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TRENT PEOPLE HEAR FERGUSON

Trent was well represented at Merkel Tuesday afternoon at the Ferguson speaking. Among those present were R. B. and Alec McRee, E. D. Burks, G. C. and W. W. Johnson, Bob Godwin, E. A. Click, Jim Smith, R. E. Leonard, G. H. McLaughlin, Chas. Hutchenson, Bob McLeod, E. L. Sellers and Mr. Peterson. Most of the visitors came down on the 10:57 T. & P. east bound and returned to Trent on the evening train. Many of them if not all pronounced themselves as highly pleased with the platform outlined by Mr. Ferguson, in fact it seemed that it was a Ferguson crowd that departed from Merkel Tuesday afternoon bound for Trent.

Arrests Burglar.

Sheriff Bond of Nolan county arrested Guy Bates on charge of burglary.

Bates is a young man, age about twenty years and his arrest caused some surprise in Sweetwater. The stolen goods were found in his possession.

THE MERKEL MAIL CONTEST IS OPEN

The Merkel Mail grafonola prize contest to three young ladies of Merkel country who receive the largest number of votes on subscriptions to the Merkel Mail is now open and the voting is gaining interest each day.

There are nine young ladies in the contest so far and three of them or others who may enter if they wish, are going to be the proud owners of these fine machines after the final count on August 1st.

If you have a friend in the race get your friends to subscribe for Merkel Mail and help some young lady win a prize, one worth having and one worthy of appreciation to the most fastidious home of the land. These machines are of high class make and have the most absolutely perfect producing principles of any talking machine made today.

HOLLANDS and FARM & RANCH will be given free to every subscriber who sends in their subscription this month. These two papers will come to your address from now until January 1915. Help your favorite or enter your favorite and help her win. The contest is still open for any who wish to compete, but will absolutely close against new entrants after July 1st.

Presbyterian Announcement.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock; be present as plans for childrens day will be discussed. Prayer Meeting 8:30 Wednesday evening. Woman's Missionary Society at Church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Preaching services Sunday 11 a. m., and 8:30 p. m. You are welcome. E. P. McMillen, Supt. Hubert E. Bullock, Pastor.

HON. JAMES E. FERGUSON SPOKE TUES. TO A LARGE CROWD

Tuesday afternoon James E. Ferguson of Temple, Democratic candidate for Governor of Texas spoke to a crowd estimated at over 500 men and women at the tabernacle.

The Speaker was introduced by Judge N. D. Cobb as a man who is at the present time going over the state of Texas throwing out pure and true democracy.

Mr. Ferguson addressed the audience in a soft tone of voice gradually adding force to his speech until at the end of his talk which lasted for about two hours the listeners were at no time in the least way restless and at all times the speaker was accorded the best of attention and was frequently interrupted by applause.

At the beginning of the address Mr. Ferguson announced that he had entered the race for Governor as a private citizen, and one who has never held an office not even to the extent of being a justice of the peace.

He gave a short statement of his private life, showing that he was a native born Texan and raised amid humble surroundings. He gave an account of his early struggles as a laborer in vineyard of California, and teamster on the largest grain ranch in the world, and as a helper in the placer mines in the Rocky mountains, as a roustabout in a barb wire factory in San Francisco and as a laborer in the quartz mines of Nevada and Colorado.

He also told of his service as an humble railroad man and paid a high tribute to the dignity of labor.

He told of his experience as a county lawyer and as a country banker. He stated that he had been a farmer and stock raiser for the past ten years.

From his personal business affairs he gave out a statement of his expenditures for labor on his land in Bell county last year where he paid over \$7000 in cash to laborers at an average of 32.50 per month or over \$7.00 more than government schedule of average monthly farm labor. While on this subject he strongly denied Col. Ball's statement that he had received \$21000 from crops off of his Bell county property last year but stated that his books showed he had received only \$14000 and in making the denial Mr. Ferguson excused Mr. Ball from the misrepresentation from the fact that Ball was not a farmer, never was a farmer and didn't know anything about a farm, therefore was excusable when he added the total number of bushels of wheat, oats, corn, bales of cotton, number of spring lambs and number of hogs together that had been raised on the Ferguson land in Bell county and got as a total 21000 and called the gross proceed \$21000 from the fact that it all added up 21,000 in round numbers.

He stated that when he decided to run for the office of Governor he did not go to any of his friends for their advice on the matter but arrived at the conclusion that if he was not a big man enough to decide whether he should make the race or not, without asking his friends to say for him then he in turn was not broad minded enough for the place, and that after he had obtained permission from his wife to make the race "War had been on", and would continue until the last man had voted on the 25 of July and when he was elected to the office he would assume the chair under obligations to no clique, clan nor any special person and that his obligations would be to the Democrat of Texas and to the welfare of them alone.

He criticised the man who would make a race for Governor with no other qualifications than being either a pro or an anti and any person who should so mislead himself and try to mislead the people by placing himself before them in such a light was not fit to be a deacon in a negro church. (Applause). And any man who should announce for so great an office should be a man with sufficient business experience to handle the affairs of state in a business way and on a systematic business basis, a man with varied experience who could represent the varied interest and that, that man should above all, not be a professional politician. (more applause)

He discussed the present penitentiary system and the financial loss it is to the state every year and stated that 200 public school buildings could be built in Texas every year with the money that has been lost through bad management of the penitentiary during the last few year both under a prohibition governor and an anti governor and if the people elected him as their governor he would stop the wrangle over prohibition by a veto of any liquor measures and in that way would force the legislature to stop their eternal row over prohibition. At this point he asked the audience if they wanted a business administration or if they wanted an administration of prohibition agitation, if the latter, then they should vote for Mr. Ball and the wrangle in the legislature would continue while measures badly in need of the attention of a practical business man would go unattended. He advocated placing the prison farms in the hands of business farmers who understood what they were doing and not turn it over to a bunch of professional town office holders. He stated that two much attention was given to the reformation of prisoners and not enough attention was being given to the law abiding citizenship, but announced that to a extent he favored reform as far as it could consistently be carried into execution but when a big black lazy negro convict needed whipping because he would not chop cotton on a hot day, that he was in favor of making him.

Mr. Ferguson also discussed the railroad question, stating that the railroads were a public necessity which must be maintained for the public good in a high degree of efficiency. He also said that the interest of the roads and the interest of the public were identical and if the railroads would pay attention to the small matters of convenience to the public, the people would do the right thing about railroad rates. He stated that railroad rates should not be decreased, because they were entitled to earn a fair return upon their investments and further stated that a decrease of railroad rates would cause a decrease in the wages of the railroad men and, also discussed the need of public warehouses, and entered discussion of the landlord and tenant plank in his platform. He wants the legislature to provide a law to prevent land owners from collecting a rent of more than one-third of the gain or the one fourth of the cotton, except where the landlord furnishes all the teams and tools to make the crop, in which event a rent of one-half might be collected. He referred to history to show that the fall of all nations was attended with the concentration of ownership of land, and the collection of unfair rents. He stated that the Government had as much right to regulate rents as it had to regulate interest, crediting the tenant citizenship of Texas with really contributing to the making of high land values in Texas and they ought not to be required to pay a rent which would impare their ability to feed and clothe their family and educate their children.

He then took up the opening speech and candidacy of his opponent, Thomas, H. Ball, and among other things said.

Thus, my friends in simple words I lay before you the reasons why I want you to make me Governor. And I am quite sure that the people of Texas are now ready to approve the principles for which I stand.

The great political show with a great corporation chieftain at its head has trod the boards of Greenville town, and the curtain has been rung down amid great applause.

Tom Ball will go down in history as the biggest political straddler that ever lived His opening speech, like that novel garment which ladies wear, the "Mother Hubbard," covers everything but touches nothing.

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PICNIC WILL NOT BE HELD HERE

The proposed picnic and barbecue to be held here July 3 and 4th, seems to have crumbled to earth upon failure to obtain either of those noted personages Col. Thos. Ball or Jim Ferguson as speakers for that occasion.

