

## GREAT TURMOIL IN RUSSIA

Washington, July 9.—Ambassador Francis at Vologda, in a message dated July 7, bringing the first word received from him by the state department since June 24th, has confirmed the report of the assassination of Count von Mirbach, the German ambassador at Moscow.

The killing occurred at 3 p.m. July 6, and latest reports reaching the ambassador said fighting was progressing in the very streets of Moscow. Wireless messages to the soviet government told of the capture of several prominent Bolshevik officials by the revolutionists and of the arrest of revolutionary leaders by the Bolshevik forces.

The message of both Ambassador Francis and the Associated Press correspondent were sent to the American consul at Archangel and there relayed. They brought relief to officials who had feared the Germans had succeeded completely in cutting off the ambassador's communication with the outside world.

## BAYLOR MILITARY WORK

### Details of Proposed New Department and Training Camp Privileges Given Out.

President Brooks announced yesterday that he had received a telegram from the war department which practically assured military training in Baylor University next fall. In compliance with the suggestions of the telegrams, President Brooks wired for 450 Russian rifles and other supplies, which will be obtained from the government.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, President Brooks met a large number of students who expect to be in Baylor next year to consult about attending a training school at Fort Sheridan, Ill. To this training camp 18 Baylor boys are eligible and from the demonstration made it seems that far more than eighteen applications will be made in which case the eighteen best equipped for the work will be sent.

The training school begins on July 18, and continues until Sept. 17. Each school which expects to introduce military training into its curriculum is allowed by the government to send one man for every twenty-five men in attendance last year, which will give Baylor a quota of eighteen students.

Baylor is also entitled to send two professors or instructors. All these men will be temporarily enrolled into government service and will receive pay at \$30.00 per month and railroad fare to and from Waco, and of course rations and clothing. No commissions will be granted, but certificates will be issued and these men who have trained will be expected to assist the military authorities here next fall. No student under eighteen will be accepted for this training.

The utmost enthusiasm prevailed among Baylor boys when the matter was discussed. At present there are very few men in Baylor University in the draft age and this arrangement will allow the young men between 18 and 20 to get in the harness preparatory for the great struggle when it comes their time to join.

—Taken from Waco Morning News, July 3, 1918.

## A NICE SHOWER

A nice shower fell Wednesday night, according to the Stalling gauge, amounting to one-third of an inch. We have been having some oppressively hot days and crops were suffering greatly. The rain will help some, but we need more. Indications are good for a downpour, and if it comes, we may expect this great Merkel country to make more than can be gathered. Cotton is still holding its own where it has been given the proper attention. The young feed is all right, but the older feed has suffered somewhat.

Reports from Trent and other nearby sections indicate a heavy rain.

## TO THE PUBLIC

I take this method of informing the public that I have recently purchased the Dr. McMaster, home and office, and am taking charge of same today. Those in need of dental service will find me in the McMaster office.

Very Truly,  
F. N. Reynolds, D.D.S.

## TO THE VOTERS

Dear Voters:

In my race for commissioner of this precinct I want to appeal to you for your help as a young man who is running on his merit. I want you to consider me as you would want your own son considered. I have not thought it advisable to wait until age had told on me before offering myself as a candidate to the people, for truly I can not see any merit in age alone. Neither do I believe you see any, especially if your own son was asking for honors at the hands of the people. I believe I can serve you well in this respect and hope you will give me a chance.

I have grown up among you. I have tried to deal justly with my neighbors at all times. I have tried to be a citizen worth while to his community, and if, at my age, I am qualified to serve equally well or better than some older man, then wouldn't it stand to reason that with the experience of years you would help me to become a still better citizen, and more capable of helping you.

All I ask is a chance, a chance to serve you, and you by your vote and influence can give me that chance. The time of election is fast approaching. Think the matter over now, and I believe you will give my candidacy due consideration, and frankly I look upon the outcome with an optimistic mind.

SAM BUTMAN JR., Candidate for Commissioner of Precinct No. 2.

## And You are only asked to save and not waste food



## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

- REWARD**—Will give \$5 for return or information leading to return of year old black horse mule. R. L. Bland.
- LOST**—On the streets of Merkel a Chevrolet crank. Finder please leave with George Woodrum. 12t1p.
- FOR SERVICE**—Thoroughbred Poland China male. H. D. Simpson, Rural Route, Trent, Tex.
- SEWING**—Let me do your sewing. Phone 156. Mrs. J. W. Hill. 5t2c.
- WANTED**—All of your burlap sacks. Top prices paid. Let me repair your Sewing Machine for you. J. T. Darsey. 5t2p.
- FOR SALE**—Typewriter ribbons at the Merkel Mail office.
- LOST**—Gold Service Pin with Engineer's Insignia attached. Finder please return to Merkel Mail or Miss Lula Sharp and get reward.
- FOR SALE OR TRADE**—4 young horses. H. D. Simpson, R. R. Trent, Texas. 11t2p.
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- ON ACCOUNT OF UN-AVOIDABLE DELAY IN GETTING OUR ELECTRIC ACCOUNTS OUT. WE WILL COLLECT AT SANDERS DRUG STORE UNTIL AND INCLUDING SATURDAY, JULY 13TH. MERKEL POWER COMPANY**

NO 7481

Report of the Condition of

## THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

AT MERKEL

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on June 29, 1918

### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts (except those shown on b and c)	\$206,410.21
Overdrafts, secured, (None; Unsecured)	None
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds and certificates of indebtedness pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value)	5,000.00
U. S. Bonds & cert. of indebtedness owned & unpledged	5,000.00—16,250.00
Payments actually made on Liberty 4 1/2 per cent Bonds (3rd Lib. Loan)	2,100.00
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	3,132.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	15,702.64
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	57,989.41
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 17)	135.41
Total of Items 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18	\$58,124.82
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	651.27
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
War Saving Certificates and Thrift Stamps actually owned	441.86
Total	\$308,225.30

### LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits	10,857.63
Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
Net amounts due to National banks	654.94
Net amounts due to banks, bankers, and trust companies (other than included in Items 31 or 32)	7,243.75
Total of Items 32 and 33	\$7,898.69
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	201,017.45
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	3,842.30
Cashiers checks outstanding	4,850.00
Dividends unpaid	2,500.00
Total demand deposits subject to Reserve, Items 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41	\$212,209.75
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	16,733.00
Postal savings deposits	4,276.23
Total of time dep. subject to Reserve, Items 42, 43, 44, 45	\$21,009.23
Total	\$308,225.30

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 5th day of July 1918.

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

## NO INTERVENTION IN RUSSIA

Washington, July 10. The government regards the situation in Russia as so constantly changing that it is impossible for the Americans to decide on any course of giving military aid.

All plans involving giving Russia military aid would mean a weakening of the western front. This the United States has decided not to do. The question of extending economic aid is going forward favorably, says the announcement.

## Hun Leader Tabood.

Rome, July 10.—Austria declined to accept the German General von Buelow as commander in chief on the Italian front because Germany refused to send ten German divisions with him says the newspaper Epoca.

Austria, it is said, has temporarily given up the idea of revenging herself for the recent Italian successes.

## JULY 12 LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION

Austin, July 9.—Replying to T. J. Newton, county attorney of Bexar county, with reference to his contention that July 11 should be the last day on which women could register under the law, Attorney General Looney today cites court decision that "the day of doing an act may be included or excluded in computing time, so as to operate most favorably to the party entitled to the favor."

Looney then concludes that permitting women to register on July 12 would be of benefit to the women and holds that registration on that day does not conflict with the section of the law which says the women shall register "not less than fifteen days before the date of the primary election."

Women who become 21 between July 12 and 27 can vote.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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For Precinct offices	6.00
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For County Clerk:  
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W. W. Wheeler.

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Jones County Candidates

For Public Weigher at Merkel:  
County Clerk.

For Public Weigher at Merkel:  
T. L. Lollar

For Public Weigher at Merkel:  
For Sheriff:

For Public Weigher at Merkel:  
T. P. (Tom) Hudson

For Public Weigher at Merkel:  
For Tax Collector:

For Public Weigher at Merkel:  
W. C. Cutrell.

## DELIGHTFUL PICNIC JULY 4TH

The earnest and anxious efforts of Sam Butman, Sr., and E. H. Cordill, were amply rewarded on the glorious Fourth, when from all over the country the people flocked to the picnic at Butman. Not an incident to mar the pleasure of the day was reported from any source, and every one seemed to enjoy the occasion immensely. The grounds had been prepared elegantly for the occasion. The cedar arbor, the stands and the natural shade afforded grounds attractive for the gathering. And the program was not overlooked.

Judges Keeble and Cunningham made patriotic addresses in the forenoon on the W. S. S. Liberty Loan and Red Cross. They deeply stirred the patriotism of their hearers and the addresses were thoroughly enjoyed throughout.

