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## PRIMARY ELECTION RETURNS OF COUNTY OFFICERS JULY 27, 1918

VOTING BOXES	Co. Judge		County Clerk										Co. Attorney		County Supt.		Sheriff		Governor		Commissioner Precinct No. 2		Public Weigher								
	E. M. Overshiner.	H. Rob Keeble.	Henry R. Hicks.	J. D. Hilton.	J. Fuller.	Fannie Tippett.	G. R. Pain.	H. H. Teaff.	J. L. Mingus.	Tax Assessor Jno. H. Vanc.	Tax Collector G. B. Tittle.	Treasurer Austin Fitts.	W. H. Sewell.	W. E. Martin.	J. S. Smith.	C. E. Sims	J. T. Dodson.	John Bond.	W. P. Hobby.	Jas. E. Ferguson.	Sam Butman, Jr.	T. R. Lassiter.	J. L. Banner.	E. D. Coats.	J. M. Garrett.	Jas. Patterson, Jr.	H. M. Mayfield.	W. R. Britton.			
Fire Station	199	176	13	65	66	154	19	14	33	366	368	368	147	207	234	123	230	121	140	226											
W. O. W. Hall	312	285	19	94	105	200	101	13	35	586	592	594	270	313	405	185	342	252	144	434											
Court House	268	215	21	119	65	197	33	14	21	483	493	498	186	284	257	213	270	215	95	388											
Court Donnel	445	381	27	172	135	310	49	18	105	832	839	840	412	405	544	262	590	224	302	497											
Buffalo Gap	44	94	4	13	9	81	5	4	15	140	141	140	51	82	37	102	31	107	49	91											
Caps-Merkel	51	9	5	20	8	8	5	6	7	58	60	60	27	28	27	30	31	28	38	21	5	28	7	12	44	7	0	3			
View	48	24	14	34	3	17	1	6	6	87	87	86	44	44	40	44	43	39	35	51											
Potosi	79	22	6	4	38	41	3	3	6	103	103	104	53	44	55	46	62	38	38	68											
Iberis	26	27	5	4	3	43	2	0	11	64	62	64	24	37	20	41	48	16	4	62											
Jim Ned	13	14	0	1	1	19	2	0	5	29	29	29	18	9	18	11	20	6	11	16											
Elmdale	29	16	0	13	5	21	1	0	3	46	45	43	19	24	26	19	20	24	5	41											
Nubia	29	75	22	9	5	35	2	33	1	112	112	112	27	80	31	77	17	90	45	63	76	17	1	16	52	48	5	4			
Caps-Merkel	49	24	6	13	4	30	4	4	11	72	73	76	46	25	33	39	41	30	48	26											
Ovalo	67	68	6	23	24	42	9	7	22	117	139	138	73	83	30	106	63	76	87	50											
Blair	42	44	16	6	2	28	1	29	6	88	85	90	27	61	18	69	5	85	43	48	21	37	2	28	50	29	8	4			
Tuscola	112	70	13	25	30	92	26	9	9	180	190	194	89	86	57	129	75	114	108	79											
Hamby	22	13	0	8	2	15	1	1	7	35	36	35	17	19	17	17	17	19	13	22											
Trent	67	59	16	12	10	69	4	9	6	135	134	129	53	73	21	113	40	93	65	65	14	58	36	23	75	47	8	2			
Bradshaw	56	27	2	2	9	56	0	0	7	85	89	87	35	39	12	76	29	52	43	45											
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Moro	35	36	15	9	1	33	3	0	7	69	75	73	36	31	31	41	31	44	38	32											
Tye-Merkel	26	20	1	19	0	11	0	13	2	44	49	49	32	18	9	37	19	29	14	30	5	5	0	0	29	11	1	11			
Merkel	307	371	137	31	6	296	5	186	15	655	631	713	329	344	165	532	37	657	498	194	55	295	90	255	335	276	53	34			
Tye-Abilene	40	15	1	41	0	9	0	1	2	55	56	55	27	27	16	37	33	23	25	27											
Lawn	61	36	10	9	3	67	2	5	4	95	99	97	38	61	26	68	38	55	17	87											
Grand Total	2527	2164	371	768	544	1933	279	374	349	4650	4729	4816	2147	2482	2163	2517	2206	2500	1976	2719	176	440	136	334	585	418	75	58			

### MERKEL SCHOOLS IN FIRST CLASS

R. M. Parker, superintendent of the Merkel public schools, who has just returned from his summer vacation at his home in Bonham, has received a copy of Bulletin No. 80 of the State Department of Education, in which the Merkel Public School has been classified with the schools of Dallas, Fort Worth, Abilene, Waco, Houston and all other No. 1 schools in the State with five units of affiliation. This speaks mighty well for our schools. Such a condition could not have been possible, if we had not had the best superintendent and the best corps of teachers that could be obtained. The local authorities are well pleased with the recognition obtained. It is a great thing for any town to know that they have a school second to none in all the country.

