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NEW CHURCH WILL BE BUILT HERE

Thursday while only a portion of the membership of the Presbyterian church were present at an afternoon Thanksgiving service, a move which had previously been started was given another advance by individual subscriptions for the purpose of building a new church here.

In a very few moments \$2070.00 was raised for the erection of a new Presbyterian church in Merkel. According to present plans the building will cost approximately \$7000.00 and will be a brick veneer. Plans are not yet complete but in view of the whirlwind start made last Thursday afternoon, the matter of raising funds will be easily accomplished. Much enthusiasm is being shown among the members over the new project which will add much to the attractiveness of the portion of town in which the building will be erected.

ROBBERS RAID OKLA. BANK AND ESCAPE

Muskogee, Okla., Nov. 29.—Three white men and one negro rode into Fort Gibson, eight miles from Muskogee, this afternoon and robbed the Farmers National Bank of several thousand dollars.

The bank cashier and bookkeeper were held up at the point of guns, marched into the vault, and locked in while the three white outlaws took all the money in sight. The negro stood guard on the outside.

After the robbery the four men hastily rode out of town. None was recognized.

Hastily organized posses was sent in pursuit.

State Senator Sid Garrett is president of the Farmer's National Bank.

To Taylor County Voters

I will be a candidate for the office of Assessor of Taxes, subject to the action of the democratic primary July 1916.

My announcement will appear in this paper at the proper time and I respectfully request the voters to give my candidacy their most careful consideration.

Respectfully,

John H. Vance, pd

WURT BY FALL IS SERIOUS

Clifford Dowdy was painfully if not seriously injured the first of the week by falling while at work at the McDonald & Stith Gin.

In the fall Clifford fell in such a way that his back struck a heavy beam about the same time that his head came in contact with another such beam and the two shocks were such that grave fears were felt for him for some time. Tuesday afternoon he seemed to be suffering from the lick on his head more than from the injuries in his back.

Recent Dort Purchasers

Messrs. W. T. Sherrill of route Wiley Walling of Trent and R. Anderson of the Divide county among the most recent purchasers of automobiles. Each of the parties are owners of Dort automobiles.

The Anchor Mercedes.

Here From Mabank

Rev. Geo. A. Crane pastor of the local Presbyterian church during the years 1909, 10 and 11, came in Thursday of last week and spent a week with friends while his house-hold goods are in transit from Mabank to Silver-town where he and his family will reside in the future.

POULTRY AND PET STOCK SHOW HERE

December 22, 23 and 24th will be gala days for chicken fanciers of Merkel and Merkel country.

The annual Poultry and Pet Stock Association have planned to have their exhibits on the above dates if a judge can be secured for that time. Secretary H. M. Rose is in correspondence with Judge Davis at present and if the dates are changed the time will be placed as near Christmas as possible. Local chicken raisers are working on the list of awards and regulations now and their annual catalogue will be ready for the public in a short time. Contrary to the custom here-to-fore no advertising will be shown in the catalogue and any person desiring to help the Merkel Poultry Show can lend their assistance by offering special premiums or cash awards.

WILL DEMONSTRATE FARM TERRACING

Next Tuesday afternoon J. C. Olsen, farm terracing agent with A. & M. College will be at Merkel for the purpose of demonstrating the practical side of farm terracing.

County Demonstration agent I. B. Duck who was here Wednesday will also be here at that time and will assist Mr. Olsen in the demonstration which will take place on the Sid Coats farm about one mile north of Merkel. The demonstration will be given in the afternoon and as near the noon hour as possible. Mr. Duck asks the farmers of this section who are interested in terracing to be on hand Tuesday afternoon.

The work in which Prof. Olsen is engaged in is handled by him throughout the year and his duties with the A. & M. College are along this line of work only and for this reason he should be able to give out some valuable information.

IN CONFERENCE WITH COMMISSION

Messrs. J. T. Warren of this city and J. F. Cunningham of Abilene returned Tuesday morning from a trip to Fort Worth where they were in conference with the sanitary Live stock Commission of Texas.

The trip was made in interest of certain quarantine regulations for Merkel which met with the Board and resulted an order being passed as described in another article in this issue.

Here from Midland

Clyde Smith, formerly a Merkel boy and until recently in business at Midland, came in the latter part of last week to visit his brother Marvin Smith and family.

Johnstons. Learn the name, it signifies the best in box candles. On sale at the Elite.

ELECTION TO BE HELD DECEMBER 18TH ON TICK ERADICATION IN THIS COUNTRY

Quarantine has Already Been Issued on Public Road From The Home of R. H. Dean North to Jones County Line.

A quarantine order issued by Chairman D. B. Cunningham of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission of Texas went into effect Wednesday morning on the public road that runs north from Bettus Heights to the Jones county line. To be more exact the quarantine commences at the residence of R. H. Dean and work is already under way for the erection of a dipping vat at R. H. Dean's place. This last requirements was embodied in the quarantine order issued by the Live Stock Commission and will offer addition advantages to Merkel cattlemen in dipping their cattle for transfer into clean territory.

This quarantine order coming close upon the country election for placing a quarantine on Taylor county is taken to be of much favor toward the measure. This election will be held the 18th of this month and from our point of view every voter should vote in favor of the quarantine. If the election carries the State Sanitary Live Stock Commission has already agreed to do everything in their power to assist in providing adequate dipping facilities throughout the county. With the order already in effect placing Merkel immediately on the quarantine line every voter should go to the poles on December 18th and help extend the line south and east to the boundry lines of Taylor county. When this is done the continuous trouble Merkel and Merkel country cattlemen have had in handling their cattle will be over.

It will be well for all people in this section to remember that the public road north from the R. H. Dean home is under strict quarantine and the order strictly specifies that is unlawful for any cattle, horses, mules, jacks or jennetts, originating in tick infected areas to enter that part of the Merkel-Anson public road unless and until said live stock shall have been properly inspected by a duly authorized inspector as being free from ticks. The dipping vat at the Dean place should be ready for use within the next two weeks or ten days time.

SUCCESS EDITION TO BE PUBLISHED FACTS ABOUT THE MERKEL COUNTRY

A Review of Growth of This Section of Taylor County and Personal Fact Mention of Successes Made in our Country.

THE PUBLICATION DATE WILL BE ON DECEMBER 17TH

Our special Christmas edition of the Merkel Mail for 1915, will appear under the title of THE SUCCESS EDITION FOR MERKEL, in which the success of individual and firm will be mentioned.

A review of the growth of the Merkel country through a period of over twenty-five years will be brought to light and unusual amount of WHO'S WHO in and about here will be found in this publication. All about our town from the time J. S. Swann, J. T. Warren, W. H. Derstine, "Uncle" John Toombs, "Uncle" Bill Barbee, Rater Tompson and the likes of them came here will be given a through sifting and the real facts brought to light.

