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POPULAR BUSINESS MAKES CHANGE

The well known and popular firm of Woodroof Bros. Company has been succeeded by The Woodroof-Bragg Company. The history of E. L. Woodroof's career in Merkel is full of interest. He came here eleven years ago with very little capital and by the dint of heavy blows and great tenacity has succeeded in building up a modern dry goods business of which this entire Merkel country is proud. He is a good buyer and knows how to select goods that appeal to the people. The very progress he has made is proof sufficient of his ability as a first class merchant. For the past couple of years ill health has partially incapacitated him for the further development of his business along lines equal to his high purpose and lofty ambitions.

At this crucial point in his upward career, and not unlike a real story plot, comes along T.G. Bragg, who becomes a partner in the business and who will assist in steering the business on to full development. Going back over the years, it comes to light that Mr. Bragg and Mr. Woodroof, as boys from the country, entered the same business in Hillsboro and got their first experience together. Separated for many years, both have made successful careers, and together they have cast their fortunes to pit their money and their experience against the obstacles that competition places before the broadest success. Mr. Bragg comes into our midst in the full flush of almost young manhood, with a reputation excelled by none and equalled by few. Courteous and approachable, a man among men, business-like and clever. He possesses that rare ability of cordiality that makes friends at first meeting. He is anxious to get acquainted with the people all over the country.

We hope for this company the broadest success possible. We believe that there is enough retail houses of almost all descriptions in Merkel. We do not advocate new enterprises of this kind. They would probably prove of detriment to those launching out into new fields. What we do need most is a still broader territory, bigger firms and greater volume of business. We hope this company will continue to grow, as it has grown, and that the broadest success will be their crown of glory in the years to come.

Speaking of Mr. Bragg, his home paper has the following to say:

"Mr. Bragg has acquired a half interest in the dry goods business of Ernest Woodroof at Merkel, and owing to illness of Mr. Woodroof he left to assume charge of the business. Mr. Bragg was born in Hill county and has lived here all his life, and for nearly 20 years has been prominently identified with Hillsboro dry goods interests. In leaving Hillsboro for the west he takes with him the best wishes of a host of friends, who wish for him and his estimable family much prosperity and happiness in his new home. Mrs. Bragg will be here for several days yet, and Wallace will remain until school closes, as he is to graduate this year."

No changes in the policy of the business is planned.

Timely Trade Tour.

The merchants of Sylvester made a trade tour to the surrounding country the past week. They stopped at Merkel Thursday and serenaded the business district with their splendid municipal band of 22 pieces. There were ten automobiles in the company, representing the principal places of business in our much alive sister city. Merkel might follow the example set to advantage.

ENDEAVOR MEETS

The Christian Endeavor of the Wichita Falls District convened at Abilene the past week. Mrs. Willie Hamblet Scarborough was delegate from the Merkel Presbyterian church and reports a most helpful enlightening program rendered.

Delegates to the convention were treated to a sight-seeing trip over Abilene by Duggan Brown of the Overland Company, which was greatly enjoyed by all. The convention closed with a supper and social at the church, and all went home rejoicing over being there.

The Presbyterian and Christian Endeavors of Abilene will meet at the Merkel Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon, April 1, to organize an Endeavor here. All the young people are urged to be present.

ADVOCATES FREEDOM

I wish to join friend Clark in a protest against the present compulsory school law. To a great extent the patrons of our schools are made up of a tenant population and for that reason are unable to properly clothe and help their children, regardless of weather and need of services at home. I do not wish in any way to discourage education. Practically every one would give their children an education if they were able. When this country is made a country of home-owning citizens then you will have a country of home-loving, patriotic citizens that will need no law compelling them to educate their children. I realize that this question of education is a great question. With it there arises that other question, that of ability and opportunity that touches heavily upon the question of economics. I hear it whispered that we are soon to have a law passed extending this compulsory law from the age of 14 to 21 years. I would like to know who it is asking for such a law. I think I can see the hand of centralized wealth and militarism behind this law. This accomplished, the next move will be compulsory military training in the public schools. Training for what? To fight, and for what? Our country you say, when a large per cent of those who till the soil don't own any country. A law should be passed prohibiting individuals and corporations in this country and foreign lords from owning millions of acres of land out of use and for speculation, thereby forcing the real tillers of the soil to become a class of tenants and wage workers, paying to the landlord and employer all the profits there is in their labor, leaving them barely enough to keep them physically able to perform this labor. Our government statistics tell us that tenantry is continually on the increase. In view of these facts, how can we hope to build an educated, contented citizenship that will stand and maintain itself, remembering the fate of every great civilized nation that has been before us, when most all the wealth of the nation was owned by a few individuals. So let us begin to think and act wisely before it is too late with us. Let us begin at the foundation, which in my humble way of thinking is to first secure a home-owning citizenship where every man may sit under his own vine and fig tree, then you will have the foundation for an educated, satisfied, patriotic nation that will stand and be the admiration of the world and go down in history as the grandest civilization ever built by man. Come on some of you good writers and let us make this subject interesting.

Jackson Bright.

O. C. Lomax, our popular telephone manager, who, it was thought, was so badly injured last week, is said to be improving as well as could be expected. J. F. Holdridge is serving in Mr. Lomax's place.

Rev. J. P. Sibley sold his farm, consisting of 82 acres, four miles north of the city for a consideration of \$2050. A. J. Pannell is the purchaser. Rev. Sibley recently purchased a home and three lots in Merkel.

OUR NEW SUBSCRIPTION PRICE

Hereafter the price of Subscription to the Merkel Mail will be \$1.00 a Year

Merkel Mail Printing Co
Walter Jackson

CLASSIFIED ADS

All ads in this department will be 1 cent per word for each time

FOR SALE.—Work horses, mules and mares, second hand planters and cultivators. M. Armstrong.

FOR SALE.—One good young jack. See jack at Helms Yard, or write me at 16th and Orange Sts., Abilene, Tex. W.A.Scott. tf

FOR SALE.—I still have a few sacks of pure Mebane cotton seed at \$1.75 per bushel. These seed are from Lockhart, Tex., and I think are the best that have come to Merkel. G.B.Brown t2

FOR SALE.—1000 or 1200 bushels of oats at 60 cents per bushel. W.A. Pramey, Route 3, Abilene, Texas.

FOR RENT.—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping, close in \$12.50 per month, with lights water and telephone. B.F.Cox, Phone 237. t1pd

BREEDER'S NOTICE — Full blood red jersey boar at home of P. C. Jones, Merkel. t2pd

LOST.—2 fillies, about 3 yrs. old, black and sorrel. Sorrel has white feet and white spot in face. Reeward. D. F. Blackburn, Rt. 4, Abilene, Tex. t2pd

SEWING WANTED — Anything you want made in the line of sewing bring it to me. I live on Rose St., just across from Mr. Burns. Mrs. Roca Wade. t1pd

FOR SALE.—2 red jersey male pigs, subject to registration. Price \$10 each. B. F. Ricker, Route 3. 23Mar2t-1pd

Bring your produce to us. We give you all there is in it.

ANCHOR HARDWARE CO.

Our vegetable refrigerator is now in full swing. E.L.Rogers.

BREEZES FROM JUNIUS

Trent, Route 2—(somewhat belated, but the editors fault). Our section was treated to another glorious wind Tuesday, or what these blasted townfolks call "a solubrious breeze," which we are informed, extended as far as Noodle and Shiloh. Our red-haired wig and straw hat must now be nearing the Arctic Circle. We speak three languages and can cuss in six, but we have exhausted our vocabulary of expletives trying to express our indignation on this wind and sand-storm business.