It has not yet been decided as to the date school will open, but doubtless the date will be about the same as last year. Every patron ought to make up his mind to stand by the school closer than ever before. We can all help to make it better all the time. In order to get and hold first-class affiliation it is absolutely necessary to maintain a nine months school. Co-operation is the word. Let us all cooperate and further our greatest institution.

### DENTAL NOTICE

This is to inform the public that I make a specialty in the treatment of Pyorrhea (which is diseased gums). If the gums are properly cared for, there is no occasion for false teeth.

I have had three years of successful practice and have been thoroughly convinced that bad gums are the direct cause of numerous systemic ailments, such as stomach trouble, rheumatism, etc.

I will be glad to consult with any one at any time on any subject pertaining to the oral cavity. Office over Woodroof-Bragg Company.

Yours very truly,  
F. N. REYNOLDS, D.D.L.

Miss Allie Mae Dendy of near Plainview is visiting Miss Lula Mae Boaz.

## ECHOES FROM CANDIDATES IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION

### TO MY FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

I feel gratefully thankful to my many friends in Taylor County who made it possible for me to serve you as sheriff for the ensuing term. My heart is profoundly stirred by the confidence you have imposed in me, and I trust I will have your closest co-operation in conducting the affairs of the office to the very best of my ability.

To my opponent I have the very kindest feeling. He is a splendid fellow, and in all the campaign I have naught to say of a single item of his conduct.

Again thanking you from the very depth of my heart, I am  
Yours to serve,  
JOHN BOND

### TO MY MANY LOYAL FRIENDS

I am so grateful to each one of you for the magnificent vote you gave me, and I want to express to you my deep and heartfelt appreciation, and to those who have so faithfully used their influence for me during these many weeks, and for everything that has been done in my behalf; also for the continuation of your full. I thank you all again and interest I shall be so very grateful.

MISS FANNIE TIPETT.

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank from the depth of my heart all my friends who supported me in the race for County Clerk. My appreciation is just as great towards them as if I had received the majority.

HENRY R. HICKS.

### WORDS OF APPRECIATION

The first primary election of 1918 is now a matter of history, and I am a defeated candidate for the office of cotton weigher of the Merkel District. In my defeat, I cheerfully submit to the will of the people when they speak at the ballot box.

To those who gave me their loyal support, I will say, that no man appreciates the vote and influence of his friends more than I. It was through your untiring efforts that I made the splendid showing in this race that I did, so let me thank you for any-

thing you may have done or said in my interest during the campaign.

To those who voted for any one of my opponents, I have nothing but the very best of feeling. You were nice and kind to me as I passed among you, from day to day, in my campaign.

So taking this campaign, all in all, I desire to thank the people of the entire district, both men and women, for their kindness, votes and influence. My very best wishes are for you and yours.

Very sincerely yours,  
JAS. PATTERSON, JR.

### APPRECIATIVE OF LIBERAL SUPPORT

I placed my fortunes in the hands of my friends and they rallied to my support in such a magnificent manner as to even eliminate a run-off, and to say that I am thankful expresses my feeling too mildly. Needless to say that when the returns came in, my heart was gratified at the result. I can never thank you enough for your support, and I again assure you that I will do my best to fill the office of cotton weigher to your entire satisfaction.

Thanking you again and again I am  
Yours to serve,  
J. M. GARRETT.

### TO THE VOTERS OF COMMISSIONERS PRECINCT NUMBER TWO

I wish to say that after a campaign of seven months, I won the race on July 27 by something over 100 votes, and for this large majority I wish to express my sincere thanks to you. Yet under the ruling of the Democratic Committee, if the man receiving the next largest votes can run if he wishes. So Mr. Coats wishes to run again and the race is on.

