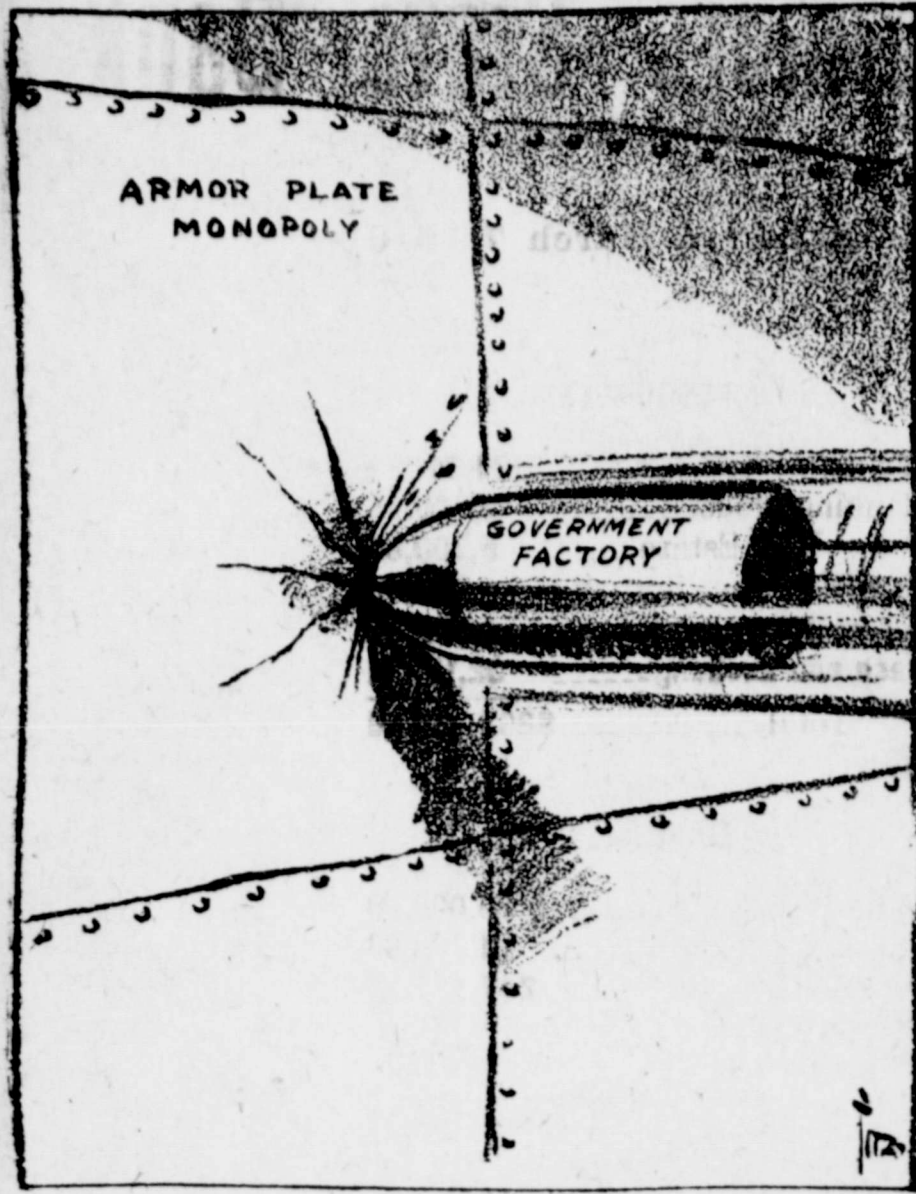


TILLMAN'S BILL STRIKING AMIDSHIPS.



—Fitzgerald in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

\$300,000 PORK WANTED

Congressman W. R. Smith of this, the Jumbo District, should be given a stand near the head of his class when it comes to asking his brother congressmen for slices of pork from the notorious U. S. pork barrel.

Several weeks ago our distinguished Congressman introduced three bills in congress of the following numbers, 11788, 11789 and 11790. Each bill asking for an appropriation of \$100,000 for the purpose of erecting postoffices at Sweetwater, Big Springs and Ballinger. It might be possible for Mr. Smith to be elected to congress again if he could get enough appropriations thru to give every wide-place-in-the-road of this district a postoffice costing from \$50,000 up but such would cost him too much to send him back to his old worn-out seat. A new man can be sent at much less expense to the country and one whom we believe will fight these pork barrel propositions. The proposed amount Mr. Smith has asked congress to give Sweetwater, Ballinger and Big Springs, if divided into amounts of \$10,000 for government buildings, would give every town of consequence in the district, not already supplied, ample post-office room and good equipment. Why should the voters of Taylor county or any other county care to return a man to congress who deliberately sticks his head into the pork-barrel when the cry over the entire country is against such measures?

The Mail believes that Mr. Smith should be given his walking papers on July 22nd, for the voters of this district owe him nothing whatever. True, he has served his constituents through a period of some twelve years or more (part of the time at the pie counter) and for his good services he has received what we figure to be in excess of \$90,000, or at the rate of \$7,500 per year. He comes back again and asks the voters to send him to Washington. Probably he thinks the appropriations he offers, Sweetwater, Ballinger and Big Springs will help him carry those points almost solid, if he does, we believe he is mistaken. The people of the country surrounding those towns will no more care to see money wasted in their vicinity than at any other point in the state. The pork-barrel is wrong and we hope to see a congressman elected who will oppose these measures when presented. We further believe there is such a man in the race, Hon. Thos. L. Blanton, pronounced antagonist of the pork-barrel.

HARD TO FIND THE BEAN.



—Wright in Milwaukee Leader.

TYPHUS HITS JONES COUNTY CULPRIT

Anson, March 15.—A white man by the name of House, who is about 28 or 30 years old, and who has been detained by the officers of this county on a charge of swindling, has a well-developed case of typhus. He has been removed to the outskirts of the city and put under guard.

All bed clothing in the jail was burned Wednesday morning. Six prisoners of the jail were given coal oil baths. House was brought here from El Paso, where he was arrested and held several days pending the arrival of Jones county officers and it is believed he contracted the disease there.

Dr. R. T. Hudson county health officer, and all of the doctors of Anson have carefully examined House and all agree that the case is typhus. It is probably the first case to develop off the border. —Abilene Reporter.

FLUE BURNS OUT; DEPARTMENT RUNS

A burning flue at the home of Mayor J. J. Stalling furnished much excitement Tuesday as the Texas & Pacific west bound passenger was leaving town.

Flames leaping many feet from the crest of the flue, caused the fire department to respond P. D. Q. but the bucket brigade kept the regulars from being called into service. The local department is strongly in favor of preparedness and are fully equipped now to enter all fights they are called to make. The recent increase in service of a paid driver highly increases the efficiency of the firemen's work in the quick responses they are able to make.

G. S. Sherill Hurt

G. S. Sherill was burned about the face last Thursday afternoon when a shotgun he was using in a rabbit drive exploded.

The force of the charge dislodged a portion of the breach of the gun and inflicted a powder burn about Mr. Sherill's face. Medical attention was necessary to extract the particles imbedded in his face.

STARTING A DAIRY HERD

The first thing of importance in starting a dairy herd is the selection of foundation stock. We mean by that: Get a few high grade milk cows and a good, pure bred dairy bull. The latter is of most importance, as the bull is more than half the herd for all the calves will be his offspring, and, even if this bull should cost as much as two or three cows, be sure to get a good one and see to it that his mother was a good producer.

It might be possible for a number of neighbors to go in together and buy a bull that would do for all their herds; however, in the event of a number of farmers buying what might be termed a "community bull," it would be best for one farmer to take care of this animal and be responsible for his care at all times.

Then, each farmer should raise the heifer calves from the best cows and in a few years, if care is taken, he will have a very profitable herd of dairy producers. Of course, nearly every farmer has a few cows of some kind, and, while they may not all be good ones, some of them would do to start with, and through selection and culling he could in some way get a start.

To be profitable, a cow should produce over 500 gallons of milk and 200 pounds of butterfat per year. This is only an ordinary cow, and every farmer should strive to get better ones all the time and thus build up his herd.

Cows can be purchased in almost any section of the North, but, for various reasons, it is better to get them as near home as possible. These cows will stand the climate better, and be cheaper in the long run than cows from farther north.

If the farmer has no money with which to buy cows, it would, no doubt, be possible for several of them to get together and induce the local bank to buy these cows and allow the farmer to pay for them on the installment plan. In all cases, where the bankers are broad-minded and far-sighted enough, they will readily see that this plan would work out for the future good of the community; for, in the long run, it really means the re-establishment of soil fertility, and the up-building of agriculture in general.

VISITORS AT THE FAT STOCK SHOW

Merkel was unusually well represented at the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth this week, both among exhibitors and visitors.

Among those from here whose names we were able to ascertain were: Jno. Sears, Jno. Henry, C. M. W. J. and Thos. Largent, Sam Butman, Jr., J. D. Jones, J. S. Swann, Jno. Collins, Bayless Bradley, A. C. Cranston, R. D. Allen, H. M. Warren, Geo. McDonald, Jim Boaz, R. E. Counts, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Duckett, J. W. Moore, Arthur Clark, Sam Butman, Sr., and many others whose names we failed to learn.

TERRACING DONE ON COATS FARM

Demonstration work of erecting terraces was carried out Friday on the Sid Coats farm one mile north of town.