A large concourse of neighbors gathered at the palatial home of Capt. J. H. Grayson and wife Sunday, and were treated to a most delicious dinner. The menu of this Epicurean feast was too voluminous and varied to admit of individual mention. C. P. Church and family, Hugh Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin and others shared the princely hospitality of Capt. Grayson and his estimable wife. There were four generations of the Grayson family represented, Mrs. M. J. Bennett, the vener-

ble grandmother, Mrs. J.H.Grayson, her daughter, Mrs. Ulric Wheeler, and Wilmer and Rogers Grayson and their families, which was an unusual occurrence.

Misses Bird and Ada Warren, two of our most charming and popular young ladies, visited friends at Merkel Sunday. Dewel Wilkerson also visited friends at Merkel.

Mrs. M. J. Bennett and Mrs. J. H. Grayson will leave Thursday to visit Judge Hagins of Jayton, brother of Mrs. Bennett, to be absent several days.

Our staunch and valued friend Ulric Wheeler will leave Friday on a prospecting tour through New Mexico. It is indeed strange that a smart man should expect to find a better place this side of heaven than the country and good people adjacent to Merkel, but the wisest men's head and liver too gets out of order sometimes.

Our most estimable friend, S. B. Mayberry, is nursing a score of boils spread over his neck and beautiful — physiogony and — but we desist.

A CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN FOR MERKEL

CUT WORMS

By M. E. Hays, Entomologist.

The ravages of this pest have already begun to appear. The larvae, or worms, cut down the young growing plants just after they come above the ground. This insect does most of its damage in early spring. The control of the cut worm can be accomplished by late planting where this is practical. The artificial means of control is by the use of poison baits. Take some green Succulent plant and wet it thoroughly with an arsenate of lead solution, made at the rate of 1 pound of arsenate of lead to 10 gallons of water. This material should be scattered through the garden late in the evening, since the larvae of the cut worm do their damage at night.

Another mash that is often used is bran, sweetened with molasses, and to this is added the arsenic poison. Care must be taken not to allow any farm animals or birds to get poisoned material since it would be fatal to them, as well as to the cut worms.

Fast Game Baseball.

In a very fast game of baseball last Friday afternoon, the Merkel High school defeated the Stamford High in a hotly contested game, the result being 11 to 12. The game was featured with heavy hitting, Pipes poling the horsehide for a home run.

The home boys were quite jubilant over their success, and acquitted themselves in a hilarious manner by pulling off a shirt tail parade. They had a great time, and so did their fellow sympathizers along the line of march.

TRENT HAPPENINGS

Trent, March 19—Will Craddock has gone to Dallas to attend lodge meeting.

E. D. Massey, F. C. Hale, T. L. Stevens and J. Armour attended the Fat Stock Show in Ft. Worth the past week.

Misses Hill and Wheeler visited friends and homefolks in Merkel Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Floy Leamon and Alma Gafford Roy Stevens and Winslow Beckham motored to Sweetwater Saturday.

Miss Alma Gafford went to Vernon where she has a position in a millinery store.

Quite a number attended the "Battle Cry of Peace" in Merkel Monday and Tuesday nights.

T. J. Williamson who has been real sick the past ten days, is improving this week.

Miss Mattie Kenniebrew spent the week end in Sweetwater with friends.

The declamation contest will be Thursday night in the auditorium.

Miss Bess East, who has been visiting her uncle, Mr. Armour, has returned to her home in Corlage.

Walter Massey's house and contents were destroyed by fire, having caught from the explosion of an incubator that was in the house.

Odell Sipe, who is a student in Simmons College, came home with a case of measles.

Miss O. D. Robinson, who attends Simmons, visited her parents Saturday and Sunday.

W.A. Terry of Meridian is here to see his son, A. C. Terry, who has been very low with pneumonia.

R. L. Bland has just returned from Fort Worth where he purchased a fine short horned Durham bull and four heifers. He will place them on the Penney place south of town. He expects to get into the business in a big way later on, but at present is studying the proposition from every angle.

Following a custom established some two or three years ago, and being called upon to act by a number of our leading citizens, I, as your Mayor, take this occasion to set aside the afternoons of April 5 and 6 as "Clean-up" days for the City of Merkel.

It is urged that all our people co-operate in this splendid endeavor. We hope that all trash will be piled and burned, and what can not be burned will be hauled away by the city. Most fires catch from burning trash, and it is therefore hoped that on this occasion all trash will be burned while the people are on the alert.

A little work by all along this line before the weeds get up will do a great deal to beautify the city. We hope to work out an organization in proper time, and with co-operation from all, will be able to cover the entire city in the time designated.

The proposition is respectfully submitted to the citizens of Merkel. J.J. Stallings, Mayor.

The above is timely, an index to the high and lofty purpose of an aspiring city. A clean-up campaign is an enemy to procrastination. The individual often plans to clean-up but defers the matter, and when several people put it off, conditions sometimes get to that intolerable stage. It is hoped that a spirit will be engendered on this occasion that will cause every foot of ground in Merkel to be cleaned up, and further that the paint-up proposition will take firm root, until the entire city is brightened up. It is easy for us all to work together thus for the common good. There is no compulsion no over persuasion, no nagging, just simply a plain, simple appeal to our beloved citizens to put their shoulders to the wheel and do a little work for the beautification of the wonderful city we love to call home. The best of our efforts are none too good for our place of abode. We believe in cleanliness, in paint, in flowers, in shrubbery, and all of these come within the province of the "City of Windmills."

Our individual efforts may amount to little, but combined, they become a mighty power that turn unsightly corners into garden spots. Then there is a comradeship in co-operative efforts of this kind that bind and bless the kinship of the people, ordains them for still greater efforts and teaches them the wonderful harmony and power that such concentration merits.

The lack of paint is more destructive than fire, more devastating than floods and involves more loss than is caused by storms. The elements wear away the particles of wood in accord with nature's inexorable laws of decay. It takes the energy of mankind to offset these destructive forces, and the larger the number engaged in the terrific battle the merrier will be the conflict. Clean-up! Paint-up!

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY.

Beginning March 25, a Sunday School rally will be held by the Methodist Church at Trent. The rally will be conducted by Rev. B.L. Nance of Clarendon Conference Sunday School Field Secretary. Special efforts are being made to secure a large attendance. More and more the Sunday School spirit is growing in the land, and even now its helpful possibilities are largely unfathomed. Rev. F. T. Johnson is pastor of the church at Trent, and R.B. Johnson is superintendent.

Mrs. B. F. Ricker, and son, J. M., Route 3, visited the Mail a few days ago and took a look at our machine.

Statement of Condition

Farmers State BANK

Merkel, Texas

At Close of Business March 5, 1917

RESOURCES

Loans	\$255,245.56
Banking House	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	2,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,950.00
Interest in Gty. Fund	2,717.44
Cash and Exchange	87,275.43
Total	\$361,188.43

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	29,942.03
Deposits	284,246.40
Certificate of deposit for money borrowed	12,000.00
Total	\$361,188.43

The above statement is correct.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

Commence Business January, 1912

Safety—Service—Satisfaction

We Solicit Your Business

U. S. WILL CONSIDER NO MEDIATION WITHOUT CHANGE IN SUBMARINE POLICY

NO PEACE TREATIES EXIST BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES

PREPARATIONS PUSHED

Washington, March 22—It is stated on good authority that no plan of mediation would be considered until Germany sees fit to abandon her ruthless submarine warfare.

It is declared that Germany never signed one of the Bryan treaties, binding the two countries to inaction for a year while a commission investigated the situation.

Every preparation is being made for any eventuality by the army and navy.

And when the worst comes to the worst it will be found that this country can give a good account of herself.

I have decided to discontinue a credit business. It is my purpose to render service, and I appreciate your patronage. J. A. Brown, harness, saddlery and shoe repairer.

DAINTY THINGS

SOIL EASILY

But why should you care?