Owing to the health of my wife and so short a time in which to canvas, I will not be able to meet you personally, yet I will appreciate your support on August 24, as though I had met you personally.

Yours to win,  
T. R. LASSITER

MELONS ON ICE  
Delivered at 2½ cents per pound.  
MERKEL ICE COMPANY

### MERKEL MAN ELECTED

Our fellow townsman, Jno Bond, has been elected sheriff of this county for the ensuing term by a majority of 294. His home town and surrounding country stood almost solidly for him. A greater compliment of home confidence could hardly have been showered upon one of our citizens. They believe in him. More strikingly wonderful is the effect considered when it is known that he beat a man who has made good, a man in whom the soul of honor lies, a man who has been attentive to business and courageous at all times. It means something to beat a man like that—it takes a man like that to do it.

We predict of John Bond a successful term. He has the qualifications of firmness, and yet with it kindness, and we actually believe there is nothing he will not do for a friend. When definite returns were received announcing his election, his friends called around and congratulated him. Then they took him in a car and rode down town. When they got to the Woodrum Hotel the fire alarm was given and the citizens came pouring down. He was led to the middle of the street and they turned on the fire hose. Geo. McDonald, however, had to hold him and both were soaked. His friends then made up a purse to buy him a new suit. He has made a clean race, he has won fairly, and we must stand by him as long as those beautiful principles predominate his life and action. Hurrah for him, and good luck.

### BLANTON VISITS MERKEL.

So truly did Congressman Blanton believe in his friends in Merkel that he deemed it unnecessary to place Merkel on his campaign tour. But knowing how the hearts of the people here beat in unison with his own patriotic desires, he would not return to Washington until he had paid his respects to Merkel. The announcement of his speaking was short, but last Saturday afternoon a goodly crowd of several hundred gathered to hear what he had to say. He reviewed his work on a Congressman in these grievous war times, he told of the multi-

nous duties devolving upon him, he refuted the campaign slander that was waged against him. His speech was well received, and it was the opinion of those present that they would be well represented in Congress as long as Thos. L. Blanton was Congressman.

More than emotional demonstration, the citizens, men and women, marched to the polls, and the result is that Blanton got nearly a solid vote. He said he wanted the people to pass on his record, and when the time came that his record didn't suit the people, then he advised that they select another. He referred to the Merkel Mail and said that everybody ought to read it. We agreed with him heartily.

At this writing we are not in position to say definitely as to whether he will have to make a run-off, but the reports are to the effect that he swept the field.

### DEATH TO DOGS

To the Public:  
Please take notice that all unmuzzled dogs, caught on the street will be taken up and shot. All dogs on which a license has not been paid will be taken up and killed, regardless of whose premises it may be found on. If you want to protect your dog, be sure and see that it is equipped with a license and a muzzle. The security of the city can not be endangered by dogs, and unless these instructions are complied with, there is no alternative, but death to the dogs.

Yours respectfully,  
N. D. COBB, Mayor. 112

### BOY SCOUTS TO GIVE SHOW

The Merkel Boy Scouts will give a five reel "Butterfly," entitled "Flames of Youth," at the Cozy, 9 P. M., Thursday, August 1. Special music will be given. The boys are raising funds for their equipment and they earnestly desire a representative crowd.

Jas. Dent Gibson left about two weeks ago and joined the marines at Fort Worth, and from there he went to Houston for final examination. His people have received a letter from him from Paris Island, S. C., where he is now located, stating that he likes the service fine.

### LATEST NEWS FROM THE FRONT

Just downright old hard fighting is now the order of the day at the front. The allies are on the gain even in spite of the most determined opposition.

The latest report shows the American troops having made a brilliant and important advance northward from Serpy. The enemy resistance was of the stoutest character but was no obstacle to the Americans. The advance late Tuesday measured about two miles.

Washington, July 31—The battle in the Aise-Marne salient has developed into a life and death struggle between the opposing armies. More limited objectives the Germans may have had in launching their attack at Rheims or for which General Foch may have aimed in his counter thrust, have been submerged in the greater struggle, the object of which on each side is the destruction of the opposing army.

### Turkey Tires of German Rule.

Indications point strongly to the withdrawal of Turkey from the great conflict. She is growing tired of German exactions and tyranny. Doubtless such a move will have a direct effect in clarifying matters in Russia.

