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SCHOOL TERM ENDS

Largest Class of Graduates in History of Merkel School.

COMMENCEMENT ON TUESDAY

First Alumni Association Organized and Work Outlined for Ensuing Year.

The Merkel schools are closed. The Grammar School graduating exercises were held in the Methodist church April 24th. The group of bright happy young people just taking on the High School honors and responsibilities was an inspiration to the crowd of parents and friends who gathered to witness the celebration of their triumphal exit from Grammar school.

After prayer by Bro. Gaddy the class sang the grammar school song, "Scarlet and Gold." Recitations by Misses Rowena Allen and Eunice Armstrong.

Musical numbers by Misses Vera Jinkins and Julia Martin.

Valedictory by Loring Hamblet.

Grammar school colors were lowered and High School colors were raised.

High School song, "Purple and Gold," sung by class.

Presentation of diplomas by Mr. Thos. Johnson whose speech showed a deep knowledge of men and affairs and a true estimate of the real values of life.

The bearing of the class and the well rendered program were another testimonial to the scholarship and executive ability of our North Ward principal, Miss Maude Jinkins.

Benediction by Bro. Wallace.

Saturday evening the first Alumni Association of the Merkel High School was organized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Warren. Twenty-eight members were present in addition to the 1914 class.

Sunday evening the baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Rev. Harrison of Abilene to the largest graduating class the Merkel High School has ever had. The address was delivered in a forceful manner, being full of interest, both to the graduates-to-be and to the audience.

The commencement exercises for the graduating class was held Monday evening at the Methodist church. All the members were clothed in regulation caps and gowns, making the occasion all the more impressive. Invocation by Rev. W. M. Gaddy. President J. D. Sandefer of Simmons College delivered the literary address of the evening, his theme being, "Development of the mind or Culture," an address interesting to all and instructive to the end. Miss Georgia Moore delivered the valedictory reading while Miss Lula Sharp made the presentation to the Juniors class. Pres. Shirley King of the Juniors received the records for his class.

Diplomas of graduating were then presented by Dr. Sandifer to Misses Carrol Rister, Maggie Wheeler, Eva Walters, Grace Diltz, Lula Sharp, Willie Coats, Georgia Moore, Ola Sharp, Ethel Jones, Velma Hogg and Sallie Toombs, Messrs John Moore,

RAIN CHAT WITH OUR FARMERS

Monday evening, having nothing else to do, we asked central to connect us with some of the neighboring party lines in order that we might get a report as to how general the rain was in and around Merkel. To begin with we called on our old friend J. J. Toombs who lives near Nubia and found him helping his good wife get the supper dishes out of the way, he was churning and managed to get close enough to the telephone to talk to us at the same time. He reported a heavy rain out his way and his small grain of rye, wheat and oats in fine condition, the rye being from knee to waist high. While we were talking Tom Toombs, Jr., took down the receiver and before he found out who he was talking to, gave a full report of how much grain this rain caught him with. He has about a half acre planted out behind the house but says it is in fine shape and is expecting a full crop of it.

Messrs Buck and George Moore of the same vicinity have about 25 and 60 acres respectively of wheat, rye and oats according to a phone conversation with the former who stated that the majority of their grain was in good condition, owing to recent rain in that section of the country. Mr. Moore calculates that this last big rain will insure the grain in his country. Jet Riney who lives in the same community and is connected by telephone to the same line was called on and reported as follows. 65 acres of wheat in excellent condition, he also reported that

Messrs Jim Casey and Sam Butman of that section were among the largest growers of wheat and oats in that section this year. Each having over 200 acres of fine small grain.

Before hanging up and before he had finished his churning Mr. Toombs reported that John Toombs, Sr., had about 20 acres of fine small grain and Jim Slape of the same community about the same amount.

About this time the conversation turned to how much it had rained and Buck Moore was heard from again, he stated that he had lived in that section of the country for 18 years, and that Mulberry creek was at least two feet higher than it has ever known to have been and that portions of his pasture was eight feet under water. This report is corroborated by the fact that the Texas & Pacific railroad bridge on Mulberry was made unsafe for traffic for several hours by the turbulent waters of Mulberry creek. The rainfall in the Nubia country is reported to have been between four and five inches Saturday night and Sunday morning with another fall of about an inch and a half Sunday night and Monday morning. Tom Toombs, Jr., said he thought the moisture had met out his way. At that declaration we rang off and tried to call up Chas. Higgins out on Salt Branch, it was not very late but we found him in bed and feeling so good over the rain he declined to be interviewed on the subject whatever. Before we had finished our conversation our talk drifted again into the

upper Nubia country where we found Dolf Coats, jubilant over the coming prospects even though he was unfortunate and lost a good horse by drowning in the rises on Mulberry creek, he reported his oats in fine shape.

Form the Noodle country we got into communication with Jim Beene, formerly grocerman of that place, who moves to Trent within the next few days. Mr. Beene says the rain was one of the finest imaginable, and that many of the farmers in that section had small feed coming up. When he found out we wanted to publish a part of what he was saying he asked us as protection from his neighbors to announce that the Jones County Farmers Institute would meet at Noodle Friday night of this week and that a good crowd is expected. Chairman T. E. Goode of the institute at Noodle is scheduled to be on hand. Fred Baker of route one, was another victim of our phone calls, and reported his oats as being killed in spots by the freeze, he did this before finding out what we wanted and then stated that his wheat was fine, even though he did not have much planted.

Not wishing to disturb the peaceful slumbers of others around and about Merkel who were snoozing well over the rain we decided to let the above and foregoing be a complete report as to the condition of our country in general. We would have called up Sam Butman out in the Canyon country but were told that it would cost us twenty-five cents to talk out there. We didn't talk.

FOUR INCHES RAIN

Merkel Country and Central West Texas Gets a Soaking.

BEST SEASON SINCE 1908

Merkel Country Farmers Optimistic and Feel It in Their Bones They Will Make Bumper Crops.

The rainfall Saturday night totaled 2.77 inches and another slow rain which continued most of Sunday night amounting to 1.63 inches made a grand total of 3.40 inches and the rain was general over all of the Merkel trade territory, probably heavier in the Canyon valley and the greater part of Central West Texas.

