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GOOD RAINS HERE; FLOODS ELSEWHERE

While our country has been enjoying ideal crop producing weather, many parts of Texas and Oklahoma have been suffering from flood waters and cyclones.

Practically all the country along the Canadian river in lower Oklahoma has been visited by heavy rains, causing millions of dollars damage to the country and railroads of that section. Three men were drowned near Bridgeport, Okla., in attempting to save property on the Canadian river. Immense steel railroad bridges, thought to stand any flood waters were swept away by a thirty foot rise.

At Maud and Redwater in Bowie county, this state the toll of life has reached three, caused by a cyclone striking that section. At Maud a small town of some three hundred inhabitants Mrs. Pearl White and her small child were hurled through the air for several hundred feet, death coming to both instantaneously. The town of Redwater is reported to have been completely blown away.

Do Your Eyes Hurt

See Mrs. E. M. Rust, optometrist at Rust & McCauley Drug Store: Glasses fitted carefully and correctly.

Restaurant Blaze Tuesday.

Tuesday morning about one o'clock the fire department was called out to extinguish a blaze in the Sanders restaurant on front street.

Nightwatchman King gave the alarm when he was attracted to the place by a loud noise, supposed to have been made by the explosion of a coffee percolator from which the blaze probably started. The damage will amount to about \$100 according to a statement made by Mr. Sanders the proprietor.

TRENT SCHOOL TO CLOSE MAY 20TH

The Trent school will close May 20th, after what has probably been the best school term that town has ever had.

The commencement exercises will begin Wednesday evening May 20 with a declamation contest. Valuable prizes are offered to the winners of both reading and declamation.

The grammar school, exercises and general program will be held Thursday evening while the Graduating exercises will be held Friday evening on the closing day of the schools.

Superintendent G. L. Farrar and his assistant Miss Strahan and Miss Evans, teacher of intermediate grades have been re-elected to the schools for next year. The primary teacher is to be elected.

Misses Ola and Tennie Pope were visitors in Cisco Monday.

Re-Union And Two Days Get-to- Gether Meet For Merkel Country

BARBECUE PICNIC IS SUGGESTED FOR JULY 3RD AND 4TH

Probable Nature of Picnic Affair Will be Public Speaking By County, District and State Candidates. Barbecue is Proposed, Ball Games and Broncho Busting and various other Amusements

What is looked forward to as being the largest gathering in Merkel since former Senator Joseph Weldon Bailey spoke here in 1907 to a crowd of 10,000 people, is to be held here July third and fourth.

While definite arrangements have not yet been made the meeting of this year is intended as a purely social affair for Merkel and Merkel country, a meeting where all meet for two days of good times and part with a handshake of good fellowship. Those who have suggested this two days picnic or re-union ask that people from all parts of Merkels trade territory commit themselves when in the city as to the plans best suited for their own mutual entertainment and pleasure during the two days.

Arrangements are under way to get at least one if not two GUBNERTORIAL CANDIDATES to be present and present their claims to our people. Other state candidates will be here it is thought district candidates, county and precinct aspirants will gather here to mingle with the voters and present their claims.

For the entertainment of those who who are in Merkel on these dates, various amusements are planned. Baseball, broncho busting, foot races, sack races, candidate speaking, barbecue or picnic dinner on one day.

In staging this two days meet of Merkel and Merkel country people it is necessary that co-operation be given from all parts of the country in order that it will be a success. Every farmer, stockman, merchant and other representatives of our town and country are expected to lend a hand in making this a feature attraction for Merkel worth while. Remember the dates, July 3rd and 4th and talk Merkel.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES ELECTED SATURDAY

In the election of school trustees Saturday J. T. Dennis, N. D. Cobb and Dr. M. Armstrong were elected as trustees by a vote of 97, 96 and 83 respectively out of a total vote of 146, the largest number of votes ever polled in an election of school trustees at this place.

In passing comment on the new members of the board we would say that all of them are men well qualified to fill the position, who have the interest of the country at heart and who have a personal interest in keeping our school standard up to the highest mark possible.

To The Retiring School Board.

Since some of the school board for 1912 are retiring, we cannot let the opportunity pass to say a word of appreciation.

They have shown a high degree of diplomacy in trying to satisfy the demands of popular opinion and at the same time to gallantly, heroically and faithfully "stand pat" for what they conceived to be their duty. While an office on the school board holds little compensation and usually much criticism, yet it is one of the greatest trusts and honors within the gift of any community. The many difficulties presenting themselves to members of a school board are brain worrying and those who have earnestly and zealously discharged the duties of the office of trustee as have those who are retiring are deserving of

HEAVY HAIL IN CANYON COUNTRY

Sunday afternoon a heavy hail fell in the lower Canyon country doing damage to the small grain.

Reports coming from that section that in places the fall was heavy enough to ruin half the crop of the small grain. The affected area was not very large.

NEW MEMBERS OF SCHOOL BOARD IN

Monday evening the outgoing members of the Merkel Independent School Board met in regular session with others members of the board to complete such business as they could for the past school year.

After this session was over the new members of the school board, J. T. Dennis, N. D. Cobb and Dr. O. F. McMaster were called and sworn to discharge the duties of their office. On election of officers for the school board J. S. Swann was re-elected as president and the office of vice-president created. N. D. Cobb was elected to this office. Dr. J. H. Warnick being elected secretary. After a social get-together meeting the body adjourned pending a call from the president or vice-president at an early date.

Commendation as men worthy of any confidence imposed upon them.

TO ATTEND MEET OF STATE FIREMEN

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department will be represented at Victoria by three delegates from our town.

Chief Ferrier, Foreman Occie Burns and George Woodrum will leave here Sunday for that city to participate in what is looked forward to, as being the largest meeting of fire-fighters ever held in the state. The railway passes arrived here this week for the local boys. The railroads of Texas show their appreciation for all volunteer firemen by granting delegates free transportation to state meets.

W. T. Sears Dead

Jno. Sears, vice president of the Farmers State Bank here received a message Wednesday evening telling him of the death of his father, W. T. Sears of Whitewright, Texas. The message did not state the cause of the aged mans death.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Sears and F. Sears of this place left immediately for Whitewright to attend the funeral. The deceased is well known here having visited in our midst a number of times.

Notice Hunters and Fishers.