Vehicles of every nature were there, it seemed, from everywhere. Dinner time arrived, and such a spread as to defy wartime in ample abundance appeased the appetites, long trained to Hoover's diet. No one went away hungry. There was enough and more. Those who attended are already counting the months and days until another glorious Fourth will come around in its time. Possibly some of us will not get another real square meal until that date.

The politicians were all there. We never missed a one. They all wore a smile and extended the glad hand, and one would think that they were all new converts into the kingdom of our Lord. It was pleasant to be among them, and as we talked with them the only sorrow that flooded our hearts was that it was a physical and a moral impossibility to vote for the last one of them. Never before have we realized what a painful operation it will be to have to scratch some of the names that appear on the ballot. We had almost rather run away than to have to do it, but our duty is plain and we will try to muster up courage for the ordeal.

The candidates were booked to speak, and we think they were all anxious to do so, but after they had eaten, if they ever got through, they could scarcely speak above a whisper and they begged off.

Speaks in Behalf of Hobby.  
Judge Taylor of Henrietta was introduced by Judge Overshiner, who was chairman of the

No. 354

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of  
**First State Bank, Trent, Texas**  
at the close of business on the 29th day of June, 1918, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 12th day of July, 1918.

### RESOURCES

Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$61,257.39
Loans, real estate	3,000.00
Overdrafts	15.05
Furniture and fixtures	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	13,516.80
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to ck., net	7,429.28
Cash items	73.97
Currency	4,832.00
Specie	579.90
Int. and Assessment Depts' Gty. Fund	1,112.61
Other Resources as follows:	
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	5,000.00
War Savings Stamps	200.16
Cotton Bills of Exchange	1,000.00
Total	\$99,751.85

### LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, net	13,749.25
Individual Deposits Sub. to Check	65,933.68
Cashiers checks	88.42
Total	\$99,751.85

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 8th day of July A. D. 1918.

(SEAL) Thos. Johnson  
Notary Public Taylor County, Texas.

Correct—Attest: G. F. West H. B. Johnson {Directors  
L. E. Adrian



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mission then the called session and the \$200,000 expense might have been avoided. He asked his audience if any one present who had boys in the camps were opposed to the vice laws, the laws that helped to keep the boys clean, healthy and pure. He said that Ferguson stated in a recent speech that it was a shame to take whiskey away from the cautions so the boys couldn't get a drink to drown their loneliness from being away from their families and friends. He said my opponent will tell you that Hobby is just trying to get the votes of the women in the primary and that he is opposed to woman suffrage, that he did not give full suffrage and they are trying to presume upon your ignorance by bringing prejudice to bear, but, he said, the good women of this country will not be gulled in any such a way. The speaker who will follow me knows and you know that the legislature gave to women all the suffrage that was in their power to give. Full suffrage will have to be submitted to the voters of this state. No legislature could give full suffrage. Furthermore, Hobby has promised, if elected, to recommend calling an election to vote on full suffrage. He says my opponent will tell you that the breweries are supporting Hobby, that he is the biggest anti of the two, but ladies and gentlemen, Ferguson had three years and yet failed utterly to do what Hobby has done in only a few short months. Ferguson used to tell the people that Hobby didn't know much; that the Lord had not been very generous to him, but he never tells that any more. Hobby replies that maybe the Lord had not done much for him, but thank God, he had done enough for him to make him know the difference between his money and the money that belongs to the State. He said he would defy his opponent to say that Ferguson approved the loyalty act. He said if he would honestly say that Ferguson was in favor of that act, he (Taylor) would not

make another speech for Hobby, and would agree to support Ferguson. He said Ferguson would not approve it, yet the Federal administration had approved it, in fact had complimented it as one of the most forward pieces of legislation passed by any State in the Union, and should be used as a pattern by other states. He, Ferguson, knew that if he approved this law he would lose the support of all German sympathizers and disloyal citizens throughout the State. He said nearly all the foreign German population, the socialists, the I. W. W., and A. F. and P. L. and the Russellites would support Ferguson. As proof of this statement he called upon the assembly to just go out and make a few inquiries and they would be convinced. He said there was one class of women who was sure to vote for Ferguson and that was the class that Hobby's vice law put out of business around our cantonments. Some people will say that both Ferguson and Hobby are crooked and it is hard to decide between the two, as one is just as bad as the other. I defy, he said, any one to bring out a record against Hobby that shows him up in the wrong light. It is true that he has been an anti, but he says he is the servant of the people and that the people can have what they want. Who ever heard of Ferguson making such a statement as that. The latter has always worked on the rule or ruin principle. He said that he, a rich

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### CONDENSED STATEMENT

## Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business June 29, 1918

### RESOURCES

Loans .....	\$189,633.33
War Saving Stamps .....	441.86
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness .....	5,000.00
U. S. Bonds .....	11,250.00
Liberty Bonds .....	2,100.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank .....	1,500.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund .....	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures .....	3,600.00
Other Real Estate .....	3,132.00
CASH AND EXCHANGE .....	91,276.76
Total .....	\$308,246.45

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock .....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits .....	35,857.63
Circulation .....	6,250.00
Rediscounts .....	None
Bills Payable .....	None
Other Borrowed Money .....	None
DEPOSITS .....	241,138.82
Total .....	\$308,246.45

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct  
THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

speaking throughout. Judge Taylor was given an hour and covered the records as well as he could in the time allotted. He referred to the \$5600 Temple Bank deal and the affidavit recently made by the former cashier of that institution, saying that its validity was not worth the paper it was written on. He said that when Ferguson was caught up with he paid the amount back after using it for 23 months, but that he failed to pay interest on it, while, if it had been deposited according to law it would have brought interest to the amount of about \$400. He said Ferguson ran on a "Business Administration" platform, but it seemed that the business was all to come his way. He referred to the claim of the University as the straw that broke the camel's back, but in the trial before the high court of impeachment, this was not the charge that put him out. He took up Hobby's record. He said that Ferguson's supporters claimed that Hobby put the State to an unnecessary expense of \$200,000 in calling the legislature to meet in extra session. He said that the ten-mile zone law could not have been passed, except on being submitted by Governor Hobby. He said that the statutory prohibition law could not have been passed, only on the recommendation of Governor Hobby. He said the anti-vice law could not have been passed, except on the recommendation of Governor Hobby. He said the suffrage law could not have been passed, except upon his submission. He said the loyalty law could not have been passed if Hobby had not recommended it.

Now, he said, the people of Texas voted for submission, but Ferguson comes along and says that he wants peace and will veto any liquor legislation that comes up during his administration, knowing at the time that the liquor interests were fighting for every inch of ground and that every bill submitted would be in the interest of prohibition. Had Ferguson obeyed the will of the people in voting for sub-

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man, could borrow money and break the laws of the State and know that he was able to refund the sum at any time, whereas a poor man, who could not repay at any time, would be committing a crime. Do you people agree with that statement? He referred to the \$156,000 loan, saying he didn't believe a dollar of it was a loan. He said he didn't know where it came from; that Ferguson said that he would give the Red Cross \$1000 if Hobby would say that he got it from the Kaiser or the German-American Alliance. Hobby could not say that he got it from this source, but he did say that if Ferguson would tell where he got the money and prove that it did not come from a German-American source, he, (Hobby) would give the Red Cross \$1,000

A short time ago a Ferguson supporter made a speech on the T P lawn in Abilene, denouncing the preachers in no uncertain terms, branding them as allies of the breweries and stating that they ought to be driven back to their pulpits. Judge Taylor denounced this speaker, whom he said he did not know, in the most scathing terms. He upheld the preachers and the Christian people. He then read from the Taylor County Times the resolution of the First Baptist Church of Abilene, standing by their pastor, Dr. Jenkins, in his stand for what he believed to be right.

Ferguson, he said, is claiming the honor of your splendid rural schools. Ladies and gentlemen, the legislature that impeached him passed that law. He simply signed the bill. There is no middle ground. You must stand by the legislature, your law making body, or against it and with Ferguson. His very friends, those who had stood with him in every move, had finally to let him go and vote for his impeachment.

"He said I am not being paid to make Hobby speeches, I am doing it from a sense of duty. I am surprised that as good a man as my friend Walter Morris would be in such a cause. I think after he studies over the matter



# Are The Packers Profiteers?

## Plain Facts About the Meat Business

The Federal Trade Commission in its recent report on war profits, stated that the five large meat packers have been profiteering and that they have a monopoly of the market.

These conclusions, if fair and just, are matters of serious concern not only to those engaged in the meat packing business but to every other citizen of our country.

The figures given on profits are misleading and the statement that the packers have a monopoly is unsupported by the facts.

The packers mentioned in the report stand ready to prove their profits reasonable and necessary.