The campaign manager of Mr. Ball has announced that Mr. Ball cannot be here on those days and Mr. Ferguson already having visited Merkel in interest of his campaign could not make a return date to Merkel owing to the many other places he has to speak at before the primary. While other candidates could be booked for the occasion it is thought that with the busy crop conditions that undoubtedly be in sway in the early part of July that the attendance would be somewhat hampered even with influential men and prominent speakers in our midst at that time. These reasons together with the failure to get either Mr. Ferguson or Col. Ball here for the celebration is directly the cause of the jubilee proposition being stopped.

BAD WRECK ON WICHITA VALLEY

Seventeen were injured, three or four seriously, when three coaches of the Wichita Valley passenger train No. 1, due in Abilene at 9.30 p. m. Saturday, rolled off of a dump eight miles north of Abilene caused, by the track spreading from a cloud-burst. Those most seriously injured were:

Mrs. Nannie Mae Jones, Spur daughter of Rev. Isaac Sellers, formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church of Abilene, en route to her new home in Dallas seriously injured about the face, cuts from glass and abrasions to body. She was accompanied by her husband.

Mrs. J. M. McMahan, a Baptist Minister of Spur, enroute to Abilene to attend Simmons commencement exercises; injured about the body.

M. B. Moore, Dallas injured about face and body and several bruises.

J. F. Waddell, a traveling Salesman, Abilene, shaken up considerably and minor injuries about the body.

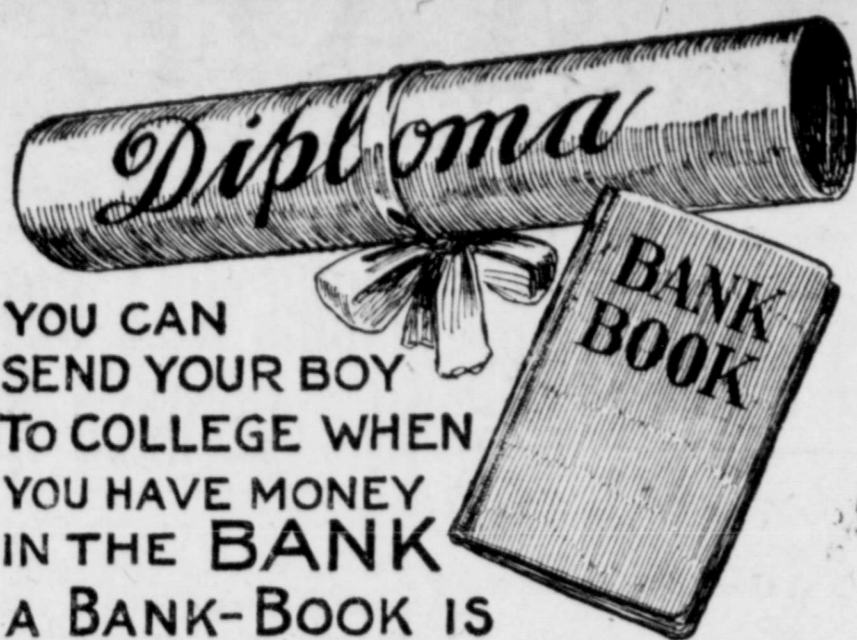
President J. D. Sandefer of Simmons College, Abilene, wrenching of knee and other injuries.

Charles Williams of Gordon, injured seriously about the body and unable to walk.

Eleven others were injured more or less not to speak of the slight abrasions and scratches received by almost every one of the 25 passengers traveling on this train.

The derailment was one of the worst in the history of the line and [came near ending fatally for all passengers. The accident occurred at Little

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MERKEL, TEXAS

J. E. FERGUSON SPOKE HERE TUES.

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Tom Ball, the railroad lawyer and the no-idea candidate, has had his say, and let me tell you about it.

In the first place, his speech must be the greatest disappointment to the simon pure prohibitionists that they have ever met. His sop to the anti-prohibitionists is an insult to their intelligence, and whatever respect they may have had for him as a man he has now lost by his offer to surrender his political views to get a few thousand anti votes.

If he is a democrat, then W.P. Lane is not. If Tom Ball is a true prohibitionist then Morris Sheppard is a traitor to the democratic party. I must acknowledge my gratitude to the Fort Worth convention for giving me such easy opposition in nominating a candidate who stands for nothing, and is nothing, politically.

If Tom Ball is a democrat then the Fort Worth convention that nominated him was not a meeting of democrats. If the Fort Worth convention was a meeting of democrats, then he has betrayed their trust, and has turned his back upon declarations of principles which they made. If the Fort Worth convention was not a meeting of democrats, then Tom Ball is running on the wrong ticket.

If the Fort Worth convention was right in unanimously declaring for National prohibition as the deliberate judgement of the prohibition leaders of Texas then Tom Ball ought to resign his nomination.

Yea, verily, "before the cock crowed thrice has the Master been denied," but before the cock ever got a chance to crow at all this political Peter has jumped the fence and turned his back upon his friends.

What and how must that good lady, Mrs. Curtis, who has really fought the battles of prohibition think and feel when this great corporation candidate now puts a new hymn book in her hand and tells her that hereafter she must sing a new tune.

What do you suppose Brother Rankin and Brother Gambrell thought when Tom Ball and Tom Love told them they had to back up on the three mile law, the five mile law and statutory prohibition in order to keep a few

antis in south Texas, who knew too much about Tom Ball's club record?

I appeal to the democrats of Texas, whether you be pro or anti, and ask you the plain question: "Is it not better to elect me on my clear cut declaration to stop the prohibition agitation than to elect a man who is willing to trim his political kite to every passing wind?"

Tom Ball says that he stands on the democratic platform which says that a man's views on prohibition shall not be a man's democracy. And he further says that the democratic party is not committed to National prohibition. Yet he goes to Fort Worth and accepts the nomination of a party convention declaring specifically for National prohibition, and providing that no one could sit in the convention but prohibitionists.

A peculiar kind of democracy indeed that this gentleman has set up in Texas. Tom Ball, my friend, is either mentally unbalanced or he is that kind of political trickster that will stand for anything to get office.

President Wilson says that prohibition should never be made a party program. And that prohibition is essentially non-political and non-partizan.

And yet this white ribbon reformer runs on the ticket of a convention making National and state prohibition the paramount issue. Who is the best democrat, Tom Ball or Woodrow Wilson?

Let us scourge from the democratic ranks in Texas those who would destroy our grand old party by raising issues which have no places in a democratic home. Let us meet the issue and let it be understood that the party of Jefferson and Jackson, of Coke, Mills, Sull Ross, and Jim Hogg, still lives and will ever be the champion of the people's rights and liberties.

He did say one thing, however that was meritorious: And that was: "It is safer to judge a man by what he has done than by what he proposes to do when making a platform to run for office on." By this statement and his public utterances and political actions, I shall try him before the bar of public opinion, and he can by these facts be condemned in the sight of all good citizenship.

He says the liquor dealers and breweries should forfeit their license if any agent, officer or employee should contribute to any candidate or campaign fund. Now, my friends, I find no fault

with this statement. But the question with me is: When did Tom Ball reform?

In the year 1900 that great commoner Jim Hogg urged the Waco convention to pass the following amendment to the state constitution, to-wit: "That corporations should not directly or indirectly contribute money or anything of value to any political party or to any campaign expense." The people of Texas well remember that it was none other than this same would be white ribbon reformer, Tom Ball now a candidate for Governor, who opposed this amendment and led and inspired one of the bitterest political mobs that ever disgraced a Texas convention in their efforts to cry down one of the greatest governors Texas ever had.

And now he comes to further insult the memory of that great man by shedding tears before a convention when he tries to hide his action in that disgraceful gathering.

From the Dallas News of August 10, 1900 he read a short account of the opposition of Ball to Hogg in the convention at Waco.

Mr. Ferguson criticised severely Mr. Ball's land purchase loan scheme whereby people who wanted to buy homes could borrow nine tenths of the purchase price from the state out of the school fund and that there were thousands of acres of cut over land in east Texas that the purchaser could buy. The point of criticism was from the fact as many people know, the cut over land in east Texas is hardly worth clearing up and that one man has a job farming a few acres among those stumps and that in addition to that practically all the cut over land in east Texas belongs to the lumber corporations of Houston, of which Col. Ball has been a representative.