No hunters, fishers or swimmers allowed on or about my tank near Merkel or in my pasture adjoining same or passers through my land. Infringers will absolutely be prosecuted.

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MOTHERS DAY AT THE PRES. CHURCH

Mothers' Day exercises will be observed May 10th, at the Presbyterian church. The Sunday school meeting promptly at 10 o'clock will render a program, omitting the regular session. The program will consist of readings, mottoes, and music appropriate to the occasion.

At the eleven o'clock hour preaching service with special music. We hope to make the day enjoyable, hopeful and inspiring to mothers, fathers and the children.

Everyone has a mother, some are blessed with her constant presence, her daily life and her loving care while with others she is far away and an occasional letter or a less occasional visit is the extent of her association, while with still others she is still farther away, (shall we say that?) she lives with us and associates with us only so far as she is cherished and hallowed in our memories. But all are conscious of the constancy of mother love.

Honor your mother by attending and helping in these services. Preaching services at 8 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

E. P. McMillen, Snpt.
Herbert E. Bullock, Pastor.

Infant Baby Dies

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Russell died Monday night after a very short illness.

Burial services were held in Rose Hill Cemetery Tuesday afternoon. Services were conducted by Rev. Hubert E. Bullock.

Mothers Day Service

Mothers Day will be observed at the Baptist Church. Sunday May 10th.

W. M. Gaddy, Pastor.

LOCAL MASONS TO ABILENE FRIDAY

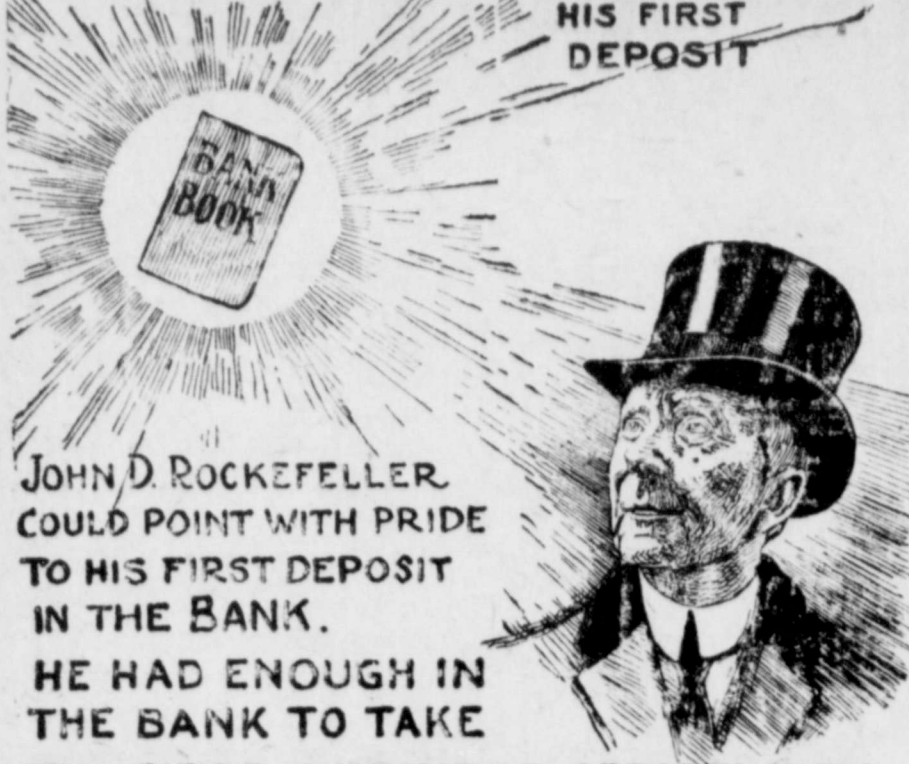
A good representation of Merkel Masons was at Abilene last Friday to take part in the corner stone laying of the new county court house.

About 300 masons, members of the Blue lodge and Knights Templar participated in the parade from the Abilene hall to the site of the new court house, which already is assuming marked outlines of architectural beauty a building commemorated by the dedication of Friday. Rev. Hearon delivered an oration in honor of the occasion. Making a lecture pronounced by all attending Masons as the most appropriate for such an occasion they had ever had the pleasure of hearing.

Lawns! Lawns! Lawns!

We have over 1000 yards of 12 1/2 and 15 cent lawns, all shades and figures that we are going to sell at 5c per yard while they last. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

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LIGHT RAIN IN MERKEL COUNTRY

Ideal damp weather following the four inch rain of April 26th and 27th, terminated in a light rain Sunday evening, which amount with a sprinkle in the early part of last week amounted to .38 of an inch.

Since the rain Sunday the weather has been almost perfect for spring planting and the farmers throughout the country are making use of the excellent season.

NEW BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEET

Monday evening the old city council met and passed on the business on hand before vacating their chairs to the new members Messrs Williams, Sharp and Harris.

Following the oath of office the following committees were appointed. Claims and Accounts; Williams, Sharp and Adams. Fire Dept.; Williams, Sharp and Harris. Finance, Sharp, Adams and Hamilton. Police; Hamilton Williams and Harris. Public Health Hamilton, Adams and Williams. Streets, Alleys and Public Grounds; Hamilton, Sharp and Harris. Water and Lights; Adams, Harris and Hamilton. J. O. Hamilton, mayor pro-tem.

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IN THE REAR OF PARTEN'S STORE

WANTED: Clean Cotton Rags at The Merkel Mail Office

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Jep Horton are the proud parents of a fine boy born Sunday.

Mrs. T. L. Grimes is in Sylvester this week visiting her son Dr. R. I. Grimes and wife.

Misses Willie and Janie Lee Weir were in Abilene Monday visiting friends and relatives.

Slippers for everyone \$1.00—Hogue-Hamilton Co.

O. M. Coggin and sister Miss Zora were in Cisco the latter part of last week. Mr. Coggin was there on business while Miss Coggin visited Mrs. C. B. Scarborough.

Miss Bill O'Brain of Rankin was the guest of the Miss Weirs last week. Stopping off here while on her return home from Tyler where she has been in school during the past winter.

Miss Louise Warren returned home Tuesday from Hawley where she visited relatives.

Miss Eula Morris of Wayland came in Monday evening to visit her sister Mrs. W. V. Cranford.