The rain at this time gives us the best season and prospects since the year 1908, when it will be remembered that the Merkel country produced from one to two bales of cotton per acre that is in the bolls when it was fed to the boll worms. This is our best season for the reason that we had the best bottom season since the year mentioned to begin with. Our rains last fall, over 5 inches in September, more than 6 inches in October and another half dozen in November and December gave us the first real genuine bottom season for a starter in a half dozen years.

It is accepted as true that a bad start is a good ending and the new year started bad. In January there was not a trace of moisture registered by our rain gauge and in February but a trace, one-tenth of an inch and March but little better with one-half of an inch. The good season lasted for the preparation of our lands and during the good weather most of our farmers got their fields in good shape for planting but in most of our territory except the Canyon valley there was not sufficient moisture for planting to insure a stand. In the favored Canyon valley which received a good rain in March many farmers report stands of feed and some cotton up and growing.

The rain is too late to save lots of our grain but will make about a half crop for our territory. On the divide all small grain is good and this rain insures that business will be picking up over the mountain way in harvesting time. In the immediate Merkel territory the crop will be but a half crop or perhaps less.

And last but not least one of the greatest immediate benefits of the recent rains is the relief of the anxiety and uneasiness occasioned by the scarcity of moisture for the first quarter of the year. It restores confidence and this has an immediate effect on every business and enterprise in Merkel and the Merkel country.

Advertised Letters

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for the week ending May 2, 1914.

Border, H. C.

Walchar, Julia

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office May 16, 1914.
H. W. Derstine, P. M.

MULBERRY RISE DROWNS HORSES

The heavy rains in and around the Canyon country causing the quick rise in Mulberry creek Sunday morning took in round numbers about \$1000 worth of work stock out of the country by drowning.

Among the losers were Geo. Richie who lost one horse, Geo. Hunter two horses, Dolf Coats one horse, Zack Cargill one horse Eugene Patterson one young horse and Dan Atwood one horse. The horses drowned were in pastures along the creek and it is supposed were caught in places where they could not get to high land. While some other stock is reported missing in that section of the country the above men are the only ones who have found any of their stock dead.

Ollie Shaffer, Ennis Grimes, Fred Harrell, Booth Warren and Geo. Smith. The musical numbers of the evening were directed by Miss Eva Williams.

B. D. Black, superintendent of the Merkel School dismissed the audience, thanking each and every member of the graduating class for the diligence they had exhibited and commending them to the public for their faithfulness in past school work.

PECANS GROW IN MERKEL COUNTRY

That the Merkel country is adapted to the growing of pecans is demonstrated by late experiments in this section.

Messrs J. T. Warren and John Sears have each planted twelve young pecan trees on their places near Merkel and report everyone of them living. Mr. Warren after some communication with H. A. Holbert of Coleman, ordered 25 young trees from the Coleman pecan grower and divided with his neighbor Mr. Sears, doing it only as an experiment of this noted Texas pecan in order to test its adaptability to the Merkel country and much to the delight of both parties not one of the plants have been lost, but on the contrary are growing fast.

The trees are one year old sprouts on three year old roots and are expected to bear fruit in four years time. Twelve of them are planted on Mulberry creek on the Warren place while the balance are planted on Bitter creek on the Sears place.

Returns From Chicago.

Dr. O. F. McMaster returned last week from Chicago where he has been for the past month attending a school of special dental work.

WEST TEXAS TOWN IS BLOWN AWAY

Aspermont, April 27.—Word reached here today of the total destruction of Peacock, Stonewall county, by a cyclone which struck that place at 6 o'clock last night.

Every building in the little town was blown down, including the Methodist church, the gin and the dwellings.

Merchandise stocks were ruined by wind and rain. Only two men were slightly injured, the people for the greater part taking refuge in storm cellars.

It was reported also that several farm houses north of the city were destroyed by the wind.

Unique Advertisement

In this issue of the Mail the Sanitary Grocery gives a half page ad of comparative prices on groceries purchased of them and on the same purchases made from mail order houses. Figuring the prices and freight rates the statisticians in the advertisement show that the local purchaser is saving at least 25 percent by purchasing his goods at home. It will be worth your time to read the ad. (adv.)

R. E. Hall buys all kinds of poultry.

Woodroof's Prices Are Still Lower Than During The Thirteen Days' Sale Which Has Just Closed

We are determined to close out our Mens Clothing, Odd Pants and Hamilton-Brown Slippers and Pumps. Come to see us

Mens \$18.50 Suits, close out price	\$12.25	Mens 4.50 & 4.00 Dress Pants, close out	3.50
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Mens 12.50 Suits, close out price	- 8.85	Mens 3.00 Dress Pants, close out price	2.50
Mens 5.00 Dress Pants, close out price	4.25	Mens 2.50 Dress Pants, close out price	2.25

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Zula Huffaker left Tuesday for her home at Greenville, she will visit in Fort Worth and Dallas before reaching Greenville. Miss Huffaker has been connected with the city schools here during the past term.

Monogram and other beautiful stationery at Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. Burhl Wheeler of Abilene came in Monday afternoon to visit the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler.

Misses Echols, Godfrey, Aikens and Sandefer of Abilene were in the city the latter part of last week visiting friends.

I want your grain business. G. M. Sharp.

Miss Blanche Rawlings is visiting her uncle Dan Rawlings of Trent this week.

Only the best drinks served at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. B. C. Christmas and Miss Pearl Cole who have been here visiting the former's brothers Claud and George Wear left Monday for Big Springs from there Mrs. Christmas will go to New Mexico to visit the Wear ranch.

Sanitary drinks at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. J. W. Singleton of Albany who has been visiting her mother Mrs. S. A. Noel of this place returned to her home Saturday.

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

Miss Ruth Merritt Abilene of is in the city visiting Miss Ruby Jones.

Miss Eva Mae Murphy of Abilene is visiting her sister Miss Mattie Murphy this week.

