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FIREHORSE HURT IN USELESS RUN

"Damon" off horse of the local fire department furnished excitement for a short time Sunday evening when he responded to a false alarm without the assistance of a driver and as a result of same the big black horse is being nursed by the fireboys this week for a badly lacerated upper lip and various cuts about the body.

As is the custom of the local fire department the team is given some exercise every evening either with the fire wagon or allowed to graze on grass on the Texas & Pacific right of way near the fire station. When grazing Damon is always allowed to remain loose for he has never been known to leave his team mate. Sunday evening the team (Damon and Pythias) were being cared for by Chief Ferrier when Texas & Pacific Passenger train No. 3 departed from Merkel, just after the engine had passed where the team was standing near the depot the Engineer or Fireman started the engine bell to ringing.

The signal was all old Damon wanted and he gave the passenger train a race for all there was in it until he collided with the cattle guards in the west end of the railroad yards. A Merkel passenger on the train recognized the horse as soon as he started running and stated that several persons aboard the train tried to scare the horse away from the running train but of no avail for all during this time the bell was still ringing and the old fire horse was doing what he evidently thought his duty. The horse was seemingly trying to keep up with the ringing bell and absolutely disregarded how near he was to the train. At times he ran so close to the cars that people could almost lay their hands on him. In all, the race was a half mile heat and the firehorse still in the running when he struck the cattle guards; by nothing short of a miracle the horse is alive for he landed in a crumpled heap away from the train when he met the sharp obstructions opposite the section house. Had he fallen toward the train their would have been a different story to relate and the railroad would have more than likely had a wrecked train on their hands.

MERKELITES BACK FROM ALPINE TEX.

Thirteen Merkelites returned from Alpine this week where they were called as witnesses in the Elmer Lowe case, transferred from Alpine for trial. The case was continued by the state.

Those going from here were G. E. Comegys, Geo. Cauthen, W. D. Woodroof, J. A. Woodard, H. H. Tittle, W. O. Boney, W. R. Walker, N. D. Cobb, J. M. and John Bryson, T. C. Jenkins, L. D. Gaither and W. F. Evans.

Miss Ruby Jones has returned home from Rawls where she has been visiting Miss Jettie Davis. She also visited Mrs. E. E. Davis of Snyder while away.

BOOTLEGGING IN MERKEL

When the Grand Jury for the present term of District court was chosen, District Judge Thos. L. Blanton charged them specifically on investigating alleged bootlegging at Merkel. Judge Blanton in making his charge stated that he had received information from parties to bear out his charge and asked the Grand Jury to investigate the matter thoroughly. This charge was given in connection with other charges covering crimes of various character.

As result of the instructions given the Grand Jury, the body promptly began investigation of conditions in and around Merkel to find if possible every instance wherein the law had been violated. H. M. Rainbolt of this city was made foreman of the Grand Jury and on leaving for Abilene the day prior to the Grand Jury having convened carried with him something like nine pages of note paper, so we reliably informed on which were statements of Merkel people and Merkel country people, most of which statements were in regard to "bootlegging" at Merkel.

Acting upon information voluntarily given him Foreman Rainbolt and other members of the Grand Jury caused various people from Merkel to be called before that body to tell what they were alleged to know in regard to the illicit sale of whiskey or intoxicants in our town. As a result of such investigation it was found that the nine pages of voluntary statements were practically as a whole based upon no evidence whatever and those who make the original charges and who furnished Judge Blanton with reason sufficient to justify his charge to the Grand Jury were people who had a "hankering" idea that something was wrong in Merkel, yet when they were called upon by the Grand Jury to prove out their statements they promptly "crawfished" and often stated that their remarks and statements were without foundation and only hear-say evidence.

As a result of this hear-say evidence from Merkel and nine pages of voluntary statements made by Merkel parties the county has been put to considerable expense, individuals have been caused to sacrifice valuable time and financial loss in order to prove out that some local citizen must have had a chronic case of "stomach-ache" was only a knocker and that some statement he made was unfounded and made without cause.

On returning to Merkel H. M. Rainbolt, foreman of the Grand Jury in a talk with the writer stated that there were less violations of the law in and around Merkel than in any town he knew of and the cause of much of the notariety Merkel has gained from the "bootlegging" report was due to the fact that there were a certain bunch of chronic kickers around the town who virtually jumped at a chance to start something and would charge a man with having bought whiskey from a "bootlegger" if they no more than smelled whiskey on his breath.

The Grand Jury has been discharged by Judge Blanton, and in their final report to the court, state that they made careful investigation of the "bootlegging" charges in Merkel and in every instance found that the complaint was based absolutely on imagination and hear-say evidence of some people.

These CHRONICS who have so nobly displayed themselves as couriers of falsehoods and instigators of unfounded reports should feel better now that they have relieved their system of a portion of the slime which miraculously gathers so fast. They have caused widespread talk, most of which has been directed at Merkel. They have caused their neighbors a loss of time and money in being called before the Grand Jury to help or assist in running down some here-say, flimsy and unfounded charge.

To those who have seen fit to circulate such reports we would suggest a small hole somewhere, and please close it up after you crawl in. These Couriers should apologize to the Court and the Grand Jury for gross injustice they have done their fellow men, but there is little chance of such being done, as soon as they get their conscience clear of this mistake they will be ready to start something else.

Good citizens should ever be on their guard against helping to circulate such reports and falsehoods as have been thrown at Merkel within the last few weeks, and remember it was some of our own citizens who were guilty of these mistakes.

The following is taken from the report of the Grand Jury and should be read with careful consideration by parents for as a matter of fact the offspring of any average parent is susceptible to be lead along paths that will ultimately lead to his or your disgrace.

Our efforts have been handicapped to some extent on account of some young witnesses who seemed to be inclined to commit perjury rather than tell the truth to save some of their friends from indictments, each time this has occurred we have expended every effort by reporting them to this Court which has, in every instance caused them to divulge.

We know that the parents of this county do not realize that so many of their boys are keeping bad company and that so many of them are so much inclined to tell an untruth to shield their friends and we feel that it is nothing but right that we warn the parents of this county to look more closely after their boys at night and try to know at all times where they are and who they are with, the proper effort on the part of the parent will doubtless give them much embarrassment in the future as some of the young men of our county are sure to be indicted for perjury if they persist in the present efforts to show such an utter disregard for the truth and we hope the parents will take this warning and do their part in moulding the young manhood and shaping the destiny of this county.

