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7 CATTLE VALUED AT \$1000.00 EACH

On the Ector county ranch of W. N. Waddell of Fort Worth, chairman of the state livestock sanitary board, seven head of aristocratic Scotch cattle are biding their time for a permanent home because their owner, Col. J. Sheb Williams of Paris, doesn't know what to do with them.

Colonel Williams bought the seven head of black polled Angus cattle in Scotland for \$1,000 each. He placed them on former United States Senator Joe Bailey's farm in Kentucky. When Bailey sold his farm, Williams moved his cattle to Waddell's ranch.

Colonel Williams would like to have his precious kine near him at Paris, where he could see them and show them off to his friends, for they are beauties and worth every penny of the \$7,000 he paid for them.

But Paris is south of the quarantine line and Colonel Williams would be taking a big chance by moving them. If they should become infected with the tick fever, they might die at the rate of \$1,000 a death.

Houston Preachers Testify.

Because of inquiries which have been coming to me from various sources, and rumors which have been reported to me as having been circulated effecting the personal character of Hon. Thos. H. Ball, candidate for Governor of Texas, and because of my knowledge of the facts I make this statement:

I have known Mr. Ball and his family for a number of years. He has been during my entire pastorate (now in the fourth year) an active member in good standing and a steward of St. Paul Methodist Church. His conduct has at all times been that of an earnest, consistent Christian man a faithful and devoted husband and father, and he, as well as his wife and daughters, have been important factors in the religious and charitable work of the city.

As a citizen he has been and can always be counted upon as being on the side of morality and Christianity, and any statements or rumors to the contrary are not only untrue, but arise from anxiety on the part of interested persons, to undermine his character for political purposes, in order that their own political and financial interests may not be injured by his election as Governor of Texas. (Signed) Sam R. Hay, Pastor St. Paul M. E. Church, South.

Thirty pastors of Houston heartily indorse the foregoing statement of Dr. Hay.

Shooting in Fort Worth.

Baseball fans at Morris Park and McGar Park were entertained with a wild west scene outside of McGar Park Sunday afternoon, while the games were in progress. The attention of the spectators was attracted by a pistol shot.

They saw one dusky champion fleeing toward the woods with another in pursuit, firing.

None of the shots took effect, so far as known.

Presbyterian Announcements.

Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8:45 p. m. Prayer and conference meeting Wednesday evening at 8:45. There will be something of interest to discuss.

Woman's Missionary Society meets Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Sunday School that is different at the Presbyterian church at 10 a. m.

Different because it is doing something different because it is going to continue to grow in spite of hot weather. Different because the old tiresome hour is converted into an hour of interest, enjoyment and helpfulness. Come and see if it deserves the title attributed.

E. P. McMillan, Supt.
H. E. Bullock, Pastor.

ALL PRESENT AT COUNCIL MEETING

There was a full house but very little business demanding attention of the city dads Monday night in the regular meeting for this month.

In the reports of officers the expenditure for June totaled \$208.72 exclusive of the salaries with receipts of \$23.85 for water and \$20.44 interest.

Secretary McClain was instructed to write the owners of our waterworks bonds for information and with the view of the payment of part of same.

Night Watchmen King appeared before the council asking for increase of his salary but there was no action taken by the council.

An ordinance was passed for the protection of our light posts and imposing a fine for hitching to same.

R. L. Bland of the Anchor Mercantile Company appeared before the body requesting the replacement of the sidewalk connecting their property which has been covered up or removed by the city and the same was ordered by the council replaced or a new walk made.

The regular accounts were allowed.

Roping and Riding in New Mexico.

For the first time since the New Mexico legislature, 10 years ago, placed a ban upon steer roping contests, roping and "rough riding" are to form one of the features of the New Mexico State fair this year. A hundred Navajo Indians have been engaged to round up a herd of the wild horses which roam the wilderness along the northern border of the Navarreservation in Arizona, and the Indians, who will drive the horses across the country to Albuquerque, will take part in the Frontier celebration.

Invitations have been sent to the star ropers and rough riders taking part in this summer's Frontier day revivals at Lawton, Okla., and Prescott, Ariz. — El Paso Herald.

Chickens For Sale.

Six White Wyandot cockrels five months old, pure Blood.

W. F. Hanblat.

CAPTAIN HAWKINS GOES TO REWARD

Capt. William H. Hawkins for many years an honored citizen of Merkel died here Wednesday night after an extended illness at the residence of his only child Mrs. Ida Armstrong and her husband Dr. Marvin Armstrong. He was eighty years of age, an ex-confederate soldier, a native of Carroll County, Tenn., and a member of a family distinguished in political and judicial history of that state.

He was the last of thirteen brothers including Ex-Governor Alvin Hawkins of Tennessee and Rev. Samuel J. Hawkins, a charter member of the North Texas Conference of the M. E. Church South. His nephew, William E. Hawkins of Austin Associate Justice of the Supreme Court has been at his bedside several days.

Capt Hawkins was a member of the Methodist church and a Master Mason and had a large circle of friends. William H. Hawkins son of John and Polly Hawkins, was born near Huntingdon, Carroll County, Tennessee, March 16 1834. Died July 8, 1914 at 10:20 P. M. For the past eighteen years made his home with his daughter Mrs. Ida Armstrong and her husband Dr. Marvin Armstrong and for the past nine years has lived in Merkel.

Among his relatives were W. A. Hawkins of El Paso; Joe W. Hawkins of Dallas; A. S. Hawkins formerly of Midland now of Phoenix, Ariz; William E. Hawkins of Austin, and his nieces Mesdames Myra E. Palmer of Gatesville, and Emma Vantine of Dallas.

While in the Confederate Army Capt. Hawkins was wounded several times and once very severely in the battle of Franklin Tennessee.

At the request of Capt. Hawkins his funeral services will be conducted by his former pastor Rev. R. A. Clements of Colorado Texas, assisted by Rev. Ed R. Wallace.

The Mail joins the hundreds of sorrowing friends of this good man in sympathy to the family and connections who mourn his loss.

HON. T. H. BALL BE HERE TUESDAY

Hon. Thos. H. Ball, candidate for governor has arranged to include our little town in his speaking itinerary and will address the people of our town and country next Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. The speaking will be at the tabernacle and the friends and supporters of Mr. Ball are arranging to compliment the distinguished visitor with a big and enthusiastic crowd. All are cordially invited to be present and hear his address.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott and little son Roy are in Hamlin visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Elliott parents of Mr. Elliott.

All Aboard for the City!

Friday morning of last week three of our prominent young men, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Emmett Grimes and Jess Ferguson, were caught boarding the late east bound T. & P. no. 6. Asked where they were going—Reply was, "that they were going to Galveston to take "a swim in the briney deep," take in the sights and forget about these hot days in the far, far west.

At Royal Airdome.

Friday night: "Lady Madcap's Way," [Pathe]. "The Electrician's Hazard," (Kalem). Saturday night: "The Cipher Message," two parts, (Selig). "The Emancipated Woman," (Kalem). Admission, only 5 and 10 cents.

WOODROOF STORE STARTS CONTEST

The Woodroof & Company store make announcement this week of a free voting contest for the girls and young ladies of our town and country which promises interest. The grand prize for the successful candidate will be a trip to California or a Lyon & Taylor piano and in addition to this special prizes will be awarded each week for the candidate in the lead for that special week. Read the advertisement in this issue.

Marriage Licenses.

E. F. McCall to Miss Mary Chloe McBride.
H. C. Hodges to Mrs. Pauline E. Brientine.
Clay Edwards to Miss Edith Odor.
E. J. Maniree to Miss Bessie Walton.
John W. Beeler to Miss Myrtle Dillingham Totten.
A. R. Robertson to Miss Oma E. Taylor.
T. S. Parks to Miss Ilera Toney.
W. L. Phillips to Mr. Hower Hover.
R. Y. Buchanan to Miss Eva Lee Sadler.
Jim Poster to Mrs. Mary Jane Johnson.
W. C. Barkeedale to Miss Mae Robbins.
Marvin A. Young to Miss Edna Leota Anderson.
W. C. Barkeedale to Miss Mae Robbins.
Marvin A. Young to Miss Edna Acota Anderson.
John Sorrels to Miss Jim Gillam.

