

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## THE STATE TICKET AND HOW IT LOOKS

Below is the state ticket to be used in the primaries throughout the state on July 25th. By using the common baseball vernacular, we should say, "Look E'm Over."

For the submission by the Thirtyfourth Legislature of the State of Texas of a Constitutional amendment prohibiting within this state the manufacture, sale, exchange and intrastate shipment of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and sacramental purposes.

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For Governor:

James E. Ferguson, Bell County.  
Thos. H. Ball Harris County.  
W. F. Robertson, Dallas County.  
Leopold Morris, Victoria County.

For Lieutenant Governor:

B. B. Sturgeon, Lamar County.  
W. P. Hobby, Jefferson County.  
Lee Brashear, Grayson County.  
J. T. W. Loe, Dallas County.  
C. C. Weaver, Dallas County.

For Attorney General:

B. F. Looney, Hunt County.

For State Treasurer:

John W. Baker, Lubbock County.

J. M. Edwards, Runnels County.

For Court of Criminal Appeals:

W. L. Davidson (re-election), Travis County.

J. J. Faulk, Henderson County.

For Associate Justice Supreme Court:

William E. Hawkins, Travis County.

For Commissioner of Agriculture:

Fred W. Davis, Cooke County.  
H. A. Halbert, Coleman County.

For Railroad Commissioner:

Earl B. Mayfield, Bell County.  
J. M. Arnold, Mills County.

For State Superintendent of Public Instruction:

W. F. Doughty, Fall County.  
S. M. N. Marrs, Kaufman County.

For General Land Commissioner:

Thomas M. Bartly, Lynn County.

James J. T. Robison (re-election), Morris County.

Charlie Geers, Tarrant County.

For Comptroller of Public Accounts:

H. B. Terrell, McLennan County.

Charles B. White, Fannin County.

C. C. Mayfield, Erath County.

J. L. Franklin, Collin County.

Frank Sykes, Williamson County.

For Congressman-at-Large:

Jeff McLemore, Harris County.

James H. Lowry, Fannin County.

Daniel E. Garrett, Harris County.

T. J. O'Donnell, Wichita County.

R. B. Humphrey, Throckmorton County.

W. P. Lane, Tarrant County.

Ed R. Kone, Hays County.

## TIMELY RAIN MONDAY NIGHT

There have been times in the Merkel country when it seemed that the country could not wait another minute for rain and that the eleventh hour was at hand. But such is not the case this year, long before the old clock of time has even had a chance to start clicking off dry moments the Merkel country was blessed with five weeks of continuous wet weather that averaged 2 1/2 inches per week during the time.

All this happened and was over in the latter part of May. Since that date we have had about 20 days of ideal weather, permitting the farmers to go about their grain harvest, the largest the country has seen in years and to get their other feed stuff and cotton well cleaned. And now our condition has again been exalted and Merkel country is looming up with a little shy of an inch rain that fell Monday night, to be accurate, the precipitation was .83 of an inch. This particular rain came about the time the first farmer of the Merkel country was heard to say that he was ready for a shower as he was about up with his first plowing and a little rain would be a good thing.

In the business and financial circles, this rain has caused renewed confidence in the country and great feeling of optimism sweeps in and about the City in Clover in a way not common to our citizenship during the last few years of reverse and adverse times. As we always say, the Merkel county is the best in the west and we expect to have our statement corroborated by seeing the country produce the goods.

## TRENT COUNTRY HAS GOOD CROPS

The writer had the pleasure of being in the Trent country the first of the week and saw some of the best crops we have seen in the entire Merkel trade territory in a number of years.

The young feed, cane, maize and kaffir corn is in excellent condition and the cotton in general was in fine condition for the rain the first of the week. One unusual sight that met our eye was growing corn, as high and higher than a mans head, this old time feed was beginning to tasseel and with the season the country now has the people of that country are now assured of the best feed and more of it than they have ever had.

### Card of Thanks.

On last Thursday evening about 8:30 to our complete surprise we were stormed and received one of those poundings which preachers sometimes get, so different from poundings they get at other times. It was under auspices of the Baraca Class of the Presbyterian church, with Mrs. R. L. Bland as teacher but the class was aided by a number of friends.

The pounding consisted of a long list of edibles, almost everything to be found in an up-to-date grocery, together with vegetables and chicken and some who could not come sent money.

We appreciate in the fullest measure the kind feeling you hold for us and the unique way of expressing it. Especially are we indebted to the Baraca boys for instituting and engineering the surprise.

Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Bullock.

Mrs. M. D. Ussery was in Abilene Wednesday visiting friends and relative.

L. L. Shield, Coleman County.  
J. B. Porter, McLennan County.  
Will A. Harris, Dallas County.  
J. H. (Cyclone) Davis, Hopkins County.

## CLIPPING OF DAILIES STATE AND OUT OF STATE NEWS

Two small children of Mr. and Mrs. Miller near San Angelo were found in a cave in the Kings mountains last Friday almost famished for something to eat. The children missing for about two days were uninjured when found.

Another sea accident was reported Saturday when the Hamburg-American line Pretotia ran into the American liner New York some 400 miles east of Massachusetts. The New York was motionless in a heavy fog when the accident occurred. A hole twelve feet high, two feet long was torn in her port side but was far enough above the water line to prevent any serious calamity and no lives were lost.

Burglars broke into three places in Abilene last week and secured about \$160 worth of valuables. Among the things stolen was a stalk of bananas, several cases of soda pop some peanuts and accessories from an auto supply house.

New York Gunmen killed two Sunday and injured three. Two of the injured were children and struck were by stray bullets.

Mt. Lassen the California volcano that has been extinct for years, erupted early Monday morning for it's second time during the last few days and as a result of same one life was lost. Others near were saved by falling with their faces in the snow and remaining there until the poisonous gasses had lifted.

Harry K. Thaw has again failed to obtain freedom; having been denied bail pending consideration by the supreme court of his extradition from New Hampshire to New York.

Charlie Bell age 14, who lives near Abilene was struck by lightning at four o'clock Monday and killed instantly. His clothes were torn from his body by the lightning.

## J. G. JACKSON GETS LETTER READ IT

Sweetwater, Texas, June 9, 1914.  
Mr. J. G. Jackson,  
Merkel, Texas,

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of sometime ago, find inclosed letter I am putting out to my club boys. You may run it in the Mail if you think it worthy. I want you and the Agricultural and Live Stock Editor of the Mail to be with us in the fall when we have our contest. It will do you good. We will have Milo, Kaffir, Feterita, Cotton, vegetables-fresh and canned poultry, calves and pigs. One of my pig club boys weighed his pig May 11 and it weighed 31. June 2, it weighed 51, making a gain of 20 pounds in 22 days. This is the way we are doing it over here.

With best wishes, I am,  
Yours very truly,  
W. C. Calvert,  
Special Agent.

The article Mr. Calvert mentions above is to be found in other columns of this issue of the Mail.

J. S. Smith for County Superintendent.

We are authorized to place the name of J. S. Smith before the readers of the Mail this week as candidate for re-election to the office of county superintendent of this county.

Mr. Smith's record of service in the office to which he wishes re-election, has been one of entire satisfaction to the schools and the patrons in general. When you cast your vote on July 25th, give Mr. Smith's claims careful consideration.

A serious railroad wreck came near happening Tuesday afternoon when the west bound Texas & Pacific passenger train No. 3 crossed a high bridge west of Weatherford going almost the entire length of the structure with the trucks under the pilot of the engine jumping along on the cross ties.

## UNLOADS THRASHER HERE WEDNESDAY

J. C. Teasley of Dallas came in Tuesday morning and early in the afternoon had unloaded a large Case thrasher, traction plow and oil tractor and delivered same to its present owner J. M. Dunn.