COTTON PICKERS TO COME WEST

The Secretary of the Retail Merchants Association is in receipt of a letter from one R. C. Johnston of Victoria who proposes to furnish cotton pickers to Merkel people. Further inquiries have been directed to Mr. Johnston to ascertain whether the pickers are white people or negroes and a reply to the inquiry should be in the hands of the local secretary by the end of this week. Any person interested is requested to call at the Merkel Mail office for further information.

The letter received from the Victoria man is as follows:

Victoria, Texas, Sept. 5, 1914.

Secretary Retail Mer. Assn., Merkel, Texas.

Gentlemen:—

I understand your people are in need of help to gather the crops in your section. If such is the case I am in position to furnish you with what you need and would like to hear from you. Will deliver for \$1.00 per head at your town or 50 cents per head F. O. B. Victoria and have secured a very low rate for transportation.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Reference—First Nat'l. Bank, Victoria, Texas.

R. C. Johnston.

25 ARE KILLED IN FRISCO WRECK

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Sept. 15.—The Frisco's crack Ft. Worth bound train, "The Texas Limited," No. 5 struck a washout early this morning two miles this side of Lebanon, Mo., and killed between twenty-five and forty-five persons. Most of the victims, caught in the derailed cars, were drowned.

Up to noon today, seven bodies had been removed from the water.

It is believed all the Texas-bound passengers escaped, as the sleepers did not leave the track. Many Texans, however, were aboard, most of them returning home from vacations.

Most of the dead were chair car passengers and a great proportion of these were women and children. Those who were able to escape from their watery prison fought their way out by breaking windows and swimming to the shore.

It is estimated that there were sixty-five passengers in the chair car.

One man in the chair car lost his wife and five children. When the accident occurred he was thrown clear of the car and swam to shore. His wife and children died while he stood helplessly near by.

Rains last week caused all the streams in the vicinity to rise and the train was late because of the floods. As it passed Lebanon according to reports reaching here, its speed was increased.

Four cars and the locomotive were overturned into the gully, smolled into a temporary lake, which runs beside the track.

The chair car and the smoker were submerged.

Four sleeping cars did not leave the track.

The train was passing over a trestle when it left the track. The bridge was intact, but a few yards beyond the bridge the track had been washed away by the waters from the gully.

One of the passenger in the chair car was Miss Mona Campbell, a nurse, of St. Louis. She broke a window and climbed out of the side of the car. Standing in the water, she rescued five passengers.

455 BALES COTTON BROUGHT TO MERKEL

The receipts of the Merkel cotton yards at Thursday noon of this week were 455 most of which had been sold at prices close to eight cents and above.

The receipts of Saturday night of last week were 155, making a total of 300 bales for this week with an average of 75 bales per day during the time.

Miss Martha Jane Swafford left last week for Victoria where she will teach school this winter.

Miss Mabel Brackeen has accepted a position with the Southwestern Telephone Co. at Snyder.

DON'T LEND YOUR MONEY TO ANY MAN WHO COMES ALONG; IF HE WERE WORTHY OF CREDIT HE WOULD COME TO US



How many I. O. U's have you got that are worth nothing?
Put your money in our bank; you'll have more money and at least ONE good friend—your BANK ACCOUNT.
If you want advice, come to us; we always have time to listen.
Make OUR bank YOUR bank.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK
MERKEL, TEXAS

ANNUAL FAIR AND FAT STOCK SHOW

Great preparations are made in Abilene by the Central West Texas Fair and Fat Stock Show, October 6th to the 10th, 1914, and with the bumper crops the Abilene country has made this year and every indication pointing to half bale of cotton per acre, this event should prove the most successful undertaking Abilene has ever tackled. When the last nail is driven and the gates are thrown open for the first day, there will have been spent by the Association some \$20,000 in permanent improvements in the way of buildings, race tracks, live stock barns, etc.

Located in the agricultural building will be the best of exhibits of farm products of Central West Texas, and by the side of each article there will be a placard explaining the nature of the article, when planted and class of land, how prepared, how cultivated, when harvested, etc., giving each individual that inspects this article instructions how to go home and raise just as good if not better by his own hands. This, together with expert farm demonstrators giving daily lectures, will be a school of instruction for the farmers.

In the live stock barns which have been built of the best material, being roomy, high and dry, low grade as well as high grade live stock will be accepted, so that our experts in this department can demonstrate to those interested in live stock the difference between the better bred and the poor live stock. One of the biggest features of the Central West Texas Fair will be the up-to-date dairy building and the milking barn; these two buildings have been built as near sanitary as buildings can be built. In the milking barn those visiting the Fair will witness pure bred Jersey cows milked hourly by the best of milking machines, see the milk tested thoroughly by Babcock testers, see the milk handled in sanitary milk pails, etc., transferred from there to the dairy building to be separated, clarified machinery run by electricity.

Taylor county has been rather successful in its experiments along the dairy line, having recently secured from the United States Government an expert dairy demonstrator who will give daily lectures on the proper method of handling dairy cattle and their products in this building. It is the desire of the citizens of Central West Texas to see every

progressive farmer throughout this country own in connection with his little farm three or four pure bred Jersey cows, a pen or two of high grade hogs, and at least one hundred chickens. We feel if we can accomplish this great undertaking Central West Texas will be the banner country of the world.

Last, but not least, will be the Women's Department, wherein will be found every convenience for the house wife; liberal premiums have been provided to encourage them to exhibit and demonstrate their method of lessening the burdens of life.

Just in front of the Women's building there will be located the Better Baby Show daily judging will be done by the physical test system of from twentyfive to fifty babies every day. Near this building will be located the ladies' rest tent where the ladies are welcome. There will be found an attendant who will administer to their wants, take care of their parcels and furnish comfortable chairs and lounges for their comfort.

Besides these features are numerous attractions of high class and nature along midway which will be handled by two high class carnival companies running continually, having sixteen high class shows, two carry-alls, ocean wave and ferris wheel, with four acts throughout the day and night. In morning in front of the grand stand will be seen goat roping contests, relay races, broncho busting and aeroplane flights. The fair Association has gone to enormous expense in securing the best aviator who has ever visited Texas who will give two flights daily, doing all the stunts in mid air known to bird men.

Each afternoon there will be high class races contested by the best of horses ever before gathered together at a race in Texas both running and harness, striving to win the large purses offered by the Association.