Much amusement was shown when Mr. Ferguson gave an account of the Houston Club of Houston to which Col. Ball is a member. He declared that Ball cared no more for a prohibitionist than a hog would for a left hand side pocket, (applause and laughter). He read from an auditors statement, facts concerning the Houston Club some of which are as follows; that during the past year the Club spent \$112 for magazines as means of keeping up the literary end of the club and spent \$361 for playing cards and poker chips and while there was a loss of over \$1000 on the Cafe that is run in connection

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This Bank issues Letters of Credit and Travelers Checks available in all parts of the world.

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I have a pretty and up-to-date line of Ladies, Misses and Childrens hats at the lowest possible price, and will appreciate your visit.

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IN THE REAR OF PARTEN'S STORE

WANTED: Clean Cotton Rags at The Merkel Mail Office

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Claud Douglass who has been here for some time visiting the families of F. Sears and W. E. Douglass, left Saturday for Dallas.

E. Q. Warren of Galveston who has been here visiting his father who has been seriously ill, returned to his home Tuesday. His fathers condition having improved to an extent.

Miss Ada Adams of Mexia left for a short visit in Abilene Tuesday after having visited her uncle W. E. Adams of Route two for a few days.

Mrs. E. Hall is in Abilene this week visiting relatives.

Mrs. W. P. Duckett of Snyder is here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris.

R. J. Adcock left Sunday for Fort Worth where he will spend the summer with his daughter Mrs. R. E. Kunze.

Mrs. Orian Ash is visiting relatives in Abilene this week.

Misses Fannie Mae Dean and Grace Matthews of Tyler are visiting their cousin Miss Irene Swann this week.

Mrs. Rufus Grisham of Haskell is visiting her father J. T. Howard.

Mrs. Arthur Harris and children of Dallas are visiting friends and relatives in our city.

Mrs. H. C. West was in Abilene Tuesday visiting Mrs. J. H. Rogers.

Cane and fetterer seed at G. M. Sharps.

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that we're showing this spring. But these are very different from the ordinary run of what is commonly shown. You only have to compare, to see for yourself.

They're styled by a famous Fifth Avenue expert, modeled after the best New York and London Custom designs, and made up by the most reliable tailoring shops in America—a house which has been a leader for forty years. Come and see the new fashions for Spring.

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MERKEL, TEXAS



SCHLOSS BALTIMORE CLOTHES

Miss Mae Miller of Dallas came in Sunday to be with her sister Mrs. W. H. Dickson for awhile.

J. Winship of Shreveport left Monday for Abilene, Waco and San Antonio after having spent a week with his daughter Mrs. A. J. Leighty of this place. Mr. Winship is well known in this section of the country having been associated with cattle interests in the early days of West Texas.

Miss Della Goode of Trent was in the city Tuesday shopping.

Ross Jennings of El Paso came in last week to visit his mother Mrs. J. W. Jennings and family. Ross reports everything in the border city quiet and hardly as wet as it is in this section of the country.

Dont forget the place to buy Seymores flour. G. M. Sharp.

Erving Jennings of Abilene was in the city Saturday visiting his Mother Mrs. J. W. Jennings and brother Ross Jennings of El Paso, who is here on a visit.

Upper Ten flour for \$2.75 per 100 at G. M. Sharps.

Miss Bernice Rainbolt is in Cisco this week.

Mrs. J. A. Hill of Golan is in Abilene this week visiting her daughter Mrs. J. C. Chambers.

Miss Mattie Moore was in Abilene the latter part of last week visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Mims were in Abilene Saturday.

Misses Ether Williams, Maud and Minnie Fergusson, Inez and Ola Sharp left the first of the week for Denton to attend a summer school. They will be away about 60 days.

Mrs. J. B. Steele of Waurika, Okla., who has been here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning, left for Cisco the first of the week for a short stay before returning to her home.

Goes farthest and wears longest. What? Read Grimes ad on page 8.

Miss Eva Williams left for Mineral Wells Saturday accompanied by her niece Lenora Williams. From Mineral Wells they will go to Dallas where Lenora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Williams will probably have another operation performed for an ear trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack C. Frederickson of Goldfield, Nevada came in Wednesday night from the West and will visit the formers parents Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Frederickson for a few days after which the Goldfield visitors will go to Dallas and on to Canada for an extended visit before returning to their home.

W. H. Laney was in Wills Point the first of the week visiting his brothers and looking after business matters.

I have a few cotton seed left for planting. G. M. Sharp.

Miss Lizzie Harris of Mexia is here visiting her sister Mrs. Jno. D. Gaither.

Miss Lucile Peek who has been here visiting Misses Mossie and Pet Sears, left for Abilene Saturday evening where she will remain for a short time before leaving on a tour of the eastern and northern states.

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Miss Jaunita Harris of Fort Stockton came in Wednesday afternoon to visit Mrs. S. P. Miller. Miss Harris visited her sister Mrs. Harry Harris of Abilene prior to coming here.

Mrs. Fred Woods of Abilene is here visiting her sister Mrs. C. E. Whitaker.

Entire Stock Columbian Wyandotte chickens for sale O. M. Sharp at Sharp's Store.

J. T. Anderson of Farmersville came in Sunday afternoon and remained in the city until Monday with his brother R. O. Anderson of the Farmers State Bank.

Mrs. D. W. Hawkins of Post City came in Sunday to visit her aunt Mrs. J. C. Calvert and cousin Mrs. R. A. Martin. From here Mrs. Hawkins went to Dallas where she visited her mother Mrs. H. E. Cathey.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

See R. E. Hall before selling your butter, produce and hides. Rear J. T. Dennis' store.

Supply yourself with grain sacks from J. D. Gaither and get the top price for your grain.

Mrs. M. C. Church left Monday for Winters to visit her daughter Mrs. W. E. Davis.

Plenty corn chops at G. M. Sharps.

Miss Mabel Brackeen is in Abilene this week visiting her brother F. H. Brackeen.

See me and tell me how many sacks you will need for your grain at thrashing time. J. D.

See H. M. Rose for milk coolers, steel tanks, guttering and well casing.

Miss Josie Smith was in Abilene the latter part of last week attending the closing exercises of the Simmons College.

Mrs. G. W. Cox left Wednesday for Cisco where she will undergo a treatment of her eyes.

Goes farthest and wears longest. What? Read Grimes ad on page 8.

J. A. Barnett of Blue Ridge was in Merkel Tuesday visiting J. W. Childers of Route 4. Mr. Barnett owns the farm Mr. Childers is renting and is highly pleased with the crop condition of the Merkel country and values his holding in this section of the state as a good investment.

Will have plenty White Leghorn flour by Saturday 2.25 per Hundred. G. M. Sharp

One more good work horse for sale. Anchor Mercantile Co.

Get your Sunday dinner from the Ladies at Behrens-McMillen Co's store.

Library Readers: Please note the change in the Library hours, Begining Monday May 11th the hours will be changed. Be sure and remember to come from 5 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. E. P. McMillen visited Mrs. Behrens of Abilene Wednesday.

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

Mrs. R. E. Bowles was in Abilene Wednesday visiting her husbands brother and his family.

Martin will press your suit for 50c.

Mrs. J. G. Jackson and children visited her mother Mrs. Roberts of Nugent the first of the week while Mr. Jackson was in Dallas, Hubbard City and other points in East Texas.

See those Palm Beach suits at the Star Store.

Mrs. Frank Couble of near Sylvester and Mrs. John McClung of Golan who have been visiting their sister Mrs. C. B. Kniffen of the Kale community were shop-in Merkel Friday of last week.

Sacks loaned and the highest prices paid for your grain. J. D. Gaither.

R. C. Armstrong, D. D. will be with Bro. Wallace Sunday filling his pulpit at 11 a. m.

Good Jersey cow, Fresh. For sale. Anchor Mercantile Co.