The tractor is a 40 horse power machine and the crowds assembled about the flat car while it was being unloaded, utilizing its own power in getting down off the cars, seemed as highly enthused with its good work as did the owner. Mr. Dunn will start thrashing at the Higgin's farm north east of town. He stated Tuesday that the rain would be beneficial to the thrashing and expects excellent service from his new machinery. In addition to furnishing power for the thrasher with the Oil Tractor, Mr. Dunn has purchased a large seven disc tractor plow especially made for oil pull engines, and expects to make good use of his more modern machinery on his farm north west of here.

Messers R. L. Bland of the Anchor Merc. Co., and Mr. Teasley who represents the Case people went to View Wednesday where they were to unload and deliver to Mr. Gaulle of the View community a thrasher and engine similar to the machines purchased by Mr. Dunn. Both the sales were made through the Anchor Mercantile Co.

J. W. Moffett Announces for County Judge.

J. W. Moffet of Abilene has this week presented his candidacy for the office of County Judge to the voters of Taylor county and asks their most careful consideration of his past record and endorsements.

Mr. Moffett has been practicing law in the state for 20 years, the past five years or over being in Taylor county. He is the author of three law book, "Moffett's Civil Forms for Texas", "Wilson's Criminal Forms for Texas by Moffett" and Moffett on Exemptions and Writs for Texas" which are extensively used throughout the state. From his home town of Belton where he lived and practiced for several years Mr. Moffett is endorsed by Belton Bar as a lawyer of much ability and legal acumen, and a citizen who has always the best interests of the people at heart.

If elected, we believe Mr. Moffett would make the county an excellent officer and we ask that you give his claims the most careful consideration when you vote July 25th.

### To the Children.

Two ice cream cones for five cents. This is for Saturday only and only for the children. The Rexall Store. Mrs. E. M. Rust, Prop.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends, one and all who were so kind and true to us during the sickness and death of our darling baby Lewis. May the richest blessings rest upon each of you is our prayer. Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks and children.

DADDY DONT YOU WISH YOU HAD STARTED A BANK ACCOUNT A YEAR AGO WHEN YOU WERE EARNING MORE ?



All the past year he spent money for THIS or that useless thing. Yes, money, regular money that would have piled up in the bank. It didn't seem much, as he spent it in dribs, but now he realizes that he WASTED MONEY and has nothing to show for it. Regrets won't pay for anything except wrinkled brows. Can't you deny yourself a few little things for YOUR FAMILY'S SAKE, and put it safe in our bank.

Make OUR bank YOUR bank.

## THE FARMERS STATE BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

## NOLAN COUNTY IN FOR BETTER WORK

County demonstration agent W. C. Calvert of Nolan county, formerly of this county is getting results from his work in the adjoining county. The following is a circular letter he is sending out to all the club members in Nolan county and all other farmers who are interested in the work.

Sweetwater, Texas,  
June 6, 1914,

Dear Club Member:

Good seed and a thorough preparation of the seed bed are absolutely necessary in good farming. Much depends also on the cultivation the crop receives. When we come to the cultivation of the crop after it is planted, we find that many farmers fail because they do not understand the difference between an earth or soil mulch and a dust mulch, and do not know the required depth of the mulch necessary for Nolan County soils and climate.

To maintain in the semi-arid section a mulch suitable for a humid region, would be a profligate waste of moisture. It has been demonstrated that a dust mulch, or a cultivation of one or two inches deep, is a sad failure. This may be suitable for some parts of Texas, but surely not for Nolan County. If the mulch be too fine and a hard rain falls, it runs together at the first impact of the rain and is wasted, and often the land is badly washed simply because the water could not get into the soil. A mulch one or two inches deep is not sufficient to retain the moisture during the hot weather in July and August.

On all except blowing lands, our first cultivation is done best with the section harrow set to run about four inches deep. First time harrow with the rows. About one week later, harrow diagonally across the rows. Again, after about the same number of days, harrow diagonally in the opposite direction to the last harrowing. The section harrow can be used on blowing lands if moist enough to puddle.

When using the cultivator, with harrow shovels set very slanting, with small sweeps set very flat, or with the adjustable spring tooth attachment, plow deep enough from the start so that when the crop is further advanced and the plants are larger the roots will be kept well below the surface. They should be deep

enough to permit the cultivator to run about four inches—never less than in 3 inches the center furrow—so that at all times the mulch will be deep enough to prevent evaporation. The cultivation should be frequent in order to keep the mulch from becoming too much settled or dense, as in that case the moisture will escapethrough the mulch.

After your forage crops are in the "boot," A-harrow run through the middles at regular intervals will maintain the mulch. This should be continued until the grain is forming well. After rains, as soon as the soil is sufficiently dry we must cultivate the again and restore the mulch. If we cultivate the land when it is too wet, it will dry in hard cakes and defeat our purpose; and if we wait too long, the moisture will evaporate through the crust formed after the rain. Often, when we have light rains during the summer, it is better to cultivate as soon as dry enough and throw away the moisture in the surface and retain what we have stored in the soil. If we do not, we not only lose the moisture from the light rain, but this moisture connects with that in the sub-soil, and if the connections are left unbroken the stored moisture will be left also.

One great mistake most farmers make in cultivating listed lands is that they make no allowance for the soil it takes to fill the furrow. They will run the cultivator probably three inches deep, but it takes about two thirds of the dirt to fill the furrow about the plants, and this leaves only about one inch of loose dirt in the middles for a mulch, with the result that the middles soon form an undercrust, or hard pan, which becomes hard and dry, plant growth is curtailed. Please try to avoid this mistake.

Another serious mistake is in working the soil to the plants too much at each cultivation. Particularly is this true with cotton, which can have only a limited amount of soil to be worked around the plants without injury. Too much soil worked to the plants will injure the first limbs or branches and reduce the depth of the mulch in the middles in the later cultivation, when the mulch is needed most. The plants should be soiled very gradually.

Any cultivation that does not protect the feed roots and conserve the moisture in the seed bed, is of doubtful value. Cultivation is intended to conserve moisture, encourage plant growth, faster maturity, and incidentally to kill grass and weeds. Much depends upon the amount and

quality of the cultivator work you do through the growing period.

Please study diligently these instructions and apply them in the cultivation of your plats.

Wishing you great success, I am,  
Very truly yours,  
W. C. Calvert,  
Special Agent.

### STANDING OF CONTESTANTS

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

Miss Mae Grayson .....	8300 votes
Miss Gertrude Plyant.....	1200 votes
Miss Ida Taylor.....	1400 votes
Miss Halie Moore.....	1100 votes
Miss Bettie Peterson.....	1200 votes
Miss Effie Duke.....	1000 votes
Miss Lula Cogburn.....	1100 votes
Miss Pearl Baccus.....	1700 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

#### Presbyterian Announcement.

Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 45 p. m., Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening at 8 45. We are delighted with the progress of our choir and if you are not singing in some other church you are very cordially invited to sing in the Presbyterian choir.

Hubert E. Bullock, pastor.

#### Sylvester Man Dies of Paralysis.

E. W. Fletcher age 33 of Sylvester died at his home Tuesday evening of last week from paralysis, having sustained the stroke Sunday evening he never fully recovered from the shock.

Mr. Fletcher leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss together with a host of friends and close relatives in that vicinity. The family moved to Sylvester from Comanche county last year, where the diseased's home has been in the past and it was there he was taken for burial. The body was shipped from here Thursday to Comanche and taken from there to the family burial ground at Mercer Gap.

The deceased was a member of the Baptist church and also a member of the Mercer Gap W. O. W. Lodge No. 856. After the burial his wife and children returned to Sylvester where her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Edwards reside.