Advertised Letters.

Armstrong, Mr. Will.
Bennett, Miss Berenice.
Holt, Mr. Elisha.
Powell, Miss Mallie.
These can be redeemed upon payment of one cent.

If not called for will be sent to Dead Letter office July, 18, 1914.
H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas.

To Automobile Owners.

Have moved the Merkel gas filling station to the ice house. You can get your gas there at any and all times.

CONFLAGRATION AT MINERAL WELLS

Six hotels and seven dwellings were burned here this afternoon with a total loss of \$85,000. All of the hotels were crowded with holiday visitors, but miraculously all escaped. The fire is under control at 6:30 o'clock. The burned area covers two blocks near the big Carlsbad and Crazy Well pavillions.

The hotels burned are: Harrel House, Lake Charles, Louisiana, Carlisle House, Burke House, Tourest House and New Hazel hotel. The hotels averaged twenty rooms each, the Carlisle being perhaps the largest hotel in the city, with a sixty-room capacity.

The fire started in the Tourest House, which is a frame structure. An explosion was heard before the flames leaped up. A strong wind spread the fire quickly to the other five hotels and from them in succession to the exposed residences around.

The fire area is in the north part of the city.—Sunday's Fort Worth Star Telegram.

Rain Report.

The Mail received report Thursday of good rains for a good part of the Merkel country. Rain was reported from Blair, Nubia, Butman, View, Noodle and Tye communities. There was a big rain at Leuders, according to the report of the telephone company.

Moves Insurance Office.

Mr. G. W. Johnson, successor to the Williams & Johnson Insurance Company has moved his office directly across the street from his former home and hereafter will be found over the Woodroof Dry Goods Store in the West building.

Late Births.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Holdridge, a boy; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Deutschman, a girl; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Long, a boy; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wasson, a girl. The above is a correct report for the past week as reported to us by physicians.

Notice to Customers.

All notes and accounts of the Rust & McCauley Drug Co., are now my personal property. Please call and arrange to settle your obligations as soon as possible.
Respectfully,
Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Mares And Colts For Sale.

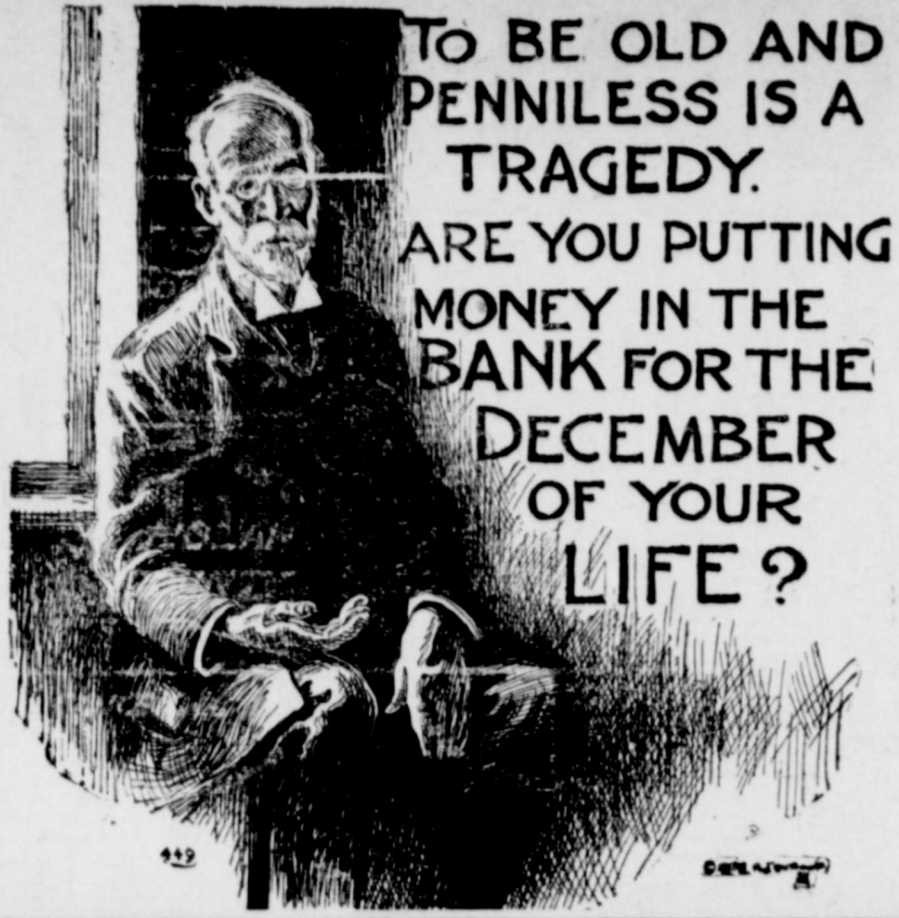
I have five good gentle mares and colts for sale. Will take cash or good notes. Austin Boyd at Burton Lingo Co. office.

Notice.

The Presbyterian meeting at Blair will include the 4th and 5th Sundays of August. Rev. Sibley will assist the pastor in the meeting. Hubert E. Bullock, Pastor.

Moves Offices.

Dr. O. F. McMaster who has had his offices over the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, has moved to the rooms joining the offices of Dr. Geo. L. Miller.



There is nothing more pitiful than the sight of OLD AGE entirely dependent on the assistance and charity of others. Yet, many go along, day after day, week after week, letting money slip through their fingers that should be piling up in the bank to keep them comfortable and independent when their EARNING POWER is GONE. Why don't YOU start a bank account NOW.

Make OUR bank YOUR bank.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

NO. 7481
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
THE
Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank
AT MERKEL

In the state of Texas, at the close of business June 30 1914.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$101,945.32
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	279.03
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds to secure Postal Savings	1,500.00
Furniture, and fixtures	3,000.00
Other real estate owned	6,657.25
Due from Nat. Banks (not reserve agt)	3,434.96
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies, and savings banks	140.55
Due from approved reserve agents	23,660.93
Checks and other cash items	188.55
Notes of other National Banks	1,210.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	396.48
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, Viz:	
Specie	15,713.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (3 per cent of circulation)	312.50
Total	\$164,379.27
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	8,007.07
National Bank Notes outstanding	6,250.00
Due to other National Banks	591.24
Due to State and Private Banks and bankers	707.14
Individual Deposits subject check	85,617.16
Demand certificates of deposit	8,414.98
Time Certificates of Deposit	3,500.00
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	98.86
Postal Savings Deposits	1,192.82
Notes and bills rediscounted	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	None
Liabilities other than those above stated	None
Total	\$164,379.27

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:
I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Thos. JOHNSON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of July 1914.
G. W. Johnson
Notary Public
Correct—Attest:
J. T. Warren, G. F. West, Ben T. Merritt } Directors

No. 354
Official Statement of the Financial Condition of
First State Bank, Trent, Texas

at the close of business on the 30th day of June 1914, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 10th day of July, 1914.

