

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## COUNTY OFFICERS NOMINATED SAT.

For county Judge E. M. Over-shiner, for county attorney H. Rob Keeble for reelection without opposition, for Sheriff J. T. Dodson, for county clerk J. D. Hilton, for district clerk J. Fuller re-elected.

G. B. Tittle for county treasurer no opponent; for tax collector W. F. Dillard an official count was required to determine whether Dillard or Harkrider was elected to this place, there being only one vote majority for Dillard according to Wednesdays Abilene Reporter while reports later gave Dillard a majority of 12 votes. W. T. (Tom) St. Johns was elected tax assessor without opposition to his re-election also J. S. Smith for county superintendent. Dallas Scarborough of Abilene was elected chairman of the democratic executive committee for Taylor county.

## CONTEST TO CLOSE TOMORROW NIGHT

The Merkel Mail Grafonola Contest closes at 7 o'clock tomorrow night. During the past few days the voting has been very heated indeed and the votes cast today and tomorrow promise to name the winners of the three valuable Columbia Grafonolas now on display at the Elite Confectionery.

No count was made of the votes already cast this week as the final count will come Saturday night. There yet remain today and tomorrow in which the people of Merkel and Merkel country can help their friends win and during these two days the remarkable offer of 15,000 votes will be given to every subscriber of the Merkel Mail for a period of 10 years at a price of \$7.50. In addition to this offer the subscriber is given one edition of the \$2.700 page administration cook book. Remember Saturday night at 7 o'clock this contest closes and any subscriptions taken after that hour will not carry with them votes for the contest. Read both the ads regarding the contest in this weeks issue of the Mail.

### Canyon Crops Good.

J. R. Toombs, W. R. Walker, John D. Goither and W. D. Woodroof made a trip into the upper Canyon country Wednesday morning in the latter's car for the purpose of looking over the country.

Every member of the party reports the cotton and feed of that section in better condition than the Merkel country has seen in the past six or ten years.

### Postoffice Inspector Here.

Postoffice Inspector A. C. Caldwell, with headquarters at Abilene was in the city Wednesday looking over the books of the local postoffice.

This is the first inspection of the postoffice under the new postmaster H. C. Williams.

## Ferguson Leads Ball by 38,397 Submission Now 22,366 Behind

### Hobby Leads Sturgeon for Lieutenant Governor 10,334

### Congressman W. R. Smith Defeats His Opponent Judge Thomas L. Blanton by 2840 Votes. Smith's Vote in El Paso County Was Very Strong Being Nearly 4 to Blanton's 1.

For Submission 129,154; against 151,519.

For Governor—Ball 181,042; Ferguson 219,439.

For Lieutenant-Governor—Hobby 170,998; Sturgeon 158,790.

For Treasurer—Baker 139,649; Edwards 169,198.

For Criminal Appeals—Davidson 196,702; Faulk 113,677.

For Commissioner Agriculture—Davis 160,206; Halbert 129,943.

For Railroad Commissioner—Arnold 100,224; Mayfield 190,091.

For Superintendent Instruction—Doughty 189,865; Marrs 119,128.

For Land Commissioner—Bartley 113,723; Geers 8,356; Robison 179,617.

For Comptroller—Franklin 90,836; Mayfield 66,821; Terrell 136,782.

For Congressman-at-large—Davis 78,529; Garrett 66,785; Harris 38,445; Kone 59,054; Lane 67,764; Lowry 42,584; McLemore 80,116; O'Donnell 20,939.

## HOW IT WAS DONE BY T. H. KIRBY

New York, July 29—John H. Kirby, member of the last Texas legislature and wealthy lumberman, blames the defeat of Tom Ball in the race for the governorship into the activities of the Wilson administration in his behalf. He declared the interference of the national administration gave Ferguson a majority of 50,000.

Kirby says Texas is out of harmony with the administration on the currency question and several other issues, including its Mexican policies, and this counted against Ball when he received the indorsement of Burleson and Bryan. He says the Republicans and Progressives need draw no encouragement from the recent primaries, as Texas Democrats will stand together as they have done for 100 years.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whittaker were in Abilene Wednesday visiting the latter's sister Mrs. Fred T. Wood.

John Hill of Sylvester was in Merkel Wednesday looking after business matters and shaking hands with old time friends. Mr. Hill reports the conditions around his country excellent with the small feed beginning to need rain some but as yet it is not suffering.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Parten are in Putnam for the week.

### Card of Thanks.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the many friends who so kindly supported me in my race for Cotton Weigher.

I appreciate the help given me just as much as if I had been elected, and I also trust that I may number as my friends all those who voted against me.

Again thanking you, I am,  
Respt,  
J. M. Garrett.

### To The Voters of Merkel.

Gentlemen:—You have shown your profound willingness to excuse me from the worry and responsibility of being your commissioner for the next two years and as the old story goes I am just a little sore but satisfied, and you will find me at my place of business on front street and am more than willing to earn an earnest dollar.

Will still sell high grade pianos from \$75.00 to \$100 cheaper than you can buy them from traveling men or off of wagons. I also sell tombstones in Bronz or Marble, also the old reliable Singer sewing machine, the best on earth and am ready to do your repair work on pianos, organs and sewing machines at a live and let live price. So if you have anything in that line you are willing to trust in my hands I will give you good service so I thank you one and all for the way you handled me last Saturday, know from a Christian standpoint that that you were not influenced by myself to do as you did, but now that "The Ball is over" and after the break of morn, after the dance is ended, and after the stars are gone," lets all put our shoulder to the wheel and push onward and upward to the mark of high calling for Merkel and grand old Merkel country. Respectfully,

E. D. Coats.

## FERGUSON FOR ADMINISTRATION

Temple, Texas, July 28. Governor-Elect James E. Ferguson issued a call for Saturday's conventions to instruct delegates to the state convention at El Paso to heartily endorse the Wilson administration.

He said that Wilson's endorsement of Ball was only a "personal indiscretion."

Miss Susie Bird of Loraine was the week end guest of Misses Lizzie and Eva Calvert last week.

## COL. BALL'S AUTO HITS SMALL BOY

Houston, Tex. July 28. Col. Thos. H. Ball's automobile driven by Miss Minnie Ball with Mrs. Ball seated in the tonneau, struck Calvert William A Fry a boy of 4 today.

The child was taken to the St. Joseph's infirmary with a fractured left leg and injuries about the head. After an X-ray examination the hospital interne said the patient would probably recover. This is the second victim of the Ball automobile within the last few months, the other one having died from the injuries. Col. Ball's daughter was driving the car when both accidents occurred.