County Demonstrator Minear, assisted by Agent Olsen of the A. & M. College, were busy during the day laying-out lines to be followed in this better farm method.

Notice

The Colorado Steam Laundry is making many well-pleased customers. Why not give it a trial and be well pleased too? Call Owen. Phone 194. 10 tf

SOLDIERS BEGIN MOVEMENT WEST

Parties who remained up late Tuesday evening chanced to see the first troop trains of the seven taction movement from Georgia to the border country.

Burned bridges at points near Texarkana caused a delay of transportation of the troops through this section on scheduled time. In excess of one thousand privates and officers with full equipment were aboard the seven trains of nineteen cars each. Wednesday afternoon the last sections of the movement passed and were viewed by hundreds of enthusiastic Merkel people.

18,178 BALES IS PRESENT RECORD

Wednesday noon a report from the two Merkel cotton yards gave a total of eighteen thousand one hundred seventy-eight bales of cotton weighed here of the 1915 crop.

A slow sale of fleecy staple being made to Merkel buyers may within the next two months time bring the total up to 18,500.

Cord Wood For Sale

Good wood at \$1.50 per cord one mile of Merkel. See me for your wood. Earl Lassiter. 10t2pd

Highest prices paid for eggs. W. F. Hamblet.

VICTIMS OF COLUMBUS RAID ARE HONORED

Columbus, N. M., Mar. 11—Men and women, soldiers, civilians and passengers aboard the Golden State limited from California wept like little children this afternoon as the 13th cavalry band played softly, "Nearer My God to Thee," while the bodies of Pancho Villa's massacred victims were placed aboard the train.

The military ceremonies preceding the entraining of the eleven caskets—five containing civilians and six soldiers—were more than impressive. They were heart-breaking. They began shortly after noon in the hollow square facing camp headquarters. The six caskets placed three in a row on the ground were fronted by the regimental band. To the left stood the officers of the regiment drawn up in single file.

At one end of this line was Gen. Pablo Bertani, commander of the Carranza garrison at Palomos. At the other end was Colonel Herbert J. Slocum, commander of the regiment. Five troops, dismounted, were drawn up in short lines on the side.

Only three of the caskets were draped with the stars and stripes because there were not enough flags to cover all. One of these flags was torn in several places where Mexican bullets struck it during the battle Thursday.

Behind the caskets stood two troop horses, with their saddles draped in black crepe and stirrups reversed. The troop guidons of red and white snapped in the breeze, but were also decorated in black. Before the caskets stood Chaplin S. M. Lutz, Bible in hand. All heads were bowed.

DALLAS NEWS IS AFTER FARM NEWS

Staff Correspondent Clarence Dubose spent Friday in the Merkel country looking over farm conditions that impressed him in the live-at-home movement.

He personally investigated the profit of diversification in a number of homes throughout the country and took opportunity to say he found excellent conditions and marked progress along these lines of work.

Best full width bleach sheeting. 25 cents per yard at Parton Dry Goods Co.

PHILOSOPHY BY AN ABILENE BANKER

E. B. Bynum, president of the First State Bank and Trust Co., of Abilene, was a visitor at the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth this week and talked in glowing terms about Taylor county cattle and in a way set the record straight concerning Taylor county cattle.

The following interview with Mr. Bynum appeared in Wednesday's Star-Telegram:

"The agitation for rural credits is not half so essential as the agitation for better security on the farms," said Bynum. "Our people in West Texas borrow money on their livestock and wonder why the rate of interest is not as low as it is in Iowa or Illinois. They don't consider the class of stock they offer the banker as security. These cattle are not good security. They are what we call 'dogies.'"

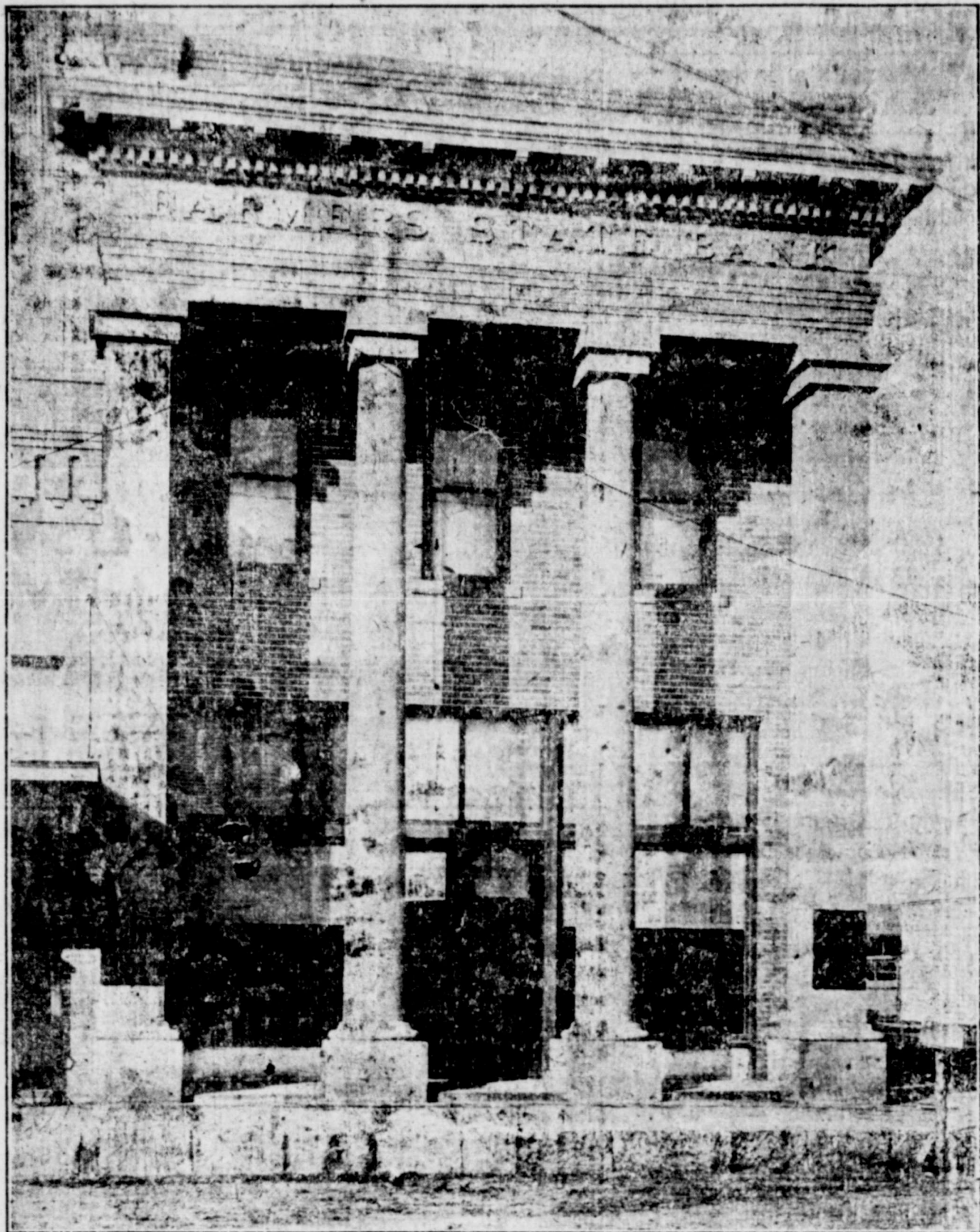
"A farmer with good cattle, good horses and good hogs can get a loan at low rates of interest any time, and bankers are glad to take the risk, because if his stock is good the banker loans money with absolute security. He knows it is worth 100 cents on the dollar any day.

Security is discounted principally by death risk and market fluctuation. You can see why we like to get hold of good stock as security, because the risk is practically nothing. The security is immediately convertible to cash, and the banker knows he can get his money when he needs it.

"Our farmers and stockmen are realizing this, and they are going in now for fine stock. They are following the lead set by C. M. Largent of Merkel, the Hereford breeder. Too much cannot be said for Largent. He has done wonders for Taylor county, as well as all of Texas. One of our recent visitors, Grant G. Brown of the Industrial Savings Bank at Flint, Mich., visited Largent's farm, and he said it was worth a visit to Texas to see it.

"This year we are raising fine stock and feed. Some of our farmers don't worry about the rain as much as they used to."

Bynum blames speculators with flooding Taylor county and other West Texas parts with "dogies" from East Texas. Since Taylor county passed from the longhorn stage, the East Texas "dogie" has been her chief drawback, he said."