MEN & BOYS CLOTHING



- 25c quality boy's overalls—18c
- 50c quality boy's overalls....39c
- 50c quality boy's jumpers...39c
- 75c quality boy's overalls....45c
- \$1 quality men's best overalls 79c
- \$1 quality men's best jumpers 79c
- \$1 quality men's blue checked pants75c
- \$1.25 quality men's Kiki work pants.....89c
- \$1.50 Palm Beach dress pants 98c
- \$2 worsted and Cashmere dress pants\$1.35
- \$2.50 quality men's dress pants—all kinds.....\$1.89
- \$3 quality men's dress pants—all kinds.....\$2.15
- \$3.50 quality men's dress pants—all kinds.....\$2.78
- \$4 quality men's dress pants—all kinds.....\$3.15
- \$4.50 quality men's dress pants—all kinds.....\$3.30
- \$5 quality men's dress pants—all kinds.....\$3.78
- \$15 all wool, bran new style men's Mohair suits...\$9.95
- \$15 all wool, new style, men's Blue Serge suits...\$9.95
- \$12.50 best quality Palm Beach men's suits.....\$7.50
- \$12.50 Blue Serge men's suits.....\$7.50
- \$12.50 suits for men, all kinds of this quality....\$7.50
- \$10 suits for men, all wool, gray, half lined.....\$6.94
- \$1.50 blue serge pants for boys up to 17 sizes....88c
- \$1.50 all wool Worsted and other materials boy's pants up to 17 sizes.....98c
- \$1 boy's pants, all kinds to 17 sizes.....75c
- 75c boy's pants, all kinds to 17 sizes.....48c

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- John B. Stetson, No. 1 quality.....\$3.50
- John B. Stetson, Boss Raw Edge.....\$3.95
- \$3.50 G. L. H. Hat, staple and nobbiest shapes.....\$2.75
- \$3.00 G. H. Hat, staple and nobbiest shapes.....\$2.25
- \$2.50 B. & W. Hats, staple and nobbiest shapes.....\$1.75
- \$2 M. special, neatest and nobbiest shapes.....\$1.35
- \$1.50 regular staple and fancy styles, extra quality 98c
- 75c boys' Ratine and other new style dress hats all colors.....43c
- Men's \$1.50 straw hats, newest and best shapes.....98c
- Men's \$2 Straw hats, newest and best shapes.....\$1.45
- Men's \$2.50 Straw hats, newest and best shapes.....1.95

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- Immense rednctions on highest class ready-to-wear possible to produce. Come early before your size is gone.
- Children's 20c muslin drawers.....10c
 - Ladies' 35c muslin drawers.....23c
 - Ladies' 50c muslin drawers.....39c
 - Ladies' 50c summer Union suits.....39c
 - Ladies' 75c summer Union suits.....55c
 - Ladies' \$1 summer Union suits.....75c
 - Ladies' 10c vests, 4 for25c
 - Ladies 15c Comfy Cut vests.....10c
 - Ladies' 20c Comfy Cut vests.....12 1-2c
 - Ladies, 25c Comfy Cut vests.....18c
 - Ladies' 20c extra size vests up to 44.....12 1-2c
 - Ladies' 75c gowns, extra special.....50c
 - Ladies' \$1 gowns, extra special.....75c
 - Ladies' \$1.25 gowns, extra special.....89c
 - Ladies' \$1.50 gowns, extra special.....\$1.15
 - All children's 75c ready made dresses, only.....50c
 - All children's 50c ready made dresses, only.....39c
 - All children's \$1 ready made dresses, only.....75c
 - All children's \$1.25 ready made dresses, only.....89c
 - All children's \$1.50 ready made dresses, only.....\$1.15
 - All children's \$2 ready made dresses, only.....\$1.35
 - Ladies' \$1.50 White Pique skirts, only.....98c
 - Ladies' \$2 White Linen Skirts only.....\$1.39
 - Ladies' \$2.50 dresses, only.....\$1.75
 - Ladies \$3.50 dresses only \$2.75
 - \$1.25 white lingerie waists only.....89c
 - \$5.00 all wool new style, good fitting, dress skirts.....\$3.95
 - \$7.50 all wool Crepe and Granite, latest style dress skirts, best fitting mode, big bargain.....\$4.95



Window Curtain Goods

- All 15c and 20c curtain scrim only...25c
- All 25c curtain scrim,15c
- All 35c curtain scrim,18c

GIGANTIC STOCK AND MONEY RAISE

A SALE OF UNQUALIFIED IMPORTANCE TO STOCK MUST BE REDUCED.

Without stint, strained effort or stoicism every word and price of a document bequeathing certain important lifetime legacies for w reaching importance to the prospective buyer of dry goods, clothing, had, when our stock is in its zenith, containing hundreds of the most ours to SACRIFICE, SLASH AND SLAUGHTER every price on eve time certain persistant demands that the inclement weather for more in retarding earlier satisfaction. We appreciate the true condition of bonafide proposition backed by our cherished reputation for value gi constituency. For this reason we have marked every article in our every customer of this truly Gigantic Sale to know without close f supply their wants at this particular time. TRULY A SENSATIO MERCHANDISE REVELING possible to portray on human mental unending array of beautiful new fabrics, and garments of every conc mecca of dry goods dom. We have enjoyed the liberal patronage o circumstances makes it necessary for us to throw our ENTIRE STO the gainers. If there is one ioto of doubt, read! If there is further TIME IF THERE IS ONE MISREPRESENTATION. EVERY TRAI Parleying—no Quibbling. STOCK MUST BE REDUCED— This means a great deal to us. If you would save one half on your

Don't Let Smaller Things Cheat You. "MAKE HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES"—To-morrow

Sale Begins Saturday Morning

RAIN OR SHINE. WE W

SHOES AND SLIPPERS

Boys and Mens Slippers at True Money Raising Prices

- 200 pairs ladies, misses and boys new style slippers and shoes worth upto \$3 per pair sale price....\$1.00
- 150 pairs ladies, misses and boys new style solid leather slippers and shoes worth upto \$3.50 perpair \$1.50
- Childrens \$1 solid leather ankle strap slippers....75c
- Childrens 85c solid leather ankle strap slippers....50c
- Misses \$1.25 solid leather ankle strap kid slippers...89c
- Misses \$1.50 pat. ankle strap Baby Doll slippers \$1.15
- Misses \$2.00 pat. ankle strap Baby Doll slippers \$1.39
- Misses \$1.50 solid leather kid ankle strap slippers \$1.15
- All babies 50c soft sole shoes and slippers.....39c
- Misses \$2.00 patent 2-strap slippers.....\$1.39
- Misses \$1.75 velvet 2-strap slippers.....\$1.35
- Ladies \$1.50 solid leather kid ankle strap slippers 1.15
- Ladies 1.50 solid leather kid blusher pat. tip slip. 1.15
- Old ladies 1.75 plain toe lace slippers.....1.39
- Ladies 2.00 rubber-side seam down front slippers 1.50
- Ladies \$2.25 solid leather ankle strap kid slippers 1.65
- Ladies 2.50 solid pat. leather Mary Jane slippers 1.75
- Ladies 3.00 solid pat. leather Baby Doll slippers 1.95
- Ladies 3.00 patent colonial pump slippers.....2.25
- Ladies 3.50 patent colonial pump slippers.....2.45
- Ladies 4.00 pat. colonial pump black buckle slipr's 2.95
- Boys \$1.50 lace kid solid leather slippers.....98c
- Boys 2.00 lace kid solid leather slippers.....1.39
- Boys 2.50 button tan and gunmetal slippers....1.75
- Boys 3.00 button gunmetal slippers sale price...1.95
- Boys 3.50 lace pat. leather new style slippers...2.25
- Mens 2.50 elk skin work shoes sale price.....1.95
- Mens 3.00 solid leather cap & plain toe work shoes 2.25
- Mens 4.00 tan & black but. Packard slippers...2.25
- Mens 4.50 kangaroo & velour Packard slippers...3.75
- Mens 5.00 kangaroo lace & but. Packard slippers 3.95
- Mens 6.00 mahogany kangaroo Packard slippers 4.75
- Mens 4.00 kangaroo, valour lace, but. Packard shoes 3.15
- Mens 4.50 " " " " shoes 3.85
- Mens 5.00 kangaroo & valour but. Packard shoes 4.25
- Mens 6.00 mahogany kangaroo Packard shoes...4.75
- Mens 3.00 patent leather button shoes.....1.95

LOOK! REAL 48 Pounds Best FLOUR FOR ONLY

LACES AND EMBROIDERIES

The grandeur of these exquisite laces and embroideries cannot be merely imagined, but will have to be seen to fully appreciate their wonderful beauty and extreme in low price.

