



# THE MERKEL MAIL



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## COMMERCIAL CLUB SHOW AT COZY

Nine Months School For This City Assured—A Loyal Citizenship Responds to Pay Term Without a Murmur—Almost Full Attendance—Progress Made.

We rejoice and are exceedingly glad that the splendid people this city are making it possible to have a nine months school term. Some said that it could not be done, but the thorough loyalty of the pupils, the mighty desire to win affiliation with the State University, the city pride, the sacrifice on the part of the faculty and the tremendous desire of the school board have all conspired to carry out the purpose with flying colors. The free term of school was out last Friday evening. Monday morning those who stopped could hardly be missed from some of the rooms. The tuition was in advance and the pupils came with the money. More came back Tuesday and every day has witnessed an increase. Compared with other years, there is nothing like it. Drouth, discouragement, criticism and all the natural, fancied and conjured up enemies of education and progress could not withstand the solid phalanx of loyalty that poured forth to carry to successful termination a system of which all Merkel should be proud. Triumphant in purpose and practice the first great link is being welded looking forward to the perfection of a plan that will enable every child in all this school district to attend free school. The Board is now working hard on a plan, the fulfillment of which serves the last tie that acts as a barrier to the fullest educational privileges. A citizenship that stands by a school system so splendidly will hardly fail to sustain any wise measure looking to greater and wider growth of our educational plan. It is the poorest economy to cramp a school system, or to provide a faculty that is not fully in sympathy with every progressive movement.

### Parker Remains in Merkel. Superintendent Parker Called High School Teachers Elected.

Superintendent Parker will remain in Merkel. The Board met last Wednesday night, at which time the matter of Mr. Parker's election to a similar position with a neighboring city came up for attention. The Board realizing the splendid work of the school under his administration arranged his work on a more equitable basis. Mr. Parker will remain.

The Board then elected the following High School teachers: R. A. Burgess, Principal; Roy B. Mefford and Miss Flora Wright. We hope soon to announce their acceptance.

### CLOSING NOTICE

Get Your Shave and Haircut Early Saturday Night.

All barber shops in the city will close at 10:00 o'clock every Saturday night, beginning Saturday.

NO. 354

### Official Statement of the Financial Condition of First State Bank, Trent, Texas

at the close of business on the 1st day of May, 1917, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 11th day of May, 1917.

RESOURCES	
Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$52,878.87
Loans, real estate	3,000.00
Overdrafts	98.76
Furniture and fixtures	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents, not	22,388.87
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to cks., etc.	12,164.98
Cash items	14.00
Currency	3,980.00
Specie	556.57
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	876.82
Other Resources as follows:	
Cotton Bills of exchange	6,542.09
Total	\$110,875.96

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus fund	19,000.00
Undivided profits, net	11,313.95
Individual Deposits Sub. to Check	79,768.54
Cashiers checks	162.57
Total	\$110,875.96

State of Texas, County of Taylor: We, J. T. Warren as president and L. E. Adrian as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. T. Warren, President. L. E. Adrian, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of May A. D. 1917. (SEAL) Thos. Johnson Notary Public Taylor County, Texas. Correct—Attest: R. B. Johnson, H. D. Teatran, G. F. West } Directors

### WHY SHOULD YOU BE CONCERNED

An old man, going a lone highway Came at the evening, cold and gray, To a chasm vast and deep and wide. The old man crossed in the twilight dim, Thesullen stream had no fear for him; But he turned when safe on the other side And built a bridge to span the tide. "Old Man," said a fellow pilgrim near, "You are wasting your strength with building here; Your journey will end with the ending day, You never again will pass this way; You've crossed the chasm deep and wide, Why build you this bridge at evening tide?" The builder lifted his old gray head, "Good friend, in the path I've come," he said "There followeth after me today, A youth whose feet must pass this way; This chasm that has been as naught to me, To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be; He too, must cross in the twilight dim— Good friend, I'm building this bridge for him."

### CLASSIFIED ADS

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

MEAL—Hughes', Blair, is the place to get your fresh meal. FOR SERVICE—At my barn, Bay draft stallion, black points, 5 yrs. old, weight 1600 pounds. Arthur Cranston. 23Mar.8tpd BREEDING NOTICE — I am standing my horse and jack at Hellums Wagon Yard, same old price of \$10.00, and will use all care in breeding, but will not be responsible for accidents. I need and will appreciate your business. G. R. Gazzaway, office in Boyce Building. tf

LOST—Near school building, an embroidered tray cloth or center piece, has large size rose and bud done in punch work. Finder will be rewarded for return to Mabel Collins. It.

BREEDERS' NOTICE —Black Percheon for service at Hellum Wagon Yard. G.R.Gazzaway. tf

TRADE — Good, new Oliver typewriter for fresh, jersey cow. Apply to MerkelMail.

FOR SALE.— Nice fat muttons for killing purposes. Write or telephone, Sam Butman Jr. Route. 5. 27t3p.

FOR SALE—Fine fresh jersey cow, Chas. Beard, Merkel. 4t2p

BREEDERS' NOTICE —Black Percheon for service at Hellum Wagon Yard. G.R.Gazzaway. tf

FOR SALE—Columbia graphophone and 54 records all in good condition. Write or see O.Higgins, Route 4, Box 18. 11t2p

FOUND—Crank for automobile on Largent road. Owner may secure same at the Mail office by paying for this notice. Hughes', Blair, is the place to get fresh tea. tlc

NO. 7491

Report of the Condition of

### THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AT MERKEL

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on May 1, 1917

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts (except those shown on b and c)	\$215,268.12
Overdrafts, secured, None; Unsecured, None.	
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value)	4,000.00
Total U. S. Bonds	10,250.00
Securities other than U.S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	62.52
Stock of Federal Reserve bank (50 per cent of Subscription)	1,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real Estate owned other than banking house	5,900.00
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis	12,458.75
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	79,946.43
Net amt. due from banks and bankers (other than inclu. in 12 or 20)	7,330.88
Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	417.83
Outside checks and other cash items	1,242.49
Fractional currency, nickels and cents	470.41
Notes of other national banks	1,712.90
Federal Reserve notes	1,500.00
Lawful reserve in vault and net amt. due from Federal Reserve Bank	52,901.29
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U.S. Treasurer	312.50
Total	\$396,821.52

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits	19,268.04
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	4,785.10
Circulating notes outstanding	5,950.00
Net amt. due to banks and bankers (other than included in 29 or 30)	13,126.23
Demand Deposits:	
Individual deposits subject to check	279,833.56
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	300.00
Cashiers checks outstanding	5,766.30
Postal savings deposits	3,982.39
Total demand deposits	
Items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41	\$289,882.25
Time deposits (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice)	
Certificate of deposit	23,380.00
Total of time deposits, Items 42, 43, and 44	23,380.00
Total	\$396,821.52

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS: I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of May, 1917. W. W. WHEELER, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: J. T. WARREN HENRY JAMES G. F. WEST, Directors.

## FEDERAL APPROPRIATION FOR MERKEL

Thornton Building Damaged—J. A. Duckett Racket Store Practically Destroyed—G. M. Sharp's Grocery Store Smoke Damaged—Efficient Fire Department.

Last Tuesday afternoon the fire bell rang and the department was called to fight a very stubborn fire in the business district. The fire started in the racket store of J. A. Duckett and threatened adjoining buildings. The business house was closed at about 6:30, and the flames were discovered about 7:00. No reason could be assigned for the fire. Having a healthy start, the fire burned rapidly through the building. A hurried drive by the fire truck and a good water pressure soon had the flames under control. What the fire did not destroy in this store, the water did. It is estimated that fully seventy per cent of the stock was entirely ruined or badly damaged. The insurance on the stock amounted to \$3250; on the fixtures to \$250.00.

The building is owned by J. H. Thornton of Abilene, and the damage is estimated at about \$400.00, with insurance of \$3000.00. G. M. Sharp's grocery store also occupied a portion of the building.

G. M. Sharp's store suffered some from smoke, but as yet the full amount of the damage can not be estimated. It is entirely possible that the loss was small, though several tests will have to be made to get down to the real status. So dense was the smoke issuing from this store, that for a time the fire boys thought that the fire had communicated to the building. They had just broken open the door and turned the nozzle on the building when Chief Ferrier rushed up and pushed it aside. But for this act of his, the loss would have been great, as much feedstuff was stored inside.

Many of the best trained firemen were out of the city, attending the Firemen's convention at San Angelo, but the rest of the boys rendered faithful service and cut short what might have been an extremely disastrous fire.

The Crown Hardware Company suffered no damage, though the smoke got into their building. In appreciation of the work of the department this company donated to them a check for \$10.00, which owing to the needs of the department, is appreciated highly, and on their behalf we are authorized to publicly thank the Crown Hardware Company.

### BUSINESS MEN MEET.

Commercial Organization Takes A Stride Forward. Hope To Have Secretary Soon

A number of business men met at the Cozy last Friday night. A splendid program was rendered, which seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by all.