Rotan Cypert left Wednesday morning for Rochester to visit friends and relatives.

Mrs. Tom Brackeen who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Brackeen returned to her home at Abilene Monday.

Drink at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Miss Rose Norris, night operator for the Southwestern Telephone Company at this place suffered a burned finger Saturday night during the rain storm when an electric light wire shorted with a telephone wire and the current was turned the local switchboard. The power plant was closed down to avoid further danger.

Mrs. Diggs of Wetunka, Okla., who is visiting her sister Mrs. J. F. Shaffer.

Miss Alma Harris of Mexia who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Jno. D. Gaither left Tuesday for El Paso where she will join her sister Lizzie Harris. Together they will spend the summer on a ranch near El Paso.

We have any thing in the toilet article line that you could possibly want. Burroughs

Mrs. Claude Bigham and Mrs. J. E. Young are visiting in Putman this week.



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Merkel — Texas

Misses Floy Leeman and Effie Duke of Trent visited the former's sister Mrs. T. E. Collins, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Q. Hendrix of Mt. Pleasant were the week-end guests of Misses Maude and Minnie Fergusson.

Going to paint any this spring? Then figure with Burroughs before you buy.

Mrs. H. L. Propst and Mrs. Arthur Rose are visiting the latter's sister Mrs. R. L. Procter of Blackwell.

Mrs. Laura Balch and children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Rucker of Caps this week.

Mrs. C. D. Martin returned to her home at Putman, Wednesday after visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thornton.

Nothing better than Seymores flour.

Miss Pauline Johnson returned to Stamford Wednesday where she is attending school.

Elder W. G. Cypert returned home Monday from Leuders.

Purina Scratch Feed for chickens at the Anchor Mercantile Co.

Miss Vetie Peterson of Trent visited friends in this city the first of the week.

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

Miss Nelma Gibson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Winnie Harris at Abilene.

All standard magazines at Burroughs.

Mrs. S.B. Lamb and son, C.A. Lamb are visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. D. Humble at Abilene this week.

Oats and Corn. G. M. Sharp. Miss Manor Roach of Caps has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Allen.

Come and figure with us on your grocery and feed bill. The Kent Street Grocery Co.

Mrs. W. A. Eipps of Bowie was the guest of Mrs. S. P. Davis the past week.

Plenty Meal. G. M. Sharp.

Mrs. G. W. Wilson was the week-end guest of Mrs. J. W. Long of Tye.

Miss Martha Bird spent the latter part of last week in Abilene the guest of Miss Lucretia Curry.

Have you seen our new Stationery? Burroughs.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Dillie Fitzgerald who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. Davis returned to her home at Haskell, Saturday.

Miss Mae Robertson of Trent was the guest of Miss Jewel Pate the latter part of last week.

Dont forget to bring your produce to the Merkel Bargain Store, and get the best market price for your goods, at the same time give you bargains in anything you want to buy. W. P. Duckett.

Barney Garrett was a visitor to Abilene last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt of Abilene were the guests of their son Ben T. Merritt the latter part of last week.

Work stock for sale. Anchor Mercantile Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crowley of Denison came in Sunday to visit the latter's brother J. C. Hamm and family. The visiting people will be in our city for about two weeks.

Miss Stephens of Tuscola is here visiting her cousin Miss Jewel Tipton.

Closing out the Nyal line at a great discount at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. M. E. Orr and daughter Miss Sallie of Putnam are here the guests of the former's daughter Mrs. F. A. Sanders and family.

Mrs. W. A. Scott and little daughter Louise were the week-end guests of Mrs. Baylor Crawford of Abilene.

Come in and figure with us before you buy. The prices tell. Kent Street Gro. Co.

Miss Oda Anderson who has been visiting Miss Iola Balentine returned to her home at Potosi Friday.

Claude Brandon is in Texarkana this week visiting his mother Mrs. Effie Atwood.

Forty percent discount on all Nyals preparation at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

TEXAS STATE DEBT \$1.14 PER CAPITA

The per capita state debt of Texas is \$1.14, or \$2.38 less than the average for the 48 states of the American Union, according to a preliminary report of the Census Bureau just received at Austin.

The bonded indebtedness, \$4,238,000 in 1890 declined to \$3,978,000 in 1912. No special debt obligations to public trust funds were recorded in any year. The floating debt reached the maximum amount, \$760,000 in 1895, decreasing and finally disappearing in 1902; and 1910, \$149,000 was outstanding, this amount increasing to \$679,000 in 1912.

In the case of funds and investments the securities increased from \$7,693,000 in 1890 to \$59,079,000 in 1899, but subsequently falling to \$1,393,000 in 1912.

At the present time about 4.3 per cent of the total population of the United States is in the State of Texas, and 1.2 per cent of the total debt (less sinking fund assets) is attributed to this state.

The bulletin was compiled from bi-ennial reports furnished by the state department here covering the period from 1902 to 1912.

ABILENE HAS WATER AGAIN

The rain on Sunday came just in time to save Abilene. The water supply of that city was getting woefully short owing to a break of Lytle lake dam last fall causing the city to lose their water supply. The break was repaired and the lake is now filled with million of gallons of water.

SALUTING THE FLAG

According to the Fort Worth Record six men of Dallas recently ordered a Mexican tamale vender to salute the flag when no flag was in sight. The poor "greaser" being slow and showing a disregard for the invisible emblem, the noble six promptly kicked in the slats of the haughty Aztec. The Record cried, "On with the battle".

Small boys in Big Springs must have heard the call for last week a bunch of youngsters of that town armed themselves with negro-shooters and proceeded to the Mexican settlement of that town where they hoisted the American flag. The fun began when the first native of Mexico appeared on the scene, he two was slow to doff his hat but a volley from the boy brigade brought the offender to terms. Many of his country men were given a chance to "Salute the flag" without trouble but in every case where a disposition was shown to refuse the company opened fire with telling results.

Those Mexicans are monkeying with a biz saw when they stir up Texas. Memphis Commercial Appeal. The Appeal is substantiated by recent occurrences at Dallas and Big Springs.