RESOURCES	
Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$89,755.75
Loans, real estate	348.15
Overdrafts	13.40
Other Real Estate	670.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	\$4,871.61
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to ck., net	637.04-5,509.25
Cash Items	10.00
Currency	2,591.00
Specie	572.78-3,173.78
Interest and assessment in Depositors Guaranty Fund	423.38
Total	\$145,208.71
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, net	3,916.04
Individual deposits, subject to check	24,867.47
Time Certificates of Deposit	1,400.00
Cashier's checks	85.20
Total	\$45,208.71

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, R. B. Johnson as vice president and L. E. Adrian as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
R. B. Johnson Vice Pres.
L. E. Adrian, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 7th day of July A. D. 1914. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
E. D. Teuton, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
G. F. West, J. T. Warren, L. E. Adrian } Directors

STATEMENT

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL

At Close of Business June 30th., 1914

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans	Capital Stock
U. S. Bonds, par	Surplus & Profits
Furniture & Fixtures	Circulation
Real Estate	Bills Payable
5 Percent Red'mpt'. Fund	Rediscounts
Cash and Exchange	Other Borrowed Money
Total	Deposits
	Total

Upon the merits of this Statement we solicit your business.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

I am serving my first term as collector of Taylor county if you think I have discharged my duties, and am worthy of another term I will appreciate you vote at the Primary July 25.

Respectfully,

D. T. HARKRIDER,
Tax Collector, Taylor County, Texas.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS

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

Miss Mae Grayson	8800 votes
Miss Gertrude Piyant	4200 votes
Miss Ida Taylor	1700 votes
Miss Halie Moore	1100 votes
Miss Bettie Peterson	1400 votes
Miss Effie Duke	1000 votes
Miss Lula Cogburn	1100 votes
Miss Pearl Baccus	6700 votes
Miss Gertrude Stanley	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

Miss Jessie Cox of Abilene is visiting her cousin Miss Zora West.

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. U. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

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.



TO THE HOUSEWIFE

Desiring the Best, the Whitest and the Purest Flour that can be had, we recommend

BOUQUET
\$2 75 Per Hundred Pounds

Walter Clark
Merkel, Texas

NO. 366
Official Statement of the Financial Condition of
The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June 1914, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 10th day of July, 1914.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$126,517.56
Loans, real estate	6,883.89
Overdrafts	1,108.60
Real Estate (banking house)	9,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents, net	19,152.52
Cash Items	1,119.61
Currency	8,286.00
Specie	4,288.00-29,846.13
Int. in Depositors Guaranty Fund	745.08
Other Resources as follows:	2,327.42
Total	\$181,428.68
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$35,000.00
Surplus Fund	1,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	5,232.46
Individual Deposits subject to check	113,944.53
Time Certificates of Deposit	3,200.00
Cashier's checks	198.22
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	22,953.47
Other Liabilities as follows:	
Reserve for taxes	200.00
Total	\$181,428.68

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, J. S. Swann as president, and R. O. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
J. S. Swann, president.
R. O. Anderson, cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of June A. D. 1914.
C. D. Mims
(SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas
Correct—Attest:
B. C. Moore, M. Armstrong, John Sears } Directors

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.

W. E. Britain, manager of our electric light plant left this week for Matador where he will be joined by his wife for a motorcycle trip to Ochiltree, from where they go to Denver before returning home. The couple will be joined by Tallie Holloway and B. F. Cox on their motorcycles at Ochiltree for the Colorado trip.
If you have cotten seed I will buy them.
G. M. Sharp.
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown of San Angelo returned to their home after a few days visit with their daughter Mrs. Joe Higgins at their country home on Route 1.
Mrs. W. T. Collins and brother Alton Cathey of Mertzon came in Monday night to visit their Aunt Mrs. J. C. Calvert and family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Rates

For District Offices.....	\$7.50
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 Throckmorn 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
J. M. Moffett.
B. M. Burks

For County Attorney:
H. Rob Keeble

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

For County Superintendent:
J. S. Smith.

JONES COUNTY CANDIDATES

For Sheriff:
Jet Milsap
J. A. Sanders.

For County Judge:
T. J. Barrett

EVERY SUNDAY EXCURSION RATES

—Via—



BETWEEN ALL LOCAL STATIONS
ONE FARE PLUS TEN CENTS
ROUND TRIP

GO SOMEWHERE

For full particulars see T & P apt or writ
A. D. BELL **GEO. D. HUNTER**
Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt. Gen. Pass. Agt.
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

Real Estate

Exclusive Bargains in Mer-
kel country and West Texas

MONEY TO LOAN

On Farm and Ranch Lands in
Taylor, Jones, Nolan and Fisher
Counties.

Jno. G. Jackson, Merkel

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Rev. R. A. Clements of Colo-
rado City was in our city Monday
shaking hands with old friends
and acquaintances.

Mrs. F. E. Allen and grandma
Mitchell of Eskota were shopping
in our city Monday.

Mrs. W. F. Hamblett and little
daughter Vannie returned home
Monday from San Angelo where
they visited Mrs. Harry Rogers.

Miss Gail McCarty has accepted
a position with Elite Confection-
ary and will be pleased to greet
and serve her friends. Master
Jake Walters is a new helper in
this popular place and invites his
friends to call and see him.

Mrs. M. D. Ussery and little
daughter Neta Merl were visitors
in Abilene Monday.

Eld. W. G. Cypert returned
home Monday from Roscoe where
he held a one weeks meeting.

Miss Valrie Dye visited friends
in San Angelo the past week.

A fresh supply of Johnston's
chocolates at the Elite.

Horace Mobley of Abilene was
the guest of Emzi Burroughs
Saturday.

Mrs. G. A. Rister left Sunday
afternoon for El Paso to attend
the bedside of her son Pope Ris-
ter who has been operated on for
appendicitis.

Ben T. Merritt cashier of the
Farmers and Merchants National
made a very pleasant trip to Dub-
lin the latter part of the week.

Your patronage appreciated
at the Elite.

W. R. Bigham is at home from
El Paso to spend a few days.

W. O. Boney and Ralph Bigham
spent Saturday in Abilene

Mrs. A. G. Crouch and Miss
Tommie Louise Coggin were vis-
itors in Abilene Saturday.

Cold drinks and cigars, best in
town at the Elite.

Parker Hendrix of Big Springs
was a social caller in our city
Saturday night and Sunday.

N. E. Woodard of Roscoe spent
Saturday and Sunday with his
brother and family at their coun-
try home on Route 1.

H. N. McCormick of Maryneal
stopped off here Saturday to at-
tend to business matters.

**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. J. L. Mann and daughter
Miss Mattie T are visiting the
former's husband of Clyde for a
few days.

Messrs and Mesdames A. Boyd
and H. Warren motored to Abi-
lene Friday.

Ed West of Clarksville came
in last week to visit his cousin
John Collins.

**See N. D. Cobb for Tomb-
stones and Monuments.**

Miss Willie Bennett of Cotton-
wood is visiting her sister Mrs. J.
F. Holdridge.

Mesdames N. J. Rossen, Elmer
Reed and children and Miss Bes-
sie Carthey returned to thier home
at Bowie Friday after a few days
visit at the home of Mrs. J. C.
Calvert.

Miss Gail McCarty visited rela-
tives in Sweetwater Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Holdridge
are the proud parents of a nine
pound boy which made its ar-
rival Thursday.

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

Miss Effie Cypert left Friday
evening for Rochester where she
will spend her vacation visiting
relatives and friends.

Miss Ruby Bishop returned to
her home at Sweetwater Sunday
after spending the past week
with her cousin Miss Gail Mc-
Carty.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shelton of
Abilene visited the latters parents
Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Bell Sunday.

Mrs. O. SoRelle and little son
of Eskota were guests of Mrs. C.
Bigham Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bigham
and little daughter Alice were in
from their ranch the latter part
the week.

Mrs. J. J. O'Malley is visiting
in Dallas this week.

Mrs. Doss Sheppard and little
daughter returned to their home
in Dallas last Thursday after vis-
iting the family of Mr. and Mrs.
S. W. Sheppard.

Miss Alma Harris Harris of
Mexia is here visiting her sister
Mrs. J. D. Gaither.

Mrs. J. B. Wade of Truby vis-
ited friends here Tuesday.

Mrs. Charley West has been
confined to her bed with la grippe
for the past few days at her home
in North Merkel.

Mrs. G. S. Dunning and chil-
dren left Tuesday afternoon for
Eskota where they will spend
several days visiting the formers
sister Miss Wilson.