After the entertainment features, the business men gathered for a conference over the proposition of a Commercial Club and Credit Association. The party the leaders has been in touch with sent a telegraph that he could not accept the position. Steps were then taken to get in touch with another available and capable man.

It was stated that as H. C. Burroughs Jr. had left the city, making a vacancy in the directorate. After some discussion it was decided to increase the directorate from five to seven members. The new members are T. G. Bragg, H. K. Shepperd, and Walter Jackson.

It was reported that practically every business in the city had joined the organization.

A committee composed of Messrs. Britain, Groene and Church was appointed to work on the individual assessments. It is thought that a large number of individuals will be glad to join the organization, and a nominal sum has been named, giving them the opportunity.

Every effort will be put forth to have the organization in full working order by June 1, or before. Prospects are splendid, and no backsets are now anticipated.

### LIST OF CITY OFFICIALS.

Since the appointment of committees, we herewith give a full list of officers:

N. D. Cobb, mayor. J. P. Sharp, J. L. Harris, H. L. Propst, R. L. Bland and M. Armstrong, alderman. J. P. Sharp, R. L. Bland, and J. L. Harris, committee of claims and accounts. J. P. Sharp, M. Armstrong and H. L. Propst, committee on finance. M. Armstrong, H. L. Propst and J. P. Sharp, committee on

### fire department.

M. Armstrong, H. L. Propst, and R. L. Bland committee on police.

M. Armstrong, J. L. Harris and R. L. Bland, committee on public health.

H. L. Propst, J. L. Harris and M. Armstrong, committee on streets and alleys.

J. P. Sharp, R. L. Bland and J. L. Harris, committee on water and lights.

J. P. Sharp, H. L. Propst and J. L. Harris, committee on purchasing.

J. P. Sharp, mayor protem.

### Singers Take Notice

The Trent Singing Class cordially invite all song lovers to meet with them at the Baptist Church, Trent, Sunday, May 13 and help them use their new song books. Interest so far has been good and they hope for a continuation of same.

NO. 366

### Official Statement of the Financial Condition of The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 1st day of May, 1917, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 11th day of May, 1917.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$265,072.70
Overdrafts	10,703.04
Real Estate (banking house)	779.95
Other Real Estate	9,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,500.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents, net	31,692.38
Cash items	4,397.41
Currency	3,907.00
Specie	5,186.00
Int. in Depositors Guaranty Fund	2,280.23
Bills of Exchange on Cotton	39,488.32
Other Resources as follows	4,080.08
Total	\$373,440.61

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$35,000.00
Surplus Fund	21,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	19,738.29
Individual Deposits sub. to check	213,321.93
Time Certificates of deposit	49,717.88
Cashiers checks	1,673.10
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	10,000.00
Certificates of Dep. issued for money borrowed	32,000.00
Total	\$373,440.61

State of Texas, County of Taylor: We, J. S. Swann as president, and R. O. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. S. Swann, president. R. O. Anderson, cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of May A. D. 1917. C. D. Mims (SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas

Correct—Attest: J. C. Moore, John Sears, M. Armstrong } Directors



# Farmers State BANK

Merkel, Texas

Capital, Surplus and Stock-  
holders' Liabilities over  
**\$100,000.00**

Besides the large financial security offered  
for your savings, you get the benefit of the

Guaranty Fund of the State of Texas

No Depositor has Ever Lost a Dollar  
in a State Bank in Texas

Now is a good time to place your savings  
where they are secured

J. S. Swann, President R. O. Anderson, Cashier  
John Sears, V.-Pres. Sam Swann, Asst. Cash.

## FOOD SCARCITY TO CONTINUE.

By Clarence Ousely, Director.

Because of the slight recession in wheat prices (future delivery) due to the approaching harvest, and the lower range of prices for vegetables on account of the yield of spring gardens, many of our people are assuming that the food scarcity is past and that they need not economize further.

They are sadly mistaken.

The high prices of the past few months and the urgent efforts of the government the last few weeks have had their due effect; economy has been practiced to a degree, and probably our domestic supply of wheat will last until new wheat is milled if we continue to economize. But the growing crop promises 50,000,000 bushels less than the crop of 1916 which we are now eating, and 244,000,000 less than the crop of 1915. With war upon us the demand for another year will be greater than the demand of the past year. Heretofore we have been sharing our food with the allies only as far as prices tempted us to sell; now we must share with them regardless of prices, for they are our soldiers, fighting our battles.

The South can alone materially increase food and feed in 1917, because the grain belt of the United States grow grain only (as a cash crop) and has neither the available acreage nor the labor for the material increase. The South can increase, and is increasing handsomely—by reducing cotton acreage. But the South's increase, reckoned in the total supply, is necessarily small.

And if peace should come soon the food situation will be worse, because Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria would come instantly into the market to bid against us. A declaration of peace tomorrow would afford no relief, for six months would be required to demobilize the armies, and the time for planting in Europe would have passed.

We can and will maintain ourselves and feed the soldiers of the allies, but to do so will require strict economy for a long, long time.

The South's crop prospects are far from flattering. There must be saving at every table if we are to win this war without injury to the vitality of our people.

## The Standing of Contestants on May — 7 — 1917.

1	349,565
2	62,180
3	1,016,310
4	12,900
5	4,000
6	2,085
7	1,333,875
8	38,510
9	8,150
10	219,515
11	5,160
12	2,005
13	2,000
14	2,960
15	95,070
16	30,220
17	570,820
18	593,700
19	2,000
20	197,215
21	5,275
22	5,275
23	31,440

## CASTLE PEAK.

Every one of this community are enjoying good health.

We received the best rain Sunday morning we have had this spring. The past showers caused the seed to germinate and the last rain will cause most crops to come up.

J. B. Lilly and E. M. Massey made a trip to Clyde last week. They said "the crops there were not much better than here".

E. M. Massey and family spent Monday with M. H. Henslee and family.

Mrs. E. B. Barnes visited Mrs. G. A. Lilly Monday.

Miss Myrtle Shaffle of Plainview is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Willie Joe Largent.

## STATEMENT OF THE Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business Tuesday May 1, 1917

## RESOURCES

Loans	\$191,354.31
U. S. Bonds—par	10,250.00
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	1,500.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real Estate	5,900.00
CASH AND EXCHANGE	183,930.01
Total	\$396,906.82

## LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	39,482.94
Circulation	5,950.00
Rediscounts	None
Bills Payable	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
DEPOSITS	326,473.88
Total	\$396,906.82

I hereby certify that the foregoing statement is correct.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.

## LOCAL NEWS

L. H. Penny and family have moved to Merkel from Abilene. He recently moved to that city from here, but soon decided that Merkel was the best place in the world after all.

Big car of Baker Boy flour at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

V. B. Sublett, who has been connected with the Merkel Drug Company for some time as clock and watch repairer, left recently for Fort Worth, where he has accepted a position with The Motor Equipment Company. The many friends of Mr. Sublett hate to see him leave here, but wish him well in his new field of endeavor.

Mrs. S. M. Hunter, daughter of J. P. Sublett, and children left last Tuesday for Western New Mexico, where they have filed on land and will live in the future.

### Rheumatism.

If you are troubled with chronic or muscular rheumatism give Chamberlain's Liniment a trial. The relief from pain which it affords is alone worth many times its cost. Obtainable everywhere.

C. P. Coomer, of Garland, writes, enclosing a dollar for his subscription, to the Mail. "I hope I will not miss a copy, for I like to hear from old Merkel and its people. I have always thought Merkel was the Clover city of the West."

Willie Q. Brown, of Abilene, son of Q. Brown of this city, left last week for the front, where he will enter the navy department in the capacity of engineer. He visited his parents here the past week, just previous to his departure. Another son B. B., of Houston, has enlisted to take training as Second Lieutenant. He is a present at the drilling camp at Leon Springs.

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

# It's a Good Time

FOR you to get the habit of keeping a check daily on your cash. There is just one way to do it right—PAY THE SPOT CASH for what you buy and thereby gradually come to your own, men and women, is the only way. Will save you 20 to 50 per cent per year.

WE ARE FIXED FOR YOU with Quality and Price to help you get on the road to have more money and be happier. Is there reason in what we are talking about? We believe that ninety people out of a hundred will say

**YOU ARE RIGHT**

See Our Shoes and Oxfords

Ladies' and Men's Clothing and Fix-Ups

Yours for The Right

# The Brown Dry Goods Co.

Miss Hollis Cypert of Temple is visiting her parents Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert.

O. G. Ash and family moved from Merkel to Gorman, Tex., the past week.

Mrs. Q. Brown has just returned from a visit to her sister Mrs. A. J. Jones, of Alvord.

R. H. Collins who is just able to be out from several weeks confinement with a broken ankle, left this week for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. V. D. Jones and other relatives, of Bagwell, Texas. Jno. R. Collins, accompanied his father.