IN MEXICO

Once more our battle banners fly
Their signals 'neath the Mexic sky,
Breeze-rippled in the sun;
Once more war's purple pageantry
Flames to a heart of mystery
With laurals to be won.

The years are many since Scott's hosts
Stormed home the Cerro-Gordo post
Rock-ribbed and bleached with snow,
And then from steeps where falls the light—
The conquered Churubuscan height—
Looked off toward Mexico.

The years are many since, with tread
That shook the Aztec heart with dread,
Our martial legions stood

In Montezuma's storied hall
And raised the thrilling victory call
That stirs e'en sluggard blood.

The years are many—aye, three score—
Since these things were and now once more
(There seems naught else to choose)

Our unfurled martial banners fly
Where broods the blue-gold tropic sky
O'er gun-girt Vera Cruz.

Mars wears his helmet plumed in red,
And men see Glorys laurels spread
By trails of long ago;

While women, clothed in silk or rag,
Pray for their lovers and their flag
Way down in Mexico!

—Sara Beaumont Kennedy.

WAR IN COLORADO

War in Mexico is a farce when compared with the present conditions in the state of Colorado. John D. Rockefeller has been appealed to in all his power to use his influences to stop the trouble that has caused the killing of 42 men, women and children.

Regular U. S. Federal Troops have been ordered to the scene, where the state militia has been in action for the purpose of preserving peace. In their peace movement assisted by mine guards machine guns were turned into a tent colony last week killing the above number of men women and children. President Wilson has made his attitude clear that the intention of the federal troops on the scene is for preserving order only and if his men and his influences take sway as they seem to be in Mexico the matter will soon be under meditation and we believe the situation will soon be relieved.

It is appealing that our own social conditions get so corrupt that we fight among ourselves. The great strikes are now becoming one of the greatest problems the United States Government has to deal with. They with their increasing rapidity assume a greater importance than the Canal Tolls question or similar measures our country is having to adjust.

Claude Callan of the Fort Worth Star Telegram says that a few chickens will help to keep down the grocery bill. He is right they will keep it all down, and an old hen with a few chicks can scratch down more spring experiments in a minute than the gardner can produce in a months time. Perhaps Claude owns the hen instead of the garden.

The Houston Post Says the war correspondent who interviewed Villa while he was taking a bath was evidently soft-soaped by the wily cut-throat.

General Coxey should steer his band to Merkel instead of Washington. Those fellows can only make an appeal at the White House while the hit the ball here promptly on their arrival for farmers are beginning to call for volunteers.

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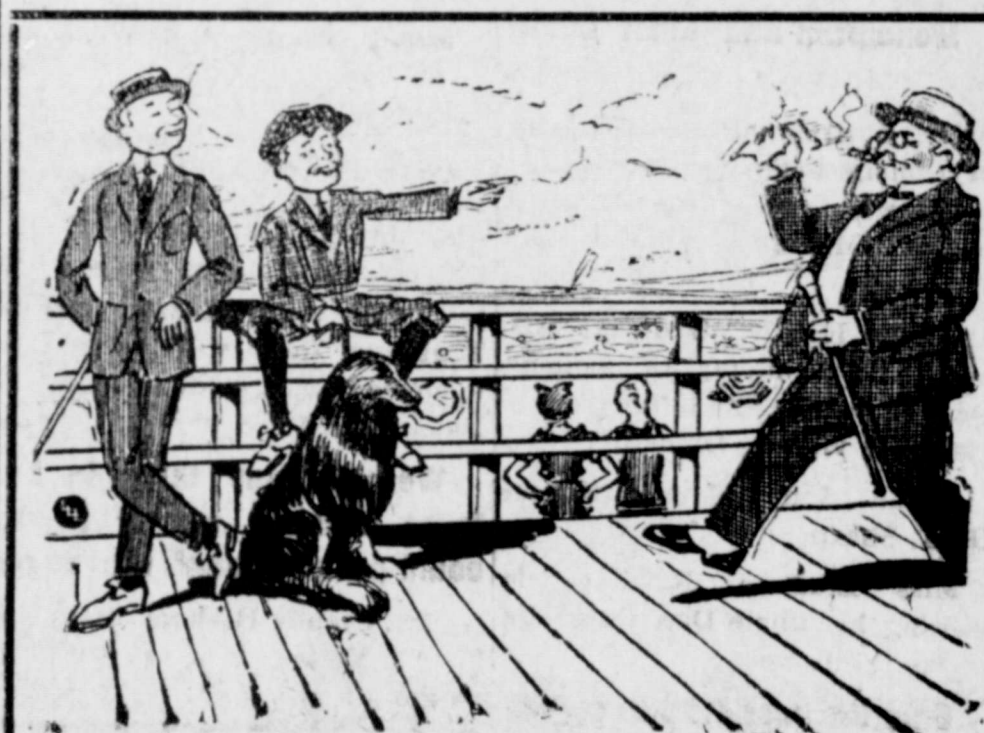
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2.25 Misses patent leather and kid Baby Doll Slippers	1.50	3.00 Ladies patent leather Slippers-one-strap	2.45
2.50 Ladies patent leather and kid Mary Jane Slippers	2.00	3.00 two strap patent leather medium heel Slippers	2.50
\$3.50 Ladies Dresses	\$2.95	75c mens dress shirts, collars attached	.50
40c to 50c Floral Ribbons	.25	50c mens work shirts	.39
1.00 Brocade Silk Messalines	.78	15c 36-inch draperies	.10
Seven Spools Best Thread	.25	Bargain laces choice on table No. 1	.05
75c Childrens Dresses	.50	Bargain laces choice on table No. 2	.10
10c embroideries and insertions	.05	35c crepe dress goods	.25c
75c yard-wide silk brocades	.50	75c crepe dress goods, 36 inch wide, extra special	.50c
75c 45-inch embroidered vail flouncings	.45	\$7.50 fine ready-made crepe dress, only one, to lady it fits	\$3.95
1.00 54-inch embroidered crepe flouncings	.75	15c yard wide guaranteed not to fade percales, only	.10c
15c perfumed talcums, extra special	.10	15c 38 inch fine bleached cambric, extra special	.10c
\$1.25 36 inch silk crepe-de-chine, extra special	.85c	\$3.00 Dress Pants for men	\$1.50
\$1.00 Childrens ankle strap kid solid leather slippers, May Sale	.855	Fine Mohair Dress Suits for men and young men	\$12.50
Mens fine balbriggan undershirts	.25c		