### To the Voters of Taylor County.

I take this method of expressing my sincere thanks and gratitude to my friends who so faithfully used their influence in my behalf and to every one who supported me in my recent campaign for County Clerk. While I was defeated by a small majority I submit to the will of the people and assure you that I hold no ill will towards those who did not give me their support.

Miss Fannie Tippett.

### Marriage Licenses.

R. G. Cogdell to Miss Bertie Blaine.

H. C. McMahan to Miss Myrtle Jones.

H. C. Wilkinson to Ethel Garrett.

Earnest W. McNally to Miss Mattie Williams.

### Notice.

The two boys who passed through my pasture Tuesday evening one of whom had a gun, and picked up a bridle at my gate will please return it.

Chas. Beard.

## LASSITER AND TOOMBS ELECTED

In Saturdays election T. R. Lassiter was elected Commissioner of the Merkel precinct to succeed the present incumbent J. L. Banner who was also a candidate and for re-election. Lassiter defeated both his opponents, J. L. Banner and E. D. Coats by a plurality vote.

In the race for public weigher at this place Jim Toombs of Nubia was elected by the small number of six votes over his nearest opponent, that of J. M. Garrett. This race very close from the moment the first report came in and continued so until the last and final count was reported and until the Tye-Merkel box was reported the vote was too close to name the winner.

Mrs. W. H. Laney and children left Wednesday for Wills Point to visit relatives. She will be away for about two weeks.

## CONVENTION HERE IS UNINSTRUCTED

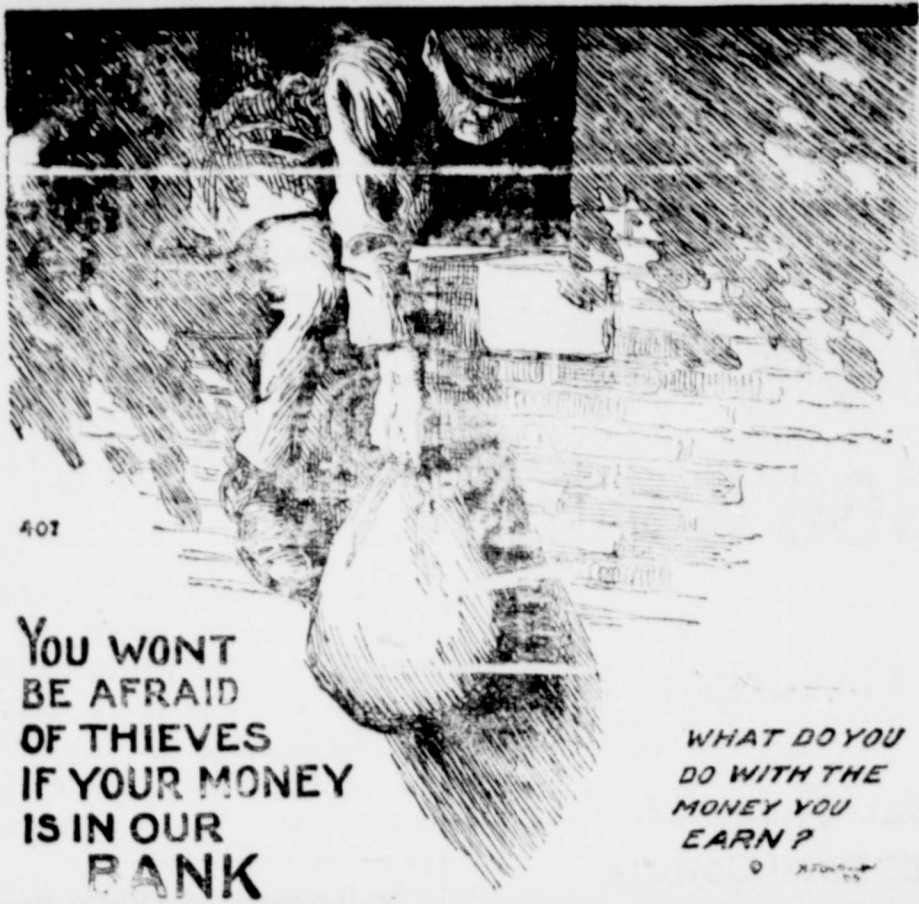
The Precinct Democratic Convention held here Saturday afternoon elected as their chairman T. A. Johnson and as their secretary O. W. Williams.

In the deliberations of the convention and the appointment of delegates, no instructions were given the Merkel representatives who will attend the county convention at Abilene Saturday. The delegates appointed to attend the county convention were: W. L. Diltz, H. M. Rainbolt, B. N. Billingsley, C. M. Largent, J. K. Higgins, C. D. Mins, Thos. Johnson, J. T. Warren, J. S. Swann, W. E. Douglass, J. J. Stallings, J. H. Oliver and J. R. Pee.

### Abilene Melon Thieves.

Two men were arrested Monday morning by Sheriff T. C. Weir. Their arrest was effected in different parts of the city. It is alleged that they entered a melon patch during Sunday night. According to the officers two men were shot at twice by W. W. Foster, living in North Park. The story as told is about as follows:

Perceiving the presence of two men in his melon patch, W. W. Foster called upon them to halt and upon their failure to do so and to run away rapidly Mr. Foster discharged two barrels of his shotgun at them, neither load taking effect, though the men were not more than 50 feet away at the time. Mr. Foster did not secure a good look at them on account of the darkness. No further thought was given of the attempt at taking melons, until Monday morning. It was discovered that there was a buggy and horse near Mr. Foster's melon patch and the two arrests followed. The parties arrested claim they are innocent of the charge. Examining trials will probably be held in Justice Willie Court.—Abilene Reporter.



**YOU WON'T BE AFRAID OF THIEVES IF YOUR MONEY IS IN OUR BANK**

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THE MONEY YOU EARN?

**A BURGLARY IN TOWN THIS WEEK**

Burglars always SPOT the houses where the money is hidden. That's the BURGLAR'S BUSINESS. They know all the pet hiding places—the book case, under the carpet, in the sugar bowl, behind pictures, or in the clock. Besides if burglars don't get it, FIRE may. It is OUR BUSINESS to keep your money SAFE.

Make OUR bank YOUR bank.

**THE FARMERS STATE BANK**  
MERKEL, TEXAS

**MERKEL VOTES FOR BALL & SUBMISSION**

The Merkel vote gave the Harris county candidate for Governor a majority of 116 votes over his opponent James E. Ferguson, while submission carried in the Merkel box by a good sum of 113 votes. The following is how the Merkel vote stood on all races with the exception of Congressman at Large and state officers who had no opponent.

