

## YOUNG LADY FOUND DEAD IN DALLAS

Closely resembling the mysterious murder of Florence Brown of Dallas, is the case of Miss Zola May Cramer, a young nurse of Dallas who was found dead at the rear of the Oak Cliff High School building in Dallas Monday.

Telltale finger marks about the throat of the victim and bruises about the face showed that Miss Cramer had been choked. Her clothing was disarranged, showing that she had made a fight for her life. Robbery could not have been the motive from the fact that over \$27 was found in her purse. Authorities of Dallas pronounce it one of the most clueless cases they have ever handled.

## U. S. AVIATORS IN MEXICO, SUFFER

Aviators with Gen. Pershing's command in Mexico describe conditions in the section they have been detailed for duty as more dangerous than any of Europe, except in the Alps.

The absence of supplies in event any birdman is forced to land is given as one of the greatest obstacle confronting the aviators. The only source of supply being from their base, while mountainous conditions make landing almost impossible at any point where their search is carried out. Extreme cold and treacherous winds are said to have given the Army aviators the very severest test possible to their department. A few men having returned from their flights so numb that they had to be lifted from their machines.

## ACCOUNT OF AUTO ACCIDENT GIVEN

Mrs. W. J. Largent returned Saturday from a visit with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Saffle at Plainview.

The last few days of her visit, however, were spent with her sister, Miss Murtice Saffle, in a sanitarium at Floydada where she has been since being so badly hurt in an auto accident nearly two weeks ago.

Miss Saffle who was teaching about ninety-five miles from Plainview was on her way home for a visit driving in a two passenger car with two other occupants. When about four miles from Floydada, while driving on a graded steep, the gentleman driving steered the car too far to the side of the road causing it to upset. Of the three Miss Saffle was the most seriously hurt, being pinioned across her back by the car. The ligaments a cross her back and right limb were torn loose and the lower part of her spine injured.

A telephone message to Mrs. Largent on Wednesday of this week states that the patient is doing splendidly and they hope soon to move her home.

Miss Murtice is well known in Merkel and has many friends who wish for her a speedy recovery.

Money to loan at 8 per cent interest on patented lands. Will buy vendor's lien notes. No loan too large and quick service. Write me your wants. H. R. Debenport, Big Springs, Texas.

### Error in Ad

An error in the J. A. Duckett ad of last week quoted bolts at 11 cents each when the price should have been one cent each. The re-appearance of the ad in this week's Mail shows the correction.

## OFFICER SHOOT HAT OFF MEXICAN

An article clipped from a paper of San Diego, Cal., gives account of expert marksmanship of a former Merkelite, Mr. Buford, now a member of the police force of the above city. Mr. Buford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buford of this city. The report is as follows:

After having discharged his revolver in the air to stop a fleeing Mexican, Officer Buford last night demonstrated his marksmanship when he shot the fugitive's hat off at a distance of 200 feet. The Mexican fell to the ground, where he lay until the officer arrived and placed him under arrest. Three other Mexicans, alleged to have been his companions in a holdup on Ninth and K streets, were arrested by Officer Kelley, who was with Buford when the pursuit began.

Since the shooting of Officer Weymouth at Fourteenth and K streets several days ago, the officers walk in pairs below Market street. Officers Buford and Kelley were making their rounds about 10 o'clock last night when they saw four Mexicans holding up a man at Ninth and K. They arrived in time to grab one of the men, but the other three scattered in different directions. Officer Kelley fired two shots in the air and one of the men stopped. The other jumped in a hole behind the fire station at Tenth and J streets and was captured by the firemen.

Meantime Officer Buford was pursuing the third man. He fired once in the air but the man only ran faster. Buford, who is considered one of the best shots in the department, then shot the fleeing Mexican's hat off. Buford found him moaning in a pool of water, but upon examining him found that he had not missed his mark and the Mexican was unhurt. The bullet so frightened the Mexican that he thought he was shot.

At the station the four men gave their names as L. Vasquez, J. Roderiquez, S. Silla and Pete Martinez. E. Bodilla, the man who was held up identified the Mexicans under arrest as the four men who robbed him of \$19.75. Bodilla was held at the city jail as a witness.

## TO IMPROVE CAFE AT AN EARLY DATE

Latham Bros., proprietors of the Busy Bee Cafe, have rented the entire building of which they have occupied a portion during their stay in Merkel and will improve the place immediately.

The extra floor space obtained is to be carefully arranged for tables for parties, and according to present plans, the Busy Bee will again open twenty-four hour service. They expect to have the annex ready by Saturday.

Miss Tennie Brown who teaches at Inkum spent last Sunday at her home here.

Read carefully every word of the Consolidated Oil & Gas Co's. ad in this paper.

## WILL THE BUSINESS MEN OF MERKEL GET-TOGETHER? DON'T "NO," "MA-B-SO"

Preparedness Will And Should be a Watchword With Local Merchants. May Organize at an Early Date if Fed Enough

Men talk better after you have fed them than any other time. Some of them may go to sleep, but if there is spitzerintum enough floating about in the ethereal blue oft times they may be roused to an awful attempt of making a speech.

Speech-making, that's the thing. A few honest expressions from home merchants shot directly at their competitor with 52 centimeter velocity, but propelled by the kindest of feeling and good suggestions, is a thing looked for some evening next week, while the participants of the event look over their emptied plates, having had their appetites thoroughly satisfied as fully and completely as a bunch of local fireboys would quench a flame with a fire hose. Well it certainly will be some feed if such a record is established, but a move is on foot here to have a rip-roaring-rousing meeting of merchants that will hang up a record for enthusiasm.

### IT WILL COST ONE DOLLAR PER PLATE

How many plates do you want? Three, did you say? Must be intending to take some of the clerks!

All this hub-dub about a feed is somewhat of a rude way of announcing a banquet, wherein every Merkel merchant is expected to take part. The purpose back of it all is to thoroughly organize the merchants into a co-operative working body for the ultimate benefit of our town. Merkel needs some advertising and needs it bad. Enterprises could be induced to come into our midst if proper methods are pursued. Our town needs a push and a kick and a shove, and who knows what all. At the very present a laundry could be added to our town's business enterprises if only proper steps were taken to invite such. This is only a small item of what co-operation among our merchants might do for Merkel.

The plan of getting the merchants together is to feed them well. They will be expected to pay for this banquet at \$1 per, but the money will go to a good cause and in two different directions. First it will serve to stop the jabbering of some and start the jabbering of others, while on the other hand, ladies of the Presbyterian church will derive a benefit from the banquet, and thus they can assist in the work they are now engaged upon, that of assisting to build a new church. An invitation was extended to the ladies of the Presbyterian church to take charge of the banquet and same was accepted. Further than this they will in no way take part in the events of the evening, satisfying themselves entirely by their culinary arts.

It is hoped that a sufficient number of merchants will be enlisted in a Commercial Club or Business Men's League to guarantee a continuous growth of such an organization, and no better time can be taken to perfect such an organization than at a banquet, where all are joyous and mirth runneth in great rivulets. Everybody talk merchant's banquet and every merchant is invited to sign up for as many plates as he can use. Time, date and place will be announced "pronto."

### \$10 For One Chicken

W. E. Justice received an express money order for \$10 Wednesday morning from T. E. Webster of Sugarland as purchase money for one Cornish Indian Game cockerel from the pens of Mr. Justice.

## ABOUT VILLA THE VICIOUS---CAUGHT?

Various reports about Villa being hemmed in and trapped have so far failed to result in the elusive greaser and his band of cutthroats being captured. The following gives rise to the hard work our soldier boys are doing in their attempt to catch the man they are after:

El Paso, March 27.—The American forces have been permitted to use the Mexican telegraph wires.

The wires between Madera and Juarez have been cut. Gen. Gavira made this announcement today.

All communications are being censored by the Mexican commander at Madera.

Field headquarters of the American troops in Mexico, by Aeroplane to Columbus, N. M., March 27.—General Pershing announced today the establishment of a new army base near Villa's reported location.

Evidence that Villa is preparing to resist the Americans has been collected by scouts.

