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LEGISLATORS GATHER FOR SESSION

The legislature is assembling in Austin.

There is a growing belief that a constitutional convention is certain to be called and that it will not be convened under a year, most probably in January of 1920. Most of the members appear to favor it.

Senator McNealus, who has long been an advocate of a constitutional convention, says that practically every member here is for a constitutional convention. He also says that the maximum membership should be about eighty. His resolution calling a constitution convention was vetoed by Governor Ferguson in 1917. "The Governor has no authority to pass on such a matter," said the Senator, and I am sustained in that assertion by the present Attorney General, C. M. Cureton, who, while Finance Assistant, wrote a most elaborate opinion holding the Legislature could call such a convention without approval of the Governor and independent of his disapproval.

While Governor Hobby is thought to favor a constitutional convention and would not veto a resolution calling it, Senator McNealus says the resolution is to be adopted this time without the contemplation of its receiving executive approval. Senator McNealus further stated that under Mr. Murton's opinion, the resolution could carry sufficient appropriation to defray the expense of the constitutional convention without it going to the Governor for approval.

WEMBURG PEOPLE PROCLAIM REPUBLIC

Metz, Saturday, Jan. 11.—Luxemburg was proclaimed a Republic on Friday when Grand Duchesse Marie retired from the capital, taking up quarters in a chateau near by.

The Chamber held an excited meeting the Clericals quitting the House in a body.

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with Ballard's Snow Liniment. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of

The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of Jan., 1919, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 17th day of Jan., 1919.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$263,085.23
Loans, real estate	7,500.00
Overdrafts	261.54
Bonds and Stocks, U.S. Stamps	312.13
Real Estate (banking house)	5,350.00
Other Real Estate	1,242.80
Furniture and Fixtures	3,950.00
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	16,188.82
Cash Items	4,754.35
Currency	9,000.00
Specie	1,095.96
Int. and Asst. Dep. Guaranty Fund	4,522.79
Other Resources	
Bills of Ex.—Cotton	10,548.60
Total	\$336,702.53
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$35,000.00
Surplus Fund	30,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	1,087.79
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	
Individual Deposits sub. to check	152,530.98
Time Certificates of Deposit	9,989.04
Certified Checks	
Cashier's checks	4,482.25
Payable and Rediscounts	103,611.37
Total	\$336,702.53

County of Taylor: I, J. T. Warren, president, and R. O. Anderson, cashier, of said bank, each of us, do hereby certify that the above statement is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. J. T. Warren, President. R. O. Anderson, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of Jan. A. D., 1919. W. P. Mahaffey, Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

HINES NAMED RAILROAD DIRECTOR

Los Angeles, Jan. 11.—Walker D. Hines, assistant director general of railroads, was appointed Director General today by President Wilson to succeed William G. McAduo.

Notice of the appointment, cabled to the White House by President Wilson, reached McAduo by telegraph last night at Winslow, Ariz. when the retiring Director General passed through that town on his way to Los Angeles.

TAYLOR COUNTY CHAMPIONS VS TRENT

The Merkel Football Team walloped the Trent Team in a fierce football game last Friday afternoon on the local grounds and are actually bragging about it. They don't seem to have one bit of sympathy for their crushed opponents. But wait, for we remember an adage something like this: "The one who laughs last laughs best."

The score was 44 to 15 in favor of the home team, Taylor County's Champions for last season. This was the season's opening game. Merkel's lineup was as follows:

Dowel Garrett, forward; Willie Stevens, forward and captain; Russell Pike, guard; Frank Counts, guard; Alvis Wilkins, center; Howard Laney and Oscar McClain, substitutes; referee Lt. Geo. Smith.

Trent line-up was as follows: Jack Boone, captain and forward; Malcom Beasley, forward; Arthur Brown, center; Noble Forrester, guard; Ellis Smith, guard.

The Merkel boys were all dressed up in their new uniforms, which lent them inspiration to whip Trent. They are longing to meet any and all comers. (Note—We bet they get their suits dirty yet before this thing is over.)