For Governor—Thomas H. Ball, 237; James E. Ferguson, 121.

For Lieutenant Governor—R. B. Sturgeon, 294; W. P. Hobby, 89.

For State Treasurer—John W. Baker, 222; J. M. Edwards, 133.

For Judge Court of Criminal Appeals—W. L. Davidson 216; J. J. Faulk 139.

For Commissioner of Agriculture—F. W. Davis 125; H. A. Halbert 228.

For Railroad Commissioner—J. M. Arnold 154; Earl B. Mayfield, 228.

For State Superintendent of Public Instruction—W. F. Doughty 159 S. M. N. Marrs 192.

For Commissioner of The General Land Office—James T. Robison 239; Thos. M. Bartley 112.

For Comptroller of Public Accounts—J. L. Franklin 147; C. C. Mayfield 190; H. B. Terrell, 108.

For Congressman at Large—Will A. Harris 103 L. L. Shield, 74 J. E. Porter 19; Jeff McLemore 19; W. P. Lane 109; T. J. O'Donnell 24; Ed R. Kone, 58; James H. Lowry 48; J. H. (Cyclone) Davis 75; Daniel E. Garrett 80.

For Associate Justice, Court of Civil Appeals—Second Supreme Judicial District—Ocie Speer 178; R. H. Buck 167.

For Congress, Sixteenth Congressional District—W. R. Smith 140; Thos. L. Blanton 245.

For District Attorney—42nd Judicial District—N. N. Rosenquest 249; Walter L. Morris 113.

For County Judge—J. W. Moffett 81; E. M. Overshiner 252; B. M. Burks 44.

For County Attorney—H. Rob Keeble 377.

For Sheriff—J. T. Dodson 41; G. M. Cauthen 323; J. T. Spann 6; W. F. Whaley 15.

For County Clerk—Miss Fannie Tippett 121; A. H. Balch 68 J. D. Hilton 187.

For District Clerk—J. Fuller 130; J. N. Routh 241

For County Treasurer G. B. Tittle 386.

For Tax Collector—D. T. Harkrider 185; W. F. Dillard 198.

For Tax assessor—W. T. St. John 382.

For County Superintendent of Public Instruction—J. S. Smith 332.

For County Chairman Democratic Executive Committee—Dallas Scarborough 368.

For Commissioner—(Precinct No. 2). J. L. Banner 69; T. R. Lassiter 211; E. D. Coats 103.

For Justice of the Peace—Precinct No 5.—N. D. Cobb 369.

**STATEMENT**  
**Farmers & Merchants National Bank**  
**OF MERKEL**

At Close of Business June 30th., 1914

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$101,945.35	Capital Stock	\$25,000.00
U. S. Bonds, par	7,750.00	Surplus & Profits	33,007.07
Furniture & Fixtures	3,000.00	Circulation	6,250.00
Real Estate	6,657.25	Bills Payable	NONE
5 Percent Red'mpt'. Fund	312.50	Rediscounts	NONE
Cash and Exchange	44,714.17	Other Borrowed Money	NONE
		Deposits	160,122.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$164,379.27</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$164,379.27</b>

Upon the merits of this Statement we solicit your business.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

**WILL PREACH AT MERKEL IN FUTURE**

Rev. Charles W. Hearon of Abilene, pastor of the First Methodist church of that place, has agreed to preach a sermon on Masonry at Merkel in the near future. The date to be determined by Merkel Masons and at a time so as not to conflict with his work at home.

Rev. Hearon is one of the ablest speakers in this section of the state and his ability to handle this special subject is unquestioned. He was selected to deliver the sermon at the corner stone laying of the Taylor county court house recently and those who heard him deliver his address in honor of that Masonic event pronounced it one of the grandest talks they had ever heard. The exact time and place for the sermon has not yet been announced but will be published as soon as the matter can be arranged.

methods of his home plant at any and all times. For the benefit of the public he announced the price of the 45-ton Silo he has as \$145.00 complete.

"Buy a Silo, raise more hogs and cattle and do less work," is what Mr. Woods' policy is.

**O. J. ADCOCK DEL. NATL. CONVENTION**

O. J. Adcock local delegate to the State Association of Rural Letter Carriers returned from the state meet at College Station Thursday morning reporting the most successful and harmonious meeting the association has ever held within the state. One of the acts of the association was to sever its relations with the Farmers Congress with which it has been meeting for the past few years.

At the conclusion of the meeting and in the election of delegates to the National Convention at Washington D. C. our local townsman O. J. Adcock won first place in a walk getting 95 votes, his nearest opponent having received only 82. Mr. Adcock with four other elected delegates for the National Convention expects to leave Merkel Thursday or Friday night of next week for Washington to attend the National meet beginning August 11th, and lasting a week.

**SILOS FOR MERKEL**

Two New Indiana Silos Unloaded Here Last Week.

**TO BE ERECTED AT SANDBUR**

F. L. Wood and John Winter are the Owners of the New Feed Storage and Up-ground Tanks.

F. L. Woods and John Winters both of the Sandbur community were here Thursday of last week unloading two Indiana Silos, one a 30 ton and the other of a 45 ton capacity.

Later Mr. Woods unloaded a Pope Ensilage Cutter No. 13 to

be used for cutting and storing the ensilage in the silos just purchased by him and Mr. Winters. Mr. Woods will also be in position to cut feed in other parts of the country where silos are erected and expects to encourage the growth of the silo in this section of the country by demonstrations he will make with feed this year. Mr. Woods is agent for the Indiana Silos and before coming to West Texas from the eastern part of the state he championed the better protected feed movement in a very successful way. He expects to see the Merkel country made the permanent home of the silo within the next year and invites inspection of the working

**FARMERS TO BE HERE SATURDAY**

A meeting has been called by Pres. T. R. Lassiter of the Farmers Institute to take place at the tabernacle at 3:30 p. m. Saturday of this week.

All members are requested to be present at this gathering which will be called to order at 3:30 p. m. Reports from the State Institute will be taken up and the election of officers for the ensuing year will be in order. Secretary W. A. Campbell of the local Institute earnestly requests that all members be present.

**Alumni Meet Postponed.**

The next meeting of the Alumni Association set for August 10th, is now postponed until a date in September to allow more complete arrangements for a cooperative entertainment for the teachers.

The date will be announced later.



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Insures Perfect Success in Every Baking

Only the very finest wheat is used in the making of this Flour and we stand back of every sack with a guarantee of perfect satisfaction.