James M. Blackburn of Nubia
left on 5:45 train for Benjamin
where he will visit his son Cave
Blackburn for a few days.

Felix Jones of Abilene was at-
tending to business matters in
our city Tuesday.

Mrs. T. A. Johnson and sons
returned home Tuesday from Gor-
man where they have been visit-
ing the formers parents.

Claude Comegy returned from
Putnam Tuesday.

Robert Hicks returned home
Wednesday morning from East
Texas where he has been for the
past two weeks visiting relatives
and friends.

Miss Ruby Jones was visiting
in Sweetwater Sunday.

Mrs. M. D. Angus and little
daugater Maurine left Sunday
for Vernon to spend several days
with the formers sister Mrs. Car-
rol Walton. Mrs. Angus was
accompanied to Sweetwater by
her husband M. D. Angus.

Mrs. O. L. Tichenor of Evans-
ville, Ind., returned to her home
Tuesday morning after a few days
visit here with the family of Mr.
and Mrs. N. F. Williams.

Miss Beulah Walton of Chicago
Ill., came in Friday to spend a
few days with her grand parents
Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Williams.

Dr. J. A. Coppedge and wife of
Allenreed left Monday for their
home after a few days visit with
the latters son A. H. Barnes and
family of Rt. 3.

Mrs. Bonnie Iron of Roscoe
returned home Monday after a
short visit with M. E. Nelson.

Mrs. R. J. Miller of Barstow is
visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs.
J. M. Garrett.

Jas. Baker, over 80 years of
age and a pioneer of our country
was a visitor to our office this
week. He attended the fourth of
July celebration at San Angelo
and had a good time but was glad
to get home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren,
Misses Winnie and Louise, Mr.
T. A. Johnson, Booth Warren
and De Verle Johnson motored
to Hawley and were joined by
Mr. Booth and family on a fishing
and camping trip last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hamm and
children and Mrs. W. H. Dickson
motored to Abilene Monday and
spent several hours with friends.

Miss Ruby Jones is visiting
her cousin Miss Jettie Davis of
Rawls.

Will S. Merritt was in Abilene
Saturday and Sunday visiting
his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. T.
Merritt.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman and
daughter Miss Lottie of Nubia
motored to Abilene Wednesday.

Mrs. Ross Ferier is reported
very low and her condition the
first of the week as very precari-
ous but we are glad to report
some improvement and hopes of
her friends for a speedy recovery.

Rev. R. A. Clements, the big
jovial and popular preacher of
Colorado was a visitor to our lit-
tle town several days this week
but Bro. Clements was saddened
to know of the serious illness of
Capt. W. H. Hawkins whom he
was here to visit.

It has been awfully but the very
little news has been hatched out
this week.

Mrs. R. A. Clements of Colo-
rado attended the funeral services
of Capt. Hawkins.

Jim Guitar of Colorado is vis-
iting his brother Fred Guitar and
family.

Mrs. W. R. Walker and son
Jack left Sunday morning on No.
4 for Hillsboro where they will
visit the former's sister Mrs. Lucy
Greer.

Our Quick-Action Sale and all
of the special prices still in force.
It will pay you to save money by
buying that bill of us. Wood-
roof & Co.

Miss Mada'yn Adkisson left
Sunday morning for Putnam
where she will visit for a few days
before returning to her home at
Beaumont.

Mrs. Ed. Davis of Tye (nee
Miss Lillian Julian) was the guest
of Mrs. Asa Sheppard the past
week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Perry of
Nubia were in Merkel shopping
Monday.

We want one hundred names
our free voting contest. Wood-
roof & Co.

Jno. Wheeler and family, T. L.
Grimes and family motored to
Sylvester Saturday to attend the
picnic.

Miss Letha Burns returned
home the latter part of last week
from San Angelo where she vis-
ited her cousin Miss Ona Dumpus.

Miss Mamie Ellis and Bessie
Touchstone are the guests of Miss
Ruth Merritt of Abilene this
week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Comegy
are spending the week in Put-
nam.

T. A. Harris of Dallas came in
Sunday morning to visit his pa-
rents Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harrie.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Nobles and daughters
Misses Tina and Eda who have
been here the past week visiting
relatives and friends left Fri-
day afternoon for Odessa
where they will visit the former's
daughter Mrs. Carter before re-
turning to their home at Fort
Worth.

Refreshment headquarters—
The Elite.

Will Burns and son R. L. re-
turned home Monday from San
Angelo accompanied by Mrs.
Mary Bernard the formers moth-
er-in-law.

Virgil Touchstone left Sunday
morning for San Augustine where
he will be connected with a local
Drug store.

Mrs. E. W. Turner of Abilene
visited her aunt Mrs. Jno. Bell
Sunday.

Give us your orders for ice
cream for special dinners or par-
ties. The Elite.

L. Brown of Arlington was in
our city the first part of the week.

In this issue of the paper is a
two-page advertisement announc-
ing the anniversary sale of J. P.
Sharp. This old timer and pion-
eer merchant means business
when he does attempt a special
sale and it will be your interest
to read the ad and prices.

Mrs. G. L. Gilliland left Sun-
day afternoon for her home at
Midland after spending the past
week with her sister Mrs. O. F.
McMaster.

Miss Erah Brady and grand-
mother Mrs. B. Brady left Tues-
day for Whitesboro where they
will visit for some time with rela-
tives and friends.

Miss Lula Sharp is spending
the week in Abilene as the guest
of Miss Ruth Merritt

Mrs. Bell of Navarisa, N. M.
came in last week to visit her
nephew Wes Edwards and fam-
ily for a few days.

We save you money on your
dry goods purchases but not at
expense of the quality of the
goods. Woodroof & Co.

Mrs. Warren of Strawn is the
guest of Wes Edwards and
family.

Mrs. E. M. Rust and daughter
Miss Genevieve are visiting in
Fort Worth this week.

A free trip to California, the
land of sunshine and flowers or a
high grade piano absolutely free.
A special prize every week for
leading contestant that week.
Woodroof & Co.

I want your Wheat and Oats.
G. M. Sharp.

Miss Nora Grimes who has
been here for the past few days
visiting her uncle T. L. Grimes
and family returned to her home
at Bronte Monday.

Mrs. F. L. Turner of Rotan
came in Saturday to spend a few
days visiting her sisters Mes-
dames R. A. Ellis, Alice Touch-
stone and Miss Laura Carey.

If you will try Seymour flour
you will always buy Seymour be-
cause it is the best. G. M. Sharp
sells it.

