has returned to his home in Hunt county after looking over his farms in the Merkel country and buying another good body of land. He says that he knows that this country is coming back and now is the time to plant investments here.

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

This is the school book and supply store for Merkel and the Merkel country. We have the **School Book Agency** and can make the **Exchanges** with you for your used Books. **All books strictly cash.**

TABLETS, PENCILS, ETC.

We wish for you to know that we are prepared to fit your boy or girl for school and will give you more for your money.

Rust and McCauley Drug Company

JNO. W. WHEATLEY, Manager

Cotton sacking, at Parten's Mrs. J. C. Jones of Navada, Texas is visiting Mrs. G. J. Jones.

All lawns plain and figured have been greatly reduced at Hogue-Hamilton Co.

W. D. Woodroof & Company have moved to the West building and are at work making the necessary changes for their business

Mail a copy of the school catalogue to your friend who may be interested in our school for the coming term.

Rev. A. L. Jobe returned home last Tuesday afternoon from an extended trip through East Texas where he has been conducting revival services.

Call and see our new pants received this week and the prices are right. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Miss Eleanor Daniel who has been visiting friends in Hamlin for the past few days returned home Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Maud Mavity of El Paso who has been here for the past few days visiting Mrs. J. B. Shannon and other friends returned to her home Monday afternoon.

Walter Duckett of Snyder came in Saturday to spend a few days in our city visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Duckett.

The new fire horses, "Damon" and "Pythias" with just their good looks, intelligence and the record of faithfulness have already won the friendship of every fire boy, man, woman and child in our town and here is hoping that good treatment will make them live another long life of usefulness.

Cotton sacking, at Parten's Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller who have been here for the past few days visiting the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garret left Monday for Floydada.

Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company have moved to the Neely building and Mack is very busy arranging his goods and displays in the new home.

Call and price our ladies and childrens slippers. They are going cheap for cash; we dont care to carry any over. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Sterling P. Miller, of Dallas, came in Sunday to join his wife who is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel. They will spend their vacation here visiting the families of W. H. Dickson and J. W. Daniel.

Joe Eddings and V. B. Latham dealers in the White face Blue Ribbon Winner Herfords, of Eden were here the first of the week prospecting and looking over the Largent Herford farm. They report prospects in their community very good but think the Merkel country has just as good a Herford farm in it as any place on the map.

THIS COUPON

Good for 1000 Votes for Miss _____

Our Popular Voting Contest.

No. 3-A Eastman Kodak Worth \$20.00

Will be given away absolutely free Nov. 15th., 1913.

SAVE YOUR COUPONS

Drugs at Grimes.

You can always find something good to eat at the Cash Grocery.

Mrs. G. E. Godfrey and mother Mrs. W. S. Wallace of Eskota were in our city Wednesday.

Your trade is appreciated and you get our best services at Grimes.

Mrs. Twyman Collins is this week visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Leamon in Trent.

Increase the value of your cotton by spending the money at the Cash Grocery.

W. H. Kendrick and Luther Woodroof were attending to business matters in Abilene Wednesday.

Vinol for weak and run-down people. \$1.00 per bottle at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. Rosie Chancy and children left Wednesday for Sweetwater where they will visit relatives and friends for a few days.

Cold drinks and cigars at Grimes.

John West went to Sweetwater Wednesday afternoon to meet his sister Miss Zora who has been in Plainview for past few weeks visiting Miss Murtice Saffle.

Buy your groceries from the firm that buys your cotton. Hamblet & Rogers.

S. E. Adecock who was operated upon at the Hollis sanitarium was brought home yesterday afternoon by Dr. L. W. Hollis Sr. Mr. Adecock says that anyone suffering only from dry weather or short crops should be happy for it could very easily be much worse.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Druggist Sundries at Grimes.

Eat Pure Food Bakery bread. Call and see our new line of gingham just received. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Give us your next month's grocery bill and let us help you save money. Cash Grocery.

Banker L. E. Adrain, of Trent, was here Monday shaking hands and attending to business matters.

Spend your cash with the firm that will let you have goods without the cash. Hamblet & Rogers.

Mesdames M. E. Miller and Fannie Taylor who have been here for the past few days visiting relatives and friends left Wednesday for Sweetwater to spend a few days visiting before returning to their homes at Plainview.

If you cant get it anywhere else just come around to Rust & McCauley Drug Co. We have it.

A. W. Cook was in from the Dora community this week and made his annual contribution to our subscription box and told us to keep the Semi-Weekly News coming too, all in spite of the dry weather.

Don't fail to call for your coupons on our chinaware for all cash purchases. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Harris of Abilene were visitors to our little town one day this week guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Adams. "Uncle Dave" Harris has always liked Merkel and we appreciate his visit.

Call and see what we have for 50 cents in dress shirts. We want to close them out; they are bargains. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Misses Nell and Lucy Tracy and Maurine Angus returned home Sunday after a few days visit to Sweetwater.

Dr. J. M. Green came in Saturday from Port Lavaca. Dr. Green will be here about a month in the office of Dr. McMaster, Dr. McMaster going to Port Lavaca to take charge of Dr. Green's office.

H. C. Burroughs Jr. left Sunday night for Dallas. While there Mr. Burroughs will purchase a new and up to date soda fountain for the Burroughs store here. This addition to the Burroughs drug store will make one of the prettiest in this section of the country.

The Merkel Mail

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THE SILO AND ITS ADVANTAGES.

(W. H. WRIGHT, Staff Cor.)

The great Rock Island special silo train operating over 4,000 miles of railway and consuming some six weeks in demonstrating various designs of silos and diffusing information relative to how to construct them, how to utilize them and what to put in them. This train is being operated at a great expense to the Rock Island railroad, but it will be the means of stimulating interest in the movement for construction of resources of the farm.