### Von Eichhorn Slain.

Amsterdam, July 31—An official message from Kiev announces that Field Marshal Von Eichhorn and his adjutant, Capt. Von Dressler, died last night after they had been wounded by a bomb thrown at them while they were returning from the casino. The bomb was thrown from a cab which drove close to their carriage as they were approaching the field marshal's residence. The assassin was a lad of 23. He declared at an inquiry held after the crime that he came from the Province of Ryazan, adjacent to Moscow, on orders from a communist committee, to kill the field marshal.

J. A. Kinard, assistant organizer of farmers' institutes for the State Department of Agriculture, will hold a farmer's institute at Merkel, August 3, 2:00 P. M.



## THE FARMERS STATE BANK

☛ You insure your Home and your Life; why not your Money?

☛ This Bank is a Guaranty Fund Bank and offers you the protection afforded by the State Guaranty Fund of Texas.

We Pay The Premium

Capital and Surplus Fund  
\$65,000.00

may run without a governor, but it is sure hard to get along without a boss.

**RED CROSS**  
STONE ROOT AND BUCHU COMPOUND.  
Of unexcelled value for the treatment of kidney diseases. Pains in the back and burning sensations are symptoms of kidney troubles, which are quickly overcome by use of this remedy. This and more than one hundred other Red Cross Remedies sold and guaranteed only by

Grimes Drug Store  
C. L. McNeese left Monday night for Arizona, where he will work in connection with the mines for a few months.

I will buy anything I can use or find a market for. So bring along what you have to sell. I will buy Mesquite beans. W. P. Duckett.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head  
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 50c.

Cotton seed meal at G. M. Sharp's.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic  
destroys the malarial germs which are transmitted to the blood by the Malaria Mosquito. Price 60c.

Fresh Candies and fruits at A. C. Boney's.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic  
restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. Price 60c.

Remember the 10th and pay your Electric bills.

We have a couple of letters from soldier boys that were crowded out this week. They will appear next week.



**IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE DELICATE OR FRAIL**  
under-size or under-weight  
remember—*Scott's Emulsion* is nature's grandest growing-food; it strengthens their bones, makes healthy blood and promotes sturdy growth.  
Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

### ONE WEAK SPOT

Many. Merkel. People. Have. a Weak Part and Too Often It's The Back.

Many people have a weak spot. Too often it's a bad back. Twinges follow every sudden twist.

Dull aching keeps up, day and night. Backache is often from weak kidneys.

In such case a kindey medicine is needed.

Doan's Kidney Pills are for weak kidneys.

For backache and urinary ills.

Merkel people recommend the remedy.

Mrs. J. V. West, Merkel, says: "An attack of the grip several years ago left my kidneys weak and disordered, causing severe pain. As Doan's Kidney Pills had been taken with good result in my family, I used them. They reached the seat of the trouble, completely curing me. I haven't had any of that trouble since."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. West had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs, Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. H. T. Merritt and son, Jack, returned last Sunday from an extended visit to the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Baker, of Canyon.

### Boschee's German Syrup.

will quiet your cough, soothe the inflammation of a sore throat and lungs, stop irritation in the bronchial tube, insure a good night's rest, free from coughing and with easy expectoration in the morning. Made and sold in America for fifty-two years. A wonderful prescription, assisting nature in building up your general health and throwing off the disease. Especially useful in lung trouble, asthma, croup, bronchitis, etc. For sale by Grimes Drug Store. 30 and 90 cent bottles.

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$308,246.45</b>

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	35,857.63
Circulation	6,250.00
Rediscunts	None
Bills Payable	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
DEPOSITS	241,138.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$308,246.45</b>

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

### The Merkel Mail

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Entered at the postoffice at Merkel Texas as second class mail matter.

And Ferguson also ran.

Abilene failed to elect her Governor. We bet she starts in on a campaign to divide the State. 'Tis a pity she is not about 300 times larger. She might start increasing her population by inviting Jimmy up, as his present neighbors do not seem to be as congenial as they might.

The Senate of Texas impeached Ferguson; the voters of the State overwhelmingly registered their disapproval of his acts, and yet his friends still claim he is a martyr. Now why not raise a fund and prosecute him? Emory McDonald, an ardent supporter of Ferguson, says he will start the fund with \$1. He says if Ferguson is guilty of the things charged against him, he wants a jury to prove it. That might not suit Ferguson.