Parties desiring copies of this Christmas Edition can secure same by making application on or before Monday December 15th. All copies so ordered will be wrapped in a special Christmas wrapper ready for mailing and the price per copy will only be 5 cents.

The exact likeness of some of our most prominent citizens will grace the columns of the Mail of this occasion and the photographic showing alone will be worth a years subscription to the Mail.

Advertisers are requested to reserve space at the earliest possible date and all guaranteed space will be closed Tuesday prior to the publication of this paper. Our subscribers are requested to send in all local mention either by better or phone of any visitors they may have or expect to have. Correspondents are earnestly requested to make special efforts to have complete letters in for this edition and all such should reach our office not later than Monday December 13th.

Order your extra copies now.

Purchases Bakery.

N. Hancock formerly of Abilene has purchased the Pure Food Bakery from Nordyke Bros., and assumed charge of the bakery several days ago.

Mr. Hancock is an experienced baker, having been with the J. Sides Co. of Abilene for several years.

317 POLL TAXES PAID TO NOV. 30

Only 317 poll tax receipts had been issued by Tax Collector W. F. Dillard up to noon Tuesday. This leaves a possible 3,200 yet to be paid.

The following receipts have been issued in the different voting precincts: Blair, 18; Cort Donnel, 12; City Hall, 11; Elmdale, 1; Rogers, 1; Hamby, 2; Dewey, 8; Tye-Merkel, 2; Tye-Abilene, 1; Iberis, 1; Bradshaw 16 Ovalo, 21; Tuscola, 10; Caps-Abilene, 6; View, 9; Caps-Merkel, 3; Trent, 23; Fire Station, 7; Potosi, 15; Shep, 23; Guion, 9; Merkel, 59; Nubia, 19; Moro, 15; Jim Ned, 2; Buffalo Gap, 14; Courthouse, 7; exemptions, 2.

Collector Dillard reports fairly satisfactory collections of other taxes. He has arranged to spend Saturday, Dec. 18, at Merkel for the benefit of the Merkel taxpayers.—Abilene Reporter.

PRIMARY TO BE HELD HERE FEB. 5.

A preferential primary will be held in Taylor county Feb. 5th, by mutual agreement between Hon. Thos. L. Blanton and Hon. J. M. Wagstaff, both of Abilene, to decide which of these two gentlemen will continue in the race for Congress from the Jumbo District.

Judge Blanton made an offer to Judge Wagstaff last week in which the latter accepted, and agreements were promptly drawn up for holding the primary. The campaign between these two men promises to be of the friendliest nature and only for the purpose of the people of Taylor county choosing which shall continue the Congressional race in opposition to Judge W. R. Smith of Colorado and Mr. Grisham of Sweetwater.

AFFRAY FRIDAY NOSE IS BROKEN

Homer Byrd who lives on the J. E. Costephens farm near White church was painfully injured Friday night of last week by being hit across the nose with a heavy instrument.

According to Mr. Byrd the lick which broke his nose was inflicted while he was near the intersection of Edwards and North front street and owing to the darkness he did not recognize the party who hit him.

G. W. Johnson up Again

G. W. Johnson who has been suffering with a throat trouble for many weeks was able to meet his friends on the streets the first of the week. He seemed much improved and we trust is well on the road to recovery.

A Tip

Say! If you want any special Xmas present; just see "Mack," he will see that Santa Clause gets the news.

20 MEN KILLED IN BIG EXPLOSION

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 30.—At least twenty men are reported killed today as the result of an explosion of a large quantity of powder in the prismatic mill of the Du Pont Powder Company near this city. Until an investigation is completed the exact number of dead probably will not be known.

Seven men are in Wilmington hospitals so badly injured that they are unable to give their names. Physicians have little hope of their recovery.

The cause of the explosion is a mystery.

Around the powder yards tremendous excitement prevails, families of the workmen frantically endeavoring to get on the premises. The bodies of victims were hurled in all directions.

The police said twenty-five men were working in the building and that fifteen of them are dead.

Later reports indicate that the effects of the explosion were terrible.

Officials of the Du Pont Powder Company started shortly after two o'clock for the scene of the disaster to make an investigation.

At the powder yard the greatest excitement and confusion prevailed.

One woman living at the village of Du Pont Banks is reported to have had three sons killed in the explosion. The scene in that settlement was terrible. Women nearly all of whom had relatives working in or near the mill were frantic, and because it was difficult to obtain definite information their agony knew no bounds.

Many of the men killed were blown to fragments. Portions of bodies were found about the yards, in the trees and across the Brandywine.

The cause of the explosion may never be known. The mill destroyed was in which the powder was finished and prepared for shipment. It is supposed that grit found its way into the press and that a spark caused by friction, thus ignited the powder.

Most of the victims, it is said, were young men. The number of dead, it is feared, may reach twenty-five.

CHILD IS LEFT IN SUIT CASE--LIVES

Fort Worth, Nov. 30.—The mother who left her baby girl in a suit case at the Texas and Pacific station late Sunday night has lost the child forever.

Mrs. Ella Jones, travelers aid, found the baby a home Monday morning, but she is the only one that knows where this home is.

The woman who left the child in the station Sunday night took a southbound Frisco train at 11:30 o'clock. Another woman saw her leave the child and get on the train. The baby was not found by the station men until the train had gone.

A note lay in the open suit case alongside the baby. The mother explained she would return to get the baby in a few months, when she got "financially and physically able."

"But when she comes back she won't know where to look for the child," explained Mrs. Jones. "She relinquished her claim to the child when she deserted it."

Have your old hat made new. Phone 151.

Condensed Statement of Condition of The Farmers State Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS

As Reported at Close of Business November 10th, 1915

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$159,507.95	Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Banking House	9,500.00	Surplus	3,500.00
Other Real Estate	5,500.00	Undivided Profits	4,758.40
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00	Rediscunts not due	7,416.96
Interest in Guaranty Fund	1,080.05	Bills Payable	None
Cash and Exchange	176,623.70	Deposits	306,036.34
Total	\$356,711.70	Total	\$356,711.70

The above Statement is correct. R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

THE SAFE WAY---A STATE BANK

We desire some good Cattle Loans. Plenty of Money to loan on approved security
We call attention to our rapid growth--evidencing the confidence of the public in a

STATE BANK

WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Austin, Tex., Nov. 30, 1915.
Crop conditions in San Saba county November 18: Cotton will average about one bale to four acres; corn about 60 bushels per acre on the irrigated land and about 25 bushels on the unirrigated; the sweet potato crop will go as high as 200 bushels to the acre. The pecan crop will fall short of last year.

The condition on same date in Denton, Dallas, Collin and Grayson counties showed open cotton 60 per cent. There is a probability that about 35 per cent of unopened may yet open. Late corn, of which the acreage is small, yield 75 per cent; late hay, 80 per cent; good seed sweet potatoes, 100 per cent; late Irish potatoes, small acreage, 75 per cent; fall gardens, 80 per cent. Wheat showing is progressing, with a prospective increase of at least 25 percent.