Mrs. Seth Ramsey, of Cottonwood spent last week in the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Rust.

A. H. Buford of the Secret Service whose home is in California, is enjoying a vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buford.

Dr. M. Armstrong, left Monday for Dallas to attend the State Medical Association. He will be back Friday.

Mr. and H. K. Sheppard and H. K. Jr. left last Tuesday for a business trip to Dallas. While there they will visit relatives and friends.

## Cash Cleans For Cash

We offer no cut rates but we give you service. Our rates are as low as the increased living cost will permit. We are here to stay. We guarantee our work and appreciate your patronage.

MRS. C. L. CASH  
Star Store Tailor Shop  
Merkel, Tex.

## A Remarkable Calf.

J. B. Lilly of Castle Peak has a brand new calf that weighs about 15 pounds. It is the smallest calf any one in the Canyon ever saw. It is spry as if it weighed many times that amount.





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"THE MOST COMFORTABLE WORK GARMENT IN THE WORLD"

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"MODERNIZATION WORKER SUIT"

**THE MODERN WORK GARMENT**

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"A Movie" at the Cozy shows you how this wonderful shoe is made. See it.

**SATURDAY SPECIALS**

- 1 No. 10 Pie Peach ..... 40c
- 1 No. 10 Logan Berries ..... 50c
- 5 One-pound packages Soda ..... 25c
- 1 One-pound 35c Coffee ..... 25c
- 4 Packages Coconut ..... 25c
- 1 3-pound can Coffee, a genuine \$1 value ..... 80c



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Brown Building, Kent Street

Phone 285

**WHY WE ARE AT WAR.**

We reproduce in part here with a recent address by Wm.H. Atwell:

In 1776 we went to war with England because she taxed with representation—in 1917 we go to war with Germany because she tarpedoes without warning.

In 1812 we went to war with England because she searched our ships and detained our citizens—in 1917 we go to war with Germany because she sinks our ships and drowns our citizens.

In 1846 we went to war with Mexico because she invaded our country—in 1917 we go to war with Germany because she both invaded and injured.

In 1861 we went to war against ourselves that there might be one nation—in 1917 we go to war with Germany because she would sow sedition and treason in that nation.

In 1898 we went to war with Spain for sinking one ship—in 1917 we go to war with Germany for sinking many ships.

In 1898 we went to war with Spain for colored people—in 1917 we go to war with Germany for outraging white people.

We do not make war on women and children—but a war for women and children. Not a war for culture but a war for Christianity. Not a war against treaties, but a war for treaties. Not a war against liberty and democracy, but a war for liberty and democracy. Not a war against the freedom of the seas, but a war for the freedom of the seas. Not a war against neutrals, but a war for the integrity of neutrality. Not a war for diplomatic intrigue, but a war against a two-faced diplomacy. Not a war for men's lands, but a war for men's rights. Not a war for the divine right of kings, but a war for the divine right of the people.

This war is necessary because the efficiency of national contract and treaty was never so seriously impaired. The security of nations, home and individual was never so disregarded. Savagery was never more cruel. Barbarism was never more ruthless. Hate was never so universal. Reason was never so besotted. Christ was never so neglected. The fellowship of man was never so scoffed at and the fatherhood or God was never so belittled.

This war is necessary because there are no paths of peace. Neutrality finds its own house ablaze, its commerce destroys, its motives misunderstood, its existence in danger and its flag insulted. Its martial airs have been drowned by the bugle's blast from across the sea.

This war is necessary to show that America rich, is as quick to resent insult and wrong as America poor. Our clothes have not changed our character. Principles alone dictates our policy, in the maintenance of which the choice of our companion or adversary is made.

When we were a war with Great Britain more than one hundred years ago France sent her LaFayette, then but nineteen years of age, with a handful of gallant fellows to help us, to be followed a few years afterward by Rochambeau with 6000 regulars, and to our tattered continental troops they were an elixir that brought us splendid victory. And now in their hour of distress affairs have been so shaped that their foe has become our foe, and we are to sail the seas from west to east that the Stars and Stripes may mingle with their tri-color, for the overthrow of the earth's most insolent empire. With the standards of these two republics shall be entwined England's lion, because that land long since bowed to the spirit of arbitration and settled with us, without bloodshed, questions the magnitude of which had often provoked nations to strife.

This war is necessary to maintain the honor of Old Glory. It droops and sickens when its sons are trampled upon by booted foot, when its women and children are put to death, when its commerce is stifled, when its efforts at relief are hated, when its fairness is questioned, and when its pleadings are denied, if it is not allowed to lead fighting troops or majestic men of war.

Old Glory is freedom's most resplendent banner! There is no such red in budding rose nor trickling blood; no such blue in woman's eye nor winter's violet; such white in driven snow nor penitential soul; and no such pagentry of beauty in all the spectrum of the sea and sky.

FEED—Some feed on hand and car coming. Hurry up boys! John S. Hughes, Blair. tic



MANY car owners are unacquainted with the details of Firestone construction, but they know the Firestone name. They are familiar with the extras of service delivered by

**Firestone Tires**

With Red Side Wall and Black Tread—the Trade-Mark of Firestone

For these or any other tire of the Most Miles per Dollar family—for Firestone Tubes, Rims and Accessories—or for expert repair service at any time—call on us.

(Name and Address of Dealer)

**G. F. West Company**

**NOODLE.**

We are sorry that the rain passed us by this week, but we are hoping that it will not do so again.

Mrs. J. F. Hill and son, Emmitt, of Hamilton, who have been visiting relatives here, left for their home last Thursday.

Mrs. T. E. Good and little daughter, Frances, left last Thursday for Oklahoma. Their Mother, Mrs. E. J. Newsom, accompanied them from Abilene.

Miss Pauline Green has been visiting friends in Merkel the past week.

A large crowd of young folks

enjoyed the fruit supper at Mr. W. J. Bicknell's Saturday evening. The most interesting features of the evening were music and supper.

Luther Richards visited his parents here, the latter part of the past week.

L. T. Good returned from Floydada last Friday morning.

Quite a number of Noodle people attended the concert at Horn school house last Friday night and enjoyed the program.

Messrs. Ed Grayson and Hubert Seago of Shilo attended the fruit supper at Mr. Bicknell's Saturday evening.

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The groceries of the country are making big money by not selling their goods—Prices seem to be on the continual advance.

We haven't heard of any wholesale chicken thieving within the past three weeks. It pays to keep a constant surveillance at certain points.

Some "fire water" was found at a local livery stable the past week. The county attorney was advised and came up to look into the matter. The investigation brought out the fact that the livery stable man was just a tender hearted, comrade of the boys and could not refuse to give his friends a drink, and it is stated that he mentioned the names of a few of his friends.

### MERKEL RAIN.

IT IS POURING DOWN RAIN IN MERKEL. AS WE GO TO PRESS, THINK IT WILL BE A TWO INCH RAIN. WE GET BY ON THIS BY BEING NEWCOMERS.

The School Board elected E.N. Brown, manager of Brown Dry Goods Company, to be member of that body, to fill term of T. A. Johnson, who resigned. Mr. Brown made the following statement:

"I don't know how to express my appreciation of the board's action. Especially from the viewpoint of being a new man to most all the citizenship of Merkel, and again the fact that I am so recent a citizen, makes it doubly difficult for me to say that I could accept so honored a place, and will have to weigh the matter seriously before deciding."

Austin, Texas, May 7, 1917.—Among the foodstuffs that Texas can supply to the soldiers of the U. S., who are being marshaled for service in the war with Germany are canned beans, peas, tomatoes and other vegetables. Attention was called to this today by Fred W. Davis, Commissioner of Agriculture, in a statement given to the press.

Mr. Davis said: "Hope that every farmer in Texas will cultivate an extra plot of ground to such vegetables as can be easily put up in cans for the market and glass jars for home use. In addition to a plentiful supply for himself and family, he can well afford to put up an equal amount for the market."

"Canned beans and peas, and dry beans and peas, as for that, form a large division of

staple food. It will be in demand by the armies of this country as well as by those of our allies.

"By the use of the many good varieties of home canning outfits and farm family can speedily put up vegetables of this nature. In fact, at the present prices, money can be made at it. "In every town the business men should see to it that their customers are supplied with plenty of seed for planting all these things and glass jars, tin cans and canning outfits for conserving same."

### In Memorium.

On Thursday, May 3, 1917, little Rebia Parlee, daughter of J. V. and R. L. Lewis, in response to the summon of her Benefactor, departed this vale or sorrow for that Realm whose abode, using a good Book for authority, is fraught with all things that commend themselves to our merits. Surely the children in Heaven rejoice in the home-coming of another jewel. Many hearts have been saddened with the bereavement which death inflicts, but every woe and sorrow, in some way, carry with them the balm of consolation—the hope that futurity, involving as it does, eternity, will draw us all together with stronger, and more tender ties than these that bind us here, then in that state, we're told that even the remembrance of our mortal grievances will be obliterated.