The meat business is one of the largest American industries. Any citizen who would familiarize himself with its details must be prepared for large totals.

The report states that the aggregate profits of four large packers were \$140,000,000 for the three war years.

This sum is compared with \$19,000,000 as the average annual profit for the three years before the war, making it appear that the war profit was \$121,000,000 greater than the pre-war profit.

This compares a three-year profit with a one-year profit—a manifestly unfair method of comparison. It is not only misleading, but the Federal Trade Commission apparently has made a mistake in the figures themselves.

The aggregate three-year profit of \$140,000,000 was earned on sales of over four and a half billion dollars. It means about three cents on each dollar of sales—or a mere fraction of a cent per pound of product.

Packers' profits are a negligible factor in prices of live stock and meats. No other large business is conducted upon such small margins of profit.

Furthermore—and this is very important—only a small portion of this profit has been paid in dividends. The balance has been put back into the businesses. It had to be, as you realize when you consider the problems the packers have had to solve—and solve quickly—during these war years.

To conduct this business in war times, with higher costs and the necessity of paying two or three times the former prices for live stock, has required the use of two or three times the ordinary amount of working capital. The additional profit

makes only a fair return on this, and as it has been stated, the larger portion of the profits earned has been used to finance huge stocks of goods and to provide additions and improvements made necessary by the enormous demands of our army and navy and the Allies.

If you are a business man you will appreciate the significance of these facts. If you are unacquainted with business, talk this matter over with some business acquaintance—with your banker, say—and ask him to compare profits of the packing industry with those of any other large industry at the present time.

No evidence is offered by the Federal Trade Commission in support of the statement that the large packers have a monopoly. The Commission's own report shows the large number and importance of other packers.

The packers mentioned in the statement stand ready to prove to any fair minded person that they are in keen competition with each other, and that they have no power to manipulate prices.

If this were not true they would not dare to make this positive statement.

Furthermore, government figures show that the five large packers mentioned in the report account for only about one-third of the meat business of the country.

They wish it were possible to interest you in the details of their business. Of how, for instance, they can sell dressed beef for less than the cost of the live animal, owing to utilization of by-products, and of the wonderful story of the methods of distribution throughout this broad land, as well as in other countries.

The five packers mentioned feel justified in co-operating with each other to the extent of together presenting this public statement.

They have been able to do a big job for your government in its time of need; they have met all war time demands promptly and completely and they are willing to trust their case to the fair-mindedness of the American people with the facts before them.

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a little he will write me that he is supporting Hobby. He will tell you that Sterling P. Strong wrote him a letter referring to the calling of a meeting of the pros with a view of putting out another candidate. Now I must tell you that if Strong wrote such a letter, and he did, if Walter Morris said he did, he did it on his own volition and not from a united backing of the prohibitionists. Ferguson has always opposed woman suffrage. He believed that the negroes and Mexicans could vote, but that the intelligent women of our state did not know enough to vote. I tell you that he will not get the vote of the good women of our State. They will show the people of this state that they know enough to vote against such a man as Ferguson and that is more than some of the men of this State know.

The Judge said that my opponent will bring up the comparison of \$75 for the University as against \$1 for the coun-

try school. Now you know that is an unfair comparison. Why don't he compare it with the cost of other universities? He says it is for the rich man's son. Do you know that with the rich men it doesn't matter so much whether we have a university? Rich men can send their sons out of the State, and many of them do. Further, did not Ferguson approve the greatest appropriation up to the time that ever had been given to the University? Didn't he agree to approve the last appropriation if they would put certain members of the faculty out? Ladies and gentlemen he wants you to keep your mind on the university. He wants you to get away from the \$156,000. He says it is blood money, and we will agree with him. It is blood of your sons in the trenches. He dares not tell from where it came. You may say that it is private business, but I tell you that if any one was such a friend as to lend him such huge sums of money when

his finances were in bad shape, you can bet that certainly he would be friend enough to come to his rescue at a time when his honor, his patriotism, his name, his all hangs in the balance. We dare him to tell. No business man would have loaned such a sum without security. Yes it is blood money. If you remember, when he first went into office he said that he was the degenerate son of an illustrious sire. Never was a truth more aptly spoken. Yes, Jimmy, we will agree with you. You said it, and you have proved it.

The Judge said he could speak all the afternoon on the subject but his hour was up, and he had to leave to fill an engagement at Baird.

**Walter Morris Speaks.**  
Judge Overshiner then introduced Judge Walter Morris of Albany who said in part:

"I have always been a pro in theory and practice. We have Mr. Hobby before us who they are trying to gull down the pro-

people in this country. Ninety percent of his strength comes from the fact that he has been favored by the Anti-Saloon League. The most dangerous man in the church is the hypocrite. I do not believe that Mr. Hobby at any time ever had an idea of being a pro. Up to five weeks ago he never had any idea of being a pro. He was a man without means and without money and he borrowed \$16,000 from the breweries. Ferguson is a wealthy man and if Ferguson is to be condemned for borrowing \$156,000, why not then condemn Hobby? The time is coming when you will do away with a double dealer. Hobby says he gave you the 10-mile zone law. President Wilson by snapping his finger could have passed the law, but at an expense of \$200,000 Hobby called the legislature together and passed it. Hobby passed the statutory prohibition law that went into effect on the 26th of June. Breweries wanted that law passed. It killed the

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10-mile zone law. You have no 10-mile zone law. It was passed by men who want adjutation and who do not want prohibition. This State is dry. You know it is dry. I have said for the last five years I could carry this State dry any time they would call an election, if they would let me pick two speakers for each Congressional district. Statutory prohibition means to make it a penalty to sell liquor in Texas. What one legislature can do another can undo. Here is what they want. The breweries want that condition to remain. The Anti-Saloon League wants adjutation. Why is it that the breweries are supporting Hobby? Hobby is a double dealer. He is not for woman suffrage. I have never been a strong supporter of woman suffrage. He gave you an opportunity to vote in the primary only. You can not vote in the general election, in school elections, in bond elections or in any other election, except the primary. Before he became gov-



ernor he treated woman suffrage with contempt. When brought before the legislature he referred it to the committee on Manufactures. He now tells you that he is for woman suffrage. The prohibition question is to be settled by education. If it had not been for Jim Ferguson jumping on the University, he would not have been impeached. There is no question but that the University has been hurt. They have been carrying dead men on the list and he said he didn't approve it. They diverted the funds to other purposes. The investigation shows that a teacher on his vacation submitted an expense account of \$100, and that the auditor of the University OK'ed the account and it was paid.

Will Hogg, the main man in the University, said that he was going to see a University man elected for that place. Every school house in this district is a monument to Mr. Ferguson. Mr. Hobby, in his paper, said that Mr. Ferguson's administration was a complete success. They tried to show that Ferguson got money from the Abilene A. & M., and that did not work; they then said he got it from the breweries, and that did not have the desired effect, and now they say he got it from German sources.

Every big anti in Texas is for Hobby. Jake Walters is for Hobby, and the German element in South Texas will vote with him for anything. Hobby appointed Jake Walters as Brigadier General and he has got the support of Mr. Walters. Colquitt is fighting for Hobby. Mr. Johnson of the Houston Post, the biggest anti in Texas, is for Hobby; Jim Wells, a rich man and an anti, is for Hobby; Louis Wortham is for Hobby. They are supporting Hobby because of the statutory prohibition law.

On the 25th of May a meeting was called in Dallas to see if Hobby should be taken out and another man put in his place. Wolfe, Strong and others deny it. The Star-Telegram took it up in an editorial and said that M. H. Wolfe branded it as absolutely false. They said further that it was nothing more than German propaganda. I have a letter from Stirling P. Strong asking to attend a meeting. The Anti-Saloon League does not want prohibition. They want adjutation. I had a case to try at Cleburne, and went through Dallas. While there I saw such fellows as Wolfe, Strong, Cone Johnson, and some others. I don't know whether they held a meeting, but their congregation there at the same time seemed significant.

I do not approve all Ferguson has done. I do not denounce the preachers. If anybody in the world ought to have a right to vote it ought to be the preachers.

Judge Taylor referred to the affidavit made by the cashier of the Temple State Bank as not being worth the paper it was written on. Judge Morris dealt at length on this matter, endeavoring to prove how easy it was for the transaction to have been made in just that way, and how Ferguson paid the amount back when it was brought to his attention.

He told of the \$156,000 loan being entirely a personal matter. Ferguson did business on credit. Before this time threats of investigation had been made. His opponent before, Morris (no kin to me) made charges, and when he was threatened with suit, he publicly withdrew the charges and apologized. Charges were made by the San Antonio Express, suit followed, which was settled by that paper paying Ferguson \$7500. He found it difficult to borrow money, as loaners did not want to let him have it on account of a possible investigation. On this ground he was forced to make secret loans. He is proving his honor in his refusal to make known the names of those making the loans. He said we have Hobby's own acknowledgement of borrowing \$16,000 from the breweries, and that is as bad, he being a poor man, as Ferguson borrowing \$156,000, he being a rich man.

