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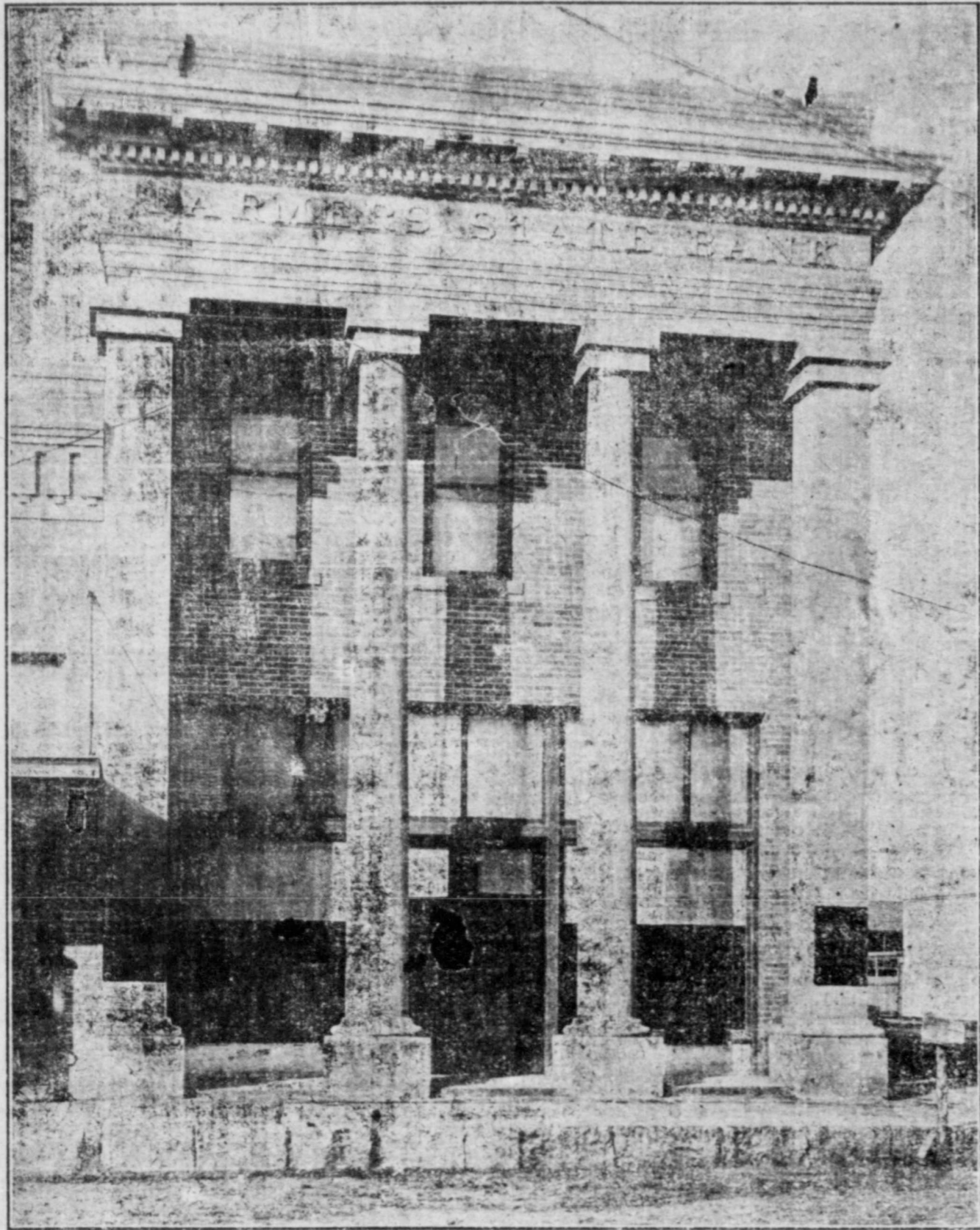
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Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Interest in Guaranty Fund	1,492.03
<b>CASH AND EXCHANGE</b>	<b>119,193.77</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$331,729.32</b>

## LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	10,411.57
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>285,829.32</b>
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Don't Wait for the Fatal Stages of Kidney Illness—Profit by Merkel People's Experiences

Occasional attacks of backache, irregular urination, headaches and dizzy spells are frequent symptoms of kidney disorders. It's an error to neglect these ills. The attacks may pass off for a time but generally return with greater intensity. Don't delay a minute. Begin taking Doan's Kidney Pills and keep up their use until the desired results are obtained. Good work in Merkel proves the effectiveness of this great kidney remedy.

Mrs. J. M. Dry, Merkel, says: "I got down with my back and when I stooped over, it was hard to straighten up again. Dizzy spells came on me and I felt worn-out and depressed most all the time. I used but one box of Doan's Kidney Pills and the pains in my back left, the headaches disappeared and my kidneys were greatly strengthened. I have never had much need of a kidney medicine since."

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THE PLACE FOR MERKEL PEOPLE TO GET MERKEL BAKED BREAD

Try  
a  
Pullman  
Loaf  
at  
**10**  
CENTS

After several weeks of hard work in preparing our bakery for clean and practical work we have accomplished our endeavor in this line and are now able to offer the people of Merkel good, savory bread, baked in a clean oven and under the best of kitchen conditions.

We make Morning and Evening Deliveries  
to all phone orders. Our phone number is

**118**

Patronize "Home Industry" as long as it merits your support. Under present conditions we believe we merit your support and when ordering bread from any place in town we will thank you to call for Merkel Bakery bread and see if it is not "BEST." Respectfully,

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WANTED:—Man with small family to work on farm. S. H. L. Swafford.

HOUSE FOR SALE—4 room house, with 4 lots, barn and windmill, close to business portion of town. S. F. Haynes. tf

FOR SALE—Work horses, mules and mares, second hand wagon and plow tools. All cheap for cash. Dr. M. Armstrong.

ARE YOU SICK — Do you know what Chiropractic is if sick and have tried all other methods and gotten no results. Why not investigate Chiropractic and get well? Not drugs, surgery or osteopathy, I adjust the cause of all disease. Consultation and analyses given free. Call and see me. Mrs. M. U. Bettendorf, Chiropractor. You will find me at Mrs. Alice Rose.

LOST—Bunch of keys, had coco cola bottle opener with screw driver attachment fastened to key ring. Finder return to De Verle Johnson at F. & M. bank.

25 per cent off on shoes at J. A. Duckett.

FOR SALE—At a bargain my home in Merkel; 5 rooms, bath and two porches; two lots; two barns; separate cow, horse and wood lots; cement sidewalks, shade trees and shrubbery; well and windmill. Cost over \$3000. Price \$2000 for quick sale. Jno. G. Jackson, Abilene. 313

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Merkel Agents

### SECOND HAND AUTOS

We buy and sell second hand Ford automobiles.

See us before you buy and see us before you sell. We rebuild cars. The Merkel Garage.