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

Mrs. W. J. Sheppard and children, Wm and Benjamin are in Duncan, Okla., visiting the former sister Mrs. Ed J. Leeman.

Mrs. E. M. Rust visited in Abilene last week.

Library Readers: Please note the change in the Library hours, Beginning Monday May 11th the hours will be changed. Be sure and remember to come from 5 to 6 o'clock.

Misses May Elliott and Zora Lee Burton who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott have returned to their home at Hamlin.

Don't fail to see that cheap voil and lawns only 5c per yard—Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Miss Lillian Welch of Aspermont is visiting her aunt Mrs. J. B. Ferrier this week.

The Behrens McMillen Fur Co., has a nice show window just now advertising the McDougal Kitchen cabinets and the sales on them which is told in an ad elsewhere in this issue. The window is very attractive and the disappearing front of the cabinets is drawing much attention to passers by.

We are still catering for cash. Remember our prices are right on groceries—Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Miss Payne of Abilene was in our city Tuesday.

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

Mrs. C. D. Simpson is visiting her daughter Mrs. T. E. Chirstopher of Abilene.

There is quite a bit of comment about the new club of ten to be organized in Merkel, "Mack" of the Behrens McMillen Fur Co., is now prepared to tell all the particulars.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dickson of Cleburne came in Wednesday afternoon to visit the former brother W. H. Dickson of this place who has been in very bad health for a number of months.

E. Henderson left Wednesday afternoon for parts of Colorado to be gone for several months.

Friday, Saturday & Monday GREAT BARGAINS AT WOODROOFS

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\$1.50 Gingham Dresses, special - - - 1.25
\$1.25 Gingham Dresses, special - - - .95
\$1.00 Gingham Dresses, special - - - .79

Bargains all through the store for these three days

W. D. Woodroof and Company

Miss Lucille Peek who taught in the Merkel High school the past winter returned to her home at Abilene Monday.

Virgil Bradley of Abilene is here visiting his grand-parents Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McDonald.

Don't forget to bring your produce to the Merkel Bargain Store, and get the best market price for your goods, at the same time give you bargains in anything you want to buy. W. P. Duckett.

Mrs. G. W. Black and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Colvert, all of Sweetwater came in Sunday to visit the family of W. Parten. Mr. and Mrs. Calvert returned to their home Sunday evening while Mrs. Black remained to visit with her sister Mrs. W. Parten.

"Mack" can tell you all about that new club of ten that is to be organized in Merkel. Ask him about it. It is worth while.

R. O. Anderson has been in Fort Worth most of this week attending the annual meeting of Texas Bankers.

L. Brown formerly with the Rust & McCauley Drug Co., of this city was here Saturday and Sunday visiting friends and looking after business matters. Mr. Brown is traveling for a well known pharmaceutical house.



COL. PURINA REPULSES GEN. HURT-HER AND HIS ARMY OF IMPOSTERS

BULLETINS

RECEIVED HOURLY BY CHICKEN WIRE

Col. Purina wins big victory saving 2,039,430 chicks in two days' battle. New chicks are arriving by thousands every day and Col. Purina is determined to protect them from Gen. Hurt-Her and his army of impostors. Right and Might and Quality and Confidence are Col. Purina's mainstay in winning Notable Victories.

It is reported that Col. Purina has shipped 20,000 Sewing Machines to the front to hem the border around Gen. Hurt-Her's territory.

Call at the Sanitary Grocery for Purina products, together with all other good things in "Grocerydom."

"THERE'S A REASON"

THE SANITARY GROCERY



LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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Miss Lucile Peek who has been connected with the schools here during the past year, left for Sonora Wednesday afternoon on a visit.

Mebane Cotton seed for sale at 75 cents per bushel at Duckett's store opposite the postoffice. 8t2pd

Mrs. R. O. Anderson is in Weatherford visiting Mrs. L. Gambol this week.

Housewives interested in the new "club of ten" should ask "McMillen" about all the particulars.

Mrs. Leonard Sublett is visiting her parente Mr. Mrs. T. E. Chirstopher of Abilene, this week.

R. E. Hall buys all kinds of poultry.

Mrs. L. J. Renfro visited her sister Mrs. W. M. Ileenhouser of Putnam the past week.

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

Mrs. M. G. Mosley who has been visiting her daughter Mrs. B. C. Moore returned to her home at Haskell Thursday.

Mrs. E. C. Riney and son Claudie spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Riney of Abilene.

Hat one dollar and your old hat—Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Miss Virginia Hamblet is visiting Mrs. Walter Duckett of Snyder this week.

Little Miss Doris Hamner of Trent was the guest of Miss Vivian Hutchinson Sunday.

Mrs. W. M. Scarborough is spending the week with her husband at Snyder.

Miss Vivian Hutchinson is visiting friends at Trent this week.

We will close out all our 15c cotton voiles in all shades at 5c per yard only—Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. Jno. E. Shelton and little daughter Edwina spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Baylor Crawford of Abilene.

Mrs. S. Cook returned to her home at Palestine Friday after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doan of this city.

Mrs. F. G. Bradley of Abilene visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McDonald the past week.

Mrs. W. R. Bingham spent Saturday and Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Young, who is in the sanitarium at Putnam.

Miss Olga Hightower of Sweetwater was the week-end guest of Miss Tommie Lou Coggin.

Mrs. R. E. Bowles spent Sunday with Miss Ella Phelps of Abilene.

Mrs. Asa Sheppard visited Mrs. W. A. Riney at Abilene Monday.

Miss Mabel Brackeen spent Sunday with Miss Winnie Goode of Trent.

Mrs. Claude Bingham and little daughter Alice are visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Allen of Eskota this week.

Mrs. L. Phillips who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Sam Foster left Sunday morning for Eastland to visit her son, Bob Phillips.

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NEW YORK A WORLD'S WONDER

New York is a world's wonder. In population it shows a tremendous gain during the last four years. It has reached from a city of 4,766,893 to one of 5,333,537 and is now fast approaching the population of London, the largest city in the world.

The figures show that New York has more people within her corporate limits than any other four American cities and New York state, Pennsylvania and Illinois are the only states which have more people in their boundaries than America's largest city, and New York is the meeting pot of the western world.

Texas has a population of 4,257,854. This is the estimate given by the experts of the bureau census.