I believe between the two that Ferguson is the most capable

the most honest and by far the safer of the two. I believe he has been persecuted. I prefer Ferguson as a dry anti, as against Hobby, a wet pro.

**Favorite Picnic Grounds.**  
This is not the first great picnic that has been held at Butman. We have a circular, issued by the Telegram Printing Company, headed "Free Barbecue and Basket Picnic." Monday, July 9, 1906. At that time 20 beebes were killed and barbecued, the expenses being about \$900, nearly all of which was raised by retaining the rights on the ground. It was one of the biggest efforts of the kind ever pulled off in all this section. There are people here today who well remember the occasion, as well as another great picnic held there nearly 16 years ago. This year the net returns from the stands go to the local Red Cross, which amount is around \$70.

**Steer Riding.**  
After the speaking the crowd resorted to a nearby pasture where there was some expert steer riding. Ben Harrell, Homer Laney and Joe Nalley all demonstrated their ability to ride anything that could be brought out, and they accomplished the feat with ease. Ben Harrell rode a broncho, which was very exciting as the animal had a tendency to break through the crowd. This feature of the program was greatly enjoyed and took many of the old timers back when the sport was more in vogue and they were as safe on the back of a wild steer as on the cushioned seat of a 6-cylinder.

**Drink Stands.**  
The drink stands were of ample size, and were in charge of A. H. Barnes, M. E. Perry and Jess Anderson, assisted by Mrs. Louis Butman, Misses Era Matthers and Lottie Butman, the latter wearing Red Cross attire. Practically everything was sold. The sun was rapidly declining when the last vehicle passed out of the picnic grounds to wind its way to a happy home. Never will the occasion be forgotten, and we wager a repetition of the day will bring even a greater crowd to the place.

**Card of Thanks from Abilene Candidates.**  
We the undersigned candidates hereby express our thanks and most hearty appreciation of the entertainment and picnic given for the people of the Butman community July 4th. The picnic was given for the benefit of the Red Cross and all receipts from stands and other sources above the expenses are to be devoted to that organization. The committee and people of the community were untiring in their efforts for our pleasure and comfort. Many were the generous invitations to dinner received, and all of us partook of a most bountiful meal.

E. M. Overshiner,  
Austin Pitts,  
W. H. Sewell,  
J. S. Smith,  
G. B. Tittle,  
J. N. Routh,  
J. Fuller,  
J. D. Hilton,  
J. T. Dodson,  
Miss Fannie Tippet.

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Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I entered into womanhood . . . I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, . . . I decided to

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George Brown happened to a very painful accident on the fourth, when riding on his wheel he ran into a paling fence and one of the palings stuck into his neck causing a large, deep cut. He is reported doing nicely.

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W. L. Cash of Hamlin and W. A. Smith of Niander, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stevens.

Rev. C. S. Cameron left for Floydada, Texas to hold a meeting.

Miss Viola McCracken left a few days ago for Abilene where she will enter school.

**ICE ICE ICE**  
IN ORDER TO GIVE YOU GOOD ICE SERVICE—IF YOU WILL PHONE YOUR ORDERS TO OFFICE BETWEEN 8 AND 10 O'CLOCK A. M. THIS WILL INSURE YOU ICE FOR NOON. IF YOU WAIT UNTIL 11:30 WE CAN NOT INSURE YOU NOON ICE. NO DELIVERIES AFTER 6:30 IN AFTERNOONS. MERKEL ICE COMPANY

**CHURCH NEWS**

**Sunday School Report.**

Baptist	201	\$4.77
Methodist	145	3.80
Presbyterian	37	1.10

**Methodist Church**  
On Sunday July 14, the Methodist pulpit will be filled by Rev. J. C. Moore of Sweetwater, Tex. He will preach both at 11 a.m. and 7 o'clock. Bro Moore is well and favorably known by the older settlers of Merkel and community, and her people will be glad of his coming.  
Dr. Sensabaugh will hold the Third Quarterly conference with the Methodist people in Merkel on the 17th instant at 8:45 p.m.  
C. S. Cameron, pastor

**Over At The Baptist Church**  
We went "over the top" last Sunday and had 201 in Sunday school. It made the workers feel mighty good to have such a showing. Now the superintendent is talking about a goal half as large again. Our immediate goal is 250 by the fourth Sunday—and we are going to reach it!  
It was an unusual joy to the new pastor to see such a fine representation of the membership. It came very near to a hundred-per-cent figure. Those who came gave a blessing and received one. When people can be a blessing and receive one by going to the Lord's house, it looks like they would go every Sunday.

Next Sunday is Parent's and Cradle Roll Day. A Cradle Roll will be established at that hour. Don't neglect to bring the babies, and don't get nervous if they cry a spell; we've all been babies and some of us have raised babies and there is a general understanding of babies.

Sunday morning's subject is going to be a discussion of the theme, "Building Our Church." It is a vital theme that will surely interest all the members, as well as be attractive to others.

At 7 o'clock the pastor will speak on "Christian Benevolence." Service begins "on the dot" and closes the same way.

Next week's prayer-meeting theme will be, "What the Bible Means to Me."

Cordial invitation is extended everybody to attend our services. You're welcome always.  
E. E. Dawson, pastor.

**League Program For July 14.**  
Topic, Lessons from Hymns. Leader—Agnes Rister. Song Service. Scripture Lesson. Prayer. Song. Remarks by Leader. Saved by a Hymn, Margaret Bagley.

A Lesson of Hope, Mabel McNees.  
Vocal Solo, Mrs. Perminter. Patriotic Hymns, Vivian Hutcheson. Song, "Star Spangled Banner." Business and Benediction.

Miss Myrt Saffle of Plainview is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. J. Largent and friends

Miss Mable Rutledge of near Big Springs is visiting her cousins, Misses Ola and Lula Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens and sons Willie, Earl and Roy left a few days since for Ranger, where they will work for awhile.

Auley Sanders and daughter have returned from Beaumont where they visited Mrs. Sanders, who is taking treatment under a specialist.

**THE DIMES COUNT**  
Marshall Field, some years ago, said: "Careful saving and careful spending invariably promote success. Economy is one of the most essential elements of success, yet most wretchedly disregarded. The 5 or 10 cents squandered a day, if saved, will in a few years amount to thousands of dollars. If a man is not competent to manage a small income or a small business, he is not competent to manage a large income or a large business."



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**RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT**  
To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and brethren of Merkel Lodge, No. 710, A. F. and A. M.  
We your committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of brother P. G. Penn, of Winnesboro Lodge, No. 146, A. F. and A. M. beg to submit the following:

Whereas, it has pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in his infinite wisdom to remove from among us our dear brother, P. G. Penn, and to transplant him as a member of that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides; Therefore, be it resolved by Merkel Lodge, A. F. and A. M. that in the death of our brother, our fraternity has lost a worthy member; one who lived and practiced the true principles of our order, and in his every day life was a living example of those great tenets, Faith, Hope and Charity toward all man kind.

While we drop a sympathetic tear for his bereaved ones, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and leave in his hands the soul of our deceased brother.

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

W. W. Wheeler.  
Walter Jackson.  
N. D. Cobb.

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**MR. WILLIAMS DEAD**  
Lee D. Williams was called to Waco on the Fourth to attend the funeral of his father, Clarence R., who died suddenly. Mr. Williams has visited here several times and had many friends and acquaintances in this section. He returned from his sad mission just previous to the arrival of a fine 12-pound girl at his home. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Misses Evelyn and Ina Fae Barbee spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Noodle.

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The Red Cross rooms are closed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.  
Everybody who can knit are requested to phone Mrs. Greene and tell her how much you can knit between now and October 1st. Please do this at once.

Mrs. A. C. Dulaney returned to her home at Paducah, Texas, accompanied by her mother and sister, Mrs. Cameron, and Virginia, who will remain two weeks.

**A WORD FOR MOTHERS**  
It is a grave mistake for mothers to neglect their aches and pains and suffer in silence—this only leads to chronic sickness and often shortens life.  
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--- This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war ---

The over enthusiast in the political arena now may be able to arouse enemies that will not subside with the political tide. We condemn no one whose honest views are in opposition to our own. We would like to see them look upon the matter as we do, but they will not, not all of them, and we are not going to lose sleep over it.

Hurrah for the women! They do not do things in a shoddy way. Whatever they undertake they do well. We predicted that 300 would register. By noon Thursday 306 had registered, all of whom will vote in the Merkel box. Doubtless 25 additional women will register in the afternoon. It is understood that Tax Collector Tittle will close the books Thursday night, the 11th. Upon inquiry it may be guessed how the vast majority of these ladies will vote on the Governor question, as that seemed the greatest incentive towards registration.