The special silo train stopped at Amarillo Wednesday evening, August 13, and the train, consisting of two tourist cars and six flats loaded with silos of various makes, with feed choppers and samples of silo factories, was the gathering point for hundreds of farmers and stockmen from a radius of many miles. Among those who were present to witness the demonstration and to listen to the interesting and instructive treatment of the subject by silo experts was myself. I shall attempt in the limited space at my command to give the gist of the information learned, and in subsequent articles to appear at later dates amplify the instruction received.

The train stopped at the Rock Island station, on Polk Street. Immediately upon the engine being detached Mr. B. C. Roame, a farmer of the Dallas country, employed specially for the trip, himself an expert in the silo business, stepped upon the flat car next to the tourist car and for about thirty minutes treated the silo question in all of its ramifications.

Among the more important ideas advanced Mr. Roame stressed the importance of having silos perpendicular. When he constructed his first silo he made the mistake in not adhering to this rule, as many farmers are not doing now and in consequence laid his loss to the silo and not to his lack of information. When silos are not so constructed feed placed therein through the process of settling forms air pockets, which cause the ensilage to mould and become practically worthless. In connection therewith it was his experience that all silage should be evenly distributed and where possible heaped when left, in the center. In the settling process the silage will even up and push out all air pockets from the side.

Comparing the silo to the fruit jar, to which it bears all characteristics, he stated that the silo was sealed in the same manner. When the silage has been placed in the silo, some old hay should be wetted so that water drips from it and a coat of this to the depth of six inches should be placed over the contents. Within 48 hours fermentation or combustion sets up in the silage and it becomes as warm as a fire. This causes a steam to go up and desiccates the wet straw and in a short time the straw forms a perfect seal over the ensilage, hermetically sealing the contents. If the ensilage was not evenly pressed in the silo, it forms an air pocket, and this will be shown when ensilage is removed by its mouldy condition.

Mr. Roame stated that he used silage with cotton seed to good effect, finding a balanced ration of this mixture much better than cottonseed alone. He declared that a farm without a silo was like a ship without a rudder. With a silo any farmer could in the spring of the year upon appearance of his green crop burning up, cut down such green stuff and put it in his silo, and have feed for many months.

Walter Spradley, a prosperous farmer of Collins county, Texas, "abducted" by the Rock Island lines for this train, was the next speaker. He stated he came from the black land country. He had been using a silo years and had made his fortune from utilizing them. He stated that on one occasion he had some 80 acres in corn that was in full bloom. Rain was needed immediately if the corn was to produce. It did not come. Seeing his waving field of corn standing ready to take the brunt of the sun and desiccate, he cut down the entire field and cut the stalks and placed them in his silo. While the other farmers were ridiculing him, he was prospering and feeding his stock all the summer and winter, and his stock was growing fat. Anything that is in succulent shape when a drouth comes can thereby be conserved by sealing it in a silo as the industrious house wife seals her fruit jars in fruit season. It is not the idea, he said, "to can green stuff, but succulent stuff, which would be ready for use any time."

There is no limit to the length of taken from a silo in Kansas six years after confined there, was as good as

that taken from a silo where it has been placed only a few months previously. The idea, as he stressed it, was to see that the feed placed therein was evenly distributed and pressed to avoid air pocketing. When said was at a great distance from a farm it was best to use a wooden silo. The statement made to the effect that concrete silos crack and dissolve under the firey heat caused by fermentation was refuted by Mr. Spradley's citing the experiences of silo owners with this sort of type.

The next speaker on the occasion was H. M. Cottrell, agricultural commissioner of the Rock Island lines. Mr. Cottrell has been in this business of demonstrating so long that he is like a big Indian sponge that is full of water, with the exception that it is not water but silo brains. For nearly an hour this expert told of experiences of farmers with the silo in all of the states through which the Rock Island lines operate. He is authority for the statement that the farmers in eastern Colorado are this year "siloining" Russian Thistle, until recently considered by farmers as a menace and devastator of agriculture. Troubled with this noxious tumbler the Colorado farmer believed Providence provided it for some specific purpose. Some of them tested it and used it as a constituent with regular feed. It has been found to be of the greatest worth, and many of the silos in that state contain only Russian Thistle "siloid," mixed in with other feed.

At this point Mr. Cottrell opened himself to question. And he waited but a short time. One farmer quizzed him relative to the feeding of mouldy ensilage to horses, and received the reply that it was excellent feed for cows but sure death to horses, citing the case of a boy who fed a bunch of Percheron horses with it and saw every one of them die. He cautioned the audience against the feeding of horses with any silage that seemed the least mouldy. Ensilage is not recommended for hogs for fattening purposes, but is a good feed for wintering them on. Many other questions were asked and answered.

C. C. French of Fort Worth was the next man to take the stand. He gave his experience which was similar to that of any other man who has operated a silo any length of time. He recommended it highly to every farmer, especially those who have to endure the trying times of the Panhandle and West Texas.

Literature on the silo issued by the agricultural commission of the Rock Island lines and by the A. and M. College of Kansas was distributed to every man, woman and child who was present. Then all hands were pided to witness the demonstration of the feed chopper and inspect the many makes of silos.

The feed chopper performed its work well. From the big conveyor which is arranged above the silo issued a stream of cut feed entering the silo. The machine was exhibited thoroughly and the prices quoted on various makes. Then every known type of silo was explained by the courteous demonstration agents. The pit silo came in for much inspection. The farmer was told how it might be built at little cost and its specific and peculiar features. There was the wooden "can" that was equipped modernly with every contrivance, including a "fire escape" unloader from top to bottom, under which a wagon might stand and receive its load without any of the contents spilling on the ground. The "water bucket" make was there. In short, every kind of silo known in the country was on the cars and every one of them came in for consideration and attention.