Texas has left Missouri far behind, and is pushing Ohio for place. The latter state has a population of 5,026,808. Pennsylvania comes next to New York, with a population of 8,245,967 to New York's 9,899,761

The entire country with its possessions has a population of over 109,000,000.

Uncle Sam is some father of his country. —Fort Worth Record.

THE ABILENE DEMOCRAT

Last Thursday evening H. T. Merritt formerly with the Mail but has lately moved to Abilene and affiliated himself with the Abilene Democrat, announced to Major L. B. Shook that the Democrat was born. The new paper is a neat seven column weekly and editorially announces its position as a Democratic paper of the Jeffersonian-Wilson type, so popular and sturdy in the protection of all interests. Maj. Shook, the editor is well known in Abilene having been associated with the Abilene Reporter for a number of years and has a host of friends in that section who welcome him and the Democrat to their midst.

"A special correspondent at Brownsville destroyed what little ambition we had to be a soldier by telling that they are camped in a graveyard. How in the devil would they expect a man to fight in the day time when he had no sleep at night. On such a camp ground, even in that warm climate, we would freeze to death the first night. Talk about having no liquor in the army — under such conditions we would want a jug on each side and one inside. If a newspaper happened to blow against our tent, we would start out on foot for Fort Worth, and the ghost that caught us could go back to his prison house the next morning and tell the assembled host that he had made a record. We are not only against war, but we are against camping out. This has destroyed our ambition to go fishing

this summer, and from this time we sleep with the lights burnig. Not only that, but we are going to sleep next to the wall." —Star Telegram. To be perfectly frank, we don't expect you would be equal to both jobs of fighting an sleeping on a grave.

"Our Morris" is credited with having written a letter to General Villa in which the Texas junior senator lauds Villa's conquest as a "Glorious cause" and to this there are two excuses. Someone either misrepresented Sheppard or Sheppard pulled off a regular bone head in his praise of the noted former bandit who now bears the title of a general and whose mouth is watering for the place Huerta now occupies.

According to newspaper reports there were 16 divorce cases granted at Houston Monday of last week. The old slogan of Houston being the home of red-headed women seems to be a true condition of affairs in that city. At the rate the town turned out grass-widows on the above mentioned day the whole town will be divorced within a short time.

The time has arrived when you should get out that old hoe and start a clean-up campaign. The weeds around your home serve to make it all the more in attractive but a little elbow grease applied on the right end of a hoe handle and a rake will get you right with your neighbor.

According to figures compiled as to the number of lynchings in the country last year the negro race leads the state with fifty-one out of fifty-two lynching-bees held without aid from the proper authorities.

There will be no more elections in our midst according to present indications until the big one comes off in July. For the present we can rest easy.

Texas thinks meditation is the same thing that Sherman said about war. She had already rolled up her sleeves and spit on he hands when those A B C fellows spoiled her fun. —Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Looks to us as if meditation is going to be a pretty live wire.

We would like to call Admiral Mayo's attention to the fact that nobody has s'luted yet.

John Rockefeller, Jr., has the Huerta faculty of sticking to his stand. He still says: "Nothing to arbitrate."

Uncle Sam must pluck the Colorado mote out of his eye before he can see clearly to remove the beam from the Mexican optic.

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looks, but the only thing
that can make him look young and
stay young is the clothes he wears.
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snappier he feels, so we claim that if
you middle aged men will let us
tailor you with a Lamm & Co. Made-
to-Measure Suit, you'll feel as young
as a boy of twenty-two.
Think it over carefully.

The City Tailor Shop

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WANTED: Clean Cotton Rags at The Merkel Mail Office

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10c and 12½c embroideries are being sold for only **5c**
 50c yard-wide silk crepes are being sold for **35c**
 75c Embroidered voile flouncings, 45 inches wide for **45c**
 75c embroidered crepe flouncings, 45 inches wide for **50c**
 15c yard-wide percales guaranteed not to fade **10c**
 20c flowered or printed dress crepes, neat designs **15c**
 25c printed dress crepes, tinted grounds, for only **20c**
 25c crinkled dress crepes for only **25c**
 All childrens 75c ready-made dresses for only **50c**
 All childrens \$1 ready-made dresses for only **75c**

All childrens \$1.25 and \$1.50 ready-made dresses for **98c**
 \$10 latest style, all wool, ladies skirts for only **\$6.50**
 \$6.50 latest style, all wool ladies skirts for only **\$4.50**
 50c Mens' extra quality work shirts for only **39c**
 Best all wool new style mohair suits for men for only **\$11.95**
 \$1.00 blue pin checked work pants for men for only **85c**
 \$2 dress pants for men, all best colors for only **\$1.45**
 \$2.50 dress pants for men, best makes and colors, only **\$1.95**
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 \$3.50 dress pants for men, blue serge and other weaves **\$2.95**

EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT WE HAVE THE BIGGEST AND BEST STOCK OF SHOES IN MERKEL
 We are selling hundreds of pairs Weekly. Why? Because of the extreme low prices at which they are being sold. Follow the wise shoe buyer to our big store. Get wise yourself.

SHOES SLIPPERS GET THEM AT PARTEN'S WHILE THE PRICE IS SO LOW SLIPPERS SHOES

CHILDRENS \$1.50 ANKLE STRAP PATENT LEATHER SLIPPERS FOR ONLY \$1.00
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MISSES AND LADIES \$2.50 ANKLE STRAP, PATENT SLIPPERS FOR ONLY \$1.95
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 Every other shoe in our store is being sold at the same proportionate low price. Don't pay 25 per cent more when we are selling them for 25 PER CENT LESS.

The paramount importance to the cash buyer of our low prices and high quality of goods is growing rapidly each day, keeping our store thronged with a host of inthusiastic, economical buyers who will use the savings they make at our store during this month in other needed directions

"A DOLAR SAVED IS A DOLLAR MADE"
IT IS EASY TO SAVE IT AT

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"MERKEL'S EXCLUSIVE CASH STORE"

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Our Rates

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 For County Offices 7.50
 For Precidet Offices 5.00
 For City Offices 2.50
 Subscription Price per year 1.60

ALWAYS CASH IN ADVANCE

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

TAYLOR COUNTY CANDIDATES

For County Judge:
 E. M. Overshiner
 For Sheriff:
 Geo. M. Cauthen
 W. F. (Frank) Whaley
 T. T. Spann
 J. L. Roberson

For District Clerk:
 J. Fuller (re-election)
 J. N. Routh

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

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

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

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

For Weigher
 P. C. Jones
 J. M. Garrett
 C. C. Bankhead
 R. H. Dean
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JONES COUNTY CANDIDATES

For Sheriff:
 Jet Milsap
 For County Judge:
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Sallow complexion is due to a typhoid liver. HERBINE purifies and strengthens the liver and bowles and restores the rosy bloom of health to the ckeek. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.