The election is over. Outside of the Governor question it has been a remarkably clean affair. Let the losers be good losers; let us not nurse any pretended injury, but like men, let us arise and congratulate the victors, and let victors and vanquished be brothers in the high and lofty work that lies out before them. Let the fever of politics subside and let us get under the war game. It is far more important to dethrone the Kaiser than it is to enthrone any personal ambition in this great State.

Mrs. Walter Jackson and children are visiting relatives in Fort Worth, Dallas, Arlington and other points. That is the reason we can only get out four pages this week. Some things

# GET THIS Then Act Quickly

VERY SPECIAL PRICE-REDUCTION ON THE FOLLOWING

Every pair Low Cut Shoes are cut 10 to 40 Per Cent  
Men's, Women's, Boys', Girls and Children's

MEN'S AND BOYS' STRAW HATS  
at 20 to 50 per cent cut on former prices

**BARGAIN PRICES** On Palm Beach Suits  
On Summer Pants  
On Boys' Underwear

We are constantly using our efforts and capital to make our store the most satisfactory place to deal with

## The Brown D. G. Company

### LOCAL NEWS

Go to Rogers where the dollar buys most.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Atkins and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Witcher of Honey Grove are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell and family.

Fresh Candies and fruits at A. C. Boney's.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brady of Lamesa visited relatives and friends in Merkel the past week. Mr. Brady says crops are good in that section.

Remember the 10th and pay your Electric bills.

Miss Mary Anna Mayfield returned Sunday night from an extended visit to the home of her uncle, W. F. Scarborough, in Andrews county. She reports a great time.

Cleaning and pressing done promptly. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Miss Agnes Powell, who recently underwent an operation at the sanitarium in Abilene, is much improved and expects to return home shortly.

**Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days**  
Druggists refund money if FAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 60c.

Mrs. Standifer, wife of the new pastor of the Presbyterian church, underwent a very serious operation at the sanitarium in Abilene a few days ago. Last reports are to the effect that she is slightly improved.

Why be bothered with punctures and slow leaks when Korker will preserve and protect your tires. See E. B. Barnes. tf.

**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.



**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 taxpaying 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 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,  
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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

**CALLED HER FAMILY TO HER BEDSIDE**

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Royse City, Tex.—Mrs. Mary Killman, of this place, says: "After the birth of my little girl... my side commenced to hurt me. I had to go back to bed. We called the doctor. He treated me... but I got no better. I got worse and worse until the misery was unbearable... I was in bed for three months and suffered such agony that I was just drawn up in a knot... I told my husband if he would get me a bottle of Cardui I would try it... I commenced taking it, however, that evening I called my family about me... for I knew I could not last many days unless I had a change for

the better. That was six years ago and I am still here and am a well, strong woman, and I owe my life to Cardui. I had only taken half the bottle when I began to feel better. The misery in my side got less... I continued right on taking the Cardui until I had taken three bottles and I did not need any more for I was well and never felt better in my life... I have never had any trouble from that day to this."

Do you suffer from headache, backache, pains in sides, or other discomforts, each month? Or do you feel weak, nervous and fagged-out? If so, give Cardui, the woman's tonic, a trial.  
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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.  
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**CARD OF THANKS**

We the undersigned husband and children of Nancy Queen Foster desire to express our sincere thanks to the gracious friends of Merkel who ministered to our dear wife and mother's needs during the last days of her life. Your goodness and sympathy shall be a green spot in our memories.

Father Foster.  
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J. A. Foster.  
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**WHITE CHURCH NEWS**

Our Sunday School is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere gave a singing Sunday night in honor of Jim Burfind and Homer Tye, who go to training camps this week.

Mrs. W. H. Brown is on the sick list this week.

Roy Brown has returned from a trip to Cisco, Burleson and other points. He reports good crops around Burlison.

Mrs. Callie Mae Evans and children, returned to their home at Willington after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Frazier.

Johnie Frazier, who has had a long spell of typhoid fever is doing nicely now.

Jewell and Myrtle Daniels and Myrtle Scott from Merkel spent Saturday night and Sunday with Doll Frazier.

Mrs. J. N. Brown is on the sick list this week.

Miss Essie and Bessie Tucker were visitors at Sunday School last Sunday. We were glad to have them with us.

Miss Ethel Coats is spending the week with their grandpa and grandma, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Coats at Merkel.

SHORTY.