When the demonstrators were asked by The Reporter correspondent what type of silo was best, they answered without hesitation that there was no difference, for, said they, they all answer the purpose for which used. The idea of the silo is "air tightness." Put feed in anything and seal it up and you have a silo. A farmer need not, they said, order a silo. He can make one easily with sand and cement, or he can order one from any factory. Most of the concrete silos shown on the demonstration train were of reinforced concrete, which saves them from cracking and expanding.

Other articles on the silo will appear from time to time. The silo as the writer sees it is the greatest invention that has ever been given to the farm world and especially to West Texas, and it is a mystery to me why the Abilene section has so long remained inactive in its adoption.

EAGLE PASS, Aug. 20.—The first official communication from Governor Carranza relative to the fighting about the city of Torreon, arrived by a courier today.

The message was dated August 8th, and says that in the rebel attack on Torreon two hundred Constitutionalists and five hundred federals were killed.

General Cheche Campos, who was suspected of a plot to desert the federals, escaped and offered Carranza his services, but Carranza had Campos

All lawns plain and figured have been greatly reduced at Hogue-Hamilton Co.

EL PASO, Aug. 19.—S. T. Reynolds arrived in El Paso yesterday in advance of W. O. L. Westgard, who is making a transcontinental ocean trip in a Pathfinder "40" under the auspices of the American Automobile Association and Good Road Department of the United States Government. Mr. Reynolds has an operator accompanying the car taking pictures en route for the government in hopes of the Southern transcontinental trip becoming the recognized ocean to ocean route to be known as the Lincoln Highway.

The Pathfinder "40" is the same car that has already crossed the continent four times by northern routes and left Los Angeles Aug. 9 by way of San Diego, Imperial Valley, Yuma, Globe, Tucson, Bisbee, Douglas, Lordsburg, and Deming to El Paso.

Mr. Westgard will reach El Paso about Friday next, proceeding from here by way of Fort Worth, Dallas, Little Rock, Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville, Bristol, Washington, Philadelphia and New York City.

Westgard is reported in Globe today, returning to Phoenix over the Globe-Roosevelt road. He will come back to Lordsburg from Phoenix by train and from Lordsburg into El Paso in his car.

F. E. Keith, president of the State Auto Association, was in El Paso over Sunday, expecting to meet W. O. L. Westgard. Not being able to meet him Mr. Keith returned to Dallas. While here he called on J. J. Logwell relative to the route, and Mr. Westgard's trip.

AUSTIN, Aug. 20.—Disguised as a woman, Lee Johnson, the negro who killed Dr. Augustus Maverick of San Antonio, and wounded Linda Cutler, a servant in Maverick's home Monday killed Dr. Augustus Maverick of San Antonio last night and brought to the jail here to escape mob violence.

Dr. Augustus Maverick was shot and killed Monday night by a former negro employe, Lee Johnson, who, previous to shooting Dr. Maverick, had attacked and shot a German girl employed at the Maverick home. The negro was captured by Mounted Officer Duke Carver, and is in jail with a charge of murder against him.

The negro was infatuated with the German girl, and had been forcing his attentions upon her for some time. He returned to the house last night, and using a ladder entered the girl's room. A struggle ensued. The girl was shot twice and struck by the negro's first.

Dr. Maverick went to her rescue and was shot three times in the neck, dying as he fell across the threshold of his wife's room. The doctor's father, armed with a revolver, arrived on the scene just in time to interrupt the negro in an attempted assault on the eight year old daughter of Dr. Maverick. He fired, wounding the negro who then fled.

The police were notified and Officer Carver, on his way to the Maverick home, captured the negro. An effort will be made to give the negro a speedy trial, as considerable feeling has been aroused by the brutality of the crime.

DALLAS, Aug. 19.—Donald Shlig, manager of the Guaranty State Bank and Trust company building, fell four stories down the elevator shaft of that structure Tuesday morning. He sustained injuries which will probably cause his death.

Walter Johnson, elevator operator at the building is the only person who is able to relate any particulars regarding the accident. According to his statement he had been summoned to the fourth floor of the building by the elevator call bell. He had started to send his car upwards when the body of Donald Shlig fell upon the top of the elevator with a crash.

Thinking that the machinery was broken and that weights were falling on the car, Johnson opened the door and leaped out to the first floor. As he turned around he saw the body of Shlig slip from the roof of the elevator car and fall another story to the basement.

The larm was quickly given and Shlig in an unconscious condition was rushed to St. Paul's sanitarium. A great gash had been cut in the back of his head, fracturing his skull, his right arm was broken and his chest was crushed.

It is thought that Mr. Shlig, in a hurry to reach the ground floor of the building opened the door leading to the elevator shaft, looked down to see where the car was located and lost his balance.

MEXICO NOT DISCUSSED

Resolutions in Senate Demanding Information or Relative Situation Go Over Indefinitely

WASHINGTON, August 20.—A disposition to refrain from any discussion of Mexico affairs was evident in the Senate today.

The Penrose and Poindexter resolution, demanding information of the relative situation went over indefinitely.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., August 20.—A thousand Missouri citizens turned out today in response to Governor Major's appeal for 350,000 men to devote three days to improving the roads. The governor himself donned a pair of overalls and operated a grader.

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WASHINGTON, August 20.—While the United States will now await John Lind's report on his further negotiations with Huerta, there are evidences that this government will not recede from its original contention that it cannot recognize any regime unless a constitutional election is held. In the event that a final and absolute rejection of the American proposals by Huerta, the policy of non-interference by refusing to allow shipments of arms to either side with the withdrawal of all Americans from the trouble zone is likely to be adopted, although in some administration circles there is talk of drastic measures.

Bids For Treasurership.