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.

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Clean Cotton Rags at the Merkel Mail Office at once.

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bring out to advantage the graceful lines of one's form and correct any figure imperfection with perfect freedom and comfort. These corsets include all the desirable ideas known to the worlds best corset designers, which results in stylish garments with superb fitting qualities.



\$1.00 to \$5.00

American Beauty Corsets
 KALAMASCO CORSET CO., Exclusive Makers

For the woman of large figure as well as for those of medium or slender form.

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To Prevent Blood Poisoning
 apply at once the wonderful old reliable DR. PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL, a surgical dressing that relieves pain and heals at the same time. Not a liniment. 25c. 50c. \$1.00.

Twelve Marriage License for April
 Marriage license have been issued during the past few days by County Clerk W. J. Young to the following parties:

W. S. Henslee and Miss Bulah Richardson.
 J. J. Wynigear and Mrs. Mary D. Gregory.
 Geo. H. Leech and Miss Nettie Caldwell.
 Ray Green and Miss Bonnie Chastain.
 W. S. Haley and Mrs. Gertie N. Haven.
 Emeterio Contrevas and Mrs. Cressencia Ponce.
 Claud Glover and Miss Stella Petree.
 Carl C. Grubbs and Miss Katie Burkett.
 William Willis Cox and Miss Virginia Calvin.
 C. E. Graig and Miss Myrtle Hogan.
 Hozzie Harp and Miss Ella May Saffel.
 Olney Celly and Miss Lela Denton.

R. B. Humphrey for Congressman-at-large.

We are authorized to announce to the readers of the Mail, the name of R. B. Humphrey of Throckmorton as candidate for Congressman at Large who cordially solicits your support and influence.

Personally we are not acquainted with Mr. Humphrey but give press comment as to his ability to fill the office to which he aspires.

(Dallas News.) Mr. R. B. Humphrey has been a member of the last three legislatures, in which he distinguished himself for energy, breadth of outlook and understanding of the state's needs. He typifies the kind of legislative service Texas ought to have, and the kind it must have if its affairs are to be well ordered. (The Sweetwater Reporter) Says, Judge Humphrey is a young man of pronounced ability and eminently fitted to represent Texas, especially the growing western section. (Wichita Falls Times) Mr. Humphrey's work in the legislature shows that he is a man of ability. (Big Springs Enterprise) As a member of Congress Mr. Humphrey would serve with credit to the state and himself. (Cranberry News) He stands high with his home people and has a string support all over the state.

Duck Eggs for Sale.

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

For Sale or Exchange.

443½ acres in Hill county for land in Merkel territory. T. L. Grimes.

W. O. W.

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

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

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.

When the baby takes too much food the stomach turns; the result is indigestion, sourness and vomiting. Frequently the bowles are involved and there is colic pains and diarrhoea. McGEE'S BABY ELIXIR is a grand corrective remedy for the stomach and bowell disorders of babies. It is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Dizziness, vertigo, (blind staggers) sallow complexion, flatulence are symptoms of a typhoid liver. No one can feel well while the liver is inactive. HERBINE is a powerful liver stimulant. A dose or two will cause all bilious symptoms to disappear. Try it. Price 50c Sold by H. C. Burroughs

Judge Blanton at Home.

Judge Thos. L. Blanton returned home from Palo Pinto county Saturday. He reports having delivered speeches at Pickwick, Graford, Oran, Palo Pinto, Strawn, Mineral Wells, Brazos, Gordon, Santo, Mingus and Alameda the past week. He had large crowds to hear him discuss his platform.—Sunday's Abilene Reporter.

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

Mrs. Una Darr, of Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren the past week.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Alumni Association Organized.

Saturday evening April 18th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Warren the graduating class of the Merkel High School tendered the Alumni of the Merkel High school a banquet in connection with perfecting the organization of the Alumni Association for the school.

The body was called to order by Pres. Jno. Moore of the 1914 graduating class. The program rendered was: Music selection, Fantaisie Impromptu by Chopin, Miss Eva Williams. Oration—Simpson Christopher. Duet—Mr. and Mrs. Will Joe Largent. Address—H. L. Easterwood. This program was followed by a historical response of all classes represented. The first graduating class of 1898 of the Merkel High school being represented by Jack Provine.

Following this the organization of a permanent Alumni was taken up. John Moore was elected President pro-tem. The regular officers then elected were President Homer L. Easterwood, Vice President Miss Duncan Browning, Secretary Miss Pauline Johnson and Miss Francis Burroughs Assistant and Corresponding Sec'y., Treasurer Victory Harris. Committees appointed, Miss Eva Williams, Simpson Christopher and Miss Mary Gunn; for programs: H. C. Burroughs, Victory Harris and Mrs. O. W. Williams; for entertainment and arrangement: Sam Swann, Barney Garrett and Emmett Grimes on Constitution and By-laws.

At this point of the business of organization the body was called to the dining room where a course of cake and cream supplemented with punch was served to the members of the Alumni by the class of 1914 assisted by Mrs. T. J. Warren. Those representing the oldest classes of the Merkel High school were served first, then classes of following years until all had enjoyed the hospitality of the host and hostess and the members of the present graduating class.

Adjournment of the meeting was without form and in small numbers owing to lateness of the hour and the heavy rain that had begun falling. Some of the visitors were compelled to accept the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Warren to the extent of remaining throughout the night, while others whose homes were near by, managed to reach them between showers and during showers. The next meeting will be called at an early date, just as soon as plans for the organization can be perfected which will be at an early date.

(The above article was omitted last week owing to having been lost in the Mail composing room.)

Questions on Othello.

How would the death of Cassio or Rodrigo further the end Iago.