Hundreds of others too numerous to mention will be included in this MID-SEASON STOCK REDUCING SHOE SALE. You will be handsemely paid for the effort that it requires to investigate these goods and prices

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For District Clerk:
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J. N. Routh

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

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

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

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

For Weigher

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

JONES COUNTY CANDIDATES

For Sheriff:
Jet Milsap

For County Judge:
T. J. Barrett

Miss Winnie Gibson of Abilene was operated on for appendicitis at the Alenander Sanitarium Sunday. Her father J. D. Gibson of this place was with her at the time of the operation. Miss Gibson is reported resting well.

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Miss Ellis Phelps who has been visiting Mrs R. E. Bowles returned to her home at Abilene Monday.

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Notice

Miss Inice Whiteside of Abilene will give a reading at the Southside Christian church next Tuesday night in interest of the local library. Prices 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for school children.

For Sale or Exchange.

143 1/2 acres in Hill county for land in Merkel territory. T. L. Grimes.

U. S. Patrol Kills Ten.

Laredo, Texas, April 27.—Mexican federals who evacuated Nueva Laredo, Friday, after setting fire to the town and skirmishing with the American border patrol, yesterday attempted to cross to the American side at Minera, twenty miles north of Laredo, and were driven back by United States soldiers with a loss of ten killed and twenty wounded, according to an unconfirmed report received here.

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Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt. Gen. Pass. Agt.
Dallas, Texas

Dr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Miller returned Wednesday morning from a ten days visit with Dr. J. A. Adkisson and family of Beaumont. Dr. Miller reports the former Merkel people enjoying the boggy wet oily town to the best of their ability and says he likes Beaumont, but the "This is the life" for him.

ENSILAGE WITHOUT A SILO

By H.A. Holbert, Coleman, Texas

The word "ensilage" is derived from three words: En for In, the word Silo, meaning a cavity, a trench under ground, and the word Age, meaning something added to. Hence the original meaning of the word "ensilage" is something that has been added or placed in a cavity. The first ensilage was made this way, in trenches or pits dug in the earth and filled with green succulent forage, and these pits are still often used. There is no doubt but what this method of curing grain and forage plants was practiced in remote ages of the Eastern continent.

Silo now conveys to the mind a large circular tower made of wood, concrete, or metal. They are splendid things for the purpose for which they are intended, but so costly that they are out of the reach of the ordinary farmer. So is a mansion a splendid thing to dwell in, but out of the reach of farmers. Yet we do not see a farmer living without shelter because he cannot build a mansion. He builds the best house his means will afford for the protection of himself and family. Why not use the same prudent and common sense in preparing that succulent and nutritious feed for your stock, called "ensilage?" No doubt many would if they only knew how, but no one has taught them. Only those who make a profit in silo building and machinery have agitated the question and brought prominently before the farmer and stock-raiser the modern silo and its methods for making ensilage. The object of this article is to tell how ensilage can be made cheaply and without an expensive silo.

Ensilage is nothing more than stock feed cooked by heat, engendered by a natural process of fermentation. Stock feed, like human food, becomes much more nutritious when cooked, but cooked too far in advance mold and decay will set up before it is consumed, if exposed too much to the elements. This is the great advantage of the walls of the silo, the protection they afford. Again, larger the bulk and more compact it is, better it will cook by fermentation and prosect itself. By taking advantage of the facts mentioned in the sentence splendid ensilage can be made in the open by bulking sorghum, milo maize, corn stalks, etc., before they are entirely cured. It is best to have any of the above cut with a corn harvester, as this compacts the stalks close together and makes them more easily handled in stacking. The stack, or better a very large rick, should be put up just as if you were putting up dry feed so as to turn water. It is best to let the stalks become about half cured before ricking it. Then a sufficient fermentation to cook the fodder tender, and will not be apt to spoil as if put up as green as in a silo. In a rick of this description for a foot or two the butt ends which should always be turned outwards, will cure like dry fodder and will greatly protect the cooked interior. Ensilage made in this fashion will keep all winter and far into the spring in West Texas, without any protection from ordinary scant winter rains. It is best to protect in West Texas with a shed to turn rains and absolutely necessary in other sec-

tions where winter rains are common. If a cheap shed is constructed eight to ten feet wide and sixteen to twenty feet long by setting poles in the ground, a row of them every four to six feet across ways the shed to support a roof of plank, shingles or iron, it will be very convenient and nearly as good as a silo in making and preserving ensilage made from the above material. Box up the gable ends and leave the sides open to put in and out the feed. Have the roof to slope towards the sides. Put the tied bundles with heads to center of shed. The row of poles will separate the shed into several partitions, which will be very convenient when it comes to feeding and in preserving the ensilage. But one partition ought to be fed out at a time and leave the others undisturbed. It will keep better. Have the shed ten to twelve feet high and fill each partition separately and tramp well as filled. Most any farmer can afford a shed like this, who cannot build a silo. Many a crop he now allows to go to waste, such as milo maize and corn stalks can be converted into such succulent and nutritious feed and sweet sorghums greatly improved over the dry feed, by following the above directions. Smaller substances such as hay, peavines, peanuts, can be stored half cured in an ordinary bin or crib, and converted into excellent ensilage. Much heat will be created in the curing process, but need not be alarmed of setting things on fire. The moisture will be too great where the heat is, for combustion. I have made ensilage out of sorghum by stacking when half cured for dry fodder, and know what I am writing about. It turns a tobacco brown to black in color, is damp with moisture and has a very pleasant odor and stock will devour it greedily in preference to any other feed. Put up a supply to last until May, as it can not be kept over like it can in a silo.

