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FINE POULTRY SHOW

Catalogues on Press for Merkel Show, December 4th to 6th.

MANY SPECIAL PRIZES OFFERED

Secretary H. M. Rose and Many Local Fanciers Enthusiastic and Make Open Challenge to the World.

Championships and blue ribbons are becoming very common in Merkel and the Merkel country so far as the live stock industry is concerned but now we are promised by the interested enthusiasm of local chicken fanciers that our birds may go anywhere and be winners. They have been exhibited at other shows and have been awarded first and second premiums and the success thus far has encouraged and stimulated the poultry business.

The Merkel Poultry Show to be held Dec. 4th, 5th, and 6th promises to be one of the best in the state both as to the number and quality of the fowls exhibited. Secretary H. M. Rose for the local enthusiasts requests that we offer a challenge to the world and he wants everybody to bring their fine birds. He says to you: "Do not be a back yard exhibitor but let the glories of your birds shine in the show room. We will have a competent judge and guarantee a fair and square deal for every exhibitor."

The following are the special prizes to be awarded:

Special Prizes—Competition open to the World.

For best display (and variety). One Safety Hatch Incubator. Value \$14.00. Given by Anchor Hardware Company.

For best display (Parti color) \$5.00 in gold given by Farmers & Merchants Bank.

Best display (solid color) \$5.00 in gold given by the Farmers State bank.

For best cock, cockerel, hen and pullet (one variety). One dozen photos, value \$7.00 given by Groene Studio.

For best male bird on exhibition: \$2.50 in cash given by Dr. S. L. Davis.

For best pen of Plymouth Rocks (and variety) \$3.00 in merchandise given by W. L. Harkrider.

For best pen of Reds on exhibition \$5.00 Stetson Hat given by W. D. Woodroof & Co.

For best pen of Wyandottes (any variety) one pair shoes given by J. P. Sharp & Co.

For best pen Leghorn or Minorca \$3.00 in Merchandise given by Parton Dry Goods Co.

For best pen Brown Leghorns, 30 yards of Gingham given by Hogue Hamilton Co.

For best pen of Orpingtons (any variety) \$3.00 in merchandise given by The Star Store.

For best female bird on exhibition, one coffee perculator, value \$2.00 given by Anchor Hardware Co.

For best pen Ornaments, \$2.00 hat given by J. T. Dennis.

For best pen of Ducks (any variety) \$2.50 Music Rack given by Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

For second best pen Ducks (any variety). One sack White Crest Flour given by Hamblett & Rodgers.

For best Drake on exhibition, 50 pounds Poultry feed given by G. F. West & Sons.

For best duck on exhibition, \$1.00 box of cigars or candy given by Elite Confectionery Co.

For best Red male on exhibition, \$1.00 box of poultry food given by H. C. Burroughs.

For best Fishel Bred White Wyandotte Cockerel \$10.00 setting of eggs given by J. C. Fishel & Sons, Hope, Ind.

For best 'Red' female on exhibition \$1.00 worth Porterhouse steak given by City Meat Market.

Miss Kathleen Stephens returned to Merkel Thursday from a months visit with relatives in Alwood, Waco and Dallas.

OSCAR OWENS HURT TEAM RUNS AWAY

Oscar Owens, farmer and stockman who lives on Elm creek over on the divide suffered a broken jawbone and leg last Friday in a runaway accident. He was driving a team and wagon with hay rake attached when the tongue to the wagon fell down scaring the team and causing them to run. He was thrown from the wagon which passed over his body and then was caught and dragged by the rake. The jawbone was broken in two places and the small bone of the left leg, besides many cuts and bruises. He was brought to town in a wagon and carried to Abilene where he was treated at one of the sanitariums returning home Tuesday night.

He suffered intense and agonizing pain but endured the same with most remarkable nerve and little complaint and will recover.

FORT WORTH—January 26th and 27th are the dates chosen for the next convention of the Texas Good Roads Association, which will be conducted in this city. Between 600 and 700 good roads enthusiasts attend the meetings each year and it is expected that this number will be greatly enlarged at the Fort Worth meeting. Roads Associations are expected from every state in the union.

DALLAS—A movement recently started by the Galveston Commercial Club to work convicts on the public roads, culminated in the "Texas Convict Built Roads Association" being organized in this city last week. The purpose of the new organization is to get a law passed at the next session of the legislature that will permit the working of the convicts of the first class on the public highways of Texas.

ple Northwestern and Gulf Railway announce that construction on this road will begin about the middle of November. The plan of the promoters is to complete the line to a point on the Frisco, which will probably be Dublin, and from Temple the road will be extended to the southwest to the Gulf. Preport is said to be the objective point.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 12.—Prospects for the resumption of street car and railroad traffic grew brighter today with hundreds of laborers shoveling away huge snowdrifts.

Food distribution is still a serious problem, however, as a result of the recent storms. Conditions became alarming in this city Monday night when half of the city was left in darkness because half of the light plant blew down. Much concern has been felt here on account of the fact that food cannot be distributed rapidly enough over the city. Help is being given the needy as fast as possible, the authorities having the assistance of a number of civic organizations.

FEDERALS ARE MASSACRED Five Huerta Officers and Nine Soldiers Killed by Rebels in Coahuila Saturday Is Report.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 12.—Five federal officers and nine soldiers were massacred by rebels at Musquiz, in the state of Coahuila, Saturday, according to reports received here today. The fourteen men fought for twenty-four hours until their ammunition was exhausted, and then refused to save their lives by surrendering.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Nov. 10.—All means of transportation and wire communication are crippled throughout West Virginia, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania by a terrific snow and windstorm today.

The snowfall this morning had reached from ten to sixteen inches and was continuing unabated.

Despite the suddenness of the storm only one fatality had been reported up to noon.

The storm has done many thousand dollars damage, and when the entire amount is known it is believed that the damage will be one of the heaviest known in this state.

Mrs. Lillian Welch left Saturday for El Paso where she will go to the sanitarium for treatment. Dr. Adkisson accompanied her to the sanitarium.

Mrs. Fred Bigham has gone to Rule to be with her husband who is feeding cattle there this winter.

FIRE BOYS IN REGULAR MEET

The Merkel fire fighters had their regular meeting at the fire station Monday night and there was an attendance of 28 out of a possible 34, a record attendance and the same kind of interest and attention to business.

The regular ladder of business was climbed and Secretary McClain used the chemical extinguisher when he makes one of his ever-ready rip-snorting speeches to suggest a name for the Merkel Hose company and wagon. The fire boys desired to show their appreciation of the faithful assistance and friendship of Aldermen Williams and Hamilton but upon reflection Secretary McClain, knowing that neither of the aldermen cared for such glories he moved that the wagon and company be named "Ferrier Hose Company No. 1." This was voted unanimously and is a fitting compliment to Chief Ferrier who has so persistently and faithfully labored for the success of the department. He is young in years but cool-headed, conservative and reliable, always ready and willing.

Many propositions for the betterment of the department and service were discussed before adjournment.

YOUNG CALLOWAY TAKES OPERATION

Joe Calloway, son of J. C. Calloway of the Noodle country was taken to Abilene this week for an operation and his condition causes much anxiety by his physician and friends.