What does Rodrigo's confession in view of death show as to his character?

By what means does Iago still forward his scheme?

What is Othello's mental condition during most of this act? How does he justify himself in killing Desdemona?

How does Desdemona face Othello's final determination to kill her? Why does she beg for half an hour of grace?

How account for the fact that Desdemona died without a falsehood on her lips? Was it an intentional falsehood, a mistake or the result of a confessed wind?

When Othello learns that Desdemona was innocent, how does he act?

Explain Scene II, line 7 beginning with "Put out the light."

What is the allusion in line 347 "Like the base Indian threw a pearl away"?

Explain Iago's last speech in the play.

What is shown in comparing Desdemona and Emilia.

Note: The review questions will be given next week.

The Baptist Aid society held a regular business session at the church Monday afternoon. A good attendance was reported. The circles will meet next week.

The Woman's Missionary society of the M. E. church held their regular business session at the church Monday afternoon.

Complimentary to R. A. Burgess

The Methodist Baraca class honored their teacher, Mr. Burgess last Wednesday evening at the home Mrs. Jennings on Oak street. A special invitation was given to the M. E. Philathea class. Delightful music was rendered by Ima Mann and sister, Miss Mattie T. Mann on their string instruments. Rook, Domino and Forty-two were played. The dainty refreshments course consisted of sherbert with cherries and cake. Those present were Misses Burroughs, Mann, Coggin, Almeda and Minnie Harris, Jackie and Mary Jennings, Garrett, Coats, Rust, Duckett, Haynes, Hicks, Daniels, Dry, Leola Coats, McNeese, Rainbolt, Pate, Freeman, Messrs Duckett, Ira and Ollie Shaffer, Pate, Mann, Rainbolt, Laney, Rogers, Sibley, Hamblet, H. C. and Emzi Burroughs, King, McNeese, Smith Barfield, Moore and Costephens.

The members of the Twentieth Century club met in the Library in the Rust and McCauley Drug Store Saturday afternoon. Eight of the members answered to roll call by giving Quotations from Othello. Mrs. S. L. Davis presided in the absence of Mrs. G. H. Adams. Is the study of Shakespeare an aid religiously? Discussion was led by Mrs. R. A. Martin. The lesson finishing the fourth act of Othello was led by Miss Willie Valentine. Miss Maud Jenkins gave a talk on Othello. Those present were Mesdames R. A. Martin, O. W. Williams, W. Parten, S. L. Davis, Misses Maud Jenkins, Mary Gunn, Willie and May Valentine. Mrs. O. W. Williams will be next hostess. Many important matters will be under discussion be sure and be present.

Tuesday evening the Presbyterian Baraca class entertained in honor of the Methodist and Baptist Baraca classes. Each Baraca boy invited a girl friend. Promptly at nine o'clock the guests had assembled at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland on Oak St. The reception rooms were artistically decorated with Baraca colors blue and white with pennants here and there. An impromptu program was rendered. Several musical numbers were greatly enjoyed as was the reading by Miss Eleanor Daniel. A gypsy fortune teller told fortunes, as the guests handed her blank piece of paper. They were surprised to see hand writing appear on what had a moment before been a blank. A cabinet from which strings extended in all directions was the means of pairing the young people as partners for refreshments. The Baracas were assisted in serving by Mesdames Bland, Bullock and McMillen. About seventy guests were present. Sixty-five having registered on entering. Punch was served during the evening. Cream and cake were served at the conclusion of the evening.

Missionary Program.

To be held at the Methodist church Monday afternoon May the 11th at 3.00 o'clock.

Leader—Mrs. Shaffer.

Song

Prayer

Bible lesson—Mrs. Shaffer.

Song

Answer to Roll call with Curios, Chinese or Korean customs.

Two methods of conquest. (a) By triumphant opportunity, an impersonation of old China; an impersonation of new China—Mrs. G. H. Adams. (b) Korea. By trial and Test. An Apostolic church given to serve or suffer.—Mrs. Mims. (c) Story conquest of orientals in the United States.—Mrs. Burroughs.

Quartette—Mesdames Saddler, McMaster, Mayfield, and Johnson.

Original discussion—What in the future is China to be: Led by Mr. Harris.

Some interesting notes from the council; Mrs. R. A. Martin.

All members and any others who will be urged to attend especially the members.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

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 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 (\$100.00) 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 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-

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

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The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is Equally Valuable as a General Tonic because it Acts on the Liver, Drives Out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. For Grown People and Children.

You know what you are taking when you take Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic as the formula is printed on every label showing that it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic and is in Tasteless Form. It has no equal for Malaria, Chills and Fever, Weakness, general debility and loss of appetite. Gives life and vigor to Nursing Mothers and Pale, Sickly Children. Removes Biliousness without purging. Relieves nervous depression and low spirits. Arouses the liver to action and purifies the blood. A True Tonic and Sure Appetizer. A Complete Strengthenener. No family should be without it. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.

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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MORAN OIL COMPANY

OUR ONE AIM

In the first place, this is not a promotion scheme to make money by the organization but is a business proposition to make money by the development of our holdings in the Moran oil and gas field, which we propose to share with you to help us with your money. Every single dollar paid by a stockholder will be spent in the sinking of wells and the only way we can make money for ourselves is to strike oil and make it for you and our stockholders.

THE MORAN COMPANY

This company is capitalized at \$80,000, divided into shares of \$25.00 each, fully paid and nonassessable and when complete the stock will be represented by our present holdings and \$40,000 in cash for development of same and other leases which we may acquire. All stockholders stand on same basis and no money will be touched until we have sufficient funds to let a contract for the first well, secure our charter and issue your stock.

THE MORAN FIELD

This field is no longer a prospect or "wild-cat" proposition but a proven oil and gas field. There is but little outside interest and excitement for the very significant reason the big oil companies, with the exception of our holdings, have the entire field sewed up and under control but there are now several fine flowing oil wells with daily productions estimated from 75 to 400 barrels each and a number of strong gas wells. It is admitted one of the greatest gas fields in the state and promises as much for oil when it is developed. The Oil & Gas Journal of Tulsa, Okla., pronounces it the most important oil discovery in the Panhandle field. The 1914 Texas Almanac gives

THE INDEPENDENT

the production of five of the Texas Company gas wells at 14,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily and this gas is now being piped to Albany, Cisco, Abilene and other towns in this section.