SOCIETY

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Miss Zora West last Saturday evening. Delightful music added to the pleasure of the evening in which a number of games were played. Refreshments were served to Misses Grace Diltz, Carroll Rister, Almeda Harris, Mary and Jackie Jennings, Mattie T. Mann, Lucille Peek, Willie Swann, Una Hall, Mamie Ellis, Georgia and Sallie Toombs and J. W. Mann.

Prof. R. A. Busgess entertained the Senior class at the Rust & McCauley Drug Store Monday evening following the Commencement exercises at the Methodist church. Cream, cake and fountain drinks were served to the entire eighteen members of the class.

Mrs. W. E. Brittain entertained a week-end house party at her home on Rose street. Picture shows, music and games featured in the diversion. Her guests were Misses Grace Sandifer and Beulah Echols of Simmons College, Abilene, Misses Lucile Peak and Francis Burroughs.

AN ORDINANCE

An ordinance granting to the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Co. the right to construct underground conduits in the streets, alleys and public grounds of the city of Merkel and to place its wires, cables and conductors in the same and to connect the same with its overhead telephone construction as the same now exists and as the same may be extended from time to time in said city and to operate and maintain the same so placed and so connected for the term of twenty-five years and superceding franchise heretofore granted to the Texas & Pacific Telephone Company.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Merkel that the right is hereby granted to the Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Co., its successors and assigns to construct underground conduits along and under all the streets, alleys and public grounds of the city of Merkel, and to place therein its wires and cables and to connect such wires and cables so placed with its overhead telephone construction in the said city of Merkel, and such other overhead construction as may from time to time be convenient and necessary for the purpose of operating its telephone system in said city of Merkel, and to maintain and operate the same so connected and placed for the term of 25 years from the date of the passage of this ordinance.

Section 2. Said underground conduits shall be placed along such sides of said streets and alleys as may be provided by the city council. The said underground construction shall not be required to be done immediately nor shall this ordinance be construed so as to require all said street or alleys to be provided with such conduits, but parts of same shall be done from time to time during the term of this franchise at such times as in the opinion of the said Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Company the same may be necessary for the proper maintenance and operation of said Company's telephone plant and exchange in said city.

Section 3. The said conduits and wires shall be so placed and maintained as not to incommode travel in said highways after the same are constructed, and said Telephone Company shall hold said city free from all damages that may be recovered against it by reason of any negligence on the part of said company in the construction, maintenance and operation of said telephone plant.

Section 4. The rights herein granted are not exclusive but the City Council may grant similar rights to any other person or corporation at any time provided such grants shall not interfere with the proper exercise of the privilege herein granted.

Section 5. The said telephone company agrees to furnish to the said city of Merkel, one telephone, and the said city of Merkel hereby agrees to rent from the said telephone company at least one telephone continually, to be connected with said telephone company's exchange in said city and placed in office and buildings in said city used by said city for its officers under direction of said city for the period of 25 years from the date of the passage of this ordinance, for which and for all other telephones furnished by the said telephone company to the said city of Merkel, the said city of Merkel shall pay to said telephone company each month the same monthly charge as is made by said telephone company to other patrons connected with said telephone Co's exchange in said city of Merkel for similar service.

Section 6. In consideration of this grant the said The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company shall place one duct in said conduits as said conduits are constructed for the use of said city for its fire alarm or police wires, provided that no high potential wires or light or power wires shall ever be placed in said duct, and as a further consideration of this grant said company shall pay to the said city the sum of one hundred and ten dollars (\$110.00) per year, payable on the 1st day of April in each and every year during the life of this franchise the first payment to be made April 1st 1914 for the pro-rata part of 12 months subsequent to to, the passage of this ordinance.

Section 7. That this franchise supercedes and cancels that certain franchise granted to the Texas & Pacific Telephone Company, of date Oct. 4th 1906.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and the filing by said com-

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

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

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

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

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

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

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

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. J-66

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pany of an unconditional written acceptance of the terms of this franchise in the office of the City Secretary of said city.

Approved
J. J. Stallings, Mayor.
Attest:
R. A. McClain, City Sec'y.



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12-1 lb cans Baking Powder, Foreign Retailers Price	2.22, Dallas freight 10c, total 2.32, Our Price	1.60, net saving 72c
12 cans best California Peaches, Foreign Retailers Price	2.55, Dallas freight 17c, total 2.72, Our Price	2.20, net saving 52c
12 cans best Apricots, Foreign Price	2.55, Dallas freight 17c, total 2.72, Our Price	2.20, net saving 52c
12 cans best Pears, Foreign Retailers Price	2.59, Dallas freight 17c, total 2.76, Our Price	2.15, net saving 61c
12-2 lb cans Tomatoes, Foreign Retailers Price	1.32, Dallas freight 15c, total 1.47, Our Price	.95, net saving 52c
12-2 lb cans Corn, Foreign Retailers Price	1.36, Dallas freight 15c, total 1.51, Our Price	1.25, net saving 26c
10 lb Shortening, Foreign Retailers Price	1.32, Dallas freight 7c, total 1.39, Our Price	1.05, net saving 34c
1 case Pure Cane Syrup, Foreign Retailers Price	3.10, Dallas freight 37c, total 3.49, Our Price	3.00, net saving 49c
1 case best Sorghum, Foreign Retailers Price	2.65, Dallas freight 39c, total 3.04, Our Price	2.40, net saving 64c
	\$28.67	\$2.90
	\$31.57	\$25.25
		\$6.32

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"THERE'S A REASON"

H. TURNER

THE SANITARY GROCERY

JIM BLACK

MERCHANTS WORK ON DIVIDE ROAD

There was a call meeting of the Merkel Retail Merchants Association Monday afternoon by President Anderson for the special purpose of immediate consideration of some means for the improvement of the Merkel and Canyon and Divide public roads. The condition of the roads were reported by several of the members and the association was given a hatful of good common sense and practical suggestions by T. J. Toombs, a visitor who was present.

After considerable discussion it was voted the sense of the association to provide immediately at least one good thoroughfare through the Canyon valley and to the top of the Dora hill and to this end a committee was appointed to view the road next Tuesday and report to the regular meeting of the association that night when arrangements will be made for the funds. It is the hope of the association to receive the cooperation of the county commissioners and a number of the enterprising farmers of the Canyon and Divide territory in the enterprise.