J. T. WARREN, Pres. THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier



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For County Offices.....	7.50
For Precinct Offices.....	5.00
For City Offices.....	2.50
Subscription Price per year.....	1.00

### ALWAYS CASH IN ADVANCE

For Congressman-at-Large  
R. B. Humphrey  
(Of Throckmorton County)

For Representative from Taylor County  
J. M. Wagstaff

For District Attorney:  
N. N. Rosenquest of Stephens County.

**TAYLOR COUNTY CANDIDATES**

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 Tippet  
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.  
T. R. Lassiter  
E. D. Coats  
J. L. Banner

For Weigher  
P. C. Jones  
J. M. Garrett  
C. C. Bankhead  
R. H. Dean  
Jim M. Toombs

**JONES COUNTY CANDIDATES**

For Sheriff:  
Jet Millsap  
J. A. Sanders.

For County Judge:  
T. J. Barrett

# SUMMER EXCURSION RATES

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**Local Excursion Rates**  
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Dallas, Texas

### W. O. W.

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

W. M. Elliott, C. C. S. Hamilton, Clerk

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DRUGS  
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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cross left Thursday night for Austin where they will visit their daughter Mrs. Isaac Taylor.

**Any kind of toilet articles you need. At Burroughs.**

Little Misses Katherine and Marsha Pettice of Cisco were the guests of Misses Johnnie and Lillie Pratt Sears the past week.

**Your teeth need some of our dental applications Burroughs.**

Mrs. W. R. Bennett of Cottonwood is visiting her daughter Mrs. J. F. Holdridge of our city.

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.

G. C. Johnson, Chas. Skillern and Frank Smith were among the Trent visitors in Merkel Saturday.

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

Miss Ella Phelps of Abilene is here visiting Mrs. R. E. Bowles.

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

S. T. Anderson and Fred Baker, both of the Route 1 community were in town Tuesday all smiles. Mr. Baker stated that he was just ready for the rain of Monday night as he had his crop in good condition for a shower.

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

J. W. Teaff of Route 4 found time to be on the streets Tuesday and is highly elated over his prospects. Mr. Teaff has about 60 acres of small grain that he has not been able to get harvested but stated that a small amount of rain would not damage it any and would materially help all other feed stuffs and cotton.

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

Miss Lucile Peek of Abilene was in the city the first of the week visiting Misses Pet and Mossie Sears.

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

J. C. Provine was in Abilene Tuesday on business.

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

W. D. Hutcheson and S. L. Owens were in Abilene Tuesday looking after business matters.

### Special Business Notice.

What do you think I am still in the Grocery business and if you don't think that I have the goods and the price just come and see.

I will buy your wheat and oats. Be sure and give me a chance at them. When you get ready to sell I will furnish you sacks to bring your wheat and oats in. Come and see me, your business will be appreciated and if my prices are not right you need not buy.

Walter Clark.

### Announces Candidacy for Sheriff of Jones County.

The name of J. A. Sanders, as candidate for the office of Sheriff of Jones county will be found in our announcement columns this week.

Mr. Sanders has been living in Jones county for the past eight years, having moved to the Hawley country from Dallas county where he was deputy sheriff under J. Roll Johnson during the years 1900 to 1904. He is endorsed by the Dallas county commissioners and judges of the district and criminal courts of Dallas. The endorsement from the Dallas county officers ends with the statement: This is simply an effort on our part to tell you that John A. Sanders is a good conscientious gentleman, and to assure you that in case you should elect him sheriff of Jones county, he will make a good one and will do his duty at all times.

Misses Neva Willis and Emma Houston of Abilene were the week end guests of Misses Frances Burroughs last week.

## LESS MEAT IF BACK AND KIDNEYS HURT

Take a glass of Salts to flush Kidneys if Bladder bothers you—Drink lots of water.

Eating meat regularly eventually produces kidney trouble in some form or other, says a well-known authority, because the uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish; clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly backache and misery in the kidney region; rheumatic twinges, severe headaches, acid stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation.

The moment your back hurts or kidneys aren't acting right, or if bladder bothers you, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity; also to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts cannot injure anyone; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which millions of men and women take now and then to keep the kidneys and urinary organs clean, thus avoiding serious kidney disease.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Rufus McNeese and R. J. Adcock left Saturday night for Fort Worth where they will attend school this summer.

**Wil-low's celebrated perfumes at Burroughs.**

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pilcher and children spent Sunday with the latter's sister Mrs. C. C. Carter of Abilene.

**Monogram stationary and Fancy Box stationary. At Burroughs.**

Miss Clara Moore left Sunday for Fort Worth to visit her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kunze.

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

Remember the Presbyterian Ladies market at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Store Saturday.

Davis and Ruth Jones returned home Monday after having spent several days in Abilene where they visited the family of H. T. Merritt.

**See N. D. Cobb for Tombstones and Monuments.**

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Adams and daughter Ina Mae were in Abilene Sunday visiting the family of H. T. Merritt. They also met Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Adams of Harrold who were on their way to El Paso to attend the state pharmaceutical association.

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

Mrs. W. E. Gentry of Abilene returned to her home Tuesday after having visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Dodd for several days.

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

G. P. Bradley was in Abilene Tuesday visiting his sister Mrs. A. H. Ashby of View. Mrs. Ashby being at one of the local sanitariums where her husband was operated on Sunday for appendicitis.

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

Mrs. S. T. Lyles of Mississippi who has been here during the past three weeks visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hamblett, returned to her home Tuesday morning on the 10.57 Texas & Pacific passenger.

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

### Aged Mason Very Low.

Mr. W. H. Hawkins has been very low at the home of his daughter Mrs. M. Armstrong for several days. At times he is able to sit up for a few moments but at the age of 80 years his strength seems to fail him after the smallest exertion.

Mr. Hawkins is well known in the Merkel country, being a member of the Confederacy and has been active in the Merkel Camp work during the past years. He is also a member of excellent standing in the local A. F. & A. M. Lodge and has a host of friends who hope for his recovery.

### Good Maize For Sale.

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

### Marriage Licenses.

C. M. Robinson to Miss Eddie Price.  
N. A. Trotter to Miss Myrtle Swenson.  
R. E. Owen to Miss Cecil Wilson.  
W. H. Muston to Miss Emma Pritchard

### N. N. Rosenquest for Dist. Atty.

We are authorized to announce to our readers this week the name of N. N. Rosenquest, of Stephens county as candidate for the office of District Attorney of this district subject to the action of the Democratic primaries July 25th.

The following taken from the Breckenridge Democrat is self explanatory for Judge Rosenquest and his official record. Give his claims careful consideration when you cast your vote.

"Judge Rosenquest is to well and favorably known in Stephen county to need any endorsement or introduction from the Democrat, but for the benefit of our readers in the district, outside of the county, we will give a brief outline of his life.

"Judge Rosenquest is a comparatively young man, being 35 years of age, and is what is termed a self made man. He was reared on a farm, and has taught school five years in this county and one in Eastland. He graduated from the State Normal College at Denton in 1906, with high honors and entered the Law Department of the State University in the same year, graduating in 1909 with one of the highest grades ever made in the Law Department of the University. Upon graduation, the faculty of the University appointed him Quiz Master in the Law Department, a position he resigned one year later in order to return home and enter the race for county judge.

"Judge Rosenquest was elected County Judge in 1910 and is now serving his second term, and is making one of the best judges the county has ever had.

"Stephens county has never before presented a man for any position in this judicial district, but has permitted the other counties to offer their favorite sons without opposition from any one from this county, and when we present Judge Rosenquest, who is probably the best qualified man in the district for the place to which he aspires, it would be nothing but right and just that the other counties join us in making his nomination unanimous."

Miss Fannie Tippet, of Abilene was in the city the first of the week visiting relatives and meeting friends in interest of her candidacy for county clerk.

