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## SOLDIERS WORK IN THE BORDER LAND

Within two days time a person can gather little information regarding army life even in watching the maneuvers of as large body of soldiers as are now stationed at El Paso.

One thing in particular that attracts attention is the rapidity by which soldiers are moved. Fort Bliss the original army camp of El Paso is some six or seven miles from Juarez (not direct air line) and the movement of troops from this point to a point opposite Juarez brings the khaki boys down the principle streets of the town. The ordinary movement of soldiers is carried on all the time but one in particular was staged Sunday evening by a corps of motorcycle riders that certainly demanded attention. When the advance machines of the detachment swung into Montana street from Fort Bliss on their way to the lower part of El Paso everybody gave those spluttering side car machines plenty of room. Just how many motorcycles passed down this principle residence street would be hard to say for it took about three persons to see any one machine. One person to say there it comes, another to say, here it is and the third party to say there it goes. The course taken by the riders of the machines was in single file formation, each one carrying two or three men and full army equipment, probably machine guns being attached to the side cars on some of the motorcycles. The time it takes these riders to reach the lower part of the city from Fort Bliss should not be over ten min. if they kept the speed they were going when they passed the writer. After practically all the detachment had passed a given point one lonesome machine with two soldiers came into view making about as much noise as the intire delegation had made that had just passed. This last rider must have gotten of a little late but if he kept up the gait he was making down this beautifully paved street he no doubt reached the international boundary ahead of any of his fellow men. Why these men were called out we were unable to ascertain, it is only a usual occurrence when a situation arises that demands immediate attention. We were informed that on Saturday night of last week nearly all of the soldiers from Fort Bliss were patrolling the border expecting momentarily the order to cross. And if ever a bunch of boys were eager for a thing, it is the soldiers on the border. They want to get a chance at those greasers just about as bad as a small boy would pine for a stick of red candy.

Heavy guns from Mt. Franklin, a protective point in the northern part of El Paso, are trained on Juarez and are manned every moment of the day and night. The men in charge are not lounging around either, they are forever on watch for a signal they expect every moment and if that signal ever comes a larger portion of Juarez will last about as long as a snow ball would have lasted in Merkel last Tuesday at noon. The line of fire from these rifles would be directly over the business portion of El Paso into Juarez, but with guns that shoot six or seven miles Mt. Franklin batteries easily command the situation at a distance of about three miles from the objective point. In retaliation, the Mexicans

are reported to have pointed what artillery they have in the direction of the Paso Del Norte Hotel, one of the finest buildings in the city. Should they ever attempt to bore a hole in this fine building and miss it, the destruction would hardly be diminished by the fact they missed their mark, for other skyscrapers in the vicinity would get what the Paso Del Norte is looking for. A reason given for why these guns are pointed at the hotel, if they are so pointed, is because many of the wealthy Mexicans who are in El Paso for safety, make this place their headquarters.

The probability of any such action being taken by the de facto troops is very small, for should anything happen to start the ball rolling between Uncle Sam and Mexico the Mt. Franklin batteries could silence the guns from over the river before they could get started. Tuesday afternoon prior to departure home, reports reached us that the advanced guard of the peace advocates had arrived in El Paso. A soldier boy on guard, all weighted down with high powered shells for the gun swinging across his shoulder, sized up the situation and passed immediate judgement, as follows "They ought to hang that bunch of chucked headed fools for buttin' in where they've no business." This feeling is dominant with a majority of the border people, and it is very likely that the peace envoys will not be given a hearty ovation for their efforts.

On arrival in El Paso Sunday morning a jitne driver was found who conversed freely with us, much to our delight. In the conversation he told of one of the drivers of the company he represented having gone to Juarez that morning against the orders of the boss. The purpose of the exploit being to bring to the American side of the river an American girl. This jitne driver was searched four different times by peon soldiers and on one occasion was forced to take every tool from the tool box of his automobile and clearly demonstrate its use. When the ignorant Mexican soldiers espied the tire pump they thought they had found a gun, and before they would allow the driver to proceed he was compelled to deflate one tire and go through the strenuous and hot job of pumping it up again.

This abbreviated story is obtained for our readers after a personal visit to the front to see just how conditions are. And lest we forget to mention, the sentiment toward Congressman Smith for re-election seems to be changing in El Paso, due to the attitude Mr. Smith recently took when the Navy and Army appropriation bills were before the House a few weeks ago.

## FARMERS INST. TO ORGANIZE FRIDAY

Assistant Farmers Institute organizer H. L. Bently accompanied by D. C. Dove of the Department of Agriculture will be in Merkel today, Friday 2:30, for the purpose of holding a community meeting of the Farmers' Institute. Local officers should secure a large representative hearing for these men or else their work will be greatly handicapped. The people interested are urged by the State Department to attend this meeting.

Everybody remember the box supper at Blair tonight, Friday.

## CANDIDATES ARE TO SPEAK JULY 13

At a recent meeting of county candidates, a list of speaking dates were arranged for voting places about the county. The speakers are billed to be in Merkel Thursday, July 13, at 8:30. No place having yet been selected, we will publish this portion of the announcement later.

During the speaking each candidate will be limited to fifteen minutes. The speakers are billed for Tye on Monday evening, July 17; for Trent on Tuesday evening, July 18, and for Nubia Wednesday night, July 19. The voters of these three boxes are asked to give the candidates a good attendance if possible.

## MULE KICK FATAL TO JIM S. OWENS

Jim S. Owens a prominent farmer living six miles northwest of Merkel died Thursday afternoon of last week at a sanitarium in Abilene from the effects of a mule kick, received on the Tuesday morning previous.

When the accident occurred Mr. Owens in company with his brother Will Owens had started to the field, driving a team of mules. On leavin the house the mules stopped and Mr. Owens tapped one of the mules with a point of the lines, the effect was that the mule kicked with both feet, landing a soral plexus blow to the driver. Will Owens rushed to his brother when he saw him drop to the ground, and escorted him to the house. Temporarily reviving from the effects of the kick Mr. Owens told his family he was not injured much and instructed his brother to go on to the field with the team, but within a few moments his condition began to grow worse and a physician was called in. His condition gradually growing worse as time rolled on, other physicians were called in and it was then decided that he should be sent to a sanitarium. When the injured man was taken to Abilene it was found that his injuries were such that operations could do no good whatever, death relieving the injured man of his suffering at 4:20 Thursday afternoon.

The body was brought here for burial, Friday morning at 11 o'clock Elder W. G. Cybert conducting the services at Rose Hill cemetery where a large crowd of friends of the family went to pay their last respects to the deceased. Mr. Owens is survived by a wife and two small children his father M. A. Owen of Heidenhamer and other relatives whose names we have not learned. To the sorrowing wife, the Mail joins the many friends in extending the deepest sympathies in this an unusually dark hour.

## 3RD & 4TH PICNIC AT BLAND'S TANK

Next Monday and Tuesday the annual picnic at the Bland Tank will take place, under practically the same management as this place has been handled for the past few years.

No doubt crowds of Merkel people will take advantage of the National Holiday and seek repose in some shady place at the above grounds.

## MONDAY NIGHT IS FOR LEAGUE MEET

All members of the Commercial League should take cognizance of the regular meeting to be held on next Monday evening.

No meeting was held on the last scheduled third Monday some of the officers and committeemen being out of pocket and unable to attend. To prohibit matters dragging in work the league started a few months ago we suggest that every member be on hand promptly at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Sublett and little daughter left Monday for Navine, N. M. where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. B. Hunter.