They received the loyal support from the school and town.

A FINE SNOW FALLING

We have been having a fine snow, falling almost continuously since early Wednesday morning. The snow amounted to a rainfall of seven-eighths of an inch up to nine o'clock Thursday morning. Monday night we had a rainfall of three-tenths of an inch. This gives us another fine season. It is fine for small grain.

People are returning every day, and every one is predicting bumper crops. The great Merkel country is coming back into its own.

SING SONG NOTICE

The Sing-Song to be held at the Baptist church Thursday night was postponed on account of the inclemency of the weather. It will meet next Thursday night at the Methodist church as per schedule. Everybody come.

Seven States Ratify The Pro Amendment

Chicago, Jan. 14.—Seven States today completed ratification of the prohibition constitutional amendment and brought the number taking such action to 39. The number necessary for ratification is 36.

Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, North Carolina and Alabama were the States that completed ratification today.

In addition, the Nebraska Senate and the Utah House voted for ratification. In California, however, attorneys for the Grape Growers Protective League filed suit for an injunction to restrain the Governor from certifying the ratification. In spite of the fact it was argued that acts of the California Legislature must be submitted to a referendum.

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOR RENT—Modern 7 or 8-room residence on Oak St. No better place in Merkel. See Merkel Realty Company. 9t2p.

WANTED—A man with small family to work with cattle. See C. M. Largent.

WANTED—Good second hand wind-mill, stand, tank and tower, or separate. Write particulars to H. M. McBeath, Hamby, Tex. 12p.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—\$65. Bausch & Lomb view camera, with full equipment. Would trade for good violin.—Earl Thornton, R.F.D. No. 4. 10t2p.

FOUND—Purse. Owner may secure same by furnishing description and paying for this advertisement. E. L. Kelso, Route 4. 11p.

FOR RENT—Two team place 3/4 mile north of Cranstop or Sand Furr school house. See A. B. Cranston. 17t1p.

FOR RENT—House close in on Southside. S. F. Haynes. 17t1p.

Government Is Behind In Payment of Allotments.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Of 2 and a half million checks for dependents' allotments and allowance Bureau's Work, in response for November and December, only 930,000 have been mailed. Secretary Glass, reporting today on the War Risk Insurance Bureau's Work, in response to a Senate resolution, said all October payments had been made and checks for the last two months would be out before the end of January.

FOR SALE—Plenty mesquite cord wood at \$2.50 a cord. Five miles of Merkel. See G. D. Bryant, Merkel. 9t2p.

COTTON SEED FOR SALE—Car expected by February 10 from Lockhart, the genuine, machine culled, Mebane cotton seed. You will save money to see me before you buy. Call or phone orders in at once.—J. S. Hughes, Elair, Texas. 10t4p.

FOR SALE—Good single buggy. R. L. Bland. 10t2c.

WANTED—Cord wood. Earl Lassiter.

FOR RENT—Two good farms.—C. M. Largent. 11p.

FOR SALE—Young broke and unbroke horses and mares. Good work stock. E. Howell, 4 miles northeast of Trent. 17t2p.

FOR SALE—One gilt, about six months old and good jersey milk cow. See F. Y. Gaither. 11p.

PARENTS-TEACHERS MEET

The Parents-Teachers organization met at the High School at 3:30 last Friday afternoon. The house was called to order by Mrs. Armstrong, president. Routine business was disposed of and it was decided to give a program for the presentation of the School Service Flag on Friday night, January 24, in the High School auditorium. The ceremony is to be of a highly impressive nature, and ought to be so vitally interesting to every individual in and around Merkel.