Our readers will remember that this young man suffered serious injuries about a year ago when a team ran away with him. He was driving a team to a disc harrow when they became frightened and in some manner he was thrown in front of the implement. He managed to catch hold of the double tree but was dragged in that position with the knives cutting his limbs and body and his condition now is the result of injuries received in that accident. Abscess has resulted and necessitated the operation.



Wanted—Heavy work for mule team. S. J. Roberts

FOR SALE—Oliver typewriter No. 5, in good condition. Price \$50.00. Jno. G. Jackson. 28-dh.

WANTED—100 cotton pickers. Apply to J. R. Porter, Loraine, Mitchell county, Texas. Paying from 65c to 85c per hundred. 4t.

FOR SALE—One mule and one mare cheap for cash on good note. Thos. Johnson. 7-2t

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One livery barn and wagon yard combined, one residence, all in the town of Merkel, free from incumbrance. What have you to offer. Write or come to see me at Merkel, Texas. A. C. Boney. 8pt-tf

FOR SALE—I am offering for sale my Registered Berkshire Boar, Clifton Premier 30th, 174,821. Until sold, service \$5.00. E. M. Benson, R. F. D. 1, Merkel, Texas. 11-2t-pd

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One pair of small mules. See Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

FOR SALE—I have 5-year old work mules cheap for cash or good note. Thos. Johnson,

METHODISTS CLOSE CONFERENCE YEAR

The service Sunday night at the Methodist church was one of unusual interest and devotion. It was the closing service for the conference year for the church and in fear that it would be the last sermon of Rev. R. A. Clements, our popular local pastor there was an evident sadness which added to attention and interest of the large congregation. The church was filled to its capacity and the pastor in appreciation of the entire situation preached one of his characteristic strong and earnest sermons, choosing "The Power of the Gospel" as his theme. It was a forceful and effective discourse and delivered with much earnestness and feeling.

Rev. W. M. Gaddy, pastor of the Baptist church who had given up his night service and with many of his congregation come to the Methodist church as a compliment to his fellow pastor relieved the tension at the close of the regular service when he spoke in a most happy and humorous manner his love and appreciation of his fellow pastor. He added his personal appeal to the wishes of the church for the "Dividing Elder" to return Bro. Clements to Merkel and stated that he would not receive in full fellowship any crab-apple-eating "locust preacher" or "circus rider."

Rev. Gaddy showed his real feeling only by occasional tears for his remarks were throughout with his usual wit and humor and his listeners could laugh or cry. He spoke of his love for Bro. Clements and the harmony and cooperation in their work which he thought should be continued and not molested by the interference of "Dividing Elders" and annual conferences.

Young lady and girl friends of Bro. Clements decorated the pulpit with flowers and the service as a whole showed the mutual love and admiration of pastor and congregation, one appropriately marking the close of his successful work but The Mail joins in the wishes of others for his return to our little town.

New York's Youthful Mayor

Mayor Mitchell of New York is just 34 years old. This is a very young man to hold a position of so much importance. He is, in fact, the youngest man who has yet filled the office.

It is not so much the question of age that should be considered as the question of ability. It makes little difference whether Mayor Mitchell is 34 years or 54, so long as he has the brains and executive capacity that is required in such a position.

It is an easy matter to name even younger men who have carried greater responsibilities on their shoulders. This is distinctively an age of young men. Besides, most people agree with Cicero in liking a young man with something of old age about him and liking old men with something of youth about them.

At one time the young man in public office was unheard of. Our senators had to be grave and revered. Our men in public life were never appreciated unless their hair was touched with gray or unless they could patently stroke white beards.

Not so with today. Times have changed. The young man has come into his own. He has not exactly replaced the older men in the public eye, but he has created a position of his own in the world.

The mere age of a man can not be used as an index of his ability. The older man may boast of his experience, but the younger man sometimes has no necessity for the experience; certainly, blessed with superabundance of ability, he has little to worry about.

Therefore, the age of mayor Michael can not be urged against him. If he has ability, the office is not too big for him to fill.—Commercial Appeal.

Miss Mabel Collins left Thursday for Hico to visit Miss Imogene Norton she will also visit her cousin Miss Florence Collins in Comanche. In Fort Worth she will visit Mrs. R. E. Kunze from there she will go to Bagwell to visit her sister Mrs. V. D. Jones.

THE BIG STOCK SHOW

Merkel Stockman Enthusiastic About Coming Exhibit.

YOU'LL MISS IT IF YOU MISS IT

C. M. Largent, Owner of Famous Blue Ribbon Herd of Herefords Making Ready To Ship for the Show.

Fort Worth is going to have the greatest livestock show this fall that has ever been seen in the Southwest. More money and time and effort is being expended than ever before and the Texas livestock producers are showing even more interest than in the past.

This was the enthusiastic statement given out by C. M. Largent, who recently returned from a visit to Fort Worth, where he familiarized himself with all of the details of the National Feeders and Breeders show, which will be held there November 22 to 29.

"Additional classes in nearly every division will mean augmented interest," Mr. Largent said. "Grass and feeder cattle will have an inning and it is going to be a great departure. It will mean that hundreds of feeder buyers from the north will attend the show for the one purpose of purchasing Texas cattle.

"Jersey cattle will get good consideration this year for the first time. The stock show has been making a specialty of beef cattle in the past but it is big and broad enough to realize that the Jersey producer deserves consideration in such an important livestock event as the National Feeders and Breeders show.

"Baby boof is going to be a great feature of the show. The youngsters are bound to show their daddies something to think about in this division. One county—Coleman—is going to have at least sixty boys with baby beeves of their own raising at the show. That will be a sight to conjure with for the Texas livestock producer.

"There will be additional classes for hogs and sheep and it is safe to say that every recognized breed will be given ample consideration. It will be a livestock pageant that every home-loving Texan should see. It will be emblematic of the progress of our state in the world of livestock. And there are thousands of people coming from other states throughout the Southwest to this show.

"Don't let me forget to tell you about the Horse Show. The management is 'outdoing' itself this year to put on an attraction that has never been rivaled west of the Mississippi. In one class alone, for five-gaited saddle horses, a prize of \$1,000 is offered. And there is no entry fee in any division of the show. If this event doesn't draw the very best horses in the country, including the choicest product of Kentucky and Missouri, then there are going to be some mighty badly disappointed boosters down at Fort Worth.

"Taken all in all, the stock show is going to be the best in history. More than \$25,000 in prizes will be given away. All who intend to attend should make it a point to get there on the opening night, when they hold the coronation of the Queen of the Horse Show. This is about the most impressive spectacle ever shown in a like event in the entire country. Society girls from all over the state will be in the royal party and their friends by the many hundreds are sure to be at the show to cheer them.

"My herd of Blue Ribbons will be on exhibition and my success in the recent Dallas and Shreveport fairs make me confident of continued success. My herd was never in better shape to show and I ask that all of my friends who visit the Stock Show come to see me."

Mrs. T. J. Coggin visited Mesdames Hill and Barbee at Noodle Sunday.



The FARMERS STATE BANK

Do you see the picture opposite this? Well this is a common occurrence. The papers contain accounts almost daily of where people lose their money by hiding it in unsafe places. If you want to HIDE your money hide it behind our thick walls and strong locks where it will be SAFE. We refer those who have not banked with us to those who HAVE. Make OUR bank YOUR bank.

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School Notes.

Nine weeks of school have passed. The steady upward progress maintained during past years is being sustained in an admirable degree. Earnest effort and gratifying results are evident in all departments.