Up to noon August 30, 1913 we will receive bids for the treasurership of the school funds of this district. Rate of interest based on daily balances subject to call according to the State law governing Independent School Districts. By order of the board July 28, 1913. Bids to be filed with the secretary. Respt.

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Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

Dental Notice.

This is to give notice that I will leave Monday, Aug. 11th, for Port Lavaca and will be absent from my office for thirty days. Dr. Green will be in my office during my absence.

Dr. O. F. McMaster.

Closing Notice.

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

For Auto Service see Birdsong Brothers.

Clara Moore and Eather Williams were visiting in Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Boyd were in Abilene Sunday visiting relatives and friends.

C. S. Smith returned home last week after a few days visit here.

B. M. Black and wife are visiting relatives in Winters.

Miss Susie Penn is in Abilene visiting friends.

Misses Grace Diltz and Willie Valentine were at Trent attending the Baptist meeting.

Miss Bernice Rainbolt is in Cisco visiting relatives.

W. L. Tally was in Abilene Monday attending to business.



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OUR buyer, Mr. Woodroof has just returned from the St. Louis and New York markets where he bought the largest fall stock of any year of our merchandising at Merkel. This heavy buying was the result of our realization of the demands upon us for the coming season. Our friends and customers will have bigger and better opportunities for their fall shopping than ever.

OUR NEW GOODS

Our purchases include new goods for every department of our store everything in the dry goods line, clothing, ladies' ready-to-wear and millinery. In the new goods the patterns and styles are more distinct than ever and we especially invite your inspection of our ready-to-wear. The new goods are arriving daily and we invite you to call and see them.

OUR NEW HOME

We have leased the West two-story building on Edwards street and the larger house will give us needed room for the display and arrangement of our increased stock. We will be in our new home by Saturday and ask that you call and see us.

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ONE PRICE—THE LOWEST

Sulzer Impeached

The Boston Transcript, conservative in all things, takes the following view of the impeachment of Governor Sulzer.

An official impeached is simply impeached. Impeachment is to political process what an indictment is to legal practice. Articles of impeachment "exhibited" by the popular house of a legislature to the senate, which, in the trial court, accuse the official impeached of high crime or misdemeanors or of specific unfitness for further continuance in the office which he fills. These considerations, which ought to be tolerably familiar, are forgotten by the many who are regarding Sulzer as guilty simply because he is impeached.

"Each state is practically the judge of the powers of impeachment which it confers on its legislature. In New York the scope of impeachment is very wide. An official need not even be suspected of high crime or misdemeanors to be impeached. He may be impeached if a majority of the legislature holds that he has proved himself unfit longer for his place, and majorities are ordinarily partisan. In New York also, the judges of the court of appeals, or a majority of them, sit with the senate as the court to try the articles of impeachment. Sulzer will appear before the court of impeachment with precisely the rights of any other official impeached, but the fact that he is Sulzer and that his accusers represent Tammany may cause him to be prejudiced unless the justices of the court of appeals should as a body cast their influence in his favor on finding that the testimony is much less condemnatory of his conduct when given by witnesses than when it is printed as part of the report of a committee bent on finding causes for his removal.

Sulzer is not a big man nor a broad man. Were he either, he would not have resorted to technicalities to avoid impeachment. Failure of impeachment will certainly react in his favor and against Tammany. If he is conscious of no unworthy actions, he should welcome a trial that will make him a figure of national interest. If he is acquitted he will have attained a prominence greater than that he has heretofore held. If he is convicted by partisanship he will not have been greater injured. If, however, it is shown to the satisfaction of two-thirds of the senators of New York state that he has been guilty of grave derelictions and the judges of the court of appeals acquiesce in this opinion, then Sulzer will have disappeared from public life and will be relegated to the obscurity from

which he rose to the astonishment of those familiar with his very limited powers and capabilities.

DALLAS, Aug. 19.—An announcement of more than passing importance to Dallas and Fort Worth was made today by George D. Hunter, general passenger agent of the Texas and Pacific. A new time card will go into effect on the Rio Grande division Aug. 31, when Texas and Pacific trains Nos. 1 and 2 between Fort Worth and Sweetwater will be restored. One of the greatest advantages afforded by this resumption of service is that it will make possible the operation of a through sleeper into San Angelo.

Trains Nos. 1 and 2 make direct connection at Sweetwater with the Santa Fe for the plains country, which service will enable people from that territory north of Sweetwater to reach Fort Worth and Dallas in the morning and spend the day for business or pleasure and return home at night.

The Texas and Pacific has just arranged with the officials of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient to adjust their schedules so as to provide an immediate connection at Sweetwater with T. and P. train No. 1, enabling passengers to reach San Angelo half a day quicker than at present.

The establishment of through sleeping car line to the San Angelo territory is a decided innovation in traffic between Dallas, Fort Worth and the West. Passengers from this city can make fast time by taking the San Angelo sleeper at Fort Worth, going straight through.

DALLAS, Texas, August 18.—That Congressman Jack Beall will be a candidate for governor of Texas and that he will formally announce for the office within a short time, was learned Monday morning, Hon. John W. Pope, returned from Austin, where he had been, among others, in the interest of Mr. Beall.

While in Austin Mr. Pope met many of the members of the legislature. He declares from expressions of members of the house everything is favorable for the Fifth district congressman.

"I merely felt around," declared Mr. Pope, "and I find that his friends are all over the state. They will formally announce in proper time. Of course, you well know something might arise to prevent him from making the race. But at this time he is a candidate. He is to speak at McKinney on Aug. 21 and will at that time speak with reference to state affairs. It will not, however, be altogether a speech in the interest of his candidacy."

NEW YORK LETTER

From Houston Chronicle.

The London Daily Mail says that Sir Oliver Lodge has some surprise in store for the British Association in his presidential address, which will be delivered on September 10.