### Road Tax Notice

By paying your road tax before February 1st, 1916, the rate is \$3.00, after that date the regular \$5.00 tax will be in force. Pay today and save \$2.00. B. A. Walter, City Marshal.

### Fault

Disagreeable people always must be exaggerated, it seems, until they occupy much more than their allotted space in the world.

Mrs. Wesley Edwards was the guest of relatives in Midland a few days this week.

Good axes with Hickory handles only 49 cents at J. A. Duckett's.

# New Laundry Service AND TAILOR SHOP

All laundry orders given our prompt and careful attention in connection with the Sweetwater Laundry. We call for and deliver all orders, just

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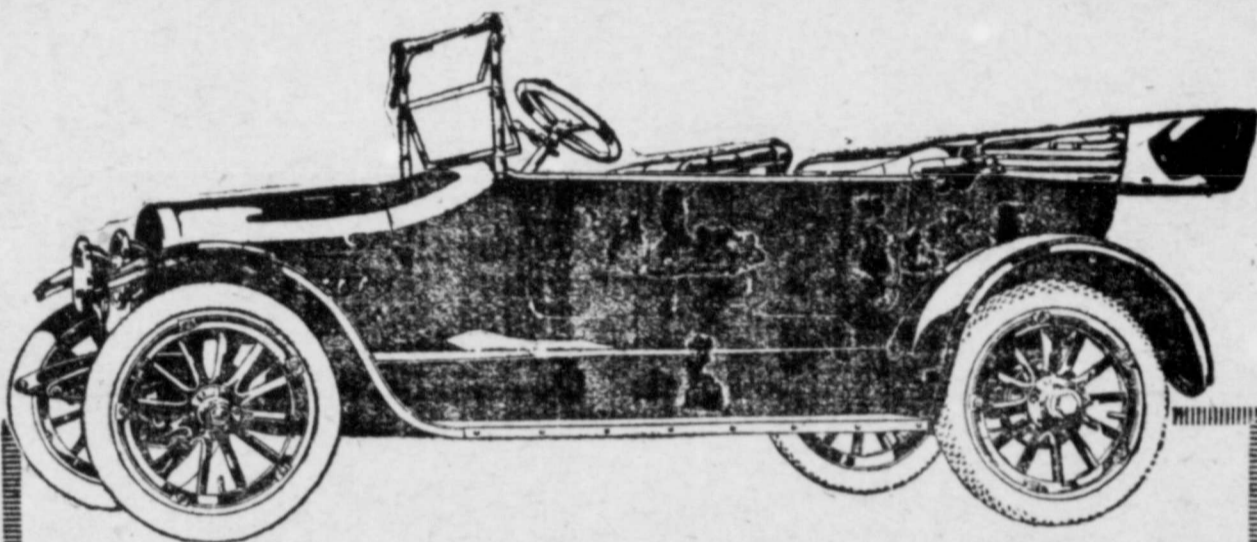
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Besides this model we build:  
A Standard Four                      \$985  
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**MERKEL GARAGE**  
Merkel Distributors

106 inch Wheelbase  
One-man Top  
Electric Starter and Lights  
7 Horsepower  
Concise Equipment

## LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Roy Savage of Corpus Christi is the guest of Miss Mabel Collins and other friends. Mrs. Savage is remembered by her Merkel friends as Miss Lula Thornton.

We do not overstock on any drugs but we have orders coming in every day so you can depend on nothing but the very best and purest drugs that can be bought. Burroughs.

The following party motored to Abilene Sunday afternoon to visit Mrs. W. P. Garvin at Alexander's Sanitarium; Mrs. E. M. Rust, Mrs. Geo. Ralston of Arah who is a guest in the Garvin home, Miss Bess Touchstone and Rev. Garvin. Miss Mary Garvin who has been in Abilene returned home with the party.

School Books are strictly cash. Burroughs.

Miss Amanda Curtis is visiting with friends and spending a few days at the old country home south of Merkel.

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Miss Madge Hale of Trent has been visiting here this week with Mrs. W. R. Bigham and other friends.

An order phoned in from the city receives our immediate attention and we have free delivery day or night. Burroughs.

Prof. Garrett of the Roscoe schools was here Saturday and Sunday visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

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Plenty of Bran, Shorts and Chops. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Claud Comegys left Monday for El Paso where he will visit his wife who is in one of the sanitariums at that place.

Phone us your parcel post orders. We give the most prompt service and cater to your every want. Burroughs.

Queen Quality Flour, the highest quality, \$3.25 the lowest price. The Star Store.

Mrs. Jno. W. Briggs was a visitor to Abilene the first of the week.

Don't get caught asleep, protect yourself by using Blacklegoid Vaccine from Burroughs.

Austin Fitts was in Abilene the first of the week making new acquaintances and shaking hands with the voters of that place.

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W. M. Jenkins of Dallas was in Merkel Saturday.

## LOCAL NEWS

J. D. Boring returned from Fort Worth Saturday night, having spent two weeks there visiting his daughters Mrs. Brenshaw and Miss Bertha Boring.

If you want good flour The Star Store has it, \$3.25 per hundred.

Rayford Jennings of El Paso came in Tuesday morning to visit his sister Mrs. Wesley Edwards.

Auto oils and gasoline at H. M. Rose's.

Cow feed and cottonseed meal at G. M. Sharp's.

WANTED — All the second hand goods you have. Will pay the highest prices for same. J. T. Dorsey.

Lloyd Hairstone of Amarillo came in the first of the week to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hairstone.

Winter months do not cause us to neglect our Sanitary Fountain. We invite you to inspect it at any time and see how a first-class fountain is kept. Burroughs.

Fresh meal at G. M. Sharp.

We do not use Acetyl-Salicylic acid for Aspirin, but we use Pure Aspirin, so do not be misled, take your prescriptions to Burroughs.

Will pay the highest prices for any second hand goods which you wish to dispose of. J. T. Dorsey, the second hand man.

Rev. J. P. Sibley of Carbon is here this week visiting his father J. W. Sibley.

We pride ourselves in the fact that we keep the most up-to-date line of drugs and sundries on the market today. Burroughs.

Queen Quality Flour, as good as the best, per hundred \$3.25 at The Star Store.

Mrs. P. B. Causseaux has broken up her home in Merkel the entire family having decided to go to the country home near Noodle. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pitzer, Jr. will occupy Mrs. Causseaux's property.

Have H. M. Rose, the tinner fix it for you. Plumbing and water fixtures looked after on short notice.

Mrs. Thos. Hall of Oklahoma has returned to her home, having spent several weeks here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin,

S. L. Penny who has lived for several years in the Merkel country has recently moved his family to Big Springs.

Take your prescriptions to Burroughs, he has given satisfaction for the last 15 years and why not play safe?

Mrs. H. A. Redding of Abilene came in Tuesday afternoon to spend a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

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Mr. John Choate of Peaster spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs the past week.