The obsequies were held in the White Church Cemetery, Rev. Young of Merkel, conducting. His sermon was tender, pathetic, grand and simple, evoking tears from the eyes of many.

Being an uncle of the little girl, my sympathy goes out to the bereaved father and mother. Grover Lewis.

### Every Person Has A Duty.

It may not be on the firing line.

Or waiving the cross of red, But where many of us will shine.

Is helping those millions to be fed.

It has been said, "it is not our fight."

And it wasn't, two years ago, this day and hour.

When all was a question of might.

But there is no longer a question of power.

When we think of the wives and daughters of the French.

Who have fallen into the hand of the foe.

It is time for humanity's sake to the trench.

As well as to the plow and the hoe. R. T. J.

### MERKEL WOMAN IN CAL.

Not exactly the place where Columbus first landed and beheld such strange new beauty but it's fair rival, at least to one. Sunday Morning the 22nd of April a party of Texas people left Colton, bound for Elsanore.

The party composed of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Freeman and the writer. They were joined about noon, at Lake Elsanore by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harris and son, Harold, and by the way the younger member being the most interesting of our crowd.

We drove, before reaching the Lake over some of the most beautiful bolovards in Southern California a distance of forty five miles. Enroute to our destination we passed through the City of Riverside and Perris, we did not have time going to view these lovely Cities, but that come later. We were seated under a lovely Arbor right on the bank of the Lake and before us was a dinner fit for a King's feast. The motor trip had

sharpened our appetites and to say we did justice to the feast would be putting it mildly. We visited and talked of our Merkel friends until late in the afternoon. Then we mounted our cars and turned towards Fairmont Park in Riverside, over more beautiful boulevards. Before passing, wish to say that Elsanore is a small town, noted for the curative powers of its waters, and baths, and is a pleasure resort. The lake covers about 50 acres and affords much pleasure for boating and fishing. There is a beautiful drive about 20 miles around the lake through lovely little groves of stately trees and flowers. The drive to Riverside wound through orange groves, rose gardens and every kind of flower one could think of, filling the air with fragrance. In the distance were snow-capped peaks. It fails me entirely to describe the grandeur and beauty of these mountains, making a lovely background for the flowers in full bloom in the valley below.

Well, we just talked and wished for our Merkel friends, for pleasure so sweet and things so beautiful should not be enjoyed without a thought of friends in other states.

After reaching Fairmont Park we spread our supper under trees on tables especially prepared for picnic parties. There we ate a very hearty supper (would be called dinner in Cal.). Fairmont Park is a beautiful place.

The band plays every Sunday afternoon to the appreciation of vast number of people.

I failed to learn how large the park was but it was by far the largest park I ever saw. Every kind of flower and shrub you would likely find there. Also lake for boating and fishing and a large plunge.

After very pleasant time spent amid music and flowers we noticed time had flown and the parting of Texas friends had come. The Harris family returned to their home in Corona and the Mashburns and Freemans, with their writer, returning to Colton, where I am visiting my son. Mrs. S.E. Green

### HOW TO SAVE MONEY.

Beginning May 12 and continuing until May 26 every person or family, buying dry goods to the amount of \$5.00 or up to \$20.00 at any one time will be entitled to same amount of groceries at a discount of 10 per cent on the groceries. Take advantage of this offer and save money. A. L. Jobe, Kent Street Wagon Yard.—Adv. 11t2

### T. & P. TIME TABLE.

Westbound  
NO. 5 Through Train 5:55 a.m.  
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.  
NO. 6 Through Train 10:00 p.m.  
NOS. 3 and 4 and 5 and 6 carry U. S. Mail.

### SWAT THE FLY!

One of the first guns of preparedness in the fly crusade is a swatter.  
Have you your fly swatter ready? If you haven't one get one.  
If you have one don't let that deadly fly get away!  
Smash him now!  
Swat the fly!

The Italian government is negotiating the purchase of about \$100,000,000 worth of railway supplies in this country.



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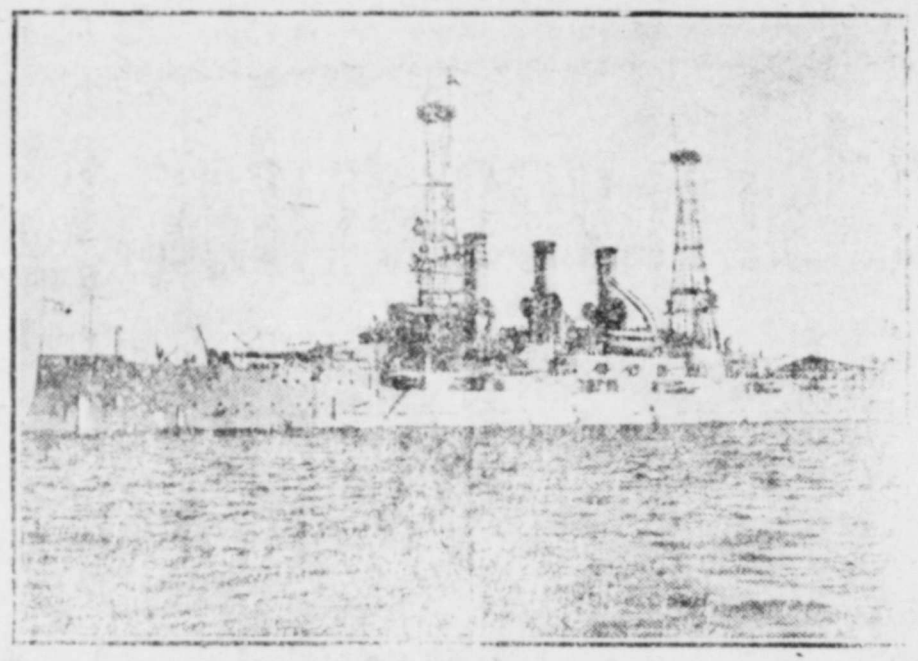
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GET AFTER THE FLIES.  
That fly on your plate didn't wipe his feet when he came in.  
The chances are his last walk was in the filth of the street or the garbage pail.  
Pleasant, isn't it?  
Then why put up with flies?  
Keep flies out of your home.  
Don't trade at stores that tolerate flies.  
Don't eat at restaurants in which there are flies.

Protect the Sleeping Baby.  
WHEN your children are out of doors and awake the fly is not so dangerous. You will very rarely see a fly on the face of a child walking or playing, but if your baby sleeps outdoors that is the danger time. He must be carefully covered with mosquito netting to protect him from the poisoned kiss.

Swat! Swat! Swat!  
When you wake up in the morning  
And a fly is buzzing near  
And you know he'll soon be horned into your defenseless ear,  
Wait awhile until you spot him,  
Till you know he's off his guard.  
Then lift up your hand and swat him—  
Swat that buzzer good and hard!

When within your office busy  
You try hard to do your work  
And a fly makes you so dizzy  
Nudge your desk you long to lurch,  
Pause until in anger you've got him,  
Steel your heart, though mercy pleads,  
Take the office clock and swat him—  
Right where Mary wore the beads!

STARVE THE FLY.  
STARVING the fly was added to the swatting of it in Paterson, N. J. The board of health set apart a day for householders to wrap up their food so that the housefly will fall of sustenance.  
It was even asked that all refuse food be well wrapped before it is put in garbage cans.  
In addition, every one of the 125,000 residents who was able to swat was asked to kill 200 flies.



Photo by American Press Association. Rear Admiral Frank F. Fletcher.



## LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Darnell of Portales, N. M., stopped over in Merkel, last Wednesday, to visit the family of H. T. Merritt. Mrs. Darnell is a cousin of Mrs. Merritt. They have just been to Stephenville and are returning to their home in their car.

Pure red top sorghum seed, free from Johnson grass, at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

J. N. Shelton is suffering from the effects of lime getting into his eyes, the pain is severe and for a time he could not see out of one of his eyes.

**Double cane chairs 65 cents for cash during May. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.**

Houston Buford, who has been away from here for the past eight years, returned last week.

He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buford and family. Four years of the time was spent in the navy, and has been in San Diego and other points in California for the rest of the time. He will remain here three or four weeks.

Favor me with your produce. I need your business. W. P. Duckett.

Reports from Temple are to the effect that Mrs. T. L. Grimes is better. Mr. Grimes and Stuart are at her bedside. Dr. and Mrs. Grimes of Sylvester returned Monday. Luther returned Saturday and Emmett came home last Sunday.

Mrs. Willie Scarborough has accepted a position as assistant matron of the Reynolds Orphanage, a Presbyterian institute, at Albany, and left, with her little son, Gordon, for that place last Wednesday morning.

Ear Buford and Geo. McMillen visited in Abilene last day on business.

Bill Brown, Roy Adams, Merle Houghs and Rodger Hamilton left Tuesday for a few days trip on the San Saba, a one hundred and fifty miles

south of here. We expect some fish stories when they return.