**Cure for Dysentery**

"While I was in Ashland, Kansas, a gentleman overheard me speaking of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes William Whitelaw, of Des Moines, Iowa. "He told me in detail of what it had done for his family, but more especially his daughter who was lying at the point of death with a violent attack of dysentery, and had been given up by the family physician. Some of his neighbors advised him to give Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, which he did, and fully believes that by doing so saved the life of his child. He stated that he had also used this remedy himself with equally gratifying results."

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Reagan have adopted a fine little boy, nearly two years of age. Luck indeed is the little orphan to fall into such splendid hands. They have only had the baby a few days, and while they may not spoil the baby, yet the baby has spoiled them. It is a blessing for the childless baby to fall into a good childless home where the possibilities of life may open upon its unfolding life and where it may have the opportunity of making the most out of life. In this instance all three are to be congratulated.

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Noel, Mrs. S. A.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on August 14.

H. C. Williams, Postmaster, Merkel, Texas.

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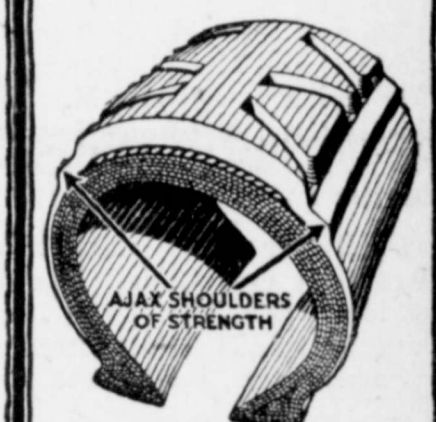
**DR. SANDEFER SPEAKS**

Dr. J. D. Sandefer spoke last Thursday night in the interest of the candidacy of Governor Hobby. He touched upon the various charges brought against Ferguson, he went into the university matter, he showed where such men as M. H. Wolfe, the president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and president of the Interdenominational Sunday School Association of Texas, had been slandered unmercifully. His address was logical throughout. A large crowd was present, the tabernacle being comfortably filled. At the close of his address he asked the Hobby people to rise, and all but just a few scattering ones arose. It is doubtful if ten people kept their seats. The address was free of any unproven charge. Mere hearsay evidence was not used. The doctor is a great speaker and never fails to draw a crowd.

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## LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Scott of Noodle spent Friday with Mrs. F. A. Polley.

your Electric bills.

Remember the 10th and pay

Mrs. M. S. Allen of Sweetwater is visiting her sons, H. P. and T. C. Allen this week.

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

Mrs. Noah Moore of Fort Worth is visiting her father J. S. Hutson.

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

Mrs. J. C. Calvert has just returned from a two weeks visit to her son, W. C. Calvert.

Fresh Candies and fruits at A. C. Boney's.

Ben F. Cox, who has been suffering with typhoid fever, is reported much improved.

Spot cash saves you money at Rogers.

I. D. Walton, who has been in Goree for several months returned a few days ago, and is residing with his son, H. E. Walton.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stallings was the first lady to vote in the Merkel box last Saturday. Mrs. Walter Jackson was the second.

Save by keeping your clothes clean. First class service guaranteed. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Mrs. Max Krauskopz of Pecos stopped off between trains last Wednesday with Mrs. W. A. McSpadden.

Go to the Rogers grocery and see how the spot cash saves you money.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. London and Mr. and Mrs. C. Renfro of Hereford are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henson. Mesdames London and Renfro are sisters of Mrs. Henson.

Don't forget the man that buys most everything. Go to see him when you have anything to sell. The first letter of his name is W. P. Duckett.

Miss Hettie Wills returned Saturday from a two weeks trip to relatives at Noodle. She reports a fine time fishing and swimming.

Use Korker and stop punctures and slow leaks. E. B. Barnes.

Miss Ann Olive Garoutte left Monday night on the Sunshine Special for Huntington Park, Cal., for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Sissie D. Vaughan and other relatives.

Expect car of bran by Saturday. G. M. Sharp.

G. L. Anderson and M. E. Perry and their families of Nubia went down on Elm Monday in search of fruit. They report a great time, fine fruit and good water melons.

If you want your cleaning done right, send your clothes to Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Mrs. J. B. Young and daughter, Nellie, are visiting Mrs. Young's daughter, of this city, Mrs. F. A. Polley for a couple of months.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Polley and son, Dalbert and Mrs. Young and daughter, Nellie spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Walker of the Horn community.