**Walter Clark**  
Merkel, Texas

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Mrs. Jno. A. Baker of Abilene came in Tuesday to visit her son Jno. T. Morgan and her sister Mrs. S. B. Leslie south of Trent. Mrs. Baker was accompanied by two sisters, Mrs. Gussie Kearce of Fort Worth and Mrs. Maud Chapman of Dallas.

W. A. Hall of Blair was in the city Tuesday on his way to Abilene to attend to business.

S. E. Adcock of Blair passed through Merkel Monday on his way to Abilene, taking with him the election returns from the Blair box.

Mrs. R. J. Miller who has been here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett left Wednesday for Abilene to visit friends for a few days after which she and her husband will make their home in the future.

S. S. Woodard of Roscoe was here last week visiting J. A. Woodard and other relatives he has in this section of the country.

Call on the Crown Hardware Co. for High Test Phone Batteries.

Mrs. J. W. Copeland and daughter, Beulah are here from Winters visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Eoff.

Miss Lourenna Reid of Winters is visiting her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Eoff.

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

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Coggin and Mrs. Georgia Easterwood visited the family of W. L. Barbee of Noodle Monday evening.

Mrs. A. W. Wood of Shiloh visited in Merkel Friday.

Miss Lena Pomproy of Shiloh visited here Friday.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jackson and children visited relatives in Nugent.

Mrs. Georgia Easterwood of Midland is visiting relatives here.

We want one hundred names on our free voting contest. Woodroof & Co.

Mrs. H. E. Bullock and children are at home from Winters where she visited her sister.

Misses Mabel Collins and Zora Coggin visited in Abilene Saturday.

Go to the Royal when you want to see good pictures; all to please, nothing to offend.

Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Gaddy and daughter Miss Evelyn are at home from Dallas where the former has been here under treatment for several weeks.

Mrs. J. J. Stallings is at home from an extended visit. She visited her daughter Mrs. A. C. McGee in Detroit, and her old home in Honey Grove.

Go to the Royal when you want to see good pictures; all to please nothing to offend.

Mrs. Earnest Woodroof and children are here from Waxahachie visiting Mrs. Will Woodroof.

We are handling the Clark Jewel Oil Stove. They are the best. Crown Hardware Co.

**O. K.**

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**O. K. Restaurant**

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**Better Service and Better Meals Than Ever Before**

**Our French Drip Coffee**

**—Delicious Vegetables**

**—Appetizing Meats**

**—Best Short Orders**

**—Selection**

**Come, Eat and be Satisfied**

**Don't Forget Our Special Saturday Dinners**

**WHATLEY BROTHERS**

**O. K.**

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**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Canada of Big Springs are here visiting their aunt Mrs. W. T. Daniel.

Miss Gertrude Thornton of Dallas visited Miss Lizzie Calvert.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Shaffer and children of Plainview came in Friday night to visit their daughter and sister Mrs. W. J. Largent. Miss Margie was enroute to Waco where she will attend school, her father accompanied her.

Go to the Royal when you want to see good pictures; all to please, nothing to offend.

Call on the Crown Hardware Co. for High Test Phone Batteries.

Mrs. E. L. Rogers and children left Thursday for Mississippi on an extended visit with relatives.

Miss Mattie T. Man of Clyde is here visiting her aunt Mrs. Alice Templeton.

Our drinks are "Soda-Licious", and our service is just right. Burroughs.

J. T. Williams of Trent, one of the best friends to the Mail in the entire Merkel country was in town Monday on his way to Abilene and while here took the opportunity of renewing his subscription for another year.

**See the Royal Show Tonight.**

Our prescription department is most carefully looked after by a registered pharmacist, try us on your next. Burroughs.

Mrs. C. P. Hope of Route 2 left Monday for Miller, Ark., to visit her father J. B. Miller of that place and for whom the town of Miller was named.

Hudnuts famous toilet articles at Burroughs'.

Ever use Both Salts? Try them and get them at Burroughs'.

Mrs. G. A. Rister is back from El Paso where she was called by the illness of her son Pope.

A nice cool place to drink and smoke at Burroughs'.

Meet me at the Royal.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Fitts are at home from Tenn. where they visited relatives in Humbolt, Henderson and Boliver, Tenn.

Everybody goes to the Royal.

We have your favorite Brand of cigars. Burroughs.

Miss Pet Sears has returned from an extended tour through the northern states in connection with the Radnor Tours of Nashville, Tenn. Miss Sears pronounces the trip the most delightful and interesting one she has ever had the pleasure of taking.

**Going to the Royal.**

We have your needs in toilet articles. Burroughs.

Bring your friends and spend an hour of pleasure at the Royal.

Lynton Howard returned Thursday morning from a two weeks trip to Dallas where he visited his brother Dr. Geo. L. Howard.

If you want to see good pictures go to the Royal.

A. C. Lyles and Jim Bridges of the Smith community were in town Wednesday morning, just waiting for something to happen. They returned home in the afternoon without having anything unusual to relate to their friends.

**Waterbound and Hungry.**

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain returned this week from a 1200 mile motorcycle trip in parts of the Panhandle country. They report an enjoyable trip marred by having to sleep on the banks of the Canadian River one night.

While they were on one side of the river Tally Holloway and B. F. Cox also of this city were waterbound on the other bank, but swam across bringing Mr. and Mrs. Britain a can of pork and bean their only meal during the entire evening and night. Both parties crossed the river next morning on a crude raft.

Pictures are always plain at the Royal.

You will not be disappointed if you go to the Royal.

**Good Pictures at the Royal.**

**TIME TABLE.**

Presbyterian Sunday School Every Sunday.

7:00 A. M. Alarm Clock says "Goodmorning."

7:15 Phone someone to go to Sunday school with you.

7:30 Breakfast.

8:00 Morning prayer, study lesson.

8:30 Commence to get ready.

8:55 Almost ready.

9:00 Put on finishing touches.

9:05 Leave home to bring someone with you.

9:25 Arrive on time.

9:40 Pleasant meeting of class members.

9:55 School opens. Get a book and sing merrily.

You will "get there" if you go by this schedule.

Services at 11 a. m., none at night, account meeting at tabernacle. E. P. McMillen, Superintendent, Hubert E. Bullock, Pastor.

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**COMB SAGE TEA IN HAIR TO DARKEN IT**

Grandma kept her locks dark, glossy, thick with a mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur.

The old-time mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur for darkening gray, streaked and faded hair is grandmother's treatment, and folks are again using it to keep their hair a good, even color, which is quite sensible, as we are living in an age when a youthful appearance is of the greatest advantage.