Don't forget that I am paying the highest prices for country produce. W. P. Duckett. tlc

Rev. L. B. Owen was called out of the city the fore part of the week.

Commissioner Lassiter is having the road from Merkel to Trent graded up preparatory to the graveling of the road, which is very badly needed. He also has a work under way graveling the road north of Trent.

Emiz Burroughs returned from Amorilla last Monday, and will remain in Merkel.

Paul Cranford or El Paso is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Crandford.

Mrs. Hawkins of Dora is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Whittaker.

### How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine.

Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts through the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions.

After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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### Bankrupt Stock Purchased.

Monnings Dry Goods Co., Fort Worth, purchased the stock of J. P. Sharp, paying \$1,800 for the accounts and goods. The fixtures went to another party at \$450. Plans for the disposal of the stock are now announced.

## United States Battleship New Jersey

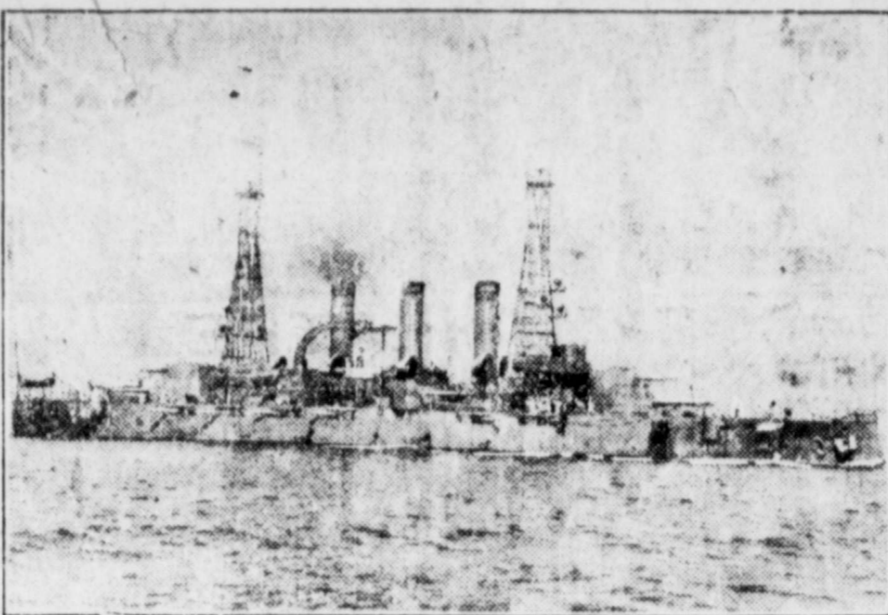


Photo by American Press Association.  
The New Jersey is of the "B" type of battleship and displaces 14,948 tons, being 411 feet long. In her main battery she carries four twelve-inch and eight eight-inch guns. Her complement is 812 officers and men.

## United States Dreadnought North Dakota

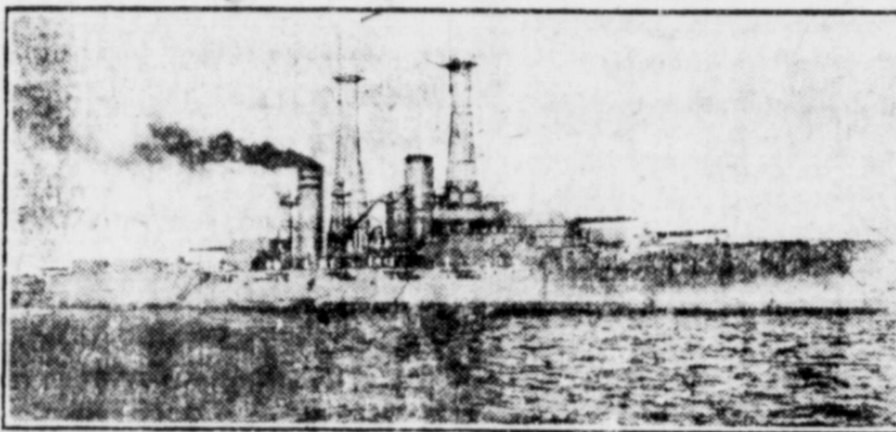


Photo by American Press Association.  
The North Dakota, 20,000 tons, is 521.5 feet long. She has ten twelve-inch guns, and her crew numbers 927 officers and men.

## United States Super-Dreadnought Florida



Photo by American Press Association.  
The Florida is a 21,225 ton battleship, 523.5 feet long. She carries twelve-inch guns and has a complement of 1,011 officers and men.

### Advertised Letters.

Farris, Mrs. Willie Ramos, Franquin Rodriguez, Guadalupe Teuario, Jesus (2)

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office May 23rd. H. G. Williams, Postmaster, Merkel, Texas.

### DOWNTRODDEN FARMERS

In our last communication we tried to depict the trials and difficulties of the man who tills the soil, and not withstanding the fact that his troubles become more serious as the days go by, it is our purpose to offer in this epistle some suggestions that perchance may tend to alleviate, at least to some extent, the evils that now beset us.

Never before in the history of mankind has the whole world been so utterly dependant on the farmer as at this unpleasant and turbulent hour, and never in the history of the world has the farmer been confronted with a more complex and difficult proposition than that with which he is now face to face.

From every source imaginable the farmer is today being urged to lend every effort to raise enormous crops of feedstuff and foodstuff and yet, while urgently contending for the same, the great Government of these United States is sitting quietly by and saying not a word while the farmer is being rendered more and more helpless and inefficient as the days go by. When in the city of Washington it was declared that a state of war existed between the United States and Germany it was also declared that this Government would permit no man or set of men to take advantage of the situation to pillage and plunder the people by charging exorbitant and unjustifiable prices for his, or their wares, if anything is to be done in this line, and if the farmer is to meet the exigencies of the hour, we very urgently insist that it is now up to Uncle Sam to get busy and stem the tide, before it is finally too late. The farmer can not accom-

plish great works on a menu consisting principally of not air, and moreover he is in no way responsible for this war, but the farmer is no slacker and if given half a chance will forego all his grievance and prove his patriotism by his works. With unremitting drouth throughout the country, with the pasture as dry as the desert of Sahara, with a scarcity of feed such as we have seldom known and with the prices of all of life's necessities soaring to the sky, it is, to say the least, hardly probable that the farmer will turn the world up side down in any mad or unwise effort to meet the requirements of war lords in this or any other country. As said above the farmer is patriotic and will do the best he can but along with patriotism he will exercise the best judgment at his command. With many of us it is not now a question of supplying the allies. For I have always contended that the farmer will at last have to work out his own salvation.

Ex president D. J. Neill of the farmers Union has lately charged that the bankers are responsible for the high cost of living, in that they bind the farmer to the all cotton idea of farming.

The writer believes that Mr. Neill is a fit subject for the exaggeration club and also that he would make good presidential timber for this order as well as for the farmers Union. The writer has never before heard of any banker trying to bind any farmer to any proposition of that kind. Usually the banker comes to the rescue of the farmer when no one else would and as far our part we have always found them to be a straightforward set of men with nothing but the best interest of the country at heart.

In addition to the above we have never felt disposed to charge the local merchant with the high cost of living. Some of them have made money but with many it has been a drag and today they are on the ragged edge.

The truth of the whole matter is there is a conglomeration of money grabbers among the higher ups who have conspired to fleece the people while the people should organize and enlist in a campaign to burst to smithereens this high cost of

living and like the good sister in New York, stay with em till the cows comes home. The writer is exceedingly fond of big fat biscuits but he is also fond of big bright dollars, about as much so as the fellow who corners the wheat market with the results the people pay seven dollars for flour per hundred. As a remedy to regulate this part of the trouble we recommend the Nye system of living and to show good faith will put this in practice if other folks will do the same.

Bill Nye said in some of his writings that his father was a well to-do man and one of the best livers in the country. Nye said as far back as childhood he could not recall a time when they failed to have buiscuit for breakfast on xmas morning.

We somehow have a kindly feeling for the boys at home who are trying to make a living and are not in favor of boycotting their business but as a war measure we recommend buiscuit W. H. Clark.

### LATE WAR NEWS

#### Rush \$1,000,000,000 For Fleet.

The President conferred with several senators on the appropriation committee. Before going to the White House, the committee discussed putting the new appropriation on the \$2,800,000,000 army and navy deficiency bill, which has already been passed by the House.

Press reports from Petrograd state that Russian troops on the Roumanian front have broken through the Teutonic positions and are advancing toward Jena-we.