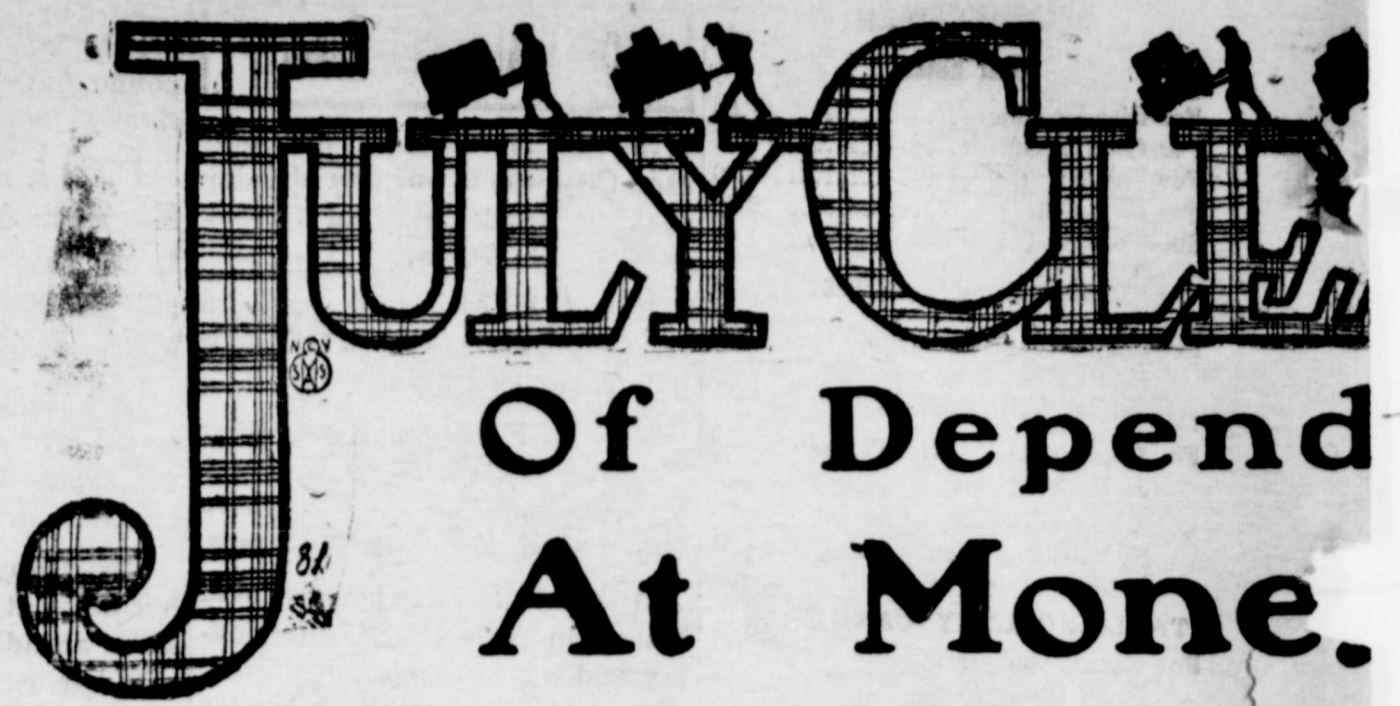
Judge Wm. E. Hawkins, one
of the Supreme Judges of Austin
was here this week attending the
bedside of his uncle Wm. H.
Hawkins who is very low at his
residence in South Merkel.

J. P. Sharp

DRY GOODS
MERKEL, TEXAS

**A 15 Days
July
Clearance
Sale**

**Come and C
the Unad-
vertised
Bargains**



Everything in Our Big Stock

To Make Room for Our Fall Merchandise We Have

~~During the~~ During the

BIG BARGAIN

Come early while our stocks are complete. You will save big

Remember This Sale Starts

THESE PRICES TELL AN INTERESTING MONEY

Shoes

\$4.50 & 5.00 mens dress oxfords.....	\$3.65
4.00 mens dress oxfords.....	3.25
3.50 mens dress oxfords.....	2.85
3.25 mens dress oxfords.....	2.60
3.00 mens dress oxfords.....	2.40
2.50 white canvas oxfords.....	2.15
1.50 rubber sole canvas oxfords.....	1.15
3.50 & 4.00 ladies pumps & oxfords.....	2.85
3.00 & 3.25 ladies pumps & oxfords.....	2.35
2.50 ladies pumps and oxfords.....	1.75
2.00 & 2.25 ladies pumps & oxfords.....	1.50
2.75 & 3.00 boys oxfords.....	2.35
2.50 boys oxfords.....	1.85
1 lot 1.75 to 2.25 boys oxfords & shoes.....	1.50
2.25 and 2.50 childrens oxfords.....	1.75
1.75 childrens oxfords.....	1.35
1.50 childrens oxfords.....	1.15
1 lot 1.50 to 2.25 childrens oxfords.....	1.00

Work Shoes

\$3.50 mens work shoes.....	\$2.95
3.00 and 3.25 mens work shoes.....	2.60
2.50 mens work shoes.....	2.10
2.25 mens work shoes.....	1.90
2.25 & 2.50 boys work shoes.....	1.85

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DRY GOODS
MERKEL, TEXAS

Dress Goods

5c American calico.....	4c
10c percal.....	8c
12½c madras.....	10c
12½c red seal gingham.....	9c
10c amoskeag gingham.....	7½c
10c blouse linon.....	8c
15c pure linen.....	10c
20c pure linen.....	15c
20c serpentine crepe.....	15c
50c lingerie crepe.....	15c
20c Joney voile.....	15c
12½c beauty crepe.....	9c
40c fancy crepe.....	25c
20c marietta curtain goods.....	15c
10c, 15c and 20c figured lawns.....	5c
25c figured lawns and swiss.....	10c
50c silks.....	35c

Specials

\$2.00 messaline petticoats.....	\$1.25
2.50 corsets.....	2.00
2.00 corsets.....	1.35
1.50 corsets.....	1.15
1.25 corsets.....	.90
5.00 mens and ladies rain coats.....	4.00
1.50 mens dress shirts.....	1.15
1.25 mens dress shirts.....	95c
1.00 mens dress shirts.....	80c
50c mens work shirts.....	43c
45c mens work shirts.....	38c

All laces and ribbons reduced

Mens and

\$3.00 mens felt hats clearance price.....	
2.50 mens felt hats clearance price.....	
2.00 mens felt hats clearance price.....	1.1
3.50 mens straw hats clearance price.....	2.5
3.00 mens straw hats clearance price.....	2.0
2.00 mens straw hats clearance price.....	1.2
1.50 mens straw hats clearance price.....	1.0

**HOT DAYS
IN COOL CLOTHING
STRIKE WHILE THE
AND THE PRICE**

\$8.50 mens palm beach suits.....	\$7.0
8.00 mens palm beach suits.....	6.5
7.50 mens palm beach suits.....	6
6.50 boys palm beach suits.....	5.0
\$25 mens wool summer suits.....	12.5
22.50 mens wool summer suits.....	11.2
\$20 mens wool summer suits.....	10.0

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--Saving Prices

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DRY GOODS
MERKEL, TEXAS

Tell Your
Friends and
Neighbors
About This
SALE

Sale Opens
July the 11th
Closes
Saturday
July 25th

of Summer Goods Must Go

Decided to give our Customers the Benefit of this Sale

Hot Weather

BIG GAINS

money at this sale. Colored tags show the prices in plain figures.

Starts Saturday July The 11th.

YOUR SAVING STORY OF VITAL INTEREST TO YOU

Boys Hats

75c mens silk hats clearance price	55c
50c mens silk hats clearance price	40c
1.50 boys felt hats clearance price	1.15
1.25 boys felt hats clearance price	95c
65c boys straw hats clearance price	50c
50c boys silk hats clearance price	40c

Hosiery

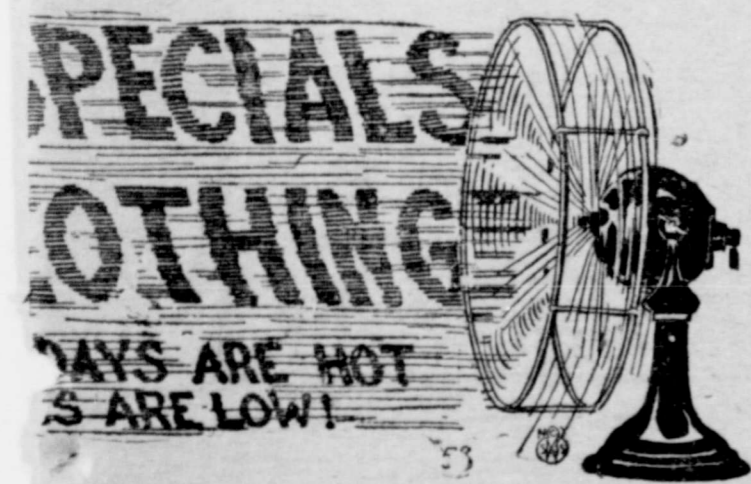
25c chilrens guaranteed hose	20c
20c chilrens cotton hose	15c
15c chilrens cotton hose	10c
10c chilrens cotton hose	7c
\$1.00 ladies silk hose	85c
65c ladies silk hose	50c
35c ladies lisle hose	25c
25c ladies lisle hose	20c
15c ladies cotton hose	10c
10c ladies cotton hose	7c
65c mens silk half-hose	50c
35c mens lisle half-hose	25c
25c mens lisle half-hose	20c
15c mens cotton half-hose	10c
10c mens cotton half hose	7c