The \$43.00 realized from the dinner recently given for the benefit of the school has been equally distributed among the rooms. The grades invested their share of the money in material for hand-work, a chart, a printing press for chart making and some good books for the grade library.

In physics, physical geography and physiology, the apparatus sufficient for affiliation has been added to the laboratory equipment. Also a number of books for research work in history and English have been bought for the High School Library.

Literary Societies have been organized in the high school and much interest is being manifested in them. We hope to see great good come from the work of these societies.

As a whole the school aims at a high standard of excellence and all that earnest, enthusiastic effort can do will be done to reach and hold that standard.

We invite all who are interested in our schools to visit us and see what is being done.

A Teacher.

Short Course For Road Officials.

The Iowa State College division of engineering will try to bring township trustees, county supervisors and all public officials who have to do with roads to Ames during the winter for a short course in good roads, the engineering and economy of road making. Dean A. Martson of engineering, chairman of the states highway commission, has plans under way to give a highway short course while the regular agricultural short course is in session. The work will be along lines to interest every class as well as officials.—Wallace's Farmer.

Farm Wanted.

Anyone having a farm of from 100 to 300 acres within 5 miles of Merkel that they will sell at a bargain price write, giving full description, to Jas. Bracken, Italy, Texas.

Card of Thanks.

We take this means of expressing our sincere thanks to the Merkel people for their kindness to our sister, Mrs. Lillian Welch, during her illness here at her brother's Walter Clark.

Mrs. Mellie Brown.

See and hear Cole Younger at New Theatre Monday night.

Hear Cole Younger himself Monday.

Eat Pure Food Bakery bread.

My cut glass toilet sets are beautiful. Come in and see them. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. F. M. Garrison of Amarillo is the guest of Mrs. R. E. Bowles this week.

Try our chocolate candy. It is fresh and good. Burroughs Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Callaway left Monday for Abilene where they will visit their son, Joe Callaway, who is in the sanitarium at that place.

See "Mack" about a McDougall Kitchen Cabinet. One of them would make your wife a most appreciative Xmas present. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Capt. Oliver having been in El Paso for the past few days passed through Wednesday morning enroute to Texakana.

A TERRIBLE FIRE

Made by burning G. R. Gazzaway's Coal. Grades to suit you kept in stock at a reasonable price. Phone Nos. 27 and 74. I Give Merkel Trade Coupons.

G. R. GAZZAWAY

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Nov. 15 1913:

Owen, Henry
D. D. S. Davis, Hubert
Barnett, E. B.
Turner, Edd
Johnson, John
Tate, Baylas

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Nov. 29, 1913.

H. W. Derstine, P. M.

W. O. W.

Merkel Camp No. 719 meets second and fourth Friday nights of each month.

W. L. Burns, C. C.
S. Hamilton, Clerk.

One lot of broken sizes in corsets; sizes 18, 19, 23, 24, and 25. This lot of corsets range in price from \$1.50 to \$2.50, to close out at only 85c. W. D. Woodroof & Company.

Beautiful serviceable premiums given free with your purchase at Parton Dry Goods Company.

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DENTIST

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Plenty of it on 5 or 10 years time, with the privilege of paying 1-10 each year. See me at once if you want a loan. I have the best contract ever offered.

V. E. Muir,
Abilene Texas. 28-11.

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25--MAXWELL--35

We have this week received a demonstration Maxwell automobile, and will have two more next week. Call in and let us show you these 25-35 h. p., 1914 models. Below are the prices.

25 H. P. \$785 AND 35 H. P. \$1285, F. O. B. MERKEL

These cars are the most up-to-date in automobiles of to-day. We are the exclusive agents for the Maxwell in the Merkel territory. We also carry the most complete stock of hardware and implements in this section of the country. When in town call and see us.

ANCHOR HARDWARE CO.

ORGANIZE TEXAS REGIMENT

Dallas Citizens Will Tender Government Troops in Case of War With Mexico.

DALLAS, Nov. 10.—A number of prominent local business men here today decided to organize a Texas regiment to be tendered the United States in case of intervention in Mexico. Volunteers will be asked and maintained here without expense to the government until accepted. Congressman Hutton W. Sumner was GOODRICH, Ont., Nov. 12.—Reports from the Canadian shore of Lake Huron indicate a heavy loss of life and great damage to shipping in the recent storm.

Seven bodies from the schooner, Charles Price, were washed ashore here today.

Wreckage which has been found, indicates that James Carruthers, the largest Canadian freighter on the lake has been lost.

A terrific storm swept Lake Huron Monday. A large freighter, the identity of which was unknown for some time, was overturned during the gale, and it was believed yesterday that between thirty and forty sailors had been drowned. Captain Reid of the wrecked vessel, made the statement yesterday that he believed that another vessel was at the bottom of the lake.

Grandma Adcock.

Mrs. Lucinda Collier Adcock died at the home of her son, R. J. Adcock of this city Wednesday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock after an illness of several days.

Mrs. Adcock has lived a very long, useful and active life. Having passed the eighty-eight mile stone on the road of life. For more than thirty-eight years she has been a loving loyal and consistent disciple of the Master, having united with the Christian church in 1875. For several years she has been unable to attend the services held in the house of the Lord but she has ever mind full of his will in her home life.

Mrs. Adcock was born in Murry county, Tenn., May 21, 1825 and was married to Jonathan Adcock December 15, 1842. Four children survive her: Mrs. C. B. Smith of Waco; R. A. Adcock of Gustine; G. B. Adcock of Murray county Tenn., and R. J. Adcock of this city. She moved to Fayette Texas in 1873, from there to Falls county, then to McClennan county, later coming to Taylor county. She was buried Thursday afternoon in the Rose Hill cemetery. The funeral service was held at the Northside Christian church. Elder W. G. Cyfert her pastor conducted the services both at the church and cemetery.

She leaves a number of grand children and great-grand children. "Blessed are those who sleep in the Lord."

ESCAPES WITH \$10,000

Six Suspects in Robbery of British Columbia Bank Last Night Under Arrest Today

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 12.—Five bandits escaped with ten thousand dollars from the Union bank of New Hazelton, British Columbia, last night. Six suspects were arrested today.

Continues Its Usefulness.

In Ipoh (Malay Peninsula) one of the pioneer motor-cars in the country is now in almost constant use as a funeral hearse. Hauled by coolies, the proud old pioneer wends its frequent, slow, laborious way to the cemetery.

Small Minds the Noisiest.

It is with narrow souled people as with narrow necked bottles—the less they have in them, the more noise they make in pouring it out.—Alexander Pope

Has Temperament.

When a girl is intense that means a mother needn't expect much help with the housework.

God's Own Church.

Learn this summer to worship God in the big church with the blue dome and the green carpet.

Duty We Often Neglect.

There is no duty we so much undertake as the duty of being happy.—R. L. Stevenson.



COLE YOUNGER

LAST OF THE NOTED YOUNGER BROTHERS.

Who Lived the Life of the Gentleman, the Soldier, the Outlaw and the Convict, Having Spent 25 Years of the Best Part of His Life in a Prison Cell.