Condensed Statement of Condition

The Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas

As Reported March 7, 1916

RESOURCES

Loans	\$184,941.29
Banking House	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	5,700.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,000.00
Interest in Gty. Fund	1,492.03
Cash and Exchange	92,150.71
Total	\$297,784.03

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	14,863.76
Deposits	247,920.27
Borrowed Money	None
Rediscounts	None
Total	\$297,784.03

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

**Only Guaranty Fund Bank
IN MERKEL**

NO 7481

Report of the Condition of

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AT MERKEL

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on March 7, 1916

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts (except those shown on b)	\$223,326.16
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
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve bank	3,000.00
Less amount unpaid	1,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real Estate owned other than banking house	5,900.00
Net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank	11,484.35
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis	11,554.92
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	39,636.87
Net amt. due from banks and bankers (other than inclu. in 10 or 11)	31,432.96
Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	627.74
Outside checks and other cash items	758.00
Fractional currency, nickels and cents	239.95
Notes of other national banks	1,735.00
Federal Reserve Notes	9,000.00
Coin and certificates	21,616.25
Legal-tender notes	2,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
Total	\$374,974.70

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits	\$15,634.87
Reserved for taxes	163.96
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	2,002.51
Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
Due to banks and bankers (other than included in 28 or 29)	6,541.12
Dividends unpaid	
Demand Deposits:	
Individual deposits subject to check	274,785.21
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	1,000.00
Cashiers checks outstanding	6,372.81
Postal savings deposits	1,879.24
Total demand deposits,	
Items 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39	284,037.26
Time deposits (payable after 30 days or subject to 30 days on more notice)	
Certificate of deposit	14,350.60
Total of time deposits, Items 40, 41, and 42	14,350.60
Total	\$374,974.70

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 14th day of March, 1916.

G. W. ROYCE, Notary Public.

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

Windmills, windmills; lots of them. See me before you buy your windmill and pipe fixtures.
H. M. Rose.

Mrs. A. J. Leighty paid Merkel friends a short visit this week enroute from Abilene to the Winship ranch.

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 7th day of Mar. 1916, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 17th day of Mar. 1916.

RESOURCES

Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$177,928.29
Loans, real estate	7,913.00
Real Estate (banking house)	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	5,700.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,000.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents, net	28,949.94
Cash Items, net	4,790.47
Currency	13,790.00
Specie	3,573.00
Int. in Depositors Guaranty Fund	1,492.03
Other Resources as follows:	
Remittance in Transit	188.50
Bills of Exchange, Cotton	40,830.10
Total	\$297,784.03

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$35,000.00
Surplus Fund	7,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	7,863.76
Due to Banks and Bankers subject to check, net	4,790.47
Individual Deposits sub. to check 235,687.99	
Time Certificates of Deposit	19,350.60
Cashier's checks	1,837.28
Reserved for Taxes	
Total	\$297,784.03

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 16th day of Mar. A. D. 1916. W. W. Wheeler (SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas

Correct—Attest: J. S. Swann, M. Armstrong, B. C. Moore } Directors

Parten's big spring opening sale is the big event of the hour. Parten Dry Goods Company.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cross left Merkel last week for Menard, Texas, where they will reside in the future. This elderly couple has been a part of Merkel for a number of years and will be greatly missed by their many friends here. The move is made that they be nearer their sons all of whom live farther east and south in the state.

Margaret, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst, is quite sick this week of la grippe.

Plenty cotton seed meal and trico at G. M. Sharp's.

LOCAL NEWS

Parten's millinery is pleasing all who see. Parten Dry Goods Co.

Miss Beulah Burkett spent last week-end in Abilene with her parents.

Fresh vegetables every Wednesday and Saturday. W. F. Hamblet

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brittain are spending a few days in Fort Worth visiting friends and enjoying the Stock Show.

Buy your flour from G. M. Sharp.

W. R. Bigham returned this week from Lampasas. He reports Mrs. Bigham recovering nicely from her accident of a few weeks back. She remained for a longer visit with Mrs. Young.

Mrs. W. E. Townley, one of our recent brides, spent a few days last week in Merkel with her sisters, Misses Stanleys. Mr. and Mrs. Townley will make their headquarters in Abilene when not traveling.

Everybody is delighted with our ladies' hats and the prices. They both look good, so good that we are selling lots of them. Parten Dry Goods Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. (Buster) Winter of Anson are visiting relatives in Merkel preparatory to making this place their home. Mr. Winter will have charge of the office work of the Anchor Mercantile.

The U. S. Model E Standard Star and Leader Mills, the very latest models ask to see them. H. M. Rose.

Mrs. N. E. Kellow of Trent is spending a few days with Mrs. T. G. Ferguson.

We appreciate your patronage. You will appreciate our service if your tailoring work is done by Owen. Phone 194. 10tf

GOLDEN HAIR

AND THE

THREE BEARS

**Coming FRIDAY 17
MARCH, 17**

SPECIAL SCENERY

Abilene Talent of 60 Performers

CHARACTERS

Golden Hair	Manors Mewshaw
Queen	Mary Boone
Bard	John Williams
Lightfoot	May Burkett
Frailty	Flora Meadows
Faithful	Gladys D'Spain
Airy	Ina Wooten
Will-o'-The-Wisp	Juanita Bacon

DANCERS

Donzula Yager, Mildren Taylor, Eldred Mays, Louise Jeffries, Lucile Roberts, Mona Fay Roberts, Elizabeth Graham, Francis Blain and Ruby Fay Thomas.

Bruin	Prof. J. C. Watts
Mammy Muff	Oliver Cunningham
Tiny Cub	Osce Gross
Cupid	Edith Gross
Butterfly	J. H. Manly
Forest children	50 little girls and boys

The charming story is told in lovely songs by splendid soloists and chorus. The beautiful Forest Queen will win the audience as well as Golden Hair. The Three Bears will furnish the comedy throughout the play. Two nature dances will be given by the Fire Flies and the Will o' the Wisps. Ask those who saw the play.

DO NOT MISS IT COZY THEATRE

Admission 25-35c. Curtain, 8:30 sharp

Children on first Two Rows 15c

Buster Brown and Tige

The real Buster Brown and Tige will be in Merkel **SATURDAY, MARCH 25th**, and will make Woodroof's Dry Goods store their headquarters during the day. Buster Brown will demonstrate how the **BROWN SHOES** are made, giving a free demonstration and entertainment during the afternoon, making special stress of the **BUSTER BROWN SHOE FOR BOYS** for which his company is world-wide known. School children should be here without fail to meet Buster Brown and see him and his wonderful dog "Tige" perform. A good entertainment well worth your visit here. Buster Brown always wears the noted **BUSTER BROWN SHOE. DO YOU?**

WOODROOF'S

LOCAL NEWS

\$2.50 screen doors, only \$1.25 at Duckett's stores.

FOR SALE—My home in north-west Merkel where I now live. A bargain. T. J. Evans. 17tf

Screen doors, \$2.50 values only \$1.25 at Duckett's stores.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunter and the former's father, J. L. Hunter came in the first of the week from Odessa. They were accompanied by Mrs. Bishop Hunter also of Odessa who is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sublett.

Lost—Spotted hog, strayed from stock pens several days ago. Last seen in southwest part of town. Reward for return to R. H. Collins.

See our millinery before you buy your hat. Parton Dry Goods Co.

Be sure and visit Duckett's new Variety Store next door to Behrens-McMillen.

I want 100 dozen eggs as quick as you can get to town with them, highest market price paid. A. L. Jobe.

Ladies buy a pair of \$2.00 shoes for 50 cents at A. L. Jobe's Store; also examine Mrs. Jobe's nice line of millinery goods. A. L. Jobe.

Have your clothes look good. Try Owen and be convinced. Phone 194. 10tf

Mrs. H. W. Morris of Wayland has been a visitor for several days in the home of her sister, Mrs. W. V. Cranford.

Expecting Robbin Red Breast meal any day. G. M. Sharp.

Dr. Martin of Nubia was in was in Merkel Wednesday.

Bring your eggs to G. M. Sharp's.

Mrs. D. S. Whitlow of Temple accompanied by her two daughters is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boney.

For extra high grade flour order the Seal from W. F. Hamblet.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms close in. Mrs. E. Hall.

J. A. Boyce, one of our county candidates was in Merkel Saturday and Sunday electioneering and visiting his brother, G. A. Boyce, and sister Mrs. M. A. Woodrum.

Be ready for the flies. Get your screen doors now at J. A. Ducketts. Will make doors only \$1.25.

A real estate deal has been put through whereby R. A. Martin has become the owner of the Jno. G. Jackson residence on Oak street. The Martin family are this week moving into their new home.

Spring hinges given free with first 6 screen doors sold. Get them now. J. A. Duckett.

SHILOH

Rev. W. K. Horn of Abilene was accompanied to his appointment at Shiloh by Rev. Grover Tyner of Simmons College who preached for us Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

The people of Shiloh and surrounding communities met Friday and cleaned off the cemetery. We think it speaks well for any community which keeps its cemetery well cleaned and in good shape.

Mrs. Wilner Grayson was called to Cohoma last week to the bedside of her sister-in-law who was seriously ill.

Rev. G. W. Scott of Abilene took dinner Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. Altas Phillips of Trent attended services here Sunday and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Winters.

Edgar Grayson was prospecting down in the Clyde country Saturday and Sunday. Edgar says J. W. Hardy is going to have lots of nice fruit this summer.

Mrs. Cade had a narrow escape one day last week as she was driving into Merkel the horse she was driving became frightened at the smoke from a train and ran into a wire fence. Her horse was bruised up considerably and the buggy and harness considerably damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barnes.

Grandma Phillips spent last week with her son Altas and family of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Winters were Merkel visitors Monday.

Mr. Reeves and daughter, Miss Gladys, attended Services at Newman Sunday.

Mr. Davis of the Noodle community attended services here Sunday.

W. B. Beavers has been right sick, but is better at this writing.

We are headquarters for high class buggies. Anchor Mercantile Co.

Mrs. Bishop Hunter and children are in Merkel from their ranch home near Odessa to make a visit with the parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sublett, and other relatives and friends.