Plenty of Bran, Shorts and Chops. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

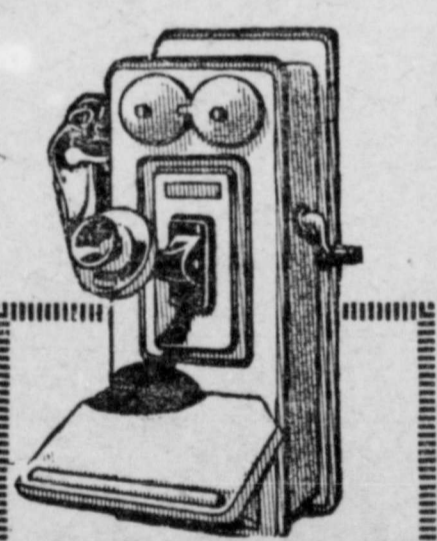
A car of fancy nut coal just arrived at Allen's Fuel and Feed Barn. Phone 245.

T. Beasley left Tuesday afternoon for El Paso where he will spend a few days attending to business matters.

Take her a box of Nunnallys or Adolphus, she will appreciate it and think more of you. Burroughs.

Plenty of Bran, Shorts and Chops. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

6 pounds good Peaberry Coffee for \$1.00 at The Star Store.



### Bell Telephone Service

Keeps a balance in farm affairs, which means more profit at the end of the season.

It sells the product; Gets best prices; Brings supplies; Protects the home; Helps the housewife—

By all means have a Farm Telephone connected with the BELL SYSTEM.

Write today to our nearest Manager for information.

THE SOUTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE COMPANY

## Statement of The Farmers & Merchants National Bank

Of Merkel, Texas, at the Close of Business Friday, Dec. 31, 1915

### Resources

Loans	\$222,688.85
Overdrafts	None
U. S. Bonds—par	10,250.00
Stock in Federal Bank	1,500.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real Estate	6,500.00
Cash and Sight Exchange	144,099.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$388,950.54</b>

### Liabilities

Capital Stock	\$25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	35,120.86
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	322,579.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$388,950.54</b>

We appreciate your business and are anxious to render good banking service to our friends and patrons at all times.  
**THOS. JOHNSON**  
Cashier

Beginning Saturday, January 29, We Will Deliver  
DAILY

## SWEET MILK, BUTTER MILK

BUTTER AND CREAM

Why not buy all your dairy products from the same person? Here are some of the reasons you should do business with us:—

(1) Because all our cows are young and in good condition. We raised every cow in the herd and none are over five years old.

(2) Because we use the Rochester adjustable milking pail. Clean milk cannot be produced when drawn into an open-mothed bucket. The sides, flank and udder of cows are thoroughly brushed; then milk is drawn with dry hands into a small opening in a covered pail. You can't strain dirt out of milk, once it is contaminated. We never let it get in there.

(3) Because our milk will be aerated and cooled down immediately after taken from cow.

(4) Because of price of 25c, 30c and 35c per gallon for sweet milk, in gallon, quart and pint measures, and 25c per pound for butter to those who take milk, which is as low as labor wages will permit. Don't forget it takes "oodles" of work to run the milk business right. High grade stuff can't compete with slop and axle grease. Our silo is a great factor in the production of milk economically.

(5) Because our Ford delivery will bring your milk quicker from the cow than you can get it elsewhere. The hack to be used in muddy weather.

(6) Because we are here to stay. We have named our farm Bitter Lake, and will stamp everything we sell later on with Bitter Lake Farm. Everything we sell is guaranteed to please you. Get in touch with us at once. Our butter at 25c will go like hot cakes. Have sold as high as 60 pounds of butter per week at 25c and have never been able to supply the demand long at a time.

At present we cannot furnish butter at 25c only to our milk customers, as the creamery man's motor car will pay more than that for the cream at the farm. Will deliver only every evening until a twice-a-day delivery will justify.

PHONE 597, RING 2-1

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### TAYLOR COUNTY FORTY YEARS AGO AND TO-DAY.

Forty years in Taylor county, as well as in Texas generally has brought many changes. Forty years ago Taylor county was bristling with booted cowboys and wild-eyed Indians. Forty years ago there was nothing here but an occasional ranch house where a dozen or more stalwart cow-punchers bunked whenever chance and good fortune favored them with the opportunity to rest their weary heads in a billow of feathers—or, riding blankets, rather. Those were the days of the open range—when long-horn steers and thick-skulled buffalos, black-tail deer and lobo wolves roamed the prairies with little fear or danger at the hands of the new comers—the pale face. In those days the wily coyote that now sulks away in the cover of darkness, was free to parade the broad expanse of country that knew not the touch of civilization, in quest of food. Prairie dogs, nothing loath, would hang around the entrance of his burrough, fearing nothing but the hissing rattler which disputed the title and doubted the abstract which the former boasted.

The hardy pioneers knew little or no law in those days. But they had a code of laws promulgated by themselves—shoot, and shoot first. But, nevertheless, they knew what was right, and when one of the few that were here strayed from the straight and narrow path, shotguns and winchesters would play the funeral dirge.

The red man in these memorial days hated the hardy settlers for infringing on their rights and territory and for revenge, would, like the Arabs, fold their tents and swoop down in the black of night on the unsuspecting ranchmen, killing and stealing everything that crossed their path. In retaliation, the ranchmen would collect in as large a body as possible, and a running fight, when many Indians would bite the dust of repentance, would ensue.

The pioneer is to be praised for his pluck and the fact that he made it possible, at great risks and many hardships, for this desolate country to bloom like a rose with civilization, and we would not take one iota of praise from him; but, while he was great in his way—his way was with brawn—not brains. It was his successors—the men of to-day—that converted the prairies into llovy fields; that changed the rattle of the cowbells to the hoarse grinding of giant machinery; that planted beautiful flowers where the sage grass grew; that built factories, churches, schools and tall cathedrals instead of the ranchmen's hut. It was the men of to-day who made the prairies glow with life; who built railroads and automobiles and who now tread the clouds in the airships. Here's tears for the men of yesterday; cheers for the men of to-day.

We have had with us this week. "Br-ur-r-, we are havin' some winter weather, aint we." How many times have you had to reply to such a rank statement of facts?

Merkel is about to have a rest room. Who will be the first to use it?

La Grippe is now paying his last respects after an extended visit in these parts.

### THE MEN WHO DO.

The first moon in the new year is disappearing behind the clouds of the past; the joys and ecstasies, sorrows and heartaches that come with the fading of one year and the approach of another, have died out in the ashes of the past, and a busy world now looms up before us. The combined and mighty minds of all the great men are reaching out in the misty future hunting new worlds to conquer. Only the puny weaking staggers along in the same old rut caring for nothing more than to be left alone to his sorrow. This is no time for the quaking men who do not do. His time has faded away like the glistening snow drops in a summer's sun; his time was in the dark ages of sprites and spooks, ghosts and goblins, witches and wizzards. The men who are searching the skies with powerful telescopes, peering far into the mists of psychology and deep into the fathoms of science are the men who do.