He will relate to you the pathetic incidents of his life, from a boy seventeen years of age living peacefully at home on his father's farm in Jackson County, Mo., where he was born sixty-nine years ago. He will picture to you the boy reared of good, honest parents. How he became a victim of circumstances, a soldier with the noted Quantrell in Confederate Army, and how he fought and battled for four long years for what he thought was right and the cause he defended. He was forced to live (for 14 years) the life of an outlaw, which caused him to live twenty-five years in a prison cell. He will tell you of his prison life, his pardon and restoration to citizenship, etc., and give a complete history of his life from childhood to the present time. At the theatre, Mon. Nov. 17

96 PER CENT COMPLETED

Texas, America's Greatest Sea Fighter Will Go Into Commission About Christmas, Says Department

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—The dread-nought, Texas, America's greatest sea fighter, is ninety-six per cent completed, according to an official statement by the navy department today.

It is expected that the Texas will go into commission about Christmas.

That Was Art.

"Realistic?" repeated the critic, "well, I should say he was realistic. You just ought to have seen the excitement he created in his studio when he drew the corks in a dinner scene he was painting the other day."

Eve.

The woman in us still prosecutes a deceit like that begun in the garden; and our understandings are wedded to an Eve as fatal as the mother of their miseries.—Joseph Glanville.

That Let James Ont.

The conversation turned to the power of flattery at a recent histrionic social session when Miss Billy Burke, the actress, was reminded of an incident along that line.

Some time ago said, Miss Billy a certain young man got rather negligent in his courting duty, and it was not until after an absence of nearly a week that he finally presented himself at the home of his heart's desire.

Obviously somebody was exceedingly peevish, and a large bunch of explanation was in order.

"I wonder you came at all!" she petulantly exclaimed, not deigning to notice the five pounds of chocolates, and keeping to the piano stool where there wasn't room for two. "Of course you were called away on a business trip, and the wires all being down, you couldn't notify me."

"No dear," he answered, in his tenderest tones. "I haven't been away. I have been sick with dyspepsia, and the doctor told me not to come."

"What!" she cried in scornful amazement. "You had dyspepsia and the doctor told you not to come because of that?"

"It amounted to the same thing dear," he coolly responded. "He told me to keep away from all sweets."—Ex.

JAPAN SENDS CRUISER

The Izum Was Dispatched to Mexican Waters to Protect Japanese Subjects This Morning

TOKIO, Japan, Nov. 12.—The Japanese government today decided to send the cruiser, Izumo, to Mexican waters to protect Japanese subjects.

A Good Excuse.

A choir boy recently gave as an excuse for missing choir practice that he had to sit up with a dying friend, but an investigation proved that it was his best girl who was "just dying to see him."

Literal Obedience.

Two little sisters, just promoted, were comparing teachers. Helen said she did not like her new teacher. "I have to like my teacher," spoke up little Mabel. "It is written on the blackboard: 'Love your enemies.'"

Appropriately Named.

Mr. McCorkle was showing some visitors over the house. Arriving at the nursery he remarked, "This, gentlemen, is the bawl room."

Breaking an Appointment.

Unfaithfulness in the keeping of an appointment is an act of clear dishonesty. You may as well borrow a person's money as his time.—Horace Mann.

Rumor Unconfirmed.

We once heard of a man who kept his mouth shut and lived to regret it—but we have never been able to secure the proof of the assertion.

FREIGHTER NOT IDENTIFIED

Many Marine Men Believe Ill-Fated Vessel Is Regina, While Others Contend It Is Not.

PORT HURON, Nov. 12.—Many marine men today were certain that the unidentified freighter, which turned turtle with a probably heavy death toll during the gale Monday, is the ill-fated Regina, while others are certain it is not. These latter believe that the unknown vessel collided with the Regina, whose wreck was configured yesterday when ten bodies were washed ashore. They contend that the Regina wreck drifted away after the collision.

Barge With Seven Men Sinks.

MENOMINEE, Mich., Nov. 12.—The barge Plymouth, with seven men on board, sank near Gull Island, Lake Michigan, Sunday according to reports today.

HILLSBORO—Justice Precinct No. 1, which surrounds this place for six miles, will vote on a roads bond issue of \$250,000 on November 22. Indications are that the issue will carry by an overwhelming majority.

ECZEMA CAN BE CURED!

I Will Prove It To You At My Expense.

YOU WHO ARE SUFFERING THE TORTURES OF ECZEMA, WHOSE DAYS ARE MISERABLE, WHOSE NIGHTS ARE MADE SLEEPLESS BY THE TERRIBLE ITCHING, BURNING PAINS, I ASK YOU—URGE YOU TO LET ME SEND YOU A TREATMENT WHICH HAS CURED HUNDREDS OF OTHERS, WHICH I BELIEVE WILL CURE YOU. I WILL SEND IT FREE. POSTAGE PAID TO YOUR DOOR, WITHOUT ANY OBLIGATION ON YOUR PART NOW OR HEREAFTER.

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Derstine-Hale.

Sunday evening at 3:30 o'clock at Trent Rev. W. A. Scott read the marriage ceremony which united the lives of Miss Willie D. Hale and W. H. Derstine in the holy bond of matrimony.

After the ceremony the bridal party went to the bride's home, where her father M. E. Hale honored them with lovely appointed supper. Monday the party was entertained by the groom's parents Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Derstine in this city.

Misses Hamblet Entertain Club.

The regular business meeting of the 1913 Club was held Saturday evening at the home of Misses Virginia and Venona Hamblet. The following officers were elected: President Miss Maud Martin, Vice-President Miss Una Hall, Secretary Miss Zula Huffaker, Treasurer Miss Jessie Sutphen.

The B-Flat Club.

Saturday afternoon the B-Flat Club met at the home of Miss Williams on North First Street after the transaction of business. The members devoted the time in the study of the formation of the scale and the life of Bach.

Tuesday evening Mr. Clayton of this city and Miss Kathleen Stephens of Goldthwaite motored to Anson and were married at the Baptist Parsonage by Rev. Adams. The bride is a sweet winsome young woman who has made several extended visits here to her cousin Mrs. Jno. D. Gaither.

An All Day Quilting Bee.

Monday the ladies of the North circle of Baptist Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. Nan Thompson an enjoyed an old fashion quilting. Two quilts were quilted. They will be sent to the Buckner's Orphan Home near Dallas.

News was received here Tuesday morning that Mrs. L. Sparkman had met with a serious street car accident Saturday evening in Dallas. She was picked up unconscious and taken to the St. Paul Sanitarium, her shoulder was badly broken and crushed.

Mrs. Dock Thompson of Noodle spent Friday here.

The Rainbow Wedding.

The wedding at the Opera House Thursday evening was socially a howling success. Sam Swann represented the blushing bride and was a dream in an imported lace gown, an arm bouquet of chrysanthemums was gracefully carried. The clinging nature of the bride was fully shown as she leaned on her father's arm.

"We are about to view another instance of the uncertainty of life, the certainty of matrimony and the vanity of all social pursuits, from this we should be reminded—that though we may be able to shingle the roof of our social ambitions, pick the teeth of a gale, sit on the lap of time, raise a Kansas grain elevator, punch the eyes of curiosity, shoe the fore-feet of fate, gather the stars in a pall keg, hang the ocean on a grapevine to dry, wipe the nose of a cyclone, capture the tail end of a tornado for a keepsake, shake the hand of time, unbuckle the corn-belt of the United States and open the sun, moon and stars as health resorts—but never, never, should we be deluded with the idea that we can escape matrimony.