## EXTERMINATION OF THE BOLL WEEVIL

T. O. Walton is the chief of the farm demonstration work of the Extension Service of the Agricultural and Mechanical College. He has submitted a report of his investigations to Director Clarence Ousley, and the latter, in a letter to the Record, says the situation is really alarming; in fact that the weevil has begun his depredations so early and in the farther fact that the season began with such a heavy infestation and in the still farther fact that the season is now rainy. Director Ousley says the advice given in this circular should be known in the widest possible way by all farmers in the cotton belt in order to arouse business communities to promote agitation among the farmers. Banks and commercial organizations of Tyler led off on Monday and promised contributions in effort and money to carry on the boll weevil campaign. Prompt and persevering action of other business parties, Director Ousley advises, will be means of saving many millions of dollars. Demonstrator Walton says last fall the extension service and the United States department of agriculture called the attention of the farmers of Texas to the boll weevil situation then existing and suggested that unless all the stalks were turned under or cut and burned early and the winter hibernating places destroyed, there would be a very heavy infestation of the weevil in 1916. Many of them, however, did not, and at this time the boll weevils are making their appearance in practically all of the state except the extreme northwest part of the Texas cotton belt. Without doubt we have the heaviest infestation of weevils coming out of winter hibernation this spring that we have had for a number of years and if the cotton growers do not observe every precaution the damage of the 1916 crop will probably 500,000 bales. At the present price of cotton this will be a direct loss to Texas farmers of \$30,000,000 for the 1916 crop. A large percent of this loss can be prevented if the farmers will use the precautions advocated by the United States Department of Agriculture and the Extension Service of the Agricultural and Mechanical College. Again he says:

"At the present time, while the cotton is yet very small the farmer will find it profitable, provided cheap labor can be secured, to have the weevils hand picked and killed, and all punctured squares picked and burned. One adult weevil or one square

that has weevils in it destroyed now, will mean several thousand weevils less within the next few weeks. "After the cotton has reached a height of about fourteen or eighteen inches and is beginning to fruit rapidly, it may not be found to be profitable to continue the practice of hand picking, but even after this time the farmer should continue intensive, shallow cultivation, using either a brush or stick attached to his cultivator in such as well agitate the stalks, causing the punctured squares to more rapidly fall to the ground, where if left so that the sun can strike them, a large per cent will dry up, thus destroying the young weevil. This rapid, shallow cultivation should continue until cotton begins to open. Such cultivation will serve a double purpose. First, it will conserve the moisture and keep the cotton fruiting rapidly through a long period of drouth. Second, it will enable the farmer to agitate the plants so that many of the squares will fall to the ground and be destroyed as described above.

"Unless the farmers do pick the weevils and punctured squares at this time, the young cotton will not be able to set any fruit until such time as we may have sufficient hot dry weather to check the depredations of the weevil. If the rapid shallow cultivation is not continued until late in the season, the vitality of the plant will be unable to set fruit. Therefore the cultivation becomes the second most important factor in dealing with the weevil problem, at this particular time.

"It is well for us to continually bear in mind that after our fields once become infested with the weevil, the hot sunshine is about the only remedy for this pest. This being the case, if we are to make a crop after the hot weather really sets in earnest, it will be necessary for us to keep up the cultivation in order to conserve all the moisture possible. "Specialists and others in investigating the work of boll weevil control have advocated different methods as important, but it is a demonstrated fact that farmers who have made the most success in growing cotton under weevil conditions, are the farmers who have followed very closely the cultural methods and practices outlined in this circular. "We would have it understood that this advice is intended to meet present conditions, and that it is not intended to displace our suggestions in regard to destruction of stalks and other hibernating places, deep fall breaking and other measures of control heretofore advocated."

Demonstrator Walton is a specialist. He has made a study of the boll weevil, its habits and its costly depredations. Cotton is one of the staples of the south. Cotton is in demand the world over. European countries have exhausted their surplus. Southern mills this year consumed a half million bales more than in 1915. This is a most encouraging sign as it indicates that the South is becoming a manufacturing section as well as the producing section of raw cotton. Demonstrator Walton's timely comments are placed before the readers of the Record who are engaged in cotton culture. It is up to them. They are the masters of the situation and the business men of Texas should cooperate in the work of exterminating this Mexican pest. —Fort Worth Record.

Mrs. J. T. Darsey is in the Truby country this week visiting her father W. F. Jones.

## GRADUATING CLASS COMPLETES YEAR

Saturday night, the deferred play of the graduating class was given in the High School Auditorium but again the members of the class were highly disappointed in the stormy weather, similar to the flurry that made necessary the postponement from Friday to Saturday night.

The second number of the commencement exercise was the sermon delivered by Rev. J. C. Burkett of Abilene on Sunday evening at the Methodist church. This being the only service in town for the evening the church was crowded with people who listened with marked interest to the able discourse given by the speaker on the "Unknown guest" based upon the text "There is one among you Whom you know not." The main theme of the talk being the advantage to the individual of right living and recognizing in thier life this Unknown Guest.

Monday evening was set for the conferring of diplomas, and again the turbulent winds, in reality a storm, wrought havoc upon the plans and few were able to reach the High School Auditorium. Those of the graduating class who were able to reach the building were given their diplomas while much of their stay there was greeted by darkness due to the electric lights having gone out of comission temporarily during the storm. President Sandefer of Abilene was present in the city to deliver the graduating address but was forced to remain in the business part of town and like many other was highly disappointed and likely scared during the time the wind stripped trees, torn down awnings and otherwise acted like a small cyclone.

Those of the class who didn't receive their diplomas on Monday night were given their "sheepskin" of attainment the early part of the week.

## STORM ON MONDAY A SLIGHT DAMAGE

Very high winds on Monday evening did considerable damage to property in and about the city, having turned the two room house an Bettus Heights completely over on its side, breaking up the furniture without injuring any of the Snow family who occupied the residence.

At the time the storm struck, Mr. and Mrs. Snow and their three children were asleep and did not have time to seek shelter before their home was turned almost topsy-turvy. In other parts of the town damage was recorded. An awning from the Coleman building immediately across the street from the Mail office was torn to pieces and part of the plate glass front smashed. A curious freak to this building was that the wind picked up a box from some portion of the street and carried it against the concrete cornice of the building with sufficient impact to dislodge several of the concrete cap stones. Windmills in various parts of the town were dismantled, glasses blown out of windows while freakish lightning and thunder prevailed during the entire time.

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The Cotton Institute to be held in Ballinger this summer, beginning July 24th will cover the whole field and will not leave you in doubt on any point connected with the handling of cotton. Nothing is more needed by the people of this section than to know cotton thoroughly. Many who have a partial knowledge would like to be more familiar with all phases of cotton producing and marketing. Many thousands of dollars are lost every year by producers and dealers because they lack an exact knowledge along this line. To meet this condition this Cotton Institute will be held.

Also there are many who would like to become expert cotton classifiers because of the high salaries paid these men. If you would learn cotton classing, marketing, etc., thoroughly, you would be able to either connect with large firms at a good salary or handle cotton for yourself. Many a cotton grower does not know the difference between a Good Middling bale of cotton and a Strict Middling bale, has to take another's word for it and possibly dispose of the cotton at a price below the market value.

Again, if offered a basis price for, let us say, twenty bales (his entire crop), after the cotton has been classed he could not determine positively, without a training such as we give, whether he received above the basis price, or whether he was cheated if told that his cotton fell below Middling or the basis price. We guarantee that our students can handle the most complicated lists of cotton known to the cotton world.

If you and a number of your friends wished to throw in your cotton crop together and ship to a cotton broker at some port, you could do this without embarrassment and would not need to secure someone with a better understanding of the proper handling of cotton to assist you, who would in all probability, charge you a percent. Again, if you desire to consign your cotton with some cotton firm and draw upon it for within a small margin of the actual value of that particular grade and character of cotton on the day of consignment, if you had taken our training, you could do this to your entire satisfaction.

In addition to the above, you could properly fill out a cotton bill of lading, invoice, draft, shipping order, and many other items connected with the cotton trade. You will learn here at first hand all the details about properly handling cotton.

Now just a word about the opportunity for those who learn the cotton business. In the South there are raised every year from 12,000,000 to 14,000,000 bales of cotton. There is hardly a county that does not raise some cot-

ton. Every bale has to be classed from one to four times and seldom by the same person twice. Until recently there has been no training school along this line, consequently the supply of men for this work is necessarily limited. The fact is that we lose thousands of dollars each year for lack of trained men.

Again, there are being erected in this country thousands of warehouses under the Permanent Warehouse Law and every warehouse requires from two to three men to grade cotton, and every warehouse requires from two to three men as caretakers in the manner prescribed by this law. The young man trained scientifically is certainly more desirable than the one who has learned by guess. You can easily see that there is a demand, and one that it will take years to fill.