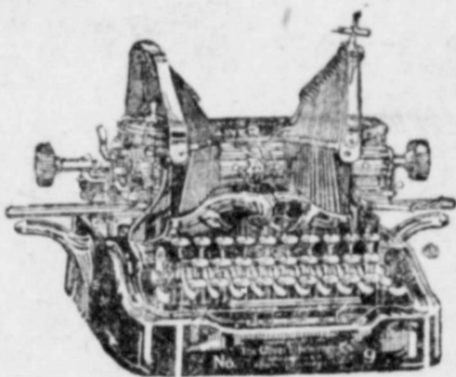
Germany is preparing to ask for a new war loan. It has been estimated that Germany's previous loans amounted to about 11,225,000,000 marks.

The French are making great headway in the Craonne district, having captured the first line of about three-quarters of a mile.

Reports from Washington under date of May 9 is to the effect that President Wilson began work to secure the 1,000,000,000 appropriation for merchant ships which are to be used in suppressing the submarine menace.

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This brilliant new Oliver comes at the old-time price. It costs no more than lesser makes—now out of date when compared with this discovery.

For while the Oliver's splendid new features are costly—we have equalized the added expense to us by simplifying construction.

Resolve right now to see this great achievement before you spend a dollar for any typewriter. If you are using some other make you will want to see how much more this one does.

If you are using an Oliver, it naturally follows that you want the finest model.

**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—visible writing, automatic spacer, 6½-ounce touch—plus the Optional Duplex Shift, Selective Color Attachment and all these other new-day features.

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## The Oliver Typewriter Company

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Miss Evelyn Williams, Editor

The xth Century Culb, held its meeting last Thursday afternoon with Miss Evelyn Williams.

At this time the regular course of study was finished. And the last meeting which is business and social will be held May seventeenth with Mrs. W. B. Fosetr.

Visitors for the afternoon were Mesdames Rosa Smith and H. C. Williams, Misses Hattie May Smith and Sophia Howard.

**Caldwell-Steed Wedding**

Married in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Pate at seven o'clock Sunday evening, Thomas J. Caldwell formerly of Missouri but now of Baird, Texas and Miss Mabel Aunie Steed of Houston Texas.

The ceremony, which was performed by Rev. A. A. Baker, was witnessed by relatives and a few close friends among whom was the mother of the bride a former resident of Merkel, whose friends were delighted to see her again.

Immediately after the ceremony the wedding party and guests were ushered into the dining room where a delicious and bountiful supper was enjoyed by all.

The future home of Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell will be in Baird Texas.

The friends of the bride here extend wishes for happiness.

**Moore-Hutson Marriage**

Mr. Noel Moore and Miss Effie Hutson both of Merkel were married at the Methodist parsonage last Tuesday evening, the ceremony being performed by Rev. L. A. Humphries.

The close friends and relatives of these young folks had been informed of their plans but the marriage was witnessed only by the minister and family.

The bride is the only daughter of J. S. Hutson and has lived all her life in Merkel, where she enjoys the love and admiration of many friends.

Mr. Moore who is considered one of Merkel's own boys is an honorable and upright young man and is thought highly of by all who know him.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore will begin housekeeping at once in a cottage on East Elm Street.

**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.

**Romeo and Juliet**

At the Cozy next Monday and Tuesday will be shown Shakespeare's masterpiece, Romeo and Juliet. Lovers of Shakespeare will hardly miss the opportunity of being present. This is an epoch making screen production. Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne play the leading rolls. In preparing the play no detail was overlooked. Each member of the troupe was compelled to learn the words and act the parts before the camera, in order that fidelity to the greatest Dramatic Poet of all the ages could be carried to the last degree. Full advantage has been taken of the fact that Romeo and Juliet belonged to noble and wealthy families, in the magnificent furnishings of the Households, which has been impossible on which has been impossible on the dramatic stage. This, together with the pomp and ceremony of Shakespeare's work should make this an offering long to be remembered.

**The Photo Play**

Four Worth is to be the Home of the Crusader film Co., for the making of motion pictures centering about the Prohibition Issue, these films will be supplied to Y.M.C. Churches and other Religious and Educational organizations, as well as Theatres.

Mary Pickford is back in the Paramount "fold."

Geo. Ferguson has submitted

**Saved Girl's Life**

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford'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 Thedford'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, Thedford'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.

to the Legislature, a bill permitting cities of over Five thousand to regulate their Sunday amusements ect.

One wanders how the German manage for amusements now, since ninety per cent of the motion picture and equipments used in the Teutonic countries are of American make.

Nell Craig, an Essanay Star recently gave a benefit performance for the Chicago Red Cross, which netted nearly \$8000.

Ft Worth Theaters are closed are now closed on Sunday, nothing but baseball and skating Rinks in the way of Sunday amusements.

The Indiana Exhibitors' League tendered the Governor the use of their screens for the advancement of the patriotism act.

Few of the friends of Mitchell Lewis started in the "Barrier" are aware that he was on the Wasp during the Spanish war; also on the flagship New York.

J. P. McGowan (better known as "Spike"), director of signal films, has enrolled in the U.S.

aviation squad held in reserve in Los Angeles.

William M. Selig celebrated his 21st anniversary in motion pictures April Ninth, Mr. Selig made the Serial, and was the first film wild aninals in the making of Comedies and Dramas.

"Skimmers Dress Suit" of "Saturday evening past" fame is accorded a like popularity in the films.

The French Government has appointed one of its incapacitated soldiers as its agent for official French film pictures, in the United States, the latter are mainly Distributions among News papers and magazines, and will include such subjects as French industries during the war, photographs, paintings and sketches made by soldiers at the front and in the hospitals.

Guy McConnell, the well known author and magazine writer is to write the stories to be filmed and released on behalf of the International Child Welfare League.