These attractions connected with the commodious buildings throughout the fair grounds looking to the comfort and welfare of the people and with the loyal co-operation among the citizens and farmers of Central West Texas promises to make the Central West Texas Fair an event for the people to look forward to with pleasure and anticipation. Remember the dates, October 6th to 10th, and make arrangements to attend this Fair at least two days during the session.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"

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

ABILENE & MERKEL COTTON MARKETS

Twenty-four bales of cotton were brought to Abilene Saturday up to six o'clock in the evening, bringing the total receipts for the season up to 75 bales. The prevailing price was 8 cents, though several bales sold for 10 cents to prospective members of the "Buy-a-Bale" of Cotton Club. Almost all of the cotton was either strict or good middling. Five bales sold for eight cents and two early in the morning sold for 7:85 cents per pound.

The above appeared in Sunday's Abilene Reporter giving the count on cotton received by that town up to Saturday afternoon of last week. While Abilene received in total 24 bales of cotton Saturday Merkel chalked up 48 for the same length of time and on the final count with Abilene on Saturday evening they had received in total for this years cotton 75 bales against 155 brought to Merkel during the same time.

It will be remembered that Merkel and Abilene received their first bales of cotton for the present season on the same day. And while the price of 8 cents prevailed in Abilene Saturday on regular sale, much of the fleecy staple was going at that figure here while much of it sold higher, one bale bringing 8 25.

DON'T HURT YOUR LIVER WITH CALOMEL

When your liver becomes torpid and sluggish, you can take calomel and whip it into action, but the calomel will leave your back weaker and sicker than ever. Calomel is a very powerful drug, a form of mercury, and need never be used because there is a perfect remedy to take the place of calomel, that has all of calomel's good medicinal effects with none of its dangerous and uncertain follow-ups. Its name is Dodson's Liver Tone.

T. L. Grimes sells Dodson's Liver Tone with the guarantee that if you don't find that it treats you much better than calomel, they will give you your money back with a smile. Dodson's Liver Tone is a true tonic for the liver, purely vegetable, and with such a pleasant taste that it is no trouble to get children to take it. It is absolutely impossible for it to do anyone any harm.

Best Treatment for a Burn.

If for no other reason, Chamberlain's Salve should be kept in every household on account of its great value in the treatment of burns. It allays the pain unless the injury is a severe one, heals the parts without leaving a scar. This salve is also unequalled for chapped hands, sore nipples and diseases of the skin. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

STATEMENT

Farmers and Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business September 12, 1914

RESOURCES

Loans	\$104,352.56
U. S. Bonds at par	8,250.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,195.00
Real Estate	6,657.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Cash and Exchange	31,429.72
Total	\$154,197.03

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	28,344.33
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	15,000.00
Rediscounts	None
Other borrowed Money	None
Deposits	79,602.70
Total	\$154,197.03

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren, G. F. West, C. P. Warren
Ed S. Hughes, Henry James, Ben T. Merritt
Thos. Johnson

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Repair work promptly done and Satisfaction Guaranteed.

TEXAS COMPANY'S OILS AND GAS.

If you need anything in our business give us a call.

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

IRA ARMSTRONG, MANAGER
OFFICE AT FARMERS STATE BANK

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Figure with me on a bath tub. Henry Rose.

Miss Leila Nesbit and brother, Robert, of Fluvanna who have been visiting their sister Mrs. Carl Evans left Sunday night for Dallas.

Messrs Jack Walker and Wilbur Whiteaker left Monday for Abilene where they will attend Simmons College.

Mrs. Pick Allen visited in Merkel Saturday.

Shower Sink, closet or lavatories of all kinds. Phone 265. Henry Rose.

Miss Ruby Payne spent the past week in Abilene, visiting friends.

Misses Winnie Warren, Jackie Jennings, Louis Warren and Mrs. J. T. Warren motored to Abilene Tuesday.

Hudnuts, the quality toilet articles of the world at Burroughs.

Miss Eugenia Rister is in Jayton where she will teach school this winter.

Vantines toilet water at Burroughs.

Mrs. E. M. Rust made a business and social trip to Abilene Thursday.

We can't be Gods, but we try to keep every thing clean and neat to meet the approval of the discriminating trade. Burroughs.

Mrs. S. W. H. Buzbee of Stith visited here Tuesday.

Before, during and after the show and at all times, meet your friends at Burroughs.

In every home where there are children there should be a bottle of WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It destroys worms and acts as a tonic in the debilitated system. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Miss Eva Calvert visited relatives in Sweetwater this week.

Miss Albertine Winter left Monday morning to enter Simmons College at Abilene.

A. M. Shelton of Dora was in the city Monday in company with his sons Dupree and Quinten. The latter two leaving for Cisco where they entered Britton Training school for the year.

John Moore left Monday for Abilene to enter Simmons college.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore left Monday for a two weeks visit in the east. Mrs. Moore is in Cook county visiting while Mr. Moore goes to Missouri for a short vacation.

Miss Kate Henderson visited her aunt Mrs. Cal Hamner of Trent the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Joe Brown and daughter Flora of Reisel are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore this week.

Acute Indigestion.

I was annoyed for over a year by attacks of acute indigestion, followed by constipation" writes Mrs. M. J. Gallagher, Geneva N. Y. "I tried everything that was recommended to me for this complaint but nothing did me much good until about four months ago I saw Chamberlain's tablets advertised and procured a bottle of them from our druggist. I soon realized that I had gotten the right thing for they helped me at once. Since taking two bottles of them I can eat heartily without any bad effects." Sold by all dealers.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

Don't Have Dark Rooms



Victor Duplex Hand-Made Window Shades. They are made of a strong, firm muslin, finished a different color on each side, will not fade, bag or wrinkle. They are mounted on Genuine Hartshorn Rollers, finished with zig-zag stitch and double turned hem. Victor Duplex Window Shades are not high priced. Long wear and neat appearance is characteristic of

VICTOR DUPLEX SHADES

We also carry a complete line of window shades at the following prices:

25c, 35c, 45c, 50c, 65c, 80c and 90c.

30 Different Kinds and Colors

Behrens & Miller Co.
Merkel

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Fresh oysters are now being served at our place. Make the Burns Restaurant your eating place when in town

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The MAGIC Washing Stick.

The Magic Washing stick is not a soap, nor is it a washing powder, but a very peculiar article which makes dirty clothes clean and snowy white without a bit of rubbing, thus doing away with the hard work on washday. Washes colored clothes without fading, woolens without shrinking or hardening, and for lace and lace curtains it is simply fine. Guaranteed perfectly harmless and can be used with perfect safety on the most delicate fabric. Price 10c per Magic Stick or three for 25c. If dealer can't supply send stamps or money order to A. B. Richards Co., Sherman, Texas.