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 Dec. 31, 1918

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, inc. redis. (except those shown on b and c)	\$173,114.82	
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 U. S. deposits (par value)		
U. S. Bonds and cert. of ind. pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value)	3,500.00	
U. S. Bonds and certificates of indebtedness pledged as collateral for State or other dep'ts or bills payable	25,000.00	
Liberty Loan Bonds 3 1/2, 4, and 4 1/2 per cent, unpledged	2,659.35	
Liberty Loan Bonds, 3 1/2, 4, and 4 1/2 per cent, pledged to secure State or other deposits or bills payable	6,550.00	
Securities other than U. S. Bonds (not inc. stocks) owned unpledged	3,294.65	
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	
Legal reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	14,400.40	
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	55,345.17	
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 17)	251.13	
Total of Items 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18	\$55,596.30	
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	786.05	
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50	
Interest earned but not collected—approximate—no Notes and Bills Receivable not past due	873.40	
War Saving Certificates and Thrift Stamps actually owned	406.72	
Total	\$299,936.19	

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits	3,867.94
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	
Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned (approximate)	4,836.54
Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
Net amounts due to National banks	
Net amounts due to banks, bankers, and trust companies (other than included in Items 31 or 32)	4,094.22
Total of Items 32 and 33	\$4,094.22
Demand deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	177,552.75
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	3,333.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,169.15
Dividends unpaid	2,500.00
Total demand deposits subject to Reserve, Items 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41	\$184,554.90
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	13,750.00
Postal savings deposits	1,582.59
Total of time dep. subject to Reserve, Items 42, 43, 44, 45	\$15,332.59
Bills payable, other than with Federal Reserve Bank, including all obligations representing money borrowed, other than rediscounts	6,000.00
Bills payable, with Federal Reserve Bank	25,000.00
Total	\$299,936.19

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 9th day of Jan. 1919.

J. T. HOWARD, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:—J. T. WARREN

G. F. WEST,

HENRY JAMES, Directors

ALLIES TO HOLD GERMAN PORTS

London, Jan. 13.—At today's session of the Allied military advisers in Paris, presided over by Marshal Foch, the suggestion was made that the Allies occupy some of the German ports, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Paris.

The occupation would be undertaken as a guarantee for the armistice conditions and as punishment for German's dilatory methods in complying with some of the armistice terms.

SING-SONG ORGANIZED

The singers of the city met at the Baptist church Monday evening and completed the organization of a Sing-Song. A large attendance was present. After a few preliminary talks by Rev. Dawson and others, the organization was perfected with Harry Barnett, president; Jim Black, vice president and Mrs. Lytton Howard, recording secretary.

It was decided to meet every Thursday night, taking time about at the different churches. A schedule will be announced soon.

It is to be hoped that this organization will rapidly develop. It fills a real need in the city's musical line. Doubtless from it an orchestra may be developed and other special features encouraged.

Merkel is behind no town or city when it comes to real musical talent. It needs development, and the meeting will prove a very helpful and profitable diversion from the routine of life's multiplied duties.

It is urged that every citizen help in the perfection of the organization.

The schedule follows: Thursday night following the first Sunday in the month at the Presbyterian; following the second Sunday at the Baptist; following the third at the Methodist; following the fourth at the Christian. Special arrangements will be made where five Thursday evenings appear in a month.

American Boys Wed in France

More than 10,000 American soldiers married in France, was the news that men wounded in action announced upon arrival at the Camp Bowie Hospital.

Three pounds of Breakfast Delight coffee for \$100 at G. M. Sharp's

as to insure a crowded house. The school is well represented in the army, and this will afford the citizens an opportunity to in a measure express their appreciation of the boys who have offered their all for the service of their country.

Mrs. R. O. Anderson was appointed chairman of a special committee to secure new members.

The organization is laying the foundation for plans looking to the beautification of the school grounds, and it is hoped that in the near future nice cement walks may surround the building.

Following Program.

The following program will be rendered at the School building, Jan. 24, 1919:

Song, Star Spangled Banner. Opening Address, Mrs. Armstrong.

Reading, "The Mother of a Soldier Never Cries", Ruth Wells. Reading, "The Service Flag and Our Country's Flag", Ray Garrett. Chorus, Children. Our Flag, Iris McClary. The Gold Star, Marguerite Bridgeman.

Reading, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden.

Piano Duet. Paper, Mrs. J. T. Browning. Chorus, High School Girls.