Nowadays, though, we don't have the troublesome task of gathering the sage and the mussy mixing at home. All drug stores sell the ready-to-use product called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy" for about 50 cents a bottle. It is very popular because nobody can discover it has been applied. Simply moisten your comb or a 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 Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur is that, besides beautifully darkening the hair after a few applications, it also produces that soft lustre and appearance of abundance which is so attractive; besides, prevents dandruff, itching scalp and falling hair.

**To The Voters of Taylor County**

The Primary Election is over, and I desire to express my profound appreciation to the 858 voters who supported me in my race for County Judge. While a majority of the voters expressed themselves in favor of my successful opponent, yet I have not a word of censure against them, and like all good democrats and citizens should, I submissively submit to the will of the majority. A public office is a public trust, and my motto is "Let The People Rule".

I humbly trust, that I have so conducted my self in this campaign, as well as during my citizenship with the good people of Taylor County, as to demand the confidence and respect of not only those who supported me in this election, but those who opposed me.

Of course at this time, I cannot say that I will ever again be a candidate before the people for any office, but in the event I should or should not be a candidate, I trust that I may so live and conduct myself in such a way that I may demand the confidence and respect, as well as the support, of all who opposed me in this election, as well as those who supported me.

Now the election is over, let us all bury the hatchet and be friends, and let us work harmoniously together for the best interest of our country, state and nation. Very Respectfully,  
J. W. Moffett,  
Abilene, Texas.

James Patterson of Route 1, one of nineteen men in Jones county who were defeated for public weigher of the Anson precinct was in Merkel Monday morning telling his many friends here just how it hopped. Mr. Patterson failed to have his name on the ticket but even with that handicap ran fourth of all the twenty candidates.

**MERKEL**

GOOD HOMES; GOOD SCHOOLS,  
GOOD CHURCHES; GOOD PEOPLE;  
THE CITY TO LIVE IN,  
THE CITY TO INVEST IN

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.

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If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

### THREE REASONS WHY CAUTHEN DIDN'T.

There are three reasons why Geo. M. Cauthen of this city did not win in the race for sheriff, and in naming the reasons the Editor of the Mail remembers a few facts that are yet fresh in the minds of our people.

The first reason of Mr. Cauthen's defeat was due to the accountable fact of his not having received more votes than any of his opponents.

The next reason is a direct reason and what we term the real cause of Merkel not having a winning candidate in the county race this year as is usually the rule.

As has been the case since the county seat election last year in which Abilene was the winner, there have been many people in Abilene who have hoped for a chance to return the slap in the face that Merkel gave that city when our town voted by a majority of its people to have the county court house placed at Buffalo Gap. This was a sting to many of the Abilene people and while few if any of them held our candidate accountable for that vote or even one such vote, they held the town in general accountable for it and the race for sheriff offered the first chance the Abilene people have had to return a kick for a kick. It was even talked by some Abilene people that the time had come for Abilene to hand it back to Merkel by defeating Geo. Cauthen for sheriff for the reason that Merkel gave Buffalo Gap a majority in the county seat election of May 10, 1913.

The vote Abilene gave their leading man was indeed a compliment to him and Merkel people have no reason whatever to kick at Abilene on the results of the election. It was their privilege to vote for their man the same as it was the privilege of a majority of the voters of Merkel to cast their ballot for Buffalo Gap May, 10, 1913. A slap for a slap, and it has been returned and the Editor of the Mail trusts that the HATCHET between the two Taylor county towns is forever buried. The Merkel people can and will forget and forgive Abilene in this instance but there are things about the recent election that the Merkel people will long remember and many will be slow to forgive if ever forget. These things constitute another and third reason for the Merkel man's defeat.

### THE END OF A HARD CAMPAIGN.

It's over.

With the closing of the polls Saturday, the hottest and perhaps the bitterest political campaign in the history of Tarrant county came to a close. The State-wide campaign also has been exceedingly warm. But all of the strife and the hard feeling and the mud-throwing is now a thing of the past. Candidates' cards and candidates' stickers and placards have disfigured the streets

and the telephone poles for weeks. Men have neglected their work and gone forth in the interest of their favorite candidates and have filled the city's streets and the country's lanes with lurid advertising matter.

The farmer, as he plowed the land and mentally estimated his fall bank account if it rained as the proper time, has been disturbed from his peaceful reverie by the clamor of the candidate, seeking the suffrage of the horny-handed sons of toil. Business has been stagnated in some degrees and chaos has been abroad in the land.

But the period of strife has passed. The successful candidates, the office holders-to-be are indulging in watermelon, roasting ears and porterhouse steaks today, while the losing candidates, the great majority, are planning a policy of retrenchment in order to keep the wolf from the door. Some hopes were realized when the votes came in last night. Others were blasted. There was gaiety in many a home last night because a seeker of office had been rewarded for his faithful labors. But in many more homes there were grave-faced men and tearful women. The father and bread-winner had spent the accumulation of years in seeking the El Dorado of Public Approval and it had been but a will o' wisp for him. But it is the way of the world. For every victory there must be a defeat.

Our sympathies are with the man who has worked unceasingly for the past six months, expending his energies and his money trailing an office that could never be his. He will now have to get out in the world, much poorer than before with a heart borne down in a measure by defeat, and struggle up again. Lots of men are broad enough of mind and strong enough of heart to do this. The majority are not.

But it is all over. We common people who have interested ourselves in the causes of our friends should forget the strife and turmoil of the pre-election campaign and settle down to work. Let's not harbor old prejudices or irritate old sores. The game is played. Let us be good winners or losers, whatever the case may be.—North Fort Worth Sunday News.

This strife comes once every two years and the burden in general is too great for the people, it should be forgotten as soon as possible and the general public given an opportunity to return its attention to square and fair business dealings, that lead to the advancement and progressive interests of our town and country.

### THE CENTRAL WEST TEXAS FAIR.

The Central West Texas Fair to be held at Abilene October 6-7-8-9-10, 1914 is fully described in a 77 page catalogue giving a full description of the Fair and the rules and regulations governing same.

A number of the catalogues are now on hand at the Mail office and any person interested in any way is requested to call and get one. Everything raised in this section of the country will be on exhibit even to the better babies, entries are supposed to be made in any and all contests not later than October 5th.

## THE MAIL CONTEST

IS NOW OPEN

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## Saved Girl's Life

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

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in my home." For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, malaria, chills and fever, biliousness, and all similar ailments, Thedford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, reliable, gentle and valuable remedy.

If you suffer from any of these complaints, try Black-Draught. It is a medicine of known merit. Seventy-five years of splendid success proves its value. Good for young and old. For sale everywhere. Price 25 cents.