Houston county, same date: Corn, 80 per cent; cotton, 50 per cent; hay and forage crops, about 90 per cent; sweet potatoes, 95 ribbon cane and sorghum 95 per cent. Crops gathered.

Titus county has the best all round crop it has grown in several years. There is a bountiful supply of corn, hay, sweet potatoes, fall Irish potatoes, ribbon cane, peanuts, canned fruits and vegetables to do the county for another year, and there is more fat hogs than people have had in any one year for the past ten. The grass is fine and stock of all kinds is in good shape. Some small grain has been sown, but not enough, and not enough fall plowing has been done.

In Frio county cotton acreage was reduced 40 per cent and owing to boll weevil and rootrot the yield was cut to about one bale to seven acres. Corn acreage increased 200 per cent, and the yield is about 100 bushels per acre.

ghum acreage was increased 50 per cent, and produced from 15 to 18 bushels per acre. One farm went as high as 51 bushels. Oat acreage about the same as last year, and all for pasture.

In Jefferson and Liberty counties most of the crops have been gathered; late rice is being threshed. In DeWitt and Lavaca counties crops have been pretty well gathered, and plowing is well under way. In some sections of these counties rain is badly needed.

Lampasas county cotton will make about a quarter of a bale to the acre, and corn about 20 bushels to the acre under the dry farming system and about 60 bushels under irrigation. The turkey and pecan crops are good.

It looks like the considerable top cotton crop in Lamar county was killed by the heavy rains and frosts of the 14th and 15th. Cotton crop is about 55 per cent of last year's. Hay splendid and potatoes fine. Corn, 85 per cent. On November 1, Lamar county had ginned 26,833 bales of cotton.

The Nardi section of Atascosa county made a third of a bale of cotton to the acre--county average will not exceed a bale to each four acres. It is practically all gathered, as is the corn. The corn yield is very light. Good crops of sorghum and cowpeas have been made. So far very little fall plowing has been done.

Crop conditions in Titus county on the 20th were the same as last reported. The weather has been cold and cloudy, some rain but the week closed clear and cool.

Dallas, Denton, Grayson and Tarrant counties: Killing frost on morning of 15th, and all growing stopped. About 10 per cent of the cotton top crop will be gathered. Late wheat and oats, 90 per cent, but early crops of both wheat and corn, 100 per cent; sweet potatoes, 100 per

cent; turnips' 100 per cent; Irish potatoes, 80 per cent; tomatoes, 100 per cent. Wheat sowing going on; land being turned in all sections.



ALBERT CORSETS

Will give you a trim, neat figure, comfort, ease of movement and good service. Come in and have one fitted--\$1.00 up.

Parten Dry Goods Co.
Merkel, Texas

Advertised Letters.

Brown, M. J.
Hazle, Allie
Jackson, John
Long, Ruby
Leggett, Mrs. Sherman (2)
Lury, G. D.
Miller, Mrs. Alice
Nickolson, C. B.
Rice, Gladys
Thompson, William
Young, H. L.
Castunedo, Francisco
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Dec. 11th.
H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas.

To Drive Out Malaria And Build Up The System Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents

Your Christmas Fruit, Nuts and Candies I have apples in bulk and boxes candies and nuts, just what you want for Christmas. Give me your order now for your Xmas fruits. Buy a box of apples. J. B. Cox: wholesale and retail fruit dealer. 364. 105

TAKE IT IN TIME

Just as Scores of Merkel People Have.

Waiting doesn't pay. If you neglect kidney backache, Urinary troubles often follow. Doan's Kidney Pills are for kidney backache, and for other kidney ills. Merkel citizens endorse them. Mrs. M. L. Ash, Kent St., Merkel, says: "I gave Doan's Kidney Pills to a younger member of my family not long ago and there has been no complaint since. The patient was never strong and healthy and always suffered from a bad backache. The kidneys were weak and acted irregularly. Four boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills cured all trouble." Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy--get Doan's Kidney pills--the same that Mrs. Ash recommends. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

"AIMEE FOSTER"

(By Mrs. J. T. L. Annis)
Read this sweet story. It will make a charming gift. Price 25 cents. Also "The Love of the Lane Prince" 25 cents, and the "Noble Earl of Fleetwood" price \$1.50. On sale at Mrs. E. M. Rust Drug Store. 19t3pd.

Notice.

Come to see me or ring 286. Try a sack of my Seal flour, Breakfast Delight, Royal, Manahouse and Statesman Coffee. Prepared to make prompt delivery in the city or to country wagons where teams are not safe to come on Front street. Your patronage will be appreciated. Everything guaranteed. W. F. Hamblet.

Business Change Wednesday

The culmination of a deal Tuesday afternoon placed the grocery business formerly owned by Walter Clark under the new ownership of Messrs. Arthur Clark and O. W. Walker, who took charge of the business Wednesday morning.

Coal, Nuts and Meal

Get your coal, loose hulls and cotton seed meal from G. R. Gazaway.

Villa Men Shot.

Los Angeles, Dec. 1. Two Villa generals, Orestes Pereyra and E. Jimenez, with fifty other officers of their command, captured after a battle on the Fuerte river Sonora, were court martialed and shot according to a telegram received today from General Obregon at Nogales by Arturo Gonzales the Carranza commercial agent here.

Villa's power now has completely broken down, Obregon stated in his message.

Wins at Stamford

H. M. Rose received a check for \$17.50 Wednesday morning representing winnings he made with his chickens at the Stamford Poultry show that recently closed.

One of the best awards to be given Mr. Rose was \$10.00 in gold for having the best male bird on exhibit in the show. In addition to this award his chickens won on 1st cockerel, 1st hen, 1st pullet and 2nd pen in their class.

TAXPAYERS TAKE NOTICE

To save you a trip to Abilene or a 25c Revenue on Poll Tax orders, I will be at the Farmers State Bank in Merkel Saturday, Dec. 18, 1915, for the purpose of collecting taxes.

Remember if you pay through the bank or by mail a 25c Revenue Stamp must be placed on your poll tax order. I do this to accommodate you.

W. F. Dillard, Tax Collector.

Mebane Seed For Sale.

Good Mebane cotton seed for sale at \$1.00 per bushel, from Mebanes best grade of seed. E. Barnes. 26t4pd

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head because of its tonic and laxative effect. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of H. W. GROVE. 25c.

MAKE OVER BALE PER ACRE HERE

G. W. Brady, living three miles west of Merkel has gathered forty seven bales of cotton this year on approximately 100 acres of land in cultivation.

Of this entire amount he gave special attention four and one half acres of the ground and as result he finds that he made five bales and 400 pounds of cotton the four and one half acres, a record which will no doubt stand unsurpassed for this section of the country during the present season.