**MERKEL**  
 GOOD HOMES, GOOD SCHOOLS,  
 GOOD CHURCHES, GOOD PEOPLE,  
 THE CITY TO LIVE IN,  
 THE CITY TO INVEST IN.

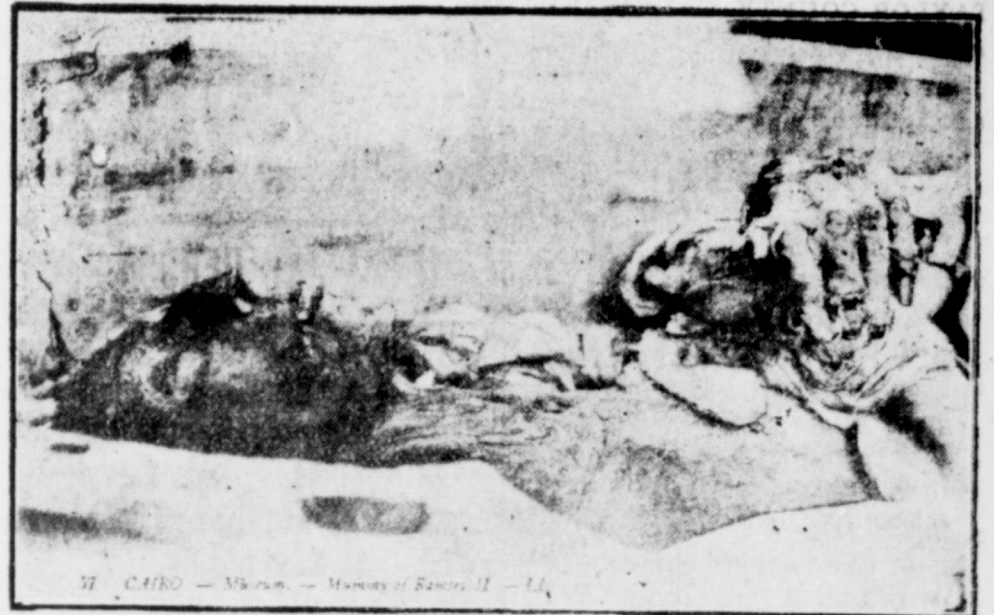
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**THE MERKEL COUNTRY,**  
 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,  
 GOOD HEALTH FOR THE OLD MAN,  
 EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POOR MAN,  
 INVESTMENTS FOR THE RICH MAN,  
 PROSPERITY FOR ALL.

## INTERESTING LECTURE SUNDAY NIGHT BY REV. ED. R. WALLACE AT M. E. CHURCH

During the year 1909 Rev. Wallace toured the Holy Land and Continental Europe and will give a graphic account of his travels Sunday Night. Everybody invited

### VIEWS TAKEN IN EGYPT AND HOLY LAND



Actual photograph of the mummified body of Rameses II, the renowned Egyptian King. The body is viewed by thousands each year. It is kept in a glass case, the conditions and history will be related by Rev. Wallace in his address Sunday night.



Leaving from left to right: Rev. Ed. R. Wallace of this city, Rev. Perry Knickerbocker and wife of Olusta, Okla., and Rev. Hubert Knickerbocker of Waco, Texas. In the dim background can be seen one of the great pyramids of Egypt visited by Rev. Wallace in his travels over that country.

The lecture promises to be interesting and the local pastor will carry his audience, descriptively, over his entire travels and tour of Jerusalem. In the lower picture the background is the old wall of the city of Jerusalem.



Rev. Wallace and party with their guide Rev. Stamford. The peculiar dress worn is the original Bedouin costume commonly worn in the Holy Land. The guide who has been in the far East for years is seated at the left of the photograph.

### The Methodist Announcements:

Subject for next Sunday 11 A. M.

"Christian Education"

For 8:30—"Egypt and the Holy Land"

Tabernacle meeting is set for the last Sunday in July and the first Sunday in August, embracing two weeks. Remember these dates.  
 ED. R. WALLACE.

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### A MONSTER IRON HORSE.

The most recent increased developments in mechanical engineering have been completed for the Erie Railroad in the form of a pusher engine, the largest yet built.

The engine has been constructed for pusher work on a heavy grade near Susquehanna, Pa., where the grade averages 56 feet to the mile. The engine contrary to late engineering, has a complete set of drive wheels under the tender, each of which have the same dimensions as the engine drivers and are propelled by the same size cylinders, 36 inches stroke and 32 inches in diameter. The entire weight of the engine is 853,000 lbs. and has attractive effort of 160,000. The pulling or pushing power of which is equal to three ordinary pushers used by the Erie railroad.

Some of the Merkel country corn is higher than a mans head. When we say a man we mean one of the six footer kind and not one who was stunted when a boy.

Many a a man would wear Palm Beach,

For he knows that they would please,  
 But he frains to make the move,

For you could see his B. V. D's.

Claud Callan says in order for a man to get along with his wife he should pretend to be guilty of a little cussedness once in a while just to give the good lady something to quarrel about. Claud ought to know and will not be pretending much for evidently he is one of the meanest cusses imaginable.

The Star Telegram says: Swatt the fly but not to overlook the opportunity of swatting the office seeker who would handicap industry, development and thrift for July of this year is the voter's big one opportunity to swatt and swatt hard, for a greater Texas. Hit e'm again.

This acute palm beach weather we are having ought to cure the acute cases of pessimism but even with all we have to be thankful for you can hear some exposing their chronic somach trouble.

With the present weed crop and fishing prospects at their best we are prepared to give our readers some big fish and snake stories for you never heard of a man catching a small fish or killing a little snake.

If our Mayor would proclaim a weed cutting day perhaps some of the Merkel people would take the hint. If they don't you couldn't knock them down with a barrel of them.

The weather man has been handing out moisture juft right in our locality of late. Hit E'm again in about three weeks and see us go.

### BANKS AND POLITCS.

Half a dozen banks in Chicago have been turned over to the state bank examiner and their ability to pay out is doubtful.

The head of this group of banks was ex-Senator Lorimer. Lorimer before he went to senate was a good business man, and while he was always a machine politician, he was respected for his business ability and integrity by other business men of Chicago.

After going out of office Lorimer went in'o banking. The atmosphere of politics followed him into the bank. Probably in the conduct of his business Lorimer favored old political friends more than he was justified under the strict rules of business.

The failure of the Lorimer banks is merely added proof that banking must be a business distinct from all others, and that the banker who attends to banking alone, who has no outside interests, is usually at the head of a solid and a safe institution.

Banking and politics do not mix, and neither does banking or any other sort of business mix well.

The ideal bank president or bank officer, is he who regards himself as a trustee for those who put their money in his bank. He must never look upon the deposits as his money or the bank's money but as the money of his customers.

He must keep eternally before his mind's eye the picture of his trusteeship. He is a custodian, a guardian, a watchman.

At the same time he must have the courage and ability to know what transations will be profitable and accasionally, but in rare cases, if the moral risk is good, he may take a business risk where the risk is a minimum.

Our reserve banks must be out of politics. In the selection of the directors of some of the reserve banks there had been enough caucusing to bring about a nomination for governor.

There have been pleas to prejudice and to selfishness which bode no good for our new banking system if those resorting to these things are permitted to hold sway.

Our government is a government of politicians. It is not even a government of statesmen. Those things which the government does well are usually the work of government employes farthest away from political control.

Officers of the United States army, its engineers, the officers of our navy as builders and constructors do thorough work because they are in a position where politics cannot reach them.

In those governmental departments where the rascals are turned out every four years there is a vast extravagance and no great efficiency.

If our governmental banking system is to be controlled by politicians, if the political factors are to figure in the big transactions, then we are in danger, because there is nothing more sensitive in baleful influences than national finance.—Commercial Appeal.