Presentation Address Judge Mahaffey.

Response, Guy Dorsey.

THE OIL PROSPECTS LOOKING GOOD

The oil situation is gradually assuming shape. The rig is set and practically everything is ready to spud in at the Sears well. Casing is ordered and is expected to arrive any day. As soon as it reaches here, the drillers will spud in and push operations to the utmost.

Some leases and royalties have changed hands this week. Confidence is growing stronger all along the line. Other wells will do down with little delay.

SHOOTING AFFRAY

Sweetwater, Jan. 13.—A sensational shooting affair took place here at the union station at 3:45 o'clock Sunday afternoon, in which Monroe Leverett was shot four times, J. D. Padgett of Melrose, N. M., was hit by a stray bullet, sustaining a broken arm, and a soldier boy was struck by another stray bullet, receiving a slight wound.

W. R. Nicholson of Post City surrendered to the authorities following the shooting.

All parties were passengers on the Santa Fe train.

Attending physicians stated Sunday evening that Monroe Leverett will probably not live through the night. The cause of the shooting is said to be family trouble.

To Stop Bolshevism

Washington, Jan. 13.—The House tonight passed the administration bill appropriating \$100,000,000 for the relief of the starving people of Europe. The vote was 242 for and 73 against. The bill now goes to the Senate.

In a message today solemnly urging Congress to appropriate the \$100,000,000 requested for European food relief, President Wilson said Bolshevism, steadily advancing westward, could not be stopped by force, but could be stopped by food. Food relief, he said, was the key to the whole European situation and to the solution of peace.

Miss Bernice Rainbolt, who has been working at Cisco for several months has accepted a position in the County Clerk's office at Abilene and started in Wednesday.

W. H. Stamps and little nephew Orville Childress, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rogers.

No. 354

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of

First State Bank, Trent, Texas

at the close of business on the 31st day of Dec. 1918, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 17th day of Jan. 1919.

RESOURCES

Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$30,193.06
Loans, real estate	2,855.00
Overdrafts	35.59
Bonds and Stocks	5,700.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	7,745.05
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to ck., net	4,303.43
Cash Items	243.03
Currency	5,215.00
Specie	839.69
Int. and Assessment Depts' Gty. Fund	1,201.87
Other Resources as follows:	
Advanced on Cotton	11,269.56
Total	\$80,405.28
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, net	10,800.43
Individual Deposits sub. to Check	49,688.71
Time Certificates of Deposit	125.00
Cashier's checks	285.12
Total	\$80,405.28

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 13th day of Jan. A. D., 1919.

Thos. Johnson, Notary Public Taylor County, Texas.

Correct—Attest: R. B. Johnson, G. F. West, Henry James, Directors

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The Merkel Mail

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

Another scourge of the influenza is sweeping over the country. For a time it seemed that Merkel might escape, but during the past few days it has broken out afresh, until now many people are down and it is hard to get any one to attend to the sick. It is hoped this spell will not be as bad as those that have swept the country before, but we can hardly hope for better conditions, as, if anything it is more malignant.

Prospects for a good crop year were never better. Days, months and even years of waiting promises rich returns. As we write, the most beautiful snow we ever saw is carpeting the ground, slowly melting and tickling the bottom-most roots of the small grain. Every thing looks mighty fine. It is beginning to look like we can mix oil and water this year. It is said the two will not mix, but the people in this western country can do anything they set their heads and hearts on. Haven't they lived on sand the past two years? We have seen no other visible soil products.

CAN CLEAN OIL SPOTS, TOO

Remember that no job in the cleaning and pressing line is too difficult for me. You oil enthusiasts will have lots of work, but please rest assured that I can and will give entire satisfaction.

Mrs. C. L. Cash,
Cleaning, Pressing and Mending,
Phone 124. At Anchor Mercantile Company.

10t2c.

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

We are sorry to record the fact that W. C. Matthews and family have moved to Ft. Worth where they will make their home in the future. His niece, Miss Effie Matthews, of Abilene, paid the family a visit before they left. His mother and brother of the Canyon also spent a few days with them. Just previous to leaving, a very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett, where old time songs proved a part of the entertainment. Fruit and candy were served.