Monday January 16, 1916. A date appearing on the Sweetwater Daily Journal. Somebody got their dates mixed.

### WITH OUR EXCHANGES

#### Family Quarrels.

After the first quarrel she feels that she has nothing to live for, but after the hundredth she is ready to go on about her shopping as soon as the brute is out of sight.—Claud Callan In Star-Telegram.

Claud must have a good wife, but if she ever does sue him for divorce his esteemed paper will lose one of their best assets. That is, something for "Hubby" to talk about.

#### Up-to-Date Honey Grove.

What has become of that old-fashioned dude who used to stick his handkerchief in his cuff?—Texarkana Texarkanian.

Man, you have struck our neighboring town, Honey Grove, an awful blow in that statement. The handkerchief and cuff fad has just struck that town and many of the most prominent male citizens have adopted the idea under the impression that they were setting a new pace for the rest of the world to follow.—Fannin County Favorite.

That was the most unkindest cut of all, for even Editor English of Bonham, hangs to that old rule of eating peas in mashed potatoes, to keep the aforesaid edibles from rolling off his knife.

#### More Buttermilk.

Somebody on the Abilene Reporter staff thinks they know Hon. James Lowry of Honey Grove and penned in the following paragraph in the simplest words possible to their limited vocabulary.

"The glories of a goblet of genuine acidulated lacteal fluid extractus bovinus cannot be overdone, not even by the original oracle of oily oleomargarine. Buttermilk Jim Lowry is right; he is nearly always right whether on the subject of buttermilk or something else. He has tasted the sweets of the churn and forever turned his back upon the clangorous call of clayey claret, whimpering whiskey and blawsted beer. Long may the chug of the churn be heard in the land."

To all their comment we would only say. Who told you so?

#### Breaking Out of Jail.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram made an awful fuss about one Houdini who extricated himself from a police straight jacket, while hanging feet downward from a derrick affixed to their building for the above purpose. No doubt Mr. Houdini found this an easy job and for a something to stump his ability we suggest that he be placed in the Sweetwater, Nolan county jail for further consideration. Sweetwater people will please keep their hats on.

#### The Same Old Trouble.

The candidate is now abroad in the land. Be sure not to lie to him nor about him.—Roscoe Times.

We won't. But what about the candidate who handles the truth carelessly in our presence?

New warning is given Americans in Mexico. Headliner in Fort Worth Record. Do tell.

## You've hit the right tobacco

when you fire-up some Prince Albert in your old jimmy pipe or in a makin's cigarette. And you know it! Can't get in wrong with P. A. for it is made right; made to spread-smoke-sunshine among men who have suffered with scorched tongues and parched throats! The patented process fixes that—and cuts out bite and parch. All day long you'll sing how glad you are you're pals with



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to change the shape and color of unsalable brands to imitate the Prince Albert tidy red tin, but it is impossible to imitate the flavor of Prince Albert tobacco! The patented process protects that!

# PRINCE ALBERT

the national joy smoke

You take this testimony straight from the shoulder, men. You can smoke a barrel of P. A. without a kick! It hands out all the tobacco happiness any man ever dreamed about, it's so smooth and friendly. It's a mighty cheerful thing to be on talking-terms with your pipe and your tongue at the same time—but that's what's coming to you sure as you pin your faith to Prince Albert!

R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO., Winston-Salem, N. C.

### ONE CENT POSTAGE

A bill reducing postage on drop letters to one cent has been offered in Congress. Postage rates lack much of conforming to rules of business or common sense, and need readjusting. To charge as much for the delivery of a letter at the office where it is mailed as to send a letter of the same weight to San Francisco or London is as great an economic absurdity as to charge as much for hauling a passenger from Honey Grove to Petty as is charged for a ride from Honey Grove to New York. The bill ought to pass.—Honey Grove Signal.

Three parts right and three parts wrong. Honey Grove should not be made a comparative object in so important a matter. The railroads should make no charges for hauling people out of Honey Grove, regardless of whether they want to go to New York or Merkel.

### PULLING THE CANDIDATES

The Western Enterprise of Anson makes the suggestion that candidates should turn down the traveling grafters who solicit their announcements for various kinds of advertising schemes. The reporter has often wondered why it is that candidates "fall" for so many side issues. An announcement in the county papers, supplemented by a few cards is all any candidate should spend his money for and investments with the grafter shows poor business judgment and is an evidence of weakness.—Abilene Reporter.

Well so long as it is their own money and they do not try to corrupt the ballot we see no good reason for saying the candidate cannot spend his money wherever he likes. If he wants to get stung, that's his business.

It is said that Roumania has sold to the central powers fifty carloads of cereals.—Fort Worth Record.

That's nothing, man, look what Post did to America.

### JUDGING A TOWN

Towns are judged by the newspapers in them.—Greenville Banner.

Go easy there; there is no better town in the state than Merkel.

### ECLIPSE OF SUN

A partial eclipse of the sun, visible in Honey Grove, is forecasted for the morning of February 3. The sun rises on that day at 7:29, and the eclipse will begin at 8:39. The greatest obscuration will be at 9:33 and the shadow will leave the sun at 10:33. The greatest area of the eclipse will be about three-tenths of the sun's orb.—Honey Grove Signal.

If Honey Grove doesn't monopolize this event, Merkel may get a look-in at "Old Sol" during this obscuration.

### THE CHINKS WON'T VOTE

An editorial in the El Paso Times says that four Chinamen in that city have paid their poll tax. The question is "What are you going to do about it?"—Pecos Times.

We are not going to do anything, neither are the Chinamen.

### A CYCLONE IN WASHINGTON

Congressman Cyclone Davis writes the Courier: "If I can render you or your good citizens any service do not hesitate for one moment to command."

Bully, resign.—Delta Courier.

A brutal editor:—Fort Worth Record.

Don't say that, Cyclone is only turning the joke on Texas.

The January issue of The Corral, from Simmons College, is a credit to that institution and was edited and printed in a way that should merit the support and approval of all West Texas people.

The last issue of the Trent Enterprise found a pioneer newspaper man at the helm of that contemporary. Maj. L. B. Shook, to whom we refer is an able writer and a man well versed in journalism. Has the best wishes of the Mail.

The Taylor County Texan in urging someone to announce for the office of Sheriff forgets or overlooks the status of affairs in Taylor county at present. If any body has the sheriff bee in their bonnet, other than the present incumbent, they had better swat it while the swatting is good.



### FURNACE COAL

for the wintry days. Let the wind howl and the barometer go to zero and below. Don't worry about the family not being comfortable. Put on couple of scoops in the morning and the furnace will do the rest. Better take the large size.

## Warren Brothers

### PASTED PARAGRAPHS

GETTING THEIR GOATS  
 He is a dub. I hope he chokes. His field has a wide range: This lad who cops out my be jokes, And signs himself 'Exchange.'—Cincinnati Enquirer.

We seldom write a line worth while; With wit we're not synonymous. But we can hardly crack a smile. When they call our stuff "Anonymous."—Arkansas Democrat.