San Antonio, Mar. 26.—Francisco Villa has escaped from the Mexican troops that had checked him near Namaquipa, and three columns of American cavalry are pursuing him.

Already they are almost 250 miles south of the border and unless Mexican forces bring the elusive bandit to another stand this distance will be greatly increased by the close of the week.

Villa's success in extricating himself from the dangerous position into which he had been driven by the American punitive forces was related in a detailed report of General Funston today.

General Funston forwarded the report to Washington without making public any but the essential features.

Colonel Dodd is commanding the advanced columns that are riding hard after Villa and his men and Gen. Pershing has divided his forces so as to make supporting columns along the thinly stretched lines of communication from his most advanced base at El Valle.

## CRISIS IN STORE AMONG DIPLOMATS

Exposure of an international plot to force United States intervention in Mexico seems imminent in face of recent developments at Washington.

Following President Wilson's statement that an international plot of such character was being fermented, Senator Fall of New Mexico charges the Chief Executive in a grave way to prove his assertions. Mayor Lee of El Paso, another prominent man who has figured conspicuously in the border situation sides with Senator Fall in criticising the administration's charges. And a complete exposure of all facts connected with President Wilson's statement is very likely to be made public within a few days. Prominent individuals are likely to be drawn into the sweeping charges in case the affair is publicly aired.

## TO INVESTIGATE HIGH PAPER PRICE

Washington, March 27.—A resolution for an investigation of the news print paper situation by the Department of Commerce was introduced in the House today by Representative Copley of Illinois. Much of the supply of raw material for print paper that came from Germany, Norway and Sweden was cut off by the war. Other material is being shipped from this country to Europe for use in the manufacture of munitions, the resolution says.

An opinion is asked on the advisability of placing an embargo on raw material. According to Mr. Copley, the price of paper has advanced so far that the lives of many small newspapers are threatened.

## THANKS THOSE WHO HELPS NUBIA ROADS

Uncle Jim Blackburn authorizes me to employ the columns of the Merkel Mail as a medium through which to express the unstinted gratification of the Nubia people with regard to the abundant liberality with which the Merkel people contributed to the road fund which was spent in graveling the road bed north of Nubia. We are not simply glad because the citizens and business men of Merkel helped us, so much as we are because of their "willingness" to help us. The Canyon and Divide people will trade with Merkel in preference to Sweetwater, so long as the roads leading to Merkel are better than those leading into Sweetwater is the simplest lesson embodied in the laws of common sense. We thank you Merkel. Grover Lewis.

## MEXICO WANTS ALL GOLD OF CHURCH

Confirmed reports from Mexico City state that the De Facto government will take over all personal and realty property of the Catholic Clergy in that country.

This measure has been passed upon by those in power in Mexico for the purpose of obtaining more gold. The Clergy of the Catholic church in Mexico is reputed to be immensely rich in jewels, gold and works of art. These can be used by the government, as efforts are being made by that Republic to accumulate a larger gold reserve.

### Will Leave For Oregon

The consummation of the Warnick-Jacobs deal in which C. E. Jacobs became the owner of the J. B. Warnick property adjoining Merkel at the city limits on the north marks a near departure of the Warnick family to their newly selected home in Oregon.

At present Mr. and Mrs. Warnick and family are making their temporary home at the home of Rev. A. A. Baker and will remain there until plans for the trip are complete.

### Here from Stanton

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Harris and W. W. Harris of Stanton came in Tuesday to visit relatives and friends. Mrs. Harris being at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Russel.

## TO BE HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY EVE MAY DRILL OIL WELL NEAR TRENT

Dr. S. P. Brooks of Waco is scheduled to be in Merkel next Wednesday, following his return from El Paso where he opened his campaign for U. S. Senate in the western part of the state.

We have not been informed of the place the speaking will be held, that matter being in the hands of local parties and will no doubt be announced early next week.

Place a hundred dollars in the Consolidated Oil & Gas Co. with long time to pay out the stock, and watch your investment grow. Read this in this paper.

The Consolidated Oil and Gas Company, organized recently, following a geological survey throughout this section, has leased property southwest of Trent with the purpose of drilling for oil at a future date.

The Consolidated Oil Company was organized at Colorado and have oil and mineral leases on many tracts of land in several adjoining counties. Their leases have been made on instructions of a geologist who made a thorough examination of the prospective oil lands.

Read the Consolidated Oil ad in this issue of the Mail.



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

### JUDGE BELL FOR DISTRICT JUDGE

To the voters of the 42nd Judicial District:

I am a candidate for your next District Judge. The record of all candidates should be open books to all. I came to Calahan, my home county, in 1878, and except one year since, I have been in the active practice of the law, and have taken active parts in all movements for the betterment of our people. During that year I was a Texas ranger, stationed in Crosby county, with all territory from Fort Griffin west for our scouting ground. When I resigned, the place next to the captaincy was offered to me as an inducement to remain a ranger, but I refused, returned to Callahan, was then elected her County Attorney, and thereafter your District Attorney. I claim no superiority over any one who has done his best, and I recognize the right of any person to offer for any place in the gift of his people, whether high or low, rich or poor, for this is a country where worth, not birth, is merit; every tub stands on its own bottom, where every man is king of his own castle, every woman is queen of her own household, and where the humblest citizen lives within the probabilities of being our highest ruler. I am before you for your votes and on my own merits do I depend. When I came here I was a mere boy. Then there were no such conveniences as now exist, but I remained with my people and aided them to blaze away for those to come thereafter. Since coming here the prairies have been turned into well cultivated fields, the dug-outs have disappeared and in their places there are the comfortable dwelling houses, and many of the inconveniences then

existing have been done away with by the more modern improvements. My experience of 35 years in the practice of the law will enable me to reasonably discharge the duties of judge and come up to a reasonable standard. I now ask your aid to be your judge, but if such is not given to me I am still your friend, for you then will have exercised the privilege of a free American, to vote for whom you please. I have been successful in my profession. I have tried to be fair with my fellowman and to properly use the gifts given to me by the Master. I have lived a strictly temperate life. I feel that I enjoy the esteem of those who best know me. I am proud of my friends for they will be my sponsors for a just administration on my part of the duties of this office. And now if you can consistently give me your vote and elevate me to the judgeship I shall do my best to serve the people loyally and I now promise to you a rapid, fair, efficient and impartial discharge of my duties, but always with a view of fairness and economy.

Respectfully,  
F. S. Bell.

When you come to Sweetwater, Texas, drive your car in the National Southern Highway Garage, on the west side of the square near the hotels. No charges to tourists and visitors for day storage. Do not leave your car in the hot sun, it will ruin the varnish and upholstery on your car. You are welcome to make our place home while in Sweetwater. We have free air and water on the sidewalk. We carry a fine line of accessories and tires. Our readers are especially invited to call on them while in Sweetwater.—Adv.

If you want your clothes to look good, try Owen Phone 194. 10tf

### ALL SCHOOLS MUST ENTER CONTEST NOW

Special to the Merkel Mail.

All schools that expect to enter the County Contest April 7-8 will please notice the following announcement:

The entrance in the different contests must be sent to the Director General, Arthur J. Jones, Tuscola, Texas, not later than April 1. No entrance will be permitted after that date. Most of the schools who notified us of their intention of entering the contests have received an official blank on which to make the entrances. If you have not received one of these blanks, just send us a list of those entering with 25 cents each, for entrance in athletics, and your school will be officially entered just as if you had an official blank.

Remember, the principal of each school, entering any contest must certify that those entered are qualified according to the rules of the Interscholarastic League and also that they will be required to furnish proof if challenged by an opposing school.

Arthur J. Jones,  
Gen' Dir. Tuscola, Texas.

#### Advertised Letters.

Brown, Eddie  
Brimer, A. C. H.  
Cuch, Mrs. C. M.  
Elkins, C. L.  
Ellis, H. M. 2  
McDonald, W. J.  
Preece, M. E.  
Reaves, R. H.  
Rush, S. A.  
Simmons, Will  
Stillwell, N. T.  
Swann, Eva  
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office April 12, 1916.  
H. C. Williams, P. M.  
Merkel, Texas.