Election time is rapidly approaching. It is high time for the vociferous political prophets to keep cool. Very few people will now be changed in their opinion. Little can be gained in loud street argument. The people have got sense enough to know who they want to vote for. Doubtless at this time some good, cool, deliberate thinking is taking place. Some few of the county candidates, it is alleged, have stated their position on the governor question. Such candidates ought to be defeated, no matter who they are for. What does it concern them as to their fitness for office? They are scapegoats, endeavoring to ride into office solely on the merits or demerits of a governor simply because some feeling has been aroused and because of prejudice. It is the duty of voters to pick out good clean people for the respective county offices.

## DEAD IN WRECK

Nashville, July 10.—One hundred and seven dead and 86 injured is the revised total of yesterday's train wreck. Most of the dead and injured were negroes.

**German Charge Expected**  
With the American Army on the Marne, July 10. Heavy fighting will break loose any moment as the belief on the fronts east and west of Craeteau Thierry, where the Americans are stationed.

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## MULBERRY NEWS

Regardless of the fact that we had a good rain a month ago, many people are looking for more. It is strange, but people can never be satisfied.

Mrs. S. D. Martin spent Friday with Misses Frankie and Maggie Lee Chancey.

Miss Lera Daniel, of Cisco, spent Saturday and Sunday with the homefolks.

Mrs. Clark of Abilene visited her sister, Mrs. Ike Northcutt recently.

Mrs. R. B. Wells, Mrs. W. C. Moore, and Miss Frankie Chancey were among the Merkel visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Boyd of Hawley was the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Daniel, one day last week.

W. T. Bird, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Alexander Sanitarium one day last week is doing nicely.

Miss Nora Foster of the Warren community was the guest of Miss Myrtle Anderson Sunday.

Mrs. W. T. Bird, Mrs. J. D. Daniel, and Harry Bird motored to Abilene last Monday.

Mesdames Nora Bird and Cross spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Alice Martin.

Miss Ida Sheppard underwent an operation for appendicitis at Abilene last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore attended church at Stith Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Billingsley were in Merkel Saturday.

## How's This?

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## TRENT NEWS

The Methodist meeting is being well attended. The preacher is doing some good work.

The Red Cross is still working in spite of the drouth.

Walter Sikes of Abilene was in Trent Sunday, in the interest of Abilene Christian College.

Mrs. Frank Stevens who has been visiting here the past few weeks returned to her home at Campbell Sunday.

Miss Joe Hill of Iowa Park, was visiting here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Eaton, Rufus Tagart and Joe Nalley spent the week end at Rotan.

Miss Vivian Hutcheson of Merkel is spending a few days in our City.

Mesdames, T. A. Hardison, A. C. Keltz of Vernon are visiting their mother, Mrs. J. R. Gafford. Miss Eddie B. Cozart of Maran spent the week end with, T. L. Stevens and family.

Those attending the picnic at Butman were: C. E. Beckham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. James Bright, Misses Amanda, Maggie Payne, and Nalley. All report a great time.

Guy Sibley who has been in training at Camp Gordon, Ga., Received a discharge on physical disability and is in Trent again.

Don Simpson of New Mexico is visiting homefolks. He reports fine crops in his section.

Mrs. Howell of Fort Worth is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alec McRee.

Grandma Burks, who is visiting her son, Edd is on the sick list.

Mrs. Charlie Hutcheson left Monday to spend the summer with her parents in Arkansas.

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## HUN ATTACK REPULSED

Paris, July 6.—German troops last night attempted to raid the American sector in Lorraine, at Xivray. The enemy was completely repulsed in this effort, as he was in raiding attempts at points on the French front.

# WHY NOT VOTE FOR C. E. SIMS For County Supt.

He is Capable, Worthy and Deserving

His opponent is asking for 4th term

## BEAUTIFUL SERVICE FLAG

A Beautiful service flag and honor roll has been placed in the Baptist church, in honor of our boys now in service. The flag has thirty stars, so arranged as to spell U. S. A. It is hand embroidered on material of red and white satin. The design was made and worked out by Mesdames Howard and Meador and Misses Edna Swann, Ola Sharp, Ruby Campbell and Dovie Teaff. It took them several days to finish the task, but completed is a beauty and caused a great deal of favorable comment.

The honor roll is patterned after the official military roster. Every detail was hand painted. It contains 30 names. Those who laboriously carried out every detail were: Misses Lula Sharp, Irene and Annie Mae Swann.

Both pieces are works of the highest class of art. The flag was placed just behind the rostrum at the top, and just beneath appears the honor roll, framed. Flags of the allies have been ordered and will be placed about the flag and honor roll, with the American flag, as soon as they are received. No expense or trouble were spared in the work, which represents the beloved boys of the congregation. Great credit is due the young ladies who so devotedly set themselves to the task and so creditably finished it in so short a time.

On the flag were placed two gold stars representing two of our brave young men who gave their lives in the service for their country.

The flag and honor were presented to the congregation by the pastor last Sunday in a short but very appropriate service. hingotheer ow jxu , sept tdb fntPIA ?efsu-Lfyrrt

## Benevolent Cotton Chopping

Several business men got in their cars last Tuesday and went out and chopped cotton for Bob Russell, who is in the sanitarium at Dallas. It is reported that they did some mighty good work.

## DR. TRUETT LEAVES

Dr. Geo. W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist church of Dallas, left a few days ago for France where he will labor in the war zone. Twenty leading ministers of the different denominations were chosen by Gen. Pershing. Dr. Truett was the only one called for from Texas.

Mrs. M. V. Metcalf and Mrs. Gid Roberts and children of Cisco, are visiting the formers, daughter and the latters sister, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, for a few weeks.

Mrs. W. M. Winters of Guthrie Texas is at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. L. Barbee, after an operation, in Abilene. She is not doing well, as she suffered a relapse shortly after removal from the sanitarium.

Mrs. Atkisson and daughters, Misses Lura and Stacy, left on Tuesday for Mineral Wells to remain some time.

J. C. Mason left Monday for Paris. He will stop over in Mineral Wells a short time. He will likely be away some time.

## W. S. S. FLASHES

The State prize of \$100 in War Savings Stamps, offered by Louis Lipsitz, State Director of the National War Saving Committee, for the best essay on the thrift written by a Texas boy or girl, was won by Miss Katherine S. King of Kerrville, Texas. The judges in the contest were Dr. Ivan Lee Holt of Southern Methodist University, Gus W. Thomasson, manager of the Associated Industries of Texas, and A. V. Lane, former president of the University of Texas and now vice president of the American Exchange National Bank. There were a number of contestants.

That their "boys" will have a "start" when they return from foreign battle service, many people are now regularly purchasing War Savings Stamps for them. A great number of Soldier's and Sailor's Nest Eggs have been started.

Although many West Texas Counties have suffered great loss on account of drouth, the records of the National War Savings Committee show that a large proportion of the West Texas counties pledged the President in full June 23, National War Savings Day. Roberts and Carson Counties were the second and third counties to go over the top. Maverick County, on the Mexican border, was the first.

## LARGEST WOODEN SHIP

The largest wooden ship ever built is soon to be turned in quantity by the shipping board. It will be a new model, 5000-ton standard type, adapted from the 4700-ton boat now being built, which was originated at Orange, Texas.

Numerous changes in the design have been made by naval architects to avoid troubles encountered in previous types, and especially the use of timbers so large that they can not be obtained anywhere except in the giant forests of the Pacific coast. All timbers needed for the new ships will be available in pine forests of the south.

Frank Counts who has been managing the Anchor Mercantile Company's farm, near Trent has returned home for a few days.

Will Merritt leaves Thursday night for Canyon for a triple purpose—To visit his sister, Mrs. J. C. Baker, his mother who is there and his .....

## SPECIAL TAX FOR MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND FURNISHING FREE TEXT BOOKS.

House Joint Resolution No. 27. Proposing an amendment to Art. 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by changing Sec. 3, providing for a thirty-five cent tax levy for the maintenance of the public schools of Texas, and providing free text books in public schools of the State of Texas, and making an appropriation therefor. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution, be so changed as to read as follows (creating a new section 3):

SEC. 3. One-fourth of the revenue

derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of one (\$1.00) dollar on every male inhabitant of this State, between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools, and in addition thereto, there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount not to exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred (\$100.00) dollar valuation, as, with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and it shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to set aside a sufficient amount out of the said tax to provide free text books for the use of children attending the public free schools of this State; provided, however, that should the limit of taxation herein named be insufficient, the deficit may be met by appropriation from the general funds of the State, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation; and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law may embrace parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts, and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such districts, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in part of two or more counties. And the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts heretofore formed or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; provided, that a majority of the qualified property taxing voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed in any one year fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1918, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing for the levy of a special school tax for the maintenance of the public schools of the State and to provide free text books in the public schools of the State of Texas," and all those opposed shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing for the levy of a special school tax for the maintenance of the public schools of the State, and to provide free text books in the public schools of the State of Texas."