Here From Valley Mills

H. Bullock formerly with t Studebaker Wagon Company came in from Valley Mills the first of the week to accept a position with the Anchor Mercantile Company of this place. Mr. Bullock is an experienced hardware man and will assume duties in that department of the Anchor.

New line of jewelry. Each express brings in something new nobby. Don't throw your money away on cheap jewelry, buy goods that are guaranteed by your local house. I guarantee all my goods and have real bargains this year. Come and see for yourself. Mrs. E. Rust.

A Tip

Say! If you want any special Xmas present, just see "Mack" he will see that Santa Clause gets the news.

Cattle For Sale

140 head of good cows from 6 to 6 years old at price. See me in office next to National Bank of Abilene.

Driskill, Bulk candies Elite Confectionery

U. S. AVIATORS LOST ON TUESDAY

Austin, Nov. 23.—Four aviators of the first United States aero squadron, after being lost in a haze for nearly two hours today, on their flight from Waco to Austin, discovered their bearings early this afternoon and continued their journey, landing here shortly before 3 p. m.

Two machines arrived before noon. A third came in shortly after 1 o'clock and a fourth landed at 2:30 o'clock. The remaining flyers, who had been deflected from their route by following the Santa Fe out of Temple, instead of the Katy, and landed at Lampasas, arrived just before 3. Hundreds visited them while they were at Lampasas. One of the lost airman made a stop at Kingsland to get his bearings.

NOODLE

Mrs. Monroe has been quite ill, but is improving now.

Mr. Jackson, who is teaching school at this place, spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks at Abilene.

Grandma Horn purchased an Allen car last week.

Mrs. A. J. Barbee returned to her home in Guthrie the past week.

Miss Maude Ferguson spent Saturday and Sunday in Merkel.

Miss Alene Barbee spent Wednesday and Thursday with her aunt, Mrs. W. C. Hill at Golan.

Miss Jaunita Thompson spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks at Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway are the proud parents of a baby girl born on November 16th.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Herring gave the people an entertainment Friday night.

Mrs. F. E. Church of Merkel is spending a few days with her parents at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Farris entertained the young people Saturday night.

Eld. Bankhead of Merkel filled his regular appointment at the Christian church Sunday.

Rev. Gaddis preached at the Methodist church Sunday and Sunday night.

Miss Bertha Wasson left Friday for Buffalo Gap to attend school at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walker of Kale attended church at this place Sunday.

DOES DANGER THREATEN YOU?

Are You in the Coils
of Disease?



Maybe the serpent of sickness is crushing you to death? Your back is heavy, eyes dull, a never ending weariness holds you. Too many women well know the meaning of hopeless dragging days and endless nights. Functional and organic derangements grow steadily when neglected—they become deadly in time. Don't suffer longer. **Stella-Vitae** will relieve you now.

This wonderful remedy is the guaranteed woman's tonic of the world. It is the finished work of a lifetime of a distinguished physician who gave the best years of life study to its perfection. **Stella-Vitae** is a life giving tonic guaranteed by every dealer who sells it. Whenever a bottle fails to benefit you, the dealer cheerfully refunds every penny it cost you. It is perfectly harmless—healing and health in every drop. Thousands of well women all over the south testify to its wonderful properties. Shake off the serpent. Get well today. Get a bottle of **Stella-Vitae** the guaranteed-to-benefit remedy. Your dealer sells it in \$1 bottles. Thacher Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Becomes Dodge Owner

C. O. Bradley of Stith is the latest member to join the Dodge club by purchasing a five passenger touring car the first of this week.



What You Need, You Should Have—NOW!

We have some new furniture, suitable for your home, to show you
We're for pleasure and beauty in the Home
That's where we Live

Belmont & Miller Co.
Merkel

INVESTIGATION OF SHIP PLOT STARTS

New York Nov. 23.—Captain K. Boy-Ed, German naval attaché, was the directing head under whom was spent \$750,000 in chartering and supplying neutral steamers with coal and provisions for the German men-of-war in the Atlantic and Pacific in August, 1914, the government formally charged, and asserted that it was prepared to prove the charge—in the opening today of the trial on charges of conspiracy of Dr. Karl Buezn, managing director of the Hamburg-American line and three of his subordinates.

Advertised Letters.

Adams, Kokoma
Bishop, Bessie
Buchanan, Floy
Carr, Willie
Cooper, Bimyon
Crawford, Tobe
Halcombe, Nora Mrs.
Holt, Bethe
McGuire, W. H.
Meyey, Mrs.
Miller, W. B.
Murdock, Lewis
Quiette, Fannie
Reagan, T. S.
Richards, Lucy
Rampley, Harvey. 2
Rhodes, Jno H.
Tarpley, Mrs. Nancy
Teeter, Toll
Thomas, Carl
Wingo, Plennie
Wallemes, Sallie
Arenas, Ben
Hervera, Fomaerta
Prendez C. H.
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Dec. 4th.
H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas.

THIS ISSUE OUT EARLY

This issue of the Mail is being rushed off the press in order to allow our office and mechanical force an opportunity to be thankful for what is.

Being rushed our paper was cut from a sixteen page to a twelve page publication but trust we have not overlooked any worthy mention.

The Price is the Thing Quality the Same

Prices speak louder than words, so read on and be convinced that we can save you money. Prices don't make the quality. We sell you same goods for less money. These are only a few of the hundreds of bargains we have to offer you. When you buy it here you have the satisfaction of knowing the price was right. How do these prices compare with what you have been paying?

Good four strand Brooms worth 35c, our price only.....	15
Childrens 10c hose, our special price only.....	5
Dress Gingham worth 7½c per yard, our price.....	5
Extra large towels worth 15c, only.....	10
Children's up-to-date gingham school dresses, only.....	48
Ladies kimonas and house dresses from 65c to.....	1.00
Mens heavy fleeced underwear worth 50c, our price only.....	38
Mens dress shirts regular 1.00 values going at.....	75
Mens hats at a saving of 25 per cent, some as low as.....	50
Mens and boys 25c, 50c, and 75c Caps, SPECIAL LOT, choice.....	19
Mens Silk ties, regular 25c values for.....	15
Mens 15c value hose, while they last 7c per pair or 3 pair for.....	20
Boys 50c underwear, our price while they last only.....	35
Elgin or Waltham watch, 15 jewel movement, solid nickel case, regular price 12.00 to 15.00, our price only.....	5.95
Mens Overcoats worth regular 10.00, our price only.....	6.00

If you have not been trading here we have both lost money, so give us a call at once, spend your money where it goes farthest. **Don't forget that we will have a large stock of Holiday goods at our usual low prices.** Miss Stanley has an up-to-date stock of Millinery in our store at prices that will interest you.