Sir Oliver has already told the world that the boundary between the two states—the known and the unknown, life and death—is still substantial, but is wearing thin in places, and excavators are engaged in boring tunnels from opposite ends. We are beginning to hear now and again the strokes of the pickaxes of our comrades on the other side.

In a summary received from Sir Oliver of the argument of his forthcoming address, says the Daily Mail, curiosity is stirred by his protest against comprehensive negative-generalization and his insistence on a belief on the ultimate continuity of existence before and after death as essential to science.

This at least suggests that he has new evidence to offer and fresh tests to disclose, for all the evidence that has been proposed in the past by him and the little band of physical researchers yields no scientific proof of that larger life which is understood by "immortality." The vague scribbling and vacuous utterances of alleged "spooks" and the quaint jig-saw puzzle of cross correspondence are not such proof. The world must wait on tenterhooks for a whole month to discover the meaning of these mysterious intimations.

Sayre Plan Liked.

Mrs. Robert H. Sayre, mother of Francis B. Sayre, assistant district attorney of New York, who is engaged to marry Miss Jessie Wilson, daughter of President Wilson, appeared before the town board of Babylon, L. I., and asked that a tract of land between Great South Bay and the ocean be leased to her so that she can erect a home for women who are about to become mothers. The board members thought so well of the idea that they told Mrs. Sayre if she would make formal application before their next meeting on August 21, her proposal would in all probability, go through at that time.

Mrs. Sayre explained to the members of the board that she considered the land at Great South Beach one of the most beautiful spots on the coast. She intends to erect a handsome home there where mothers in poor financial circumstances, and whose health is

frail, may spend three or four months before the birth of their children. She said the home would serve to build up the delicate women so that their children would be born under as healthful conditions as possible.

"Facts for Serious Thought."

Flushing's best seller is called "Facts for Serious Thought," and it contains facts for the most serious thoughts by persons who owe the butcher, the baker, and the candlestick maker. Every person who wishes to know what his neighbor owes the market keeper has a standing order for his choice little volume on household economies.

Nearly every shop in Flushing does a credit business, and on the books of all of them are names of residents who do not pay their bills promptly. When an account becomes overdue the name of the customer is sent to the Flushing Business Men's Association and it is added to the list of those in the book that is now causing so much comment.

The volume is supposed to be for confidential circulation among the merchants, but it is feared that copies have found their way into the homes so that now one can tell just how much some one else owes to the grocer and how long the account has been unpaid.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—Maury I. Diggs, former state architect of California, told his story today of the motives impelling what he called the "Reno escapade." This was the midnight flight across the Nevada state line from Sacramento to Reno with Marsha Warrington, Lola Norris and F. Drew Caminetti, which resulted in the present trial of the Mann white slave act.

"What did you call it?" asked Judge Van Fleet, interrupting the testimony. "Calls It Escapade."

"An escapade," replied Diggs, speaking in a confident voice.

"Proceed," directed the court without comment.

All his testimony went to prove that he was worried, harassed, hunted from every side by the consequences of his own misconduct and that his only thought was to get out of town, give the scandal surrounding him a chance to die down and then come back to his family and business.

He Contradicts Girl.

In direct contradiction to the testimony of Miss Warrington and Miss Norris, who have sworn that they left home against their judgment and desire and only when marriage had been promised them, Diggs named Marsha Warrington as the one who had insisted that they go. As early as Jan.

31, he testified, she had said to him: "You are a piker; we girls framed this and you fellows have got to go with us."

"On March 3," testified the defendant, "I remember talking about my affairs with Miss Warrington. 'I've got to go away from here,' told her, 'things are getting too hot for me.' She didn't want me to go. I told her I had to—that I had a future, a family and a business to protect and that I was going to Los Angeles for a while and give public opinion a chance to die down."

Says She Called Him Up.

"A few days later she called me up and asked me why I was still in town. I told her that I had some buildings in construction and there was some details I had to look to."

"About a week before we went to Reno, Die Pombrock, my landlord, told me that the janitor of the building and the policeman on the beat had complained to him about my taking girls to my office."

"This same week I took an automobile ride with Miss Warrington on the upper Stockton road. We saw another machine behind us, and I told her it was my father with an officer of the juvenile court. We traveled fifty miles an hour for some minutes and left them."

"My father was in town then and I knew he was looking for me. The girl said: 'Believe me, you are not going away and leave me here.'"

"Do just as you please," I said, 'I am going and am going alone. I have got too good a family here. I've got to think of them. I've got lots before me in this town and I want this to blow over.'"

SHERBROOKE, Quebec, Aug. 20.—Thaw money has poured into Sherbrooke since the arrest yesterday of Harry K. Thaw, who escaped from the Matteawan Asylum Sunday, and counsel has been employed to put up a vigorous fight against the deportation of the slayer of Stanford White, while an alienist has been tentatively engaged to testify that he is now sane.

One glance at Thaw by his old "old acquaintances," the newspaper men, who reported his former trials, was sufficient to establish the fact that the prisoner is Harry K. Thaw.

Postponed Hearing.

Conferences between three Canadian lawyers, retained by Thaw, indicated today that his preliminary arraignment would be postponed at least until tomorrow, possibly for a week.

Another Arrest in Case.

A man giving his name as "Mitchell Thompson," is believed to be Roger Thompson, implicated in Thaw's escape, was arrested here today.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Mersdames Jno. Eoff and M. D. Useery entertained Wednesday evening with a moonlight lawn party in honor of their guests.

An informal dance was given at the Crenshaw Building Saturday evening. Splendid music was furnished by Merkel boys.

Last week the names of Misses Lula and Ola Sharp were omitted in the write up of the fishing party given in honor of the house party of Misses Jackie and Mary Jennings.

League Program, Aug. 24. Subject: "The Epworth League as the chief agency of the church."