Everyone of the South should know something about cotton—its cultivation, preservation and classification. It is our leading product and is here to stay. The world's production is about 16,000,000 bales annually; Texas and five other Southern states supply 85 per cent of this total. The man raising it knows very little about it, and is, therefore, wholly at the mercy of the man doing the buying. Some buyers will grade your cotton Strict Low Middling and pay you accordingly, when in reality the cotton offered for sale is Middling and you are entitled to the difference in price, which is no small amount. You can see the necessity of knowing how to grade your own cotton. In two weeks' time we could prepare you to save in one season several times the cost of the course.

A question which you will naturally ask at this point is this: "Can you successfully teach cotton classing?" Our answer is this: The man in charge of the teaching is one of the leading cotton men of the South—a man of exact knowledge. There will be no question about his ability or your ability after you have taken the course, and the best way in which we can assure you beforehand of our confidence in our training is to state that we will refund your money, without discussion or quibbling, if upon taking the course you find that there is any misrepresentation or that the instructor is in any way incompetent. Remember, there will be no questions asked. All you will need to do is to file your statement and get your money. That is the only way I know to handle the situation in a convincing manner. We also guarantee to handle the subject in two weeks.

For information write, J. L. Farnsworth, Ballinger, Tex. 30t4

Jno. Wheeler accompanied by his son and daughter, John and Miss Iva and niece Miss Hattie Killen left Wednesday afternoon for Rotan via Sylvester and Roby.

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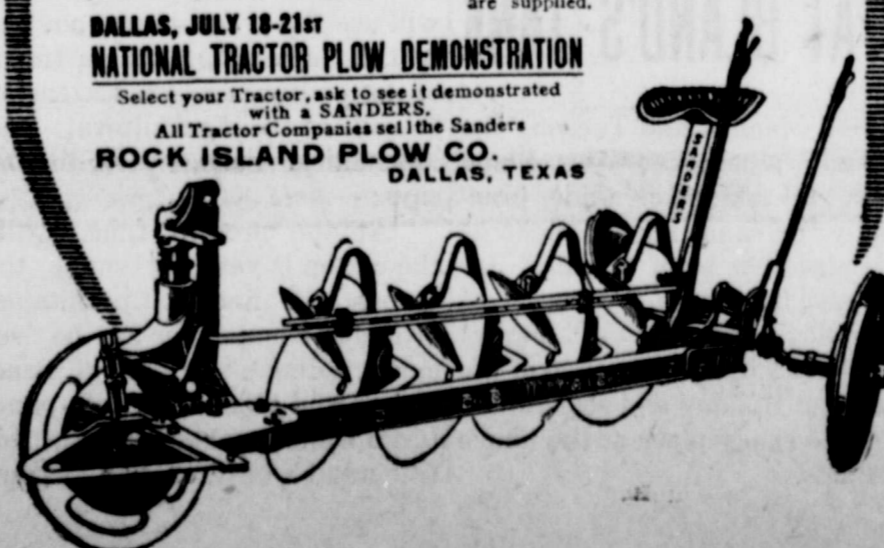
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## JONES-ARBUCKLE TALK ABOUT OIL

A conversation took place on the street by Farmer Jones and Merchant Arbuckle.

Farmer Jones: Have you heard anything about the Consolidated Oil & Gas Co., and the purpose of their company?

Merchant Arbuckle: Yes. I have had occasion to make a thorough investigation of the men behind this company, and I find them to be business men of high standing, and do not hesitate in saying that they mean business. The preliminary work of this company is complete in every detail, and to show you how thorough the preliminary work of this company was, they first secured the services of the best experienced oil experts in the county to make a thorough investigation of eight counties and to select 12 of the best locations to be found for the sinking of 12 test wells. These locations were not selected nearest any town or towns for the purpose of making money from the sale of stock, but were selected nearest to the points where oil and gas were most likely to be found. The officers of this company receive nothing for their services and if they obtain any interest in the holding of this company they must buy it, the same as you and I pay the cash. We who put up the actual cash will be the owners of this property.

Farmer Jones: How much property does this company control?

Merchant Arbuckle: They have under their direct control 65,560 acres of the most valuable mineral lands in the country, based on expert reports.

Farmer Jones: How do they know they will strike pay oil?

Merchant Arbuckle: They do not absolutely know they will strike pay oil, but they are working under the advice of geological reports and oil experts. Oil geologists who have made a lifetime study of the business know more about geological conditions than you or I.

Farmer Jones: Why do you think this to be such a good investment?

Merchant Arbuckle: I think it to be a good investment on account of the large holding of the company and in case pay oil is found, just a few dollars invested will make a man independent.

Farmer Jones: Why not some non-resident company put up the money and do this development?

Merchant Arbuckle: If geological conditions will justify the non-resident to put his money up to do this development who has no other interest in our country other than what he gets out of the ground, why can't we as citizens who are deeply interested in the development of our towns and country, in many ways cooperate together in a small way, do this development ourselves and keep the profits at home instead of sending seven-eighths out of the country.

Farmer Jones: If we cooperate together, do this development ourselves, and in case we find pay oil and gas do you think it will build up our town, and develop our country generally?

Merchant Arbuckle: Certainly, that is the point exactly. If we have valuable minerals under our section of the country, we are entitled to all profits from such minerals. If we strike pay oil and gas, which experts say we can't miss if we go deep enough, it means every man who has nerve enough, and don't think that every man he sees is trying to hold him up, who makes a small investment in this company, will make several thousand per cent on his investments. The large percentage is based on the large holdings of the company. It means that all profits are kept at home, deposited in our home



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banks. It means cheap fuel, and if this money is kept at home and deposited in our home banks instead of being sent to the eastern cities that this money will be re-invested in manufacturing plants and various other industries. It means better schools, colleges and churches. It means better homes and better educational advantages for our children. It means that our town will double in population in a very short time. However, if 7-8 of our wealth under the ground is taken out of our country we will still be in the same old rut, that's all.

Farmer Jones: Arbuckle, you are right, and it is now very clear to me that we should all give the Consolidated Oil & Gas Co., our financial and moral support and do it today, not tomorrow or next day. I now realize what this means to this entire county and I'm going to leave nothing undone to push this to a successful end. Who can I apply to to get in on the ground floor of this company?

Merchant Arbuckle: You see Mr. Brown who is representing the company in Taylor county. You will find him to be a very pleasant man and he will take pleasure in giving you any information you may desire. Don't fail to see him before you leave town.

Farmer Jones: All right, I will look him up and if you see him tell him I want to see him.

Adv.

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. tf

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NEVER tire, no matter how many hours a day I work. In storm or sunshine, at any hour of the day or night, I am always ready to respond instantly to a call. I never sleep. All through the night I can guard a home. I will turn the darkness into light of day.

ALL the disagreeable tasks of keeping house I will do far better than they have ever been done before. I will do the cleaning without raising any dust. The washing is easy with me to help; the ironing a cool and pleasant task. Cooking and sewing are recreations with me at hand.

I AM clean all through—no dirt, no dust, no odor, no smoke will annoy you when I do your work.

WHEN the day's work is done, I will take you for a spin into the country in my car or perhaps you will prefer a swift run upon the water in my boat.

IN time of need or danger, I will not desert you. In case of fire or sudden illness, even in the dead of night, you need have no fear if I am near, for I will summon prompt assistance. Even if you are in mid-ocean, the ship a wreck and all hope seems to be lost, I will speed across the waters and tell the whole world of your peril.

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The Western Gas Construction Co. of Fort Wayne, Ind., furnished chairs for its striking workmen to sit in while they were picketing the plant.

Press dispatches report that a colored temperance orator, president of an educational institution in the South, was fined \$30 for intoxication and for carrying a razor.

Two men asked a saloon-keeper in New York to make them a drink which they called "an angel's dream." While he was looking up the recipe for it they robbed him of \$50.

Senator Sherman, whom Illinois presented for the presidential nomination at Chicago, when a boy peddled apples at 10c a peck on the streets of Macomb, Ill., where he was born.

A Chicago girl killed herself with poison because her sweetheart accused her of keeping company with someone else. On the same day three other women in Chicago and three men committed suicide for various causes.

Seven members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers were arrested in Chicago during the strike and confessed that for \$6 a day a piece they had been dynamiting property and putting lives in jeopardy.

A miner caught in a cave in at Eureka, Utah was slowly crushed to death without hope of rescue and for 45 minutes before his death calmly gave directions about his property and sent his last message to his wife and five children. He met the end without a struggle.—Leslie's weekly.