**REMEMBER THE PRICE IS THE THING AND
QUALITY THE SAME**

J. A. Duckett

Merkel, - - Texas

Carried Pistol; Fined \$100

Juan Pareles, Mexican, pleaded guilty to a charge of carrying a pistol in county court Monday morning, and Judge Overshiner assessed his fine at \$100 and costs, amounting in all to about \$125. He was warned that if he came before the court again on a

similar charge, the full limit of six months in jail and \$200 fine would be assessed.—Abilene Reporter.

Completes New Home.

T. L. Grimes has just completed the finishing touches to his new home one block south of the depot, having purchased proper-

ity immediately north of the H. C. Burroughs residence.

14,300 BALES TO DATE

Wednesday night the receipts of the Merkel cotton yards amounted to 14,300 bales of the present season crop.

PROFESSIONAL

McMASTER & GILLILAN

DENTISTS

Office Phone 204
Over Woodroofs Store

M. ARMSTRONG, M. D.

Practicing Physician
Office at Grimes Drug Store
Merkel, Texas
Telephones: Res. 1-2; Office 1-

DOCTOR MILLER

Physician and Surgeon
Over Woodroofs Store

W. W. WHEELER

Real Estate, Fire, Accident and Tornado
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Merkel Camp No. 719 meets
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Cotton
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J. J.

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Buying Days FROM NOW UNTIL Christmas

Our October business was great, our November business continues good and I am making every effort for December to be even better. We are getting new goods almost every day and pricing them so they go and go quick. Just received another shipment of Shoes, Blankets, Sweaters, New Clothing, Overcoats and Underwear. These goods are fast going out. Come in and price with us.

We have also received a shipment of "MADAM GRACE" high grade Corsets

**Special Prices Friday and Saturday on
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Notice.

Come to see me or ring 286. Try a sack of my Seal flour, Breakfast Delight, Royal, Manahouse and Statesman Coffee. Prepared to make prompt delivery in the city or country wagons where teams are not safe to come on Front street. Your patronage will be appreciated. Everything guaranteed. W. F. Hamblet.

Treating Burns and Scalds.

Burns and scalds should be treated with glycerine and flour, the latter well heaped over the affected part when the round a linen bandage to exclude the air. If cotton wool is handy is better to use for this purpose in linen.

Live Longer on Peninsulas.

It is stated that the residents of islands and small peninsulas live longer than persons who dwell on the mainland.

HEAVY MEAT EATERS HAVE SLOW KIDNEYS

Eat less meat if you feel Backsachy or have bladder trouble—Take glass of Sals.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which clogs the kidneys, they become overworked from the strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poisons from the blood, then we get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

At the moment you feel a dull ache in the back or your back hurts or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, stop eating meat and get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a teaspoonful in a glass of water before breakfast and in a few days your kidneys will act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate the kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer causes irritation, ending bladder weakness.

Sals is inexpensive and cannot make a delightful effervescent beverage drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys active and the blood pure, avoiding serious kidney

SPECIALS AT The Anchor Mercantile Co. In Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Etc For Early December Buying

20 Yards Good 36 inch Brown Domestic.....\$1.00	15 Yards Good 36 inch Bleach Domestic.....\$1.00
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4 Good pair regulat 10c hose.....25c	Special Price79c

Special prices throughout the house in Ladies Coat Suits, Ladies, Misses and childrens Coats, men and boys Clothing Pants, Shoes, Hats, Etc.

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SECLUDES GIRL 11 YEARS IN HOUSE

Easton, Md., Nov. 22.—State's Attorney Charles J. Butler announced tonight that a warrant based on a technical charge of kidnaping will be issued tomorrow for the arrest of Frank Marshall and his wife, who are alleged to have kept Marshall's 28-year-old daughter Grace a Prisoner in their home near St. Michaels for nearly twelve years.

Grace Marshall spoke today for the first time since her liberation last Friday. She asked for an apple she saw on the table of her room in her aunt's home, where she is under the care of a physician.

Miss Marshall was imprisoned it is alleged, after attempting to elope, at the age of 16, with a man of whom her father disapproved. Relatives thought her dead. Marshall said he considered the girl crazy and that as he could not afford to send her to an institution, he thought the only thing to do was to lock her up in her room. Marshall is said to have admitted that the young woman's stepmother was the only person who had seen her during the last three years.

Marshall and his second wife kept the daughter a prisoner in an 8x10 room in a farm house near St. Michaels for more than eleven years.

The girl is five feet in height and weighs but fifty-seven and a quarter pounds. When examined by a physician Miss Marshall, who had lost the power of speech, was asked to try to write the first thing that came into her mind.

Laboriously, as a child writes, she scrawled the one word "mother."

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RELIEVES COUGHS AND COLDS

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ABANDON WELL BUT WILL START AGAIN

Abilene, Oct. 22.—Finding it impossible to get the broken casing, under-rimmer and fishing tools out of the well, Frank P. Fox has decided to move the rig over fifteen or twenty feet and start all over again.

The work of moving the big derrick is called "skidding the rig." Workmen will begin Tuesday morning the work of moving over the big 80-foot tower and its full complement of machinery. It is an interesting but by no means rare procedure in oil field activities.

The men who are searching for oil in the Abilene country take the series of mishaps at the first test as a matter of course. Some wells are sunk without difficulty others cause no end of trouble. The fact that he had to abandon the first well at a depth of over 1300 feet does not detract anything from Mr. Fox's optimism. It on the other hand it makes him more determined than ever to give the field a thorough test, fulfilling his part of the contract to the letter.

Improving Home On Rt. 1

Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks were in Monday making selections of paint and wall paper for the finishing touches in late home improvement they have been doing. Mr. Meeks has added two new rooms to his home and otherwise improved his farm property.

AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

How many of our good citizens realize that this town is dependent to a considerable degree upon the good will and patronage of the farming community surrounding us? And how many ever give a second thought to the comfort of the farmer and his wife and children when they come to town?

If we have never done any thinking along this line before it is not too late to begin now. Let's begin.

We cannot do everything at once, but we can make a start in the right direction by selecting a convenient site to build a ladies rest room for the many ladies who come to Merkel daily to do their shopping. As conditions are, no such convenience can be found in the town and the writer imagines it is often embarrassing to many who trade here when they find no rest room or repose for ladies use. No argument can be made against this need and no merchant nor business man can criticize our suggestion in the least, on the other hand the proposition should be taken in hand by our business men and a suitable place arranged at once. A lavatory should be installed, tables and chairs furnished and the place kept in spick-and-span shape at all times.

If a town man goes to the country and stops at a farm house, the farmer does everything in his power to make the visit pleasant. Why should not Merkel merchants do as much for

our visitors. This matter was brought to our attention by a farmer and we frankly admit that the idea had not entered our mind up until that time, the need of a rest room had never been brought to our attention, but after a talk with this individual we gave him our promise that we would do all in our power to push the proposition through and have this need looked after.