To Automobile Owners.

Pennsylvania Oil Cup Casings and inner tubes now on sale here. See H. M. Rose.

Cotton Seed Market.

I will pay the highest market price during the entire cotton season for your cotton seed. Weighed or figured as you like. G. R. Gazzaway.

Wanted! Maize to Crush.

I will crush Maize on Saturdays at my residence in south Merkel at 10 cents per hundred. J. T. (Tom) Coats. 412pd.

The best light for the Country Home. Read John Pate's ad in this issue of the Mail.

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September 1st. to 4th.

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September 8th to 11th.

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September 15th to 18th.

ROSCOE

September 22nd to 25th.

ABILENE

October 6th to 10th.

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Splendid Exhibits of the Resources of this Prosperous and Rapidly Growing Country

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Best for Constipation.

Mild and pleasant to take, Simmons' Liver Purifier is recognized as the best liver medicine now in use. It causes no unpleasant feeling, but gives new life and vigor to the liver. Sold in 25c yellow tin cans only.

We take this method of thanking our many friends and patrons for the large number of letters we have received telling us of the truly wonderful results gained by the use of Hunt's Lightning Oil in the treatment of Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headache and other character of pain. We appreciate this spontaneous outburst of approval. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman Texas.

For Sale.

Two new Yale Motorcycles, will sell cheap for cash or good note. These machines have never been ridden. W. E. Britain.

W. O. W.

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

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

Diarrhoea Quickly Cured.

"My attention was first called to Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as much as twelve years ago. At that time I was seriously ill with summer complaint. One dose of this remedy checked the trouble," writes Mrs. C. W. Florence, Rockfield, Ind. For sale by all dealers.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. M. E. Baccus of Castle Peak visited here Saturday.

Chloroform and all kinds of worm destroyers at Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. John Holmes of Chattanooga, Tenn., and daughter who have been here for a short time visiting the family of John Dunn of Noodle left Tuesday night for their home.

E. C. Richards of Noodle was in town Monday. He was accompanied by his son Luther who goes to Abilene to enter Simmons college for the year.

We are interested in your health. Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pierce of Breckenridge and the latter's mother, Mrs. M. A. Defee were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Misses Mabel Collins, Zora Coggin and Pet Sears motored to Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. J. L. Tucker of Blair visited relatives here Tuesday.

Miss Velma Dennis who has been in Sweetwater the past few weeks has returned home.

A gentle reminder. Drink, smoke and trade at Burroughs. Merkel's appreciative Drug Store.

Mrs. M. L. Batman of Waco is the guest of Mrs. G. H. Adams.

Mrs. J. P. Brightwell and son Walter of Temple are here visiting the former's sister Mrs. Jno. Eoff.

J. H. McDonald returned to Merkel Tuesday of this week from Louisiana where he has been making his home for the past year or more. Mr. McDonald is undecided yet whether he will remain at Merkel or not but we trust he will see fit to again take up his residence here.

When the bowels feel uncomfortable and you miss the exhilarating feeling that always follows a copious morning operation, a dose of HERBINE will set you right in a couple of hours. If taken at bedtime you get its beneficial effect after breakfast next day. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Miss Eather Williams and brother Charley left Wednesday for Abilene where they will attend school at the Christian College.

Mrs. Comer Clay and little son of Hawley were here the past week visiting friends.

Alta Vista Pure Ice Cream and Quality drinks at Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Holmes and daughter of Chattanooga, Tenn. were here visiting Mrs. Julia Richards.

Yellow complexion, pimples and disfiguring blemishes on the face or body can be gotten rid of by doctoring the liver, which is torpid. HERBINE is a powerful liver correctant. It purifies the system, stimulates the vital organs and puts the body in fine vigorous condition. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Mrs. Mary E. Huffman who has been here for some time making her home with her daughter Mrs. C. M. Largent left Sunday for McKinney where she will visit her daughter Mrs. L. C. Largent during the winter. She was accompanied on the trip by Ed Largent of McKinney who has been here on a short visit with his brother C. M. Largent.

For the stomach and bowel disorders of babies McGEE'S BABY ELIXIR is a remedy of genuine merit. It acts quickly, is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

MERKEL

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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.

THE WORLD'S AGENT.

Uncle Sam has his hands full. He is the acting agent for the world. With the exception of Spain, the United States has the exacting duty of looking after the affairs of the nations at war in foreign capitals. Spain has had a few requests to aid in this work, but the burden has fallen on the ambassadors of this country, and they are doing their best to discharge their duties in a capable and careful way.

The new responsibility not only greatly increases their own individual labors, but makes this work of vastly more importance, more involved and more difficult.

The withdrawal of diplomatic representatives by the hostile nations has been almost invariably followed by a request that the United States take charge.

In the end, no doubt, the United States will be called upon to pour oil on the troubled waters.

At present our ambassadors, most of them being new in official service, will do all that they can to take care of the world's interests.

At Paris, at St. Petersburg, at London, Brussels, Berlin, Vienna, the difficult duty of representing hostile countries has been cheerfully accepted. The entry of Japan into the war arena adds another responsibility for our diplomatic representatives.

While this almost universal demand of the services of the United States ambassadors must be regarded as a distinct compliment, it expresses something more serious. It indicates the absolute confidence of other nations in the efficiency of our representatives and in the honor of the United States to preserve strict neutrality.

If for one minute it was believed that the government of the United States favored one nation or another the requests would never have been made. This absence of suspicion and this show of confidence increases the influence of the United States among the world's powers. It further shows the wisdom of President Wilson in requesting all men in public life and connected with the government service to refrain from public expressions. Talk among each other is permitted, but where the honor and integrity of the neutrality of the United States is concerned it can be well understood why the president made this request.

For the time being the United States is serving gratuitously the world as a friendly agent.—Commercial Appeal.

Europe needs a patriotic statesman like President Wilson. One such man among the kings and emperors of those war wrecked countries might have been able to stem the war crisis. The greatest man who ever lived was Christ, and he was willing to be reviled in order that he might

preach mercy and forgiveness. Patience and forbearance are great virtues. President Wilson has both of these virtues. His heart is filled with real human sympathy and it is free from guile and greed. He is a friend of mankind, fighting for uplift in every field of endeavor. But in all Europe no man like our great President sits upon a throne or occupies a chair of state. And because of that more than half of the civilized people of earth are engaged in legalized murder. When it is all over Europe lies prostrate and bleeding, what will be the end accomplished? In what way will humanity be benefitted? How can the awful destruction of property and life be justified? Isn't it greater to be strong enough to stand a little seeming injustice, even a little ridicule, than to yield to the common enemy of all mankind, anger, and plunge into war, with all its awful desolation and direful destruction? Cleburne Enterprise.