We're not an Addison, we know, And yet we deeply sighed When we saw some work of our pen Tagged "unidentified."—Allentown Democrat.

They used our stuff, it made us moan, And wrote 'neath it "Author Unknown." We moaned because we almost know That we are not entirely so.—Houston Post.

Then there's another man we know— (We hope that he'll be shipped) He takes our paragraphs and marks Them merely "Clipped." Memphis Commercial Appeal. The dirty bunch, the heathen curs From grace they'll surely fall. They run our stuff in their old sheet And sign no name at all.

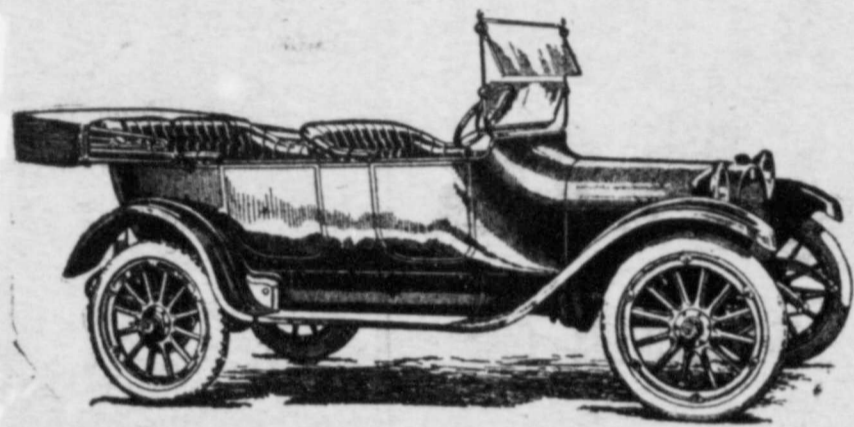
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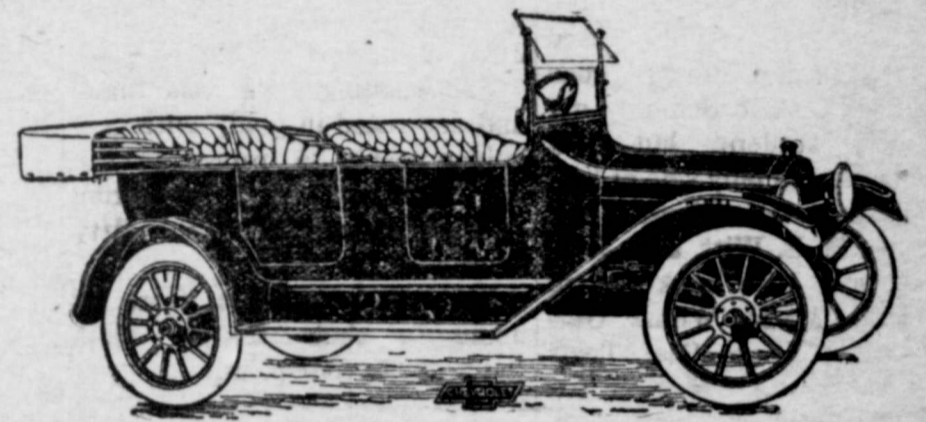
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Women who get but little exercise are likely to be troubled with constipation and indigestion and will find Chamberlain's Tablets highly beneficial. Not so good as a three or four mile walk every day, but very much better than to allow the bowels to remain in constipated condition. They are easy and pleasant to take and most agreeable in effect. For sale by all dealers.

**Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly**  
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, **DR. ROBEY'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC**, drives out malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c

### SOME KING

King George is of a sober breed  
That never gets a jag on,  
So when he falls, it's off his steed  
And not the grand old wagon.  
—Columbia State.

The Russian Czar is fleet of foot,  
He seems to run away;  
His motto is: "Today let's scoot,  
We'll scrap another day."  
—Savannah Press.

The German Kaiser's on the ground,  
He's ready for the fray,  
His soldiers—by allegiance bound  
They will not run away.  
—Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer.

Queen Sophie has a special brand  
Of will power that's not hid;  
She winks at brother kaiser, and  
Sits on the Grecian lid.  
—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

But Villa backs them off the map  
He fights just like he used-ter;  
He shoots a dozen unarmed men,  
Of bandits, he's a rooster.

### EXEMPTIONS

Adam had his troubles,  
Not a few, perchance;  
But he never lost a button  
Off his Sunday pants.  
—Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer.

Adam had his troubles,  
Of woes there were no lack;  
But we know he never had to.  
Hook Eve up the back.  
—Columbia State.

Adam had his troubles  
One way or another,  
But Eve never said that she  
Was "going home to mother."  
—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

That Adam had his troubles  
Is surely no mistake,  
And paradise was lost for some,  
When the old boy met the snake.

### Getting There.

The fellow who gets there doesn't  
depend so much on inspiration as on  
perspiration.—Philadelphia Record.

### Fever Sores

Fever sores and old chronic sores  
should not be healed entirely, but  
should be kept in healthy condition.  
This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by all dealers.

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## BEFORE AND AFTER

At Behrens-McMillen

Saturday, January 29, 1916

## MERKEL POWER COMP'Y

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

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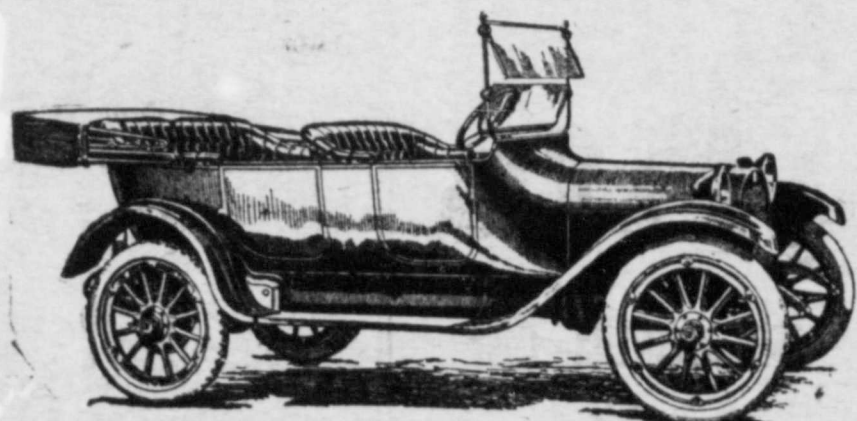
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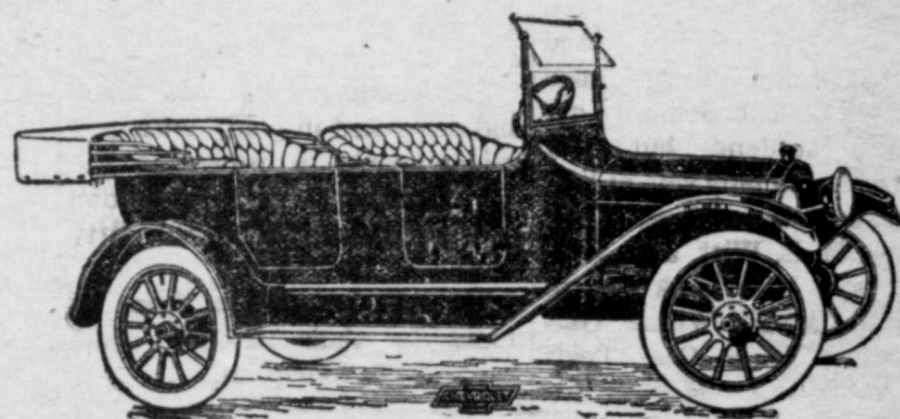
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His motto is: "Today let's scoot,  
We'll scrap another day."  
—Savannah Press.