SEC. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

SEC. 4. That the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not

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otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

(NOTE.—H. J. R. No. 27 passed the House of Representatives by a two-thirds vote, yeas 108, nays 22; and passed the Senate by a two-thirds vote, yeas 23, nays 4.)

Approved March 19, 1917.

(A TRUE COPY.)

C. D. MIMS,  
Acting Secretary of State,  
2657-618-400  
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## TAKING OF TESTIMONY IN CRIMINAL CASES

House Joint Resolution No. 2. To amend Section 10, Article 1, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for certain rights of accused persons in criminal prosecutions, and the manner in which the case may be prosecuted, and providing for the procuring of the testimony of the witness for both defense and prosecution.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section (10) of Article (1) of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended that the same will read and hereafter be as follows:

SEC. (10). In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall have a speedy public trial by an impartial jury. He shall have the right to demand the nature and cause of the accusation against him, and to have a copy thereof. He shall not be compelled to give evidence against himself and shall have the right of being heard by himself or counsel, or both, shall be confronted by the witnesses against him and shall have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, except that when the witness resides out of the State and the offense charged is a violation of any of the anti-trust laws of this State, the defendant and the State shall have the right to produce and have the evidence admitted by deposition, under such rules and laws as the Legislature may hereafter provide; and no person shall be held to answer for a criminal offense, unless on an indictment of a grand jury, except in cases in which the punishment is by fine or imprisonment, otherwise than in the penitentiary, in cases of impeachment and in cases arising in the army or navy, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger.

SEC. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of this State at the next general election for State and county officers.

SEC. 3. The qualified electors for members of the Legislature shall vote upon said amendment at the said general election and at which election all persons favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on the ballot the following: "For amendment to Section 10, Article 1 of the Constitution, providing for prosecution of criminal cases by information, or indictment and taking of testimony of witnesses by deposition, under certain circumstances," and those opposed to such amendment shall have written or printed on the ballot as follows: "Against the amendment to Section 10, Article 1 of the Constitution."

SEC. 4. The sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds of the State Treasury of the State not otherwise appropriated to pay the expense of publishing, proclamation, and election.

(NOTE.—H. J. R. No. 2 passed the House of Representatives by a two-thirds vote, yeas 123, nays 4; and passed the Senate with amendments, by a two-thirds vote, yeas 21, nays 4; and the House concurred in Senate amendments by a two-thirds vote, yeas 123, nays 0.)

Approved March 10, 1917.

(A TRUE COPY.)

C. D. MIMS,  
Acting Secretary of State,  
2657-618-400  
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**FERGUSON SPEAKERS IN MERKEL**

Thursday afternoon a week ago, Judge Walter Morris and Mrs. Stephenson made speeches in the tabernacle in the interest of the candidacy of James E. Ferguson. The speakers were introduced by Judge Mahaffey, who said he had been a prohibitionist all his life in theory and part of the time in practice. He said he voted for Ferguson before, as he preferred to vote for a dry anti in the place of Tom Ball, a wet pro. Mrs. Stephenson was the first speaker, followed by Judge Morris. As the judge's speech here and at Butman was along the same lines, his speech will be found in the picnic proceedings, appearing in this issue Mrs. Stephenson said in part:

Mr. Hobby said he has given the women the right to vote. We have not been given full suffrage. We have not been given the right to vote in the final election. There has been a great deal of misunderstanding about this suffrage law. The Attorney General has said that it is necessary for every woman to register. Mr. Hobby at the time he was Lieut. Governor, to show just where he stood on the suffrage question, treated the matter as a joke and assigned it to the Manufacturers committee. Now he has changed. He felt that if he was to run for Governor it was necessary for him to pull for the vote of the women. I understand that the State Federation of Woman's Clubs have given Mr. Hobby their preference. I have heard that all the woman's organizations gave him their support. I do not know. There has been a great deal of talk up and down the State saying that only the bad women will vote for Ferguson. But you women who vote for him don't be scared off for that is not the truth. I have never yet heard of any one man being able to carrol all the good vote for any one man. I think that the good women should prove that they are level headed.

There is the question of the University and the A. & M. Thus we have the rocks upon which the Ferguson administration was wrecked. Some time ago an A. & M. was planned for West Texas. We have felt for a long time that we should have an A. & M. in West Texas. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Hobby were elected on a plank calling for the location of an A. & M. in West Texas. When it came time for its location, one of the duties of Mr. Hobby do? He goes to James at the sites offered. What does Mr. Hobby do- He goes to James E. Ferguson on written notice that he will abide by Ferguson's decision on the A. & M. It was about this time of the year, as I remember. He listens to every proposition. He goes back to Austin and Hobby says don't locate it at Abilene, but locate it at San Angelo, the wettest town in Texas. Abilene is the worst prohibition town in Texas. That is what Mr. Hobby did. Mr. Hobby repealed the law for West Texas A. & M. and at the same time signed a bill making the greatest appropriation for the University that it ever had.

I feel that every man or woman who is going to vote in this coming primary should know why Mr. Ferguson was removed from office. We have been anxious for the University to rank with the very best universities in the country. No school based on the idea that it is bigger than the State can not come up with other universities. I went to the University. As young and as green as I was I saw things there that made me say that if I ever had a son he would never go to the State University. I had rather see him go out uneducated. I went there for four years. My husband is a graduate of the law school and other relatives went there and I believe all of them agree with what I say. I have not been down there since 1907. Things may have changed considerably since then. No university, no school and no business can be conducted on anything except business lines.

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Mr. Ferguson has done more for rural schools of Texas than any other governor who ever sat in the governor's chair, and has done more for the working women. He passed a law for compulsory education, for limiting hours of labor for women and for making necessary sanitary conditions around their places of work.

We come to the prohibition question. Some of you may have been surprised at the glibness and the ease at which he rattled off his prohibition speech. Here she told the story of the old goat with black feet and likened it to Hobby. That prohibition element down at Dallas sold the prohibitionists out. They sold out to Hobby.

What has the papers of Texas said of Jim Ferguson? Are they giving him a fair deal? They said that Ferguson could not even get his name on the ticket. Now they say Ferguson can not be seated if he is elected. If I had to lose my vote I would lose it before I would vote for such a man as Hobby.