- Laces and insertions worth up to 15c sale price...3c
- Laces and insertions worth up to 25c sale prices...7c
- Real shadow laces, white & ecru, worth upto 25c...10c
- Real shadow flouncings, 18 in. wide, white and ecru, absolutely worth upto 35c, sale price.....18c
- Real shadow flouncings, 25 in. wide, former price exceptionally low at 50c, money raising sale price...25c
- Swiss and Hamberg embroidery edger and insertions, regular 10c to 15c sellers, money raising sale price...5c
- 20c embroidery edger, 18 in. wide, sale price.....10c
- 75c embroidered 45 in. voile flouncings sale price...39c
- \$1 embroidered 45 in. crepe flouncings sale price...65c
- 85c embroidered 45 in. voile flouncings sale price...49c
- \$1.50 embroidered 45 in. voile flouncings, this sale 89c
- \$2 embroidered 45 in. voile flouncings sale price \$1.25
- 35c all over shadow laces, sale price.....23c
- 50c all over shadow laces, sale price.....35c
- 65c all over shadow laces, sale price.....39c

GREAT SALE

I will give 25 per cent off all during this sale. Big

LIZZIE M

We have enumerated in this big circular all the prices it will hold. We want you enormous stock and obtain quick money. We want you to further know that in order yea! sensationally low prices and that we have unquesti

IF YOU WANT HIGH CLASS DRY GOODS, HATS, CLOTHING, ETC., AT REAL UNQUESTIONED MON

48 lb. sack of best flour for only 50c. This flour will be sold for 50c only one day, S flour at 50c. Only 100 sacks will be sold at this pr

THE JOLLY DRY GOODS HOUSE

PARTEN DRY G

WEEK REDUCING RAISING SALE

EVERY HUMAN BEING IN REACH OF MERKEL
MONEY MUST BE HAD

"A D" should be read and weighed with as much deliberation were it about the possibility of a doubt no other missive could be of such far reaches, etc. In the midst of the season when our usual profit should be sought for fabrics of the season, we are compelled through no fault of any article in this massive stock to satisfy within a limited stipulated than 30 days in the heart of the spring season has been instrumental affairs throughout the Merkel territory and know that nothing but a ring and square deals, will interest, to our desired end, a very busy big store much lower than would ordinarily be necessary. We want assuring that they have been more than repaid for the time taken to N-REALLY AND TRULY THE MOST ASTOUNDING MID-SEASON convass. Our Big Double Store heaped to its utmost capacity with an available description, to be bought for a mere pittance, will truly be the best liberal and worthy people during our career in Merkel and since RE into a BARGAIN HEAP we want to see these same liberal people doubt, come and see! YOUR MONEY BACK AND PAY FOR YOUR REACTION GUARANTEED. NECESSITY COMPELLS, no Stinting—no MONEY MUST BE HAD. We have lost practically 30 days. Spring and summer purchases, while the season has scarce yet begun may rain. Read-Deliberate. Put 2 & 2 together and act on the result AND ACT QUICK

June 6th at 8 O'Clock Sharp

ALL EXPECT YOU. COME

DO!! LISTEN!
Our Bouquet Brand
50c A SACK

STAPLES AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

25 yards round thread cotton checks, only	\$1.00
15 yards best cheviotte, only	\$1.00
2 yards best sea island yard wide brown domestic	\$1.00
10 yards 15c yard wide bleach cambric	\$1.00
12 yards 12c mattress ticking	\$1.00
Best 20c feather ticking, only	15c
Best 20c blue dinems, only	16c
Next best quality blue dinems, only	13c
Best 30c 10-4 Pepperelle sheeting, only	27c
Best 27c 9-4 Pepperelle sheeting, only	25c
Best 20c oil cloth, white and fancy, only	16c
8c bleach toweling, extra special	5c
12 yards best huck toweling, only	\$1.00
10 yards best linen crash toweling, only	\$1.00
40c white table linen, extra wide, only	25c
50c white table linen, only	39c
75c white table linen, only	55c
91 white table linen, only	75c
50c red and blue checked table damask	39c
8c all colors, apron check gingham, only	5c
10c all colors, apron check gingham, only	7c
15c yard wide draperies, only	10c
8c draperies, only	5c
12c draperies, only	8c

OF MILLINERY

ats in my millinery department
assortment to select from.

FREEMON

to know as near as we can impress upon you the fact that this is a sale to reduce our to accomplish this end we have realized in the beginning that it will take unusually low, ably made them and will maintain them through this sale

RAISING PRICES, COME EARLY AND MINGLE WITH THOSE WHO ARE BUYING THESE BARGAINS

day, June 6. Each customer must buy at least \$9.50 worth of dry goods to get the You'll have to hurry, but don't get hurt in the rush.

GOODS COMPANY

WITH JOLLY GOOD
PRICES

OUR DRESS GOOD PRICES

The grandeur of these beautiful dress fabrics and the bargains into which we have transformed them, will create a tremendous sale in this department. You, who have planned to have that airy, summer dress, or perhaps have been waiting for spring weather and have not bought your supply, or perchance you who anticipate becoming a June bride, will do well to grasp the opportunity thus offered by supplying your every whim at the lowest possible minimum cost.



500 yards best calicoes, only 10 yards to customer, 3 1-2c	
600 yards 10c, 12c and 15c lawns, voiles and batistes	5c
1,000 yards best 10c dress gingham, only	7 1-2c
1,500 yards best 12 1/2c dress gingham, only	9 1-2c
Beautiful 15c printed dress crepes, latest designs	10c
Beautiful 25c printed dress crepes, latest designs	15c
Beautiful 35c yard wide painted crepes, late designs	19c
Beautiful 35c silk tissue gingham, new patterns	15c
40c tub waist silks, only	15c
Beautiful 35c printed crinkled dress crepes, only	23c
Beautiful 25c crinkle kimona crepes, only	18c
25c extra fine plain dress voiles, only	15c
Exquisite designs 50c Brocaded silks, very special	35c
Yard wide 50c wool dress serges, all colors, only	39c
Yard wide 50c fancy wool Henriettas, pretty shades, light weight for summer wear, only	39c
All other yard wide 50c wool dress goods, only	39c
Yard wide 75c brocaded silk crepes, all the newest, most sought for shades, only	45c
40-inch 40c plain tan and blue dress crepes, exceptional value, latest arrival, only	25c
\$1 brocaded and printed silk foulards, extra special	75c
\$1.25 black and navy yard wide chiffon taffetas	98c
15c 38-in guaranteed not-to-fade percales, only	9c
10c regular width percales	7 1-2c
35c striped woven marquisette, only	23c
35c plain white dress crepe, only	23c
25c striped crepe, best colors, only	15c
20c solid colored picque, only	12 1-2c
18c yard wide brown linene, only	10c
20c brown dress linen, only	15c
25c yard wide brown dress linen, only	18c

WHITE GOODS

10c cross bar muslin, only	6c
12c cross bar muslin, only	7 1-2c
15c 40-inch cross bar muslin, only	10c
25c fine dimity, only	15c
36-inch pure white linen, only	25c
20c 36-inch white linene, only	12 1-2c
50c 36-in. handkerchief waist and dress linens, only	30c
40c silk finish white waist and shirting madras, only	25c
25c white satin striped waist and shirting madras	15c
12 1/2c plain white India linon, special	9c
15c plain white India linon, special	11c
20c plain white India linon, special	15c
25c corded batiste, solid white, special, only	18c
25c white corded dotted swiss, only	15c
20c white picque, extra fine, only	12 1-2c
35c checked flaxon, only	18c

NOTIONS TO LET

Hundreds, yea! Thousands of the most needful at prices that will carry them away quick.