The German Kaiser's on the  
ground.  
He's ready for the fray,  
His soldiers—by allegiance bound  
They will not run away.  
—Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer.

Queen Sophie has a special brand  
Of will power that's not hid;  
She winks at brother kaiser, and  
Sits on the Grecian lid.  
—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

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He fights just like he used-ter;  
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Adam had his troubles,  
Not a few, perchance;  
But he never lost a button  
Off his Sunday pants.  
—Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer.

Adam had his troubles,  
Of woes there were no lack;  
But we know he never had to.  
Hook Eve up the back.  
—Columbia State.

Adam had his troubles  
One way or another,  
But Eve never said that she  
Was "going home to mother."  
—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

That Adam had his troubles  
Is surely no mistake,  
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MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

The Fidelis class of the Baptist Sunday School held a call meeting at the church Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of electing officers.

The members of the High School Senior class entertained the High School Faculty and their wives Friday night at the home of Roy Coats.

Mrs. W. E. Britain Entertains.

Misses Cecil Haley of Matador and Mamie McNatt of Abilene were honor guests at a forty-two party given by Mrs. W. E. Britain Tuesday evening.

It is always a pleasure to spend an evening with Mr. and Mrs. Britain, so the six tables arranged for the games were filled and the playing did not want for enthusiasm during the entire time.

Those present were Misses Zelma Fletcher, Beulah Burkett, Eva Calvert, Winnie Warren, Eva Walters, Mamie McNatt, Evelyn Williams, Mae White, Maud Martin, Pet Sears, Cecil Haley and Elma Sheppard.

There will be a marriage in Merkel on ..... The contracting parties are Mr. .... and Miss ..... Further information is unobtainable.

The Twentieth Century Club

The Twentieth Century Club held its regular meeting last Thursday afternoon with Miss Winnie Warren.

The newly elected officers were present to assume their duties. However, Miss Warren, on account of other work, was compelled to resign the secretaryship, and Mrs. Luther Woodroof was elected to fill her place.

Miss Warren, assisted by her mother, served chocolate with

sandwiches, olives and potato chips.

The next meeting will be with Miss Evelyn Williams, Thursday February 3rd.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

On January 18th, 1916, at their home in Stanton, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

This half century bride and groom have lived very useful lives. They have reared five sons and one daughter and all are grown and have families of their own.

This honored couple have been devoted Christians, doing much good at home and abroad and the many beautiful gifts received attest to the host of friends they have in Stanton and elsewhere.

The wedding cake was made and decorated in gold, with six golden hearts to represent the six children, and fifty golden candles to represent the fifty years of married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were at home to their friends from ten a. m. to four p. m.



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Mescal Buttons. The "sacred mushroom" of the Aztecs, which was called by them teonanacatl and used as an intoxicant, was, it appears, not a mushroom, but the narcotic cactus Lophophora Williamsii, now well known for its use by the South American Indians in religious ceremonies.

First "Push Button." Benjamin Franklin invented the electric "push button." This was accomplished in 1751. He "shocked" the rattling in front of his Philadelphia residence, finding the idlers of the street were too fond of gathering under his window.

Charity. Did universal charity prevail earth would be a heaven and hell a fable.—Cotton

THE POWER TO GOVERN. Sometimes it is said that man cannot be trusted with the government of himself. Can he then be trusted with the government of others, or have we found angels in the form of kings to govern him? Let history answer this question.—Thomas Jefferson.

Aunt Sally's Bike

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Things in and around the village of Poolsville had got into perilous state.

Not a tin peddler had entered the town for six weeks, and half the pans and coffee-pots were leaking.

Business was so quiet that an order for a whole gallon of molasses was almost town's talk.

One of the inhabitants of Poolsville was Aunt Sarah Tooker. She was widowed six years before and lived with her daughter. Aunt Sally had always been a hustler, and when a dull time came to Poolsville she had always been ready to bestir herself to end it.

"Are you men going to let this town fall into its mudhole and give a last gasp?"

"Why, Aunt Sally, what can be done?" he asked in reply. "We are in a rut here, and we've got to stay in that rut till Providence boosts us out of it."

Aunt Sally went home to say to her daughter:

"Hanner, I am going over to Gullford to see sister Kate for two weeks."

It was in the early days of the bike. The machine had been adopted in almost every other town around, but Poolsville frowned upon it.

Aunt Sally Tooker knew just how the bike was regarded in her home town, and she knew that she was sixty years old and was expected to set a good example for the younger folks.

Nevertheless, she had only reached Gullford, when she said to her sister: "Sister Kate, have they bikes for sale in Gullford?"

"Why, of course," was the reply.

"Then get on your bonnet and go with me to buy one."

"For a nephew?"

"No, sir; for yours truly, Aunt Sally Tooker! I have come over here to learn to ride the bike, and I can't get at it a minute too soon."

"But you are not going to ride the bike in Poolsville," gasped the sister. "Why, they will mob you over there!"

"Let them mob and be darned. That's where I'm going to ride the bike. The old town is in a rut, and I'm going to wake her up."

In a week she could ride up a hill and down, and when the time she had given herself to remain in Gullford had expired she started for Poolsville on her bike.

The highway leading out of and into Poolsville is a hill with a gentle slope half a mile long, and it was the hour of noon one day when Aunt Sally Tooker reached the brow of this hill. There she rested and looked down upon the village. It seemed asleep.

It was after Aunt Sally had surveyed this peaceful scene for five minutes that she uttered three or four long drawn screams and mounted her bike and started down the hill. Though her screams aroused the town as the report of a cannon would, all of a sudden people appeared at their doors and their gates and exclaimed to each other:

"What in heaven's name is that? Has the judgment day come at last?"

It hadn't, but Aunt Sally Tooker and her bike had.

She was coming down that long grade, holding her bike steady with one hand and waving her bonnet with the other. She went through that village like a cannon ball.

At the farthest outskirts of the village Aunt Sally turned about and came whizzing back to dismount in front of the postoffice, where the crowd was thickest.

"Now, ma, you have done it!" was the greeting of her daughter as she entered the house.

"Yes, I have woke up Poolsville, and you are going to see things hum," was the proud reply.

It wasn't an hour later before the "hum" was heard and seen. The minister of Aunt Sally's church appeared to ask:

"Sister, is that your bike?"