### WHAT TO USE TO PREVENT APPENDICITIS

Merkel people should know simple burthorn bark, glycerine, ect., as mixed in Adler-i-ka, flushes the entire bowel tract so completely that appendicitis is prevented. One spoonful Adler-i-ka relieves any case sour stomach, gas or constipation because it removes all foul matter which clogged and poisoned your system. The instant action surprises both doctors and patients.—Sanders Drug Store. adv.3



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

### Philathea-Baraca Social

The Philathea Class entertained the Baracas of the Methodist church at the home of their teacher, Mrs. H. A. Sanders. Various new games were enjoyed and that a general delightful time was had is evidenced by the fact that the young folks did not repair to their respective homes until one o'clock. Refreshments were served. Never for a moment did the fun lag. The night was a delightful one, just such a one as makes a fellow want to stay up all night. The moon at full afforded plenty of light. They are already counting the time when they will have a repetition of the occasion. Both classes are extending a general invitation all the young people who have no other church preference to come and join them each Sunday morning.

### A Slumberless Party.

A slumberless party was given by Misses Edna, Irene, Willie, and Annie Mae Swann Tuesday night in honor of Mrs. Thomas Bearden of Fort Worth. They report a great time until about 11:30, when one of the girls disappeared. The first impulse was to phone the new sheriff to "try him out." (Better be careful, girls. Mrs. Bond may not quite understand this part of a new sheriff's duties.) He willingly responded, but she was soon found without his aid. No one thought of sleep before 2:00 A. M., and very few visited dreamland then, owing to the lively conversation and music in the room. They all report a delightful time.

### A Dinner Party.

Misses Dovie and Ruby Teaff entertained with a diner party Tuesday in honor of their guests Mrs. Thos. Beardon of Ft. Worth and Miss Ora Hurst of Lockhart. Those in attendance were Misses Geneva Brown, Maud Martin, Sophia Howard, Murtice Saffle (Plainview), Edna, Irene and Annie Mae Swann, Mesdames L. B. Howard, W. J. Largent, A. R. Meador, General Jones and Earl Lassiter.

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### CLASSIFIED ADS

1 cent a word for each insertion. No ad. taken for less than 15c.

FOR SALE—Second hand furniture. See Miss Genevieve Rust. 26t2c.

FOUND—A good pair of spectacles, near Tye. Owner may recover same upon description of same and payment of this advertisement at office of the Merkel Mail. 26t2c.

TO THE FARMERS—If you want a loan on your land at any time from now until next January, from the Federal Land Bank, you should put in your application now so as to have the Loan ready by the time you need the money. See or write W. C. Lasley, at Buffalo Gap. 19t4p.

FOR SALE—Typewriter ribbons at the Merkel Mail office.

FOR SALE—Fresh milch cow B. N. Billingsley. 2t3p

FOR SALE—One second hand 12-inch Disk Fan. See Merkel Power Company.

### CASH TO ALL

COUPONS ARE CASH ON DELIVERY. THE ICE MAN HAS TO PAY FOR YOUR COUPON BOOK THE END OF THE DAY YOU PURCHASE. YOU WILL DO US A GREAT FAVOR IF YOU WILL HAVE THE MONEY READY FOR HIM WHEN HE DELIVERS YOUR ICE OR COUPON BOOK IN OUR ICE BUSINESS WE DON'T KNOW MR. "CHARGE-IT". NO ORDERS TAKEN AFTER 6:30 P.M. OR ON SUNDAY. OPEN SUNDAY FROM 8:00 TO 9:00 A.M. MERKEL ICE CO. ICE

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### CHURCH NEWS

#### Sunday School Report.

	Attendance	Col
Baptist	170	\$4.47
Methodist	165	3.02
Presbyterian	32	.94

Methodist Church Announcements.

Last Sunday was a good day at our church. Audiences were large and appreciative. Our Sunday School is increasing in numbers and deepening in interest. Mr. Henson, our good Superintendent, is a hummer. He is making the school go. There are a few Methodists he has not yet reached. I believe if they could see and know how he does things, they would be on hand next Sunday. Hurrah for Ralph! Come to Sunday School and get in the procession. Our Sunday teachers are a fine bunch of folks. Let all our Methodist people give them their influence in this great work. I know you will, or you will be a . . . . . well I won't say it, but you come and be convinced.