This is the most foolish and uncalculated for occasion of our existence, yet it is provided for in the laws of most states—I am therefore not in position to do much more than help you dispose of your liberty which you, in your personified ignorance are laying upon the altar of sacrifice.

Having met to perpetrate this fraud upon our fellow beings let us proceed with all haste, lest the parties most interested, should suddenly come to their senses and repent of their folly ere it would be too late. By this receipt, for which you foolishly paid the County Clerk good money of the realm, I have the pleasure and unquestioned authority of making you two miserable for life.

Now sir, what further token of your nerve do you wish to bestow upon this unsuspecting and delicate wall-flower, as seal of your ignorance and infidelity as a husband, (ring) this endless loop is an emblem of BRASS, NERVE, IGNORANCE and INFIDELITY, in deference to your feelings I place upon you left hand as a constant reminder on endless servility.

consolation of your friends—and those who unfortunately are your relatives.

Miss Gaddy and the Baraca Class of the Baptist church are receiving many congratulations for their faithful work.

League Program.

Nov. 16, 1913. Subject: How can we know we are saved?

Leader: Jno. Moore. Songs. Prayer.

Scripture references: 1 Cor. 11, 12; 2d Tim. 1, 12; 1 Jno. III, 14 V. 14, 15, Rom. VIII, 15-17. General discussion of topic by leaguers. Instrumental music—Miss Bessie Touchstone.

Do you know you are saved—H. C. Williams.

Song. Prayer. Epworth Visitors. Miscellaneous. Song. Benediction.

Society Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Woodroof were in Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen is visiting friends in Abilene.

Mrs. W. T. Daniel left Saturday for Bay City in response to a message from her son D. F. Daniel notifying her of serious illness in his family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brown and grandson Clayton Brown are at home from a six weeks motor trip.

Mrs. Y. F. Walker and children of Stith visited Mrs. E. Hall this week.

J. I. Leeman of Trent and daughter Mrs. T. Collins of this city left Friday night for Thornton where they will attend a reunion of the Leeman family.

Mrs. J. A. Harris and little daughter Mary Love who have been visiting the family of W. W. Russell were called home to Stanton Friday by the illness of Mr. Harris.

Lem Browning of Aransas Pass returned to his home Wednesday after visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shelton of Union Ridge were here Wednesday trading and visiting Mr. Shelton's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Shelton.

Miss Bessie Medlin of Truby was a visitor here Friday.

Mrs. B. Ely of Noodle was shopping here Friday.

Mrs. A. B. Cranston of Stith spent Friday here.

Mrs. L. O. Levy of Stith was a visitor here Friday.

Mrs. Henry Porter of Dora was here shopping Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Myers of near Anson were here Monday.

Mrs. E. R. Foster of Comper was here Monday.

Mrs. Jim Bird of Stith was here Monday.

Mr. C. A. Matting and daughter of Noodle were here Tuesday.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. W. T. Daniel left Saturday for Bay City where she will spend several days visiting her son D. F. Daniel and family.

See my cut glass, the prettiest line in the city. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. Austin Boyd spent the week-end in Abilene visiting friends and relatives.

New Theatre, Monday, Cole Younger

Miss Mabel Martin left Thursday afternoon for Estelline where he has accepted a position in the Telephone office.

Just received a fresh line of P. D., Blacklegoids Vaccine at Grimes Drug Store.

Miss Grace Terry of Trent spent Sunday with Miss Charlie Bell Thomas.

Miss Vera Bland visited her brother R. L. Bland, who is in the sanitarium at Abilene, Monday.

The last of the Younger Bros. Theatre Monday, night.

I can show you a very attractive line of Hair Receivers, Nappies, Vaases and anything in the latest cut glass. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Cole Younger, himself, here Monday.

We pay the highest cash market price for your chickens and fryers. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

Dr. J. M. C. King of Trent spent Sunday with homefolks.

Just received a shipment of gloves. The Star Store.

For the nicest line of scarf pins, link buttons, emblem rings, signet rings and solid gold rings, gents fobs, coat chains. You will make a mistake when you fail to see our line. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. J. C. Sherwood returned to her home at Hillsboro Thursday after an extended visit to D. C. Rister and family.

Large stock window and door glass. Burroughs Drug Store.

We want every good egg you can find on your premises. We pay the highest market price for same. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

Steve Duckett was attending to business matters in Abilene Monday.

Window glass all sizes at Grimes Drug Store.


Drugs And Druggist Sundries

Our stock is complete we invite you to call and see our lines. Courteous to all, it makes no difference how small or how large we can take care of your wants, we ask you to give us a trial both in service and quality. If you are already a customer use us of them. **PHONE 4-3.**

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THEATRE, MON. NOV. 17

See J. P. Sharp's special prices on men and boys clothing.

Make some one happy Xmas with one of our solid gold Lovalleres or Pendants for the neck, or one of our Cameo neck brooches. We will both lose money if you fail to see our line, because our line is complete. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Miss Bettie Peterson of Trent was the guest of Miss Sallie Toombs, Sunday.

One lot of mens' patent leather shoes, \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00 going at only \$2.00. J. P. Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hall visited Mrs. T. Compton in Abilene Tuesday.

We want your door and window glass order. Burroughs Drug Store.

Mrs. M. J. McReynolds visited her daughter J. T. Shelton of Abilene, Tuesday.

Boys' heavy fleeced underwear 35 cent garments, going at 20 cents. J. P. Sharp.

We have and carry in stock the latest novelty in silverware for collar buttons, pin trays, compartment boxes for men. Lady ask about them. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Remember the set of dishes to be given away Saturday at the West Texas Hardware Company.

J. P. Sharp has cut the prices on everything in the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bigham left Monday for their home at Rule.

With every 10 cent purchase of school supplies—a toy balloon free—as long as they last at The Elite.

Hear Cole Younger tell the story of his life, Monday.

Be sure and get some tickets for the set of dishes to be given away Saturday at The West Texas Hardware Company.

Best and freshest chocolate candies at Burroughs Drug Store.

We will extend our sale over Monday. West Texas Hardware Company.

See J. P. Sharp's ad in this paper next week.

Mrs. Thomas Smith returned home from Trent Tuesday morning where she has been visiting her daughter Mrs. C. Hammer.

Mrs. J. S. Ray visited her daughter Mrs. Era Roe of Abilene Tuesday.

Will Warren went to Abilene Tuesday to take in the Gentry Brother's Show.

Miss Eather Williams spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

C. D. Mims made a business trip to Abilene, Tuesday.

Hear Cole Younger Monday night.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Joe Bland and Jim Craddock of Crawford, Texas, are visiting relatives in our city this week.

When figuring on papering your house see "Mack" for good classy wall paper. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company.

Arthur Rose was in Abilene Friday.

Call in at W. D. Woodroof & Co., and get a few yards of 50c Eponge for 35c per yard.

Mrs. N. E. Sandlin left Saturday for Rotan to visit her daughter Mrs. Oscar Cypert.

School Books and supplies at Burroughs Drug Store.

Seed oats at G. M. Sharps feed store.

Try a sack of Seymour's best flour at G. M. Sharp's.

Paints, Oils and Wall Paper at Burroughs Drug Store.

Joe Callaway was taken to Abilene Saturday to the sanitarium where he will undergo an operation.