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

### 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.

#### Card of Thanks

We desire to thank our many friends for the assistance given us following the destructive fire that visited our home last Saturday. Especially do we desire to thank the fireboys and extend personal thanks to Chief Ferrier for interest manifested in the case.

Respt.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Russell.

#### 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 thereof, 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

Ladies be sure to see my new spring and summer line of millinery at the Star Store. Miss Zella Stanley.

#### ECONOMY.

Economy is not a natural instinct, but the growth of experience, example and forethought. It is also the result of education and intelligence. It is only when men become wise and thoughtful that they become frugal; hence the best means of making men and women provident is to make them wise.—Samuel Smiles.

#### A TEXAS WONDER.

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

#### One Third Off. Actual Cost.

During the next thirty days I will sell my entire line of clothing, shoes, hats and boys suits at exactly one third less than actual cost.

This reduction will be enforced every day for the next 30 days and offers you an enormous saving. Don't fail to visit me. Coats building east of Merkel Garage.

A. L. Jobe.

#### Gissing Blessed the Piano.

Bismarck's love of noise was shared by George Gissing. He found "five finger exercises" played on a neighbor's piano "grateful and helpful" when at his desk and said: "Even the street organs put me in a happy mood. I owe many a page to them—written when I should else have been sunk in bilious gloom."—London Standard.

#### Sewing Neatly Done

Work guaranteed. See Mrs. Noel and Mrs. Brummel at Oscar Walker Grocery store. 24t3pd



### 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.

Low's Brother  
High Standard  
LIQUID PAINT

works easier, covers better, assures permanency of color and more years of wear.  
Come in and get color cards.

Burton-Lingo Co.

Austin Boyd, Mgr.

### Skin Diseases

disappear, the sting and smart and itching sensations that torture the victims of these troubles vanish when you use

### HUNT'S CURE

in the form of a salve, easy to apply, you run no risk, for if

#### Hunt's Cure

fails your money will be cheerfully refunded. That's our pledge of confidence, our guarantee that HUNT'S CURE will cure skin diseases. 50c a box.

AT ALL DRUG STORES

A. B. Richards Medicine Co.  
SHERMAN, TEXAS

RINGS DYSPEPSIA TABLETS  
relieve indigestion and stomach troubles.

# SPECIALS in Our Grocery Department

In order to reduce our large stock of Groceries we are making the following low prices. The market does not justify these prices today, but we find our stock too large at this time of the year and must reduce it to minimum

100 pounds best Albatross flour .....	<b>\$3.35</b>	1 case (24 cans) 2-lb Tomatoes .....	<b>\$1.90</b>	One 1-gallon can Logan berries .....	<b>50c</b>
100 pounds good High Patent flour .....	<b>3.15</b>	1 case (24 cans) good Corn .....	<b>1.90</b>	One 1-gallon can Prunes .....	<b>40c</b>
1 sack best Pearl meal .....	<b>70c</b>	5 pounds good Peabery Coffee .....	<b>1.00</b>	One 1-gallon can Peaches .....	<b>40c</b>
1 case (6 1-gal. cans) Ribbon Cane Syrup .....	<b>3.00</b>	5 pounds Arbuckle Coffee .....	<b>1.00</b>	One 1-gallon can Apricots .....	<b>40c</b>
1 case (6 1-gal. cans) Mary Jane Sorghum .....	<b>2.70</b>	One 1-gallon can Strawberries .....	<b>65c</b>	One 1-gallon can Plums .....	<b>40c</b>
		One 1-gallon can Black Berries .....	<b>50c</b>		

Our grocery stock is complete at all times, with nothing but the very best that money can buy. Phone us your orders for fresh Vegetables

**HIGHEST CASH PRICE PAID FOR YOUR EGGS---15c per DOZEN**

Remember we carry the newest and most up-to-date line of dry goods, groceries and hardware to be found in this part of the country

## The Anchor Mercantile Company



### Our Display of Spring Hats

Is so complete that every individual taste can be satisfied. There are some very pretty trimmed hats showing the tendency of high trimming effects; smart tailored models, and the more elaborately trimmed hats for dress occasions.

Every popular color is represented, from a bright, flaming red to the delicate pastel shades, both extremes being in very good taste this season.

COME IN TOMORROW SURE when the variety will be greatest

**WOODROOF'S**

Here Thursday, April 6th

### THE 'JUGGERNAUT!'

A "V. L. S. E." Blue Ribbon Feature

IN FIVE PARTS

**MATINEE 4:00 TO 6:30 AND NIGHT 7:45 TO 10:30**

Admission 10c and 20c Cozy Theatre. Coming soon—'The Girl and the Game'

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

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

### LOCAL NEWS LOCAL NEWS

Fresh groceries at G. M. Shaps. Miss Ruby Smith visited friends in Abilene Sunday.

Plenty of bran and cowfeed at G. M. Shaps.

For prompt deliveries phone 286.

Mayor J. J. Stalling and Ed. Teaff were among the visitors in Abilene Monday.

We clean and press anything and guarantee every job. Owen. Phone 194. 10tf

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

Mrs I. S. Allen after spending several weeks in Denton has returned home.

Seymour flour is the best. G. M. Shaps.

Hot days call for cool oil stoves. Get the Quick Meal from Anchor Mercantile Co.

Mrs. W. R. Bigham has returned from visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Young, in Lampasas.

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

Silk flour at \$3.00 per hundred at G. M. Shaps.

Miss Olive Garoutte left on last Thursday night for Marlin Wells where she goes to seek relief from rheumatism.

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

The oil stove season is here. See the Quick Meal at the Anchor Mercantile Co.

J. A. Duckett has bought two more stocks of dry goods. Will arrive soon. Wait and get your dry goods at less than cost.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald are moving this weeks to the residence purchased by them from E. M. Brown on Oak street. The McDonald residence will be occupied by W. T. Winter a recent attache of the Anchor Mercantile force.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Highest prices paid for eggs. Eckerd & Ely.

Money to loan at 8 per cent interest on patented lands. Will buy vendor's lien notes. No loan too large and quick service. Write me your wants. H. R. Debenport, Big Springs, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fulbright of Hico who have for several days been visiting the family of J. F. Shaffer returned to their home Friday. They were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer the trip being made across the country in the Shaffer car.

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

Money to loan at 8 per cent interest on patented lands. Will buy vendor's lien notes. No loan too large and quick service. Write me your wants. H. R. Debenport, Big Springs, Texas.

Mrs. Arch Anderson of Wichita Falls is here with her husband who has been making Merkel a temporary home during a portion of the time for the past months. While here Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were guests of the former's brother, R. O. Anderson and family.



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

Lost—Spotted dog, strayed from stock pens several days ago. Last seen in southwest part of town. \$5 reward for return to R. H. Collins.

FOR SALE—My home at a bargain. Nice four room house. Thos. Magent. tf

Famous Wamba Coffee, Wamba Coffee, Wamba Coffee

Try the famous Wamba coffee that made Houston, Texas, famous. G. M. Sharp. 17tf

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
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$375,119.40</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock .....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits .....	38,632.36
Circulation .....	6,250.00
Bills Payable .....	None
Rediscouunts .....	None
Other Borrowed Money .....	None
Deposits .....	305,237.04
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$375,119.40</b>

We appreciate your business and are anxious to render good Banking service to our friends and patrons at all times