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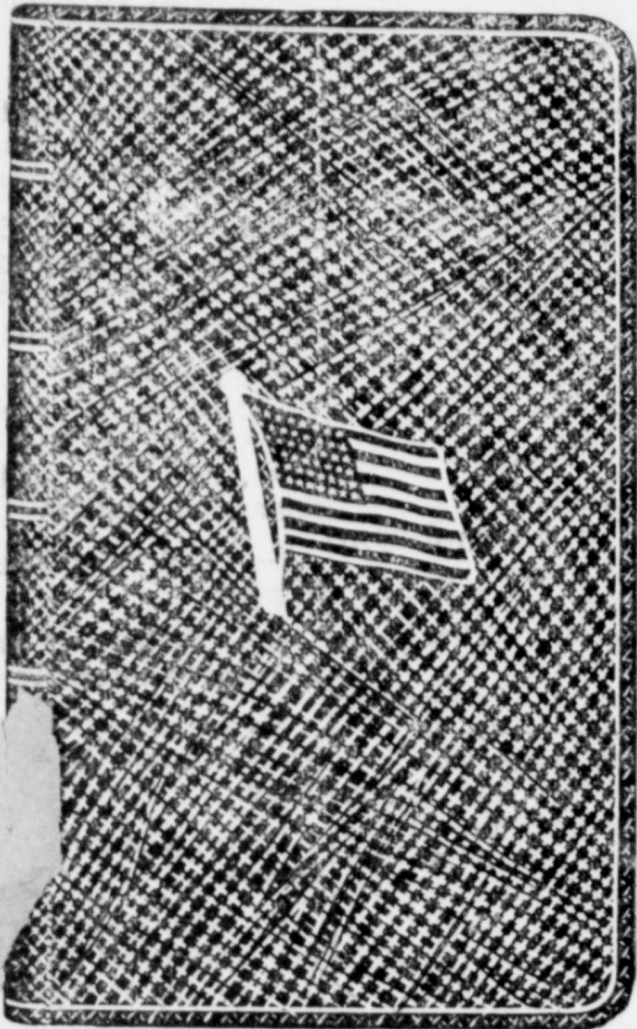
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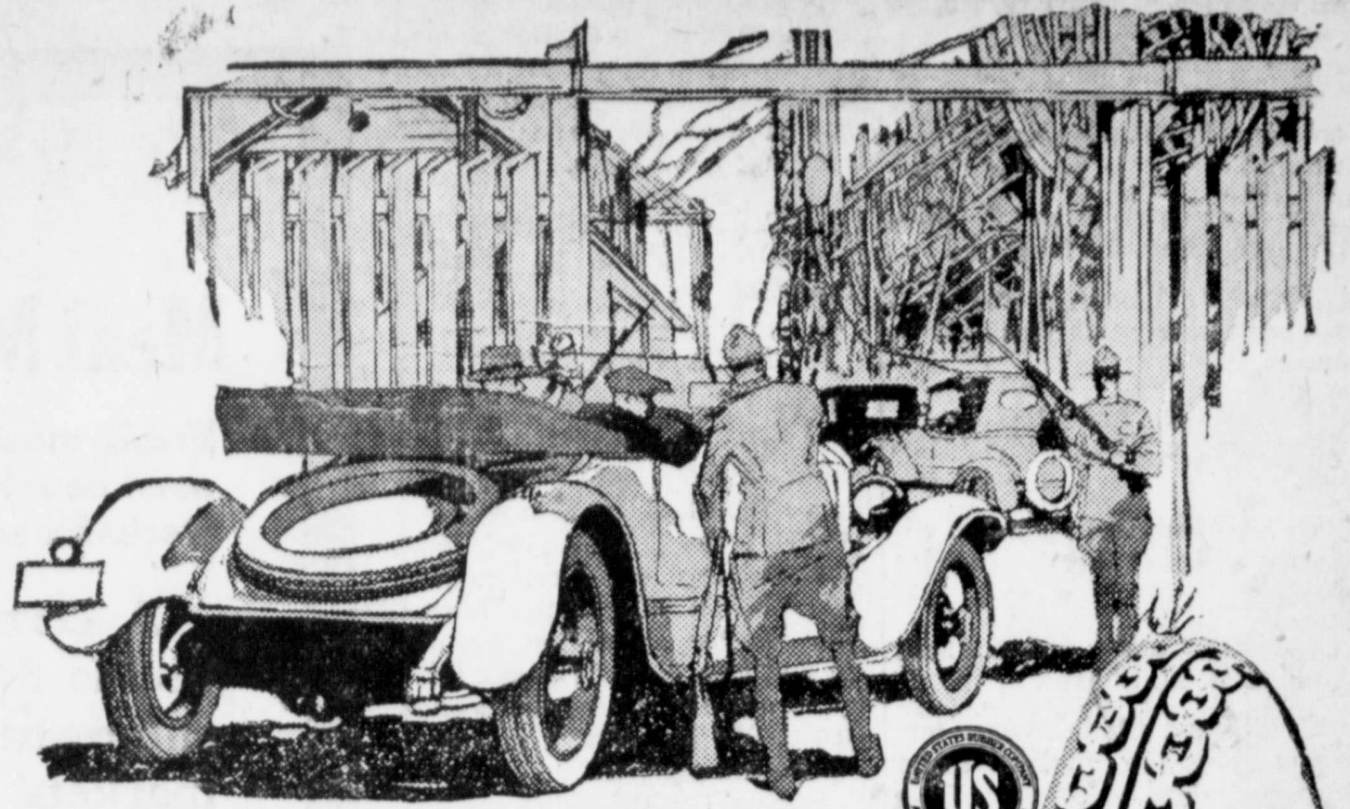
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**A WOMAN WRITES**

I am only a woman voter, but I want to state through the columns of the Mail that I attended the lecture of Mrs. Stephenson. I had not felt much interest before, but before she was half through she had made a strong Hobby supporter out of me. Not I only, but many other women. Certainly she must have presumed upon the intelligence of the people. She dealt at length upon partial suffrage. Now any man or woman with any information or intelligence knows that the legislature could not give full suffrage. She further said that Hobby spurned suffrage while Lieut. Governor by referring the suffrage bill to the Manufacturers committee. Certainly this was a presumption. Did not O. S. Lattimore of Fort Worth favor woman suffrage, and was he not chairman of this committee, and did not Hobby refer the matter to him at his suggestion?

Now again she talks of the rottenness of the University, and she says she was aware of this rottenness while she was a girl attending there. Yet she remained an attendant there for four years, when there were other good schools in Texas. Isn't it strange that a young woman would prefer to remain in a place of such rottenness so long? She says she would not allow her boy to go there, but she picked a husband that spent several years in that rotten place. And several of her kinsmen also went there. We believe we have never heard a speaker cast such serious reflections upon herself and upon her own flesh and blood.

She further suggests a business administration for the University, and yet she says she has not been down there since 1907. Really she lent the impression that she knows little or nothing about it.

A Woman Voter.

**NOODLE NEWS ITEMS**

The farmers are about up with their work, and the crops are badly needing rain, and if the hot winds continue to blow the crops are going to suffer.

Crace Ely is at Abilene where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hendrix entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night.

Bulah Ely was operated on for appendicitis last Saturday a week ago.

Sallie Goode and Elma Becknell visited Bulah Ely at Abilene last Tuesday.

Henry Eason who has been with home folk for some time will return to Laredo for service Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Herring spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eason.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eason Sunday.

Pauline Green entertained a

few of her friends Friday night with an ice cream party.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Herring moved to Noodle Monday.

A number of young folks enjoyed a singing at Henry Newsoms Sunday night.

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O. S. Burns left Monday for Austin to enter the government service.

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Orville and Clyde Foster left a few days ago for the army training camp.

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Prof Hunt of Stamford College at Stamford, spoke at Noodle last Tuesday evening in the interest of Hobby.

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Mrs. W. A. Bradley and son, J. M., have returned from an extended visit with relatives in Tokahoka. They report crops burning up for want of rain.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Williams and family left the fourth for Paris, Tenn., where he has accepted a railroad position. He says we need not be surprised to see him coming back most any time.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp and save enough to buy war saving stamps

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Hogan a boy, and they named it William Hobby Hogan. It is said that if by the chance of fate Hobby should not be on the winning side on the 27th, then they will call the baby Dennis.

Go to Rogers where the dollar buys most.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Mayberry and family went out to Shiloh Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson, who returned home with them Sunday and attended the home coming at the Baptist Church.

Bring your fresh eggs and butter to E. L. Rogers. Best prices paid.

Sherly H. King left a few days ago, after a visit to homefolks, for Austin and was immediately sent to Camp Dick at Dallas. He has just graduated with honors from the S. M. A. and is offered a saptainship as soon as he completes 60 hours of flying.

**Granulated Sore Eyes Cured.** "For twenty years I suffered from a bad case of granulated sore eyes says Martin Boyd of Henrietta, Ky. "In February, 1903, a gentleman asked me to try Chamberlain's Salve. I then bought one box and used about two-thirds of it and my eyes have not given me any trouble since." This salve is for sale by all dealers.

### A BIG TOMATO

J. S. Burns brought in a tomato, raised by his son Otis, that weighed 30 ounces. It was the biggest tomato we ever saw. No county can beat this for raising a variety of the finest vegetables in all the country.

### Lame Shoulder.

his ailment is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles. All that is needed is absolute rest and a few applications of Chamberlain's Liniment. Try it.

Roger Haynes came from Milford the past week and spent a few days with his parents, before leaving for Camp Travis, where he entered training. He left with Sam Swann and others from our community.

**TYPEWRITER RIBBONS & CARBON PAPER**—At Merkel Mail office.

### LUCK CHANGES

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Mattingly of the Castle Peak neighborhood a fine boy, according to report of Dr. Armstrong. At last the doctors luck has changed. He has not reported a boy before in a long time. He reports another boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Womack. The doctor also reports two girls, one born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mattox and the other to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bradley. All parties are doing nicely.

### Chamberlain's Tablets

These tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. If you have any troubles of this sort, give them a trial and realize for yourself what a first class medicine will do for you. They only cost a quarter.

### Ex-Mayor Mitchel Killed

Lake Charles, La., July 6.—Maj. John Purroy Mitchel, former mayor of New York City and an officer in the aviation section of the Signal Corps, was instantly killed at Grestner field today when he fell from a single seater scout plane at a height of about 600 feet.

### What is Best for Indigestion?

Mr. A. Robinson of Drumquinn, Ontario, has been troubled for years with indigestion, and recommends Chamberlain's Tablets as "the best medicine I ever used." If troubled with indigestion or constipation give them a trial. They are certain to prove beneficial. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

### Success of Italians

Rome, July 7.—An official statement from Italian headquarters says:

"Altogether since June 15, 523 officers and 23,911 other ranks have been made prisoners. We also captured 63 guns, 65 trench mortars, 1,234 machine guns, 3,700 rifles, two airplanes, 5,000,000 rifle cartridges, many thousands of shells of all kinds and a large quantity of telephone instruments, and recovered our artilleries and material, which in the advanced zone had to be abandoned during the first phase of the struggle."