East Texas ribbon cane syrup at G. M. Sharp's

R. C. Goode of Noodle has received his discharge and is now at home. He was stationed at Camp Mabry.

Plenty corn at G. M. Sharp's.

HELP THE KIDNEYS

Merkel Readers Are Learning The Way.

It's the little kidney ills—
The lame, weak or aching back—

The unnoticed urinary disorders—
That may lead to dropsy and Bright's disease.

When the kidneys are weak,
Help them with Doan's Kidney Pills.

A remedy especially for weak kidneys.

Doan's have been used in kidney troubles for 50 years.

Endorsed by 50,000 people—
endorsed by citizens of this locality.

W. J. Hauk, retired farmer, Anson, Tex., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills always relieve me when I use them. When my kidneys are disordered or need attention, I get a box of Doan's Kidney Pills and they never fail to benefit me. Another in my family has found just as beneficial results from their use."

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

STATEMENT

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

As Made to Comptroller of Currency at Close of Business December 31, 1918

RESOURCES

Loans	\$154,920.50
U. S. Bonds and Certificates	43,359.35
War Saving Stamps	406.72
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	1,500.00
Other Real Estate	3,132.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
5 per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Cash and Exchange	92,331.72
Total	\$299,562.79

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	33,331.08
Circulation	6,250.00
Due Federal Res. Bank	25,000.00
Bills Payable	6,000.00
Deposits	203,981.71
Total	\$299,562.79

YOUR BANKING BUSINESS IS INVITED

Every accommodation granted in line with good business methods and conservative Banking

J. T. Warren President
G. F. West Vice President
Henry James Vice Pres.
Thos. Johnson Cashier
Booth Warren Asst. Cashier
DeVerle Johnson Asst. Cash.

LOCAL NEWS

B. F. Deutschman of Noodle has received his discharge and returned from oversea service. He is in fine health and says he would not take any thing for his experiences, but would not choose to go over it again. He says he misses his friend, couty "(house)" more than anything else. He fought in the Argonne sector and has promised to give us some of his experiences.

Plenty of oats and corn—G. M. Sharp.

Dr Gambill has returned to Merkel and is again engaged in the practice of dentistry at his old location. Mrs Gambill preceded him here a few weeks.

Cotton seed meal and cowfeed at Bob Martin's

Mrs. T. L. Holloway and Mrs. Phillips Diltz left Thursday night for their home in California, after an extended visit with relatives in the city.

Rogers has everything you could want, fresh or canned. Come get our prices.

Mrs. R. A. Armstrong of Oklahoma City, Ok, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown. She will likely remain about a month.

Peace Maker flour is the best. G. M. Sharp.

Rufus Adcock's entire family are down with the "Flu". Mrs. Adcock has developed pneumonia and is very sick.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

The oldest son of Mr and Mrs. W. F. Haynes of French Pasture, is reported to be very sick.

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Worms will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

FOR TWO WEEKS

Commencing Saturday January 4

10 CENTS OFF

ON EVERY \$1.00

THAT YOU BUY IN WINTER GOODS OF THE FOLLOWING

Underwear, Blankets, Ladies Coats, Mens Suits, Misses Coats, Sweaters, and all other strictly winter goods

WE WISH YOU A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

The Brown D. G. Co.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferris and baby are down with "Flu."

Cotton seed meal and cowfeed at Bob Martin's

E. C. Baddley is visiting his daughter, Mrs. E. L. Rogers and family.

W. O. Boney is still making farm loans, better hurry.

Sample of Seed

You can see sample of cotton seed at the Blair Postoffice.—John S. Hughes. 17t1p

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp received a telegram Sunday stating that their son, Arl, is very low with the "Flu." Later report announce his condition no better.

Chamberlain's Tablets

When you are troubled with indigestion or constipation, take Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Indigestion is usually accompanied by constipation and is always aggravated by it. Chamberlain's Tablets cause a gentle movement of the bowels, relieving the constipated condition.