Laundry leaves for Colorado on Mondays and Wednesdays. Phone Owen your needs. 10tf

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunter of Odessa are spending a few days in the home of J. W. Moore. Many friends will also enjoy the visit as the Hunter family were once residents of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Couch and infant son were passers though Merkel Friday enroute to Oklahoma for a visit with the former's parents.

The President's Wedding Cake---

—an example of decorative art never equaled in the history of cake decorating—an example of deliciousness, lightness and wholesomeness that would be a pride to any housewife. It is

Another Testimonial for CALUMET BAKING POWDER

This world-famous Wilson-Galt Wedding cake was made by Mrs. Marian Cole Fisher and Miss Pansy Bowen, both well known Domestic Science Experts. Calumet Baking Powder was used because both these experts use it exclusively in their work and KNOW it is the purest, the safest, the most wholesome and economical to use.

So do millions of housewives who use it every bakeday—so will you if you try it on the things hardest to bake.

Send your name and address for free recipe and history of the Wedding Cake. Then bake one just like it yourself.

Received highest awards World's Pure Food Exposition, Chicago and Paris

Calumet Baking Powder Co. Chicago

Leaves for Home at Stanton

Mrs. E. E. Eitand and brother Clyde Smith both of Stanton left for their home Wednesday morning of this week, having been here at the bedside of their brother Marvin Smith, who is now well on the road to recovery.

Marvin Smith Improved

Marvin Smith is greatly improved from injuries recently sustained and his recovery is looked forward to as speedy, if other complications do not set up.

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

Corn, chops and bran at G. M. Sharp's.

Hurls Turtle Into Train

Without thought that his act might injure some person, Bill Bond age 16 hurled a turtle he had caught from the Derstine tank and the tortoise passed through a window of the T. & P. passenger train No. 4, as it was passing that point west of Merkel last Saturday morning.

Fortunately no one was injured and though someone might say the offence was malicious, we are sure that "Bill" handled the turtle in a good humored way and should only be admonished to not repeat such an act.

In Memory of W. N. Moore

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and brethren of Merkel Lodge No. 710 A. F. & A. M.

Whereas it has pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in his infinite wisdom to remove from among us our dear brother, W. N. Moore, and to transplant him as a member of that Celestial lodge above where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.

Therefore, be it resolved by Merkel Lodge A. F. & A. M. that in the death of our brother this lodge has lost a worthy member; one who lived and practiced the true principals of our order and in his every day life was a living example of those tenets faith, hope and charity, having faith in God, hope in immortality and charity toward mankind. Always ready to lend a helping hand to a brother or friend and give him advice that would aid in his reformation.

We bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly Father and leave in his hands the soul of our deceased brother.

Be it further resolved that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy delivered to the family of our deceased brother and a copy handed to the Merkel Mail for publication and that the members of this lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day March A. D. 1916 5916. A. L.

W. W. Wheeler,
J. O. Hamilton,
J. P. Sublett,

Committee.

Card of Thanks

Through the kindness of the Merkel Mail we wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their kindness during the long illness of our loved husband and father and for the sincere sympathy at his death. May the Heavenly Father reward them in our prayer.

Mrs. Moore and children.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund money if FAZO 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.

Statement of The

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business March 7, 1916

RESOURCES

Loans	\$223,326.16
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	5,900.00
Cash and Sight Exchange	130,230.74
Total	\$375,119.40

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	38,632.36
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	305,237.04
Total	\$375,119.40

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ACKNOWLEDGING A MAN

Judge Thos. L. Blanton, of Abilene, passed through Colorado Monday en route for Sterling City, where he opened his campaign outside of Taylor county, for congressman from this district. Judge Blanton is a cyclone of energy and a past master in the virtues of publicity. This writer never met him until last Monday, and the contact went a long ways in defeating the preconceived ideas we entertained of the man and of the candidate. As we assured Judge Blanton we assure the readers of the Record, he shall have a fair and square deal at the hands of the Record, in his race for congress, so long as pitches his campaign on the high plane he outlined.—Colorado Record.

If personal contact counts for anything in the race, the voters of the Sixteenth will have a chance to form their own opinion of Judge Blanton. Personal contact is his middle name. He is the out-hand-shakingest candidate you ever saw. It is not a put-on-for-effect, Sunday-go-to-meeting sort of a hand-shake, but the genuine article that makes your teeth click and your heart leap. He was always that way. No matter how busy his court happens to be—and it is generally the busiest place in the state—the Judge finds time to stop things and find a seat for a lady or a newspaper-man. It is his way. Politeness is a disease with him, eased only by contact. You might say that he's the man who put tact in contact.—Abilene Reporter.

From nearly every west Texas paper reports are coming of Judge Blanton having visited them and if consensus of opinion continues as it is now Taylor county is going to send a congressman to Washington. Here's hoping.

ANOTHER ADVANCE IN PAPER

For about the fourth time since October 15th, 1915, paper has taken an upward trend in prices and the present quotations are in no way stable. The cost of publishing a newspaper or printing commercial stationery has constantly increased during the last year and a half until it is imperative that prices be raised accordingly. The present prices on commercial printing in the Mail office will hold effective however, only until another rise is given in the paper market, and customers can obtain from the following letter the true condition of affairs:

Enclosed is supplementary price list showing further advances from the paper manufacturer. We are using every means at our command to hold prices at their present level and hope it will not be necessary to raise them again, although the market seems to be in a more than ever chaotic condition owing to the almost impossible task of securing raw stock. Our own mills advise us that with their material on hand, they hope to carry present prices to June 1st, and will do their best to this end, but at the same time warning us that they may not be able to do so. You may rely on us to take care of your ever order in the best possible manner.

Very truly yours,
Southwestern Paper Company.

Pork took an awful jump last week. Trying to catch up with pork-barrel methods perhaps.

THE S. A. P. B. P.

Where is the first newspaper, or the first commercial club, or the first group of persons in any community, which will go on record against pork for their own district? Collier's recently asked this question. Here are some answers: Clarksville, Texas, is only twenty miles from the Red River, and the Federal Government has been spending money "improving" the river for a good many years—spending "hundreds of thousands of dollars," according to the Clarksville "Times." Much of this money has found its way into the cash drawers of Clarksville tradesmen, so the every day porcine newspaper would urge the vital importance of Government spending hundreds of thousands more of your money and ours deepening and widening and straightening the Red River. Not with so the Times ("the oldest business institution in Red River County"). The "Times" calmly bunches Red River pork with the Hennepin Canal project and like schemes. This more than local vision seems to be the "Times'" fixed policy. "No Clarksville or Red River County citizen has ever complained of my attitude," the boss of the "Times" tells us, adding: "I believe that in a vast majority of communities the people would speak against such appropriations if the newspapers would take the lead." So do we, and this Clarksville view is ratified, independently, at the opposite end of the map—Hoquiam, Wash. This time the story is told for us by the "Times" of Tacoma:

HOQUIAM!

Take Your Hats Off To An Antipork Town
Hats off to Hoquiam, a town that's antipork. Congressman Albert Johnson recently introduced a bill asking \$125,000 for a Federal site and building in the Grays Harbor city. Yesterday ten of its leading citizens wired him \$50,000 would be sufficient. "More would be pork," they added. What an example for other cities! What an editorial on patriotism and good citizenship! What a rebuke for Johnson! The "Times" nominates Hoquiam for honorary membership in the S. A. P. B. P.—the Society for Abolition of Public Building Pork, and the congressmen who vote for it. The S. A. P. B. P. is a good society. It would be pleasant to hear from other communities who are candidates for membership.—Collier's Weekly. The fight against useless pork barrel business is growing by leaps and bounds. The people are awakening to the squandering ability of excessive appropriations and will likely vote for a congressman whom they believe will use good judgment in such matters.

THE GREATEST BLUNDER YET

"The greatest blunder yet" when the U. S. government committed a grave mistake of granting the Carranza government permission to send troops across the international boundary.—Abilene Reporter.

Pardner you're wrong. You've made the darnedest blunder of your life in your pitiless attempt to humiliate and criticize the government in this hour of danger. Put your "shoulder to the wheel and don't ever pull another boner" like this one you have just committed. "Right or wrong, America first."

TOO MUCH PORK

Hardly a week passes without someone of our limited number of submarines getting into trouble, the latest being the K-6. The United States invented the submarine, but it begins to look as if we stopped with its birth. European nations have surpassed us much in its development.—Abilene Reporter.

As a small boy we were taught that a fat hog always cuts its throat when in swimming. Guess this is another case of too much pork.

NUTS

"The older a nutmeg tree, the more nuts it bears." Huh! Nothing strange in that; the older some people get, the nuttier they are.—Commercial Appeal.

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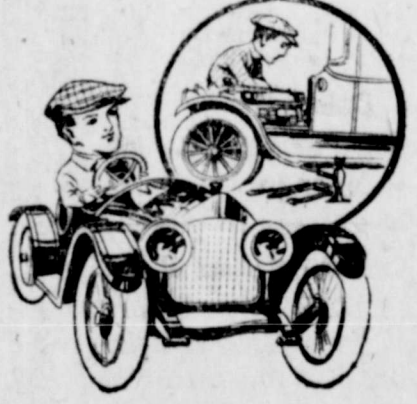
Brain Against Brawn

Why do some farmers prosper and enjoy many luxuries, while others, who work just as hard, are always hard up? The answer is simple: one has used his brains and kept posted on up-to-date farming methods, while the other has felt that there is nothing for him to learn. He will not even read a first-class farm paper because he thinks no one can possibly tell him how to run his farm. FARM AND RANCH is prepared especially for farmers, gardeners, live stock and poultry raisers and fruit growers of the Southwest—the home builders. It has been the Southwestern farmer's right hand man for more than a third of a century.