#### Brooks A Leader

Recently while the special train was bearing the members of the Texas Press Association to Cleuderof, a poll on the race for United States Senator was taken which should be significant of of sentiment throughout the state, as these press people come from all sections of the Lone Star Commonwealth and should be familiar with the local sentiment in their home communities.

At the head of each card circulated were these words. "Indicate by numbers how you think these candidates will finish in the first primary."

The vote when tabulated was as follows: Brooks first place 50, second place 46; Culberson first place 44, second place 34; Colquitt first place 32, second place 34; Campbell first place 27, second place 26; Henry first place 4, second place 19.

#### Negroes Have Gone

It probably was well that the negro population of Merkel decided to leave between suns of Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning for people living here were in no humor to tolerate these black bucks and winches.

The order to move was given in somewhat of a unanimous way and the blacks evidently took the proper hint.

#### Will Speak Saturday

Judge F. S. Bell of Baird, candidate for District Judge of this district, is scheduled to speak to the voters of Merkel Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. No place being designated, we suppose the speaking will either be held at the tabernacle or on the railroad right-of-way, near the depot.

Good thrashed maize at R. D. Allen's feed barn. Phone 245.

Car Seymour Best flour expected by Saturday. G. M. Sharp.

## ABOUT DIPPING OF CATTLE FOR TICKS

Within the last few days over one thousand head of cattle have been dipped at the Bonds & Edwards vat on thier place south east of town. On June 22nd and 23rd., a total of 851 head were dipped by the owners of that vat.

In reference to the dipping of cattle I find there are many who do not understand and for reasons of more than one I ask that everybody bring thier cattle to the nearest vate of the next dipping day and have thier cattle dipped.

Having your stock thus dipped you give the inspector an opportunity to inspect them and either make a clean or ticky report. It will be impossible for range inspectors to visit your palace due to the scarcity of men in this county and if all your neighbors dip and get clean certificates and you wait until late and the range inspector finds you have ticky cattle, it will mean a quarantine of your place for you cannot carry your cattle across clean pastures to a dipping vat, in this way it might force you to build a dipping vat just for a few head in order to get them released, but until they were clean the law would not permit us to allow them to cross clean pastures to any vat in the county.

People who think they have no ticks should not take the risk but should have their cattle dipped anyway. Let everybody dip just as soon as possible and save future inconveniences that are sure to come if you do not.

Respectfully,  
Olin Graves, Inspector.



### Stop in On Your Way Home

and purchase some of our ideal ice cream. It will keep hard plenty long enough for you to reach home. You will find it a splendid restorer of energy after the fatigue of shopping or calling. For our cream is more than a sweet. It is a food of exceptional nutritive value.

#### ELITE CONFECTIONERY



### IT MAY SEEM IMPOSSIBLE

to you when we say that we can repair that old and damaged harness in a way that will make it as good or almost as new. But if you doubt our word there is nothing that would please us better than repairing your set of old harness to prove it to you. Our charges for repairing harness are very moderate. Just a fraction of the cost of a new set.

#### J. A. BROWN

##### Feed Inspector Here

J. H. Rogers former assistant postmaster of the Merkel Post-office, now connected with the State Feed Control Service as inspector for this district was in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

## REV. T. R. BURNETT DIES AT DALLAS

Dallas, Texas, June 20—The funeral service for the Rev. T. R. Burnett 74 years old, veteran newspaper man and Christain Church evangelist who died at his home 417 West Page street, last night will be held at the residence at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery.

Mr. Burnett had been ill ten days and his death was caused by heart trouble. He had resided in Dallas the last 32 years, coming here from Bonham where he resided many years. He served in the Confederate Army during the entire Civil War. During the war he wrote short stories and poems, which he afterwards compiled in book form. He started and published several newspaper. At the time of his death he was editor of Burnetts Budget a monthly religious magazine. He founded the Bonham News and published the Christain Messngr at that city for several years. He also founded the Ladonia Enterprise.

Many Merkel people will regret to learn of this aged man's death. He had on several occasions preached at the Church of Christ in this city, being one of the best known evangelists to visit Merkel.

## LIGHTNING PERFORM A STRANGE FREAK

A belated, but nevertheless interesting story, comes to the Times of a peculiar stunt which a bolt of lightning pulled off out at the residence of E. F. Harkins a few weeks ago. It struck his flue, and in its descent drove the joints of his stove pipe over one another, telescope fashion, shot through the floor beneath the stove, leaving a hole like unto a bullet hole, and struck a hen which, with her brood of chickens, had taken refuge under the floor. The feathers were knocked from the back of poor biddy and she was instantly killed, while not a one of the little chicks, which had found protection under her wings was injured. Maybe she deserves no praise for it, but the poor mother hen gave her life for her children. Also, if we may be allowed to moralize not even a chicken can escape the "thunderbolts of Jove," nor hide away from the all seeing eye of Him who notes the sparrow's fall.—Roscoe Times.

#### Card Of Thanks

It is our desire to thank each of those who assisted us so tenderly during the short and sudden illness that seperated us from our husband and son, and we take this method of expressing our thanks to those who we may not see in person. Mrs. Jim S. Owens and M. A. Owens.

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We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the many good people who so readily and willingly assisted us in numerous ways during the recent illness and death of our dear loved one, J. H. Kerby.

None other than christains could or would have been so kind and good to us and our prayer and wish for you is that God's richest blessings may abide and dwell upon each of you. C. C. Kerby, Big Springs; Mrs. J. H. Kerby and children, Noodle. pd

#### Notice

All people having horses in Vol Martin pasture please take them out by July 1st or extra charges will be made. Vol Martin, per W. A. Buford. 30 tl

**FREE FREE**  
Beautiful hand-painted  
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# GREAT JULY CLEAN-SWEEP SALE!!

# ALL SUMMER GOODS MUST GO

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# These Prices Good Beginning Saturday, July 1st

## JONES-ARBUCKLE TALK ABOUT OIL

A conversation took place on the street by Farmer Jones and Merchant Arbuckle.

Farmer Jones: Have you heard anything about the Consolidated Oil & Gas Co., and the purpose of their company?

Merchant Arbuckle: Yes. I have had occasion to make a thorough investigation of the men behind this company, and I find them to be businessmen of high standing, and do not hesitate in saying that they mean business. The preliminary work of this company is complete in every detail, and to show you how thorough the preliminary work of this company was, they first secured the services of the best experienced oil experts in the county to make a thorough investigation of eight counties and to select 12 of the best locations to be found for the sinking of 12 test wells. These locations were not selected nearest any town or towns for the purpose of making money from the sale of stock, but were selected nearest to the points where oil and gas were most likely to be found. The officers of this company receive nothing for their services and if they obtain any interest in the holding of this company they must buy it, the same as you and I pay the cash. We who put up the actual cash will be the owners of this property.

Farmer Jones: How much property does this company control?

Merchant Arbuckle: They have under their direct control 65,560 acres of the most valuable mineral lands in the country, based on expert reports.

Farmer Jones: How do they know they will strike pay oil?

Merchant Arbuckle: They do not absolutely know they will strike pay oil, but they are working under the advice of geological reports and oil experts. Oil geologists who have made a lifetime study of the business know more about geological conditions than you or I.

Farmer Jones: Why do you think this to be such a good investment?

Merchant Arbuckle: I think it to be a good investment on account of the large holding of the company and in case pay oil is found, just a few dollars invested will make a man independent.

Farmer Jones: Why not some non-resident company put up the money and do this development?

Merchant Arbuckle: If geological conditions will justify the non-resident to put his money up to do this development who has no other interest in our country other than what he gets out of the ground, why can't we as citizens who are deeply interested in the development of our towns and country, in many ways cooperate together in a small way, do this development ourselves and keep the profits at home instead of sending seven-eighths out of the country.

Farmer Jones: If we cooperate together, do this development ourselves, and in case we find pay oil and gas do you think it will build up our town and develop our country generally?

Merchant Arbuckle: Certainly, that is the point exactly. If we have valuable minerals under our section of the country, we are entitled to all profits from such minerals. If we strike pay oil and gas, which experts say we can't miss if we go deep enough, it means every man who has nerve enough, and don't think that every man he sees is trying to hold him up, who makes a small investment in this company, will make several thousand per cent on his investments. The large percentage is based on the large holdings of the company. It means that all profits are kept at home, deposited in our home



# THEY'RE GOING FAST

COME IN AND "LOOK OUT" FOR BARGAINS

GENTLEMEN: NOW'S THE TIME TO BUY YOUR SUMMER CLOTHES.