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How often have you sung this tune?

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He's a Jolly Good Fellow

He's a Jolly Good Fellow

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We're jolly good fellows in here, and we'll make a jolly good fellow out of you if you order a Lamm made suit for spring.

Come in and look around anyway even you don't buy. You're as welcome as the Flowers in Spring.

## The City Tailor Shop

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### The Merkel Mail Printing Company

#### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

##### Salt Branch.

Thrashing is all the go in this part of the country these days.

S. S. Woodard of Roscoe was in this community last week visiting relatives.

Annie Higgins and T. C. Allen and family were visiting relatives near Hawley Tuesday and Wednesday.

Will Higgins and children were visiting Will Barker and family Friday and Saturday of last week.

Earl Allen and family of near Anson were visiting in this community this week.

T. C. Allen and family are visiting relatives near Hebron this week.

Mrs. Lillie Link and children of O'Brien are visiting Will Hays and family this week.

Singing was well attended here Sunday.

Tom Golightly and family of near Noodle were visiting relatives in the Salt Branch community this week.

##### DON'T BE MISLED

**Merkel Citizens Should Read and Head This Advice.**

Kidney trouble is dangerous and of the fatal.

Don't experiment with something new and untried.

Use a tested kidney remedy.

Begin with Doan's Kidney Pills.

Used in kidney troubles 50 years.

Recommended here and everywhere.

A Merkel citizen's statement forms convincing proof.

It's local testimony—it can be investigated.

J. W. Bland, Merkel, Texas, says:

"For several years I had attacks of kidney trouble. My kidneys were very weak, and when I caught cold, it was sure to settle in them, causing the kidney secretions to become far too frequent in passage. I tried several remedies, but with little success until I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. They did me a world of good. My back has not troubled me to any extent since, and my kidneys have done their work properly."

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

##### Noodle.

The Christian meeting closed here Sunday with fine results.

Mrs. Bicknell is much better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Farris and Mrs. Sloan of the Stith community attended church here Sunday and were the guests of Mrs. G. N. Wright.

Elder W. C. Warlick returned to his home at Hamlin Monday.

Misses Lettie and Beulah Jones visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. Rossen made a business trip to Merkel Saturday.

G. N. Wright was in the Golan community Thursday looking after business matters.

There has been rain in all sections of the country surrounding Noodle but as yet we have not received any. The cotton is still growing and looking fine but the small grain is needing rain.

Mr. Walker and family of Merkel attended church here Sunday and were the guests of W. M. Eoff.

The thrasher is expected in this vicinity in the very near future.

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.

##### God's Designs

I cannot believe that the creator made man to leave him in an endless struggle with the intellectual miseries that surround us. I am ignorant of his designs, but I cannot cease to believe in them because I cannot fathom them, and I had rather mistrust my own capacity than his justice.—**De Tocqueville.**

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.

##### Nubia.

The young people of Butman community were welcomed to our Sunday School Sunday. Miss Ford of Abilene made the song services all the more pleasing by singing a solo. Rev. Welch who is preaching at Butman helped with the songs and participated in a duet.

Governor Ferguson was elected here by a very close vote. Ferguson received 36 votes while the Houston candidate, Col. Ball fell one short of that amount and got 35. It was very close indeed. But then Saturday was the day to draw a boundry line on the candidates and the voters did it up in grand shape.

Harvey Rainey made a round trip to Putnam Sunday.

Play Ball! Nubia and Elm Grove locked horns Saturday in a good game. The results were 6 to 0 in favor of Elm Grove.

### NOT WISE TO TAKE CALOMEL

Dodson's Liver Tone is just as sure in results and always safe, pleasant in taste and has no bad after-effects. As a remedy for a torpid liver calomel has more than met its match in Dodson's Liver Tone. This medicine does not roughly force the liver on to do its work. It acts gently but surely.

Calomel depends for its power upon exciting the liver to do more work, and often the liver is too weak to stand such treatment and after taking calomel you are as a result worse off than before.

Dodson's Liver Tone cannot cause any of the dangerous effects that often follow the use of calomel. It is entirely vegetable and pleasant to the taste, and is suitable for children and grown people.

Get a large bottle for fifty cents at T. Grimes under the guarantee that if it doesn't satisfy you that it perfectly takes the place of calomel you will be given your money back with a smile right at the same store where you bought Dodson's medicine.

##### Blair.

The Baptist meeting is now in progress here. It is being held under the arbor near the school house where there is plenty of room for all who will come. Rev. Scranton of Abilene is doing the preaching. Miss Evans the pastor's daughter will be here to assist in the musical program.

Riley Rains and family are here visiting relatives and attending the meeting.

Allen Reeves and wife who have been visiting the family of J. M. Reeves during the past week left for their home in Coleman county on the Monday morning train.

Mrs. W. A. McCandless is in East Texas this week visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Bayless.

Emmitt Morris went to Herndon Saturday to visit relatives returning home Monday.

George Reeves and family of Newman visited relatives here last week.

##### 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.

##### Virtues.

Not the least of the virtues of that old English herb, lavender, is its tonic effect upon excited, trembling nerves and irritability. Two or three teaspoonfuls of the tincture in a cupful of hot water, with a slice or two of lemon, make a restorative drink that acts like magic and puts a woman in possession of her best self, ready to take up her burden with renewed vigor.

When the baby is suffering the double affliction of hot weather and bowel disorders, the remedy needed is **McGEE'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.

#### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

##### Shiloh.

Sunday school was well attended Sunday.

Rev. Geo. Scott filled his appointment at Newman Saturday and Sunday.

Terrel Winters is attending court at Anson this week.

Roger Grayson and Harvel Jones were in Anson Monday.

Mr. Beavers and children are heading maize on their farm near Sweetwater Creek this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seago of Noodle visited the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Jim Grayson Sunday.

Several from here went to Merkel Saturday.

Mr. Rogers and family left Friday for Big Springs to visit relatives.

There were quite a jolly crowd of Noodle young people passed through this community Tuesday.

Mr. Eason and family of Noodle were in this community Tuesday.

Messrs. Boyd, Brown and Tynes were in Noodle Tuesday.

We had a nice little rain Friday afternoon which will be a great benefit to the cotton as it was getting very dry.

##### \$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn there is at least dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is **Catarrh**. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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# SOCIETY

MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

## Trent People Attend Fort Worth Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peterson of Trent left Saturday for Fort Worth where they attended the marriage of their son O. W. Peterson to Miss Florida Speer of Fort Worth.