"I paid \$85 for it, parson."

"And are you going to ride it in Poolsville?"

"Morning, noon and night and sometimes in the afternoon."

"Then, sister, you must take the consequences."

"I will, parson."

The consequences were that charges were preferred against Aunt Sally.

The charges against Aunt Sally were for riding a bike in the public streets and thereby injuring the cause of religion. In five minutes her lawyer tore these charges to shreds. In five more those who made them were made ashamed of themselves. You can judge of this line of argument.

Aunt Sally was very promptly acquitted. For a few weeks most of the members of the church turned a cold shoulder upon her and the neighbors kept aloof, but she went on riding her bike until Deacon Dhurber said to the crowd at the postoffice one evening:

"Boys, we have got to let up on her. When you come right down to it she has as much right to ride a bike as we have a horse, and you can't say she don't do it a darned sight more modestly. We all know she's woke up Poolsville, and we are getting the benefit of it. So let us stop this nonsense."

And the nonsense was stopped, and Aunt Sally contributed \$15 toward repainting the meeting house.

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Notice section with various items: "Notice If you have accounts against me, please present them before the 10th of each month." "Land to Grub 50 acres of land to grub for the wood."

NOTICE Dr Daly of Abilene, will be in Merkel February 19, Practice confined to diseases and surgery of the Eye, Ear, and Throat, and fitting glasses.

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## Carrying a War Message

By F. A. MITCHEL

During that period of the pan-European war when Serbia was being overrun by the Germans, when the allied troops were pushing northeastward from Saloniki to form a junction with the Servians, the latter desired to send a message to the French, who were endeavoring to get in touch with them.

One Boris Gustav, a Servian private soldier, who had done some good secret service work and knew the country well, was willing to undertake the task, but he was only a peasant and without the intellect or education to understand or remember what he would be required to say to the allied commander. The message must be written and if captured by the enemy would result in disaster both to those who sent it and those for whom it was intended.

Boris, though uneducated, was ingenious. He confided to his general his plan for concealing the message, which was a long one, full of details for contingencies. It was written on the thinnest paper. The next day Boris started to work his way across the mountains toward the allies. He walked with a cane, for in the battles the Servians had been fighting with the Germans he had been wounded in the calf of his leg. His danger was not from being captured by organized armies, for such did not lie in his path. What he feared was the people whom he would meet on the way, whose sympathies were with the Bulgarians and who were on the lookout for spies.

Boris was hobbling along southward when he encountered three Bulgarians who were picketing the road, and he was stopped for examination. He told them that he was a Roumanian who had been in Serbia when attacked by the Germans and had been impressed into the Servian army. He had been wounded in the leg and while in the hospital had found a way to escape. He was on his way home.

The men refused to let him pass without a thorough examination, for they had been stationed on the road to make sure that there should be no communication between the armies trying to effect a junction. They took off every bit of his clothing and, after examining it thoroughly, burned it, including his hat and his shoes and the staff on which he leaned. They even combed his hair. When they were satisfied that he bore no message they procured him clothing from a farmhouse in which they made their headquarters and, cutting him a cane from a tree, let him pass on.

This stoppage confirmed his belief that the enemy were impressed with the importance to their cause of preventing any communication between the Servians and the allies. He had passed the first picket, but felt sure that it was not the last. True enough while descending a mountain which lay between the two opposing armies he met a guard of Bulgarian soldiers who had been ordered to look out for spies, or, rather, for any one who would be likely to carry a message.

Again Boris was stopped and ordered to give an account of himself. He told the same story as before. He was stripped and his clothing examined, but it was returned to him. They even unwound the bandage about the wound in his leg to see if there was anything concealed in it. They were about to let him pass when one of them suggested that he might have swallowed a paper ball with a message on it and proposed to give him an emetic. Procuring some mustard from a house near by, they forced him to drink some of it mixed with water. He threw up everything on his stomach, but nothing in the nature of a message. Then they gave him a piece of rye bread and bade him proceed on his journey.

A third time he was stopped not far from the French lines and put through an oral examination by the officer commanding an outpost, before whom he was taken. This man plied him with so many questions that he contradicted himself, and, although nothing incriminating was found on him, he was held and placed under guard. During the night he began to groan as if in pain and presently lay stiff and stark, as though dead. There was no medical man at hand to examine him, so they covered him with a cavalryman's cape and betook themselves to sleep.

As soon as Boris heard their snores he rolled into some brush near him and, getting up on his legs, proceeded on his journey. At dawn from a height he saw the French flag flying below and, descending, reached the picket line at sunrise. He asked that the commanding officer be called and when ushered into his presence told him that he was the bearer of a written message from the Servians. When asked for it he said that he must have a surgeon. One was sent for, and when he arrived Boris removed the bandage from his leg and told the surgeon to probe into the wound.

From between the muscles the surgeon drew forth a flat capsule and handed it to Boris, who broke it open and took out some carefully folded paper, which he gave the general. It contained 500 words so closely written and in such diminutive letters that a microscope was needed to read it.

Boris' wound was not improved by the insertion, but it had been done by a surgeon, and the capsule had been medicated and oiled, so that the damage was partly balanced by the healing.

## SANDY BEND IN PERIL

By M. QUAD  
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When the constable at Judge Hoke's court had cried "Hear ye!" three times the judge arose and said:

"Men of Sandy Bend, if I speak in a broken voice and my chin quivers when I talk it is because I am feelin' such eminent emotions as I have not felt in twenty years before.

"Why this emotion? Why do I stand here with the tears ready to fall at any minute?

"I will tell you what is the matter, though you know as well as I do. We have been fightin' civilization for thirty years, and at last we are licked. Yes, my friends, I hate to say the word, but we are licked.

"What was that which awoke Sandy Bend from its happy sleep at daylight the other mornin'? What was that noise that jumped us out of our blankets and caused us to look at each other as if we had wakened in another land?

"Toot! Toot! Toot!"

"Yes, great heavings, it was the toot of a locomotive on the new railroad, only five miles away, which is to run into Sandy Bend next week. Think of it—a railroad into Sandy Bend! That's one of the p'int's we have been licked on. It has wanted to come here for the last fifteen years, but our guns have kept it away.

"Yes, my tears fall and my chin wobbles as I talk of civilization comin' to this happy community. We have hung horse thieves, about one a week, for years past. About once a week also some man has been shot for holdin' five aces at poker.

"My tears fall afresh as I realize Sandy Bend has been a little paradise on earth. And now it is to be crushed, wrecked, ruined forever as the right kind of a town to live in. Why, the Chinymen will make their skiddoo, and the dogs will run away from it! Since that toot of the locomotive the other mornin' there has been a man here to see about a street car line. A street car line for Sandy Bend to take the place of the cayuse!

"And along comes a man who says Sandy Bend orter have waterworks. Is it any wonder that three or four men fainted away on hearin' of it?

"And along comes another man and says we are to have gas works.