Who killed the snake and hung him on the fence, stomach toward the sun. The old rain sign.

Bring on our Democratic Postmaster we want to see how it feels to get mail in our own way of thinking.

## THE MAIL CONTEST

IS NOW OPEN

HELP YOUR FRIEND WIN A PRIZE

## OUR CORRESPONDENCE

### Salt Branch.

There was no church here Saturday. Rev. Reed of Stith filled Rev. Walker's appointment Sunday.

Everybody is busy harvesting grain at the present. Several binders were run Sunday.

H. S. Shipley and family of near Stith were visiting relatives in this community Sunday.

Hobson Robertson was visiting Edd and Marvin Shipley Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. A. B. Bailess of near Compere attended church here Sunday.

Quite a crowd took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty Sunday. Those present were Will Higgins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Petty, Misses Oma Taylor and Lula Higgins, Messrs. Austin Roberson, Lester Wheat, Willis, Owan Taylor.

Singing was well attended Sunday afternoon. Everybody come again.

### For an Impaired Appetite.

To improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion try a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets. Mrs. J. H. Seitz of Detroit, Mich., says: "They restored my appetite when impaired, relieved me of a bloated feeling and caused a pleasant and satisfactory movement of the bowels. For sale by all dealers."

### Telephones in Theaters.

On the back of each seat of a new London theater there will be coin in the slot telephones to enable persons with defective hearing to listen to what is being said on the stage.

### Get Rid of Your Rheumatism.

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism. You can do it if you apply Chamberlain's Liniment. W. A. Lockhard, Homer City, N. Y., writes, "Last spring I suffered from rheumatism with terrible pains in my arms and shoulders. I got a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and the first application relieved me. By using one bottle of it I was entirely cured." For sale by all dealers.

### Nubia.

Harvesting small small grain and killing big weeds keep all hands and the cook busy.

Mr. B. H. Riney says he has an easy job working in the blacksmith shop. Saturday morning he had 125 sweeps, 48 sharp, 77 to sharpen.

Sam Butman was in Merkel Saturday in his car.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer were in Merkel Saturday.

Miss Lula Cogburn is the champion cotton chopper of the Nubia community. She chopped 4 acres of cotton Saturday afternoon before the sun went down.

A. W. Hunter is harvesting oats these days.

Hello Miss Shiloh: Isn't it nice in the Editor to give us a corner to fill in his paper? We can spread news when we have elections (Prohibition) especially the glad tiding of victory won by the Pros. We should have every Still put off the face on the earth that would stop the saloon, but nothing like that will ever succeed.

There is more Catarah in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constant failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarah to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarah Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 ten drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for Constipation.

**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. Carter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

### Only One Entirely Satisfactory.

"I have tried various Colic and diarrhoea remedies, but the only one that has given me entire satisfaction and cured me when I was afflicted is Chamberlain's Tonic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I recommend it to my friends at all times," writes S. N. Galloway, Stewart, S. C. For sale by all dealers.

### Compere.

Health of our community is good we are proud to state.

The people were in war with the weeds but they have them nearly conquered. Cotton is growing as fast as we ever saw.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Estes spent a week on their farm harvesting grain. Mr. Estes states his son has his crop in fine shape just now.

John Breeden of Dallas is visiting homefolks this week. He has been gone for two years. John is one of our energetic young men.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce have a new boarder at their house, a son.

Clarence Foster made a business trip to Merkel Saturday and brought out a load for the Compere store. Clarence is a business young man.

Harvesting and baling hay is the order of the day.

Rev. Busby filled his appointment here Sunday. Sunday School is progressing nicely.

Rev. Bass failed to preach here Sunday afternoon his regular appointment day.

W. N. Moore, our merchant, gave his daughter a fine washing machine.

The Mail is growing better all the time.

### Indigestion and Constipation.

"About five years ago I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets after suffering from indigestion and constipation for years without finding anything to relieve me. Chamberlain's Tablets helped me at once and by using them for several weeks I was cured of the complaint," writes Mrs. Mary E. McMullen Phelps, N. Y. For sale by all dealers.

### Shiloh.

Rev. Horn filled his appointment at Shiloh Saturday night and Sunday.

Rev. Geo. Scott preached for us Sunday night.

Singing was very well attended Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Good and daughter of Trent were visiting the former's son W. L. Boyd and family Sunday.

Mrs. Eoff of Noodle was visiting Mr. and Mrs. McCright Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McMurray of Trent were visiting W. B. Beavers and family Sunday.

J. H. Grayson purchased a harvesting machine a few days ago and he will soon have his grain all cut and in the shock.

W. L. Boyd was busy baling hay last week.

We think we never heard of a much demand for help in the field as there is at the present time. There is lots of work to be done but help is scarce.

Miss Mae Grayson was a visitor at Trent Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Barkely of the Golden community attended services here Saturday night.

Mr. Lige Howel from Trent attended services here Sunday.

We had a nice little rain Monday afternoon.

Teething babies always have a hard time of it when this process occurs in hot weather. They not only have to contend with painful gums but the stomach is disordered, bowels loose and the body uncomfortable. The best help you can give the little sufferer is McGEE'S BABY ELIXIR. It corrects stomach, cools and quiets the bowels and helps digestion. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### Has Temperament.

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

### How To Give Quinine To Children.

FERRILIN is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a Tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach. Children take it and never know it is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for Ferriline original package. The same FERRILIN is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

## OUR CORRESPONDENCE

### Trent.

Miss Hortense Holt of Abilene is spending the week her brother, W. A. Holt.

Miss Carrye McKibbens of Corpus Christi add Autrey Beckham of Houston are visiting E. T. Beckham and family.

Miss Mae Robinson left Monday morning for Abilene where she will attend the normal.

Rev. Thomas pastor of the Baptist church preached his farewell sermon Sunday night, having resigned, he will take up his work at Scranton.

Misses Carrye McKibben of Corpus Christi and Geta Beckham spent the week end with friends in Merkel.

### Sore Nipples.

Any mother who has had experience with this distressing ailment will be pleased to know that a cure may be effected by applying Chamberlain's Salve as soon as the child is done nursing. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the babe to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with best results. For sale by All dealers

### 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."

### Stomach Trouble.

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

### Noodle.

We had a fine rain Monday. The feed was in need of rain.

Everybody is almost through cutting grain so just keep faith old Jones county is going to come out of the drouth.

Rev. Robnett preached at the Horn school house Sunday and Sunday night. Their meeting will start five weeks from Sunday.

Mrs. F. Witt of this place had an operation performed last Wednesday. We hope to see her up again real soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Walling has a fine boy.

W. F. Wright of Anson was in our community last week. He reports our crops in good shape besides around Anson. Mr. Wright is running for District Clerk.

W. Roundtree, Lendon Good and L. Sadler all gave Claudia Derrick a few ways work Monday on account of his large grain crop and getting behind with his work.

Mrs. Huber has been on the sick list but is up now.

A regular morning operation of the bowels puts you in fine shape for the days work. If you miss it you feel uncomfortable and cannot put vim into your movements. For all bowel irregularities HERBINE is the remedy. It tem in fine, vigorous condition. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### "Dangerously Well."

Lord Byron, in reference to a lad he thought ill of, writes: "Lady—has been dangerously ill, but it ma console you to learn that she is dangerously well again."

### Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chilled Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

### Discontentment.

The poor are discontented because they can't get all they want; the rich because they can't want all they get.

Wonderous Strength of Love. There is a comfort in the strength of love.—Wordsworth.