An account of the marriage was given in Tuesday's Fort Worth Record as follows: Miss Florida Speer and O. W. Peterson will be united in marriage to-night at Polytechnic church. Rev. H. A. Boaz will officiate, assisted by Rev. F. P. Culver. Music will be furnished by Prof. George E. Simpson, pianist, Carl Venth, violinist and Marvin Jackson of Dallas, soloist.

In addition to the parents of the groom attending the function there were many other close friends of the contracting parties from West Texas who were present. Mrs. Howard Ferguson of Abilene being matron of honor at the event.

On Saturday afternoon little Miss Lucile Guitart celebrated her seventh birthday at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitart on South Oak Street. The party hours were from 3 to 5. Many enjoyable games were played out on the velvety lawn. Mrs. Guitart was assisted by Misses Nell and Lucy Tracy, Pearl Toombs and Ruby Cauthen in entertaining. Fancy cakes and grape juice was served to little Misses Frances Hamm, Vannie Hamblet, Maurine Angus, Lena Bond, Vennie Heizer, Minnie Maude and Nellie Lucile Lamar. Louise Scott and Lucile Guitart.

Miss Effie Hutson entertained with a house party last week. The guests were Misses Lizzie Calvert, Ezma Allday, and Ona Johnson. All reported "the best time ever."

On Tuesday afternoon from 4:30 to 7:30 little Miss Lucile Edwards entertained a few of her young friends at her home on Elm Street. Various outdoor games were played on the lawn. All enjoyed the contest which created lots of fun. The guests were Misses Ina May Adams, Pearl Maude Gilliland, Maurine Cobb, Winnie and Roxie Sharp, Addie Ruth Dorsey, Mary Eula and Lillie Pratt Sears and Dessie Sharp. The hostess served cream and cake.

## League Program for August 3, 1914

Leader—Mrs. Martin.  
Scripture reading—Matt. 27:54.  
Song.  
Prayer.  
Song.  
Talk by leader.  
Cause and result of strong drink upon an individual—Dr. McMaster.  
Instrumental solo—Bernice Rainbolt.  
Opportunity offered the leaguers of to-day—Mrs. Adams.  
Solo—Ina May Adams.  
Epworth Visitor—Josie Smith.  
Duet—Ira Armstrong, Mrs. Sadler.  
Miscellaneous.  
Benediction.

## Advertised Letters.

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Douglass, A. J.  
Hill, E. R.  
Manry, J. R.  
Smith, Mrs. Velma, (2).  
West, Miss Vara.  
Wills, Mrs. Maggie.  
Saldana, Santiago.

If not called for will be sent to Dead Letter Office Aug. 8th, 1914.

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## LOCAL DRUGGIST MAKES A STATEMENT

We always advise people who have stomach or bowel trouble to see a doctor. But to those who do not wish to do this we will say: try the mixture of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-ka. This simple new remedy is so powerful that JUST ONE DOSE relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation INSTANTLY. People who try Adler-ka are surprised at its QUICK action.

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A trial will cost you nothing if you are not satisfied. Simply deposit the purchase price—about half the amount asked for Trust Brands—only a mere trifle more than the price of Cheap Big Can powders. Use enough to leaven a baking or several bakings. Put it to a rigid test. See how evenly the bakings come up—how they stay up. Notice the fine grain. Notice how tender, how delicious. And notice too, how much longer they remain moist and fresh.

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## Resolutions of Sympathy.

Whereas, the Creator has seen fit to remove from this life our beloved Sovereign, Charles A. Eley, and whereas, Sovereign Eley is an esteemed and worthy member of Lone Mesquite Camp No. 1983, W. O. W. Noodle, Texas; and whereas, we as lodge and individual members, do deeply sympathize with the parents and loved ones of our worthy Sovereign in their deep bereavement and affection, be it

Resolved, that we do extend the parents and loved ones of our brother our heartfelt sympathy as members of our camp and that we direct them to our Heavenly Father for strength and sympathy in this hour of sorrow.

Resolved further, that we do implore our Heavenly Father to support and comfort the parents and loved ones of our brother;

That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the parents of our brother, a copy be spread on the minutes of our camp and a copy be furnished the Merkel Mail for Publication.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. T. Goode,  
G. N. Wright,  
J. E. Jones,  
Committee.

## Opposed Free Education.

Tommy—"I don't think it's right children should go to school free. Pa ought to have to pay a lot for our schooling." Ethel—"Why?" Tommy—"Cos then he wouldn't be able to afford to send us."—Boston Herald.

## Nothing Better for the Liver

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## Mrs. Youngbride.

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## Back to Eden.

"Dress does more harm than saunas," says a Chicago editor. Are we to have an anti-clothing league?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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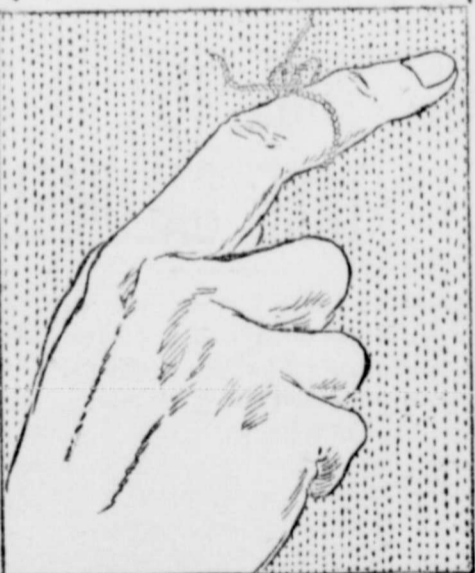
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If your Back is aching or Bladder bothers, drink lots of water and eat less meat.

When your kidneys hurt and your back feels sore, don't get scared and proceed to load your stomach with a lot of drugs that excite the kidneys and irritate the entire urinary tract. Keep your kidneys clean like you keep your bowels clean, by flushing them with a mild, harmless salts which removes the body's urinous waste and stimulates them to their normal activity. The function of the kidneys is to filter the blood. In 24 hours they strain from it 500 grains of acid and waste, so we can readily understand the vital importance of keeping the kidneys active.

Drink lots of water—you can't drink too much; also get from any pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast each morning for a few days and your kidneys will act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate clogged kidneys; also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean and active. Try this, also keep up the water drinking, and no doubt you will wonder what became of your kidney trouble and backache.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE. A tract of 147½ acres of land situated 2½ miles north east of Merkel. Good water; 60 acres in cultivation, 60 acres more suitable for cultivation. Good title. Will sell at a bargain, and on easy terms. See me personally. C. D. Mims.