Just received a fresh shipment of Jacobs Candies at Grimes Drug Store.

Vernon Boring was in Abilene Sunday.

Try our hot chocolate. Burroughs' Drug Store.

My cut glass bowls and ice tea glasses are the latest designs. Ask about them. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. M. A. Grace of Moran returned to her home Saturday after spending several weeks with her daughter Mrs. O. F. Clark.

The highest market price paid for your eggs. W. P. Duckett.

Miss Alice Williams of Abilene is in our city visiting friends.

Bad eyes—bad reading. Have your eyes tested and fitted by Mrs. E. M. Rust at Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

Miss Tennie Pope visited in Cisco last week.

Ben Merrit visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merrit in Abilene Sunday.

Raymond Touchstone was a social caller in Abilene Sunday.

Received a nice line of stationery and bibles at Grimes Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis of Abilene was here Sunday visiting friends and relatives.

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COMMISSIONERS COURT IN SESSION

Commissioners Court which has been in session for the past two days has transacted a great amount of business, including the opening of a new road and approving of bonds and reports.

No action has been taken on the petition for a second class public road from Elmdale and Hamby road east to Callahan county line.

The quarterly report of W. J. Young, county clerk, was approved.

The quarterly report of Judge E. M. Overshiner was approved.

The salary account for October of \$100 for Superintendent J. S. Smith was taken up and voucher approved.

In the matter of an application for credit on the bond of Melvin Craig, the court ordered that the sureties be allowed credit for the sum of \$11.50 for time laid out in jail, not credited on the bond. The sureties for Craig are I. Harris and W. C. Fisher.

The report of the jury of view on road through the V. S. Bowles place northeast of Abilene mention of which was made in The Reporter some few days ago, was adopted and a first class road ordered opened as described in the said report.

Application to widen road known as "Lover's Lane" was granted and it was ordered by the court that the road so known in North Park addition to Abilene be widened ten feet from Grape street extension west to the Anson public road. B. F. Persons and Will Stith were selected as agents to give the land necessary for the widening of the said road and make proper deeds to Taylor county, the said county to pay for moving the fence along the said widened road.

It was ordered that half of the special tax collected in School District No. 6 be refunded to the respective taxpayers.

The petition of Iberis voters to discontinue dry-farming demonstration work was filed for consideration by the commissioners, but no action has been taken.

Application for the extension of payment of \$150 rent of county farm was refused.

Application to widen road running on west side of M. W. Northington place, around tank on Northington place, Commissioner's Precinct No. 2, was granted and J. C. Joiner is to be

paid \$35 for the necessary land, of which W. W. Harp is to pay \$10 and move fence, county to pay \$25 on presentation of deed for the land.

The quarterly report of R. C. Lyon, constable of Precinct No. 2, of Buffalo Gap, was approved.

The quarterly report of B. M. Burks, justice peace Precinct No. 4, was approved.

The quarterly report of H. R. Stephens, constable of precinct No. 4, was approved.

A committee of Abilene business men interested in the establishment of a joint city and county hospital was before the commissioners court urging action in the premises, but nothing has as yet been done. The county must dispose of its county farm before it can entertain any plan to carry thru the project. It is believed that several offers for the property will be tendered before the present month is out. The property is some of the best farming land in the county. The county would use the proceeds with which to establish a joint hospital and also use the surplus for a smaller county farm to be situated near the city.

Commissioners court will have some further important business to transact during Wednesday. The plans for the new court house had not been received Tuesday evening, but Mr. Burnett arrived in Abilene in the afternoon and it is expected that these blue prints will be submitted sometime Wednesday for the consideration of the board before being transmitted to the University Architectural Department at Austin.

EL PASO—The Elephant Butte dam which is being constructed 60 miles north of this city at a cost of \$10,000,000, and which will be used to furnish water to the Rio Grand Valley farmers forty miles south of here, is about half completed. The dam will not be fully completed until some time during the year 1915, although sufficient water will be furnished for land under irrigation in 1914.

HOUSTON—The Attorney General has approved a \$1,200,000 bond issue for this city, \$800,000 of which will be used for street paving purposes and the remaining \$400,000 for bridges. The improvements made possible by the issue will commence at once.

Freezing Line Extends to Oklahoma CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 10.—Hurled along by a tremendous gale, the storm today centered around the lower lakes.

Temperatures have been lowered to unreasonable figures and a snowfall as great as twenty inches, has been reported.

FARM FACTS
 By Peter Radford, Texas Farmers Union.

Farmers who are capable are always in demand.

Ability is the only measure of merit in farming.

The farmer who does not know where he stands does not stand anywhere.

A silo costs but very little compared with its real value: build more silos.

The farmer that farms with his mind as well as his hands is generally a success.

Success in farming depends largely upon proper marketing, cheap money and co-operation.

Every farmer should buy his implements from the home dealer and acquire the home industry habit.

Co-operation between the rural and urban districts means better schools, better roads and better living.

Texas farmers will spend \$30,000,000 this year outside the state for corn. Plant more corn and keep Texas money in Texas.

Benjamin Franklin must have been thinking of Texas farmers when he said: "If we do not all hang together, we will assuredly hang separately."

The nation's menu must be made up from fields, pastures, orchards and gardens, and to farm intelligently the farmer must know what is needed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Conferences between William Bayard Hale and General Carranza at Nogales, Mexico, are interpreted in official circles here as the first open move of the United States Government to show an interest in the Constitutionalists movement.

Little doubt exists, while Hale retains the character of an unofficial envoy, that he furnishes the Washington government with information for official purposes.

Hale is expected to report on Carranza's personal character, whether he has the united support of the rebels and whether he would hold fair elections if successful.

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I am still here and have lots of Groceries and Feed to sell and have good prices on them. I will quote you just a few prices on my goods.

100 pounds Bouquet Flour	\$2.85
Meal	80c
25 pounds Eagle brand Sugar	\$1.30
10 pound bucket Cottolene	\$1.25
10 pound bucket White Cloud Lard	\$1.10
10 pound bucket Soda	55c
10 pound bucket Diamond "D" Syrup	50c
Best Corn in Town, per bushel	97 1-2c

I am looking for a car of Trico and am going to sell it at \$1.00 per 100 pounds. Don't forget to come around, for you will always find me with the goods and prices to suit the hard times. I give Trade Coupons with \$1 purchases

Walter Clark

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Complete line of Norris and The Texas Girl Chocolates. The sweetest in 48 states. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

R. H. Collins shipped a car of cattle to the Fort Worth market and a car of mules to Detroit this week.

With every 10 cent purchase of school supplies—a toy balloon free—as long as they last at The Elite.

John Russell shipped a car of cattle to the Fort Worth market this week.

If you are looking for a nice Xmas present for your sweetheart "Mack" has it. A Macey Book case is a very appropriate gift for Xmas. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company.

Ocie Burns returned home from Colorado City Wednesday morning after a few weeks visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Price of Eskota were in our city Monday.

Mrs. A. D. Teague returned to her home at Nugent, Wednesday after spending the past month with her son Eugene Teague.

What we want is to see you in our store just a little more. (Please). Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

The births, reported to us by local physicians, for the past two weeks are as follows: To Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walters, of Trent, a boy; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Clark of Mt. Pleasant, a boy.

G. O. (Dent) Cozart of El Paso came in Wednesday to spend a few days here with old-time friends. Mr. Cozart has been sick for the past several weeks with typhoid fever, but is now improving fast.