There is a movement on foot by the organization for a bond issue for the permanent improvement of this and other main roads in our territory but this can not be done in time for the relief of the present situation and the improvement will be made by funds raised by subscription with the help of the county and others interested.

20th Century Club

The 20th Century Club will meet at the Library Saturday evening at 2.30.

Eyes Sunken With Pain.

Three years ago I had a very bad spell of neuralgia which caused my eyes to become sunken and bloodshot with pain. Hunt's Lightning Oil was recommended and, after using, the pain left and has not returned; says A. M. Coffey; 316, Van Buren Street, Litchfield Ill. This wonderful medicine is sold by all druggists everywhere. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Miss Lila Sandlin of Abilene visiting her mother Mrs. N. E. Sandlin Sunday.

Not Fit For Ladies.

Public sentiment should be against it and we believe it is; there can be no reason why ladies should suffer with headaches and neuralgia, especially when Hunt's Lightning Oil gives such prompt relief. It is simply a question of getting the ladies to try it. All druggist sell Hunt's Lightning Oil in 25c and 50c bottles. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

NOTICE MASONS

You are expected to attend the Masonic Corner Stone laying of the new Taylor county court house at 2 o'clock today (Friday) at Abilene.

All Knight Templars are to wear full regalia during the services. Merkel Masons can reach Abilene via T.&P. 10:57 east bound.

Buy Nyals 50c size face cream for 30c at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Be sure and see my hats and get my prices before you buy your Spring millinery. Lizzie Mae Freemon.

Skin Diseases Cured.

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

Miss Susie Penn visited Miss Alice Williams in Abilene the past week.

Miss Lucile Bell was the week end guest of her sister Mrs. Joe Shelton of Abilene.

No Calomel Necessary.

The injurious effect and unpleasantness of taking calomel is done away with by Simmons Liver Purifier, the mildest known liver medicine, yet the most thorough in action. Put up in yellow tin boxes only. Prices 25c. Tried once used always. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

HAND WANTED—Man with family Apply to Sam Butman, Nubia, Texas.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—A fine well improved fruit and truck farm, one half mile of Clyde. Will take good farm near Merkel. Slater & Council Land Co. Clyde, Texas. tf.

FOR SALE—Good Jersey cow. Fresh in milk, and gives two gallons per day. See W. Parten at Parten Dry Goods Co

STOLEN—From north ward school building between April 10th to 13th, No. 2 kodak and small nickle plated clock. Finder return to Miss Jessie Sutphen and get reward.

LOST—Bunch of keys with name of W. P. Duckett attached. Return to owner and get reward.

HOUSE FOR RENT—Close in town, See R. L. Bland at Anchor. Merc. Co. tf.

HAND WANTED—Man with family preferred. Phone, write or call on Jno. Moore, Route 3.

WANTED—Two, three or four rooms for light housekeeping. Address letter giving name, location and price to. R. care Mail

Nubia School to Close.

The Nubia school is to close tonight, (Friday) after a successful term. Exercises are to be held at the school house. Speeches, dialogues and such is a portion of the program to be rendered.

The school has been under the direction of Miss Nellie Boring.

Who Does Your Laundry?

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

ANY TIME YOU HAVE LAUNDRY PHONE 48 AND MR. THOMAS

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

Merkel, Texas

THE ABILENE STEAM LAUNDRY

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Shiloh.

The farmers out this way are rejoicing over the recent rains.

Sunday school was rather small Sunday on account of the rain.

There was no prayer meeting Sunday night because of the muddy roads.

Miss Mae Grayson spent Tuesday with Miss Lena Pomroy.

School closed at Shiloh last week.

Mesdames Teasley and Blasingame were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Joe Winter and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Green and children.

A few from here attended the singing convention at Merkel.

Earl Sewell of the Canyon spent a few days last week with Roy Teasley.

Miss Effie Mayberry was visiting Miss Nina Beavers Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Wheeler of Noodle were visiting in this community Sunday.

J. H. Grayson and sons Roger and Edgar are digging a storm house this week.

Salt Branch.

There was not any Sunday school or singing Sunday as most every one attended the Taylor County Singing Convention. There was plenty of good singing and dinner for everybody.

S. Wood of Loraine was visiting relatives in this community this week.

Mack Buzbee and wife of the Mulberry community were visiting J. E. Higgins and wife Sunday.

Our Literary school closed Friday with an exhibition Friday night. The weather being so bad not many attended. The exercises were fine. The teachers were Barney Garrett of Merkel and Miss Martha Bird of the Mulberry community.

Several of the young people of this community visited Barney Garrett at Merkel Sunday.

Everything is looking fine in this community since the rain.

Messrs W. B. Robertson and Will Hays were in Merkel on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Elmer Shipley visited relatives near Stith Wednesday.

Misses Cora and Alma Hays visited relatives in Merkel Saturday and Sunday.

Minutes of the Taylor County Singing Convention

The Taylor County Singing Convention met at Merkel, Texas April 25th 1918. Being called to order at 3:30 p. m. by Pres. Clark. The opening song was led by C. C. Bankhead, after which credentials were called for.

There being only two classes present the matter of seating delegates was postponed until the night session. A program committee was then appointed, Luther Webb being selected as chairman. Song service engaged in and led by various leaders selected by the program committee. Adjournment to meet at 8 p. m., for night session.

8 o'clock session called to order by Pres. Clark. After the opening song credentials were collected from the following classes: Buffalo Gap, Merkel, Trent, Caps and Kale. Prof. Webb was elected president, Ira Armstrong Vice President, C. C. Bankhead secretary and Miss Maude Ferguson organist. Convention adjourned at 9:30 p. m. to meet Sunday morning at 9 a. m., after which Mr. Groene gave a picture show to the Convention. Sunday session April 26th Convention called to order by President Webb, opening song led by Prof. Webb, after which other leaders were called as the program committee had arranged. Welcome address by O. J. Adcock. Convention adjourned at twelve o'clock for dinner. Audience dismissed by Rev. Baker.