THOS. JOHNSON, CASHIER

### REMEMBER THIS—

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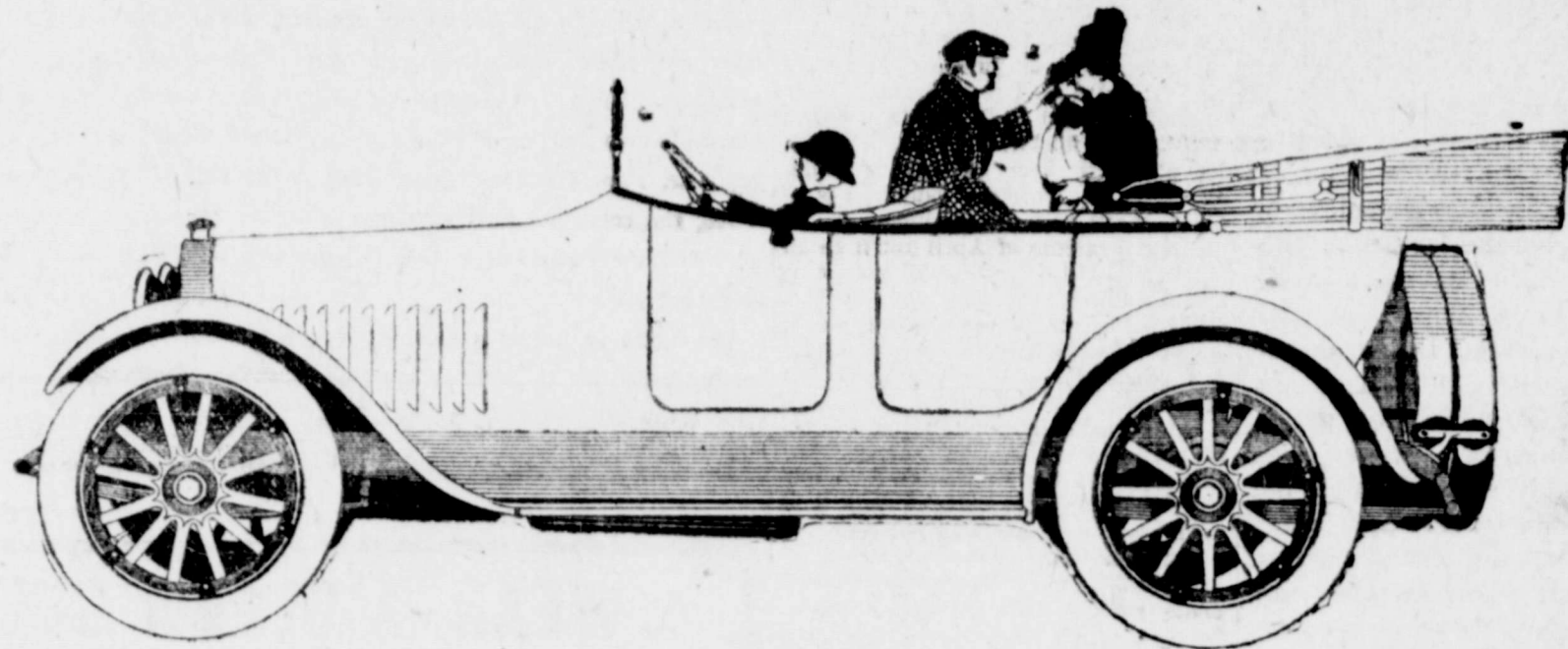
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Performance blent brilliantly with price puts the 3400 r. p. m. Chalmers at \$1050 in a position that cannot be challenged.

This is the model of which 600 merchants bought \$22,000,000 worth in 40 minutes on the day of its unveiling in Detroit.

It wedged itself into the cluttered market in a manner that I have never seen approached.

The energy of this 3400 r. p. m. engine delivers 60 miles an hour—all the speed you dare use—without exacting a burnt-offering of wasteful fuel consumption.

Chalmers Service does not begin when a car pauses in front of the service station that bears the Chalmers Monogram. The principles of Chalmers Service dominated the designing and building of the 3400 r. p. m. from the moment the dream of it began glimmering in the brains of its engineers.

Despite the return of prosperity to the South, I don't ask you to buy a car that delivers might at staggering C. O. D. rates.

By making every gallon of gas kick in with 18 miles of the smoothest going, it makes might wed mileage.

And the by-product of this extraordinary union is a

magnificent acceleration that is wholly foreign to the car that is built for speed alone.

The surpassing smoothness of this throbbless engine that whirls at a velocity of 3400 revolutions per minute is not an engineering accident.

This result was striven for by its builders, who knew that the more explosions per minute, and the greater the number of revolutions of the motor, the lesser amount of heat is lost through the cooling jacket.

Heat is power. The small engine of this car leaves a small area from which heat can be thrown away by radiation, there is a very short cooling process between explosions of gas, and you have a power plant that wrings every ounce of energy from its fuel.

That is why this is the car that performs.

One minute with your foot on the accelerator, and you'll know what I mean.

One performance—and 3400 will no longer be a mere number to you. It will become the magic password into an unknown, undreamed-of realm of travel.

With raw materials growing less plentiful, it is good foresight to register your order now if you can.

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All such fears for the removal of the post office can now be quieted, for the office will remain for five years to come at the place where it is now located. Postmaster Williams received notification this week that the Post Office Department had accepted a rental contract offered by W. S. Smelser, the contract to be for a period of five years at a price of \$40.00 per month. This rental price however is not all velvet, for Mr. Smelser is required to furnish wood, water,

coal, lights and many other accessories needed about the building.

**What The Cow is Doing For Wisconsin**

Wisconsin the "Dairy Denmark" of America, is held up to the dairymen of the country as the model, the leader, the "to be patterned after" dairy state of the Union. It isn't to be wondered at, for carefully compiled statistics reveal to us that Wisconsin dairy products for 1915 were worth a great big round hundred million dollars.

During the same year the state produced a good many other crops, corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, hay, potatoes, tobacco, grass, silage, timothy seed, fruit and miscellaneous crops, but no two crops put together would equal the dairy products of the state.

The best part of the story is that Wisconsin's dairy cows furnished the market and paid a

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Cut out one cigar each day and install for your wife Electric Lights and Electric Iron.

Cut out two cigars each day and have installed for your wife an Electric Range—save her through the hot, tiresome summer, for you know you had a hard time getting her.

With the ordinary family this would be a fair comparison in dollars and cents.

Have a talk with her and see if she is willing for you to do this. If she insists, advise us and we will be glad to assist you. PHONE 202.

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prices for the grain and hay produced on Wisconsin farms. In Wisconsin there are, on an average, nine cows to every farm, and they are kept on 160,567 farms.

A banker in Fort Atkinson made the remark not long ago that in thirty years experience in that community, he had never known a failure to occur among those sturdy farmers who had started out with the dairy cow and kept close to the business of dairying.

It isn't any wonder that Wisconsin ranks first in all the states of the Union in the percentage of farms occupied and operated by the owners, because men have not failed in their farm practice and their profits have been such to induce them to remain on the farm.

Statistics do not tell us directly and accurately how rapidly the soil fertility is being depleted and lost in those sections where wheat or cotton is king, but information convinces us that no state can rank ahead of Wisconsin in the manner of maintaining soil fertility and making agriculture as profitable

for the son as for the father.

Right here in Texas, we are better situated to profit from dairying than Wisconsin. We do not have the hard winters, and also produce a greater variety of feeds and at less cost. We should have more good cows in Texas, and produce a greater amount of dairy products to bring more ready money.

**Moves Justice Office**

Justice of the Peace N. D. Cobb has moved his office into his old quarters up-stairs in the Crenshaw building.

Rental changes necessitated the move, and all parties who have business in the justice court will now have to climb a stairway to find justice.

Fresh vegetables every Wednesday and Saturday. W. F. Hammet.  
Corn chops and shorts at G. M. Sharp.

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Made from cream of tartar derived from grapes.

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MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

**King's Daughters Class**

One item over-looked in the write-up of last week was the social evening given by the King's Daughters Class of the Methodist Sunday school to their gentlemen friends of Dr. Foster's class. This entertainment was given in the east room of the church and as each husband and wife who were not members of either class were also invited almost 40 guests were present.

Short talks on class organization were given by T. A. Johnson and Rev. W. P. Garvin after which the evening was given over entirely to social pleasure.

Cream, and cake of the ladies' own baking made most delicious refreshments.

**Surprise Party**

On last Friday night Miss Vera Jenkins gave a surprise party for her brother, Claude, who spends most of his time at the farm near Dora, but was home this particular evening. The main amusements for the evening was 42 and flinch. Refreshments of chocolate and cake were served. Those present were Misses Callie Lou Owen, Wilma Smith, Ruth Howard, Florence Homes, Beatrice Nid-ever, Agnes Lassiter, Charlie Bell Thomas, Ruth Wheeler and the hostess. Messrs. Robt. Rainbolt, Richard Davis, Lee Daniels, Sidney Coats, Arthur Derrington, C. D. Bradford, Z. T. Lamar and Herschel Lamar and Claude Jenkins.