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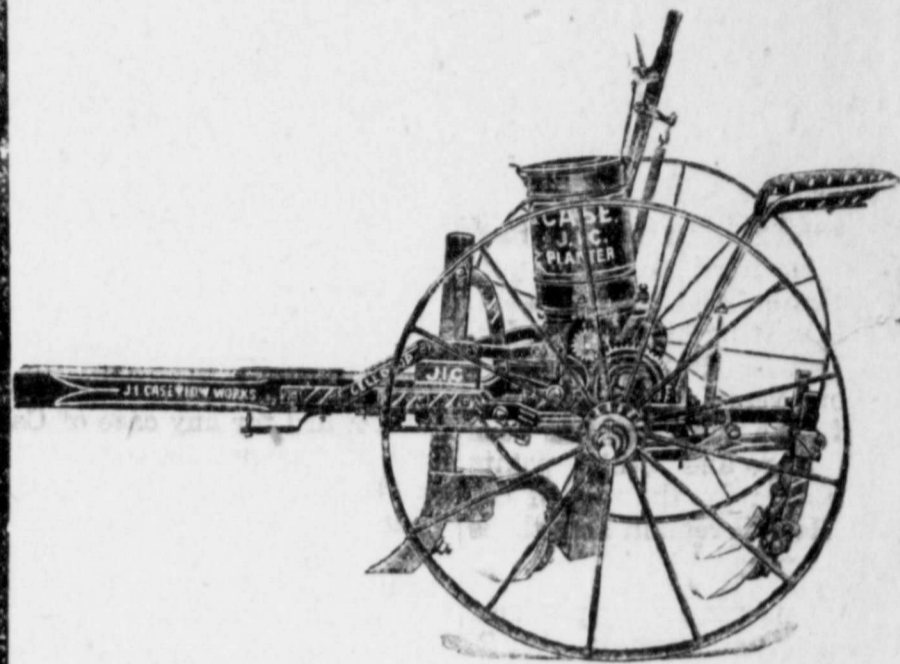
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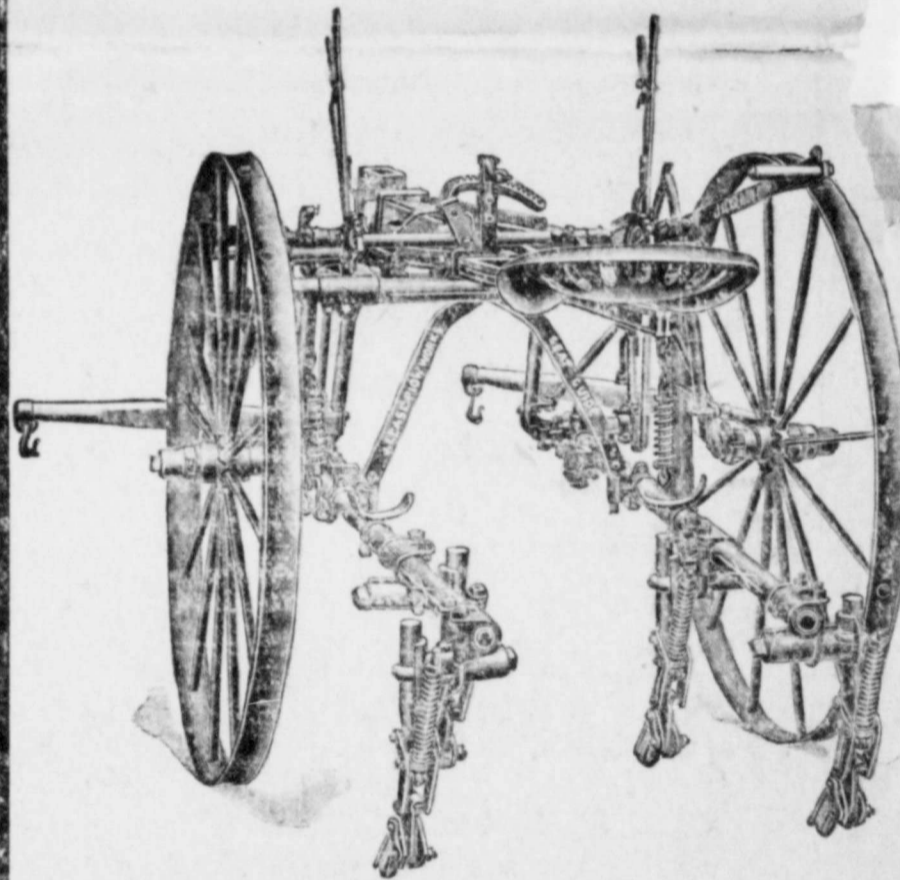
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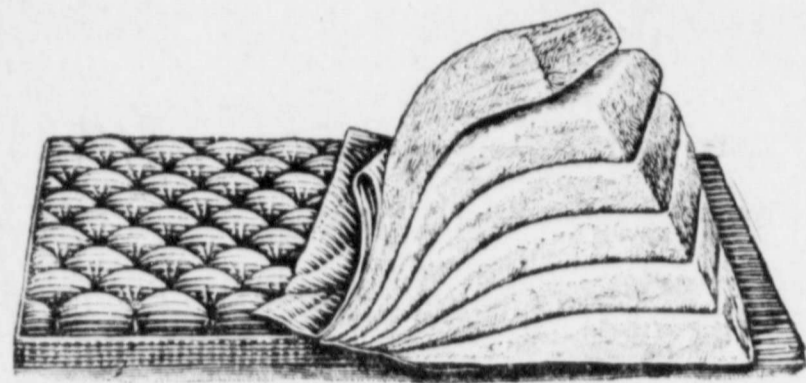
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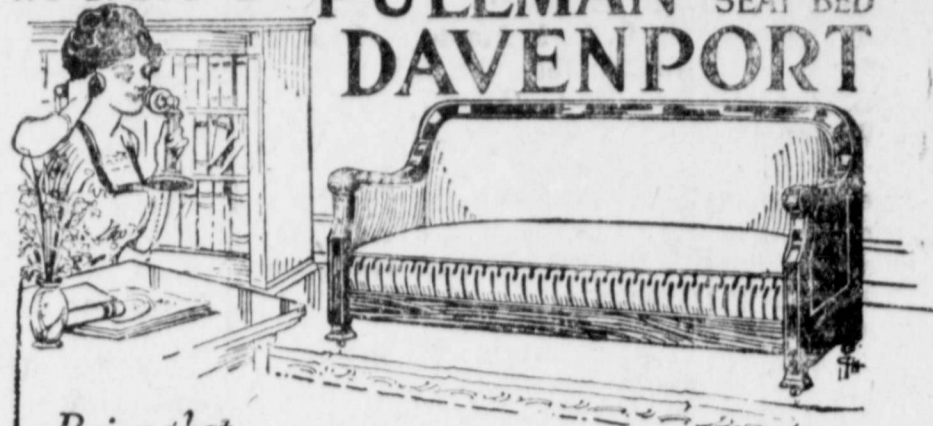
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**RECRUITING SUSPENDED  
IN TEXAS NEW MEXICO  
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The response to the appeal of the Government for civilians to join the training camp to be opened on May 15th, for the training of the "First Ten Thousand" officers, has been so unexpectedly large that the maximum of 2500 allotted to each of the camps pertaining to the States of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, has already been reached, and Major General John Pershing has been obliged to order all recruiting offices to suspend their activities in these states.

The new Southeastern Department, with headquarters at Charleston, S. C., under the command of Major General Leonard Wood, was established on May 1st, and the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, heretofore part of the Southern Department have joined the new Department, and so camp at Fort Logan H. Roots, which pertain to these two State and to Mississippi, passes from the jurisdiction of the Southern Department to that of the new Southeastern Department. The total enrolment for this camp now amount to 1,268, and recruiting will be continued until the remaining 1,232 have been accepted, when all work along these lines will be suspended until such time as the war Department may indicate a future camp to be established.

The recruiting officers of the Southern Department will continue their work with reference to the Fort Logan H. Roots camp until its quota is obtained.

**INTEREST IN THE ABILENE  
CHAUTAUQUA**

Much interest is being shown concerning the chautauqua to be given in Abilene this season. The date has been set for May 30, 31 and June 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Among the greatest of the attractions this season will be the complete representation of the

opera "Pinafore" by nearly 40 people, with orchestra, scenery of elaborate nature, a chorus and principals of unquestioned ability including "Little Women" that wholesome drama, embodying plenty of humor, pathos and patriotism, will be produced by 14 people.

The lecturers include such well known men as Wm. J. Bryan, Governor Patterson, Alexander Irvine, Lou Beacham, "The Humorous Philosopher"; Thomas Brooks Fletcher, William Rainey Bennett.

Music plays a prominent part in the program and the 1917 attractions are distinctly superior. They include W. S. Ellis and his Hawaiian Singers; the Althea Players, six girls presenting a novelty in violin sextettes, and giving a brilliant vocal and instrumental program; the Keller-Wille company, two young Kansas men who have captured the largest cities of the world with their music on the piano and violin; and novel musical entertainment by Ruby Norman and "Peggy" Hill.

Ducrot the magician will give the children an evening of fun with his magic, mystery and unique entertainment. Ada Roach is the "Sunshine Girl" and will give her audience laugh after laugh. Jane Dillon is an interpreter of the masterpieces of literature and an entertainer of renown. The Metropolitan Men Singers are a quartet of fine big men with fine, big voices. Their program is particularly pleasing.

Patriotism, happiness and progress are to be the watch words on the Horner chautauquas and nothing has been left undone to make the program so big and brilliant that it will be acknowledged by all to be the banner chautauqua of history.

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**FRENCH PASTURE.**

May 8—No rain yet, only showers and good indications.

The development of this pasture in the last eighteen months has been real and rapid.

There is in the north half of the French Pasture 29 80-acre blocks and most of these blocks are in fine farms. Those who have known this land in the past as a pasture and haven't seen it in a year, would have to hunt to find the old pasture, because, on every hand they would be confronted with barb wire fences, good homes, windmills, wells and nice level fields of soil in fine state of cultivation. At this time nearly all the land is seeded with some kind of crop planted dry, and with a reasonable amount of moisture crops of great value will be harvested. M. G. King, J. B. Boyett and A. W. Ely each have 100 acres in cotton and from 20 to 60 acres in feed crop. Mr. Ely is not on this pasture but his farm joins it. H. G. Fisher, on the Tucker place, will also have a large crop. Mr. Netherland, on the Millsap farm, planted late but will get about 65 acres broke.

Mr. Haynes has accepted a position as manager of the orphans home in the Holiness revesation at Penial, near Greenville. We regret very much to lose him from our midst. Mr. Haynes is a man with an estimable family. Though a young man he has

traveled quite extensively in South America and along the Pacific Coast in California, and other points, we predict for him success in his new field of labor.

Miss Odessa Jones gave a birthday party last Saturday night and also a dinner Sunday. She was fourteen years old last Friday. All report a good time at the occasion and a beautiful repast Sunday.

Mr. Russe has finished breaking sod on the Haynes farm.

The farmers are getting lots of free advice about what to plant, through the papers.

We notice also where Congress wanted to hang the spectators in food to the lamp post and spend \$25,000 to send somebody around the U.S. to make the ladies quit putting biscuit in the shop tub.

**HIKE TO TRENT.**

One of our home guard squads, took a hike to Trent last Monday night. It took about one hour and a half to reach Trent, and about one hour and fifteen minutes to return. They reached home in the mid night hours. While there the boys attended the graduation exercises of the Trent High School.

They enjoyed the trip greatly. The members of the squad are: Delmer Compton, Capt., Dayal Garrett, Aral Sharp, Willis Wooling, Tom Alday, Frank Counts, Tom Blair and Harry Merritt.

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**DON'T WANT BUILDING**

Big Springs, Texas, April 27—The Chamber of Commerce of this city sent the following telegram to Congressman Blanton in regard to his bill on appropriations.

"Congressman T. L. Blanton, Washington, D. C. We are surprised to learn from the press reports that you have introduced a bill for appropriating money for federal buildings and have included Big Springs in same. We know that this country is at war and therefore desire that for patriotic reasons you withdraw from your bill the appropriation for Big Springs at this time."