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The Phrase "Mere Man."
In his book, "The Pulse of the World: Fleet Street Memories," Malcolm Stark gives what he believes is the origin of the expression "mere man." A Scottish doctor, he says, wrote as follows:
"The earliest use of the phrase known to me is in the shorter catechism, where it is said, 'No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments.' The phrase caught on in Scotland and was probably brought to England shortly after the union. The only difficulty in the way of this theory is that it allows barely two centuries for the English mind to see the joke.
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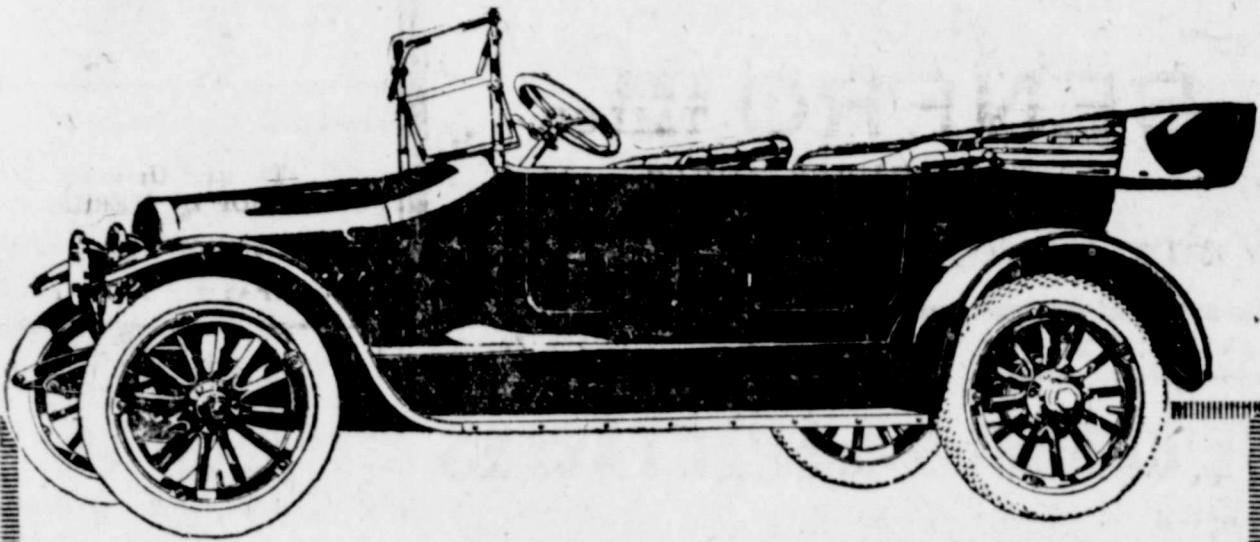
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W. N. Moore Dead

Mr. W. N. Moore, the husband and father of Mrs. Louise Moore and family, died at his home ten miles north of Merkel at 11:10 Thursday morning. It was a sad hour to be sure, to wife, children and friends, but great was the hour to God our Father when he could say "Well done, thy good and faithful servant, no longer shall thou suffer, but enter into my palace where sorrow and sickness cannot enter and where all is pure pleasure and happiness to you." Truly this could be said of this loving man for his life was a correct example. He was a loving father, a true husband and an honorable kind citizen in his community. Mr. Moore was not only loved and known at Compere, his home, but his host of Merkel friends were not numbered and wish to show their loving kindness in the truest manner they can to his bereaved family.

At the time of his death Mr. Moore was 64 years old and had been married a little over 46 years, 40 of this time he was a true christian, belonged to the Missionary Baptist church. To the union 16 children were born, only 12 of whom are living, three boys and nine girls, one boy present at his death, W. F. Moore of Anson, six girls, Mrs. Cannon of Belton, Mrs. Addison of Blair, Mrs. Demere of Nolan county, Mrs. Palmer of Compere, Miss Ruth Moore and William, a grandson, being raised by this dear man.

His was a sad but beautiful funeral. The Masonic Lodge in which Mr. Moore has been a true worthy and beloved member for 20 years, came with hearts full of love for their brother and tender sympathy for his widow and family and saw with tearful eyes their brother laid to rest in perfect masonic order. As was his request Mr. Moore's last words to his heart broken wife and children were words of hope for his recovery while he was willing and only waiting for God to say: "Thy life's work is to a close."

We all do with all our hearts as a community of loving friends sympathize with the bereaved family and pray God to be a companion and father to them.

A Friend.

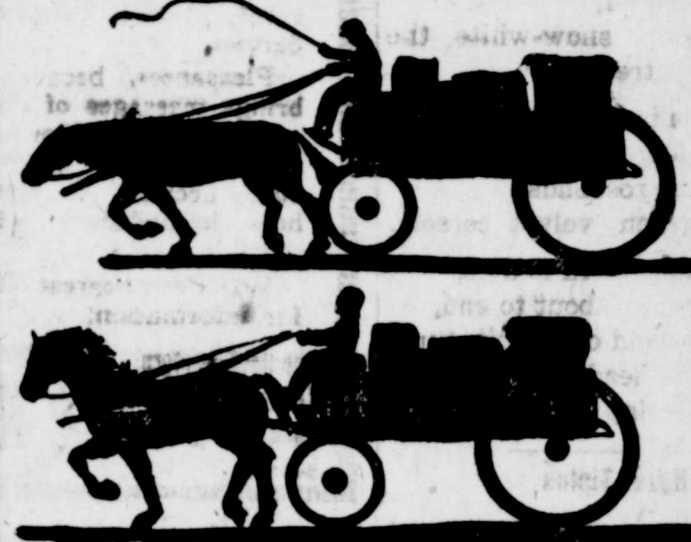
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Hay from peanut vines, or the entire plant is very desirable to feed to dairy cows with milo, kaffir or sorghum, overcoming the constipating effects of these feeds and supplying an abundance of protein and oil that many feeds lack. Peanut hay, made from the entire plants, tops and nuts, combined with milo or kaffir, makes an ideal feed for forcing cows to give a high yield of milk. In those sections where these crops can be grown, the farmer can get an income of \$4 to \$8 per month from each cow without buying a dollar's worth of feed during the year. The cow will furnish him a regular cash income, whether the season be wet or dry.

The combination of two parts of peanuts, hay and nuts, with one part of kaffir heads, all ground, makes a ration that can scarcely be equalled, and under the conditions prevailing in thousands of communities in Texas, is the cheapest cow feed that can be produced. The A.

& M. College, at Byron Station is finding the use of this feed to be giving them very high results in producing a large volume of milk and butter fat, and they advocate the farmer producing these crops for feeding milk animals wherever it is possible to grow them.

It has been found in other demonstrations that the results are most satisfactory and when cows are placed on this feed, that an increase is at once shown in the milk yield.

The farmer that has land adapted to growing peanuts can make no mistake in tying to this crop, for, in addition to it being the cheapest crop grown for cows, the production of pigs to fatten on the nuts will bring in a most profitable feeding operation.

This crop is next to alfalfa in protein and when grown is restoring nitrogen to the soil.

The development of the peanut growing industry has been phenomenal in Texas, and while the marketing of the nut crop has proven to be most profitable, there can be no question of a higher return from feeding the crop and marketing it in the form of butter fat. This, too, brings about a marketing of some of the crop every two or three days, and creates a regular cash income to meet the everyday expenses arising on the farm.

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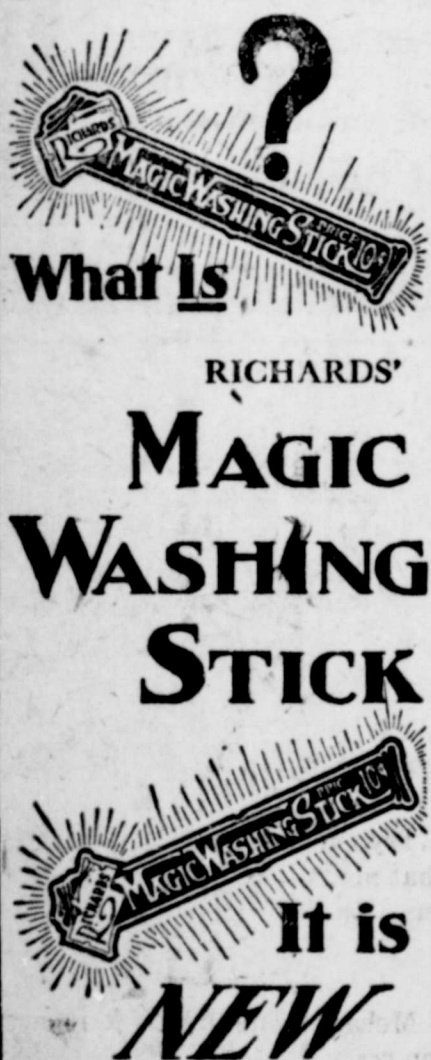
MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

Spring

While to their perverse work
Men run panting,
March that laughs, in spite of
showers,—
Quietly gets spring ready.
For the little daises
Slyly when all sleep
He irons little collars
And chisels gold studs.
Through the orchard and the
vineyard,
He goes, cunning hair-dresser,
With a swan-puff,
And powders snow-white the
almost tree.
Nature rests in her bed
He goes down to the garden,
And laces the rosebuds,
In their green velvet corsets.
Then when his work is done
And his reign about to end,
On the threshold of April turn-
ing his head,
He says Spring, you may come.