7 spools best sewing thread, only	25c
7 doz. 10c pearl buttons, only	25c
7 papers best gold eyed needles, only	25c
7 best 5c hair nets, only	5c
10c white and black elastic, only	5c
12 1/2c white and black elastic, only	8 1-3c
15c can talcum powder, only	10c
25c can talcum powder, only	18c
35c ladies' ruff colors, only	23c
50c ladies' ruff collars, only	39c
35c Tango bows, only	18c
50c Tango bows, only	39c
One lot 50c Tango pins, extra special, only	25c

One big lot ribbons up to 150 wide and worth up to 25c, money raising sale price

7 boxes best wire hair pins, only	25c
10 spools Clark's darning cotton	25c
15 skeins fadeless embroidery thread	25c
7 papers safety pins, large and small, only	25c
15c pearl buttons, only	7 1-2c



CORSETS

American Beauty \$1 corset only	85c
American Beauty 75c corset, only	50c

American Beauty
Corsets



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Lighter,
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BREAD, CAKES, BIS-
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Than any Flour you ever
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\$2.75 PER 100 POUNDS
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To run a laundry, that will please our customers. It's our constant aim and effort to please careful dressers and our constantly increasing patronage proves our success. Won't you be one of our customers?

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Jones-Swann.

A wedding of considerable local interest and one of the most beautiful home weddings ever solemnized in Merkel occurred Tuesday afternoon June 2nd at the handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann in North Merkel. Rev. O. W. Dean of Seymour assisted by Rev. W. M. Gaddy officiating.

The contracting were Miss Francis Margaret Swann, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann, and Mr. Henry Jones of Plainview.

The interior of the house was beautifully decorated with potted plants, fern and cut flowers, white roses and predominating.

To the soft strings of the Lohengrin wedding march played by Miss Gaddy the bridal couple entered preceded by little Misses Johnie Sears and Mary Louise Scott the flower girls, who scattered rose petals and carried the white satin ribbon that made the aisle to the altar, over which a huge white rose bell hung.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held for the bridal party and about sixty intimate friends and relatives of the groom were present.

They received many useful and handsome gifts. The bride is one of our most beloved girls: having been reared here she has many friends who regret her leaving but wish for her a life of unalloyed happiness.

The groom is a prosperous young business man of Plainview.

After the reception Mr. and Mrs. Jones left on the 5:45 train, amidst a shower of rice and rose petals, for their home in Plainview.

Those who attended the wedding from a distance were Mr. O. W. Dean of Seymour, Misses Fannie May Deay and Grace Matthews of Tyler and Mrs. Rufus Grisham of Haskell. "A Guest."

Bowling-Long.

Announcements of the marriage of Mr. Ralph Dowling and Miss Ora Long, on Tuesday June 2nd, at the Grace Presbyterian Church of Greenville Texas, has reached here.

The bride is well known here, having lived in Merkel several years and has a host of intimate friends who extend congratulations.

According to the announcement Mr. and Mrs. Dowling will make their home at 2018 East Church St. Greenville, Texas.

The Philathea class of the Baptist church surprised Miss Francis Swann with a kitchen shower at her home in North Merkel Monday evening June 1st. The girls met down town and went together to the Swann residence. As Miss Gaddy played a march Mesdames Ear Lassiter and Willie Joe Largent entered bearing a large basket filled to overflowing with kitchen utensils. Mrs. W. A. Scott toast to the bride. After spending a happy hour together the class left wishing Miss Swann much happiness and prosperity in the new home.

An occasion long to be remembered will be the Childrens day at the Methodist church Sunday evening when the primary teachers held their open Session. A most creditable program was given. It would be hard to call special attention to any one feature of the evening. Altho' we must make mention of the Cradle Roll as presented by Mrs. Jno. Mann in a cradle decorated in white and green was rocked by the youngest member of the class as three little girls recited appropriate verses. Novel ideas were presented during this feature of the program.

The Twentieth Century Club met with Mrs. O. W. Williams Saturday afternoon May the 30th. The concluding act and general review of the studying of Othello complete the years work. The ladies feel that they have had a very profitable year. They are planning to take up the study of American Authors another year in connection with the study of Shakespeare. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served and each departed praising Mrs. Williams as hostess and thanking Mrs. Parten for kindly assisting the ladies by the use of her horse and buggy. Music was furnished by Miss Bessie Touchstone and Ina Mae Adams.

Several hours were enjoyably spent Monday evening after the moving picture show at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Davenport Gaither on August St. when a few friends met for a dance. Those present were Misses Agnes Hall and Zora Coggin, Messrs Homer L. Easterwood, Dee Grimes, Jesse Scarborough of Cisco, Otti Coggin, Mesdames Sterling P. Miller, J. W. Daniel and Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Daniel.

The following are the names of the members of the Junior Epworth League of the M. E. Church who have been present for six Sundays in succession: Murphy Thomas, Loring Rogers, A. J. Mann, Mary Rogers, Charm Burroughs and Newton Cobb.

Class Meeting.

The busy Woman's class of the Methodist Sunday School meet in business session at the home of their president Mrs. J. F. Shaffer on Wednesday evening. There are twenty eight members on roll. Several interesting questions were discussed by the class, one of which was the home Department work of the Sunday School. They decided to take up this work and plans were perfected whereby the home department would be carried on by the members.

After business was over a social hour was enjoyed and dainty refreshments were served.

An invitation to join the class is extended to the Busy Women of the town.

League Program Sunday June 6th. 1914.

Subject: A Song of Security and Contentment.

Psalm, 23.
Leader: Ollie Shaffer.
Song.
Prayer.
Song.
Scripture reading.
Give a short sketch of the life of David: Mamie McNeas.

Make a short talk on the 23 Psalm; Rev. Ed. R. Wallace.

Instrumental music; Miss Mabel Laney
Epworth visitor.
Miscellaneous.
Song.
Benediction.

Trent Society.

Miss Bonnie Lee Gordon of Crowell, enroute to Abilene to attend the commencement exercises stopped here two days to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowers.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson entertained the Juniors Saturday night. Those present were Misses Floy Leamon, Eula Johnson, Maud Skillen, Effie Duke, Ida Smith, Mae Southworth, Messrs Ernest and Lee Massey, Winslow Beckam, Clyde Southworth, Royce Dowdy and John McCracken.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowers entertained Thursday evening in honor of Miss Gordon of Crowell. Delicious ice cream and cake were served to Misses Alvy Lee Estep, Mae Robinson, Willie Reaves, Floy Leamon, Geta Becham, Mesdames Tyman Collins of Merkel and T. R. McLeod, Messrs Dean Robinson and Alex Williamson.

Misses Vada Holton of Tye and Maud White of Abilene were here Thursday visiting friends.

Little Clark Leal, the eighteen month old son of a well known Mexican Sam Leal, died Wednesday night of cholera infantum, having been sick only a few days.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson returned home Wednesday from De Leon where she was called to visit the bed side of her sister who has been seen suffering with appendicitis.

Mrs. O. D. Robinson who has been visiting her brother at Anson returned home Saturday night.

Mrs. Bowles of Cameron is here visiting her sister Mrs. J. A. Brown.

Wilbur McKee who has been in Paris, Texas of the late attending a business college has returned home.

The winner of the boys prize in the declamation contest was Ernest Massey instead of Cecil McRee as was published in last weeks issue of the Mail.

Mrs. J. I. Leamon visited relatives in Merkel the past week.

E. Howell has returned from Fort Worth where he visited his brother Sam Howell who has been suffering with acute rheumatism.

Miss Laura McGregor returned to her home at Kahoma after spending the winter with her sister Mrs. E. L. Mangum.

Miss Willie Reaves is here from Blackwell visiting her brother R. H. Reaves.

Mrs. Conner of Merkel is here visiting her nephew Claud Reid.

Returns From Mexico.

T. J. Coggin came in Tuesday morning from Brownsville Texas, and points in old Mexico where he has been for the past few months.

On reaching home he was taken with a high fever and has been confined to his bed since.

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.

I fattened up, and grew so much stronger in three months, I felt like another person altogether."

Cardui is purely vegetable and gentle-acting. Its ingredients have a mild, tonic effect, on the womanly constitution.

Cardui makes for increased strength, improves the appetite, tones up the nervous system, and helps to make pale, sallow cheeks, fresh and rosy.

Cardui has helped more than a million weak women, during the past 50 years. It will surely do for you, what it has done for them. Try Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. J-48

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The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is Equally Valuable as a General Tonic because it Acts on the Liver, Drives Out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. For Grown People and Children.