OUR PRESENT HOLDINGS

This company now owns by lease a total of 240 acres of land, believed to be among the best oil and gas lands in the Moran field, located on the map of the Moran field as follows:

First Tract: 160 acres off the south end of the W. C. Wood land and it is not amiss to state here that gas found on the north end of this section at a depth of 100 feet several years ago first attracted the attention of the big oil companies and resulted in the development.

Second Tract: 40 acres out of the northwest corner of the J. T. Stopp quarter.

Third Tract: 40 acres out of the northeast corner of the W. L. Fincher quarter.

These several tracts are located northeast of Moran, within two and one-half miles of the Edwards oil well, within one to two miles of the Brewster, Chaney and Cottle gas wells and on each side of the Lumis well being drilled by the Corsicana Company and now at a depth of 1200 to 1300 feet. Our holdings join this quarter on the northwest and south and all of the tracts are located within the directions of development followed by the big companies, northeast and southwest from Moran. This land is placed with the company at \$166.67 per acre and is located in a vicinity where oil leases can not be secured at any price. Our investigation shows that this is reasonable, and suffice it to say that should we strike oil or gas in paying quantities on any one of the tracts we will make for our stockholders a satisfactory profit for their investment to say nothing of the possibilities of other developments in this or other fields.

A SUGGESTION

It is not the desire of the promoters in this prospectus to make any misleading statements or create any false hopes but rather simply to arouse your in-

MORAN OIL COMPANY

terest so that you will consider our proposition. This is all that we ask of you and then that you use your own good judgment. The great preparations being made by the big companies for more work, in addition to the development thus far suggests that they have confidence in this field and they are backing this confidence with expenditures which will total above the million mark. They have already developed a number of flowing and paying oil and gas wells. Then, why not an independent company? The greatest fortunes have been made in oil by independent as well as the other companies. In the Electra field, within our and your acquaintance we know many who have made good and then, why not the Moran field? Why not the Moran Oil Company? Why not you?

OUR PROPOSITION

The stock of this company is offered now at par, \$25 per share and is sold on contract to comply with the law and our promises here to you. Your money will remain unused until sufficient funds have been raised to let a contract for the sinking of our first well, secure our charter and the stock is issued to you to represent your interest and investment.

OUR GUARANTEE

It is only necessary for us to state that this company will be operated under the new laws of Texas and to guarantee that every dollar realized by the sale of stock will be spent for development work in compliance with said laws. We will spend this money wisely and judiciously in an honest effort to make it bring a profit ten to one-hundred fold for our stockholders.

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Trent Society.

On last Monday week Mesdames Billings, Ed Burk, McLaughlin and Miss Geta Beckham spent the day with Mrs. W. B. Goode three miles North of town.

Mrs. R. H. Reeves received a message Monday of the serious illness of her youngest brother near Rising Star she left immediately accompanied by her brother Prof. S. Wagon but her brother died before their arrival.

Miss Gertrude Smith entertained the W. V. C. club Wednesday. Only a few being present on account of the inclement weather. Ice cream and cake were served.

Mrs. Will Smith received a notice announcing the death of her sister Miss Ruth Jennings, formerly of this place but now of Dallas, she having died Wednesday morning of pneumonia.

T. Wallace was called to the bedside of his motehr Sunday at Cisco, she only lived a few hours after he reached there.

Mrs. L. R. Titsworth is here from Lubbock visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith.

Mrs. W. A. Terry and son of Meridian are visiting the families of A. C. Terry and W. A. Holt. Claude Terry is having his eyes treated at Abilene.

The Ladies Aid Society served cream cake and punch Saturday afternoon. The proceeds which amounted to over \$25 will go to the church.

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.

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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.

STOLEN—From north ward school building between April 10th to 13th, No. 2 kodak and small nickel 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

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A good work horse. M. Armstrong.

LOST—Black overcoat near Shiloh church neighborhood. Finder notify J. F. Abercrombie, Trent, Route 2. 1tpd

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.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Shiloh.

There was very good attendance at Sunday school and preaching Sunday. Rev. Geo. Scott preached.

Rev. Young of Tye preached at the Grayson school house Sunday afternoon.

The Grayson school closed Friday. C. M. Pierce taught a very successful term.

Mr. and Mrs. Green and the former's sister Miss Nancy Green are spending a few days in Anson.

S. Grayson and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry Sunday.

T. Winters and C. M. Pierce were guests of W. L. Boyd and family Sunday.

Some of the young people from here attended the services at Noodle Saturday.

Ernest McWright and sister Thelma, Efford Brown and sister Alice were visiting in the Noodle community Sunday afternoon.

Miss Beulah Jones spent a portion of last week with the Misses Goodes at Noodle.

Those visiting the school Friday afternoon were Messrs Scott and Boyd. Mrs. Mayberry and Miss Lyda Beavers.

Joe Green and Marvin James are in Anson this week.

Mr. Stephenson of Noodle transacted business in this community Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler were visiting the former's brother, Edgar Wheeler in the Noodle community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson were visiting in the Noodle community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips visited friends in this community Sunday.

We had a nice little shower of rain Sunday night.

CONSTIPATION MAY CAUSE APPENDICITIS

It Pays to be Watchful and Careful.
Dodson's Liver Tone is Recommended and Guaranteed.

In a number of cases it has seemed that appendicitis has resulted from chronic constipation. Hence it is well to be careful and keep the system in as good working order as possible, for if you never suffer from constipation you are likely to lessen your liability to other complications and troubles.

But that does not mean that it is wise for you to use calomel, a poison that stays in the system and often leaves bad effects behind it, even after you may have appeared to be benefited temporarily. As a matter of fact, calomel is exceedingly dangerous to many people, perhaps to you. So it is just as well not to take chances.

For constipation, biliousness, liver complaint, sick headache, etc., Dodson's Liver Tone is guaranteed by Rust & McCauley, who will cheerfully refund purchase price (50c.) instantly to you in the event that it fails to give complete satisfaction.

Dodson's Liver Tone is a vegetable liquid, perfectly harmless, easy to take and highly effective without pain, ache or gripe and leaving no bad after-effects. It assists nature and builds you up instead of weakening you. So many people have been immensely benefited by this good remedy that it's worth your looking into at once. Make no mistake—ask for Dodson's Liver Tone.