Dry cleaning now and then will keep the daintiest dress or waist always like new.

We are masters in the art of perfect dry cleaning.

Entrust your garments to our hands. We charge no more.

MRS. C. L. CASH
At Star Store,
Merkel, Tex.

Arthur West Dies.

Arthur J. West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey West, died of pneumonia at the family residence in this city last Friday morning at 10 o'clock and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery Saturday. Rev. L. B. Owen conducted the funeral at deceased residence.

Mr. West was 39 years old and unmarried. He was a Christian, having been converted at the age of 15. He leaves father, mother, one brother and one sister and a host of relatives and friends.

\$2.00 Per Day — Meals .50 cents
We appreciate the patronage given us, and only increased our rates in keeping with the constantly advancing high cost of living.

THE COLLINS HOUSE

Can Cull your cotton seed for planting purposes. Machine is located in feed store of Boyce Building. G. R. Gazzaway. 1614

Mignonette.

Water in which mignonette has been placed should be changed often since it quickly becomes foul.

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

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Choicest and Richest Products of Modern Jersey Dairy Farm.

No, we won't diversify this year. Just one crop for us—High quality dairy goods. Our entire time and energy will be devoted to dairying strictly. Better make your butter engagements early.

J. B. Walton.
Phone 597—R21

STATEMENT OF THE

Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business Monday March 5, 1917

RESOURCES

Loans	\$227,230.17
U. S. Bonds—par	10,250.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,500.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real Estate	5,900.00
CASH AND EXCHANGE	191,764.13
Total	\$440,556.80

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	38,441.44
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
DEPOSITS	370,865.36
Total	\$440,556.80

I hereby certify that the foregoing statement is correct.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Madalyn Atkisson of Beaumont is here for an extended stay with Mrs. Geo. L. Miller and other relatives.

Messrs. and Mesdames C. M., Thos. H. and W. J. Largent returned last Friday night from a week's stay in Ft. Worth. While there they were daily visitors at the Fat Stock Show.

Mrs. O. R. Dye spent last Saturday in Abilene, a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Murphy.

We cordially invite our friends to call at the Metropolitan Cafe when in Abilene. Latham Bros., proprietors.

E. B. Barnes, who lives eight miles south of Merkel, called and took a look at our machine last Monday.

Miss Mossye Sears has returned from an extended visit in Chillicothe with her sister, Mrs. Virgil Touchstone.

R. A. Watson and wife, Plainview, were recent visitors to the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Q. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Shelton of Dora made a business trip to Merkel the past week. He says it pays him to come here to do his trading.

J. E., C. A. and Chas. Higgins, W. C. Lee and Austin Roberson have just returned from a prospecting trip to New Mexico. They say the Merkel country is good enough for them.

DORA DOTS

Dora, March 18—The whooping cough in the community is better, but the measles are still spreading.

Miss Myrtle Whitaker is better at this writing.

There was quite an attendance from this place to the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth.

Several parties from Dora attended the carnival in Merkel the past week.

Just to Hand

BEAUTIFUL MERCHANDISE --- COME LOOK THEM OVER

Men's Suits \$7.50 to \$20.00 || Boys' Suits \$2.50 to \$8.50
 Walk-Over Shoes and Oxfords \$4.00 to \$7.00
 Hamilton-Brown Shoe Co's Shoes and Oxfords \$2.00 to 6.00

Hosiery for Men, Ladies, Boys and Girls
Underwear for Everybody---25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00
Ladies, see our New Silks, the Quality, Style and Price is Right

YOU CAN TRADE FAST WITH US, as our cash buying gets all the Jew out, and having no bad debts to figure, makes a less price for you, and you do not waste time on the price and quality proposition.

WE ARE HERE TO DO YOU AND OURSELVES GOOD by using money and ability right

No Trouble to Show Goods

The Brown Dry Goods Co.

Spot Cash Makes Small Prices

Rev. J. D. Kennedy of Abilene visited Rev. L. B. Owens Wednesday night and conducted the prayer meeting at the Baptist church.

The finest of arborvitae growing in the nursery here at 25 cents each while they last.

J. D. Boring, Mrs. Willie Scarborough and little son, Gordon, were in Abilene last week attending the Christian Endeavor Convention. While there they were guests of Mrs. R. A. McClain.

The Metropolitan Cafe, Abilene, open day and night, solicits your patronage. Latham Bros., proprietors. 4t

G. W. Ely has just returned from a trip to the Odd Fellows convention at Dallas. Together with about 1500 visitors, he made a trip to the orphans home at Corsicana. The next annual meeting will be held in Waco. There were about 3000 in attendance at the convention. The orphans home was found to be in splendid shape.

GIVE NATURE A CHANCE TO "COME BACK"

THE WONDERFUL WATERS THE 1500 FOOT HIGH OZONE THE CHARMING SCENERY AROUND MINERAL WELLS

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DALLAS

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It contains many good things to eat at prices far below the wholesale cost of today. Since we have combined our two Big Stores we expect to feature our Grocery Department much more than ever before. We are going to offer you Heavy Groceries at unusually low prices, and a visit to this department will convince you that we are in dead earnest about this matter. Look this list of \$1.00 values over and think what we are offering you for the total amount of \$10.00. If you were in business today you could not buy this list for less. Visit our store during this unparalleled money-saving sale.

Saturday Specials---Groceries

5 Pounds A1 Peaberry Coffee	\$1.00	10 Cans No. 2 Blackberries	\$1.00
4 1-lb. cans Steel-cut Coffe, 35c value	1.00	10 Cans No. 3 Pie Peaches	1.00
7 Pounds good bulk Coffee	1.00	11 pkg. Post Tosties	1.00
5 Packages Coffee	1.00	12 cans Pork and Beans	1.00
10 cans No. 2 Tomatoes	1.00	20 one-pound packages Soda	1.00

DRY GOODS

Men's best grade Overalls	\$1.00	Best Grade Calicos, 10c values	6c
Men's best grade Work Shirts	45c	Best grade Cheviots, 15c values	10c
\$1.25 Silver Dress Shirts	95c	Hope Domestic, 15c values	12½c
50c leather palm canvas gloves	25c	New spring Gingham, 15c values	10c
One special lot men's hats, values to \$3.00	69c	Newton Percales, 12½c values	8½c
One special lot men's dress shirts, \$1 values	39c	One special lot children's sox, values 25c	5c
Men's fancy hose, 12½c values	7c	One special lot misses' hose, values 25c	5c
One special lot ladies' slippers	95c	Fancy dress voiles, values 35c	23c
One special lot misses' slippers	69c	One lot remnants	½ Price

THE STAR STORE

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MERKEL, TEXAS

OTHERS FOLLOW

The Merkel Mail

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Any erroneous reflection on the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of The Mail will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the management.

If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

PATRONS OF THE MAIL, who do not receive their paper regularly will confer a favor upon the management by reporting the fact. You should also watch the label of your paper to ascertain when your time is out, and renew before your name automatically leaves our list, as all papers stop when the term of subscription expires.

It is a question already if we are not even now engaged in a state of war with Germany. Who can say that we have acted hastily in this most serious matter. Patience is worn threadbare, humanity is outraged, and beneath the high canopy of heaven the call to arms is wonderfully distinct, and yet if the bitter cup might pass let not one of us restrain it.

The clean up gun has been fired, the Mayor has appealed to the heroic forces of Merkel to gather and make fight on all rubbish, until our beautiful little city is spotlessly clean. The only rubbish heap that it might be advisable to retain is our ancient depot that stands sentinel to a civilization that is dead.

A road bond issue is before us. The proposition confronts every thinking property owner in the county. We can but believe that every man will think and decide what action to take. Some doubtless will oppose it; others will favor it, but somehow we believe our citizens will view the matter in an unselfish light and do what they conscientiously believe will be the greatest benefit to the greatest number.