Your pastor will have a message for you next Sunday, at both the 11 o'clock and the 7 o'clock hours. Come stand in your place and bear your part of the burden and share your part of the joy of service of gospel ministrations. All strangers in the city have a cordial invitation to all of our services. C. S. Cameron, Pastor

### Over at the Baptist Church

"Christian Stewardship" will be the pastor's theme next Sunday morning. Better hear it.

At the seven o'clock in the evening service the pastor will continue the Old Testament Movies and this one will be, "A Long Drouth and a Big Rain."

A distinct gain was made last Sunday in the Sunday School attendance. We are steadily climbing toward our goal.

The Prayer-Meeting theme for Wednesday night, August 7, will be, "If To-night Were My Last Night on Earth."

Everybody has a cordial invitation to attend any of our services. We are especially on the trail of the members of the church and will never be satisfied until they all show up in the service.

Come right on in: the service's fine!

E. E. Dawson, Pastor

Methodist League Program.

Following is the program for the League Sunday, August 4: Subject—"All for Christ."

Roll call answered by scripture verses.

Leader—Miss Georgia Moore. Scripture—Phil. 3:4-11.

Hymn—"Work for the Night Is Coming."

Prayer. Scripture references. Leader's remarks. Hymn—"A Charge to Keep I Have."

An ambition to manifest the Christ Life—Talk by Miss Josie

Smith. An Ambition to Be Something—Talk by Miss Wilma Smith. Announcements. Hymn—"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult." League Benediction.

### LISTENING FOR THE BELL

By Quanticus

Bells used to be all the style in church architecture. Even a cross-roads chapel must have a bell or it has not the dignity of a place of worship. But the big busy world finally came to discard the church bell. It was found that many people got to using the bell instead of their consciences as to the meetings. If they heard the bell, they came. If by accident the bell was not jingled, they would stay away and then justify their absence by the bell's failure to ring.

The bell's ringing was an invitation. It said to all hearers, "Come-To Church! Come To Church!" Some obeyed; of course others paid no heed. The faithful ones went whether the bell rang or was silent. The habit of going was established and at the hour of worship the body and mind and spirit were not satisfied unless the church was visited.

People do not need an invitation of any sort to attend the church. They can easily find the reason in their own hearts. "As the heart panteth for the waterbrooks, so panteth my soul for thee, O God!" That is the universal call of the inner man. There is where the bell really rings and never fails to ring. If you want to have real joy of soul and make life one long and happy day of good service, hear the bell ringing of the heart and go to the place where God is worshipped by his people.

### BAKERY TO OPEN

N. Hancock decided to remain in Merkel and open up the Merkel Bakery just as soon as he can obtain supplies. Mrs. Hancock arrived from Fort Worth Wednesday evening. It may take a week or two to get ready, but the bakery is a needed institution and we are glad this deserving young couple has decided to resume operations.

### The Best Plaster.

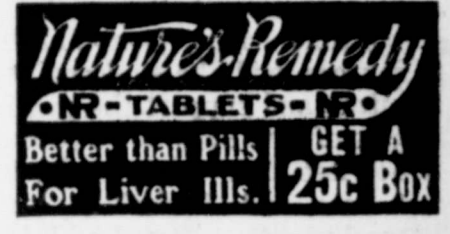
A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Liniment and bound on over the seat of pain is often more effectual for a lame back than a plaster and does not cost anything like as much.

### MRS. FOSTER DEAD

Mrs. Nancy Queen McDonald Foster was born July 20, 1849. In 1868, December 16, she was married to Mr. Foster, now of Merkel, while both resided in Fannin county. She was converted and became a Baptist in 1875 in Hill county. In 1876 she and her husband came to Brown county and from thence soon after to Eastland county where they resided in the Pioneer community until a few years ago when they moved to Jones county. She lived in Merkel for the past two years.

This good woman leaves behind her a husband and four children, namely, Mary Elizabeth Lindley, J. W., J. A. and G. W. Foster. The aged companion feels his loneliness very keenly, and only the presence of the Great Shepherd will be able to sustain his broken heart.

Mrs. Foster was sick nearly two weeks with the same ailment that took her grandmother and mother at about her own age. Her funeral occurred on the afternoon of July 26, Rev. D. G. Wells of Anson, a former pastor, and Rev. E. E. Dawson conducting the rites of the service.



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