**Mrs. W. F. Dupree**

One of the most pleasant social afternoon's enjoyed recently was that in the home of Mrs. W. F. Dupree Monday, from four to six, when the Methodist Ladies Aid held their monthly social meeting.

The program as printed was carried out in full, after which refreshments of cream and cake with punch were served.

The members and the guests present for the afternoon were Mesdames Wesley Edwards, H. M. Morris, W. P. Garvin, H. C. Burroughs, T. A. Johnson, P. T. Allday, J. L. Harris, H. C. and J. L. Williams, R. A. Martin, E. W. Perminter, N. D. Cobb, Geo. Brown, C. E. Conner, E. P. Beene, Ben T. Merritt, F. E. Church, W. P. Browning, Ross Ferrier, William O'Bryant, J. J. Shelton, W. B. Foster, Will Armstrong, G. H. Adams, G. J. Jones and R. L. Moore. Miss Myrtle Dupree most charmingly assisted her mother in entertaining during the afternoon.

**Stop! Look! Listen!**

Chiropractic means health to you. Mrs. M. U. Battendorf, graduate of the Palmer School of Chiropractic Davenport, Iowa. You will find me at Mrs. Alice Roses. 1044pd

**Cows Or Commercial Fertilizer**

The practice of taking from the soil and making no return has gone to the extreme. That a different method must be followed is recognized not only by many thinking farmer, but by the merchants and bankers whose prosperity depend directly on the prosperity of the farmers.

Many sections of our State find the yield of crops much below what they were ten years ago, and it is time to commence to realize that if we keep our land up to where we can find profitable results from farming, we must build soil fertility. Dairying is the one branch of agriculture recognized as sufficient to bring back and sustain soil fertility, and give the farmer a product that will bring cash at all times of the year, and, as a consequence, creates a better all-around business condition.

Legume crops may be grown and commercial fertilizer used in improving the land, but it has been demonstrated that those sections of the country where the farmers follow dairying and the feeding of those crops they produce back to livestock, have the surest and best way to sustain and build up the soil.

**Pure Bred Stock**

When an animal is being sold to the highest bidder in a pure-bred sale, it cannot be figured that the buyer is getting just hair, hide, bone and meat; if so, one needs only to attend the common, grade farm sale.

When you bid on an animal at a pure-bred auction, you bid for the results of work of generation after generation of men who have spent their lifetime in the mating, breeding and care of livestock.

It can, of course, only be considered, that the pure bred has a greater value than the grade animal, and those who have used their time and endeavors, rightly receive a profit for their efforts. There is room for more men in this line of work, and the profits are ample to justify entering the business and building up many herd of pure-bred hogs and dairy cattle in Texas. We should have better stock of all kinds, and the scrub should go the way the "Texas cattle tick" should go.

**Trustee Election Ordered**

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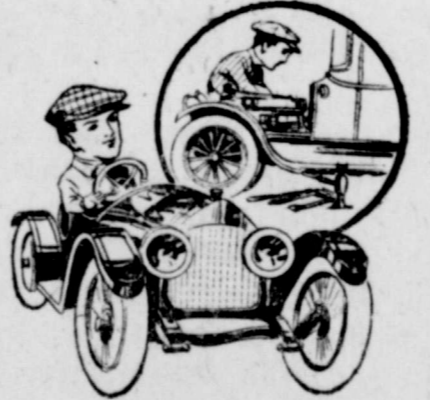


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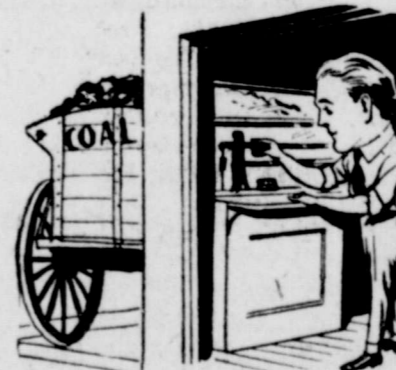
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ARTHUR JONES

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AUSTIN FITTS

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W. T. (TOM) ST. JOHN  
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JOHN H. VANCE.  
L. R. (ROY) PARMELLY  
J. S. PATTERSON

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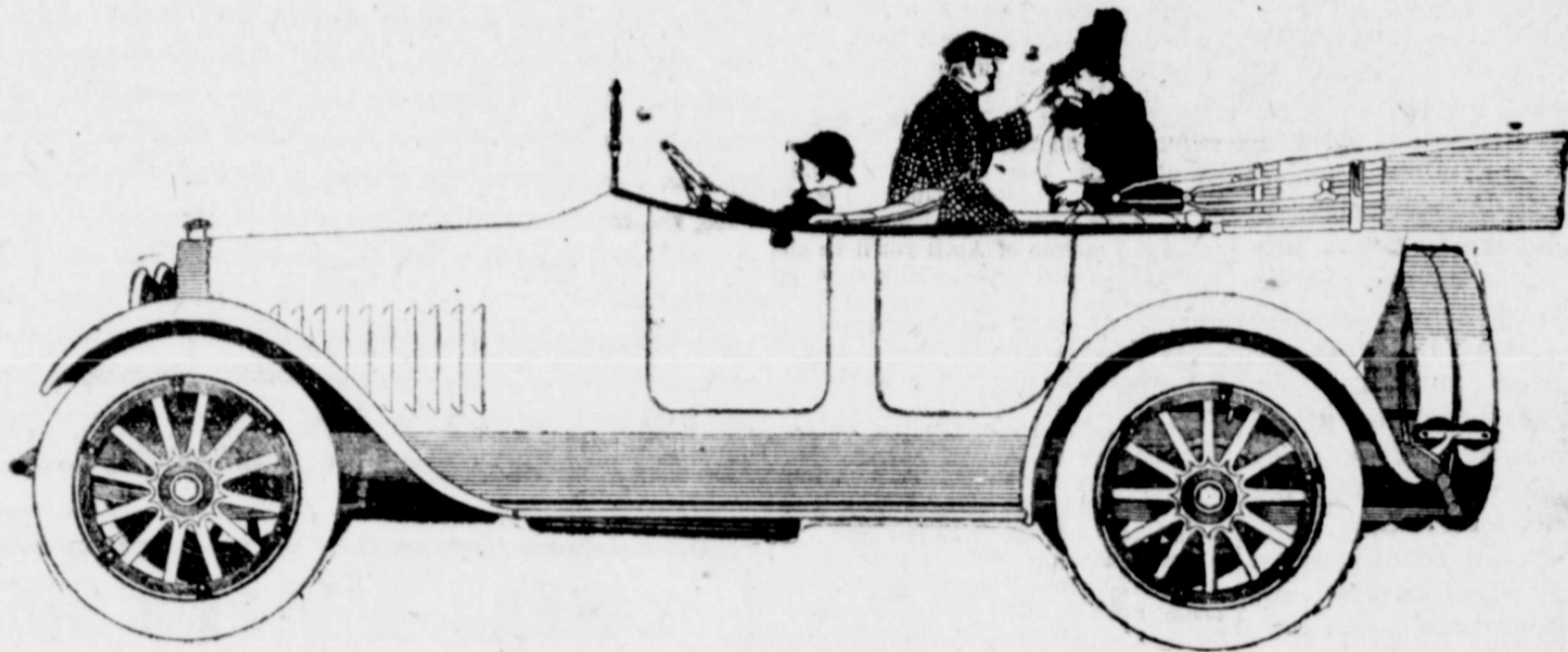
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ever receive the proper balance of food to sufficiently nourish both body and brain during the growing period when nature's demands are greater than in mature life. This is shown in so many pale faces, lean bodies, frequent colds, and lack of ambition.

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The energy of this 3400 r. p. m. engine delivers 60 miles an hour—all the speed you dare use—without exacting a burnt-offering of wasteful fuel consumption.