The Richard Hudnut Toilet articles are known for quality and rich odor. Complete assortment at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Go to G. M. Sharp's for chops and brann.

J. M. Bright of Trent was a pleasant caller to our office Tuesday, and as usual Mr. Bright was telling us some improved farming experience. He says plow deep.

With every 10 cent purchase of school supplies—a toy balloon free—as long as they last at The Elite.

Only a few days more to secure votes on the Kodak. Get busy somebody.

Eld. W. G. Cypert returned home Tuesday afternoon from Benhur where he has been the past week holding a meeting.

Terrell Winters of the Shiloh community was in town Wednesday with cotton and doing some trading with our merchants.

Ask your friends to buy a nice order at Quality Drug Store and save votes for you. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

A nice Xmas present for mother would be one of "Mack's" comfort rockers. She would appreciate it. "Mack" would also appreciate the order. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company.

T. J. Toombs was in Abilene Wednesday attending to business matters.

Mrs. M. D. Ussery and little daughter Meta Merle left Wednesday for Winters where they will visit Mrs. Ussery's sister Mrs. H. K. Reid and other relatives.

Real Estate Announcement FOR MEN AND WOMEN ONLY

Who Have First-Class Properties to Sell at a Bargain for Cash or Trade at Real Value, or Who Have Money to Invest in Real Bargains or Good 8 and 10 Percent Vendor's Lien Notes; or Who Wish to BORROW MONEY ON LAND

WANTED—1,000 acres of first-class land, raw or improved but must be good land, desirably located for future development and must be a real bargain. I have a client who will buy such a tract and pay all cash. He has asked me to find it for him. Now you know I will be glad to make the deal for you and incidentally get the commission but it must be a good body of land and the price must be right. He is no fool or he would not have the money on hand now to pay for this much land. Please give full, fair and accurate detail definite description and submit your very best offer the first crack-out-of-the-box. He is a business man and will say "yes" if the right kind of proposition and otherwise "no."

BUYERS FOR LARGER AND SMALLER TRACTS

It is my honest conscientious belief that there is a buyer for every real bonafide bargain in good desirable farm, stock farm and ranch properties in this country—the only trouble is to get the bargain and then find the buyer. The only trouble about the real estate business is that good bargains and cash buyers are few and far between. BUT, if you have the bargain I will contract for the other end of the work. I think I am about the best bargain land man in this section. I like the game of hunting for men with money to invest when I have something to show them after I find them. The trouble with my business this week is I have the cart before the horse. I have a man with the money and I do not have a real genuine appetizing bargain in 1,000 acres on my list. I have sold in the past two years over \$400,000 worth of sure-enough bargains and could in half of the time sell \$1,000,000 worth of the same kind of propositions. I knew at the beginning of my real estate career that men with money were not fools. They have sense or they would never have money. All of my clients are smarter than I am for they all have land or money but I know as much about values and bargains in this section as anybody except the man that made the land. I know a bargain when I see it and if you will show me I will do the rest or bust my advertising main spring.

MY PLAN AND MY CONTRACT

Its simple—simply bringing the owner, the bargain and the buyer together, that's all. My plan is to get the bargains first and then hunt the buyers and I am going on the biggest hunt this season ever pulled off in this section. I am going to scatter information about this country and my list of bargains all over the middle and east end of this state and then some. I will sign a contract to find a buyer for every sure-enough bargain in high-class desirable property. I can not sell junk and do not know how to juggle inflated values. Most buyers are larger than I am and as a matter of self-protection outside of my ambition to be fair and square I have to stay around in running distance of the truth of the matter. I advertise that I will make good on any proposition I guarantee. I have thus far made good and will make good so long as I am in the business. I want good bargains to make good on and my exclusive contract offers an opportunity for every property owner who is willing to give a good all-round deal for the right kind of a square deal from myself and my clients. If you have land to sell it will pay you to see me. I do not want this whole country but the best propositions for cash business. I believe specializing is the secret of success in any line of effort. I am going to conduct an extensive advertising campaign this season and I have good reliable connection in the east for good reliable bargain business in the west. Come to see me or write giving detail description of your proposition.

MY LOAN CONTRACT

In conclusion let me remind you that after continued efforts I have the agency at Merkel for some of the biggest and best loan companies in the world. I can make you a loan on your farm, stock farm or ranch for 5, 7 or 10 years at 8 per cent interest, nothing payable but interest, and I will guarantee to match any deal you can make anywhere, so you can do as good if not better by patronizing your home agency. My inspector will be out here next week and if you desire to borrow money see me right now. Do not forget any of this. Yours in realty,

JNO. G. JACKSON

EXCLUSIVE BARGAINS

P. S. NOTARY PUBLIC AND STENOGRAPHER IN OFFICE

BETWEEN FT. WORTH & EL PASO

THE MOST UP-TO-DATE FURNITURE HOUSE

OUR MOTTO

All goods guaranteed satisfactory or they may be returned. (Watch our competitors in other towns imitate us on guarantee.)
Yours For Business

OUR CAPACITY

Most Up-to-Date Furniture House between Ft. Worth and El Paso. What more can you ask when we give you Lowest Prices, Best Goods, Our Guarantee, Prompt Shipments? If you have doubts, bring in your order to us and convince yourself that you will be dealing with a firm that knows how to treat you right.

OUR PRICES

Guaranteed to be less than any competitor on same class of goods. Compare our prices on Wall Paper, Rugs, Mattresses, Bed and Davenport. (We will save you money on everything in store)

Behrens - McMillen Furniture Co.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Salt Branch.

Nov. 11—Brother Walker filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

School opened at this place Monday with 21 pupils.

Misses Gardie, Lula and Annie Higgins and Misses Selma and Olive Teaff were the charming guests of Miss Mae Rainer Sunday.

Misses Cora and Alma Hays were visiting Miss Ruth Allen Sunday.

Emory Petty and wife were the guests of Oscar Mobley and family Sunday.

W. B. Beavers and family took dinner with S. W. Taylor and family Sunday.

Will Higgins and wife were visiting W. M. Hays and family Sunday.

Ellis Petty and wife were shopping in Merkel Monday.

Miss Oma Taylor left Saturday for Loraine to spend a few days with her aunt at that place.

Mrs. J. L. Barker left Friday night for Arkansas where she will make her future home. We regret to lose Mr. and Mrs. Barker from our community. We wish them success in their new home.

Ezra Barker and family have moved to the place vacated by J. L. Barker and wife. We welcome them to our midst and hope their stay among us will be a pleasant and profitable one.

R. D. Allen and family are moving this week to the Alexander farm near Stith.

Several from here attended singing at Miss Maggie Foster's at Warren Saturday night.

W. B. Beaver and family returned Friday afternoon from a six weeks stay in Sylvester.

Mrs. Beaver and daughter, Lyda, were shopping in Merkel Monday.

Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy were Merkel visitors Monday.

WANTED—A bad case of Rheumatism. If you have Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headaches, we want you to just try Hunt's Lightning Oil. You will be convinced of the truth of the statement of one customer that "as a reliever of pain it is without equal." All Druggist sell it. Adv

His Finish.

Jones—"Do you know, I fancy I have quite a literary bent." Friend—"All right, my boy. Keep on and you'll be worse than bent; you'll be broke."