Children that are affected by worms are pale and sickly and liable to contract some fatal disease. WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE expels worms promptly and puts the child on the road to health. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

# SATURDAY JUNE 20 FLOUR 50c A SACK

Owing to the fact that some could not take advantage of our FLOUR OFFER last Saturday and Saturday before last, we will again for the last time, sell you a sack of "Bouquet" Flour for 50c. Customer must buy \$9.50 worth of dry goods, as before, then get a sack of flour for 50 cents. Only one sack to a customer.

# PARTEN'S Grand Stock Reducing

AND  
MONEY RAISING SALE  
IS STILL, EASILY THE EVENT OF THE HOUR

We have assembled many more Cool Fabrics and Garments that will make other visits to this sale doubly interesting and doubly profitable.

JOIN THE CROWDS AT  
**PARTEN DRY GOODS CO.**

# REMEMBER

That this is the greatest opportunity ever offered on Seasonable Merchandise In the heart of the season—when you need the goods and the saving thus afforded.

"Procrastination is the Thief of Time"

**THIS SALE CAN'T LAST ALWAYS**

**HURRY!!!**



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Duckett-Harris.

On Wednesday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris gave their daughter Minnie in marriage to S. A. Duckett. The marriage service was read by Rev. Ed. R. Wallace of the M. E. Church at the Harris home on Reynolds St. The attendants were Miss Almada Harris, sister of the bride, and Earnest Duckett, brother of the groom. The wedding march was rendered by Miss Bessie Touchstone. The bridal party was met at an altar of brides roses by the minister who pronounced the magic word which united the lives of the contracting couple. The receptions rooms were beautifully decorated with ferns and roses. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris she has the love and admiration of a host of friends won by the sweetness of true traits of character. She was becomingly gowned in a Tan Taffeta trimmed in blue. Cake and cream was served to about fifty near friends and relatives. The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Harris, Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Duckett, Jr. Snyder, Jim Duckett and daughter Vnie of Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. Duckett are in Snyder visiting relatives. The Mail joins their many friends in extending best wishes.

Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church met Monday at 3 p. m. with several members present. Home mission Topic for June, being Alaska, was ably discussed by leader Mrs. Bullock. Several items of business came before the society. The minutes of the Presbyterian which met at Anson were read showing a splendid report with pledges of over five hundred dollars from women of Abilene Presbytery with other societies yet to be heard from.

Mrs. Leonard Sublett was the delightful young hostess at a noon day dinner Sunday, the guests were out of town people. A delicious five course dinner was served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Christopher and little daughters, Mona T. and Christine, Mrs. C. D. Simpson all of Abilene, Mr. Ernest McAnally of Dallas and the host and hostess.

Monday afternoon the Misses Valentines were charming hostesses at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz where they served a beautiful appointed six o'clock dinner. Each course proved that the culinary art was one of their accomplishments. Covers were laid for Dr. and Mrs. O. F. McMaster, Mrs. Pickerill, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz and the hostesses.

Mr. A. R. Rogers, contractor of the Courthouse in Abilene accompanied by his wife, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Christopher and Mr. Ernest McAnally, a prominent architect of Dallas, motored to Merkel Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sublett.

Mrs. Will Winifred and son, W. J., of Abilene were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst Sunday.

A splendid program will be rendered by the Presbyterian Sunday School at the evening hour 8:45 on the 28th inst. You are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rose and little daughter Ona Fay, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst and little son Roy were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Largent Sunday.

Miss Annie Ferrier of Saint Cloud, Minn., has been visiting aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ferrier.

Causes Futher Talk.

Because so many people are telling their experience with Hunt's Lightning Oil for Head Aches that others are lead to give it a trial and are convinced immediately of its merits as a pain killer. Are you yet to be convinced? Ask your druggist.

NO DIFFERENCE

The Proof is Here The Same As Everywhere.

For those who seek relief from kidney backache, weak kidneys, bladder ills, Doan's Kidney Pills offer hope of relief and the proof is here in Merkel the same as everywhere. Merkel people have used Doan's and Merkel people recommend Doan's, the kidney remedy used in America for fifty years. Why suffer? Why run the risk of dangerous kidney ills—fatal Bright's disease. Here's Merkel's proof. Investigate it.

Mrs. H. D. Wilson, Merkel Texas says: "Different ones of my family have used Doan's Kidney Pills with good results. One of us had snffered from kidney trouble for a long time and finally he used Doan's Kidney Pills great praises and recommend them to anyone suffering from kidney trouble."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Wilson recommends. Foster, Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Virginia Hamblett was the guest of Miss Wilson of Abilene Sunday.

Miss Evalyn Williams is at home from Dallas and other points East.

Miss Grace Diltz is in Van Horn visiting her sister Miss Bertie Diltz.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brittain motored to Matador to visit Mrs. Brittain's parents Mr. and Mrs. Haleyx.

Don't Use Calomel.

Those who know always use Simmons Liver Purifier, because it is just as thorough, but does not gripe or sicken nor cause injury. In yellow tin boxes only Price 25c. Tried once used always.

Mrs. S. T. Lyles and children of Tula, Miss., who were guests of the former's parents have returned home.

Miss Jessie Sutphen returned from a visit to San Angelo the first of the week where she has been visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis of Abilene were in the city Sunday visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ellis.

Mrs. D. Rawlings of Trent was in the city Wednesday visiting Mrs. J. F. Hallingsworth.

Miss Mabel Collins who has been visiting in Comanche and Brownwood returned home Tuesday after a ten days visit with friends and relatives.

Arrange to attend the Children's Day program of the Presbyterian church on the evening of the 4th, Sunday. The program will be both entertaining and inspirational.

SAGE AND SULPHUR DARKENS GRAY HAIR

Brush this through faded, lifeless locks and they become dark, glossy, youthful.

Hair that loses its color and lustre, or when it fades, turns gray, dull and lifeless, is caused by a lack of sulphur in the hair. Our grandmother made up a mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur to keep her locks dark and beautiful, and thousands of women and men who value that even color, that beautiful dark shade of hair which is so attractive, use only this old-time recipe.

Nowadays we get this famous mixture by asking at any drug store for a 50 cent bottle of "Wyneth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," which darkens the hair so naturally, so evenly, that nobody can possibly tell it has been applied. Besides, it takes off dandruff, stops scalp itching and falling hair. You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears, but what delights the ladies with Wyneth's Sage and Sulphur is that, besides beautifully darkening the hair after its few applications, it also brings back the gloss and lustre and gives it an appearance of abundance.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Mamie Rister of Hillsboro came in Friday afternoon to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rister.

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

Miss Winnie Warren returned home this week from Waco where she has been attending Baylor University the past year.

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

H. C. Burroughs left for Dallas last week to look after business matters.

W. L. James of Coleman is here visiting his daughter Mrs. Jim Eoff. Mr. James is recovering to an extent from an injury received last fall which resulted in partial paralysis.

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

Mrs. C. A. Payton of Coleman is here this week visiting her sister Mrs. Jim Eoff.

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

Mrs. R. E. McCamant of Abilene was in the city the first of the week visiting her brother W. S. Smelser and family.

Martin will press your suit for 50c.

All perfumes, the regular \$1.00 and \$1.50 values sell at half price. The Rexall Store. Mrs. E. M. Rust, Proprietor.

Mrs. R. Robbins and children left Wednesday for Tye and Caps to visit friends and relatives for a week.

ABSORBO cleans windows, silverware, cut glass, jewelry, nickle and tinware. Absolutely good. The Rexall Store. Mrs. E. M. Rust, Proprietor.

B. R. Frazier of the Mt. Pleasant community was in Abilene Wednesday. Mr. Frazier does not think the weather will in any way hinder the crop conditions but on the contrary the rain will be of benefit to the country.

See those Palm Beach suits at the Star Store.

Mrs. O. W. Williams and little daughter Lenora came in from Dallas Wednesday where they had been for several days, little Miss Lenora having been in care of a sanitarium for an ear trouble.