Extra Pants

\$7.00 and 7.50 mens dress pants price	\$5.00
6.00 and 6.50 mens dress pants price	4.50
5.00 mens dress pants clearance price	4.00
4.50 mens dress pants clearance price	3.25
4.00 mens dress pants clearance price	2.85
3.50 mens dress pants clearance price	2.35
3.00 mens dress pants clearance price	2.15
2.50 mens dress pants clearance price	1.65
2.00 mens dress pants clearance price	1.25
1.25 mens dress pants clearance price	1.15
1.50 boys dress pants clearance price	1.15
1.25 boys dress pants clearance price	90c
1.00 boys dress pants clearance price	75c
1.00 mens work pants clearance price	85c
85c mens work pants clearance price	75c
1.00 mens lone stare overalls this sale	85c
1.00 kant rip overalls sale price only	75c
50c boys overalls clearance sale price	40c
25c boys overalls clearance sale price	20c
1.00 mens jumpers clearance sale price	85c
50c mens jumders clearance sale price	40c

Underwear

50c pepperell drawers sale price	38c
50c B. V. D. drawers sale price	43c
50c B. V. D. uddershirts sale price	43c
50c athletic undershirts sale price	43c
50c athletic drawers sale price	43c
50c conde-mesh drawers sale price	38c
50c conde-mesh undershirts sale price	38c
50c Egyptian balbriggan undershirts	43c
25c balbriggan undershirts sale price	18c
65c boys union suits clearance price	48c
50c boys union suits clearance price	43c
10c ladies vests clearance sale price	7c
7½c ladies vests clearance sale price	5c



\$15 mens wool summer suits	7.50
12.50 mens wool summer suits	6.25
12.50 youths wool summer suits	7.50
7.50 youths wool summer suits	4.50
\$6 and 6.50 boys wool summer suits	4.65
3.50 and 4 boy swool summer suits	2.95

J. P. Sharp

DRY GOODS
MERKEL, TEXAS

WALTER L. MORRIS

FOR

DISTRICT ATTORNEY, 42ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

(Re-Election) Subject to Action Democratic Primary, July 25, 1914

The District Attorney's office is a hard one to fill; to be successful the District Attorney must be a lawyer of ability, honest and fearless in the discharge of his duties, and he must be able to cope with the most learned and most able lawyers in the state.

Every man's property and even their lives

must be properly protected, and the people need a District Attorney who is able enough that a poor man is not forced to employ private prosecution in order to get his legal rights when his property has been stolen or the lives of his loved ones have been taken or their character been assailed.

I have served you nearly four years, I leave the matter entirely for you to say whether or not I possess the above mentioned qualifications. If you think so I shall very much appreciate your support and influence.

WALTER L. MORRIS.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Sunday School Picnic.

Mr. Henry West's Sunday School class of the Presbyterian church entertained a few friends with a moonlight picnic Friday evening at the Martin tank. A lovely supper was spread on the float, everything was most tempting an abundance of sherbet cream and cake was served. The picnic lemonade was passed and greatly enjoyed. The climax was reached with brother Bullock's recitation.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and J. J. O'Malley have returned from a delightful visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. C. Hunt in Haskell. They were joined at Anson by Mrs. Annie Hale King. Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Hunt entertained their guests with a luncheon and a visit to the Airdome. Saturday A. M. they were guests of honor at an early morning german at the Hall. A delightful breakfast was served at the Hunt home. That evening a swell dance was tendered the visitors at the Hall. The trip of over 250 miles was made in the Overland car of J. J. O'Malley's.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson have had a very enjoyable 4th. Saturday and Sunday were real days of pleasure to them. Their children were all at home. Stanton from Fort Worth came in Saturday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson from Stamford and Mrs. B. Smith of Stanton were all present as were Misses Ona and Pauline. These reunions always mark many happy days on the calendar of time for the parents and leave happy memories for all.

Mrs. Jno. G. Jackson honored Mrs. A. G. Crouch of Douglas, Ariz. with a beautifully planned Slumber Party Friday evening at her home on Oak St. Covers were laid for Misses Mabel Collins, Elma Sheppard, Zora Caggins and Agnes Hall, the guest of honor and the hostess at a well appointed luncheon. All enjoyed a visit to the Royal Airdome. A midnight feast followed an hour or more of wit and mirth brought sleep to all.

The Cemetery Association will hold an important business meeting Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. R. O. Anderson on Oak St. Most of us have loved ones in the Rose Hill Cemetery. Grass and flowers should be growing there instead of weeds. We cannot afford to neglect this great work. This is a special invitation to all, who are interested, to be present Tuesday afternoon.

Baptist League Program.

The following program will be rendered at the Baptist church Sunday evening July 12th at 8:30 o'clock.

Leader; James West.
Invocation, Rev. W. M. Gaddy.
Piano Solo; Miss Gaddy.
Quartet; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent, Mrs. Earl Lassiter and Robert Hicks.
Reading; Louise Scott.
Bass Solo; Ira Armstrong.
Duet, Vocal, Mrs. Harris and Miss Hall.
Piano Solo; Miss Lula Sharp.

Reading; Mrs. Scott.
Solo, Vocal; Miss Gaddy.
Song Glee Club.

Real Estate Transfers.

J. H. Winn et Ux and H. R. Winn et Ux to J. H. Sneed Lot 5 Blk 71 of Ovalo. \$1000.00.

W. C. Sears to Ludie Sanders Lots 4 & 8 & W. 1/2 Lot 7 Blk "B" Sheppards Sub. of Blk 5 College Addition to Merkel \$2230.00.

Dallas Scarborough and H. N. Hickman to Mrs. B. J. Lawler Lot 8 and W. 1/2 Lot 7 Blk "B" of Merkel \$800.00.

J. K. Marrs et Ux. to J. G. Harris Lots 7, 8, & 9 Blk 13 Abilene \$4015.80.

W. E. Morgan et Ux. to D. E. Coleman an interest in Lot 1 Harris Sub. Blk 23 of H. Ward Survey 89 in Abilene \$1060.

Callie Buck, E. Todd Buck, Geo. W. Medland and Corinna Medland to B. H. Gray Lots 11 & 12 Blk 120 of Abilene \$10.00 and other considerations.

C. W. Dudley to Mrs. V. A. Jones Lots 7 & 8 Blk A Sunnyside Addition to Abilene \$3200.00

A. J. Grisard to B. H. Gray Lots 11 & 12 Blk 120 Abilene \$1600.00

D. E. Whittaker to L. E. Whittaker, Subdivision of Sec. 1 and N. E. 1-4 of Sec. 17 E. 1/2 of N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 17 \$4,000.00.

Comer M. Woodward et Ux to Mrs. H. E. Robinson 177 acres out of the 435 acre Survey patented to Moses Evans by Pat 259. \$1034.00

J. K. Marrs et Ux to J. G. Harris, Lots 7, 8, & 9 Blk 13 Lakeside Addition to Abilene \$4015.85.

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



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AN ORDINANCE.

An ordinance prohibiting the hitching and tying of any beast of burden to any metal light post in the City of Merkel and fixing the penalty for same.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Merkel:

Act 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person within the City of Merkel to hitch or tie any horse or other beast of burden or any team to any vehicle, to any metal light post within the limits of said City; and any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding Five Dollars.

Art. 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Attest: Signed:
R. A. McClain, J. J. Stallings,
Secretary. Mayor.



STRAY OR STOLEN—One brown horse mule 5 years old, scare on left fore foot and right shoulder and wearing halter, will pay \$5.00 reward for return to me. L. T. Brechen, Hawley, Route two. 1011

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.