Advertised Letters

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for the week ending May 9, 1914.

Barnes J. W.
Franklin W. A.
Limm Louisa J.
Long O. C.
Sherman Alvie.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office May 23, 1914.
H. W. Derstine, P. M.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

And to every new or renewal subscription to the Merkel Mail for one year received during the month of May we will give free to the subscriber---

Holland's Magazine & Farm & Ranch

From now until December 1914

During April our success was so tremendous with this offer we have obtained permission from the publishers of the two above papers

To Continue the Offer During Month of May

If your neighbor is not a subscriber to the Merkel Mail please explain this exceptional offer to them.

This offer positively expires May the 30th

THE MERKEL MAIL PRINTING CO.

MERKEL, TEXAS

Staking Cows, Against Law.

Under the present city laws it is a misdemeanor for a person to stake cows or horses on streets of Merkel and on complaint being filed against any offender, a fine can be assessed by the Mayor of not more than \$100. Better watch that your cow or horse doesn't offend some good neighbor.

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Diamonds on Display For Ten Days

Mrs. E. M. Rust has received a shipment of diamond ear screws, la-valiers, bar pins, studs and rings for short time approval or sale. This display of jewelry is here for a few days only and it will be well worth your time to see them whether you buy or not. The stones are each exquisite in luster and beautifully mounted. See them. (Adv)

In the whole field of medicine there is not a healing remedy that will repair damage to the flesh more quickly than BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. In cuts, wounds, sprains, burns, scalds and rheumatism, its healing and penetrating power is extraordinary. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Barbed wire cuts, ragged wounds, collar and harness galls healed up quickly when Ballard's Snow Liniment is applied. It is both healing and antiseptic. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Salt Branch

Road working has been all the go for the past week. The recent rains damaged the roads pretty bad.

Bob Turner was in Abilene on business Monday.

W. L. Barker and family of near Abilene were visitors in this community Sunday.

Prof. J. B. Taylor is in Loraine on business this week.

Elmer Shipley and wife visited relatives near Stith Sunday.

Jim Ingram was in this community on business Friday.

Miss Edna Lyles of near Stith has been visiting in this community the past week.

Col. H. L. Bentley of Abilene will speak at Salt Branch school house Thursday afternoon, May 7th.

The farmers are looking fine since the rain.

Sunday school and singing were well attended Sunday. There were several visitors present from other communities.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Busbee of Mulberry visited C. A. Higgins and family Thursday and Friday.

Misses Oman and Ida Taylor and Annie Higgins visited Mrs. Mack Busbee Sunday.

Grandma Allen of Claytonville is visiting T. C. Allen and family this week.

NEEDFUL KNOWLEDGE

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

The symptoms of kidney trouble are many. Disordered kidneys often excrete a thick, cloudy, offensive urine, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attention 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.

Mrs. N. Thompson, Thornton St., Merkel, Texas, says: "My kidneys were weak and I had pains across the small of my back. I got Doan's Kidney Pills from Rust & McCauley Drug Co. and was quickly cured."

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

Nubia.

The rain that recently fell caused the loss of some stock which in all amounted to eleven horses and one cow. The men who lost this property are: Geo. Hunter two horses, E. Costephens two horses, Mr. Smith two horses, Dan Atwood one horse, Dalph Coats one horse, Zack Cargill one horse, G. D. Ritchie one horse and one cow J. E. Patterson one horse, while E. H. Cordill lost some real estate as a volume of water about three hundred yards wide swept across his field and washed the top soil off the sub-soil.

We are sorry to find Miss Lonia Sowell on the sick list this week.

We suppose Floyd Cogburn enjoys the sport, catching bull snakes as he has three, each being about six feet in length.

NOTICE READERS: Here's a remedy for the blues (Lazy fellow) take good farm implements, work six days out of each week and rest on the seventh day. You will be surprised at the results in fifty two weeks.

Notice to School Patrons

All school patrons having children between the ages of 7 and 21 who are not already enrolled as students here should give me the names and ages of their children at some time during the month of May. This is very important and you should attend to it at once. B. D. Black, Supt. Merkel schools.

For Weakness and Loss of Appetite
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic & sure Appetizer. For adults and children. 50c.

A Real Pleasure Giving Club

Here are a few expressions of the ladies who have joined our McDougall Co-Operative Club and are now using their McDougall Cabinets:--

"I've always wanted a McDougall and this was too good chance to miss."

"I'm paying for my McDougall out of my household expense money. It is such a great saving."

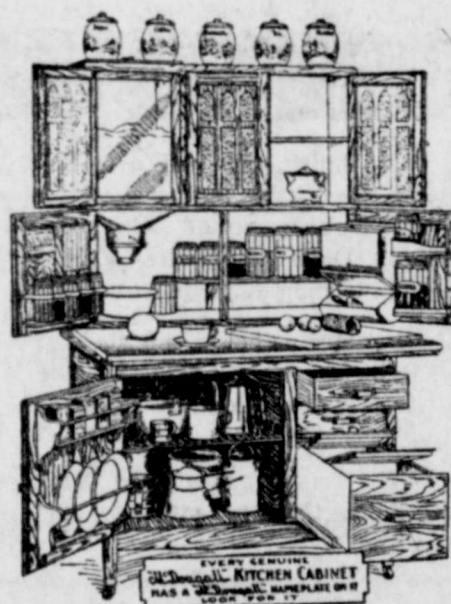
"My McDougall actually makes it a pleasure to go into the kitchen to work."

You can have a McDougall installed in your home too by joining our McDougall Club of ten and have a chance of getting the 30-piece set of Silverware.

"Kitchen drudgery is a thing of the past in my home since I joined your McDougall Club."

"I joined because it is so easy to pay for McDougall. It pays for itself."

"I'd have bought a McDougall long ago, if I had only known what a help they were."



McDougall Cabinet Special to Club Members. Only 10 Can Join This Club

If you ever expect to own a good kitchen cabinet, this is your greatest opportunity. This Club will benefit you the same as it has those who have already joined. Only 10 members can be taken and the Club is filling fast.

Come in and see our Special McDougall Display

Get full information on our Club

A 30-piece set of Silverware given free. "It may be yours."

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