### The Joy of Living

To enjoy life we must have good health. No one can reasonably hope to get much real pleasure out of life when his bowels are clogged a good share of the time and the poisons that should be expelled are absorbed into the system producing headaches and indigestion. A few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets will move the bowels, strengthen the digestion and give you a chance to realize the real joy of living. Try it.

### FOR WOMEN VOTERS

How ballots are prepared: Women present their registration certificate, receive their ballots, slips of paper with names printed thereon, and go to a booth where, in secrecy, they mark out with a black lead pencil the names of all the persons they do not wish to vote. Leaving the ones they are for unmarked. Election judges will not permit aid to be given in preparing a ballot unless the voter cannot read or is physically incapable of preparing the ballot.

**WARNING**—If a ballot is mutilated, torn, marked, or erasures made on it do not deposit it with the election judge. Ask for another and mark it correctly. Then hand it to the election judge. He will place a number on the election ballot, which should be folded so he can not see how the person voted. He will then deposit it in the ballot box. Now remember, a blue pencil mark or a hole in the ballot is sufficient to cause the counters to throw out the ballot.



## Meat Must Be Sold

**Fresh meat is perishable. It must be sold within about two weeks for whatever it will bring.**

**A certain amount of beef is frozen for foreign shipment, but domestic markets demand fresh, chilled, unfrozen beef.**

**Swift & Company cannot increase prices by withholding meat, because it will not keep fresh and salable for more than a few days after it reaches the market.**

**Swift & Company cannot tell at the time of purchasing cattle, what price fresh meat will bring when put on sale. If between purchase and sale, market conditions change, the price of meat must also change.**

**The Food Administration limits our profit to 9 per cent on capital invested in the meat departments. This is about 2 cents per dollar of sales. No profit is guaranteed, and the risk of loss is not eliminated.**

**As a matter of fact, meat is often sold at a loss because of the need of selling it before it spoils.**

**Swift & Company, U.S.A.**

### COMMITTEE FAVORS WARTIME PROHIBITION

Washing, July 8.—Legislation to prohibit the sale of distilled liquor, wine and beer after Jan. 1, 1919, and to prohibit the manufacture of wine and beer after Nov. 1 was agreed upon today by the Senate Agricultural Committee.

The legislation is proposed as a substitute for the pending Norris amendment to the emergency agricultural appropriation bill, which would stop the sale of distilled liquor and wine on June 30, 1919, and prohibit the manufacture of beer three months after the bill becomes law.

Provision for the exportation

of liquor already produced was considered by the committee and probably will be reported in some form before the Senate acts on the amendment.

The changes had been discussed for a number of days, so that when the committee met today action was practically by unanimous consent without a record vote.

By fixing a definite date after which the sale would be prohibited of all intoxicating liquors, members of the committee believe that any charge of discrimination would be avoided. They say wine growers would be enabled to dispose of this year's crop, while brewers could make use of their entire supply of malt.



Part of the Largent herd that won the championship at the Dallas fair last fall. Included in above is \$10,000 Gaylad Junior; \$5,500 Shadeland Jewel—recently sold by C.M. Largent for \$18,000. They have been re-sold for \$30,000.

### New Dentist Arrives

Dr. F. N. Reynolds of Miami, who recently purchased the business and home of Dr. McMaster, arrived this week and is now ready for business. Dr. Reynolds left a nice practice at Miami, believing this to be a better location. He has had a number of years of experience, a young man of ability and comes highly recommended. His wife and little girl will join him about September 1. The doctor feels like Merkel will offer him a good field for his endeavors, and on behalf of the citizenship he is given a cordial welcome into our midst.

### Advertised Letters.

Anderson, Ira  
Askins, Dove  
Duncan, Lester  
Pencham, S. P.  
Roach, W. C.  
Sandy, Mrs. S. E.  
Sawyers, Daisy.  
Smith, Edie.  
West, Rosie.

These can be redeemed upon payment of one cent.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on July 24 1918.

H. C. Williams, Postmaster,

### Improving Cotton Gin.

J. T. Browning has begun making improvements to his cotton gin. The very latest bolting machine and dirt eradicator is being installed. This plant is a demonstration plant for the Gullett Gin Company, Amite, La., and they are installing all of their latest devices. He announces that he is expecting a big cotton crop (we bet he is predicting rain) and is ready to cooperate in the most hearty manner to help win the war by being able to handle the cotton in the most modern manner known to ginning.

### The Strong Withstand the Heat of Summer Better Than the Weak

Old people who are feeble and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. You can soon feel its strengthening, invigorating effect. 60c.

Woodroof-Bragg Company are making extensive improvements to their building. The staircase is being moved to the rear, which gives much additional room, as well as helps the looks of the building.

Mrs. Thos. Bearden writes her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff, that she will be home in a few days. She says that Mr. Bearden together with the other boys, has been shipped out, and has not been informed of his destination, and may not be until she gets a card notifying her of his arrival in France.

Will Merritt, Lewis Swann and Arl Sharp returned from Dallas Wednesday morning, all three having passed examination and accepted as members of the reserve corps of the navy. They are now subject to call. They all under 21 and have volunteered their services.

Frank Armstrong, Will Merritt, Jack West and one or two other parties went out on a fish fry Saturday night. It proved to be a fine outing for the boys, except the fish. Otherwise the fry was all right.

H. L. Propst, Ross Ferrier and Burney Bell and their families returned Wednesday from Clear Fork, north of Albany, where they caught all the fish they wanted. From all reports Mr. Bell came near having business with the sheriff. However, he escaped and got back to Merkel. We guess they had too good luck catching suckers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain left on the fifth for their home in Fort Worth. Mrs. R. O. Anderson and children left Sunday to join them for a few days after which they will visit Mrs. Britain's parents, who reside on a ranch in the Panhandle.

Lytton Howard returned on Tuesday from a few days visit to relatives at Dallas and Hillsboro. Mrs. Howard returned from Abilene on the same date.

Misses Ruby and Ruth Jones visited in Stamford on Tuesday and Wednesday.

## LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Elkins of the Mulberry community were visitors in Merkel Wednesday.

Shorty Holloway of Camp Bowie spent the Fourth with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles West left a few days ago for Howe, where they expect to remain for some months.

Rev. Boon Williams is conducting a protracted meeting at the Mulberry School house. Good attendance is reported.

Ida Sheppard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Sheppard was operated on for appendicitis last Monday. She is resting well.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hunt of Haskell visited Mrs. Hunt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Com eggs and other relatives and friends on Tuesday.

Spot cash saves you money at Rogers.

P. L. McClary of Ranger was a visitor to homefolks on the 4th

Miss Gladys Gardner of Dallas is visiting Mrs. P. L. McClary.

Chops, oats and corn at G. M. Sharps.

To Miss Lula Sharp belongs the distinction of being the first woman to register in Merkel.

Will pay 18 cents per pound for hens and 25 cents for friers; also want to buy your sacks. E. L. Ash. tlp.

G. A. Guthrie purchased the Bigham place, which was occupied by J. T. Browning, moving in a few days since. Browning moving into the Moore house vacated by Guthrie.

Plenty of oats and corn at G. M. Sharps.

Miss Dorothy Duckett left for Fort Worth a few days ago.

Wallace and Miss Iva Bragg are visiting friends and relatives in Hillsboro.

Miss Genevieve Rust of Dallas is visiting friends here.

Judge W. E. Hawkins, a member of the Texas Supreme Court visited his cousin, Mrs. M. Armstrong, this week.

Roy Holmes left a few days ago for Electra where he is at work in the oil field.

B. C. Ellis of Deport is visiting his brother, Shorty Ellis and family.

Mrs. G. E. Hann is visiting relatives in Denison and will visit several places in Oklahoma before returning.

Exerett Hill, of Midlothian, spent Monday with Mrs. J. N. Teaff and family. He was accompanied to Abilene on Tuesday by Mrs. Teaff and daughters, Misses Dovie and Ruby.

C. E. Sims, candidate for County superintendent, has been in Merkel several days in the interest of his candidacy. He states that he has received ample assurances of support in this section and feels certain of election.

Burl Scott made a trip to Fort Worth in his car the latter part of last week. He returned Saturday, accompanied by his wife and baby, who have been visiting her parents at Arlington the past month. They made the trip in their car.

Miss Louise Warren is visiting her sister, Mrs. Coit in Waco. Mr. Coit enlisted in the service and Mrs. Coit expects to shortly return and make her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren, while her husband is in the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Price of Bronte, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Browning the forepart of the week. Mrs. Price remaining here and Mr. Price leaving Tuesday for Trinidad, Col. He will be connected with a wholesale grocery house there. He says everything is "blowed up" at Bronte and lots of people are leaving.