AUGUST WAS A HUMMER.

The rain crow dispense more prophesy in this section of the state during the last month than Taylor county received during the entire year of 1912. This last August will be remembered for a long time.

During the time it was raining so much in and around Merkel, Mexico City was captured peacefully, France turned her poodles into real War Dogs. The English Lion pumped at the throat of the Sauer-Kraut Brigade, Belgian people resisted the Teutonic invasion, The Czar managed to mobilize 8,000,000 men into four armies and get a good start into Germany, Austria and Servia played about even in the great war and the month ended with Japan getting her feet wet by telling Germany to get out of the Pacific. Italy has gotten her forces together but doesn't know where to step in. They all seem to think the fighting is fine the way they are wading into it and August of 1914 has passed into history as giving birth to the greatest number of war declarations than at any previous month in the history of the world, truly August was a hummer.

MERKEL BUY'S AT HOME.

A prosperous Merkel Banker is accused of walking into a local Cafe and giving the following order:

Waiter! Bring me some Russian Caviar, Westphalian Ham, French Peas, German Asparagus, Brussels Sprouts, Spanish Olives, Rochefort Cheese some Pilsiner Beer and—. At this place the waiter stopped the hungry fellow and stated that they had no Russian Caviar or Westphalian Ham or French Peas or German Asparagus or Brussels Sprouts or Spanish Olives or Rochefort Cheese or Pilsiner as all that stuff was impossible now since the war has started. Very well then replied the banker, I'll patronize home industries, get me a plate of ham and eggs and a glass of milk.

The North Fort Worth Sunday News seems worried from the fact that Paris styles had not been originated for fall when the war broke out and as a result the News Editor will have to wear old duds this fall. This is nothing though for us however it may be a new experience for the News proprietor and his force.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal says the Western man who claimed that Alum was the only cure for rattle snake bite must be a prohibitionist.

Ex-President Hu— ? Well who was it anyway that has so sudden gotten out of all this turbelent atmosphere and where is the old sucker?

COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

And For Three Summers Mrs. Vincent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst.

I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off.

I was certainly in a dreadful state of health, when I finally decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I firmly

believe I would have died if I hadn't taken it.

After I began taking Cardui, I was greatly helped, and all three bottles relieved me entirely.

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

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

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

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

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We want jobs on farms for large boys 16 years old and older. If you need help now or expect to need later, write at once.

Emile Reck, Agt. Weatherford, Texas. 114pd.

Cotton Pickers Furnished.

I will furnish Mexican cotton pickers to farmers who make application to me immediately. Write or see me at Trent. Sam Leal. 284pd.

Motorcycle For Sale.

A good motorcycle for sale. Apply to J. W. Daniel.

QUIT MEAT IF YOUR KIDNEYS ACT BADLY

Take tablespoonful of Salts if Back hurts or Bladder bothers—Drink lots of water.

We are a nation of meat eaters and our blood is filled with uric acid, says a well-known authority, who warns us to be constantly on guard against kidney trouble.

The kidneys do their utmost to free the blood of this irritating acid, but become weak from the overwork; they get sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog and thus the waste is retained in the blood to poison the entire system.

When your kidneys ache and feel like lumps of lead, and you have stinging pains in the back or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment, or the bladder is irritable, obliging you to seek relief during the night; when you have severe headaches, nervous and dizzy spells, sleeplessness, acid stomach or rheumatism in bad weather, get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast each morning and in a few days your kidneys will act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate clogged kidneys, to neutralize the acids in urine so it is no longer a source of irritation, thus ending urinary and bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink, and nobody can make a mistake by taking a little occasionally to keep the kidneys clean and active.

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Space forbids additional quotations. See us B - 4 - U buy. We might save you money

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OUT OF U. S. A. FACTS AND WARS

United States soldiers and Marine Guards stationed at Vera Cruz have been ordered to depart from Mexico. This leaves the country clear of American troops except those on the border.

For the first time in two years, in fact almost since the assassination of Madero, mails are now being sent direct to Mexico City and interior points, from the southwest instead of being diverted by Vera Cruz. Railroad service from El Paso and other border points has been resumed.

The allied armies have pushed the Germans continually back until Rheims a large mountain fortress town near the northeastern border of France has again taken the stronghold.

The German General Von Kluck is reported to have surrendered to the allies together with his army of 14,000. The Russians are reported to have been defeated by the Germans. The Russian army of Vilna is reported to have been defeated with a heavy loss.

The Russian Army is reported to have gained an overwhelming success against the Austrian army. In all 180,000 Austrians are reported to have been killed or captured by the Russians and Servians.

The German and Russian Navies are reported in battle in the Baltic Sea. No confirmation of this report has been received.

The German cruiser Hela has been sunk by a hostile submarine.

New Registered Druggist Here.

Bring your prescriptions to Mrs. E. M. Rust who has paced at the head of the drug department of the Rexall Drug Store, W. E. Justice a man who has made a specialty of prescription work for the last ten years.

Regardless of the doctor who writes your prescription, if you will let us fill them they will be filled just as your doctor directs and desires. Our drug department will be filled with fresh drugs at all times and the war in Europe will in no way effect our prices. We want your business if fair dealings and honest treatment will get it. The Rexall Drug Store. 1812.