Big Singing Planned.

A singing will be held at the North Side Christian church Sunday afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock. Visitors will be on hand from Abilene, Trent and other places. Everybody is urged to attend.

Confederate Veterans To Meet.

Merkel Camp No. 79, U. C. V., will meet in regular session on Saturday, April 7, in the public hall, at 3 p.m. A full attendance is urged, as there will be considerable special business on hand, such as re-election of officers, election of representatives to the Re-union, to be held in Washington, D.C., next June, and to ascertain the number of lodges needed. A. A. Baker, Com. J. T. Tucker, Adj.

Electric Company Changes Ownership

The American Public Service was purchased by the Insel interests of Chicago. This includes the service at Abilene, Merkel and other points in Texas and Oklahoma. No change in the local operation is anticipated.

O. R. Duff, who has for some time been connected with The Woodroof Bros. Co., is now connected with the Anchor Mercantile Co. Mr. Duff has only been in Merkel since last September, but has already grown very popular, not only in a business way but in a social way as well. He is an expert in his line.

Miss Willie Toombs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Toombs, who are old settlers in this vicinity, has accepted a position with The Brown Dry Goods Company as saleslady. Miss Toombs has lived in and near Merkel all her life. She is a highly capable young lady, whose friends are multitudinous. Her relatives are numbered by the score. The company is particularly fortunate in securing her services.

The
FLAVOR LASTS

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*If pleasure made price
Its cost would be thrice*

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Chew it after every meal

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Never before has the demand for Ford cars been as heavy as it is now. To become such a necessity the Ford car must have proved to be a universal economy, serving and saving everybody. Through its reliable service business has been increased and expenses reduced. Low purchase price and small cost for maintenance assured. Touring Car \$360. Runabout \$345. Coupelet \$505. Town Car \$595. Sedan \$645—f.o.b. Detroit. Let us have your order today.

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Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVES' signature on each box.

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Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Bleed, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives ease and rest.

SHILOH HAPPENINGS

Shiloh, March 13—Rev. Horn of Abilene filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Widner Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. Martin of Big Springs, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Bud Brown and family visited the former's sister, Mrs. Mary Owen, near Anson, Wednesday.

There was a singing at J. H. Grayson's Sunday afternoon. P. F. Frazier of Comanche County is here visiting the family of N. J. Maynard.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Winter spent the week end with relatives at Avoca.

Charlie Williams of Merkel spent Saturday night and Sunday with J.D. Barnes and family.

Will McDonald was an Abilene visitor Sunday.

Several parties from here went to Merkel Monday.

Mr. McCright and family spent Sunday with friends at Noodle.

Grandma Horn, and grandson, Guy Huber, of Anity, attended services here Sunday.

Miss Florence Cade visited Miss Mattie Jones of Hebron Sunday.

Miss Lettys Jones has just returned to her home near Anson Sunday, after a two weeks stay with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Volney Calahan and baby spent Monday night in Merkel with relatives.

Grandma Bennett spent the Week end with Mrs. Beavers.

There are several cases of measles in this community.

Miss Vera Phillips was the charming guest of Miss Ruth Pomroy Sunday.

Miss Alice Brown was the charming guest of Misses Maud and Della Green Sunday.

Bring your produce to us. We give you all there is in it.
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The Standing of Contestants on March — 19 — 1917

1	63,060
2	44,430
3	64,640
4	10,350
5	2,000
6	2,085
7	201,270
8	3,030
9	2,085
10	54,870
11	5,160
12	2,005
13	2,000
14	2,950
15	41,310
16	10,105
17	138,125
18	172,505
19	2,000
20	103,140
21	5,040
22	18,215
23	4,575

G. F. WEST COMPANY

CASTLE PEAK PICKINGS

The people of this community are enjoying good health.

No one is at home now, for the men are in the field and the women are in the garden.

Walter Hathaway returned Saturday from his place at Noodle, where he has been working.

Carl Brobbin and family visited Walter Hathaway and family Sunday.

Every one reported a good time at the carnival last week.

When T. F. Davis called the roll at Castle Peak school last Friday all the boys were present and all the girls were absent.

A. J. Hill of Shep visited J.B. Lilly Tuesday, and said "they were needing rain very bad."

M. H. Henslee was ill the first of this week.

A TEXAS WONDER.

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And our service keeps step with every improvement in Firestone building.

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The big reason for the success of **TEXACO CRATER COMPOUND** on the tractor gears is the way in which it resists dirt and flying dust—the way in which it works under heavy pressure. CRATER stays on the wearing surfaces of the teeth—where lubrication is needed.

It saves the gears—saves replacements—conserves the investment.

CRATER is equally good for all heavy gears, on farm machinery, presses, and driven pumps.

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Parten's Great Liquidation Sale will Be CONTINUED

Owing to unforeseen circumstances we have decided to continue our great whirlwind of irresistable bargains. Men, women and children will be of the same mind, coming here to dress in the richest raiment at such striffling cost. Every nook and corner of this great store is crowded to the fullest capacity and marked bargains at prices that will astonish and astound the entire public

Shoes and Slippers For the Family

Our stock of footwear is large and most complete. The latest ideas in both shoes and slippers is here shown. Our prices are beyond compare, and if you wish to convince yourself of the truth of this statement, look elsewhere and then make the comparison with ours.

MEN'S HATS

The kind of hats that lend the finishing touch to a man's attire are here in their most attractive shapes and colors. Our wide assortment assures your getting suited—

\$1.95 \$2.49 \$2.95

Stetsons

\$3.15 \$4.75 \$5.75

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Our line of Dress Fabrics is complete, embracing a wider range of wanted materials than has ever been shown here before—Taffetas, Foulards, Messalines and Georgettes. All to be positively slaughtered.

Our Display of Millinery

Beautiful hats in latest styles, of soft lustrous silks and satins; straws of every variety blended with other pretty materials. The trimmings are varied and beautiful—intricate head work, fancy features, ribbons, ornaments of various kinds, all go to lend enchantment to Spring's charming hats. Moderate prices prevail throughout this department, with many hats specially priced for this occasion. Two very special values will be offered: One lot of hats at

\$3.50, another lot at \$5.00

Parten Dry Goods Company



Miss Evelyn Williams, Editor

A Week-End House Party

Miss Maggie Wheeler, who is teaching in the public school at Trent, was the hostess of five of her pupils Saturday and Sunday. The little crowd arrived at Merkel on train No. 4 Saturday morning, all filled with mirth and enthusiasm. The morning was spent with music and singing and soon a nice dinner was served by Mrs. Wheeler at her home in south Merkel. The afternoon and evening was spent at the carnival grounds. Sunday morning all arose more happy than ever, and attended Sunday School. The afternoon was spent kodaking. All returned to Trent Sunday evening on train No. 3. Those present were Misses Floy Brown, Lola Lee Hamner, Beatrice Billings, May Craddock and Lula Mae Stevens. Miss JO Hill was also a guest at the party.

The J. U. G. Club was organized last Friday afternoon at the home of Leol Merritt, by a number of Merkel's young misses. Officers were elected and installed. The colors selected were pink and white. The club will meet with Leah Owens Friday afternoon at 3:30. All members are urged to attend and bring their needle work.

Mrs. O. R. Duff extended invitations to ten young ladies for a slumber party last Friday night. Those present were Misses Mabel Collins, Lura and Stacy Atkinson, Agnes Powell, Edna Munden, Elma Sheppard, Maud Martin, Vernona Hamblett and Cleve Duff. A box party in the evening

at the Cozy Theatre proved the principal entertainment. For this the following young gentlemen were invited: Messrs. C. C. Jones, J. P. Sharp, Jr., Roger Haynes, Dee and Emmett Grimes, H. L. Easterwood, W. L.