The Merchants of Merkel during the past few months have been a busy set of individuals and on several occasions things have needed the concerted attention of our business men but it has seemed an impossibility to get a meeting of all representative men to consider such matters. This rush should not stand in the way of what Merkel needs now. If prompt action is not taken on the part of the merchants of Merkel to erect a suitable place for ladies we suggest that every farmer in Merkel country register a kick with every Merkel merchant he meets until this is disposed of.

The Mail is only to glad to assist in this and any other important improvement brought to our attention but until this is disposed of we will attempt few other encouragements along the civic improvement line.

These are matters that could be pushed by our city authorities and the Mail takes the liberty of suggesting that our Mayor, Alderman and City Marshall takes steps toward pushing this improvement to completion.

TURKEY INDUSTRY IN GREAT DEMAND

The raising of poultry in the Merkel country has grown in remarkable leaps and bounds within the last year or so until now many people realize as much from their poultry as they do from other vocations.

Some late sales of turkeys recorded here are as follows: Craig \$20.70; W. A. \$35.90; Jno. Dodd \$8.95; Bankston \$81.05; Blue I \$33.35; O. W. Lawless S. A. Reagan \$9.30; Hutchens \$7.95; L. H. and Dean \$101.90; J. M. Byrd R. E. Cole \$77.55; W. C. Ling \$27.20; B. F. Fost J. F. Clark \$13.65; and Messrs. Taylor and Grayson \$30.80 and \$27.00 respectively. We were unable to obtain the initials of the last two men.

The above amount of \$580. was paid out by one firm to poultry growers of the Merkel surrounding country. Some the purchases were made from people living near Sylvester while others came from as far south as Dora.

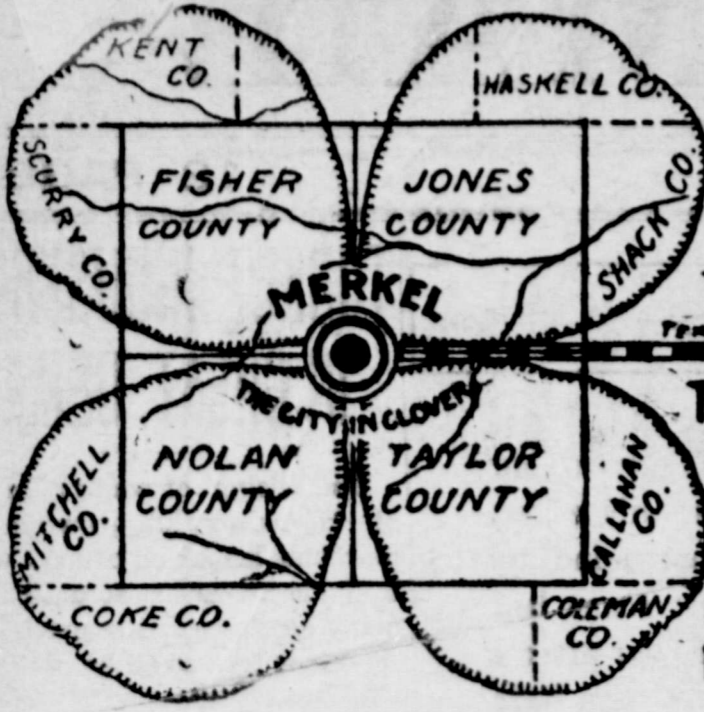
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Miss Maud Jenkins returned home from San Angelo the first of the week and has been seriously ill since her arrival here. Miss Jenkins was employed as a teacher in the San Angelo schools and was forced to give up her duties temporarily and return home only to grow suddenly worse on her arrival here.

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Look to your turkeys; don't have to sing that good old hymn: "Who Bruk de Lock on de Hen House Do?"

Better keep the same old geographies for awhile; the final result may not be so different in boundaries.

Nine Republican presidential possibilities for next year; but the lightning is going to say: "Here's hitting you. Mr. Wilson."

Two weeks to Congress, then the wedding bells, and after that a great Christmas star flaming in the heavens. Begun your shopping yet?

The New York World talks about "party sanity" as if it thought the little democratic donkey ought to be put in a strait jacket and housed in a padded stall.

A new German generator for sending wireless signals produces from 50,000 to 60,000 oscillations a second; and the tongues of the gossips are green-tipped with envy.

Adequate defense measures will cost millions. Paying the indemnities of defeat will cost billions. Which do you prefer?

Occasionally we hear of a man who is never affected by the modern display of feminine hosiery. Blind, of course.

We energetically protest against the statement that war at its best is barbarous. There is no best.

Don't be eternally asking the advice of your friends. To do so is to admit that you have a few brains of your own.

Dollar and sense make a great team, but neither will travel far in a single harness.

Some men are continually harping on their virtues, but that's because the rest of the world is unable to see them.

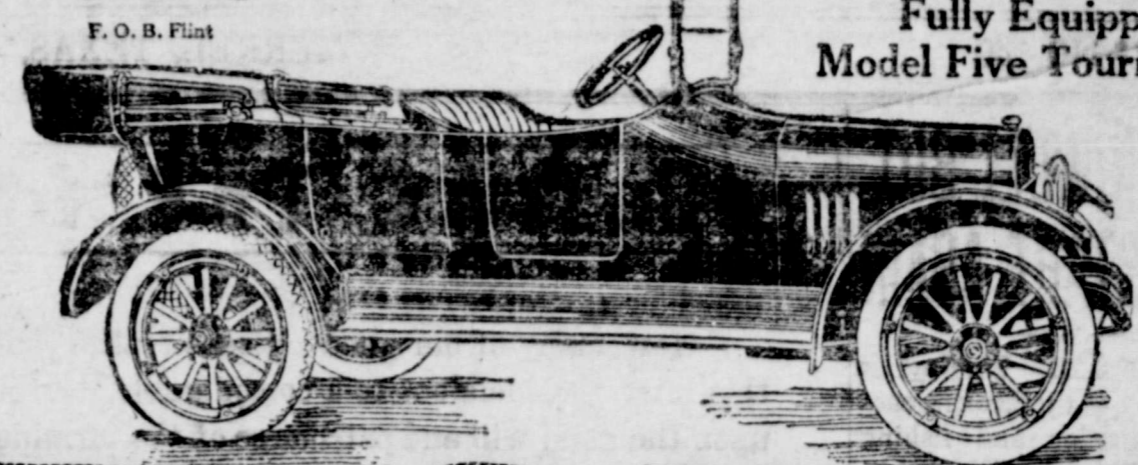
Affinities are becoming so commonplace they are seldom able to creep into headlines.

All aboard for hell! European stop-over privileges allowed all male passengers.

Do not be afraid to stand when talking to a friend. Life is too short for long sits.