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Despite the return of prosperity to the South, I don't ask you to buy a car that delivers might at staggering C. O. D. rates.

By making every gallon of gas kick in with 18 miles of the smoothest going, it makes might wed mileage.

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magnificent acceleration that is wholly foreign to the car that is built for speed alone.

The surpassing smoothness of this throbbless engine that whirls at a velocity of 3400 revolutions per minute is not an engineering accident.

This result was striven for by its builders, who knew that the more explosions per minute, and the greater the number of revolutions of the motor, the lesser amount of heat is lost through the cooling jacket.

Heat is power. The small engine of this car leaves a small area from which heat can be thrown away by radiation, there is a very short cooling process between explosions of gas, and you have a power plant that wrings every ounce of energy from its fuel.

That is why this is the car that performs.

One minute with your foot on the accelerator, and you'll know what I mean.

One performance—and 3400 will no longer be a mere number to you. It will become the magic password into an unknown, undreamed-of realm of travel.

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Much interest has been manifested in a subdued way for the past few months while the matter of the location of the post office was under advisement of the post office department.

All such fears for the removal of the post office can now be quieted, for the office will remain for five years to come at the place where it is now located. Postmaster Williams received notification this week that the Post Office Department had accepted a rental contract offered by W. S. Smelser, the contract to be for a period of five years at a price of \$40.00 per month. This rental price however is not all velvet, for Mr. Smelser is required to furnish wood, water,

coal, lights and many other accessories needed about the building.

**What The Cow is Doing For Wisconsin**  
Wisconsin the "Dairy Denmark" of America, is held up to the dairymen of the country as the model, the leader, the "to be patterned after" dairy state of the Union. It isn't to be wondered at, for carefully compiled statistics reveal to us that Wisconsin dairy products for 1915 were worth a great big round hundred million dollars.

During the same year the state produced a good many other crops, corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, hay, potatoes, tobacco, grass, silage, timothy seed, fruit and miscellaneous crops, but no two crops put together would equal the dairy products of the state.

The best part of the story is that Wisconsin's dairy cows furnished the market and paid a

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Cut out one cigar each day and install for your wife Electric Lights and Electric Iron.

Cut out two cigars each day and have installed for your wife an Electric Range—save her through the hot, tiresome summer, for you know you had a hard time getting her.

With the ordinary family this would be a fair comparison in dollars and cents.

Have a talk with her and see if she is willing for you to do this. If she insists, advise us and we will be glad to assist you. PHONE 202.

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high price for many of the other crops. The dairy cow in Wisconsin paid five million dollars for silage. They paid fifty million dollars for the grass grown in Wisconsin hills, and paid good

prices for the grain and hay produced on Wisconsin farms. In Wisconsin there are, on an average, nine cows to every farm, and they are kept on 160,567 farms.

A banker in Fort Atkinson made the remark not long ago that in thirty years experience in that community, he had never known a failure to occur among those sturdy farmers who had started out with the dairy cow and kept close to the business of dairying.

It isn't any wonder that Wisconsin ranks first in all the states of the Union in the percentage of farms occupied and operated by the owners, because men have not failed in their farm practice and their profits have been such to induce them to remain on the farm.

Statistics do not tell us directly and accurately how rapidly the soil fertility is being depleted and lost in those sections where wheat or cotton is king, but information convinces us that no state can rank ahead of Wisconsin in the manner of maintaining soil fertility and making agriculture as profitable

for the son as for the father.

Right here in Texas, we are better situated to profit from dairying than Wisconsin. We do not have the hard winters, and also produce a greater variety of feeds and at less cost. We should have more good cows in Texas, and produce a greater amount of dairy products to bring more ready money.

**Moves Justice Office**

Justice of the Peace N. D. Cobb has moved his office into his old quarters up-stairs in the Crenshaw building.

Rental changes necessitated the move, and all parties who have business in the justice court will now have to climb a stairway to find justice.

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MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

**King's Daughters Class**

One item over-looked in the write-up of last week was the social evening given by the King's Daughters Class of the Methodist Sunday school to their gentlemen friends of Dr. Foster's class. This entertainment was given in the east room of the church and as each husband and wife who were not members of either class were also invited almost 40 guests were present.

Short talks on class organization were given by T. A. Johnson and Rev. W. P. Garvin after which the evening was given over entirely to social pleasure.

Cream and cake of the ladies' own baking made most delicious refreshments.

**Surprise Party**

On last Friday night Miss Vera Jenkins gave a surprise party for her brother, Claude, who spends most of his time at the farm near Dora, but was home this particular evening. The main amusements for the evening was 42 and flinch. Refreshments of chocolate and cake were served. Those present were Misses Callie Lou Owen, Wilma Smith, Ruth Howard, Florence Homes, Beatrice Nidaver, Agnes Lassiter, Charlie Bell Thomas, Ruth Wheeler and the hostess, Messrs. Robt. Rainbolt, Richard Davis, Lee Daniels, Sidney Coats, Arthur Derrington, C. D. Bradford, Z. T. Lamar and Herschel Lamar and Claude Jenkins.

**Mrs. W. F. Dupree**

One of the most pleasant social afternoon's enjoyed recently was that in the home of Mrs. W. F. Dupree Monday, from four to six, when the Methodist Ladies Aid held their monthly social meeting.

The program as printed was carried out in full, after which refreshments of cream and cake with punch were served.

The members and the guests present for the afternoon were Mesdames Wesley Edwards, H. M. Morris, W. P. Garvin, H. C. Burroughs, T. A. Johnson, P. T. Allday, J. L. Harris, H. C. and J. L. Williams, R. A. Martin, E. W. Perminer, N. D. Cobb, Geo. Brown, C. E. Conner, E. P. Beene, Ben T. Merritt, F. E. Church, W. P. Browning, Ross Ferrier, William O' Bryant, J. J. Shelton, W. B. Foster, Will Armstrong, G. H. Adams, G. J. Jones and R. L. Moore. Miss Myrtle Dupree most charmingly assisted her mother in entertaining during the afternoon.

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Chiropractic means health to you. Mrs. M. U. Battendorf graduate of the Palmer School of Chiropractic Davenport, Iowa. You will find me at Mrs. Alice Roses. 1044pd

**Cows Or Commercial Fertilizer**

The practice of taking from the soil and making no return has gone to the extreme. That a different method must be followed is recognized not only by many thinking farmer, but by the merchants and bankers whose prosperity depend directly on the prosperity of the farmers.

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Legume crops may be grown and commercial fertilizer used in improving the land, but it has been demonstrated that those sections of the country where the farmers follow dairying and the feeding of those crops they produce back to livestock, have the surest and best way to sustain and build up the soil.

**Pure Bred Stock**

When an animal is being sold to the highest bidder in a pure-bred sale, it cannot be figured that the buyer is getting just hair, hide, bone and meat; if so, one needs only to attend the common, grade farm sale.

When you bid on an animal at a pure-bred auction, you bid for the results of work of generation after generation of men who have spent their lifetime in the mating, breeding and care of livestock.

It can, of course, only be considered, that the pure bred has a greater value than the grade animal, and those who have used their time and endeavors, rightly receive a profit for their efforts. There is room for more men in this line of work, and the profits are ample to justify entering the business and building up many herd of pure-bred hogs and dairy cattle in Texas. We should have better stock of all kinds, and the scrub should go the way the "Texas cattle tick" should go.