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

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.

Mrs. E. M. Brown received a phone message Tuesday night telling her of the serious illness of her father Dr. H. L. Holt of Bluffdale, Texas. Dr. Holt is one of the oldest citizens of his country having lived and continued his professional work there for the past 45 years. The recent illness, a stroke of paralysis is the first sickness the aged man has had in years. Mrs. Brown left Tuesday night for Bluffdale.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harkrider are at home from Mineral Wells.

Miss Fannie Tippett returned to her home at Abilene Tuesday morning.

You Need a Tonic

There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you. You can't make a mistake in taking

GARDUI The Woman's Tonic

Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth, for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything." Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.

Has Helped Thousands.

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Our system of making collection or adjustment of your past due notes and accounts is best for you and customer, endorsed by banks and business men. Affiliated with Retail Merchants Association and banks of Texas. All business strictly confidential, and on a commission basis.

IRA ARMSTRONG, MANAGER OFFICE AT FARMERS STATE BANK



WOMEN'S WAISTS

Require extra care and skill in laundering. They are so delicate that they must be handled with the greatest skill. We launder such garments so perfectly that the most particular women can find nothing to criticise. And for men's shirts, etc., we render the same perfect service.

SWEETWATER LAUNDRY CO.

Phone No. 4 M. B. BELL, Agent Merkel

WHENEVER YOU NEED A GENERAL TONIC - TAKE GROVE'S

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 Bilioussness 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 Strengthenener. No family should be without it. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.

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. Philip Pettit of Cisco enroute to Saragosa visited Mrs. John Sears the past week.

Farm & Ranch and Hollands Magazine free until December 1, 1914 with every subscription to the Merkel Mail.

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 A sure Appetizer. For adults and children. 50c.

# AFTER THE HONEYMOON



# "THE LORD IS MY SHEPPARD"

I SHALL NOT WANT

# "If We Are Your Grocerymen"

THOU SHALT NOT WAIT

"THERE'S A REASON"

PHONE-80-PHONE

# THE SANITARY GROCERY

### Old Timer Here Friday.

James A. Baker (Uncle Jim) was a pleasant caller at the Mail office last Friday, driving through the country from his home at Trent. He reports the conditions in that section far above what his country has seen in years and that the farmers would have their crops in good condition if the ideal weather only held on a few days longer.

There have been times in the past when "Uncle Jim" had ideas of selling his holdings in the Trent country and has gone so far at times as to advertise his place for sale in the Merkel Mail but he now states that he is of no such mind any longer and is of a cheerful spirit even at his very mature age of 85 years, while in town he visited his old time friend Sam P. Curtis who has been in poor health for some time.

### Buys New Maxwell.

T. F. Lassater, chief operator for the Western Union at this place purchased a new Maxwell touring car from the Anchor Mercantile Co., last week.

Mr. Lassater or "Ted" as he is commonly known has been taking lessons in driving and promises to keep the roads hot as soon as he gets on to all the hooks and crooks of the job.

### Skin Diseases Cured.

Hunt's Cure is the name of the remedy which is absolutely guaranteed to cure all forms of skin diseases or the purchase price promptly refunded. Wonderful results are obtained by its use, curing cases that did not yield to other treatment. Ask your druggist A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.



### The Telephone "S. O. S." Saved the Farm

"One day last fall my wife and I started for a drive, leaving the house deserted. A short while after we'd passed Jones' place, Mrs. Jones saw smoke coming from our roof.

"She ran to the telephone—Go! Mrs. Reed who operates the switchboard located in her home. Mrs. Reed called all the nearby people on the line (two long rings—the emergency signal,) and they put the fire out with little damage."

A telephone on the farm connected with the Bell System is a protection and safe-guard in all emergencies.

Southwestern Tel. & Tel. Co.

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### Only One "BROMO QUININE"

To get the genuine, call for full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. Stops cough and headache, and works off cold. 25c.

## 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

## THE ABILENE STEAM LAUNDRY

### Grows Champion Johnson Grass.

J. S. Burns was in our office last week and gave an account of the harvest of Johnson grass on his place east of town. He states that some of the grass had grown to the great height of seven feet nine inches, and that the growth over the field in general was exceptionally good.

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

### 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.

### 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.

### Oats 3 Cents per Bundle.

I have a quantity of oats for sale at three cents per bundle. Write me, Route 1 Merkel or come to see me if you are interested. J. A. Woodard.

### Money to Loan.

My company wants to place \$15,000 to \$25,000 in the Merkel country in choice farm loans during the thirty days. I have the best loan contract for our section and when necessary can make and complete a loan within ten days. If you are going to need a loan any time this year give me your application now and the money will be ready when you want it. Jno. G. Jackson.

### PROFESSIONAL

DR. S. L. DAVIS  
DENTIST

Office over Woodroof and Company.  
Phones—Office 14, residence 34

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DENTIST

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### SHAVING AND BATH PARLORS

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A bilious, half sick feeling, loss of energy, and constipated bowels can be relieved with surprising promptness by using HERBINE. The first dose brings improvement, a few doses puts the system in fine, vigorous conditions. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### To My Friends In and Around Merkel.

I am the sole owner of the Drug Store formerly owned by the Rust & McCauley corporation. I solicit your trade in all kinds of patent medicines, sundries, jewelry and optical goods. No poisons nor prescriptions will be sold except by a registered druggist. The best of everything will be sold at the fount. I especially invite the children, their wants will be carefully looked after. I ask a liberal share of your patronage. Very truly yours,  
Mrs. E. M. Rust, Owner and Proprietor of The Rexall Store.

### 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.

### Market Open Saturday.

Remember the market at Behren-McMillen Furniture store at hours of 4 to 6 Saturday afternoon.

### Still Killing.

It still keeps on killing pain, does Hunt's Lightning Oil. For years it has been used with wonderful success for rheumatism, neuralgia, cuts, burns and other hurts. All druggists sell it in 25c and 50c bottles.

### Oats For Sale.

At my farm 7 miles east of Merkel, 3 1/2 cents per bushel,  
Walter Hammond.

### Dr. J. H. Warnick.

The attention and consideration of our readers is directed to the card of Dr. J. H. Warnick in our professional column this week. Dr. Warnick has resumed the practice of medicine and will office in the quarters of Drs. Adkisson and Miller. He practiced in Merkel and this section for a period of twelve or thirteen years and is well known to all of our people.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

STENOGRAPHER—Letter writing and special work; charges reasonable. Fannie Moore, at Merkel Mail Office.

LOST. One 34x3 1/2 auto tire and rim between Trent and east of Merkel at some point, finder please notify T. V. Woodroof, Sweetwater, Texas.

### 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.

### Real Estate Transfers.

S. J. Hallmark et Ux to J. M. Reynolds Lots E. & F. J. B. Ely Subdivision of Lots 18, 19 & 20 Block 1 City of Abilene. \$600.00

E. A. Sanders et Ux to Mat Attwood Lots 14 & 15 Blk. 20 Merkel. \$600.00.

Austin Boyd et Ux to G. H. McDonald part of Blk 2 College Addition to Merkel. \$750.00

R. L. Bland et Ux to C. C. Dlingman Lots 10 and 11 Blk 16 College Addition to Merkel. \$3500.00

Mrs. S. W. Dye to W. L. Crofton 15-26-100 acres out of J. R. Munson Survey No. 424. \$421.00

R. C. Lyon to Burton Lingo Lumber Co. Lots 1,2,3,4 & 5 Blk 6 town of Blair \$300.00

M. A. and W. L. Lbney to Henry A. Stegall Lot 1 Blk 72 of Abilene. \$4000.

W. G. Swenson to M. A. Abney Lot 8 Blk G. of Subdivision of Lot 3 Blk 3 Blk 204 of Abilene.

## NOTED DOCTORS O. K. DODSON'S LIVER TONE

Best Medical Skill Employed to Insure Correctness and Formula. All Agree Dodson's is Reliable and Safe.