DO YOU NOT WISH TO FRESHEN YOUR SUMMER OUTFIT? IF YOU DO, YOU NOW CAN AT MONEY-SAVING PRICES. WE HAVE REDUCED PRICES ON SUMMER GOODS THAT WE MAY QUICKLY CLEAR OUR WARM-WEATHER STOCK AND GET IN NEW FALL GOODS.

ECONOMICAL SHOPPERS CAN NOW SAVE MONEY. OUR LINES OF SUMMER GOODS ARE NOT BROKEN. WE WISH TO BREAK THEM. THAT'S WHY WE OFFER TO YOU PRICE INDUCEMENTS. LOOK INTO OUR STOCK AND "LOOK OUT FOR BARGAINING."

The big Realization Sale continues with unabated interest. Standing room was in demand at our store Saturday, everyone awaiting his or her share of bargains. And we expect hundreds of others to visit our sale before it closes. Time and space forbids that we say more. Come and you will be convinced.

### MIDDY BLOUSES

In new late snappy patterns at greatly reduced prices to close out. You'll want to see them.

65c Middy now 48c  
\$1.25 Middy 89c

### DRESSES

Ready-to-wear made of good washable fabric in newest and latest styles. Must be closed out at once.

35c Child's Dress now 19c  
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### GROCERIES

100 pounds Varabest Flour \$3.25  
10 pounds Compound \$1.25  
15 pounds Peaches \$1.00  
4-pkg. best full weight coconut 25c  
3 boxes Best Matches 10c  
1 can best Kraut 5c  
14 cans best Lye \$1.00  
1 quart jar Al good Coffee 25c

Get your Coupons, they are good for VALUABLE PREMIUMS

## THE STAR STORE

### UNDERWEAR

In two-piece and Unions; made to fit and fit to wear. In patterns of Nainsook and Muslin, cool and comfortable—

Boys Suits 9c, 39c—Mens 79c

### SUMMER SUITS

In genuine Palm Beach, all new, late styles, in up-to-now patterns. We offer some matchless values.

\$7.50 men's suits, now \$5.19  
5.00 men's suits, now 2.79

banks. It means cheap fuel, and if this money is kept at home and deposited in our home banks instead of being sent to the eastern cities that this money will be re-invested in manufacturing plants and various other industries. It means better schools, colleges and churches. It means better homes and better educational advantages for our children. It means that our town will double in population in a very short time. However, if 7-8 of our wealth under the ground is taken out of our country we will still be in the same old rut, that's all.

Farmer Jones: Arbuckle, you are right, and it is now very clear to me that we should all give the Consolidated Oil & Gas Co., our financial and moral support and do it today, not tomorrow or next day. I now realize what this means to this entire county and I'm going to leave nothing undone to push this to a successful end. Who can I apply to to get in on the ground floor of this company?

Merchant Arbuckle: You see Mr. Brown who is representing the company in Taylor county. You will find him to be a very pleasant man and he will take pleasure in giving you any information you may desire. Don't fail to see him before you leave town.

Farmer Jones: All right, I will look him up and if you see him tell him I want to see him. Adv.

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. tf

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I AM very strong and no task is too great or too tiresome for me. At the same time I am very gentle and I will obey the orders of a child as readily as those of the master of the house. I am quick. The lightning flash alone can move as quickly as I do on my errands.

NEVER tire, no matter how many hours a day I work. In storm or sunshine, at any hour of the day or night, I am always ready to respond instantly to a call. I never sleep. All through the night I can guard a home. I will turn the darkness into light of day.

ALL the disagreeable tasks of keeping house I will do far better than they have ever been done before. I will do the cleaning without raising any dust. The washing is easy with me to help; the ironing a cool and pleasant task. Cooking and sewing are recreations with me at hand.

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MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

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### Touchstone-Sears

At Sunset Wednesday evening June the twenty-eighth Miss Pet Sears became the wife of Virgil Touchstone of Childress. The ceremony was performed at the Methodist church in the presence of a large congregation of relatives and friends.

As pre-nuptial Music "At Dawning" was sung by Miss Evelyn Williams and "I Love You Truly" by Miss Beulah Burkett both were accompanied by Miss Bess Touchstone who also played the wedding march to which entered first the flower girls Johnnie and little Mossie Sears, who were followed by Miss Winnie Warren and Mossie Sears as maids, these young ladies walked singly and carried pink carnations. Following these came the bride on the arm of her youngest brother, Claud F. Sears, and a most charming picture was she in her bridal dress of white taffeta with the short veil and an arm bouquet of roses with lillies of the valley.

Timing their entrance with the bride came the groom with Dee Grimes and they were preceded by little Vivian Sears the ring bearer. Advancing from the chancel came Rev. W. P. Garvin who read the ceremony which united these two lives.

Immediately after the marriage the bridal party drove to the home of the bride where preparations were made for the entire party to accompany Mr. and Mrs. Touchstone to Sweetwater where they took the Orient for their home at Childress. The brides going away suit was of brown taffeta, serge trimmings with shoes and hat in color to match. Both bride and groom are members of prominent Merkel families and their marriage is the culmination of a boy and girl romance.

The new home which will be founded in Childress will be enriched by the wealth of good wishes which follow from Merkel friends as both are widely known and enjoyed the highest esteem of their numerous friends.

### Miscellaneous Shower

A few close friends of the bride of the week, Miss Pet Sears gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren, Wednesday morning for a miscellaneous shower. For entertaining the guests, soon after their arrival they were given card cut in tiny pieces to place together, when placed they bore the names of bride and groom with the date of their wedding. Miss Mary Garvin placing hers first was given a set of kitchen cutlery which she presented to the bride. The

## WHAT CATARRH IS

It has been said that every third person has catarrh in some form. Science has shown that nasal catarrh often indicates a general weakness of the body; and local treatments in the form of snuffs and vapors do little, if any good. To correct catarrh you should treat its cause by enriching your blood with the oil-food in Scott's Emulsion which is a medicinal food and a building- tonic, free from alcohol or any harmful drugs. Try it.

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## "Bell" Connection Solves Farm Problems

Said a prosperous and up-to-date farmer: "We like to joke the women-folks about using the telephone, but I guess we men use it as much as they do. We find the Long Distance Bell connection feature of our service a wonderful convenience."

Have you a telephone connected to the Bell System? Ask our nearest Manager for information, or write

The Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Co.

gifts were then brought in by Mrs. Nan Thompson who peddled to each one present a package these were then given the bride who opened the parcels for her friends to admire the many beautiful and useful things given. Refreshments plates of ice tea with sandwiches, olive and cheese chips were passed by Misses Mamie Ellis and Bess Touchstone.

The ladies present were Miss Pet Sears, honor guest, Mesdames Angus, Anderson, Boyd, Burroughs, Edwards, Grimes, West, Harris, Thompson, Warren, Hark-

## DOES IT PAY TO BE SICK?

Let's forget about all the disagreeable and painful part of sickness, and ask ourselves if it PAYS to be sick. Perhaps you are only HALF sick—maybe you are dragging yourself around, with a "dead tired" feeling. Perhaps you wake up in the morning with a heavily-coated tongue, a bad taste in your mouth, and hardly any appetite. Quite likely you are bilious. Maybe you have dull aches and pains, CONSTIPATION, headaches.

You go about your daily duties. You tell yourself you will feel better to-morrow—but when to-morrow comes you feel just about the same. You try this and that remedy, without getting real relief. Or if you get some relief, it doesn't LAST! You soon feel just as bad as you did before. DOES IT PAY to let yourself stay in this half-sick condition? Think of all the ENJOYMENT of life you are missing! You can't enjoy your food, or the society of your family and friends. You can't enjoy anything as you should, because your senses are dulled and your brain oppressed by the effects of a SLUGGISH LIVER.

Say, friend, does it PAY you to lug around that sluggish liver when you can promptly make it ACTIVE and so get rid of all those depressing, disagreeable symptoms—by letting

## DR. THACHER'S Liver and Blood Syrup

take hold and give your Liver the help it needs? Don't delay. Don't procrastinate. Don't say "I'll do it to-morrow." Get a bottle of this time-tried and PROVEN remedy right now. The four bits you pay for it will be one of the BEST INVESTMENTS YOU EVER MADE.