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

## 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.

## 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.



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### BURGLAR RAMSACKS THE DODD HOME

Wednesday night while Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Dodd were attending church at the tabernacle their home on Elm street was entered by a burglar and the house completely ramsacked.

According to information of Mr. Dodd the would be thief overlooked \$150 there was in the house. Beds were overturned trunks tampered with every place entered where there might have been money hidden. Mrs. W. M. Gaddy who lives across the street from the Dodd home saw a light in the house and knowing that Mr. Dodd and his wife were at church she decided to investigate. Upon nearing the house where the person was at work her attention was attracted by one of the window curtains being pulled from its fastenings, she then called to Mr. Dodd and received an answer. About this time Charley Jones who lives in that part of town passed and Mrs. Gaddy called to him, stating that there was someone in Mr. Dodd's home and that it was not Mr. Dodd for for she well recognized that it was not his voice that answered when she called.

Before assistance could be called to help investigate the burglar made his escape by jumping from a window.



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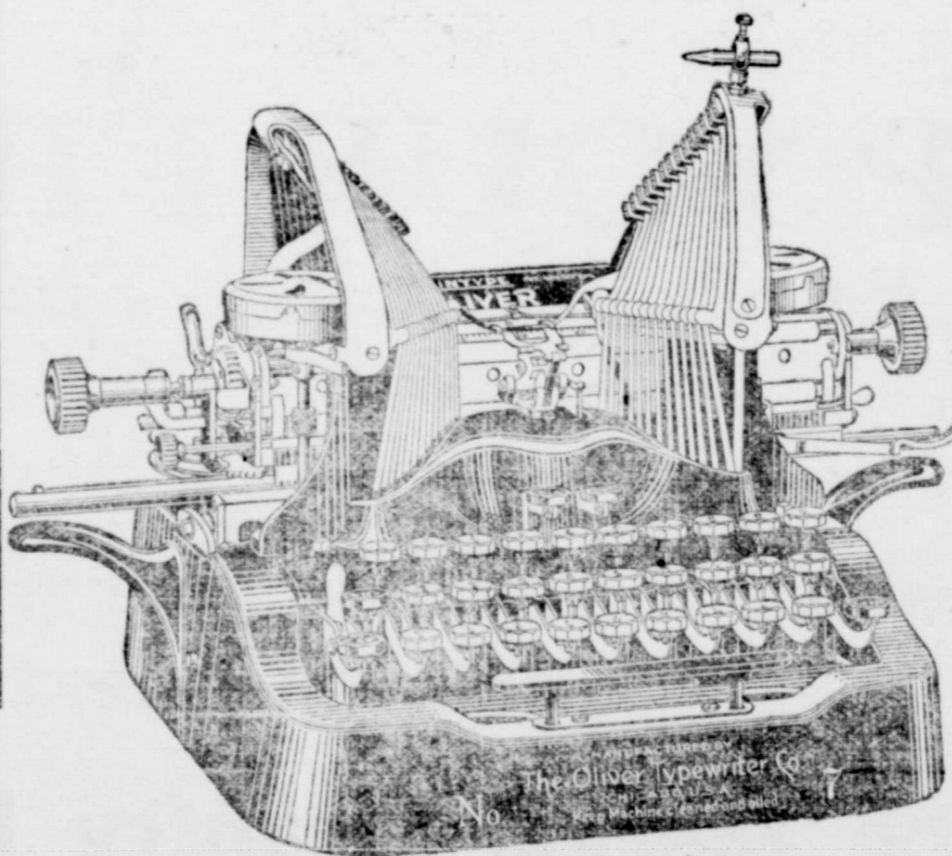
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## FORMER MERKEL MAN DIED SUNDAY

Word was received here Sunday night telling of the sudden and unexpected death of M. E. Woodard of the Roscoe community, one of the oldest citizens of his entire neighborhood and a man who was well known in the Merkel country, having both a host of friends and relatives here and at the above mentioned place.

The deceased was seemingly in good health Sunday afternoon and partook of a hearty meal. Retiring soon after with no complaint of being sick or feeling weak even at his very mature age of 78 years. His was suddenly stricken with heart failure at 10 o'clock and died before medical aid could be summoned. During the past 16 years or over Mr. Woodard has lived in the Roscoe community having moved there from Merkel where he lived with his family for a number of years. Both he and his wife, who's death occurred only a few month ago were staunch member of the Baptist church and were well known and loved throughout the Merkel country among those people who are old timers in this section of the state. Interment took place at five o'clock Monday afternoon at Roscoe.

The deceased is survived by three daughters and three sons as follows: Mesdames White and Yarborough of Roscoe and Mrs. John Brown of Sylvester, Messrs Sam S. and James Woodard of Roscoe and J. A. Woodard of this place, all of whom attend the funeral.

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# It is All Over To-Morrow

AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

## Who is Going to Win? THE ANSWER IS

The one who receives the largest number of votes. Every person subscribing for the **MERKEL MAIL** to-morrow, Saturday, Aug. 1 is placed in a position of helping some young lady friend win a valuable prize. As follows:

**One \$75.00 Columbia Grafonola**  
**One \$50.00 Columbia Grafonola**  
**One \$25.00 Columbia Graphophone**

Standing of Contestants last week. No count will be taken until final close of contest Sat. Aug. 1, 7p. m.

Miss Mae Grayson.....8900 Votes	1 year Subscription to the Mail \$1.00 <b>100 VOTES</b>
Miss Gertrude Plyant.....6300 Votes	2 years Subscription to the Mail \$1.90 <b>300 VOTES</b>
Miss Ida Taylor.....7000 Votes	3 years Subscription to the Mail \$2.75 <b>500 VOTES</b>
Miss Halie Moore.....2100 Votes	4 years Subscription to the Mail \$3.65 <b>1000 VOTES</b>
Miss Bettie Peterson.....5400 Votes	5 years Subscription to the Mail \$4.50 <b>5000 VOTES</b>
Miss Effie Duke.....1000 Votes	
Miss Lula Cogburn.....1100 Votes	
Miss Pearl Baccus.....6800 Votes	
Miss Gertrude Stanley.....1000 Votes	

The three young ladies who are ahead Saturday August 1 when the contest closes are the ones who will receive the prizes. The young lady getting the largest number of votes of the three highest contestants will be given the \$75 prize, the other two prizes will be given in accordance with how the other two highest contestants stand in the final voting contest

## HELP YOUR FRIEND WIN

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With every one year's subscription to the Mail 100 votes will be given. You \_\_\_\_\_ may cast your votes for any one you please \_\_\_\_\_

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