LOST. An open face 15 jewell Elgin watch with leather fob. A liberal reward will be given for the return of same to me. Jim Brown at G. F. West's Store.

DO YOU EAT IN ABILENE?
If So. THE METROPOLITAN CAFE
Open At All Hours Gives THE MOST SATISFACTORY SERVICE
To Please Is Our Aim.
North Front Street
Abilene Texas.

League Program.

Subject; Conquest of the Cross over Self-indulgence.

Leader; Mrs. Adams,
Song.

Bible Study. Christ's Vision of the Future; by leader.

Intemperance as a cause and a result of poverty by Dr. O. F. McMaster.

The undermining of the family by Intemperance; by B. D. Black.

The Saloon. (A) The Poor Man's club; Ollie Shaffer. (b) A political Center; Jennie Pope. (c) A Breeding place of crime; Jackie Jennings.

(A) The responsibility of the Bartender; Pauline Johnson. (b) The Saloon Keeper; Ulysses McNeas. (c) The voter; Homer Laney.

The Convival Sabbath; Willie Coats. Intemperance in Latin America; Beulah Garrett.

Results of Community Study; Mrs. R. A. Martin.

Prayer.

Hymn.

Miscellaneous.

League Benediction.

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.

Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking 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-64

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Irrigation in Australia.

Australia is irrigating more than two million acres of grazing lands with artesian wells.

Severe Attack of Colic Cured.

E. E. Cross, who travels in Virginia and other Southern States, was taken suddenly and severely ill with colic. At the first store he came to the merchant recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Two doses of it cured him. No one should leave home on a journey without a bottle of this preparation. For sale by all dealers.

Where the Rhine is Busy.

The traffic on the Rhine between Strasburg and the Holland frontier amounts to the enormous total of forty million tons annually.

When the baby is suffering the double affliction of hot weather and bowel disorders, the remedy needed is Mc-GEE'S BABY ELIXIR. It reduces the feverish condition, corrects the stomach and checks looseness of the bowels. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Worms interfere with the growth of children. They become thin, pale and sickly. Get rid of these parasites at once if you would have healthy, happy, cheerful children. WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE destroys worms and benefits the whole system: Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

"Dangerously Well."

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

A bad taste in the mouth comes from a disordered stomach, and back of that is usually a torpid liver:—A condition which invites disease. HERBINE is the remedy needed. It corrects the stomach and makes the liver active and regular. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Chigger Bites

To get rid of Chigger Bites put a little Hunt's Lightning Oil on, and the itching stops instantly. Good for all kinds of insect bites and stings. Fine for headaches and neuralgia, as well as rheumatism. All druggist.

When you feel lazy, out of sorts and yawn a good deal in the daytime, you can charge it to a torpid liver which has allowed the system to get full of impurities. HERBINE cures all disorders produced by an inactive liver. It strengthens that organ, cleanses the bowels and puts the system in good healthy condition. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

TO THE VOTERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY.



I, W. F. Dillard, Candidate for County Tax Collector: was born March 12, 1878 in Summerville County, Texas. My mother having died in my infancy my father moved to Palo Pinto county where I spent some fourteen year on the farm; I lost my father also when I was but a lad and was forced into the world to rustle for myself, like most boys I went West and lived the cowboy's life for several years, I then married, settled down to make a man of myself. A little later I was called into the ministry and

moved from the plains of West Texas to Abilene in 1904. I entered Simmons College that I might better prepare myself for service. I have struggled under financial difficulties to obtain an education often time spending my spare time chopping wood in the back yards of neighbors, painting and papering houses and whatever I could find to do, while my wife kept boarders to help defray expenses, until her health failed. I then secured a school and taught, supplementing the small income which I was then receiving from some small churches, of which I was pastor.

In March 1913 on my way from school I happened to an accident with a kicking horse, which resulted in the loss of my left leg: but being blessed with a speedy recovery I reentered Simmons College and finished my "A. B. Degree" June 3, 1914.

Realizing that "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches" I most sincerely desire to meet my many obligations and make a support for my family. To do this it becomes necessary to supplement the meagre income now received from my little churches and I am asking the voters of Taylor county for the office of "Tax Collector."

If elected I promise to do my best, to treat all alike, and to do the work well.

I will thankfully appreciate every vote cast for me.

Sincerely,
W. F. Dillard.

Mrs. H. B. Griffith of Upland came in Tuesday on the 10:57 train to spend a few days in our midst with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith.

Gas and Oils of every kind for the Auto at the Ice House.

Miss Gertrude Thornton and little Alvie Hogue, Jr., of Sweetwater are here the guests of friends and relatives.

See Harvey Warren for gas and oils.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Osborn who have been visiting their cousins Mr. and Mrs. Jno. B. Boden for some time returned to their home at Melissa.

A message from Fred Bigham announced that his wife was doing real well since her operation Monday in El Paso. Their many friends here are hoping for a complete recovery.

Big rains, delaying railroad traffic and doing some damage but more good is reported in the western part of the state this week.

Davenport Gaither was in View community this week buying grain for Gaither Bros.

Mrs. W. Scott and little daughter Louise were visiting in Abilene Wednesday.

Mrs. R. Comer of Hamlin returned to her home after a few days visit here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Farmer.

Mrs. Ed. Davis and sons Edwin and Ben of Hubbard were guests of Mr. Mrs. A. Fitts and other friends here last week.

Mrs. Hugh Baker and children of Calvert, Cal. are here visiting the families of Rev. A. A. Baker, Jim Baker and Jim Warnick.

See me before you sell your Wheat and Oats. G. M. Sharp.

Dr. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Daniel returned home Monday from a few days fishing trip near Nugent.

Mrs. Billie Teaff of Salt Branch visited friends here Monday.

Mrs. Minnie Bowles of Stith visited here Tuesday.

Mrs. J. P. Hamm is in Colorado City visiting friends.

Fill your car with good gasoline before going on a journey. Harve Warren can supply you.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Stevens were visiting relatives in Hamlin Sunday.

Miss Claire Tate of Abilene is visiting Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

Miss Ida Hale of Shiloh visited here Monday.

Miss Amy Gunn visited friends in Hamlin Sunday.

Can U Guess?

BEGINNING THURSDAY JULY THE 9TH

We will run a 30-day earlier program including all the popular Universal Productions, we will run a feature 3 or more times each week. Watch for our street wagon.

We have also remodeled the entire Airdome and now have one of the most complete, comfortable and up-to-date open-air show houses in the state. 5 Private Boxes; seating 6 to 10 persons, these boxes are for the convenience of those coming in groups and wishing to enjoy the show together. These boxes will be reserved for parties of 6 or more without extra charge. (Phone 25.)

A Ladies Rest Room for the convenience of mothers who bring their small children to the show—here you will find every comfort and convenience—ice water, high and low settees and plenty of room, so the babies may play, enjoy the show or sleep.

A "Smoke Room" for those wishing to smoke during the show, here you may smoke to your hearts content without fear of giving offense to anyone.

\$5-FREE-\$5

To the first one guessing nearest the number of pints of paint, oil and turpentine together used on the Airdome this season, we will give \$5.00 in cash, to the second one nearest a pass for (2) two to the Cozy for the remainder of July, and to the third one nearest a pass for (1) one for the remainder of July. Your name and guess must be written clearly on the back of tickets supplied at the Cozy each night, (one guess on each ticket.) Guessing closes Saturday night, July 11, and the winners will be announced Monday night, July 13. You must be present if you win as the next in line will be called if you are absent. All guesses must be deposited in a box at the Elite Confectionery by 12 o'clock Monday, July 13. Canvassing the results will be in the hands of three disinterested parties.