Diltz, Jr., Frank Hart and W. E. Baze.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAX-FOS 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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We cater to Special orders—Birthdays Weddings, Parties, Picnics Lunches, Banquets

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Angel Food Cake Still Our Specialty

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A Supply Now on Hand

Merkel Drug Company

H. C. Burroughs, Jr., made a business trip to Plainview the past week. We are getting a little suspicious of him of late.

Vegetables are scarce and high but we have them just the same. E. L. Rogers.

If you have not seen the scholastic census trustee, see me at once and enroll your children for next year. Roy B. Mefford.

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 city fire station thereof, on the first Tuesday in April, 1917, the same being the 3d day of said month, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, a Secretary, a Marshal, and two aldermen for full term of two years, and one Alderman for one year, to fill out J. R. Toombs' unexpired term.

B. C. Gaither 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 of the City of Merkel.

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.

Mrs. E. M. Rust and Miss Genevieve returned Sunday night from visiting in Fort Worth, Dallas and Mineral Wells while away. Mrs. Rust, accompanied by her son, Dem-Rust of Dallas went to San Antonio where she hoped to find the climate beneficial to her health, but failing in this the three returned here.

E. Clyde Garrett, who is connected with the advertising department of the Times-Picayune of New Orleans, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett. Mr. Garrett recently returned from the Mexican border, where he represented his paper as war correspondent. After a time his work was discontinued by the general in charge, and he was given the position of sergeant, remaining there 5 months. At present he holds papers as second lieutenant of the reserve force. R. H. Fleming of Waxahachie was a partner during all of his experiences at the front. He is at present planning a business trip to the northwest.

Bring your eggs to A. L. Jobe, Kent St. 23Mar2t

Mrs. L. D. Gaither of Sander-son is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Cranford.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Subject to the action of the voters of the City of Merkel, in the regular election to be held the first Tuesday in April, same being third day of the month I take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for the office of City Marshall. I appreciate highly the confidence heretofore placed in me, and assure you of my appreciation of your continued support and co-operation.
R. E. COUNTS.

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Advertised Letters.

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Caldwell, W. F.
Nash, Mrs. G. F. L.
Rice, J. B.
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on April 5. H. G. Williams, Postmaster, Merkel, Texas.

Miss Winnie Gibson, who has just completed a training course of nursing at Post City, has returned to her home in this city. She will leave in a few days for Dallas, where she will take a State Board Examination. She will probably locate in Post City.

SAND BURR ITEMS

— Marc 18—Since our last writing our community has an epidemic of the measles, most every house having a case or two. Maize planting is the order of the day, where there is plenty of moisture to bring it up. E. F. and T. W. Vantrees have their maize planted anyhow the first time.

Wheat and oats are beginning to need rain.

Mamie Parr went to Abilene Friday after building material.

Sand Burr must be one of the most prosperous communities in Jones county. We have three peddlers a week, two from Hodges—Morgan Camp and Ell McCaleb, both having trucks, and Bradley Bros. of Stith. You can sell your eggs and produce to them and get as much as you can in town.

M. T. McCoy had busines in Merkel Friday.

T.W. Vantrees and wife were guests of Jas. Patterson in Merkel Saturday night and Sunday, and also his sister, Mrs. J.M. Sloan who is suffering from a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism at a local sanitarium. Mrs. J. L. Vantrees is staying with the children.

S.E. Pierce and family moved into the house of Mrs. Pierce's father, J. T. Vantrees.

The Sand Burr Basket Ball girls played Anson on their grounds the 10th, the game being 13 to 5 in favor of our local girls, and we are proud of our teacher in her efforts to build up our school.

Our literary society was postponed on our last meeting night on account of the measles.

E. F. and T. W. Vantrees made a business trip to Abilene Friday.

Miss Leona Vantrees of Waxahachie is visiting her uncle, J.T. Vantrees.

Elbert West, H. O. Miller and Jack have purchased the J. G. Saddle farm at Noodle.

Calaway Chancey was in our community one day last week.

Harvie Warren was in our midst Sunday.

We have preaching here at the Christian church every second Sunday at 11 o'clock.

The Brown Dry Goods Company is putting on some "dog", installing a modern plate glass front. The effect is splendid. Manager Brown is typical of that class of business that wants things done jam up, and this improvement is a part of his aggressive policy.



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J. L. Barker of Salt Branch was a visitor at the Mail office the past week. He says that he has practically completed planting. He has quit planting cotton altogether and will raise feed-stuff and mules. He subscribed to the Mail while in.

LOCAL NEWS

Plenty bran, oats, chops and cow feed, shorts. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

A. J. Canon of the Sand Bur community visited our office the other day and placed a subscription with the Mail.

Prompt service always rendered by Sublett, the jeweler, at the Merkel Drug Co. 16tf

J. A. Elliott of Hamlin visited his son, W. M. Elliott, the past week.

Pure east Texas Ribbon Cane syrup. Made by a farmer. In gallon buckets at Bob Martin's.

Mrs. H. L. Rudmose visited in Fort Worth and Arlington from Wednesday until Saturday of last week.

See Sublett, the jeweler, for your clock and watch repairing.

Mrs. T.G. Bragg and family of Hillsboro arrived in Merkel where they will make their future home. Mr. Bragg preceded them by several days.

More goods for same money! Same goods for less money. A.L. Jobe. 23Mar2t

Mesdames J. L. and W. L. Barker of Salt Branch visited the Mail office the other day and took a look at our machine.

Call on me for sewing. Low prices and honest dealing. My work is sure to please. Mrs. Rosa Wade. 11pd

Capt. Carter reports his brother-in-law, J. M. Powell, very sick at Midland. Mrs. Carter left yesterday to visit him.

Good goods and prompt service. Order early, but to order late is better than never. E. L. Rogers.

Mrs. J. D. Boring, during the Fat Stock Show week was the guest of her children, W.F. Buchanan, Mrs. J. O. Crenshaw and Miss Bert Boring, all of Fort Worth.

The highest possible price paid for produce. We buy in any quantity, the more the better. E. L. Rogers.

Miss Eva Williams returned Monday night from a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. O.W. Williams in Fort Worth.

Bring your produce to us. We give you all there is in it. ANCHOR HARDWARE CO. Lots of tennis shoes at Jobe's on Kent St. 23Mar2t

Mesdames W. P. Moore, J. P. Ritchie and Geo. D. Ritchie, and Miss Murl Moore were visitors at the Mail office the past week and inspected our linotype. Mrs. Moore and daughter were from Castle Peak, Mrs. J. P. Ritchie from Blair, and Mrs. Geo. D. Ritchie of Merkel.

A School House

without a telephone would seem strangely isolated in these days of general telephone communication.