Benefits to be derived from the league, R. A. McNeas. Quartette—B. D. Black, J. H. Boren, John Moore, Dennis McDonald.

On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Walker entertained in honor of their son Jack, who celebrated his seventeenth birthday.

Calomel is Bad.

But Simmon's Liver Purifier is delightfully pleasant, and its action is thorough. Constipation yields, biliousness goes.

B. Y. P. U. Program

August 23, 1913. Subject—Good citizenship. Leader—Mattie Moore. Song by the union.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

Notice

The State of Texas, County of Taylor: Whereas, at an election held in the city of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, in conformity with an order of this court, entered on the 15th day of July 1913, to determine whether or not pool halls shall be prohibited within the corporate limits of said city of Merkel.

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SCHOOL BOARD NOTICE.

To the Hon. Board of Trustees Merkel Public School, Merkel, Texas. Gentlemen:—According to your request I have made an inspection of the north side Public School Building and find the following conditions to exist:

The walls of the building are cracked in several places but all walls are standing true and plumb and I consider the building perfectly safe to be used for school purposes at present.

After many years of experience in the building business, I have found that where the water from down pipes is discharged at the walls, it will cause the walls to crack, almost invariably.

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PAWNS CLOTHES FOR LICENSE

Frank Young, Hit By Cupid's Dart, Almost Reduced To Appear in Cupid's Non-Attire

TUSCOLA, Okla., August 19.—Frank Young, twenty-two years old, a member of Company A, Oklahoma National Guard, Sunday pawned every stitch of clothing he had save a khaki uniform.

The soldier met Miss Thomas in Tulsa Saturday and immediately became enamored of her. He gained the consent of her mother. Then Young remembered he had no money and went to a pawn shop and sold his clothes.

Mexia—The eleventh gas well in the Mexia field was brought in recently on the Henry lease, three miles southwest of this city. The dry gaser was discovered at a depth of 697 feet and it is estimated that the new well will produce 8,000,000 cubic feet of dry gas daily.

The Mexican Situation

The trouble in Mexico has developed one face of importance to the U. S., and that is that both the Federals and Constitutionalists are firm believers in Hunt's Lightning Oil, the great American remedy for neuralgia rheumatism, cuts, burns and other aches and pains.

COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

And For Three Summers Mrs. Vincent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst."

I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off.

I was certainly in a dreadful state of health, when I finally decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I firmly

believe I would have died if I hadn't taken it.

After I began taking Cardui, I was greatly helped, and all three bottles relieved me entirely.

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Church Directory

METHODIST CHURCH—Preaching each Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.45 p. m.; Sunday school at 9.45 a. m.; Junior League at 3 p. m.; Senior League at 6.45 p. m.; Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7.45; Womens Missionary Society each Monday at 4 p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST—Preaching each 4th Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.45 p. m. Sunday school each Sunday at 10 o'clock. Regular church services at 3 p. m. each Sunday. W. G. Cypert.

BAPTIST CHURCH.— Preaching each Sunday 11 A. M. and 8.15 P.M. Sunday school 9.45 A. M. Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening. Rev. W. M. Gaddy, pastor.

What is Best for Indigestion?

Mr. A. Robinson of Drumquin, Ontario, has been troubled for years with indigestion, and recommends Chamberlain's Tablets as "the best medicine I ever used."

Seattle, Wash., August 19.—It is now believed that the thirty-three passengers and seven members of the crew on board the steamer, State of California, perished when the vessel struck an uncharted rock and sank in Gambier Bay, Alaska, Sunday morning.

Scratching For Fun

We would have great sympathy for those who have to scratch continually if there wasn't a remedy for the trouble, but as Hunt's Cure is Guaranteed to cure or money refunded, it would seem that those who scratch do so for the fun of it.

To Keep Cut Flowers Fresh.

An interested reader writes that whether the stems of flowers be either hard or soft, they may be kept fresh longer if the stems are cut off about a quarter of an inch after placing them in water.

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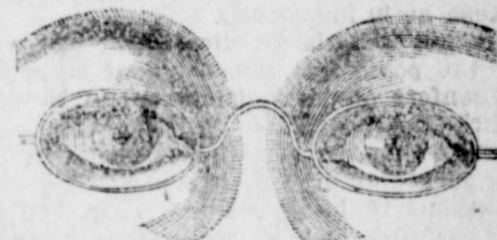
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Kernes—Arrangements have been completed between this city and the Corsicana Gas and Electric Company, at Corsicana, to furnish Kernes with electric current. A system of poles and wire is being put up, connecting the two points.

A SCHOOL RALLY WILL BE HELD FRIDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER THE FIFTH AT THE TABERNACLE

1913---MERKEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS---1914

BY SUPERINTENDENT B. D. BLACK

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

1. The Merkel Public School shall be a system of graded schools consisting of three departments: Primary, Intermediate, and High School. The first, second, and third grades shall constitute the Primary Department. The fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grades, the Intermediate Department; the eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades, the High School Department.

2. **Annual Session**—The regular session shall begin September 8, 1913 and shall continue nine months, unless otherwise ordered by the school board. It shall be divided into two terms.

3. **Daily Sessions**—Except in cases of emergency, the daily sessions shall begin at 8:55 a. m. and close at 4 p. m. There shall be such intermissions as shall be ordered by the Superintendent.

4. **Examinations**—Written term examinations shall be given in the Intermediate grades and High School. Some written examinations shall be given in the second and third grades. All examinations shall be under the direction of the Superintendent. All such papers shall be filed with the Superintendent with the grades thereon.