Hyser-Tipton

One wedding which occurred
some two months ago but is just
now being announced to the pub-
lic, is that of W. H. Hyser and
Miss Emma Tipton, both of Mer-
kel. The bride has lived in and
near Merkel her entire life and
has a wide circle of friends and
relatives to wish her happiness
the man of her choice. Mr. and
Mrs. Hyser are making their
home with Mrs. J. M. Tipton,
mother of the bride.



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Two Kisses

By DONALD CHAMBERLIN

During the stay of the American
troops in Cuba when the throwing off
of Spanish rule was being brought
about Captain Edward Mansfield of
the staff was sent out, supported by a
reconnoitering party, to sweep around
Santiago for information. Coming to a
hacienda, the captain, leaving his men
at the gateway, rode up to the house.
He was admitted by a negro woman,
who announced that there was no one
at home except Senorita Sierra, the
daughter of the owner. Whereupon
Mansfield asked if he might have a
few minutes' conversation with the
young lady.

The senorita was of a different type
from the usual Spanish girl, who is
small of stature and delicately made.
She was rather above the middle
height for a woman and of dignified
demeanor. Having entered the room
where the captain was waiting for her,
she stood without speaking till he
should make known his desires.

What Mansfield had called at the
house for was information. He asked
if the family sided with Spain or Cuba
and learned that their hearts were
with Cuba. But as to information, the
young lady had none to give. Never-
theless the visitor kept her talking.
He was a male flirt and had made
many a conquest. Daring was a meth-
od he often employed with women, and
he resolved upon this course in the
present case. After engaging the sen-
orita in conversation for some time,
during which he showed admiration for
her, he rose to take his leave. He of-
fered his hand, and when she gave
him hers he drew her toward him, and
before she could draw back he had
kissed her on the cheek.

That he had made a mistake was in-
stantly apparent. The senorita's eyes
flashed, and her face flushed scarlet.
With an expression of contempt she
turned, left the room, and Mansfield
saw her no more.

When the fighting was over, before
returning to the United States, Mans-
field mounted his horse and rode to the
hacienda to offer an apology for what
he had done. The same negro woman
who had admitted him before opened
the door. Mansfield asked her to in-
form her mistress that he would con-
sider it a boon if she would give him
a few moments in which to apologize
for what he had done on a previous
visit.

Written word was returned that an
apology would not be accepted. The
lady demanded satisfaction on behalf
of one who would act as her champion.
Captain Mansfield would receive a com-
munication at a hotel a short distance
down the road.

The officer left the house in a quan-
dary. Should he meet some one in mor-
tal combat for a snatched kiss for
which he had offered to apologize, or
should he end the affair by sailing for
home without paying any further at-
tention to it? He would have chosen
the latter course had it not been for
the contemptuous treatment he had re-
ceived from the senorita. He could
not bring himself to incur the further
imputation.

He rode to the hotel named and, tak-
ing a seat on the veranda, lit a cigar.
Half an hour passed, and he was about
to ride back to camp when a negro boy
approached, holding in his hand a let-
ter. Seeing Mansfield, he handed it to
him. The captain opened it and read:

To the American Officer—This evening
at 9 o'clock I will take satisfaction for the
insult offered my sister. Be at the north-
east corner of the Sierra hacienda.

JOSE SIERRA.

Mansfield was puzzled as to the
handwriting. The letters were large
and bold, but it looked as if the writer
had disguised his hand. The captain
could not but smile at a challenge to
mortal combat sent by a negro boy,
addressed to "the American officer"
and signed by a man he had never
seen. If Jose Sierra had no friend to
bear his challenge why did he not
come himself? Evidently the senorita
was put to it to secure her revenge.
Possibly the brother was not at hand,
and the sister had written the chal-
lenge in his behalf. Indeed, despite
the large letters there was more that
was feminine than masculine in the
writing.

At 6 o'clock Mansfield returned to
the hacienda, located the northeast
corner and, climbing the fence, ad-
vanced till he came to a grove in the
center of which was an open space.
There he stood for a few minutes,
when he saw a figure advancing.
Though the costume was that of a
man, the gait was unmistakably that
of a woman. Mansfield, pretending to
be deceived, said:

"Senor, your resemblance to your
sister is remarkable."

"We are twins, sir."

"I presume we are to fight without
seconds?"

"Are they necessary?"

"Before we begin I desire to offer
through you to your sister the apology
she would not receive. I was tempted
beyond my strength from beholding
the most beautiful, the most engaging
woman I have ever seen. After I
have killed you I shall renew my suit,
restraining myself so that my inten-
tions shall not be mistaken."

Senorita Sierra for it was she—had
a sword in her hand, which at these
words she let fall to the ground.

Mansfield advanced, took her hand,
drew her gently to him and without
resistance kissed her on the lips.



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Snow-Shankle

On Thursday, March the ninth,
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Canyon motored to Abilene and
were married. These two will
reside in the Canyon where the
groom has a home in waiting for
his bride. The Mail would wish
happiness and prosperity to the
occupants of the new home build-
ed.

Forty-Two Party

Three tables of forty-two play-
ers enjoyed a most pleasant even-
ing in the home of Mr. and Mrs.
John M. Pate on last Thursday.
The players were Misses Lizzie
and Eva Calvert, Bernice Rain-
Pauline Johnson, Dorothy Duck-
ett, Bernadine Freeman and
Jewel Pate. Messrs. Robt. Rain-
bolt, Ernest Duckett, Glen H.
Jones and Pate. Refreshment
of fruit were served.

Pasted Paragraphs

HUR!

A social climber she would be.
She poses as a perfect lady;
But can't get in society
Because her family tree is
shady.

—Luke McLuke.

A social climber he would be.
This very gay and shady gent,
Two standards has society—
He had the coin, so in he
went.

—Newark Advocate.

Which means that social climbers
—The words will make you
sadder—

Not family trees that cast a
"shade,"

—But just golden ladder.
—Commercial Appeal.

The social climber some times
sours

To near the topmost round,
His loosened grip lets go his
dough,

And ker-flop he hits the ground.
(Kinder of a "back to the
farm" movement, don't cher-
know.)

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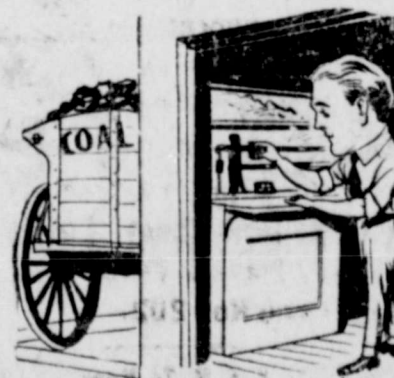


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BIG RANCHES WILL SEND RIDERS AND ROPERS FOR SHOW

BIG ROUND-UP AT FORT WORTH, MARCH 13-18, PROMISES TO BE GREAT EVENT.

PRIZES ARE OFFERED

Miller Bros. in Charge of Night Event at Big Stock Show. Society Features Also Arranged.

Broncho busters and ropers from most of the big ranches from Canada to Southwest Texas are expected at the National Feeders and Breeders show at Fort Worth, March 13-18, to take part in the big events that will feature the Big Round-Up, the night attraction of the big spring livestock exposition.

Goat ropers from the plains country also will come in number, as ample prizes also are offered in those classes. A high-class wild west show will be offered under the direction of Miller Bros., of Bliss, Okla., owners of the 101 Ranch show. Society will play a big part in the entertainment, many horse and auto features already being arranged for, somewhat in line with the Horse Show that has been the night attraction in the past. A great variety of other amusements also will be furnished at night, as the Miller Bros. have been busy for several weeks lining up attractions.

The usual excellent rates have been secured for the stock show and the railroads are working in co-operation with the management. It is believed that the largest stock show crowds in history will be handled by Texas railroads this spring.

The stock show is preparing a great treat for the people of Texas and the Southwest, whether they be lovers of fine stock or not. The magnificent premium lists for the day and night shows, which provided so liberally for every branch of the livestock industry, have had their effect and entry lists have been pouring in in numbers to the offices of the show. There is every indication that a finer array of fine livestock and fine horses will be on hand for the events than ever before in history.

Hereford, Shorthorn, Angus and Jersey exhibitors probably will make the largest showing in the cattle division of the stock show, although other classes of cattle will be on hand in goodly number. Three big auction sales will be held during the show and the exhibitors will have any number of fine bulls on hand. Buyers are expected to be numerous and anxious to make purchases.

A great variety of side amusement features will be provided for the spring show. Among these will be an excellent carnival, with many attractions. A variety of pleasing and diverting events are to be staged in the Coliseum between the judging of different classes of livestock. A sporting carnival is expected to draw thousands of enthusiasts, who perhaps would be interested in no other feature.