You know what you are taking when you take Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic as the formula is printed on every label showing that it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic and is in Tasteless Form. It has no equal for Malaria, Chills and Fever, Weakness, general debility and loss of appetite. Gives life and vigor to Nursing Mothers and Pale, Sickly Children. Removes Biliuness without purging. Relieves nervous depression and low spirits. Arouses the liver to action and purifies the blood. A True Tonic and Sure Appetizer. A Complete Strengthenner. No family should be without it. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.

The Church of Christ.

Bro. Jno. M. Rice will preach on the next Lord's Day at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Subject as follows: at 11 a. m., "Be Ye Also Ready" at 8 p. m. "Limitation of God's Power". Bible study at 10 a. m.

We earnestly invite all to be with us in these services and study with us the great subjects of the Bible.

Judge Buck Here.

Dist. Judge R. H. Buck of the 48th, district was in Merkel Monday meeting with the voters in interest of his candidacy for Associate Justice of the court of Civil Appeals. Judge Buck has been district judge in Tarrant county for 6 years and is known by several Merkel people who strongly endorse him.

Judge Blanton to Speak.

Hon. Thos. L. Blanton candidate for congressman from the 16th, district will speak at Nubia, tonight at 8:30 in interest of his candidacy for congressman from the 16th, dist. On Saturday morning at 10:30 he will speak in Trent and will come to Merkel Saturday evening to speak at 2:30 From here he will go to Tye where he is scheduled to speak at 8:30 Saturday night.

Returns From Chicago.

W. L. Diltz returned Sunday evening from a two weeks trip to Chicago where he attended the General Assembly of Presbyterians.

Good Maize For Sale.

I still have some good maize at \$23.00 per ton. T. L. Wallace, Trent, Texas.

The Cook's Delight

WE HANDLE THE
COTTON WHITE FLOUR



Which everyone knows is the best. We sell it in any quantity, large or small, but are just as well satisfied in selling a twenty-pound sack as a larger amount, for after using Cotton White Flour we know you will use no other.

Money Refunded to Every Unsatisfied User

PHONE 8-O PHONE
"THERE'S A REASON"

THE SANITARY GROCERY

AT THE ROYAL THIS WEEK.

Manager E. S. Harrison of the Royal Airdome announces feature shows for both Friday and Saturday nights of week. Each show will be of four reels with a feature on each night.

On Friday night the feature picture is "20 Years in Sing Sing" and takes the character from the large saw mill camps to a scene of sport at a county fair, there is an accidental shooting followed by a sentence to prison. The victim convict manages to escape by way of a sewer and makes a leap for life, there is an exciting motor boat chase, a fight and blood hounds are placed on the trail. A capture is made and then there is a confession, the girl in the case brings in the sympathetic part of the three reel feature. The one other reel is of a "Mexican Bull Fight."

Saturday night the feature is "The Juvenile Court" recently showed by the mothers club of San Antonio. In addition to the feature the four reel program will be carried out. The admission is

10 cents and Manager Harrison states that he was very fortunate in securing this exceptional service which has been playing at 20 cent houses at other towns.—(Advertisement.)

East Texas Too Wet.

Rev. A. L. Jobe returned Tuesday night from Tyler where he has been for several days and reports the crop conditions in that section of the state distressing.

He states that in places of east Texas some crops will be complete failures. Oats and wheat are almost entirely ruined from rust and most of it has fallen down to where it will be unable for the harvesters to even mow it. The cotton which should be well advanced in growth is very small and many of the fields are entirely covered by water.

Harvest Hands Wanted.

I want two hands to shock grain, and will sell bundle oats at only four cents. S. H. L. Swafford.

BEE'S LAXATIVE COUGH SYRUP
RELIEVES COUGHS AND COLDS

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Remember I am in rear of J. T. Dennis' store and still paying highest cash price for butter, eggs, poultry and hides.

Mr. and Mrs. John Banner are in Abilene visiting the latter's father and relatives.

I have made arrangement to loan the farmers sacks to handle their grain with. J. D. Gaither.

Supply yourself with grain sacks from J. D. Gaither, and get the top price for your grain.

Remember I am in rear of J. T. Dennis' store and still paying highest cash price for butter, eggs, poultry and hides.

John Warnick who has been attending Coopers Training School at Abilene during the past nine months, returned home Sunday evening.

See R. E. Hall before selling your butter, produce and hides, Rear J. T. Dennis' store.

Mrs. J. B. Boden was in Abilene Saturday visiting friends.

Mrs. Austin Boyd was in Abilene Monday visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams.

Renew your Merkel Mail, get Hollands and Farm & Ranch free until December 1914 and a vote for your favorite in the Merkel Mail Grafonola Contest.

Jno. Sears and E. D. Teaff were in Cisco Monday looking after business matters. They were accompanied by Mr. Sears' daughter Lillie Pratt who is visiting in Cisco this week.

See me and tell me how many sacks you will need for your grain at thrashing time. J. D. Gaither.

Jess Scarborough of Cisco was in town Monday attending to business matters.

See H. M. Rose for milk coolers, steel tanks, guttering and well casing.

Levi Martin of Prescott, Ark., came in the first of the week from Roscoe to visit his nephew J. E. Martin.

I have made arrangement to loan the farmers sacks to handle their grain with. J. D. Gaither.

Virgil Touchstone returned from Houston and other points in east Texas the first of the week from a two weeks visit.

Wear a Palmbeach suit and keep cool. The Star Store.

Don't forget to bring your produce to the Merkel Bargain Store, and get the best market price for your goods, at the same time give you bargains in anything you want to buy. W. P. Duckett.

E. P. Artman of Dora was in Merkel Tuesday to hear the Ferguson speech and to supply himself with household necessities for a while. He returned home Wednesday morning, jubilant over the crop prospects of this country and expecting his section of the country to be heard from this year.

Why send your hats off to be cleaned when Martin will do it for less.

C. T. Beckham of Trent was in Merkel Tuesday afternoon on business and attending the Ferguson speaking.

See N. D. Cobb for Tombstones and Monuments.

J. E. FERGUSON SPOKE HERE TUES.

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with the club, there was a profit of over \$2000 on sales from the buffet or barroom as it is commonly called and that this club member Col. Thos. Ball the prohibition candidate for governor was nothing but a high toned saloon man, who some people say has quit drinking.

But the question arises, if he don't play the game and don't drink the liquor, which I learn is sold at the same price it is sold at in the saloons, why does he stay in the club? If he is really sincere about abolishing the clubs, why don't he set a good example by getting out of them?

This club which Mr. Ball belongs to and the Houston club both dispense liquor at the regular saloon price, before and after the closing hours for saloons, and on Sundays, too, when you real good conscientious prohibition members are at church:

Ladies to Sell Edibles.

The ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will hold a market at the Behrens-McMillen Furniture store Saturday afternoon at the hours from 4 to 6. Pies, cakes, bread and dressed chicken will be on sale.

Attends Bankers Meet.

T. A. Johnson, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank was in Dallas Saturday attending the convention of bankers which nominate directors for the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank.

One of the strongest candidates at the convention was an Abilene man and banker, Henry James. While the endorsements of Mr. James was almost solid from all west Texas and the Panhandle country they were not strong enough to get the Taylor County man elected. The voting according to Mr. Johnson was very close but friendly.

See H. M. Rose for milk coolers, steel tanks, guttering and well casing.

Who Does Your Laundry?

Why not send it to Abilene? The most up-to-date cleaning process in use of any laundry in the west.

ANY TIME YOU HAVE LAUNDRY PHONE 48 AND MR. THOMAS

Our agent will call for it promptly, or leave it at The Pure Food Bakery Building on Front Street.

Merkel, Texas

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Advertised Letters

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for the week ending June 6 1914.

Behringer, Sam
Boles, Mrs. Kirby
Button, E. E.
Johnson, C.
Nations, Clyde
Powers, Raymond
Smith, Mrs. Will
Wilson, F. E.
Wilson, W. T.
Wright, G. N.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office June 20, 1914.
H. W. Derstine, P. M.

Get June Jewelry.

Let me fill your wants of jewelry, cut glass, silverware and clocks. June sales specially looked after. Mrs. E. M. Rust

Mares And Colts For Sale.

I have five good gentle mares and colts for sale. Will take cash or good notes. Austin Boyd at Burton Lingo Co. office.