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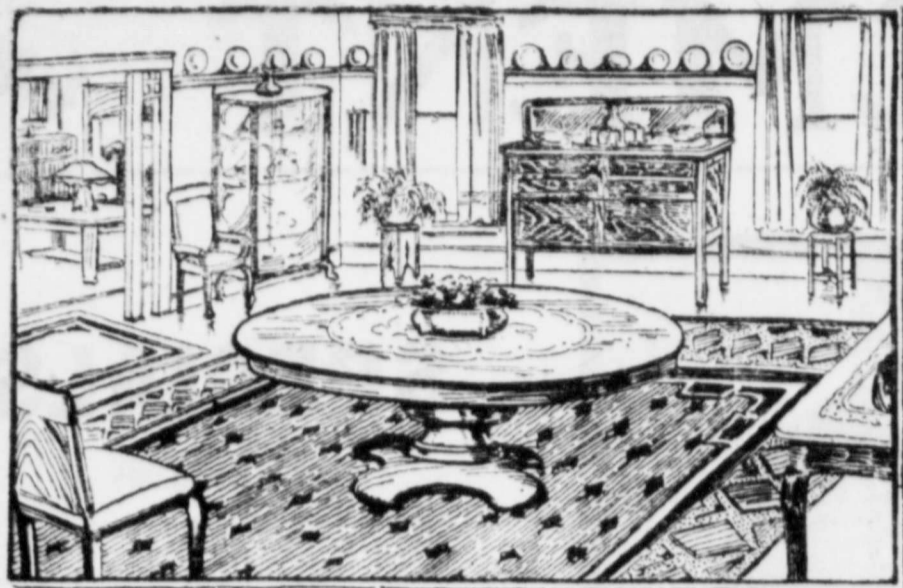
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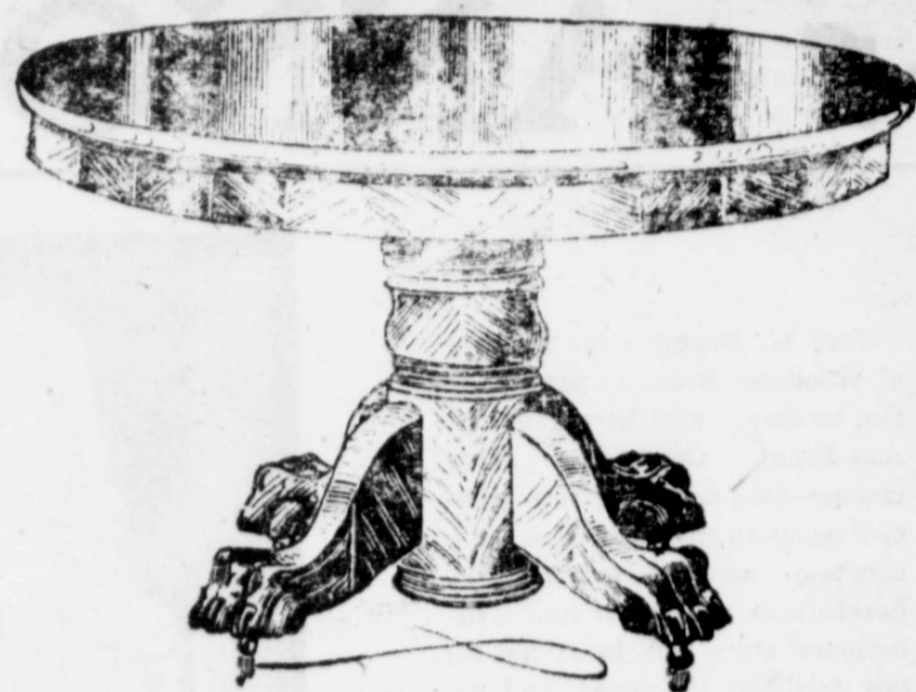


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 Pr. Ladies Home Mis. Society
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 Prayer Service, Wednesday evening.

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 Preaching every third Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
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 Mrs. J. S. Saddler Pres. Ladies Aid and Missionary Society
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 Mrs. E. P. McMillen Supt. Girls Department
 Preaching 11 a. m.—7:30 p. m.
 Sunday School at 10 a. m.
 Prayer Meet. Wed. 7:30 p. m.
 Choir Practice Fri. 7:30 p. m.
 Girls Gym. Tues. 7:30 p. m.
 Boys Gym. Fri. 7:30 p. m.

Bethlehem's Bid on Shells for the United States Navy

To the American People:
 The Secretary of the Navy has awarded contracts amounting to over \$3,000,000 to a British bidder for 14 and 16-inch projectiles for the Navy because of very much lower prices offered by the English bidders.

We know nothing of the basis upon which the British bids were made, but the public is entitled to know the facts upon which we ourselves bid for this work.

Two years ago we took contracts to make 4,200 14-inch shells at a price of \$1,515,000. Up to now not a single shell has been accepted by the Government, although we have expended, in wages, materials, etc., on these orders \$522,881, and we have not received a SINGLE DOLLAR on these contracts.

In addition, a literal interpretation of the contract might make us liable for penalties amounting to \$675,916.

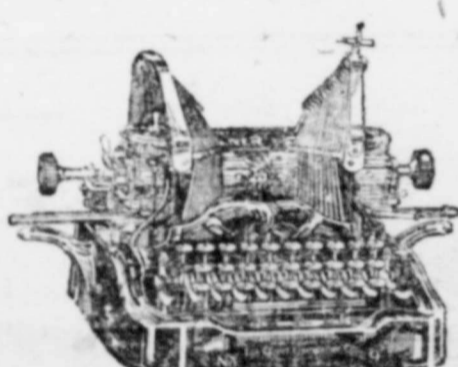
In the light of our experience, and having no other basis, we bid for 16-inch shells approximately the same rate per pound as that which the Navy Department actually awarded a 14-inch shell contract one year ago.

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17 CENTS A DAY Remember this brand-new Oliver "9" is the greatest value ever given in a typewriter. It has all our previous special inventions

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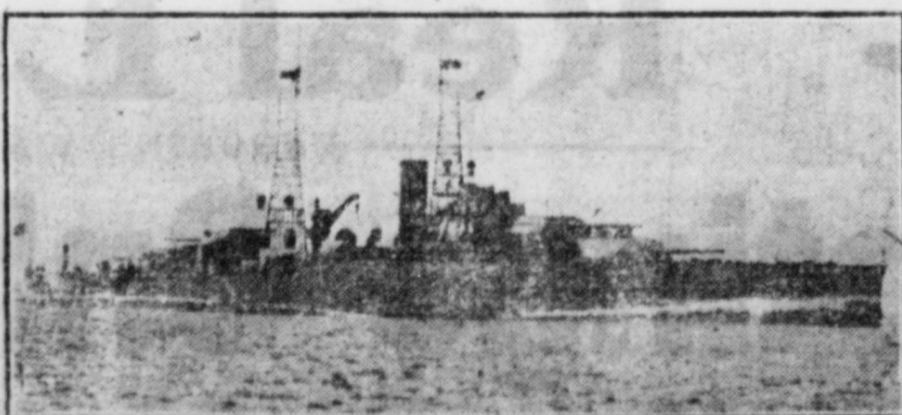


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 The Oklahoma carries ten fourteen-inch and twenty-one five-inch guns. She displaces 27,000 tons and has a speed of 20.50 knots an hour. She cost \$5,925,000.

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 "This is my coming out," remarked the facetious burglar, whose sentence had expired.

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 NO. 3 Sweetwater 5:38 p. m.
 NO. 1 Sunshine Spec. 8:30 p. m.
 Eastbound
 NO. 2 Sunshine Spec. 8:44 a. m.
 NO. 4 Through Train 10:18 a. m.
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Mr. Bragg is thoroughly acquainted with the dry goods business, having spent many years of his life in highly successful enterprises of this nature.

We appreciate the patronage that has been so abundantly accorded us in the past, and trust that we may be favored with an ever increasing trade volume. Our patrons may rest assured that they will have no cause in the least to withhold their confidence from the new firm.

Our business has been increasing steadily for some years. We have every confidence in the future and have placed larger orders than ever before for a more varied and modern line of goods. We bought months ago at advantageous prices and propose to give every possible advantage to our customers. We can give you service, quality and fashion at the lowest prices. Don't fail to examine our complete line.



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New spring dresses of taffeta, crepe de chine and georgette crepe, beautifully trimmed with hand embroidery, buttons and beaded effects; colors, grey, apple green, lemon, champagne and navy. Materials alone are worth more than prices asked for these dresses \$8.50 to \$27.50

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Because they are the best shoes made for boys and girls.

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Brings us the newest creation in Millinery. Our big selection offers you the best styles to be found, and we will appreciate a visit from you.