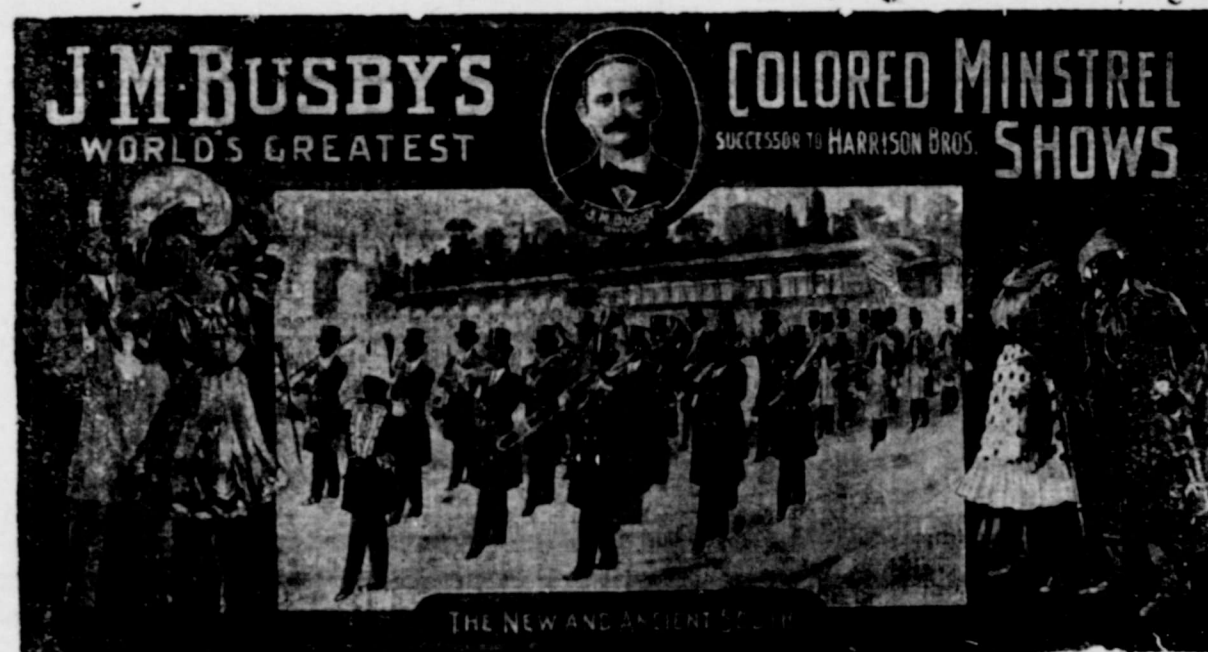
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COTTON PRICES ON ADVANCE THURSDAY

The cotton market here during this week has improved almost \$5.00 per bale over the price paid this time last week.

Thursday of last week cotton was selling from 7.50 to 8.85. At noon Thursday of this week cotton was going at 8.40 with some sales going as high as 8.55.

Miss Fort Smith Dies Here.

Miss Fort Smith of Blooming Grove died here Friday of last week at the home of her sister Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

At the time of her death Miss Smith had been in ill health for several months, having taken dangerously sick at Kearns a short time ago, she was taken from there to a sanitarium in Temple and later returned to the home of a sister at Kearns but again her condition became serious and she was taken to a hospital at Waco where she remained until a short time before she was brought to Merkel where it was hoped she would recover. Death resulted however shortly after her arrival here despite all the good care she received at the hands of relatives and trained assistance.

The deceased was a member of the Church of Christ and during her former residence in Merkel with her sister made numerous friends. The body was shipped to Blooming Grove Friday night of last week being accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Thornton and Miss Brown a nurse of Waco who came here with Miss Smith. Interment took place in the Blooming Grove Cemetery Sunday evening.

Back With The Mail.

H. T. Merritt for several years foreman of the Mail press room is again with us after an absence of over a year during which time he made his home in Abilene and was connected with the Daily Reporter and Abilene Democrat.

Our foreman for the past year John T. Morgan has accepted a position with the Behrens McMullen Fur Co., and proposes to follow that business in preference to that he has been connected with for the past few years. The change all-around has been a most friendly one and we look forward to John's success in his new undertaking. To the many old customers and friends of Mr. Merritt we extend an invitation to call on him at all times when he can serve you in any way whatever.

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

The press committee of the 20th century Club have the Club's Year Book the Merkel Mail office for publication. The Club year opens Oct. 3rd. The programs are carefully prepared and includes the study of Hamlet and Southern Women Writers.

The members of Mrs. R. A. Martin's Sunday School Class met with Miss Mabel Laney last Wednesday afternoon. A very interesting business meeting was held. The Class will be known as the "Dependables." During the social hour music and refreshments were greatly enjoyed. The meeting will be with Miss Gladys Walters this week.

On last Monday the Baptist Aid Society met at the church in its regular business session. Mrs. J. T. Warren presided over the meeting.

Mrs. J. W. Jennings entertained the Baby division of the Woman's Missionary at her home on Oak St., Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. The scripture reading was followed by prayer and songs. Several very interesting talks were given. The hostess then served cake and punch to the babies and their mothers.

Monday September 4th at the Methodist church the Missionary ladies held the most enthusiastic meeting of the season. The program was rendered as published last week and the talks given by Mesdames H. C. Williams, R. A. Martin and C. D. Mims deserve special mention as being well prepared and instructive. Mrs. H. C. Burroughs gave an interesting report of the District meeting at Biard stating that hereafter there will be no more district meetings as other plans have been arranged to receive the reports of the district.

Little Miss Jewel Russell celebrated her seventh birthday Wednesday at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. W.

SPECIAL LADIES Millinery Announcement

The New Fall and Winter Hats new in every respect now on display at the

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R. Russell. The little hostess and her guests enjoyed many outdoor games. Ice cream and cake were served to little Misses Helen and Frances Amela Powell, Lena Bond, Fay Rogers, Anna Lou Russell, Elba and B. F. Cox, A. C. and Claude Dye, Bonnye Wayne Sanders and Grandma Woodrum.

The Presbyterian Sunday School was entertained Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Baker. The cutting and eating of watermelons featured in the pleasures of the affair which was the culmination of the contest in which Mr. Henry West's side entertained Mrs. R. L. Bland's side. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

"I advised the 'boys' when they enlisted for the Spanish war to take Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with them, and have received many thanks for the advice given," writes J. H. Houghland, Eldon Iowa. No person whether traveling or at home should be without this great remedy." For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. J. T. Dennis visited relatives in Abilene Thursday.

NEEDFUL KNOWLEDGE

Merkel People Should Learn to Detect the Approach of Kidney Disease.

The symptoms of kidney trouble are many. Disordered kidneys often excrete a thick, cloudy offensive urine, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding. The back may ache, headaches and dizzy spells may occur and the victim is often weighted down by a feeling of languor and fatigue. Neglect these warnings and there is danger. Delay often proves fatal.

You can use no better endorsed kidney remedy than Doan's Kidney Pills. Here's Merkel proof of their merit.

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FOR SALE—Two new Yale Motorcycles, will sell cheap for cash or good note. These machines have never been ridden. W. E. Britain.