Sunday evening session called to order by President Webb opening song led by J. A. Buford



IMPLEMENTS!

The time for buying Implements is here, and we are here with the goods. Do not fail to see our line before you make your purchase. We have the tried and true John Deere Cultivators, in single and double row, also Avery's Lucky Jim. Anything in the Implement and Plow line that a farmer may need can be found here, and at attractive prices too.

We have received a car of new Buggies, in various styles and prices, we have a buggy to suit all requirements. A complete line of Shelf Hardware, Cutlery, Queensware, Tinware, etc., also a full line of screen wire and poultry netting. Don't forget the Darling line of Cook Stoves, when you may be in the market for a stove, they make cooking a special delight to any woman who is fortunate enough to own one of them.

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Other leaders were called as had been arranged by the program committee, by Prof. Laney, Warren, Rice and others. Nominations in order for a home for the next convention Kale being nominated there being no other nominations.

The convention closed at 4:30 p. m. to meet with the Kale class the second Saturday and Sunday in September 1914.

C. C. Bankhead, Sec'y.

Duck Eggs for Sale.

I have a limited supply of Indian Runner Duck eggs for sale. \$1.00 per setting. W. P. Duckett.

W. O. W.

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

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

Late Birth Reports

Oliver Boden and wife a girl. Mr. and Mrs. Will Armstrong a girl. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pierce a girl and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cary a boy.

Notice to Breeders.

I will stand at Hellums Wagon Yard in Merkel the Hackney horse at \$15, the two Armstrong Jacks at \$10 and my horse Dan at \$10 to insure living foal. Will use all care possible but will not be responsible for accidents. Will Hellums.

Noodle Man to Trent

Jim Beene of Noodle who has been in the grocery business at that place during the past will move to Trent within the next few days where he has purchased the stock of drugs belonging to C. P. Stevens.

Mr. Stevens was owner of the stock through a transaction with Dr. J. H. Warnick of this place.

Reward for Lost Yearling

I will give \$5.00 for the return to me of one yearling heifer, fawn jersey color. Has crop and under-bit in left ear. and figure 4 brand on left side neck. S. A. Derstine.



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IT'S A PLEASURE TO DRESS

when you have had your shirts, collars, etc., done up at this laundry. No need to paw over your linen to find a shirt with the buttons all on, a collar whose edge is not saw toothed or button holes torn. We don't injure things we launder. Our methods preserve them. Test us by a trial next time.

WANTED!

Clean Cotton Rags at the Merkel Mail Office at once.

SPECIAL PRICES

Well I am still here and handle a complete line of Groceries and feed and can give you the best prices that any one else can give you for I pay cash and sell for cash and that is the reason I can make you such close prices. I will quote you a few staple articles and you can compare them with the other man's prices and see what you are paying for your Groceries.

100 lbs. best flour in town.	\$2.75
100 lbs. Eagle Brand sugar.	4.60
25 lbs. Eagle Brand sugar.	1.20
10 lbs. Diamond D Syrup.	.50
10 lbs. Swallow Syrup.	.50
3 cans Krout.	.25
3 cans Hominy.	.25
3 cans Pink Salmon.	.25
3 lb. can Sweet Potatoes.	.10
5 gals. Eupion Oil.	.65
5 gals. Headlight Oil.	.50
12 Boxes Matches.	.40
25c can K. C. Baking Powder.	.20

And have lots of other bargains that I can give you if you will give me a chance. I will sell you feed as cheap as anyone. You will find that I handle the best quality of feed that is in the market. Come and let me show you how much I can save you. Walter Clark.

Mrs. P. E. Glenn enroute from El Paso, where she visited her brother John Mershon, to her home at Dallas spent a few days with her brother C. T. Mershon leaving for Dallas Monday morning.

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NEEDFUL KNOWLEDGE

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Noodle.

There was the best rain fall Friday and Saturday night. Some few of the farmers had planted cotton and lots of feed stuff.

School was out at the Horn School house Friday.

Rev. Robenett did not fill his appointment here Sunday. R. V. Burmon preached Saturday night and Sunday.

Saturday night the rain caught them at the church and kept them till one o'clock but of course the rain was fine.

W. Rountree and family were the guests of N. Hatfield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sperce has a fine girl in their home.

Miss Laura Durm is visiting friends here for a few days.

Blair.

Well the big rain come and the heaviest that has been here in many years. Considerable damage was done to the crops. Most all of them will have to be planted over again. The new graded roads were also damaged to the extent that the overseers are calling out their hands to repair the washouts, but all are rejoicing over the fine season and prospects for a crop.

The young people of the B. Y. P. U. of Butman are expected to render a program at the Blair Baptist church Sunday night.

Rev. J. P. Sibley has an appointment to preach at the Blair school house the 1st Sunday evening in May.

There was no school Monday as the teachers were at Merkel and failed to get here on account of the big rain.

No Mail was carried on the star route out of Blair Monday on account of Mulberry creek being so high the carrier could not cross it.

Mrs. S. E. Adcock visited her mother at Buffalo Gap the past week.

Miss Clarice Moore visited her sister Mrs. Demer of the Canyon Sunday.

Grandma Powell is a visitor this week in the home of S. E. Adcock.

Wouldn't Salute; Gets Ducked

Monday morning two rebels against stylish wearing apparel of masculine gender appeared on the streets here in black and white checked suits bearing the manufacturers date of 1867. Hats were worn to match and the two paraders Senior Roscoe Sharp and Tally Holloway were having the time of their lives and showing off after the rain.

Their appearance caused wide attention owing to the loudness of the suits. Former friends ordered them to salute, they refused to do so. The home guards then captured the two rebels and carried them boldly to the drainage ditch east of the T. & P. depot which was full of running muddy water and tossed them in head first. The cuprits made a good swim of it and reached the opposite bank. Angered by the ducking the submerged victims on reaching dry territory charged the local guards and hugged the straglers in bear fashion. They completely routed the crowd of onlookers who had assembled to watch the display. The scene was witnessed by about 250 people.

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