Seven of the most successful physicians in United States, selected for their experience and ability, were paid heavy fees to study and test the formula of Dodson's Liver Tone and all agreed that it was a fine and reliable remedy for family use. Dodson's Liver Tone takes the place of Calomel. This is exactly what it is made for ever since the first bottle was put up and sold.

There are imitations of Dodson's Liver Tone for which extravagant claims are made, but the public knows how to judge between loud boasts and the plain truth. And then the merits of Dodson's Liver Tone are too widely known for anyone to hesitate.

Dodson's Liver tone is sold and guaranteed by T. L. Grimes, Druggist who will refund purchase price (50c) instantly and with a smile if you are in any way dissatisfied with the remedy.

Dodson's Liver Tone is a palatable vegetable-liquid and its action is easy and natural, with no gripe, no pain and no bad after-effects. After-effects are often disagreeable after taking calomel. Dodson's liver tone does not interfere in any way with your regular duties, habits and diet, and it builds and strengthens you so that you feel brighter, better and happier. If you feel headchy and constipated you will be delighted with Dodson's Liver Tone.

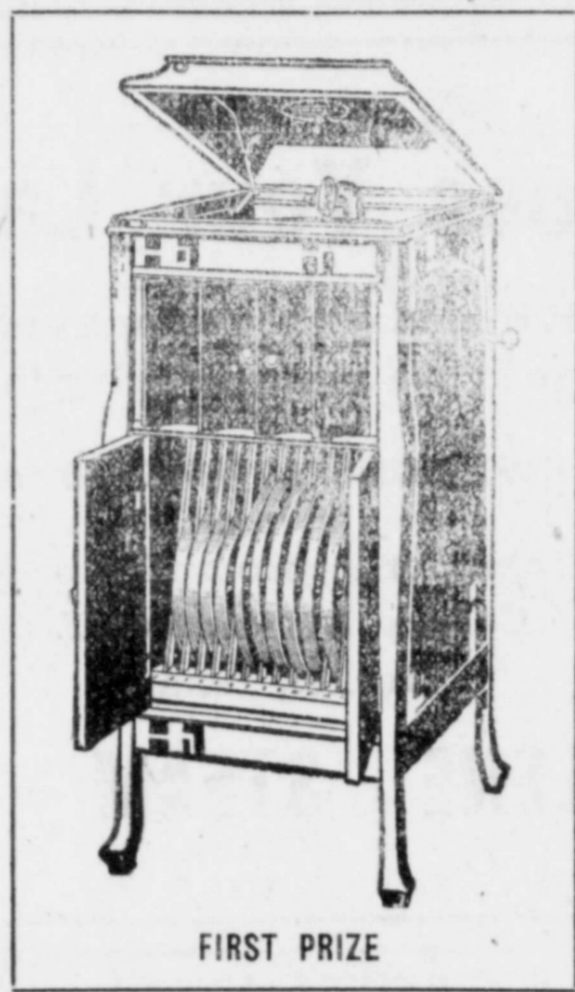
Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c

# THE THREE BIG PRIZES OFFERED BY THE MERKEL MAIL ARE NOW ON DISPLAY AT THE ELITE CONFECTIONERY

## June Special



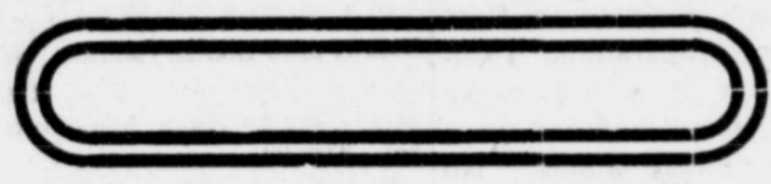
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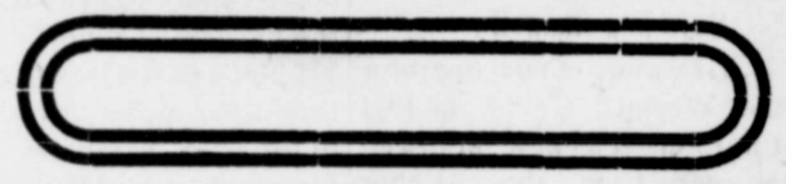
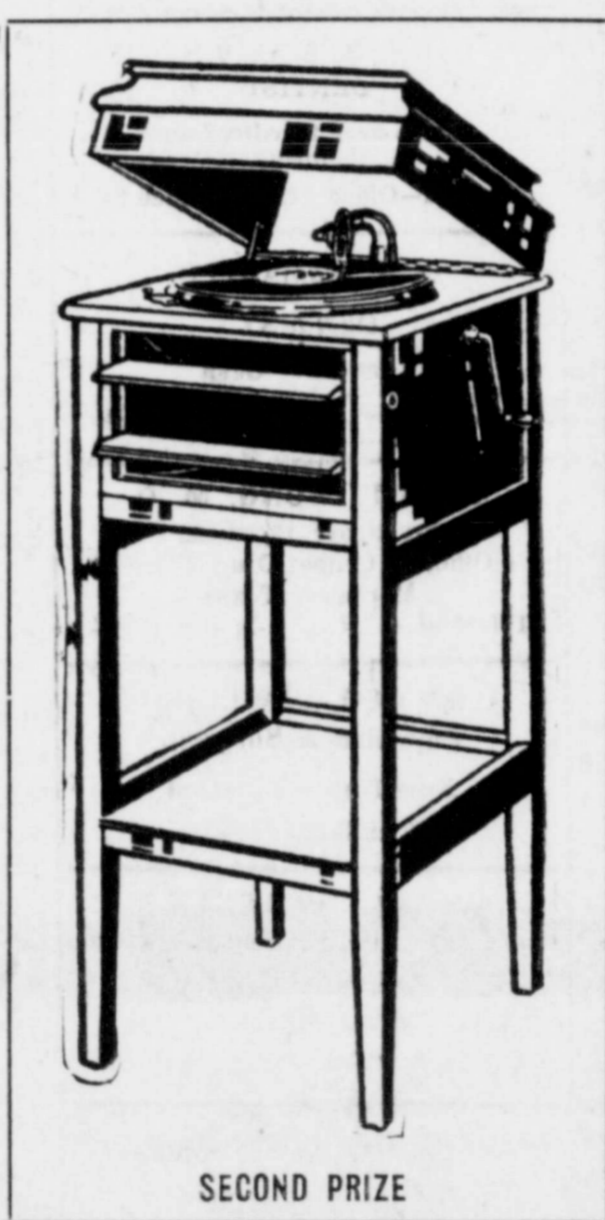
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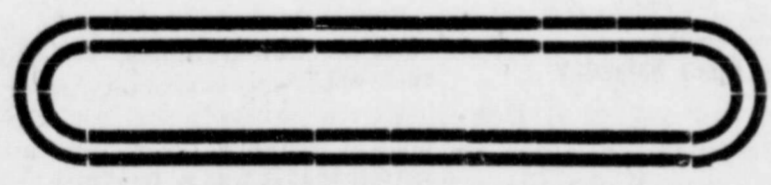
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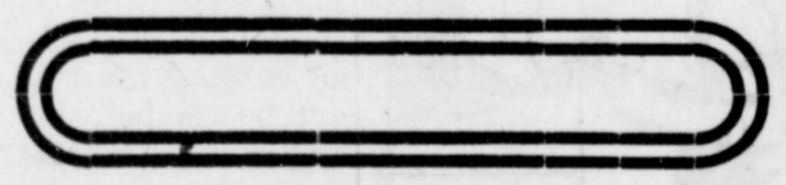
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