Bargains! Bargains!

New goods are over loading our counters and we must rid ourself of them, and to do this we are offering them to you at sure-enough money saving bargains come to see us, we know we can save you money on every purchase made at our store.

Merkel Bargain Store.
W. P. Duckett, Mgr.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS

Names of Contestants and their Standing in Merkel Mail Voting Contest up to Thursday June 4th.

Miss Mae Grayson.....	1500 votes
Miss Gertrude Plyant.....	1200 votes
Miss Ida Taylor.....	1100 votes
Miss Halie Moore.....	1100 votes
Miss Bettie Peterson.....	1100 votes
Miss Effie Duke.....	1000 votes
Miss Lula Cogburn.....	1000 votes
Miss Pearl Baccus.....	1000 votes

The three prizes these young ladies have been entered as contestants for are now on display at the ELITE CONFECTIONARY. If you are interested call and see the three machines, the \$75.00 Grafonola and the \$50.00 and \$25.00 Graphophones. Read the Mail and help your friends win a prize

Leaves for Tennessee.

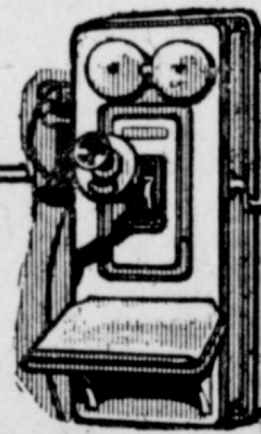
Mrs. L. E. Sanders and children, Mrs. M. E. Orr and Mildred Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sanders left, for Hunnington, Tenn, Saturday to be gone for about 30 days visiting relatives and old friends.

Withdraws From Sheriff Race.

We are advised by J. L. Roberson of Elmdale that he has decided to withdraw from the sheriff's race and asks us to take his name from our announcement columns, thanking each and every person who has assisted him and offered their assistance.

Information has been received here from San Angelo that Miss Jessie Sutphen has been elected to teach in the city schools of San Angelo. Miss Sutphen is in San Angelo now the guest of friends.

Sacks loaned and the highest prices paid for your grain. J. D. Gaither.



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For County Judge:
E. M. Overshiner

For Sheriff:
Geo. M. Cauthen
W. F. (Frank) Whaley
T. T. Spann
J. T. Dodson

For District Clerk:
J. Fuller (re-election)
J. N. Routh

For County Clerk:
A. H. Balch
Miss Fannie Tippett
J. D. Hilton

For Tax Collector:
D. T. Harkrider (re-election)
W. F. Dillard

For County Treasurer:
G. B. (Blue) Tittle (re-election)

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2.
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E. D. Coats
J. L. Banner

For Weigher
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Jet Milsap

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To Prevent Blood Poisoning

Apply at once the wonderful old reliable DR. PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL, a surgical dressing that relieves pain and heals at the same time. Not a liniment. 25c. 50c. \$1.00.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Salt Branch.

Everything is looking fine out this way. Grain will soon be ready for harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Higgins of the Warren community were visiting relatives in this community Friday.

W. E. Petty and family are visiting relatives near Clyde this week.

Miss Lyda Beaver of near Shiloh is visiting friends in this community this week.

Miss Martha Bird of Mulberry was visiting friends in this community Friday and Saturday.

Sunday school and singing were well attended Sunday.

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

Shiloh.

There was small attendance at Sunday School Sunday on account of the muddy roads.

If it continues to rain many days longer the roads are going to be in very bad shape.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Williams of Anson were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnes Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Ferguson who has been visiting relatives here left Sunday afternoon for his home in Tennessee.

Miss Lyda Beavers is visiting friends in the Salt Branch community this week.

The farmers have started their planting in earnest again, and if we can have a few days of fair weather now everything will soon be looking more promising than at the present time. We think we never saw fields and roads so badly washed as they are since the recent rains.

W. B. Beavers made a business trip to Merkel Monday.

There was a singing at Mr. Lee's Saturday night.

Jim Grayson was in Merkel Tuesday.

BAD WRECK ON WICHITA VALLEY

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Mulberry creek bridge, eight miles north of Abilene, at eleven o'clock Saturday night. Torrential rains were encountered all the way from Anson southward and water was running over much of the track. When the engineer approached the Mulberry bottom he noticed a wall of water coming down that stream. He stopped the train, reversed his engine and in attempting to back to higher grade, the rear coach toppled and fell down the embankment east of the track into several feet of water. Two other coaches followed when the swift current washed the track out where the rear coach toppled. Nearly all of the passengers were thrown into the water and for a while it appeared that many would be drowned.



FOR SALE.—Good wood cook stove A. L. Jobe. 5t2.

WANTED. Man with small family to do farm and ranch work. C. M. Largent.

LAND FOR SALE OR TRADE: I have 640 acres good grass land 70 per cent level, 16 miles south of Fort Stockton. I will exchange this for your farm, W. H. Young, Merkel.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Nubia.

Most everyone began work Monday morning in the determine mind to kill a few weeds in the next few days.

Miss Beulah Walker was visiting her sister Mrs. Porter last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Turner was in Merkel Monday.

Mrs. Eva Blackburn who has had the typhoid fever is now up helping do chores. While she was sick she decreased eleven pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Porter was in Nubia Saturday night with Mr. T. J. Walker.

Mr. George Clinton and family spent Monday night with Mith Mr and Mrs. Bonnie Matthews.

Mr. Will Toombs says he would like for a part of that 8900 people of Taylor county to help him chop cotton a few days.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

Blair.

Misses Jessie Clark, Haley Moore and Sallie Hall visited Miss Ethel Jones Wednesday evening.

S. E. Adcock visited relatives in Buffalo Gap Sunday.

Tom Purton went to Westbrook Friday on a visit.

Mrs. J. M. Reeves has been called to the bedside of her daughter Mrs. Will Horton of Wilbarger county who is very sick at this time.

Miss Lou Rainer is reported on the sick list this week

Little Lewis Meeks the 18 month old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Meeks died Saturday evening at 5 o'clock and was buried in in the Merkel cemetery Sunday evening. The sorrowing parents have sympathy of all in this their sadest bereavement.

Everyone is in weeds and calling for help and nobody to help.

Wheat and oats are about ready to harvest and promise a good yield.

Mrs. Eliza Campbell has been sick the past week but is reported better.

"TIZ" GLADDENS SORE, TIRED FEET

"TIZ" makes sore, burning, tired feet fairly dance with delight. Away go the aches and pains, the corns, callouses, blisters and bunions.



"TIZ" draws out the acids and poisons that puff up your feet. No matter how hard you work, how long you dance, how far you walk, or how long you remain on your feet, "TIZ" brings restful to oft comfort. "TIZ" is wonderful for tired,

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Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" now from any druggist or department store. End foot torture forever—wear smaller shoes, keep your feet fresh, sweet and happy.

Needle.

Still it rains. Farmers are all blue on account of bad weather, can't plow. Some have been hoeing weeds.

North of Noodle Sunday there was an inch of rain fall.

Some of the people are not through planting cotton yet. Oats and wheat are looking fine. A few of the people are afraid the rust will get the wheat and oats.

Noodle has checkers and forty-two now. Dr. Ely is the high man.

Miss Elaine Barbee spent the first part of last week with Misses Helmon and Mary Thorton of Sinclair.

Will Horn has been teaching a pay school at Noodle. He has a fine school with twenty scholars.

F. A. Polly's stormhouse caved in last week during the heavy rains.

Mrs. Jim Smith and Mrs. Jno. Thornton spent Wednesday of last week with the former's mother of Sinclair.

There is some talk of the people at Noodle fixing the road at Bitter Creek. Mr. Moore says if it comes a large rain he can't get to Noodle and it will also be a great help to the Noodle community.

The Campaign Is On

And some young lady of the Merkel Country is going to win the big \$75.00 prize; the Columbia Grafonola and one dozen disc records. This is free to the young lady who gets the largest number of votes. the next largest number of votes, Machines now at Elite Confectionery. Go in and see them and vote for your friend

\$75.00 PRIZE

Two more prizes a \$50.00 Graphophone, and a \$25 Graphophone to the two young ladies receiving

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