THACHER MEDICINE COMPANY, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

For sale by T. L. Grimes Druggist



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wherever you say. In the refrigerator, in the dish pan or any where else. Better have us leave you a piece regularly. Its good for more things than preserving food. Think of the many dainty desserts you could make if you took ice. Why not take it from us like all our neighbors?

Warren Brothers

riders, Hicks, Martin, Sears, Morris. Mrs. Doss Sheppard of Dallas, Mrs. O. W. Williams, Fort Worth, Misses Lucile Peak of Waco, Laura Carey of Dallas, Mossy and Eula Sears, Faye Allen, Venona Hamblett, Loraine Boyce, Tennie Brown, Mamie Ellis, Bess Touchstone, Mary Garvin, Almada Harris, Carroll Rister, Winnie Warren and Evelyn Williams.

### Program.

Methodist Church July 2nd. Song by congregation. Prayer By Superintendent. "The Children Hosanna" "Butterfly Flowers"-Elizabeth Harkrider. Cradle Roll Service. "How Birds and Flowers Pray" Anna Lou Russell. "Everybody's Business"-W. L. Harkrider. "Children Day"-Song. "Weeds and Deeds"-Mildred Swafford. Helpers in the Garden-By six boys. "What the Little Girl Said"-Mertie Dupree. Offering Speech-by Pastor. Collection. "The World Children." Song.

One of the latest model automobiles to be sold here is the new Chalmers 1917 model seven passenger touring car. now the property of R. O. Anderson. The new model is a beauty in every respect.

### Return From Fishing Trip

Messrs and Mesdames W. E. Britain and Ross Ferrier, Misses Cecil Haley and Akard Britain and Mrs. Haley, Mrs. Britain's mother accompanied by Messrs Frank Ferrier and Benard Bell returned Wednesday afternoon from a fishing trip on the Concho river. They report enough luck to furnish fish for the crowd for breakfasts each morning only.



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"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Theford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mill's, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Theford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

# THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

in my home." For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, malaria, chills and fever, biliousness, and all similar ailments, Theford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, reliable, gentle and valuable remedy.

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

See W. H. Roach The Kent Street Wagon Yard Grocery for staple and fancy groceries everything new and freshest price paid for Poltry, Eggs and Butter. 9t4

Wanted man with small family to do farm and ranch work. C. M. Largent. 9tf

Save money on Ice Cream freezers at J. A. Ducketts.

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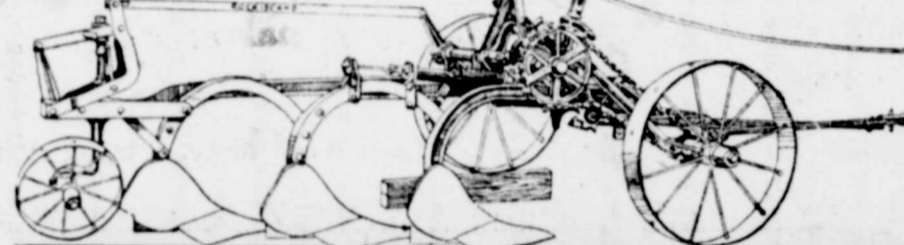
Ladies dont fail to take advantage of the Rest Room when in Merkel. It is free to you to use at any time you are in Merkel. Side entrance to Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

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THIS plow is a very strong but light plow, built for use with Light Tractors. Where the No. 12, 2 bottom plow weighs 1000 lbs., the No. 11 weighs only 700 lbs. The No. 11 is furnished with either 1, 2 or 3 bottoms, cutting 10, 12, 14 or 16 inches per bottom as ordered. It is built strong enough to stand all the hard work and strain ever required of it. The No. 11 has lots of clearance; will not clog or choke up. Rock Island Tractor Plows are designed right, built of the right material, and will do their work on your land the way you want it done.

### ROCK ISLAND NO. 12 REGULAR TRACTOR PLOW

THIS plow is designed for the heaviest, hardest work behind any Tractor. The same general construction as the No. 11 but heavier and larger. The power for the power lift on the No. 11 and 12 is obtained from the front furrow wheel. This wheel is always on solid ground. It never slips. This is an exclusive Rock Island feature. The No. 12 is built with 2, 3 or 4 bottoms cutting 14 and 16 inch furrows. Both the No. 11 and No. 12 are one man plows. The Tractor operator handles both levers and the power lift from his place on the Tractor.

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## PROPOSED AMENDMENT

To the State Constitution Relating to Levying Tax for School Purposes.

H. J. R. No. 30

House Joint Resolution

Proposing an Amendment to Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing the levy and collection of an advalorem county tax not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property for the maintenance of the public schools of the county, and authorizing the levy and collection of an advalorem district tax not to exceed one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation of property for the maintenance of the public schools of the district.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: Sec. 1. That Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to hereafter read as follows:

Section 3. School Taxes.—One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes, and a poll tax of \$1.00 on every male inhabitant of this State between the ages of 21 and 60 years shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools, and in addition thereto there shall be levied and collected an annual advalorem State tax of such an amount, not to exceed 20 cents on the \$100.00 valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources will be sufficient to maintain and support the public free schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year. The Legislature may authorize the levy and collection of an annual advalorem county tax within the counties of this State not to exceed 50 cents on the \$100.00 valuation of property situated within the county; provided, a majority of the qualified property taxpayers voters of the county voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax, for the purpose of maintaining the public free schools of the county, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law, without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation, and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law, may embrace parts of two or more counties, and the Legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such district, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature may authorize an additional advalorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts heretofore formed, or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; provided, that a majority of the qualified property taxpayers voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax not to exceed in any one year one dollar on the \$100.00 valuation of the property subject to taxation in such districts, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns, constituting separate and independent school districts.

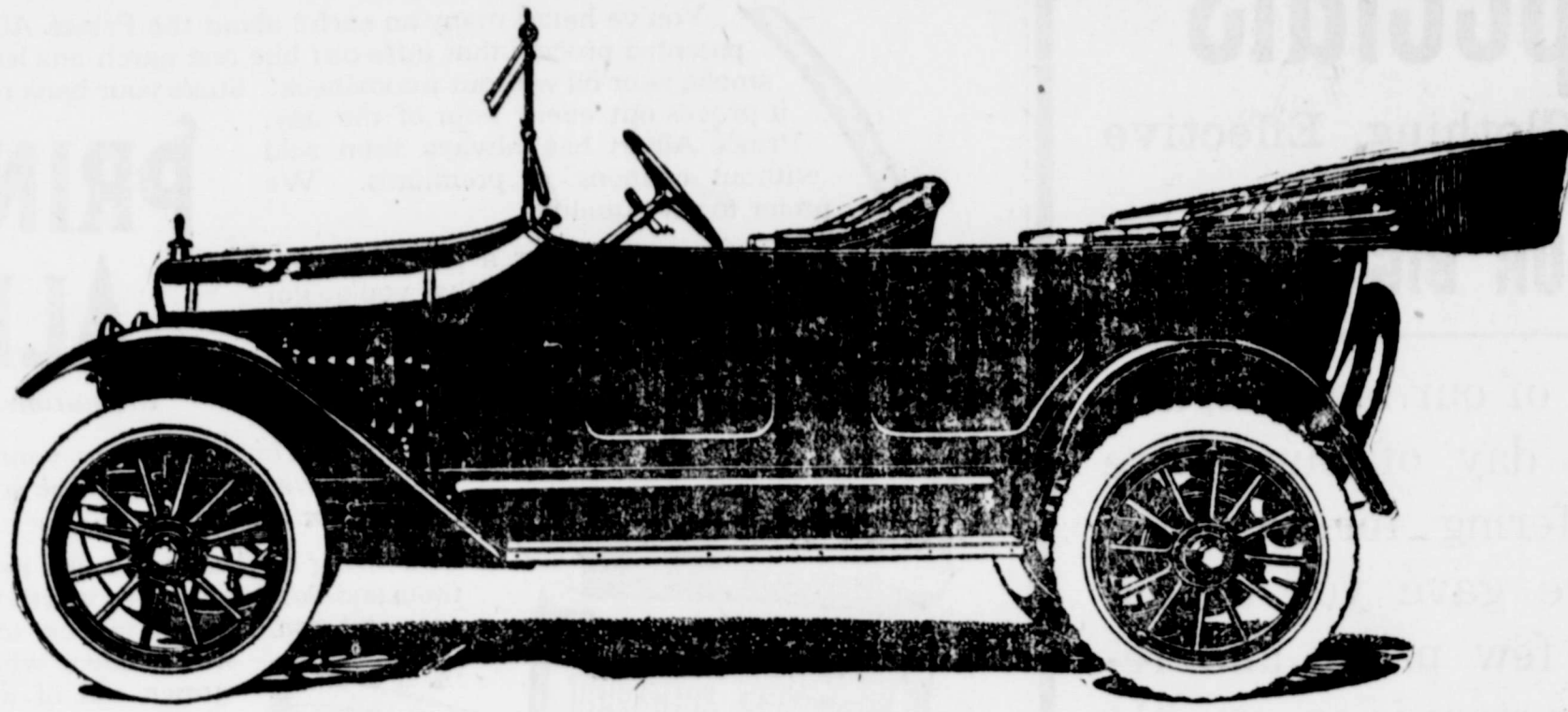
SEC. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby instructed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Texas at the next general election to be held in November, 1916, at which election all voters favoring this amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to the levy of advalorem school taxes not to exceed fifty cents on the \$100.00 valuation in the county and not to exceed one dollar on the \$100.00 valuation in the district, for the purpose of maintaining the public schools of the county or of the district." And those opposed to this amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to Section 3, Article 7, of the constitution of the State of Texas, relating to the levy of advalorem school taxes, not to exceed 50 cents on the \$100.00 valuation in the county, and not to exceed one dollar on the \$100.00 valuation in the district, for the purpose of maintaining the public schools of the county or of the district."