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Woodroof-Bragg Company

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ROUTE 4 DOINGS

Merkel, Route 4—Wheat and oats are looking very well in this part of the country, for the chance they have had. There were some maize planted here last week. The late freeze was not thought to be very damaging.

The health of this community is not so good at present, as several are reported down with the measles.

John Daniels was a Ft. Worth visitor last week.

Robert Britton of Lubbock was a recent visitor here.

George Chadwick and family visited relations near Pleasant Hill Sunday.

Miss Eunice Parom was a recent visitor to the home of her parents near Anson.

Misses Frankie and Maggie Lee Chacey were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Miss Clara Daniels, who is attending school at Abilene, recently visited homefolks.

C. S. Harrison, near Hamby, visited friends here the past week.

Misses Goldie and Myrtle Anderson were in Merkel last Saturday on a shopping tour.

Sam Martin was a visitor in Merkel Saturday.

Emmet Northcut of Hamby was the guest of Ike Northcut last Sunday.

Aaron Horton was in Merkel Saturday on business.

Ira Cross was the guest of J. Chadwick Sunday.

Charley Bell was out driving Sunday, after being sick several days with the measles.

J. D. Foust was in Abilene last Monday on business.

Harry Bird attended services at Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Ernest Daniels was the guest of Myrtle Daniels near Stith last

Sunday. Miss Bell Conley was the guest of Miss Exie Conley Sunday.

NEWS FROM COMPERE

As I have not seen any news from this place in some time I will try and send in a little to let the people know that we are doing fine. There has been a lot of measles in our neighborhood for the past month.

C. S. Childress has been very ill with the measles, but is better now, we are glad to report.

School was dismissed for two weeks on the account of measles.

Bro. Busbee preached a fine sermon at this place Sunday morning.

Dave Ashley and little son made a flying trip to Merkel Saturday.

H. C. Breeden left for Fort Worth Sunday to attend the Fat Stock Show. He will visit his son at Dallas also.

Jack Ramsey and family visited Alva Rister and family Sunday. A few of our people have been to New Mexico prospecting. Among them were George Sherrill Oscar Lucas, Gean Spurgin, Henry Young and Sherden Sherrill.

Mrs. Carrie Palmer was doing the last report we had from her, although she was not able to leave the sanitarium.

Mrs. Ashley visited Mrs. Henry one day last week.

Gean Spurgin made a business trip to town Saturday.

Mrs. Lorene Breeden returned home Thursday from visiting her parents who live near Kale.

Most of the people have their land ready for planting.

Those who don't read the Merkel Mail should subscribe at once. We know the paper is a fine paper because the editor is a fine man. Aunt Mary

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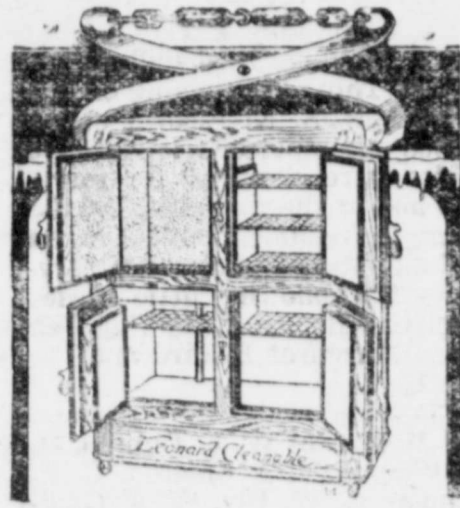
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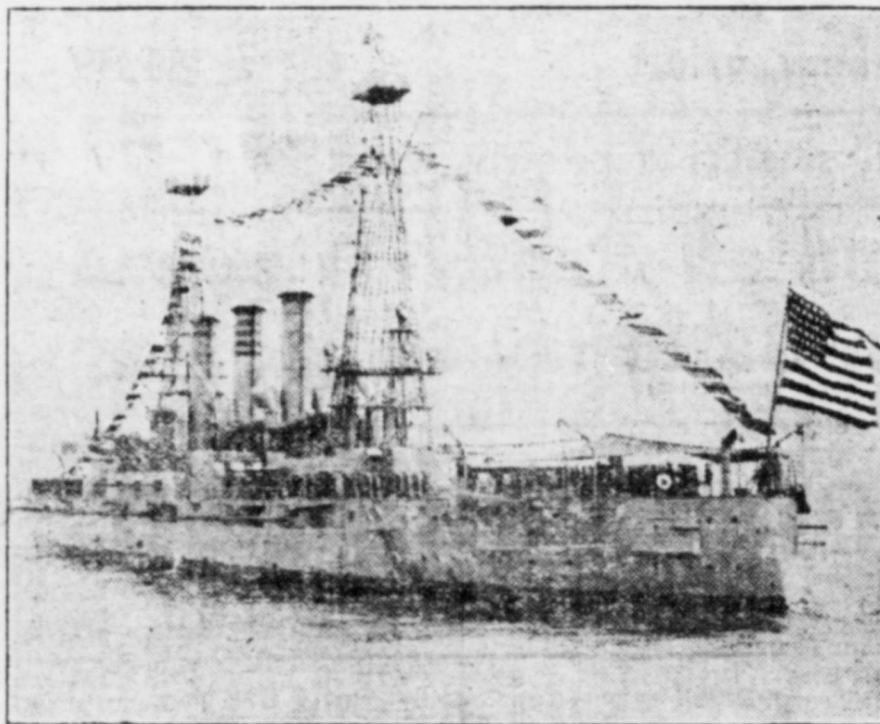


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The battleship Kansas has a complement of 856 officers and men. As her main battery she carries four twelve-inch and eight eight-inch guns and displaces 16,000 tons. She cost \$7,565,020 to build.

More Animals for Food
The fact that the country has fewer breeding animals than the best economy infarming will require should be impressive.

Those who have a surplus will advertise them so their neighbors and friends may buy. But the high cost of feed should not cause those who have only a few animals suitable for reproducing the flocks and herds to sell them off so closely that enough breeding stock is not kept on the farm. Farming in the future very largely will depend upon the livestock kept. Livestock raising offers greater opportunities on account of war than ever before. We cannot afford to hamper our methods of safe farming by selling breeding stock needed on our farms.

Higher prices for desirable breeding stock should not keep stockmen and farmers from buying what they need. The world must have food and much of these foods must be animals and products derived from animals, such as beef, pork, mutton, ba-

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Miss Evelyn Williams, Editor

Coit-Warren Wedding.

The greatest social feature of the season was the marriage of Henry C. Coit, Jr., of Plano, and Miss Winnie Warren, of Merkel, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren. The beautiful Warren home was tastily decorated with palms, ferns, and lilies, the three large front rooms thrown together and every convenience afforded to accommodate the large number of guests that thronged the palatial home. Promptly at nine o'clock a stillness fell upon the throng, and the piano, responding to the deft touch of Miss Evelyn Williams, pealed out those sweet tones of music, as Mrs. L.B. Howard sang so sweetly the song that has led more than one fair maid and gallant benedict to the altar, "Sweet-hearts," by Vanbrugh-Rae.

As the last notes of the favorite song died away, Mrs. Howard took the piano and to the alluring tones of Mendelsson's wedding march, the bridal party started, led by Rev. Lee Scarborough, followed by the bride's maids, Miss Mary Paxton and Mrs. Virgie Touchstone; then came Stirling Shepherd, carrying the ring in a large white lily, which is a emblem of purity and impressed us more with the meaning of the band of gold it contained. The groom and best man were next in the march, followed by the two little flower girls, each carrying a basket of rose petals, which they strewed in the pathway of the bride, who was led to the altar by her cousin, Miss Mildred Paxton, as maid of honor.

Grouped in the beauty and sweetness of young life, the party solemnly stood about the bridal altar, fenced off with baskets of Easter lilies, roped with white satin ribbon. Above in artistic arrangement, smilax decorated the wall and hung in lovely festoons about the group.

The ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Scarborough and bride and groom remained to receive congratulations from their many friends, after which they were ushered into the dining room where in waiting was a beautiful wedding cake, presided over by Miss Evelyn Williams. Cake and punch were served.

The bride's dress was white taffeta and Georgette crepe, overhung by the bridal veil of tulle, which hung from a crown of lilies of the valley, adding to the charm of the costume. She carried a large bouquet of bride's roses. The maid of honor was gowned in a blue taffeta, trimmed in silver lace and carried a bouquet of white roses. The bride's maids wore gowns of white Georgette crepe and carried bouquets of red roses. The bride's going away gown was a blue coat suit with accessories to match.

The couple left immediately for Dallas, from where they will make an auto trip to Texas points.

The south room was arranged in taste, where the large assortment of beautiful gifts, in ample testimony of the large circle of friends of the bride, were arrayed. The display ranged in a variety of choice silver ware, cut glass, hand-painted china, linens, etc.

Miss Warren comes from one of the oldest and most prominent families, and with her nature, Merkel is giving up her loveliest and best. A beautiful character, a charming personality and noble Christian life are hers. Generous to a fault, no influence could spoil her, no fortune persuade from her personality the rich joy of simple, trusting faith. Her social life was lovely, her domestic life in tune with the harmonies of love and her religious life outstanding and helpful. We congratulate Mr. Coit on his choice of such a helpmate and trust that years that pile up to their credit will be full of the bliss and sweetness that true love can render.

Mr. Coit comes with recommendations of highest traits of sterling worth. His handsome bearing shows him to be a man of strong men, brave and strong of true.

The out of town guests were: Mrs. Henry Coit, John Miss Mildred Coit and Miss Margaret Malone, all of Renner, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Warren, Mrs. Eann Darr, Mr. and

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Miscellaneous Shower.

Mesdames H. C. Burroughs, L. B. Howard and T. A. Johnson, gave a Miscellaneous Shower in honor of Miss Winnie Warren at the beautiful home of Mrs. Burroughs, Sr., Thursday afternoon of last week. Many were the guests that gathered to do homage to the charming young bride-to-be.

Progressive forty two was the diversion of the afternoon, in which Miss Warren won all honors.

A massive cedar chest was then opened and the great number of handsome and useful gifts were presented to the honor guest, who in her quiet, sweet way spoke her heartfelt thanks to the many friends who had remembered her so royally.

The punch bowl was presided over by Misses Louise Warren and Hazel Harkrider.

Despite the disagreeable weather about fifty guests were present during the hours of entertaining.

A second shower given to Miss Warren was on Friday afternoon, when her Sunday School class, The willing workers, called on their teacher in her home bringing with them complete furnishings in Aluminae for the kitchen.

After a short social time the girls were driven to town by Miss Warren where a treat of ice-cream cones was forth com-

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The Anchor jitney, packed with "eats", and with cars for the guests, a start was made from the store just after closing time. In a short time all were doing a full share to the lunch spread at the lake.

About 35 were present and the outing was a delight to all. Kodaks and films. Grimes Drug Store. 2t

A very pleasant outing on last Thursday evening was that of the Anchor Mercantile Company who, with their friends, had picnic supper at Warren's Lake.

Smith-Lazenby
Jeff Smith of Merkel and Miss Ida Lazenby of Lenita, Coryell county, were joined together in the holy bond of matrimony at Gatesville, Sunday, the 22d of April. We wish them a long and happy life.

Birthday Party.
Honoring her husband's birthday on Thursday evening of last week Mrs. S. K. Eckard entertained a number of friends. Five tables were arranged for forty-two and at the conclusion of the games refreshments of ice cream and angel's food cake were served by the following little Misses Christine Brown, Ruby Fay Goliday, Margaret Eckard and Iva Lee Ely.

Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames W. F. Dupree, H. M. Warren, J. J. Shelton, C. E. Cannon, G. W. Ely, W. F. Goliday, Dr. and Mrs. O. F. McMaster, Mesdames O. Brown, Pickerrill and Stewart, Misses Beulah Ely, Josie Smith, Charlie Bell Thomas, Buzbee and Myrtle Dupree, Messrs. F. J. Smith, Geo. Smith and Roy Eckard.

A tackey party was held at the home of J. A. Duckett last Saturday evening. A large crowd was present. Numerous games were played and the occasion was thoroughly enjoyed throughout. Music was a feature of the evening. Refreshments were served.

Miss Pansy Walters gave a party Wednesday night to a number of her friends. All report a delightful time. Refreshments were served. Music was rendered.

Biliousness and Constipation.
For years I was troubled with biliousness and constipation, which made life miserable for me. I lost my usual force and vitality. Pepsin preparations and cathartics only made matters worse. I do not know where I should have been today had I not tried Chamberlain's Tablets. The tablets relieved the ill feeling at once, strengthen the digestive functions, purify the stomach, liver and blood, helping the system to do its work naturally.—Mrs. Rosa Potts, Birmingham, Ala. These tablets are for sale by all dealers.—adv.

For a burn or scald apply Chamberlain's Salve. It will allay the pain almost instantly and quickly heal the injured parts. For sale by all dealers.—adv.

SAND BURR.

Hawley, Route 2.—The wind sure does blow in this part of Jones county. Cotton planting or any kind of planting has been suspended on account of no moisture in the ground to bring it up. We are needing rain very much. Some cotton up but can't live long unless it gets a rain. The little maize looks very well, considering everything.

Miss Leona Vontress and Mrs. Effie Scott of Kale visited their uncle and father, J. T. Vontrees, one night last week.

E. F. Vontrees and wife took dinner with Mrs. H.C. West Sunday.

Irvin Burton and wife, Walter Ford and wife of Stith, took dinner with Elbert West Sunday.

Miss Annie Belle Yerger entertained the young folks Friday night with a party. Cake and fruit were served. All report a good time.

Bill Perkins and wife visited at G. W. Thompson's Sunday.

Sam Mashburn and Miss Vergie Canon surprised their many friends Sunday, the 22nd, by going to Kale and getting married. The writer wishes them a long and prosperous life. May God's blessings be bestowed upon them.

S. E. Pierce went to Merkel after lumber Friday.

Elder Cypert of Merkel will preach at Hope the first Sunday in May. All are invited to come out and hear him.

Felan Rushing and son were in Merkel Saturday.

Miss Lorine Nabours and May Warren visited Mrs. J. F. Winters one day last week.

Later news: It tried to rain again last night, but missed it. The Sand Burr school is going to have a big entertainment the last night of school. They have been practicing some time for it. The community will erect a stage for it this week.

Barney Woodard and wife visited Mrs. Martha Thompson Sunday.

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F. Winters killed 36 jack rabbits the other night in their wheat field, with their cars, by shooting them. The light blinded them and they could be killed very easily.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Winters gave the young folks a singing Sunday night.

G.W. Thompson and son Thurman, had business in Abilene Saturday.

The people of this community are going to respond to the President's request by planting more foodstuffs. Lots of beans and peas will be planted.

The Anchor Mercantile Company featured a demonstration of aluminum ware and Heintz's canned goods the past week. The demonstration was largely attended. The company is highly pleased with the outcome, and will likely repeat the effort this fall on a much larger scale.

A Symbol of Health.

The Pythagorians of Ancient Greece ate simple food, practiced temperance and purity. As a badge they used the five pointed star which they regard as a symbol of health. A red five pointed star appears on each package of Chamberlain's Tablets, and still fulfills its ancient mission as a symbol of health. If you are troubled with indigestion, biliousness or constipation, get a package of these tablets from your druggist. You will be surprised at the quick relief which affords. Obtainable everywhere.