\$650 ELECTRIC LIGHTING AND STARTING

Demountable Rims
Fully Equipped
Model Five Touring Car



DORD

The Dord Transmission

Following the best engineering practice the Dord Transmission, the vital driving element of the Dord car, is bolted to the rear of the motor. Transmission and clutch form a unit.

The Dord Transmission is entirely enclosed in a cast aluminum case. It is dust-proof and will not leak oil. Can be easily lubricated by loosening two small screws.

Each of its gears is made of the highest grade chrome nickel steel, hardened and ground. Cars selling for over a thousand dollars each have adopted and are now using the Dord type of transmission.

Every driving part of the Dord car from the engine to axle is made of the highest-grade chrome nickel steel procurable.

Broken transmissions are unknown to Dord owners.

Investigate the Dord before you buy a car.

Anchor Mercantile Company, Distributors

NO. 366
Official Statement of the Financial Condition of

The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 10th day of Nov. 1915, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 29th day of Nov. 1915.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$154,571.95
Loans, real estate	4,988.00
Real Estate (banking house)	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	5,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents, net	37,510.12
Cash Items	4,414.27
Currency	19,123.00
Specie	3,345.00—20,884.27
Int. in Depositors Guaranty Fund	1,080.00
Other Resources as follows	29.06
Revenue Stamps	29.06
Bills of Exchange, Cotton	118,199.95
Total	\$356,711.70
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$35,000.00
Surplus Fund	3,500.00
Undivided Profits, net	4,758.40
Individual Deposits sub. to check	295,682.72
Time Certificates of Deposit	3,143.99
Cashier's checks	7,209.63
Bills Payable and Rediscouts	7,416.96
Total	\$356,711.70

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, J. S. Swann, as president, and R. O. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
J. S. Swann, president.
R. O. Anderson, cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of Nov. A. D. 1915. W. W. Wheeler (SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas
Correct—Attest:
John Sears, M. Armstrong, B. C. Moore } Directors

\$100 Reward \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all the stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.
Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by all druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family pills for constipation.—Adv.

Post Office Inspector Here

Post Office Inspector Macey was here Tuesday of this week praying around in the affairs of the local office all of which he found to be in excellent running order and compliments the local force on the way in which they handle the work.

NO. 7481

Report of the Condition of

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AT MERKEL

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business, Nov. 10, 1915

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts (except those shown on b)	\$215,799.82
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	6,250.00
U.S. Bonds pledged to secure postal savings dep. (par val)	4,000.00— 10,250.00
Securities other than U.S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	825.00
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve bank	3,000.00
Less amount unpaid	1,500.00— 1,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Other Real Estate owned	6,500.00
Due from Federal Reserve Bank	11,480.20
Due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis	12,094.15
Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	61,438.65— 73,532.80
Due from banks and bankers (other than inclu. in 9 or 10)	35,737.61
Checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	9,507.89
Outside checks and other cash items	1,964.15
Fractional currency, nickels and cents	425.59— 2,390.74
Notes of other national banks	23,210.00
Federal Reserve Notes	5,500.00
Lawful money reserve in bank: Total coin and certificates Legal-tender notes	21,615.50— 2,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5 per cent on circulation)	312.50
Total	\$423,812.06

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits	\$12,904.52
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	3,165.14— 9,739.38
Circulating notes	6,250.00
Due to banks and bankers (other than included in 5 or 6)	24,295.16
Demand Deposits:	
Individual deposits subject to check	315,619.84
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	1,000.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	3,152.14
Postal savings deposits	2,405.54
Time deposits:	
Total demand deposits Items 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38 and 39	322,177.52
Certificate of deposit	11,350.00
Total of time deposits, Items 40, 41, and 42	11,350.00
Total	\$423,812.06

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:

I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of Nov. 1915.

W. W. WHEELER, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: J. T. WARREN
G. F. WEST
BEN T. MERRITT, Directors.

W. O. W. Circle Is Praised.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Woodmen Circle, also to Grove number 563 of Merkel, Texas, for the satisfactory manner in which the claim under the certificate held by my late wife, Henrietta Allen, was adjusted.

I cannot speak too highly of the benefits derived from a certificate of membership in the Woodmen Circle. R. D. Allen.

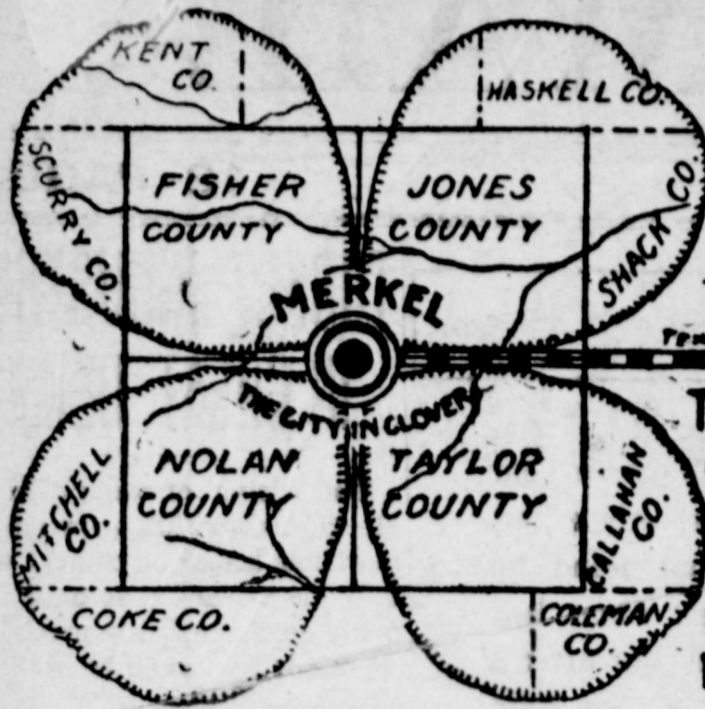
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Cotton Receipts Grow Small

Cotton receipts have decreased rapidly within the last two weeks and while the gins have been running full time, they have been killing time between bales for the past two weeks.

Sells Farm

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woodard have returned to Merkel from their farm in the Warren community. Mr. Woodard sold his farm property to Sisk.



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Look to your turkeys; don't have to sing that good old hymn: "Who Bruk de Lock on de Hen House Do?"

Better keep the same old geographies for awhile; the final result may not be so different in boundaries.

Nine Republican presidential possibilities for next year; but the lightning is going to say: "Here's hitting you. Mr. Wilson."

Two weeks to Congress, then the wedding bells, and after that a great Christmas star flaming in the heavens. Begun your shopping yet?

The New York World talks about "party sanity" as if it thought the little democratic donkey ought to be put in a strait jacket and housed in a padded stall.

A new German generator for sending wireless signals produces from 50,000 to 60,000 oscillations a second; and the tongues of the gossips are green-tipped with envy.

Adequate defense measures will cost millions. Paying the indemnities of defeat will cost billions. Which do you prefer?