5. **Promotions**—Regular promotions shall be made at the end of each term, except in the High School where promotions shall be made by subjects and not by grades. Promotion and credit shall be based upon class work and term examination. An average of 75 per cent on each subject in the High School is required for promotion. An average of 75 percent on all subjects, in the grades, must be made for promotion. All pupils having an average deportment grade of 95 per cent may be exempt from examinations on all subjects on which their average is 90 per cent. In the first and second grades promotions shall be determined by the teacher's estimate of the child's ability to do the work of the next higher grade. Special promotion shall be made at any time by the Superintendent satisfactory evidence having been given as to the pupil's ability to do the work of the next higher grade. Demotions may be made to a lower grade whenever evidence of inability to do the work of the grade is shown. All pupils having satisfactorily completed the course of the High School shall receive a diploma, provided further, that they shall not fail to bring up any work assigned to them for commencement exercises.

6. **Pupils Subject to Free Tuition**—All pupils who are over seven and under twenty-one years of age September 1, preceding the opening of the term, and whose parents or guardians are bona fide residents of the Merkel Independent District shall be entitled to free tuition. The Board will determine the number of months to which transfers are entitled. Students not entitled to free tuition shall be charged the following rates:

Primary grades per month\$1.50
Intermediate grades per month\$2.00
High School grades per month\$3.00

Tuition is payable at the beginning of each school month in advance and the Superintendent shall have power to suspend all pupils who have not paid their tuition within five days after it is due.

7. **Monthly Reports**—At the end of each school month pupils will receive report cards showing the class of work done, based on both oral and written work during the month.

8. **Admission**—Pupils without report cards shall be examined and classified by the Superintendent assisted by teachers. No pupil will be admitted unless he provide himself with the necessary school material.

SUPERINTENDENT.

1. The Superintendent is the executive officer of the Board and shall act under its advice and direction. He shall use every advantage to inform himself as to improvements in school organization and teaching in other cities that he may direct the work of the Merkel Public Schools most efficiently.

2. He shall visit the rooms as often as possible, observe carefully the method of instruction, point out its defects, strengthen and encourage teachers in whatever way he thinks best. The teacher shall follow his directions and shall co-operate with him in carrying out the wishes of the Board.

3. He shall have power to suspend any pupils for molesting, or violating the rules of the school, or when the example of such pupil is injurious to the school. The parent or guardian, and the Board should be notified of such action. Any pupil having been suspended extends his suspension one day by coming on the school ground unless he has business with the Principal or the Superintendent and goes directly to the office of same and remains there until the business is transacted.

4. He shall hold regular meetings of the teachers, give professional courses, and do all in his power to give the teachers the encouragement that makes for the best school work.

5. He shall assign each teacher to the work he thinks she is best qualified to do. He shall have power to change assignments whenever occasion demands such.

6. He shall make a monthly report to the Board of the teachers and other employees, also of the conditions of the schools.

7. All grievances shall be made in writing to the Superintendent.

8. In case of absence of teachers, the Superintendent

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shall supply substitute for same. The superintendent shall receive two dollars per day which shall be deducted from the salary of the regular teacher.

PRINCIPALS.

1. The Principals shall be at their buildings at 8:20 a. m. and shall remain there until 4:00 p. m.

2. They shall faithfully co-operate with the Superintendent in enforcing all rules, and regulations that he may give. They shall not make general rules and regulations without the consent of the Superintendent. They shall have power to suspend pupils temporarily in the absence of the Superintendent.

3. The High School Principal shall act as Superintendent when the Superintendent is absent.

4. Principals shall have full control of the school grounds before and after school hours. The teachers are to work in perfect harmony with their Principals in keeping order on the grounds. He has the authority to command their assistance whenever necessary.

TEACHERS.

1. Teachers are required to be in their respective rooms by 8:30 a. m. and remain there until 4:00 p. m.
2. All teachers shall correct bad conduct on the part

of any and all pupils, on the playground, and demand strict obedience.

3. No teacher shall resign without giving ten days notice in advance of the date on which the resignation is to take effect.

4. Any teacher may be dismissed from the services of the Board when such services, in the estimation of the Board, are no longer needed. However, a ten days notice must be given any teacher before her salary shall be discontinued.

5. Teachers are required to attend all meetings announced by the Superintendent, and to carry out faithfully the programme outlined by him.

6. Teachers shall make such preparations on their work as will enable them to TEACH the subjects in hand.

7. Teachers shall keep a daily register in accordance with the Superintendent's directions, and make all reports required. Teachers are not allowed to excuse pupils from the ground, except by consent of the Principal or Superintendent.

awarded by teachers, nor shall pupils

read or allow any agent to read in her schoolroom, nor shall they matter to be distributed in the

I make a programme of her daily approval to the Superintendent beginning of the session. When she shall be posted in the room.

be a REAL teacher unless she Therefore, standard school journal teacher.

business of every teacher to find out late and tardy. Pupils failing to or the same may be sent home for

keep good order in their rooms.

PUPILS.

use tobacco in any form in the the school premises. Possession of the use of same.

take more than five or less than special permission of the Super-

required to attend school regularly diligent in study, kind and courte-

directly to and from schools with- the way or on the school grounds. school property of any kind must ure to do so within a week shall individual.

leave the school ground without principal, or Superintendent.

a contagious disease shall not be school.

permitted to bring to school any periodical, book, or magazine, not necessary to the preparation of the lessons.

9. Each pupil shall be assigned a seat, and it shall be his duty to keep everything about his seat in perfect order.

10. Pupils who play truancy or leave school without permission, suspend themselves in the act, and the Board, only, can reinstate them.

DIRECTORY.

The Superintendent's office hours shall be from 8:30 to 9:30 a. m. and from 3:30 to 4:30 p. m., at the High School building.

Teachers Meet at High School Building Saturday morning, September 6, at 9 o'clock.

Teacher's Professional Meetings on each third Saturday of each school month, beginning at 9:00 a. m.

Grade Meetings.