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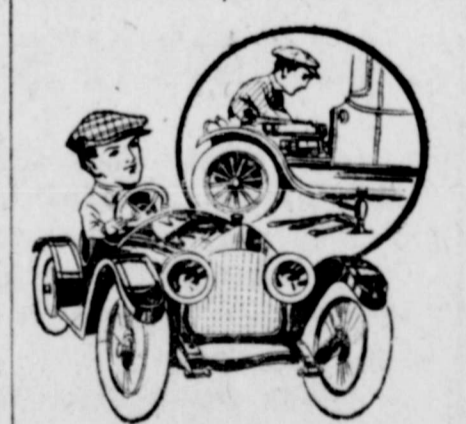
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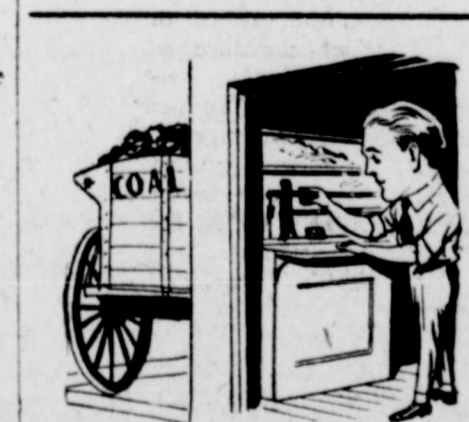
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For Legislature  
(Capt.) J. T. TUCKER  
For District Judge  
JOE BURKETT, of Eastland  
W. P. MAHAFFEY  
D. K. SCOTT, of Cisco.  
F. S. BELL, of Baird  
Callahan County

For District Clerk  
J. N. ROUTH  
H. O. DRUMMOND

For District Attorney  
N. N. ROSENQUEST  
(Re-election)  
W. J. CUNNINGHAM

For County Clerk  
J. D. HILTON, Re-election

For County Attorney  
W. H. GRAHAM

For County Superintendent  
J. S. SMITH, Re-election  
C. E. SIMS  
ARTHUR JONES

For Treasurer:  
J. A. BOYCE  
AUSTIN FITTS

For Tax Assessor:  
W. T. (TOM) ST. JOHN  
Re-election  
JOHN H. VANCE.  
L. R. (ROY) PARMELLY  
J. S. PATTERSON

For Tax Collector:  
G. B. (BLUE) TITTLE  
W. F. DILLARD, Re-election

For Public Weigher at Merkel  
J. M. (Jim) TOOMBS  
Re-election

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2,  
T. R. LASSITER (Re-election)

**Jones County Announcements**

For County Attorney  
J. L. (Lee) CEARLEY  
Re-election

For County Clerk  
C. H. P'POOL, Re-election

For Tax Collector  
R. L. BARRETT, Re-election

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For all such children we say with unmistakable earnestness: They need Scott's Emulsion, and need it now. It possesses in concentrated form the very food elements to enrich their blood. It changes weakness to strength; it makes them sturdy and strong. No alcohol, Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this organization is for the development of the resources of Oil, Gas, Coal and other mineral in the counties of Coke, Fisher, Garza, Howard, Mitchell, Kent, Nolan, Taylor, Sterling and Jones.

We have contracted for the purchase of 12 tracts of land, each containing 200 acres, aggregating 2,400 acres in all. Said tracts are in several of the above mentioned counties and covering a territory both north and south of the T. & P. R.R., beginning at Trent and reaching as far west as Iatan. We also have under lease 63,160 acres surrounding the 12 purchased tracts. We have had an expert geologist in this field for the past four months, this man has had wide experience in various oil fields in Texas, Oklahoma and other states, we have thoroughly tested his ability in proven fields, and he has proven to our satisfaction that there is Oil and Gas in paying quantities in this field. We have the same geographical surroundings of all the best fields in Texas. We have better surface out-cropping and indications of oil and gas than has many of the fields already producing oil and gas and just as good indications as the Tulsa or Haldton Fields in Oklahoma. We are going to drill 12 test wells, one on each of the 12 tracts, said wells to be drilled not less than 2,500 nor more than 4,500 feet deep provided that we did not find oil or gas in paying quantities at a lesser depth.

We are selling contracts in this company for the small sum of \$34.00 and a balance of \$66.00 payable on or before Nov. 1, 1916, and a purchaser of one of the contracts will receive one lot containing 750 square feet at each of the 12 locations, and in addition to the lots his pro rata interest in the 40 acre tracts at each of the locations and whatever they produce, these being reserved for drilling purposes, also his pro rata interest in the 63,160 acres of leased lands. Under this plan the purchaser has every possible advantage of receiving a profit on his or her investment. Should we be so successful as to bring in several good wells the profits would be enormous, and should we only bring in one out of the 12 tests it would certainly be a splendid investment, however, we do not believe it is possible to explore this great territory and not bring in more than one good well.

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#### 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.

#### Flight of the Locust.

Locusts in South Africa are very tiny creatures, at most two or three inches long, yet giant jawed and shelled in a grim brown mail so hard that as they strike it causes a sharp smart. They travel in such numbers that it takes them four or five days to pass over. The scouts alone, hovering in patches like red dust clouds, are numerous enough to destroy the vegetation of a district, while the main body, high up in the air, a host of little black specks, stretches out into an interminable screen between heaven and earth. The fanning of their wings brings a fresh coolness over the hot earth even in the depth of summer. There seems to be a fresh breath of ozone as of the sea.

#### Catarrh Cannot be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best blood tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combinations of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. S. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

#### Cheering Him Up.

A professional boxer was badly beaten in a sparring match and carried to his bed exhausted and melancholy. "I wish you'd say something to cheer him up, doctor," pleaded the defeated warrior's wife. "He's gettin' low in his mind, and when he's like that you've no idea how hard it is to wait on him. He's worse than a bear with a tooth-ache." "What can I say that will please him most?" asked the doctor. "You might just tell him, in an off-hand way, that the man as licked him is mighty bad in the 'orspital and that they may have to hold a post mortem on him any minute now," was the solemn suggestion.—London Telegraph.

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#### She is Always to Blame.

Or what use is it discussing whether men or women will do the sillier things to maintain a pose? We all know—or ought to, perhaps—that when the woman buys a twelve dollar pair of white kid boots that are unsuitable to wear with anything else that she can afford she is herself to blame; and when a man mortgages his farm to buy an automobile that he cannot afford to run it is the women of the family who are to blame; and there you are!—"As She Sees It," in Lowell Courier-Citizen.

#### Keep Your 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.

#### The Planet Mars.

Earth's astronomers know nothing of Mars beyond the fact that if the planet is of a formation more recent than the formation of the terrestrial globe its conditions must have been more mild, because it is so small. Mars is an older world than the earth—a world that represents the intermediate state between that of the earth and that of the moon. The phenomena on Mars now under the observation of earth's astronomers are the last manifestations of a dying life. Slowly, very slowly, time is doing its work. Mars is dying of cold, the anesthetic that numbs the worlds and steepens them in the sleep in which they die.—Exchange.

#### The Court of Last Resort

Around the stove of the cross roads grocery is the real court of last resort. For it finally over-rules all others. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been brought before this court in almost every cross roads grocery in this country, and has always received a favorable verdict. It is in the country where man expects to receive full value for his money that this remedy is most appreciated. For sale by all dealers.

#### Pleading Insanity.

A French lawyer once defended a man who had stolen a chicken from a barnyard. He said his client was insane.

"I do not see in this theft anything that would indicate the mental derangement of the prisoner," said the judge.

"I beg your pardon," replied the lawyer, "this poor fellow is certainly insane. He stole a wretched chicken when he might have taken a nice fat pig."—Chicago News.

#### A Specific Against Colds

The nearest thing to a specific against colds is a sleeping porch or open bed room and a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get up. Even then you will occasionally take a cold especially when colds are epidemic and when you do you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a great help in enabling you to get rid of it. Try it. For sale by all dealers.

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The remarkable resonance of jade is a peculiar quality, which gives it great importance in Chinese estimation; to such an extent that "singers' chimes" of twenty-four different pieces and tones were sometimes constructed. Occasional use is also made of the natural form of the jade bowlders, which are found in river beds.



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Mother (sternly to young married daughter)—Really, my dear, I am astonished at your allowing Billy to attend that farewell supper to Mr. Soakum. I understand it was a most disgraceful affair.

Daughter (indignantly)—Why, mother, how can you? I am quite sure it must have been very sad. Billy distinctly told me the men filled right up, and even the main speaker of the evening was too full for utterance.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

#### For Diseases of the Skin

Nearly all diseases of the skin such as eczema, tetter, salt rheum and barber's itch, are characterized by an intense itching and smarting, which often makes life a burden and disturbs sleep and rest. Quick relief may be had by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It allays the itching and smarting almost instantly. Many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by all dealers

## NOLAN COUNTY VOTED \$100,000

With a majority of nearly one hundred and fifty votes in Tuesday's election, the voters of Nolan county decided to issue \$100,000 bonds for the purpose of building a court house at Sweetwater.