EXTRA SPECIAL PROGRAM SAT. NIGHT

The Cozy

CHILDREN 5 CENTS

ADULTS 10 CENTS

H. F. GROENE, Manager

A TRIP TO CALIFORNIA

(WITH ALL OF YOUR TRANSPORTATION PAID)

Or Lyon Taylor Piano Free

A Special Prize Every Week to Leading Contestant

One of the above, the choice of some girl or young lady of Merkel or the Merkel Country, the successful candidate in our Free Voting contest, will be given absolutely free by our firm

100 Votes With Every \$1 Purchase

100 CONTESTANTS WANTED
COME IN AND GET PARTICULARS

W. D. WOODROOF AND COMPANY

Our Quick Action Sale and Reduced Prices Continues

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Trent.

Miss Carrye McKibbens who has been the guest of Miss Beta Beckham for the past few weeks returned to her home at Corpus Christi Thursday.

Miss Josie Kincaid of Eastland came in Saturday to visit her sister Mrs. Will Riley.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Robinson of Anson were here Saturday visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Bonner of Clyde spent the week end with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hutchenson.

W. L. McLeod and wife are the proud parents of a girl born to them Sunday morning.

Miss Mae Robinson spent Sunday with homefolks. She is attending the Normal at Abilene.

J. D. Sandefer spoke at the M. E. church Saturday night, in favor of Col. Ball. He announced that Mr. Ball would speak in Merkel July 14.

Quite a crowd celebrated the 4th here by spending the day out on Sweetwater Creek fishing.

Mrs. J. J. Peay and children of Clyde are visiting friends and relatives here this week.

The young folks enjoyed singing at the home of J. D. Southworth Sunday night.

Grandma Estep mother of S. Estep died at the home of her son Monday morning.

Skin Disease Cured or Money Back

Hunt's Cure is absolutely guaranteed to cure Itch, Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm or any other form of skin disease. Failing to cure the druggist is authorized to promptly refund your money. Price 50c. Ask your own druggists.

Nubia.

Sunday School met at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon as usual and will continue to do so.

Several from Nubia heard Sandefer speak Saturday in favor of Col. Ball at Merkel.

Weeds? Yes weeds have grown so

now we are grubbing them up.

The 4th was spent by several eating ice cream everyone report a cold time Grover Blair who has been helping his friend is now plowing at home, but says he will soon be able to help them again.

Several from Butman attended Sunday School at Nubia Sunday evening.

Best Diarrhoea Remedy.

If you have ever used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy you know that it is a success. Sam F. Guin, Whatley, Ala., writes, "I had measles and got caught out in the rain, and it settled in stomach and bowels. I had an awful time and had it not been for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy I could not possibly have lived but a few hours longer, but thanks to this remedy, I am now well and strong." For sale by all dealers.

Compere.

We had a small rain here Thursday night. Grain was beginning to suffer a little.

Crops are in good shape in fact everything is looking fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade are the proud parents of a fine girl.

Miss Mattie Moore has returned to Merkel after several days visit with friends and relatives.

Several celebrated the 4th going fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Mattingly visited the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. Hodges on the 4th.

Rev. Tucker and Ross have began a series of meeting last night at this place.

Mr. D. Palmer is reported to be real sick.

Cured of Indigestion.

Mrs. Sadie P. Clawson, Indiana, Pa., was bothered with indigestion. "My stomach pained me night and day," she writes. "I would feel bloated and have headache and belching after eating. I also suffered from constipation. My daughter had used Chamberlain's Tablets and they did her so much good that she gave me a few doses of them and insisted upon my trying them. They helped me as nothing else has done." For sale by all dealers.

Salt Branch.

The health of the community is very good at this writing.

Odice Rainer returned from Baylor University where he has been going to school.

Rev. Rainer preached a fine sermon Sunday morning.

J. P. Petty who has been working in the community for the past week left for Clyde Saturday.

Prof. and Mrs. J. B. Taylor of near Loraine were visiting relatives here Thursday and Friday and from here they went to Mason on business.

J. W. Childress and Frank Rogers were visiting in this community Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ruby Walker of Merkel was visiting Annie Higgins Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a crowd took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Higgins Sunday. Those present were Austin Robertson and wife, Misses Cora Hays, Ida Taylor, Annie Higgins and Ruby Walker, Messrs Hobson Robertson, Willis Taylor, Joe Stone, Lester Wheat and Marvin Shipley.

Mrs. O. Watson of Loraine is visiting relatives in the community.

Miss Alma Hays was visiting relatives in the Stith community Saturday and Sunday.

Sunday School was very well attended Sunday.

Butman.

We feel better now since the 4th of July has come and gone. Our minds and memories were refreshed by the stories of '76 so often told by our patriotic speakers.

There was an ice cream entertainment given at the home of Z. L. Cargill Saturday night. All report a nice time. Bill Cogburn was the champion cream eater, eating six quarts.

Rev. Pitchard filled his regular appointment at Butman Sunday. Services were held under the arbor as the weather was uncomfortably warm.

The farmers around here are catching up with their work. They have been having ideal weather for the past four weeks.

Mr. Lester Wallace and wife who

were married at Dora last Sunday week attended services at Butman Sunday. We are glad to have them with us and ask them to come back again.

We are glad that summer is here again, as we all like ice cream and to attend picnics.

Several from the Canyon heard the splendid address delivered by Pres' Sandefer in advocacy of Col. Ball.

Don't forget the picnic at Dora on the seventeenth. Nubia will play Dora at Ball.

Shiloh.

Re. Geo. Scott preached at Tren Sunday morning and at Shiloh Sunday night.

Shiloh was well represented at Merkel Saturday. Ye scribe was one of the number and we all had the pleasure of hearing Prof. J. D. Sandefer lecture. It was enjoyed by all.

Several from here attended the picnic at Sylvester Saturday.

Terrell Winters left Sunday afternoon for Anson to be in attendance at court this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Woods attended the Sandefer speaking at Trent Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago of Noodle visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson this week.

Mr. McCright and family and Miss Alice Brown were visiting at Noodle Sunday.

Mr. Jones and family spent Sunday in the Noodle community.

W. B. Wheeler had his grain thrashed last week.

Mr. H. Wheeler of Colorado City is visiting his sons Edgar and W. B. Wheeler this week.

Walter Phillips and Miss Howard Barnes were married last Sunday week. We feiled to get full particulars in regard to the marriage.

Mr. Janes and W. P. Wheeler report finding cooton blooms.

Don't Endure Headache

Just get a bottle of Hunt's Lightning Oil and apply it to the head. The aching is gone quickly, in some cases instantly. Seldom fails to give relief for Neuralgia. Fine for Rheumatism also. Sold by all druggists.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Noodle.

After several weeks of dry weather the farmers are getting their fields clear of weeds, although there is much work to be done yet in the farming line.

No grain has been thrashed out here yet but the farmers are about ready for a thrasher.

Misses Gladys Coggin and Lillie Dean of Merkel visited W. L. Barbee and family Friday.

W. C. Thompson and wife are visiting Mr. Jno. Thompson of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Church spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Church of Trent.

Singing at the Methodist church Sunday night was enjoyed by all.

C. Rossen is here visiting his sister Mrs. Clyde Herring.

Misses Ola and Tennie Hope visited friends here Sunday.

Rev. Husdon filled the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday.

Mrs. A. C. Sosbee and Mrs. G. N. Wright were trading in Merkel Monday.

Miss Helen Thompson is visiting relatives in Abilene.

Blair.

Rev. Pope preached at the Baptist church Sunday the pastor being absent.

R. L. Porter and family visited relatives in Jones county Sunday.

R. V. Moore was a visitors in the home of T. O. Luckey Sunday.

Miss Sallie Hall was sick last week and was not able to be at her place of business, but is reported better at this time.

Ernest Meeks got kicked by a horse and his condition was very serious for a few days but he is thought to be out of danger now.

Some of the W. O. W. boys of Blair camp made a run on John Meeks cotton patch Friday and finished chopping his cotton for him. He has been kept at home on account of the sickness in his family. Let the good work go on.

Quite a number of Blair people went to Merkel Saturday to hear Dr. Sandefer speak.