WANTED—To trade piano for cotton. E. D. Coats.

WANTED—To trade a Singer Sewing machine for an automobile. E. D. Coats.

FOR SALE—Two young mules well broke. Will take young mare as part payment. S. D. Russell. 1144pd.

WANTED — Man with small family to do farm and ranch work. Good wages to right man. C. M. Largent.

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Ah! what relief. No more tired feet; no more burning feet, swollen, bad smelling, sweaty feet. No more pain in corns, callouses or bunions. No matter what

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Free Wagon Yard at Merkel

I have moved to the Kent Street Store and want all my old customers and many new ones to give me a call.

I am in better position now to serve you than ever before. Free wagon yard service to all patrons of our store during the day. Plenty of water and good stalls for your stock. And remember that I am paying the highest market price for your chickens, eggs and butter.

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Nothing equals an aureole of beautiful hair as a frame for a pretty face. Without a background of nice hair a really pretty face frequently becomes plain and, with it, unattractive features assume life and beauty. Every woman can increase her natural charm by using Newbro's Herpicide. Herpicide makes hair beautiful. The dandruff germ saps the vitality of the hair. Herpicide applied intelligently and regularly checks this destruction of hair life and prevents the hair from falling out, giving it a snap and luster, a soft, silky fluffiness which can be acquired in no other way. Newbro's Herpicide in 50c and \$1.00 sizes is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. If you are not satisfied your money will be refunded. Applications may be obtained at the best barber shops and hair dressing parlors.

H. C. BURROUGHS, Druggist

Busby's Colored Minstrel Coming.

Busby's well known Colored Minstrel will show in Merkel Wednesday night September 23. Coming here with a wide reputation and showing under a mammoth canvass tent. This company has visited Merkel in the past and the show is well known to the people. Their visit here last year saw probably the largest crowd ever assembled at such an entertainment in the city. The following clipped from a newspaper where the company has just shown in evidence of the continued success they are having.

The Busby's Minstrels, under the management of J. M. Busby, were here last night and their fine large tent was crowded with people who enjoyed the entertainment. They have a good band, and give a clean show. Mr. Busby is a gentlemanly fellow and his performers are colored people who behave well out of the tent and their acting in the tent is all that is claimed for it. It is worth the money if you enjoy laughing, and who does not? This Minstrel Company will get a large attendance when they return for another engagement. — LaCross Republican.

Good for Biliousness.

I took two of Chamberlain's Tablets last night, and I feel fifty per cent better than I have for weeks, says J. J. Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness." For sale by all dealers.

WELCOME NEWS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

People in this town will be glad to hear that the mixture of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-ika, can be obtained at our store. This simple remedy became famous by curing appendicitis and it has been found that JUST A SINGLE DOSE relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation INSTANTLY because it drains off such a surprising amount of old foul matter from the body.

H. C. BURROUGHS, Druggist

SPECIAL EDITION
COMING NEXT WEEK

The Merkel Mail next week will appear as a six column paper of 16 or 20 pages. A total of 2500 copies will be circulated through the Merkel Country.

Advertisers are requested to reserve their space immediately and furnish copy as early as possible.

This Week's Court.

The third week of district court opened Monday morning with Judge Thomas L. Blanton presiding. The week's docket is crowded with civil and criminal cases. State of Texas against Jake Walls, charged with passing a forged check. Walls plead guilty to the charge. The jury in his case sentenced him to two years in the state penal institution and recommended a suspension of the sentence. Judge Blanton accepted the recommendation and suspended the sentence upon good behavior in the next two years. Walls has not reached his majority and the testimony of character witnesses was that he had never been guilty of a felony before. He was charged with passing a forged instrument on McDavid Brothers of this city several months ago. His home is in Calahan county.

Farmers and Merchants National Bank against W. R. Lynch, a suit on notes and foreclosure of vendor lien. Judgement was rendered for the plaintiff.

Presbyterian Announcement.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. If you can attend the Presbyterian Sunday School Institute which holds its session in Stamford Sept. 23rd and 24th report and you will be sent as a delegate. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Prayer and conference meeting Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. You are welcome to attend any or all these services.

E. P. McMillen, Supt.
Hubert E. Bullock, Pastor.

Magazine Club Rates.

I am prepared to furnish special club rates on magazines of all descriptions. Phone or call on me, your orders will be looked after carefully. Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

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Keep her locks youthful, dark, glossy and thick with common garden Sage and Sulphur.

When you darken your hair with Sage Tea and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it's done so naturally, so evenly. Preparing this mixture, though, at home is messy and troublesome. For 50 cents you can buy at any drug store the ready-to-use tonic called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy." You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning all gray hair disappears, and, after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully darkened, glossy and luxuriant. You will also discover dandruff is gone and hair has stopped falling. Gray, faded hair, though no disgrace, is a sign of old age, and as we all desire a youthful and attractive appearance, get busy at once with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur and look year younger.

Special S. S. Rooms.

Rev. Ed. R. Wallace has donated a frame building to the Baraca and Philathea classes of the M. E. Church of this place on consideration that they improve and place the property in excellent shape.

The building has been moved on the lot north of the M. E. Church and should be ready for use by the two classes within a short time or as soon as the building can be repaired, painted and papered.

Subjects For The Methodist Pulpit.

For Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. For Sunday A. M. the subject will be "Treasures of Age" and for the evening services "Opportunity of Youth"

If you are either young or old you will get something to help you at each of these services if you only come. Ed. R. Wallace, Pastor.

Advertised Letters.

These can be redeemed upon payment of one cent.

Gilliam, Dock
Lepeda Manuel
Whatley, Mrs. M. J.
These will be sent to the dead letter office September 26th.

H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas.

NOTICE—ELECTRIC LIGHT CUSTOMERS.

Beginning the first of next week we will begin running lights at 5 o'clock every morning except Sunday.
MERKEL ELECTRIC COMPANY.

There Are Compensations.

"This increased cost of living is something terrible!" said the young man as he paid the third installment on the engagement ring.

GAZZAWAY BOND
WAS REJECTED

Within the last few days there has been much discussion as the operation of a private cotton yard at Merkel and the writer thinking the matter of sufficient interest made inquiry into the situation and received the following letter from County Judge E. M. Overshiner in regard to the board of County Commissioners and the County Court having rejected the G. R. Gazzaway bond.

Sept. 16, 1914.

Merkel Mail,
Merkel, Texas.