First and Second Grades second Monday in each school month, at 4:15 p. m.

Third and Fourth Grades, second Tuesday in each school month, at 4:15 p. m.

Fifth and Sixth Grades, second Wednesday in each school month, at 4:15 p. m.

Seventh Grade Second Thursday of each school month at 4:15 p. m.

High School third Monday of each school month, at 4:15 p. m.

School opens September 8th.

LITERARY SOCIETIES.

There is no one subject in the High School that is worth as much as public speaking, if time and thought are given to them proportionately. Boys and girls learn to express their thoughts in a convincing way. It makes them think more, see more, and realize more. We hope to get great results from these organizations this year.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Salt Branch

Aug. 19.—Picking cotton is the order of the day out this way.

Several of the Warren young people attended Singing here Sunday.

Misses Lula and Gardie Higgins spent Saturday night and Sunday in the Warren community visiting friends.

Several from here attended the Singing at Mr. Hogg's of Warren Saturday night.

Mrs. Julia Golightly and children of Noodle spent Saturday night with her father and sisters J. W. Hardy and daughters.

Carl Smith and sisters visited relatives at Caps Saturday and Sunday.

Holland Teaff and sisters visited relatives at Tye Sunday.

Miss Mae Rainer and the Misses Hays were guests of Miss Lyda Beavers Sunday.

H. S. Shipley and family are out on a prospecting trip.

Mrs. Beavers and children spent Monday with Mrs. Hattie Hardy and children.

W. M. Hays and family visited J. Van West and family of Merkel Friday.

Ollie Stone left Monday for Baird.

Ed and Marvin Shipley were visiting at W. B. Robersons Sunday.

Miss Annie Petty spent Saturday night with the Misses Hardys.

Mrs. Will Higgins and children left Friday for Coleman to visit relatives.

W. M. Hays and family were visiting W. B. Beavers and family Sunday afternoon.

Misses J. P. Petty and daughter Leatha called on Mrs. Beavers one afternoon last week.

Misses Cora and Neva Hays spent one evening last week with Misses Mae Rainer and Annie Petty.

Costly Treatment.

"I was troubled with constipation and indigestion and spent hundreds of dollars for medicine and treatment," writes C. H. Hines of Whitlow, Ark. "I went to St. Louis hospital, also to a hospital in New Orleans, but no cure was effected. On returning home I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets, and worked right along. I used them for some time and am now all right." Sold by all dealers.

Notice.

The Southern National Bank located at Merkel in the State of Texas is closing its affairs. All note holders and other creditors of the association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment. Dated August 8th, 1913. J. E. Faucett, Cashier.

So Many People Die of Blood Poison

A little scratch on the hand a splinter, or small abrasion of the skin is often fatal because the poisonous germs starts the infection. That's where Hunts Lightning Oil comes in handy as an application on the abrasion, kills all germs which may have lodged there, thereby preventing infection and death. It pays to keep this remedy in the home, especially where there are children. All drug stores in 25cts and 50cts bottle.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Compere

August 21—Some sickness in this community. Grandpa Childers is real sick with pneumonia and typhoid fever.

We are needing rain in this section of the country very badly.

Cotton is beginning to open.

Rev. Lynn our Methodist preacher failed to make his regular appointment here last Sunday.

Rev. Childers is not getting along well. He has fever.

Cotton picking will soon be the order of the day.

Remarkable Cure of Dysentery.

"I was attacked with dysentery about July 15, and used the doctor's medicine and other remedies with no relief, only getting worse all the time. I was unable to do anything and my weight dropped from 145 to 125 pounds. I suffered for about two months when I was advised to use Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I used two bottles of it and it gave me permanent relief," writes B. W. Hill of Snow Hill, N. C. For sale by all dealers.

Inkum

J. F. Dean, of Dallas is conducting a Gospel meeting at the arbor one mile west of Inkum.

William Fain, of Graham, came in Sunday to visit his sister Mrs. W. O. Perry.

R. H. Collins, of Merkel, was in this section last week buying cattle and mules.

Mrs. Ella Baker, of Labonna, is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. J. Dew.

Mr. Kirby, of Buffalo Gap was in this section Saturday.

Mr. Lily, of Mulberry Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, of Hillside, Messrs. Wetzel, of Nubia, with the families of Messrs. White, McDaniel and Hardin of View were among those attending the meeting the past week.

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When a man has suffered for several days with colic, diarrhoea or other form of bowel complaint and is then sound and well by one or two doses of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, as is often the case, it is but natural that he should be enthusiastic in his praise of the remedy, and especially is this the case of a severe attack when life is threatened. Try it if in need of such a remedy. It never fails. Sold by all dealers.

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special session of the Third Legislature adjourned this morning half past two o'clock.

Although the prison commissioners were not confirmed by the Senate yesterday, the direction of the prison system is still in their charge. Under the constitution of the state, they hold office until their successors have been appointed.

The members of the Commission have not determined whether they will endeavor to raise a legal contest over their positions.

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Constipation is the cause of many ailments and disorders that make life miserable. Take Chamberlain's Tablets! keep your bowels regular and will avoid these diseases. For sale by all dealers.



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COTTON PICKING—Wanted family to gather 70 acres of cotton; have house wood and water. J. M. Dunagin, Stith Texas. 22-2t

FOR SALE OR TRADE—My irrigated farm, orchard and garden, in north part of town. For further particulars see or write Joel Counts, Merkel. 22-2t

STATEMENT

Farmers and Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of Business Aug. 9, 1913

RESOURCES

Loans	\$119,626.36
U. S. Bond and Premiums	7,450.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,000.00
Real Estate	6,657.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Cash and Exchange	44,372.83
Total	\$181,418.94

LIABILITIES

Capital paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits	4,712.81
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	15,000.00
Other Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	105,456.13
Total	\$181,418.94

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