SEC. 3. The sum of \$5,000.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary therefor, is hereby appropriated to pay the expenses of carrying out the provisions of this resolution.

[NOTE.—H. J. R. No. 30 was adopted by the House March 6, yeas 104, nays 12. Was adopted by the Senate, with amendments, March 19, yeas 25, nays 2. House concurred in Senate amendments March 19, yeas 78, nays 19, present and not voting 1.] Approved April 1, 1915. (A true copy.)

JOHN G. MCKAY, Secretary of State.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.



# A Timely Warning

**E**LEVEN well-known automobiles have advanced in price within the last ninety days.

The Maxwell Company has not increased their prices. We do not know what their plans are, but we do know *and you know* that materials entering into the construction of good automobiles now cost from 20 to 300 per cent more than they did six months ago.

Nothing is to be gained by delay. Much may be lost.

Not only may you lose several dollars in the purchase price, but you are sacrificing the enjoyment, the relaxation, the health-giving properties—everything, in fact, that makes motoring the favorite pastime of the nation.

We urge you to come in and investigate the Maxwell.

Or, we will refer you to any number of Maxwell owners and let them tell you their own story in their own way.

They will tell you what they have told us. That the Maxwell is good-looking—that it is powerful—that it is comfortable—that it is economical—in short, that it is the best investment they ever made. They will tell you more and they will tell you gladly and freely.

That's the way they feel toward us and the Maxwell Car.

Whatever you do, don't put this off. We have a few cars on hand and can take orders for immediate or future delivery—at present prices. If you can't come in today, phone us for a Maxwell demonstration.

Touring Car \$655 Roadster \$635  
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## BURDENS LIFTED

### From Merkel Backs—Relief Proved By Lapse of Time

Backache is a heavy burden; Nervousness, dizziness, headache. Rheumatic pain; urinary ills. All wear one out. Often effects of kidney weakness. No use to cure the symptoms. Relief is but temporary if the cause remains. Doans Kidney Pills are for kidney ills.

Read about your neighbors case. Here's Merkel testimony. The kind that can be investigated. D. J. Dodd, Elm St., Merkel, says: "For a long time I suffered day and night from kidney trouble. The first symptom was inability to control the kidney secretions and my rest was broken at night. About three months ago Doans Kidney Pills came to my notice and after using them my kidneys and bladder were restored to their normal condition." (Statement given January 15th, 1912.)

OVER THREE YEARS LATER, Mr. Dodd said: "Since using Doan's Kidney Pills, I have had no trouble in my kidneys. I know this medicine is a good one."

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

### Injured in Runaway

Quay Hamblett 13 year old son of W. F. Hamblett was painfully injured Wednesday about noon when he jumped from a delivery wagon drawn by a runaway horse.

Quay attempted the jump about the time the horse reached South Third on Oak street and in the fall his head struck a telephone post near the corner of the streets at the Dr. Miller home inflicting an ugly scalp wound. The injured boy being completely dazed, staggered into the street before he regained his composure. He was given medical attention by Dr. Miller who reports him in no danger. Within a short distance from where the boy jumped from the delivery wagon the horse upset the vehicle, completely demolishing it in every way.

### 2nd Hand Goods Wanted

I will buy all descriptions of second hand household goods. See me for the very best prices. J. T. Dorsey. 3012.

Results count for most with you if you are a sufferer from some chronic trouble. Let Massage treatment remove the cause of your trouble and nature will do the rest. Massage treatment gets results. Free examination. Dr. J. T. Pue, Phone 49

Miss Carolyn Hassoldt of Boston is here the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson for a few days.

### Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy

This is a remedy that every family should be provided with, and especially during the summer months. Think of the pain one suffering that must be endured when medicine must be sent for or before relief can be obtained. This remedy is thoroughly reliable. Ask anyone who has used it. For sale by all dealers.

Kept informed. Green—I understand his wife has money. Point—He understands it also.—Exchange.

### Restored to Good Health

"I was sick for four years with stomach trouble," writes Mrs. Otto Gans, Zanesville, Ohio. "I lost weight and felt so weak that I almost gave up hope of being cured. A friend told me about Chamberlain's Tablets, and since using two bottles of them I have been a well woman." For sale by all dealers.

### Hateful.

"I hate her!" "What has she done now?" "She says she is just dying to have her sweetheart meet me!" "Why, I should consider that a compliment!" "Perhaps you might, but I don't consider myself so ugly as to be entirely harmless."—Houston Post.

### Stomach Troubles

Many remarkable cures of stomach troubles have been effected by Chamberlain's Tablets. One man who had spent over two thousand dollars for medicine and treatment was cured by a few boxes of these tablets. Price, 25c. For sale by all dealers.

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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. 25c.

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of each month.  
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S. Hamilton, Clerk

**Dr. King's New Life Pills**  
The best in the world.

### Notice

Bids will be received up to the 15th of July for the building of two rooms to a school house in District 15th Jones County. Plans and specifications may be had at the Merkel Lumber Co., right to reject any and all bids received.

Pres. Board Sam L. Grayson.  
E. Howell  
J. W. Tiner. 3012pd

The Hopeless State.  
Knicker — Poverty isn't a crime  
Boeker—More's the pity; it doubtless  
would get a pardon.—New York Sun.

### Greatly Benefited by Chamberlain's Liniment

"I have used Chamberlain's Liniment for sprains, bruises and rheumatic pains and the great benefit I have received justifies my recommending it in the highest terms," writes Mrs. Florence Slife, Wabash, Ind. If you are troubled with rheumatic pains you will certainly be pleased with the prompt relief which Chamberlain's Liniment affords. For sale by all dealers.

### Will Preach Sunday

Rev. H. E. Bullock has telegraphed from Dallas that he will fill his pulpit here Sunday. He was called to the bedside of a sister, and it was first thought that he would not be able to return in time for Sunday's services.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city Toledo county and state aforesaid and that said firm will pay the sum of one hundred dollars for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 6th day of December A D 1886.  
(Seal) A. W. Gleason  
Notary Public

Hall's Catarrh cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. Cheney & Co Toledo, O.  
Sole by all druggists 75 c.  
Take Halls family Pills constipation.

### Bilious Attacks

when you have a bilious attack your liver fails to perform its functions. You become constipated. The food you eat ferments in your stomach instead of digesting. This inflames the stomach which causes nausea, vomiting and a terrible headache. Take Chamberlain's Tablets. They will tone up your liver, clean out your stomach and you will soon be as well as ever. They only cost only a quarter. For sale by all dealers.