Out of 626 votes cast in Sweetwater, only 53 were opposed to the issue, the vote in Roscoe being 162 for and 54 against.

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## Hank Elwood's Conversion

By EDITH V. ROSS

Hank Elwood one evening stood at the door of his house looking out on his broad acres. There were the farm, well stocked, and crops just springing from the ground; there was the house, well furnished for one of its kind. But Hank was the only person in it.

Hank had always so far fought shy of women. He was not a student of feminine human nature, and he thought all single women did little else than set snares for unmarried men. But he felt lonely.

"I'd ought to have a woman," he said to himself. "But what am I goin' to find one? Besides, women are a tantankerous lot, and I dunno but if I should git one I'd wish I hadn't."

But Hank was desperate. He went down to Mrs. Blakeley's, an excellent friend of his, and said to her:

"Moll, I want you to find me a wife. I'll tell you just what kind of a gal I want. She must be—"

"Hank," interrupted his friend, "if I'm goin' to recommend a gal to you you'd better take her on my say so. You don't know anything about women."

"Don't I? I know enough to keep clear of one of the kind to slobber all over a man before she's married and after the knot's tied to jump on him and boss the whole job."

"Oh, you do, do you? Well, I'll tell you what I'll do: I'm expectin' a niece of mine from the east to visit me next week. You kin come in here as much as you like while she's here, and mebbe you can git her. She wants to git married powerful bad. But it's my opinion you'd better let me pick out a woman for you and go in blind on my recommend."

"Reckon I'll come in and see your niece. If nothin' comes of it mebbe I'll try your plan."

When the niece came she proved to be a strapping lass, with a pair of rosy cheeks, and she made a dead set for Hank. Her voice was a low contralto, sometimes with the tone of a man's. She was rather awkward, and her hair was short, which she explained by stating that she had had a fever and it had all come out.

"What do you think of her?" asked Mrs. Blakeley.

"I think she'd make a good farmer's wife," replied Hank. "She isn't one of the kind to sit round and look purty. Them hands of hers are specially fitted for milkin', and washin' dishes wouldn't spoil 'em."

"How about her disposition?" "I hain't had time yet to make no observations as to that, but she seems to be good natured enough. What do you think of her?"

"I? I thought you was to decide the matter for yourself, you know so much about women. What use would it be for me to tell you she wasn't the kind of a woman you want? Would you pay any attention to me?"

Hank admitted that he had confidence in himself in knowing what he liked and what he didn't like, but if there was any defect in the girl he saw no reason why he should not be informed of it.

"There's nothin' the matter with her, so far as I know," was the noncommittal reply. But Hank did not consider it noncommittal. He made up to Lizzie, as her aunt called her, and did a bit of courting, but he found her coy and not disposed to permit him to be familiar.

"She's the gal for me," said Hank to the aunt one day. "I tried to kiss her, and she wouldn't let me do it. There's safety in that kind of a gal. After a man's married to her he don't always feel unsartin about her every time a good lookin' man comes round."

"That's all bosh," said his friend.

Hank, finding that Lizzie would not permit cooing, assumed that he must first make his intentions known. He was in a hurry to get some one into his home and was much pleased with her. One evening he called at Mrs. Blakeley's. The aunt was washing dishes and the niece was wiping them. On Hank's arrival Lizzie threw down her dishcloth, took off her kitchen apron and joined the visitor on the porch. Mrs. Blakeley went on with her work. Lizzie had been with Hank a few minutes when her aunt heard her break out into a snuff.

"Aunt Molly," she cried, "what dy'e think? Mr. Elwood wants me to marry him."

"The woman went outside. Lizzie had lifted her skirts above her knees, showing a pair of trousers under them, and was responding to the proposal by a clog dance.

"Reckon you don't know so much about women, Hank, as you think you do. Lizzie is a boy."

Whereupon Lizzie took off the rest of her feminine apparel and appeared as a youth of eighteen.

Hank stood looking on this exhibition for a few minutes appalled. Then turning on his heel he went back to his farm.

It was weeks before he came to see his friend Moll Blakeley again; then he said to her:

"I give in, Moll. I don't know nothin' about women. I'm powerful lonesome at the farm. Get me a wife."

"I don't need to git you one. There's Sallie Perkins, the best woman I know, has been wantin' you for a couple o' years."

"How do you know that?" "No matter how I know it. If you want a mighty good wife go for her."

Hank took his friend's advice and has never been any happier ever since.

# Now, Gentlemen!

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Statement of the ownership, management, circulation, etc., required by the act of Congress of August 24, 1912.

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Before me, a Notary Public in and for the state and county aforesaid, personally appeared the editor of the Merkel Mail, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

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Homer L. Easterwood, Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of March, 1916. N. D. Cobby, Notary Public Taylor Co., Texas. (My commission expires 1916.)

Mr. Oran Edwards of Midland was visiting his mother, Mrs. M. T. Edwards this week.

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## FIRE PARTIALLY DESTROYS HOME

At an early hour Saturday morning Mrs. W. R. Russell was awakened to find her home almost a mass of flames. The interior of the residence toward the rear being a solid blaze.

Mrs. Russell gave the alarm and was forced to flee with her children, being able to save nothing of consequence. The report in reaching the fire station was confused and was given in as "the blaze being located at the Chas. Russell home." This, to a small extent delayed the action of the fire department, but the delay was not enough to keep the boys from demonstrating their effective fire fighting ability. In all some 1400 feet of hose was used in getting one stream of water on the burning house, but nevertheless, the home is standing today as a relic to one of the best fire companies in the state. The entire outer walls of the house are intact together with a large portion of the roof. The interior of the home being charred throughout and the contents therein completely destroyed. Insurance to the amount of \$400.00 will only partially cover the loss sustained by the family.

### Returns from Oklahoma

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes returned from Blair, Okla., Sunday where they were called some three weeks ago to the bedside of Mrs. Grimes' father, James Clarkson, who died, Friday of last week.

At the time of his death Mr. Clarkson was 77 years, 5 months and 18 days old. His death occurring on his fifty-second wedding anniversary. Surviving the aged man was his wife and seven children, Messrs. J. A., W. A., J. E. and R. C. Clarkson, Mesdames T. L. Grimes, J. R. Graham and A. A. Deberry. Funeral services were held at Blair Saturday.

Don't fail to read the Consolidated Oil & Gas Co's. ad in this paper and don't fail to investigate the Company and the work they have in hand.

dinner Sunday with Mesdames J. H. Grayson and Chas. Seago. A number from here were Merkel visitors Saturday.

### PARENTS TAKE NOTICE PRIMARY CLASS WORK

I am prepared to give careful and individual attention to several more children, whose parents desire to have the children enter the beginner's school work. Those interested can staff their children in this work at any time. Mrs. Asa Sheppard 11p.

J. L. Harris returned home Tuesday night from Snyder where he has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Steve Duckett.

\$5.00 reward for the return of a spotted hog to me. Strayed from stock pens over three weeks ago. R. H. Collins.

### SHILOH

Sunday School was very well attended Sunday considering the blustery weather.

Miss Edith Mayberry of Abilene spent last week with home-folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Grayson spent Friday night with relatives at Anson.

J. H. Grayson had a very narrow escape one day last week when a mule he was leading jumped with such force against his buggy he was thrown out and bruised up considerably though he was not seriously injured and is able to be out again.

Messrs Terrel and Marion Winters and families spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Altas Phillips of Trent.

Mrs. Mayberry and children Misses Agnes James, Bamma Winters and Nina Beavers took

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### Felix Jones Loses Suit

The jury in the case of Felix Jones vs Wichita Valley Railway Company returned a verdict Sunday morning in favor of the defendant company. This was a damage suit involving \$50,000. The case went to the jury late Saturday night.

Mr. Jones was injured several months ago on a wreck on the

above road that was caused by train wreckers pulling spikes and allowing the rails to spread. The defendant has only lately been able to leave his home.

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