Gentlemen: In response to your inquiry as to why the commissioners court did not approve the bond of Mr. G. R. Gazzaway, as at Merkel, beg to say that the only authority that we have been able to find in reference to bonds of persons other than the duly elected or appointed public weighers, is found in Art. 7834, Revised Civil Statutes 1911, which reads as follows: "Nothing in this chapter shall prevent any person, firm or corporation from weighing his own cotton, wool, sugar, hay, grain or pecans in person; provided, that in places where there are no public weighers appointed or elected any person who shall weigh cotton, wool, sugar, grain, hay, or pecans for compensation shall be required before weighing such produce to enter into a bond with at least two good and sufficient sureties, in the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, approved and payable as in case of public weighers referred to in this chapter, and conditioned that he will faithfully perform the duties of his office and turn over all property weighed by him on demand of the owner; provided this article shall not apply to merchant flouring mills."

As will be seen the above article applies only to places WHERE THERE ARE NO PUBLIC WEIGHERS appointed or elected. There being a duly elected and qualified public weigher for the Merkel precinct, the court is of the opinion that no authority is conferred by law for it to approve the bond of another weigher at said place.

Yours truly,
E. M. Overshiner,
County Judge.

So far as the law is concerned the above letter does not say specifically that there shall not be another yard in a place where there is a duly elected weigher but the contents of the missive seems to give a reader the information that weights given out by any weigher or other than the public weigher would in no way receive protection in comparison to those given by a duly elected and bonded weigher.

Here From Stephenville.

W. E. Justice of Stephenville came in Tuesday morning to take charge of the prescription department of the Rexall Drug Store of which Mrs. E. M. Rust is proprietor.

Mr. Justice is a registered pharmacist and will assume complete charge of the drug department of the store.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Shiloh.

Rev. Horn failed to fill his appointment at Shiloh Saturday and Rev. G. W. Scott preached in his place, however, Rev. Horn filled his appointment Sunday.

Little Vennie Grayson has been suffering with a rising in her head for several days. Dr. Miller of Merkel was called out to see her Monday afternoon. She was resting very well Tuesday.

The neighbors and friends of Mrs. Preston will meet today (Wednesday) and pick her cotton for her. We regret to say her little son has not been doing very well for sometime.

Misses Effie Mayberry and Ruth Pomroy were baptized in the Beaver's tank near Shiloh church Sunday afternoon. That makes seven additions to the church at Shiloh recently.

The cotton is opening so rapidly that several men of this community have had negroes shipped in from back east to pick their cotton. We will soon be surrounded by negroes but we hope, however, they will not do anything more serious than pick cotton.

Mrs. Joe Barnes returned home Sunday from Anson where she had been for the past month. She was accompanied home by her daughter Mrs. Charlie Williams who has been sick for sometime.

Ye scribe is on the sick list this week so have not gathered much news.

Noodle.

Mrs. Pearl Malone of Toyah is here visiting her uncle D. C. Herring.

Mrs. Tom Coggin and children of Merkel were here Sunday visiting W. L. Barbee and family.

Elder Dan Simpson of Trent will preach at the Christian Church Sunday at 11 a. m.

Quite a number of the young folks took dinner with Miss Maggie Horton Sunday. Miss Horton left Monday for Abilene to attend Simmons College.

Lee Eason left Saturday for Dallas to get help to gather his crop.

Little Joe B. Sosebee has gone to spend a week with his grandmother Mrs. D. Thompson of Sinclair.

Miss Ola Pope of Merkel is visiting Miss Ailene Barbee this week.

G. N. Wright and wife were in Merkel trading Tuesday.

The Noodle gin began running last Monday.

The people are all very busy picking cotton here and some few have not gotten the thrasher yet. If it does not rain this week the thrasher will finish work in this section.

Hallie Greene is on the sick list. Will Bicknell made a business trip to Merkel Monday.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Nubia.

It is still hot but we are trying to pick cotton in this part of the country all the same and everyone is wanting cotton pickers.

We received news that they expected one thousand cotton pickers in Abilene. Say friends tell them to come this way at once.

E. E. Tipton of Winters is now picking cotton for S. A. Patterson three miles south of Merkel.

W. A. Thornton was in this community Monday morning.

C. E. Lewis started to the singing convention Sunday and could not find the Kale.

Will Toombs wants a cook now cotton picking is here and he has not time to cook, so he says.

We are glad to report this week finds most everyone in good health, enjoying life at least.

Miss Lula Cogburn happened to the misfortune of piercing her foot with a nail afterwards she stepped on a thorn sticking it in the same place. We hope there will be nothing serious.

Some few are contemplating on going to the Circus to see the Baby lion and Tangingo Elephant.

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Route 3.

Cotton picking is the order of the day. The big meeting closed at Castle Peak Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. It was a success, there being fifteen conversions and twelve joined the church.

Misses Emma Evans and Ethel Seat of Abilene were with us during the meeting and conduced the song services.

Vernon Halley has returned to Alba after a few week visit with his mother. Mr. and Mrs. Frazier and baby were in Merkel Saturday.

As everyone has gone to work in the fields news is scarce.

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NO. 368 Official Statement of the Financial Condition of The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 12th day of Sept. 1914, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 18th day of September, 1914.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$126,724.75
Loans, real estate	6,166.89
Overdrafts	655.43
Real Estate (banking house)	9,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents, net	10,789.13-10,789.13
Cash Items	1,170.85
Currency	3,593.00
Specie	4,060.80-8,814.65
Int. in Depositors Guaranty Fund	791.55
Other Resources as follows:	
Bills of Exchange—Cotton	1,510.81
Total	\$169,453.21
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$35,000.00
Surplus Fund	1,250.00
Undivided Profits, net	1,821.60
Individual Deposits sub. to check	89,235.20
Time Certificates of Deposit	3,980.00
Cashier's checks	752.16
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	37,214.25
Other Liabilities as follows:	
Reserve for taxes	250.00
Total	\$169,453.21

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 17th day of Sept. A. D. 1914. C. D. Mims (SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas

Correct—Attest: B. C. Moore, John Sears, M. Armstrong } Directors

Moves to Abilene.

We regret to report the loss of Mr. James Black from our midst but commend him most highly to their new neighbors in the city of Abilene.

No more popular groceryman has ever been in Merkel than has Jim Black. His connection at the head of the Cash Grocery Co., and with the Sanitary Grocery Co., was successful and numerous friends of the family regret very much to lose them. Mr. Black has accepted a position with the Hale, Sons & Keene Grocery Co.

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