### In Bad.

Maude—How does your family like your new feller?  
Mabel—Not at all. Mamma says he will run if you say "Boo!" to him, and papa says he will run if you say "Buy!" to him.—Puck.

### Sore Nipples

Any mother who has had experience with this distressing ailment will be pleased to know that a cure may be effected by applying Chamberlain's Salve as soon as the child is done nursing. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the babe to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with best results. For sale by all dealers.

# Saturday Specials

Hot Shot Prices on Men's Clothing, Effective  
SATURDAY MORNING

AND FACTS ABOUT OUR BIG SALE

Saturday will be the closing day of our big Sale, and in order to make it the biggest day of our entire June Clearance Sale, we are offering for this day even greater reductions than we gave you during the opening days. Read these few prices and remember that every article in our store is on greatly reduced prices for Saturday

Men's 15.00 H. S. & M. Suits only	- . .	<b>\$11.95</b>
Men's 13.50 H. S. & M. Suits only	- . .	<b>10.95</b>
Men's 10.00 H. S. & M. Palm Beach Suits in dark and light shades	- . . . .	<b>7.45</b>
Same suits as above in 8.50 Palm Beach grades	- . . . .	<b>6.65</b>
7.50 Palm Beach suits in this offer for only	- . . . .	<b>5.45</b>
6.50 Palm Beach suits during this offer only	- . . . .	<b>4.85</b>

SHOES--OXFORDS--SHOES

\$5.00 Oxfords for only	-----	<b>\$3.95</b>	\$4.00 Oxfords for only	-----	<b>\$3.35</b>
4.50 Oxfords for only	-----	<b>3.45</b>	3.50 Oxfords for only	-----	<b>2.95</b>

## WOODROOF'S

MERKEL'S QUALITY STORE

### SHILOH

Chas. Seago preached here Sunday in the absence of Ollie Tatum, who failed to fill his appointment. There was a good crowd and nice behavior.

Miss Albertine Winters is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Alta Phillips of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Winters spent Saturday night with the latter's sister, Mrs. Alexander, near Anson.

Bud Brown was an Abilene visitor Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago spent Saturday night with relatives at Noodle.

Little Maggie Wheeler was operated on Saturday night for throat trouble.

Mrs. S. L. Grayson and Mrs. Chas. Seago were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Havel Jones and sisters, Lettye and Beulah, spent Sunday with friends at Noodle.

Singing was well attended Sunday afternoon.

We had a severe wind storm with a light shower of rain Monday night.

Mrs. Beavers and daughter, Nina, spent Monday with Mrs. Tatum and daughters, Vivian and Ona, of Hebron.

Mrs. Robt. Conder conducted prayer service Sunday night. We had a very enjoyable service.

Miss Lyda Beavers was very agreeably surprised Sunday when her Sunday school class presented her with a nice little Bible. The class had arranged with the superintendent, Terrel Winters, to present the Bible in behalf of the class. So just before Sunday school opened Uncle Terrel Winters called Miss Lyda's class and had her stand facing it, while he with very appropriate words, presented her with the Bible. Miss Lyda responded with appreciative words and said Sunday was one of the best days of

her life, as her joy cup was full almost to overflowing, and we believe the cup ran over a little.

### THE BOLL WEEVIL

(By S. A. Minear, Taylor County Agent)

The boll weevil is with us again, and the cotton grower will have to contend with this pest in Taylor county. On advanced cotton vast numbers of squares have been punctured adjoining timber sides of quite a few fields and in locations where they were last year. Later cotton is facing a boll weevil depredation. We can hope for dry weather resulting in drying up the punctured squares, but unless Taylor county cotton growers employ a system of preventing further generations of the boll weevil vast damage may be looked for. In my past week's experience I found it very difficult to find adult weevil, but it was easy to find punctured squares. At this time it is easier to locate presence of weevil from punctured squares than otherwise. If you do not know what a punctured square is, phone the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, and leave word for the County Agent to inspect your field and show you these squares.

What should Taylor County cotton growers do? At this stage of the game it is up to you to do the following or set down upon your job. Burn all punctured squares and employ intensive, shallow cultivation. One square that has a weevil growing in it destroyed now means prevention of many thousand weevils within next few weeks. If the plants are very small and punctured squares occur, it becomes necessary to hand-pick the plants. Soon as the plants get twelve inches or higher the process becomes such as much territory can be covered per day.

Attach a brush or pole to the cultivator in a way that it will agitate the stalks, causing punctured squares to fall faster, and then pick up the squares and burn them. I have prepared a home-made device for picking up these squares with which a person can work over a reasonable large area in a day. Any farmer can make it in a few minutes time.

To get communities working together I would be pleased to arrange demonstrations in the control of the boll weevil with any farmer in Taylor county. Do you wish such a demonstration? If so, phone or write the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, and leave your name and location of your farm, and I will come to you.

To those who doubt advisability and practicability of picking punctured squares, I invite attention to the following:

One hundred and fifty acres planted to cotton in Trinity bottom; season very wet. Lost first planting, re-planted last of April. Medium stand; picked up and burned squares regularly. Made on the entire farm an average of 1000 lbs seed cotton per acre. Signed K. W. Jackson, Livingston, Tex. Polk Co.

Eighty acres planted to cotton; sandy loam soil adjacent to timber. Followed U. S. Department of Agriculture instructions. Made 1350 lbs per acre on the eighty acres. Signed, R. A. Keasler, Hallsville, Texas. Harrison, Co.

Red River land. Planted 1500 acres in cotton. Pricked squares regularly; cultivated well. Made one-half bale per acre on entire tract. Signed W. J. Hutchinson, Daspiana, La.

Farmers of Taylor County the above is worth while and it is up to us to act.

If you like good coffee try a can of Wamba from G. M. Sharp's.

Slip a few Prince Albert  
smokes into your system!

You've heard many an earful about the Prince Albert patented process that *cuts out* bite and parch and lets you smoke your fill without a comeback! Stake your bank roll that it proves out every hour of the day. Prince Albert has always been sold without coupons or premiums. We prefer to give quality!

There's sport smoking a pipe or rolling your own, but you know that you've got to have the right tobacco! We tell you Prince Albert will bang the doors wide open for you to come in on a good time firing up every little so often, *without a*

*regret!* You'll feel like your smoke past has been wasted and will be sorry you cannot back up for a fresh start.

You swing on this say-so like it was a tip to a thousand-dollar bill! It's worth that in happiness and contentment to you, to every man who knows what can be gotten out of a chummy jimmy pipe or a makin's cigarette with Prince Albert for "packing"!

## PRINCE ALBERT

the national joy smoke



THE Prince Albert tidy red tin, and in fact, every Prince Albert package, has a real message to you on its reverse side. You'll read: "Process Patented July 30th, 1907." This means that the United States Government has granted a patent on the process by which Prince Albert is made. And by which *tongue bite* and *throat parch* are cut out! Every Prince Albert awaiting you in tippy red bags, in tidy red tins, in handsome pound and half-pound tin humidor, and in that clever crystal-glass humidor, with sponge-moistener top, that keeps the tobacco in such nice condition—always!

"I know no other Floor Varnish that wears like this"

It's the varnish that holds its own under the wear and tear of romping children and the heavy tread of active grown-ups.

*Low Brothers* DURABLE FLOOR VARNISH



has the quality that makes it "make good." It covers in a smooth, even coat; dries hard and firm, and never gets "sticky." Durable Floor Varnish gives a surface of rare brilliancy and depth of beauty, which is not affected by moisture and water—whether hot or cold. It is not easily marred or scarred.

Durable Floor Varnish can't be beaten for floor wear, because it's made just for that purpose. There is a Little Blue Flag Varnish for every need. Ask us for further information about varnish and varnishing.

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but no Silo is better than the Indiana Silo. Let me sell you a silo, and let it pay for itself out of the proceeds of the Silo. If you are interested in a Silo write or see F. L. Wood, Merkel, Texas

### 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.

### Picnic July 3-4

The annual picnic at Bland's tank will be marked by good speaking, goat roaping, broncho riding and boat-rowing and other amusements. See Arthur Bland for particulars. July 1 pd

### Speeders Getting Theirs

Speeders had better keep one eye on the speedometer of their car and the other one on the street in front of them for a stop watch may be ticking off the speed you are making. Several parties lately have found it costly to violate the speed ordinance, and the law is bent upon its strict enforcement.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System  
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