Around 5,000 fine birds are expected to be on hand for the fourth annual exhibition of the Fort Worth Poultry and Pigeon association. This event is generally recognized as the finest of its kind in the Southwest and about 4,000 birds were here at the last show. A comprehensive premium list has been issued and many entries already have been received.

SANITARIUM FOR AUTOMOBILES

Positive cure for all Auto Diseases, and have employed an experienced mechanic, one who can dissect cars, locate broken parts, knocks, bruises or bumps. The New Brick Garage, open to the public this week.

Bring Your Troubles Here

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BREEDERS NOTICE "DAN"

The Thoroughbred Kentucky Trotter stallion will make the season at Trent this year \$10 to insure living colt. Will use every precaution but will not be responsible for any accidents. CAL. HAMNER

Election Notice

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Merkel, I hereby order an election to be held in said city, at the Fire Station hereof on the first Tuesday in April, 1916, the same being the fourth of said month, for the purpose of electing three aldermen for said city.

R. W. Counts is hereby appointed presiding officer at said election, and the polls shall be opened at 8 o'clock a. m. and closed at 6 o'clock p. m.

J. J. Stallings,

Mayor City of Merkel, Texas

Fruits, Candies and Bottled Soda

Get your fruits, candies and bottled soda from the Front Street Confectionery, first door east of G. F. West. We are distributors for the Coca Cola Bottling Co. of Abilene.

Eckerd & Ely.

Notice to Merkel Citizens

Hereafter I will mail statements for the civic service department immediately after scavenger has completed his work each month and your accounts should be paid to me prior to the second day of each month, otherwise a penalty of ten cents will be added to your bill.

B. A. Walters, City Marshal.

WANTED

We will appreciate anyone that will notify us that the street lights are out. This will assist us in giving you better service, in which we are glad to give you the best possible service. Merkel Power Company, Phone No. 202.

A. F. & A. M. To Meet

Saturday night is regular meeting night of the local A. F. & A. M. Lodge No. 710. All members are requested to be present.

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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 E. W. GROVE, Esq.

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GREAT MASS OF PROOF

Reports of 30,000 Cases of Kidney Trouble, Some of Them Merkel Cases.

Each of some 6,000 newspapers of the United States is publishing from week to week, names of people in its particular neighborhood, who have used and recommended Doan's Kidney Pills for kidney backache, weak kidneys, bladder troubles and urinary disorders. This mass of proof includes over 30,000 recommendations. Merkel is no exception. Here is one of the Merkel cases. B. J. Rhodes, retired carpenter, Merkel, says: "I can honestly say that Doan's Kidney Pills have benefited me. They relieved discomfort in my back and regulated the action of my kidneys."

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

Tobe Paylor of Big Springs a one time resident of Merkel spent Monday in our town visiting old friends. Tobe a few years ago was Merkel's "tow headed" messenger boy but his rise was rapid and for sometime he has had a position as dispatcher in Big Springs.

Do as others are doing. Save one-third on your spring purchases at Parten Dry Goods Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Chambers of Trent were here Saturday.

For prompt deliveries phone 286.



Here's real Paint economy

Paint economy does not lie in the cost per gallon, but in what the gallon will accomplish. Cheap paints cover only 200 to 250 square feet per gallon, two coats. "High Standard" covers 350 to 450 square feet, two coats. Your painting will require fewer gallons of "High Standard" than of cheaper paint—so many less, in fact, that your painting cost will be lower.



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Miss Tempie Focht of Sweetwater was a Sunday visitor of Miss Josie Smith.

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Mrs. E. L. Woodroof returned Monday from Paris where she has been for several days with Mr. Woodroof in the Paris Sanitarium. At her departure from Paris Mr. Woodroof also left for Battle Creek, Mich., to receive further treatment.

Standard planters, the best on earth. For sale by The Anchor Mercantile Company.

Get your spring millinery at J. A. Ducketts Dry Goods Store.

Mrs. W. D. Trant is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Pitzer.

Garden seed at J. A. Ducketts Two packages for five cents.

J. T. Howard, V. B. Walters and Jack Provine were in Dallas this week on business, taking advantage of the Fat Stock Show rates to make the trip.

Our big spring opening sale is daily bringing a steady stream of eager customers. Parten Dry Goods Co.

Hurry, hurry, to Parten's Dry Goods Co.

Mrs. J. W. Jennings of Abilene is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. W. Edwards.

Buy your new spring hat of Parten Dry Goods Co.

ONE NEW FORD Driven less than 100 miles for sale. McDonald & Warren.

Proper Treatment for Biliousness For a long time Miss Lula Skelton, Churchville, N. Y. was bilious and had sick headache and dizzy spells. Chamberlain's Tablets were the only thing that gave her permanent relief. For sale by all dealers.

The Kauri Gum Diggings. Kauri gum, found underground in New Zealand and dug to the amount of a million and a half pounds yearly, is used for furniture polishes and varnishes, and most of it is exported to America. The industry of digging it is unlike any other in the world. A kauri forest is a beautiful sight, but kauri gum country is treeless, barren and desolate, even and swampy very often, with singularly heavy, cloying soil, out of which the gum formed on kauri pines of ancient and long vanished forests is dug or speared. There are whole stretches of this treeless kauri country with nothing but a little scrub and fern growing on it.

Magnitude of Arcturus. The star Arcturus, which is known to be a sun for a faraway system of planets, is 11,700,000 times farther removed from us than is our solar luminary. His diameter is 71,000,000 and his circumference about 224,000,000 miles. Our sun is but 883,000 miles in diameter, a fact which proves that Arcturus is at least 551,000 times greater in bulk than is our sun.

EVERYTHING NOW READY TO START BIG STOCK SHOW

GREATEST ARRAY OF FINE LIVESTOCK AND HORSES IS ASSURED FOR EVENT.

OPENS ON MARCH 13

Diversity of Entertainment is Provided for Crowds That Are Expected—Mystery For the Scribes.

Preparations are practically complete for the twentieth annual National Feeders and Breeders show, which will be held at Fort Worth, March 13-18. During the past few weeks, entries in great number have been received from all over Texas and adjoining states for the events of the day show and the management is confident that the greatest exhibition in the history of the event will be staged. Reports from all over Texas indicate also that vast hosts of people are preparing to visit Fort Worth during its great annual gala event.

There is no doubt now but that a finer and larger array of stock will be on hand in the vast exhibit hall in the rear of the Coliseum building. The breeders of the Southwest have been co-operating with the management of the show more heartily than ever before. The Big Round-Up, a western pageant under the direction of Miller Bros., of Bliss, Okla., promises to be an entertainment thrilling and attractive and one that will draw larger crowds than ever attended the night events of the show in the past. Its supplants in a large measure the night Horse Show.

Local and foreign merchants have been busy for several days preparing their splendid exhibits in the industrial halls on either side of the Coliseum building and it is expected that this display will be the best ever held, both in number and quality of exhibits. Vast displays of silos and farm implements will be made on the show grounds.

Arrangements are complete for the round of amusements that serve as a sauce to the exhibition of livestock and the competition of fine horses. The big carnival company, signed weeks ago, will be ready to greet the crowds Saturday morning, March 11. Entries have been received for the sporting carnival, which will be held in the arena of the Coliseum, and this now bids fair to draw thousands of devotees of basket ball and kindred games. A number of pleasing events will be held in the Coliseum during lulls between the judging of the fine stock.

The Fort Worth committee of newspaper men announce that their plans for the Press Day entertainment of March 13 are now complete but they will not divulge them now, preferring to surprise their brothers of the craft.

The native division of the stock show will overflow, according to all of the information received by the management. However, ample provisions will be made to handle all entries by opening day. There is no doubt but that visitors to the show will see a much larger number of cattle from clean territory than in the past. This is due to the big tick eradication campaign that has been conducted in Texas during the past year and a half.

With the largest entry list of history, the Fort Worth Poultry and Pigeon association is prepared to open its fourth annual exhibition at the same time of the stock show. This exhibition is held in the poultry hall, adjoining the Coliseum, and it is anticipated that 5,000 birds will be on hand by the opening day.

Content in the realization that it has done all that can be done, the management now confidently looks forward to the greatest attendance that the stock show has ever known.

NUBIA

It is still dry at this writing. Perhaps it will have rained by the time this appears in print.

We are having and have been having high winds. On last Monday they were warm, almost hot. We hope they will prove influential in inducing the approach of rain.

The Literary Society of Nubia met and rendered an interesting program last Friday night. Dialogues, recitations, negro comedies, and music were features of the program. Visitors were present from White Church and Blair.

There is talk of a singing school to be taught at White Church soon. It will be a night school the writer hears.

The Baptist Sunday school at Butman which has been on the wane for several months, was reorganized last Sunday.

Louis Butman has gone to Big Springs to visit his sister, also to rest up from his recent illness.

A large crowd was present at the entertainment at Mr. Walter Hathaway's last Saturday night.

There was singing at Marvin Blackburn's Sunday night.

Mr. Boyd of Nubia writes from the Plains that there is plenty of moisture in the ground there to bring stuff up. Mr. Boyd went to the Plains about a month ago to break and put in some land which he traded his place at Nubia for. His family, except Ernest, still live at Nubia for school benefits.

We imagine that Villa lives with nerves on edge. It is with an infinite number of customary memories that we note the advent of spring. The cooing dove, the noise of the kildee, the caroling larks, and last, but not least, the spring fever which imbues us with an inclination to while and lounge the time away. These are spring couriers and unmistakable harbingers.