What is Good for Headache.

One lady says after suffering dreadfully for about seven years, she tried Hunt's Lightning Oil which almost instantly relieved her, and has been entirely free from those dreadful headaches since. Ask your Druggist. Adv

Frenchwoman a Cave Dweller.

A woman of forty-five has been found living in a cave in the forest of Fontainebleau. Snakes and rats were her co-tenants. She subsisted on raw vegetables, and was clad in rags. She was reluctant to leave the cave.—Paris Cable to the New York Times.

Declare War on Colds.

A crusade of education which aims "that common colds may become uncommon within the next generation" has been begun by prominent New York physicians. Here is a list of the "don'ts" which the doctors say will prevent the annual visitation of the cold:

"Don't sit in a draughty car."
"Don't sleep in hot rooms."
"Don't avoid the fresh air."
"Don't stuff yourself at meal time. Over-eating reduces your resistance."

To which we would add—when you take a cold get rid of it as quickly as possible. To accomplish that you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy most excellent. Sold by all Dealers.

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND
Train No. 2, leaves Merkel... 10:01 p.m.
Train No. 4 " " " " 10:57 a.m.
Train No. 6 " " " " 11:54 p.m.

WEST BOUND
Train No. 1, leaves Merkel... 4:00 a.m.
Train No. 3 " " " " 5:44 p.m.
Train No. 5 " " " " 5:13 a.m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

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. R. A. Clements, Pastor.

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 Would You Do?

In case of a burn or scald what would you do to relieve the pain? Such injuries are liable to occur in any family and everyone should be prepared for them. Chamberlain's Salve applied on a soft cloth will relieve the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a very severe one, will cause the parts to heal without leaving a scar. For sale by all Dealers. Adv.

Candid Statement.

Look upon the fool with patience—we have all been fools in our time.—Florida Times-Union.

Sick Headache.

This distressing disease results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. For sale by all Dealers.

Badge of Distinction.

Elegance of appearance, ornaments, and dress—these are women's badges of distinction; in these they delight and glory.—Titus Livius.

A Night of Terror.

Few nights are more terrible than that of a mother looking on her child choking and gasping for breath during an attack of croup, and nothing in the house to relieve it. Many mothers have passed nights of terror in this situation. A little forethought will enable you to avoid all this. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a certain cure for croup and has never been known to fail. Keep it at hand. For sale by all dealers. Adv.



The Clothes you want to buy, at The Price you want to pay

"Shield Brand" Suits \$12.50

Others at \$10.00 and \$15.00

Carefully tailored, Fashionable, Serviceable.

"Shield Brand Specials" are the equal of the best tailored garments.

Made to suit the man who knows quality and value.

Sold By Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Aroused His Curiosity.

The prisoner at the bar had accumulated a load of intoxicants taken from the curb a motor car that was not his own, gathered a few hundred spirits and broken all speed laws until he had landed in a ditch with the car irredeemably smashed, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. The pursuing bicycle cop had brought him immediately to court and his honor was preparing to soak him good and hard.

"I want this case postponed till I get a chance to see my lawyer," hiccupped the joy rider.

"A lawyer?" jeered the judge. "You were caught with the goods and you have no defense. And you have been in trouble before for the same thing. What could your attorney say in your defense."

"That's what I'm curious to know. He's a mighty clever fellow."

No Use Trying.

Come to think of it, the man doesn't exist who can blow out an electric light.

P. B. Causseaux Dead.

On Tuesday morning P. B. Causseaux answered to the calling of the roll up yonder and entered into that rest which remains for the people of God. For nearly a quarter of a century he has lived in obedience to the master's will. He joined the Baptist church after coming to Texas in the early seventies. He has ever been a devoted consecrated worker for the cause. For the past four years he has been a member of the Executive Board of the Sweetwater Association, also a member of the Board of the Merkel Baptist church. Mr. Causseaux was born in Georgia February 2, 1843 and died at his home in Merkel Nov. 11, 1913 after an illness of several months. He enlisted as a volunteer in the Civil War in 1861 and served four years for the Southland. On December 11, 1867 he was married to Miss M. F. Wisenbaker. There was born to them two children of which one, Mrs. Neal of Trent, survive him. Mr. Causseaux has lived in and near Merkel for the past 25 years. His first wife having died here about six years ago. He was married to Mrs. Nannie Gunn, August 2, 1909. There was born to them a son, P. B. Causseaux, Jr. Tuesday afternoon a large concourse of friends and relatives attended the funeral services conducted by Revs. Gaddy and Baker. The Mail joins the many friends of the bereaved family in the deepest heart-felt sympathy.

A Painless Headache.

Is there such a thing as Painless Headache, Painless Neuralgia, Painless Rheumatism? Hunt's Lightning Oil will make the pain go away, and the suffering cease. That's why Hunt's Lightning Oil is so popular, and praised so much. Ask your druggist. Adv.

Cause for Worry.

Friend—"Why, Elvira, what's the matter?" Elvira—"Oh, I don't know only I'm worried to death! I've had the same girl six weeks, and she doesn't talk about leaving yet!" Friend—"She doesn't?" Elvira—"No not a word! She must be in love with my husband!"—London Opinion.

Pain, Pain, Pain.

To those who suffer pain, let us say Hunt's Lightning Oil is truly wonderful in the way it destroys pain. So many praise it that you cannot doubt. You simply rub it on, and the pain goes away. Adv

March of Progress.

Abner Wombat was born in a cabin, but every one of his grandse has a dress suit. Such is life in America.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure
The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Itches at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Blair.

Nov. 11—The Blair school is scheduled to begin Monday Nov. 17th. The teachers request as many of the parents as can be present at the opening of the school.

Mose Brown returned home from San Angelo Saturday.

C. M. Largent unloaded a couple of fine Herfords here one day last week that he had shipped from Coleman.

W. N. Moore and Billie and Miss Ruth Moore were visitors at the home of F. D. Addison Sunday.

Dock Adcock of Hawley visited his brother, S. E. Adcock, Saturday.

Roland Goens visited his brother, Robert, at Abilene Saturday.

Z. V. Moore and family spent Sunday with T. O. Lackey.

The W. O. W. boys of Blair camp have arranged for a cotton picking at Clifton Wickley's Tuesday, he having been sick quite awhile. Everybody is invited.

Robert Lyons of Buffalo Gap was in Blair on business last week.

J. W. Mayfield and family visited Rufus Tittle Sunday.

The singing class met Sunday night with Miss Mattie Campbell and enjoyed themselves awhile in song practice.

MERKEL PROOF.

Should Convince Every Merkel Reader.

The frank statement of a neighbor, telling the merits of a remedy.

Bids you pause and believe.

The same endorsement

By some stranger far away

Commands no belief at all.

Here's a Merkel case.

A Merkel citizen testifies.

Read and be convinced.

B. J. Rhodes, Merkel, Texas, says:

"I used several boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills and was greatly benefited. I was in bad shape with my back for a long time and my kidneys and bladder were weak. Doan's Kidney Pills quickly cured me and now I seldom have to use a kidney remedy. When I do, it is always Doan's Kidney Pills."

The above statement must carry conviction to the mind of every reader. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy

—ask distinctly for Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mr. Rhodes had—

the remedy backed by home testimony.

50c all stores. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

"When Your Back is Lame—Remember the Name." Adv

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities 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.