Occasionally we hear of a man who is never affected by the modern display of feminine hosiery. Blind, of course.

We energetically protest against the statement that war at its best is barbarous. There is no best.

Don't be eternally asking the advice of your friends. To do so is to admit that you have a few brains of your own.

Dollar and sense make a great team, but neither will travel far in a single harness.

Some men are continually harping on their virtues, but that's because the rest of the world is unable to see them.

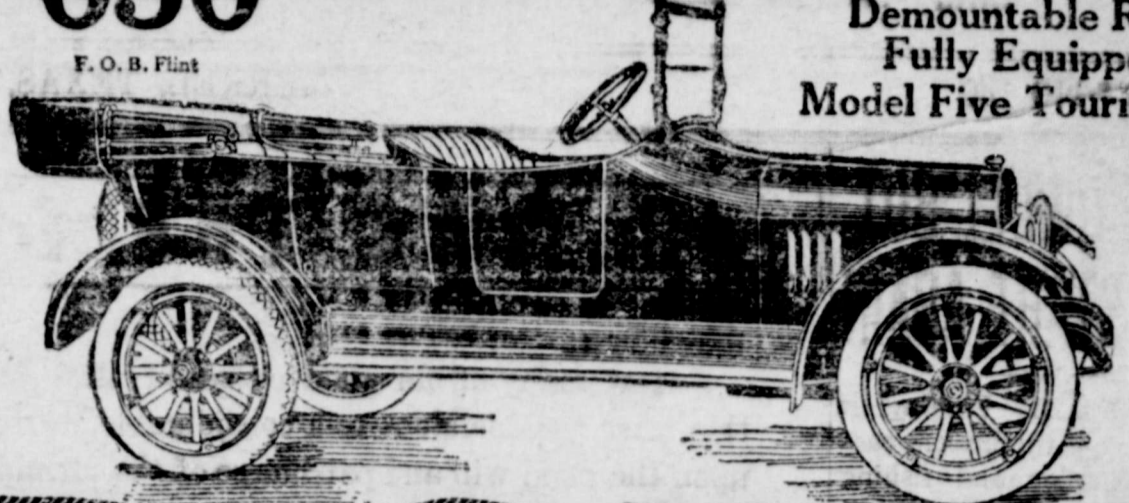
Affinities are becoming so commonplace they are seldom able to creep into headlines.

All aboard for hell! European stop-over privileges allowed all male passengers.

Do not be afraid to stand when talking to a friend. Life is too short for long sits.

\$650 ELECTRIC LIGHTING AND STARTING

Demountable Rims
Fully Equipped
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DORT

The Dort Transmission

Following the best engineering practice the Dort Transmission, the vital driving element of the Dort car, is bolted to the rear of the motor. Transmission and clutch form a unit.

The Dort Transmission is entirely enclosed in a cast aluminum case. It is dust-proof and will not leak oil. Can be easily lubricated by loosening two small screws.

Each of its gears is made of the highest grade chrome nickel steel, hardened and ground. Cars selling for over a thousand dollars each have adopted and are now using the Dort type of transmission.

Every driving part of the Dort car from the engine to axle is made of the highest-grade chrome nickel steel procurable. Broken transmissions are unknown to Dort owners.

Investigate the Dort before you buy a car.

Anchor Mercantile Company, Distributors

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of

The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 10th day of Nov. 1915, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 26th day of Nov. 1915.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$134,571.95
Loans, real estate	4,988.00
Real Estate (banking house)	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	5,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents, net	37,510.12
Cash Items	4,415.27
Currency	13,123.00
Specie	3,345.00—20,884.27
Int. in Depositors Guaranty Fund	1,080.05
Other Resources as follows	
Revenue Stamps	29.06
Bills of Exchange, Cotton	118,109.95
Total	\$356,711.70
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$35,000.00
Surplus Fund	3,500.00
Undivided Profits, net	4,758.40
Individual Deposits sub. to check	295,682.72
Time Certificates of Deposit	3,143.99
Cashier's checks	7,209.63
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	7,415.96
Total	\$356,711.70

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, J. S. Swann as president, and R. O. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
J. S. Swann, president.
R. O. Anderson, cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of Nov. A. D. 1915. W. W. Wheeler
(SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas
Correct—Attest:
John Sears } Directors
M. Armstrong }
B. C. Moore }

\$100 Reward \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all the stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the systems, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.
Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by all druggists, 75c. Take Halls Family pills for constipation.—Adv.

Post Office Inspector Here

Post Office Inspector Macey was here Tuesday of this week praying around in the affairs of the local office all of which he found to be in excellent running order and compliments the local force on the way in which they handle the work.

Report of the Condition of

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AT MERKEL

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business, Nov. 10, 1915

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts (except those shown on b)	\$215,799.82
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds pledged to secure postal savings dep. (par val)	4,000.00—10,250.00
Securities other than U.S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	825.00
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve bank	3,000.00
Less amount unpaid	1,500.00—1,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Other Real Estate owned	6,500.00
Due from Federal Reserve Bank	11,480.20
Due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis	12,094.15
Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	61,438.65—78,532.80
Due from banks and bankers (other than inclu. in 9 or 10)	35,737.61
Checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	9,507.89
Outside checks and other cash items	1,964.15
Fractional currency, nickels and cents	426.59—2,390.74
Notes of other national banks	23,210.00
Federal Reserve Notes	5,500.00
Lawful money reserve in bank: Total coin and certificates Legal-tender notes	21,615.50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5 per cent on circulation)	2,000.00
Total	\$423,812.96
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits	\$12,904.52
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	3,165.14—9,739.38
Circulating notes	6,250.00
Due to banks and bankers (other than included in 5 or 6)	24,295.16
Demand Deposits:	
Individual deposits subject to check	315,619.84
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	1,000.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	3,152.14
Postal savings deposits	2,405.54
Time deposits:	
Total demand deposits Items 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38 and 39	322,177.52
Certificate of deposit	11,350.00
Total of time deposits, Items 40, 41, and 42	11,350.00
Total	\$423,812.96

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:
I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of Nov. 1915.
W. W. WHEELER, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: J. T. WARREN } Directors
G. F. WEST }
BEN T. MERRITT, Directors.

W. O. W. Circle is Praised.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Woodmen Circle, also to Grove number 563 of Merkel, Texas, for the satisfactory manner in which the claim under the certificate held by my late wife, Henrietta Allen, was adjusted.

I cannot speak too highly of the benefits derived from a certificate of membership in the Woodmen Circle. R. D. Allen.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Your druggist will refund money if PIAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of itching, bleeding or protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives ease and relief.

Cotton Receipts Grow Small

Cotton receipts have decreased rapidly within the last three weeks and while the gins have been running full time, they have been killing time between bales for the past two weeks.

Sells Farm

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wooda have returned to Merkel from their farm in the Warren community. Mr. Woodard sold his farm property to Sisk.