Messrs. Charlie Lewis and Charlie Bankhead made a trip to Anson Saturday where Mr. Bankhead expects to conduct a singing in church work next summer.

Advertised Letters.

Cole, Miss Verma
Davis, W. D.
Lockjin, Maude
McCarty, Ben
Miller, R. A.
Parker, R. C.
Russell, Mrs. Doris
White, Riley
Riose, Lino
These letters will be sent to the head letter office March 30, 1916.
H. C. Williams, P. M.
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Try the famous Wamba coffee that made Houston, Texas, famous. G. M. Sharp. 17tf

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We have been notified of an examination to be held at Abilene April 8th, to fill a vacancy at the Noodle postoffice. The Noodle office pays approximately \$250 per year.

Stop! Look! Listen!

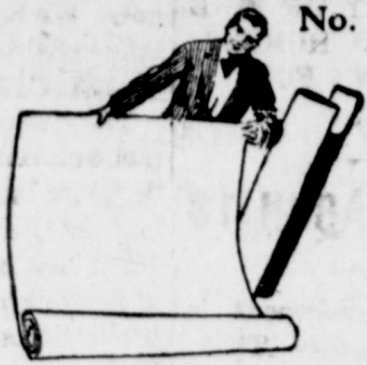
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that from Austin to Waco the small grain crops seemed to be doing well, especially wheat. There had been perhaps 25 percent of the oat crop plowed up. From Georgetown to Temple these crops especially looked in good condition. Corn planting was underway and all land seemed to be either broke or listed ready for planting.

"From Cisco to Clyde the small grain crops were not apparent. Most all, or 95 percent, of the farms were ready for the seeding. However, from information gathered there is yet 50 percent of wheat that would make grain should rain come in the next fifteen days. The fall-sown oats have been destroyed, in some instance resown, but is either perishing for want of moisture or waiting for same to germinate. Should rain come by March 15 there would yet be some oats sown.

"My information is that the cotton will be increased on account of the untoward winter conditions in this section 10 to 25 percent. However there is a strong disposition to replace the last grain crops with other than cotton.

"Peaches, plums, pears and apricots are beginning to bloom

at Marshall, Longview, Tyler, Jacksonville, Rusk, Palestine, Cisco and Clyde.

"The stage of development seems to be about the same in all sections visited and observed.

"There will be a 25 percent increase of sweet potato and peanut acreage in all the sections mentioned. Everywhere the farm operations were abreast of the season.

"Many of the tomato hot beds in the Tyler, Troup and Jacksonville sections have been transplanted to the cold frames. At Clyde the growers are busy bedding out sweet potatoes. This crop will be increased in this section 25 percent over last year. Some of our potato growers are already building or preparing to build potato storage plants preparatory to housing the crop should the price at gathering time not be attractive. Most all truck lands have been prepared ready for the planting when the time arrives."

Keep You Bowels Regular

As everyone knows, the bowels are the sewerage system of the body, and it is of the greatest importance that move once each day. If your bowels become constipated take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablet just after supper and they will correct the disorder. For sale by all dealers.

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Corn: Acreage will be about normal in this section, though very little has been planted to date and most of that in the counties lying to the south of Palestine.

Cotton: Acreage will be slightly reduced in all these counties named unless it be Smith. Nearly all the land has been or is being prepared for planting.

Tomatoes: Acreage about normal. Plants are in cold frames, and are fine.

Forage crops: Acreage will be as large as last year unless there is a decrease in the oat crop. But the oat acreage is never large in this immediate section.

Weather conditions: No rain this week except two light showers at night. Light frost Thursday night. Too light to hurt the fruit.

Bastrop, Fayette and Contiguous Counties

The farmers about Elgin, Bastrop, Smithville, West Point,

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Constipation poisons the blood. After the stomach and small intestines have absorbed the nutritive values from the food, it is Nature's plan that the remainder should be cast out of the body promptly. If the bowels do not move regularly and easily, the accumulated matter remains there rotting, decomposing, generating a POISONOUS GAS that passes into the blood.

This poison, borne by the blood to kidneys, heart, lungs and every vital organ, soon shows its effects in various symptoms of disease. Also, in skin eruptions, headaches, dull heavy feeling, loss of energy and ambition, nervousness, etc. WHY PERMIT YOURSELF TO BE POISONED? You would not knowingly take arsenic or any other deadly poison into your system. But by permitting your bowels to remain constipated you are poisoning yourself just as surely. You are courting sickness and disease. Violent cathartics that gripe are not a fit remedy for constipation. They "hit the bowels with a club" when GENTLE treatment and encouragement is needed.

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is the GENTLE yet SURE remedy your bowels need. It will strengthen the bowel muscles, act as a tonic, and HELP THE BOWELS TO HELP THEMSELVES.

Take this famous remedy and your bowels will soon be moving easily, regularly, of their own accord. No gripping pains. No harsh treatment. Just NATURE'S OWN WAY.

Get a bottle this very day. Both 50-cent and \$1.00 sizes.
THACHER MEDICINE COMPANY,
Chattanooga, Tennessee.
For sale by **T. L. Grimes**
Druggist

Fayetteville, LaGrange, Ammansville and Katy are well up with their work. Most of the fields are in good condition and in many places corn has been planted, and in some places is coming up. Some of the early plowed land is suffering for rain, and it is feared that some of the corn will not come to a good stand. A new cucumber salting plant has been opened up at Katy.

Wise and Denton

The general opinion in this section is that wheat has been 80 percent killed, but according to the Department expert, this is an over-estimate of 20 percent. This great damage is in the wheat belt of Denton county. Oats are being sowed now in the place of wheat, but the prospect of an enlarged area of cotton is threatening. The hog increase in this section is over 25 percent; cattle, about 15 percent, and poultry about 20 percent. Gardening is increased.

Hondo Valley

Oats and wheat in the upper Hondo Valley are withstanding the drouth fairly well, but there was no material increase over the acreage of last year. Corn planting is underway, and there is some complaint of damage from grubworms and larks. Cotton acreage will be increased at least 25 percent.

Taylor and Adjoining Counties

Wheat that two weeks ago was reported doing well in spite of no rain, is now suffering badly—in fact the late grain is practically killed. There will be almost no wheat or oat crop this year. Farmers who began plowing two or three weeks ago have had to quit as the ground is too dry to break.

Lamar

Conditions are good but depend upon continued good weather. Corn planting proceeds and oats are coming up with the birds getting a good part. More gardening than ever is done, and the peanut and sweet potato acreage will be increased.

Harrison

Crop prospects in this county are considered good and farmers are well up with their work, and are prepared to diversify more than last year.

Weather: The weather for the past week has been damp and cool; no rain to count. Week closed cloudy and colder.

Small Grain

One of the Department's special agents traversing a large part of East, Central, East and North Texas reports as follows:
"I have to report this week

SUGGESTIONS THAT MEAN MUCH TO GROCERY BUYERS



Buy your goods in bulk, they are cheaper.

Have your goods delivered promptly, Auto delivery

Let the McCaskey System keep your monthly accounts accurate, with the amount of account brought forward on each bill.

Buy from a Grocer who at all times caters to the wants of the lady who wants, what she wants.

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Everlasting Bricks.

Once made a brick is practically indestructible. Nearly every brick that has ever been made by man from the beginning of time is still in existence on this earth. The men who made and laid them and who directed these operations have long since been gathered into dust. Some of them have doubtless contributed in their bodies to the making of more bricks. But the steadfast and enduring square of baked clay persists and will until the heavens and earth are shriveled like a scroll.—Exchange.

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

A Delicious Cup of Tea.

If you want to keep your friends guessing get from your druggist an eighth of a pound of dried orange blossoms (they are very expensive) and steep two or three to a cupful along with your tea leaves. Omit sugar, lemon or cream, as either cloy the delicate flavor of the orange buds. Be sure you get them strictly fresh and from a receptacle tightly covered and keep them air tight yourself. This novel idea was introduced into smart studios by a clever Frenchwoman and proved very popular.

A WORD FOR MOTHERS

It is a grave mistake for mothers to neglect their aches and pains and suffer in silence—this only leads to chronic sickness and often shortens life.

If your work is tiring, if your nerves are excitable, if you feel languid, weary or depressed, you should know that Scott's Emulsion overcomes just such conditions.

It possesses in concentrated form the very elements to invigorate the blood, strengthen the tissues, nourish the nerves and build strength.

Scott's is strengthening thousands of mothers—and will help you. No alcohol. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

Some Nautical Facts.

A knot is 6,080 feet long. The distance from New York to Liverpool is 3,064 nautical miles by the northern track and 3,139 by the southern track. The former course is taken by vessels bound for New York, the latter by vessels bound for Liverpool. From Liverpool to New York the distances are respectively 3,039 and 3,109 miles.

In estimating records the points taken on either side are Sandy Hook and Dunn's rock, Queenstown harbor. The first light sighted on the British coast is the Bull, Cow and Calf, Ireland, and on the American coast either Nantucket or Fire Island.—New York Globe.

A Pleasant Physic

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- For District Attorney N. N. ROSENQUEST (Re-election) W. J. CUNNINGHAM
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- For Public Weigher at Merkle J. M. (Jim) TOOMBS (Re-election)
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 2. T. R. LASSITER (Re-election)

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