"Hasn't Sandy Bend got along with tallow candles and kerosene torches all this time, and has anybody kicked about it?

"Here is a most beautiful and happy spot. There are mountains all around. In the mountains grows the grizzly bear, and the wild Indian hunts for the white man's scalp. The sun ever shines there. There are no spring floods. The winter don't freeze a man to death. The birds twitler, the jack rabbits play about like lumbkins, and there is jest shootin' enough to keep the blood in good circulation.

"And all this is to be wrecked and ruined and brung low! What for? That the thing called civilization may move from east to west and gobble up everything in its path.

"And what do we get by the change? We get the plug hat and cane; we get the tan shoes and red neckties; we get the dress coat and the eyeglass; we get the poodle dog and the class of men who are not much better.

"If we remain here amid all these changes we have got to dress different, live different, act different. And how many days do you think the Lord will give us? Why, we'll begin to die off like flies in a hailstorm, and inside of six months the toughest of us will be laid low. Civilization won't even let us be buried with our friends up on the hillside, but the newcomers will start what they call a cemetery and sell the land off at \$10 a lot and make a law that anybody who dies has got to be buried there.

"Now, about myself. As a court of justice I haven't given you much law, but I have given you justice as I understood it. If I have made any error it was an error of judgment and not of the heart. There will come along in a few weeks a man to take my place. He will run this court accordin' to law. There will be a dozen lawyers in the room, and no dogs admitted. One lawyer after another will get up and gab; one witness after another will tell the truth or lie about it. It will take that thar court a whole day to try a case that you have heard me decide in five minutes.

"The question is being asked on every side. What kin be done? Kin anythin' be done? I doubt it very much, but we will hold a public meetin' to-morrer. If we kin raise a hundred men to go out to the new railroad and shoot off the hundred men workin' there mebbe we can hold civilization back a year or two longer or altogether. Let every man in Sandy Bend be at the meetin' to-morrer with two guns and a determination to defend our rights or perish in the attempt.

"Thar is a case here before this court. It is that of Bill Savage agin Ace High, the Chinymen who does our washee. They got into a squabble about an old shirt and drew their guns and fired bullets at each other. Bill may be in the right or Ace High has the right on his side. I ain't goin' into the case as a court, but as an individual. I am goin' to turn them both out doors without their guns and let 'em fight it out. My emotions as a court are too deeply stirred to listen to any testimony, but as an individual I shall be interested in seein' a fight between a Chink and a white man.

"This court now stands adjourned, perhaps forever. Let us all weep."

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For Tax Collector

Anson, Tex., January 1.—My friends and fellow citizens of Jones county: Under circumstances which I have been caused to undergo, I come to you asking you for your votes and support for re-election to the responsible office of Tax Collector. I will not ask you for the office again. As a true American citizen and loyal Southerner, I certainly appreciate your support and friendship in the past toward me. I have tried to make you an honest and appreciative public officer; a charitable friend and neighbor, for which you are the judges.

An act of the 34th Legislature, House Bill No. 40, made it the duty of the Tax Collector to prepare tax notices on all delinquent property from 1885 to 1914, inclusive for collections. With the experience I have and the great amount of work to be done, I know that I can be of valuable service to the tax payers of Jones county in connecting and straightening out the many errors that now exist in this county.

Below is one of the many who testify of my services:

"Mr. R. L. Barrett, Collector of Jones county, Anson, Texas.

Dear Sir:

In conclusion we have to say that your receipts are nicely made out and show so few errors that we hate to bother you. And we again say in our twenty-five years in the land business of this country, we have never found one who is as painstaking as you are. And we hope you will remain in office for the next twenty years to come without opposition.

Yours very truly,  
**WEBB & HILL,**  
Albany, Texas.

The office belongs to you. I have the utmost confidence in the Democracy of Jones county

that you in your wise and righteous judgment in the July primary will do right, I will cheerfully submit to your verdict. To the old Confederate soldiers I appeal to you, the heroes of this Sunny South of ours, for your votes. I cherish the good deeds and memories of you all.

Again I thank you one and all for past favors, and in advance for your consideration at the July primary, 1916. I am,  
Respectfully,  
**R. L. BARRETT.**

**The Gist Of It**

"Last December I had a very severe cold and was nearly down sick in bed. I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a very few days until I was completely restored to health," writes O. J. Metcalf, Weatherby, Mo. If you would know the value of this remedy, ask any one who has used it. For sale by all dealers.

**Advertised Letters.**

Aaron, Reuben.  
Cooper, Lonnie.  
Davis, Oscar.  
Ellerbe, W. W.  
Evans, Rev. B. G.  
Golden, A. H.  
Hairson, C.  
Lewis, Charley.  
Reza, Refugio.  
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Jan., 29, 1916.  
H. C. Williams, P. M.  
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**Moves Back Home.**

Dr. Jos. H. Warnick, a long time Abilene resident who moved to Dallas last fall, returned with his family last week and is home to stay he says.

Dr. Warnick moved from Kentucky to Dallas county thirty years ago and resided there some time before coming to Taylor county. He thought he would like it again, but the Abilene virus was too strong in his system to stand the change.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Mershon, January 19, a baby boy. The mother and child are reported to be doing nicely.

Groceries of all kinds, prices right, wholesale and retail. G. M. Sharp.

Mrs. M. Armstrong and daughter were visiting in Cisco the latter part of last week.

Bran and Shorts at G. M. Sharp's.

Incubators and Brooders, a good line just received by H. M. Rose, the tinner.

Oscar (Salty) Pate of Sweetwater was down visiting his parents Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Pate.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Harkins of Roscoe were the guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Boney.

An exceptionally good grade of coffee. 4 pound bucket 85c at The Star Store.

Windmills, pump supplies and mill work. H. M. Rose.

Mrs. W. C. Calvert and little son were in Merkel Sunday, the guests of her sister, Mrs. W. Parten.

All kinds of feed, wood and coal at Allen's Feed and Fuel Barn. Phone 245.

J. M. Gilliam was a business visitor to Abilene the first of the week.

18 pounds Pinto beans for \$1.00 at The Star Store.



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**Some Snake Story**

R. E. Hatchett dropped into our office Wednesday and told us about a snake killing time he and others had over in Stephens county a week or two past. The snakes den up under large rocks which are shot off with dynamite exposing the reptiles. Out of five dens they got 214 rattlers, the largest number found in one den being 64 and the smallest number 20. Quite a number of other snakes were also killed but only rattlers were counted. Some of them were five feet long and the majority of them were large, a very few being as short as 18 inches.—Clyde Enterprise.

**Bad Cold Quickly Broken Up.**

Mrs. Martha Wilcox, Gowanda, N.Y. writes "I first used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy about eight years ago. At that time I had a hard cold and coughed most of the time. It proved to be just what I needed. It broke up the cold in a few days, and the cough entirely disappeared. I have told many of my friends of the good I received through using this medicine and all who have used it speak of it in the highest terms." For sale by all dealers.

**Poultry Wanted**

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