To Hon. Morris Shepperd, the following was sent also by the Chamber of Commerce:

"Hon. Morris Shepperd, Washington, D. C. We note that Congressman Blanton has introduced a bill for a Federal building at Big Springs. As this country is at war we do not wish to be considered for a federal building at this time."

Both were signed by A. C. Murr, President of the Chamber of Commerce.

Unique in the annals of history, we witness a form of patriotism on the part of a neighborly city. It is not ours to sound the motives of such benevolence, but we dare say that such attitude did not bear the approval of the majority of the citizens of that place. Such patriotism would in time bury a city with the dead past, a forgotten dunghill, a reminder of a glory that was and is not. If the motive was politics, then there is no limit to the audacity of the game. It might not be so shameful, had those back of the movement not seen fit to guise it under the garb of patriotism. It is not enough to make the true patriots of the country ashamed or some of their countrymen. No one believes that the motive was patriotism; we rather suspect it was notoriety, and with a strong odor. We dare say right now that many of the leading citizens of Big Springs would indeed rejoice to see in the next few years a splendid post office building gracing a prominent thoroughfare.

**Advertising Saved Him**

And now advertising has saved a man from the gallows! He was arrested in Chicago, and the police forged a chain of circumstantial evidence against him that seemed to seal his doom. His lawyers put an advertisement in the Chicago News, appealing to unknown witnesses to come forward and supply the necessary evidence to break the hypothetical police chain. These witnesses were scattered here and there, being guests at the Y. M. C. A. on the night of the murder, when the accused man claimed to have also been a guest. The add produced this scattered evidence, and the man was set free. Thus is the far-reaching power of newspaper advertising strikingly exemplified. We are just beginning to see what this form of advertising really is. Out of this mist and fog and dust of the theorist we are emerging into the light. When you want to attain a desired result or secure a needed thing, advertise! Even liberty comes when beconed with printers' ink!—Exchange.

**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 today had I not tried Chamberlain's Tablets. The tablets relieved the ill feeling at once, strengthened the digestive functions, purified 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.

**CHURCH NEWS**

**METHODIST CHURCH**

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Seih Hamilton Fin. Sec'y  
Dr. O. F. McMaster Supt.S.S.  
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Mrs. Joe L. Harris  
Pr. Ladies Home Mis. Society  
Preaching every Sunday, 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.  
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. . .  
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday Evening.

**BAPTIST CHURCH**

Rev. L. B. Owen Pastor  
Dr. J. T. Pue Supt. S. S.  
Mrs. J. S. Swann Pr. Ladies and  
Mrs. Chas. West Sec. Ladies Aid  
Preaching every Sunday, 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.  
Sunday School, 10 a. m.  
Prayer Service, Wednesday evening.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Rev. W. G. Cypert Minister  
H. Turner Leader S. S.  
Preaching every third Sunday,  
11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.  
Sunday School every Sunday,  
10 a. m.  
Communion Service at 11:00.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Rev. H. E. Bullock Pastor  
R. L. Bland Clerk of Session  
H. C. West Supt. of S. S.  
Mrs. E. P. McMillen Sec.S.S.  
Henry Rose Dir. of Choir  
Mrs. J. S. Saddler Pres. Ladies  
Aid and Missionary Society  
Mrs. R. L. Bland Sec.L.A.M.S.  
E. P. McMillan Supt. Gym.  
Boys Department  
Mrs. E. P. McMillen Supt.  
Girls Department  
Preaching 11 a.m.—7:30 p.m.  
Sunday School at 10 a.m.  
Prayer Meet. Wed. 8:30 p. m.  
Choir Practice Fri. 8:30 p. m.  
Girls Gym. Tues. 8:30 p. m.  
Boys Gym. Fri. 8:30 p. m.

**Sunday School Attendance.**

Disagreeable weather got the best of the faint hearted last Sunday and cut down the attendance. It is a remarkable condition to see women and children brave the weather on such days, while strong men and boys are so afraid of catching a little cold or getting their feet damp that they can't afford to venture out. The record last Sunday was as follows:

Christian	40	3.95
Baptist	28	1.80
Methodist	31	.90
Presbyterian	No School	

We would be glad to report the attendance and collection of every Sunday School in the Great Merkel Country, if the secretaries will just furnish us with the data.

Sunday, May 20th will be "Old Folks" day at the Methodist Church. Program will be announced next week.

Every one is invited from one to one hundred years. All over one hundred will be given a special welcome.

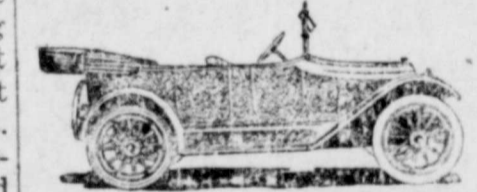
L. A. Humphrey's Pastor.

**Home Women May Help Conserve Food**

Miss Mary Gearing, head of the department of Home Economics of the University of Texas, has been named as Publicity Chairman of the U.S. Army Food Service. In this connection she has addressed an appeal to the women of the state to help in the production and conservation of food.

- To eliminate all waste from the household by using the most abundant food stuffs as far as possible, by preparing only such quantities of food as may be necessary for consumption, and by serving simple refreshments at all entertainments.
- To begin the serving of war portions at all meals, serving no more upon a plate than will be eaten.
- To make or purchase war bread, which has other cereals or foodstuffs substituted as far as feasible for wheat flour.
- To reduce the amount of fresh meat consumed in the home at least one-third, and not to purchase or use veal in any form, as the slaughter of the immature animals will further reduce the beef supply.
- To purchase food in large quantities with a view of holding them for future anticipation of scarcity or high prices, as such hoarding will reduce the available food supply, and make prices highest for those who can least afford to pay them.
- To urge national prohibition of the manufacture of alcoholic liquors during war, in order that the 600,000,000 bushels or grain used annually for the purpose may be available for food.
- To further the conservation of all perishable food products, 1, by home preservation, 2, co-operation with qualified agencies working in the field for this purpose.

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More power in proportion to weight; more miles on gasoline, oil and tires; fewer parts to get out of order. A complete little Automobile—no extras to buy. The price is \$605 delivered.

**B. W. M. W. Program.**

Sunday night, May 13, 1917.  
Opening  
Song by choir—A Volunteer.  
Scripture reading—Mrs. J. S. Swann.  
Prayer by—Mrs. Hann.  
Song by choir—Reapers are Needed.  
Greetings—Mrs. H.T. Merritt.  
A Call for Recruits—Mrs. W. Jackson.  
Work Among Mexicans in Texas—Mrs. Brittain.  
Test of Stewardship—Mrs. Ensminger.  
Solo—Mrs. Lyton Howard.  
A Story: When Foreign Missions Became Home Missions—Mrs. C. E. Whitaker.  
Song by choir—Help Somebody Today.  
Prayer—L. B. Owen.

**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 afford. Obtainable everywhere.

**Business Change**

M. Pee purchased the interest of J. H. Barnett in The Central Garage on Kent St. He and his brother-in-law, M. A. Dunn, will continue the operation of the garage. The name will be changed to The Ford Garage. Only Ford cars will be handled.

**"Chamberlain's Tablets. Have Done Wonders for Me."**

"I have been a sufferer from stomach trouble for a number of years, and although I have used a great number of remedies recommended for this complaint, Chamberlain's Tablets is the first medicine that has given me a positive and lasting relief," writes Mrs. Anna Kadin, Spencerport, N. Y. "Chamberlain's Tablets have done wonders for me I value them very highly." Obtainable everywhere.

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If they do, here is a timely opportunity to supply them with stylish new dresses at prices less than cost of materials.

- Dainty white dresses, sizes 2 to 14 ..... 95c to \$2.95
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**EXTRA SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY ONLY**

- \$1.25 and \$1.50 organdie and voile waists at ..... 98c
- Big reduction in all trimmed hats

**GIFTS FOR THE GRADUATES**

- Silk hose in black, white and colors ..... 50c to \$1.75
- Crepe de chine and linen handkerchiefs, white and colored borders; also blue bird designs ..... 15c and 25c
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- Hand embroidered camisoles; also lace and silk combinations, our price ..... \$1.00 to \$1.95
- Silk middy blouses ..... 98c
- Georgette crepe waists in maize, flesh and white, trimmed with shadow embroidery and beaded effects ..... \$5.00 and \$6.00

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Something new is an experiment. Must be proven to be as represented. The statement of a manufacturer is not convincing proof or merit. But the endorsement of friends is. Now supposing you had a bad back, a lame, weak, or aching one, would you experiment on it? You will read of many so-called cures, endorsed by strangers from faraway place. Its different when the endorsement comes from home.

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Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy get Doane's Kidney Pills—the same that cured Mr. King. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. adv1.

**Fire Boys At State Convention**

The following Merkel fire boys are attending the State Firemen's convention at San Angelo this week:

C. K. Russell, A. V. Dye, Owen Ellis, Harvy Ware, Roscoe Sharp and Willie Nelson. The convention extended through Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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