Lt. Frank Smith and Mr and Mrs. Barney Garrett left several days ago for Austin, where the two former will again enter the law department of the University of Texas.

Brer Rabbitt syrup at G. M. Sharp's

E. H. Cordell's son is reported very low.

Fever Sores

Fever sores, and other sores should not be healed, but should be kept in condition. This can be accomplished by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no other purpose. It is excellent for chapped nipples, b... the skin.

WRIGLEY'S

Is Sealed!



LOOK for the sealed package, but have an eye out also for the name **WRIGLEY'S**

That name is your protection against inferior imitations, just as the sealed package is protection against impurity.

The Greatest Name In Goody-Land —



The Flavor Lasts

Sealed Tight Kept Right

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Mrs. J. S. Burkhead and son, Finus, of Eastland visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell, the forepart of the week.

Cream meal—G. M. Sharp.

Mrs. Joe Shelton, and son, Joe, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell.

Sam Swann made a business trip to Tulia the past week.

THE COMING OF PEACE, THE FALLING OF ABUNDANT rains, and the great Promise of the Future for Texas make this the best and most appropriate time to plant fruit tree, berries, pecans, and ornamentals we have had in many years. We can supply varieties of nearly all fruits adapted to this section.

Leona and Smith Peaches—Haupt Berries Budded Pecans—Hardy Climate-Proof Native Texas Flowering Shrubs

On these and many other kinds and varieties we will stake our reputation.

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PLUMBING AND WINDMILL WORK

Appreciate your Patronage and Guarantee my Work

UBLETT At Crown Hardware Co.

Security in Farm Loans

on the ground—Quick Service

ate and Fire Insurance

NEY West of Farmers State Bank

CHURCH NEWS

B. Y. P. U. Social.

The Union held a delightful social at the hospitable home of Mr and Mrs. J. S. Swann last Friday evening. There was a full attendance, number near 100. Some of the boys who have just returned from the service were present. It certainly looked good to see them back. Music and out door games furnished amusement, and the young folks were in such high humor that it was a late hour before they could make up their minds to leave. Refreshments of hot chocolate and sandwiches were served in the dining room. All reported a most pleasant time.

The Kings Daughters

The Kings Daughters of the M. E. Church met at the home of Mrs. T. A. Johnson, with Mesdames Johnson and L. P. Jones as hostesses. After concluding business, a nice program was rendered. A contest of advertisements were greatly enjoyed by all. Delicious refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames Martin, Henson, Russell, Parker, Brown, Cobb, Hutcheson, McSpadden, Sanders, Guitar, Sheppard, Williams, Beene, Hollingsworth, Browning, Godwin, Briggs, Filmore, Guthrie, Pue, with Mrs. Fred Latham and Mrs. John Morgan as visitors.

B. Y. P. U. Program

One's Religion Should Be Personal and Voluntary. Leader, Dixie Howard Acts 2:37—47. The New Testament Our Guide, Julia McDonald. Some Ancient Contenders for the Faith, Frank Counts. Church Membership, Willie Swann. Training for Service, G. M. Howard. Piano Solo, Resie Lacey.

At The Baptist Church

Some snow and ice and low temperature, but our Sunday services will be held just the same. If your heart is in the hurt going to and from the meeting house, and while at the meeting house you will find it warm and cozy.

Sunday school on the dot at ten o'clock, and the preaching at eleven rain or shine, snow or sun.

The Juniors at 3:30 and the B. Y. P. U. at 3:30.

Evening worship at seven. The last of series on Fools at

Hayes' Healing Honey

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this service.

The Woman's Society meets at 2:30 Monday afternoon, the Teachers Training Class at 7 Monday evening, the Prayer Meeting at 7 on Wednesday evening. Everybody has cordial invitation to attend any and all of our services. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good." Walter Jackson, Supt E. E. Dawson, pastor.

Methodist Church News.

Sunday School promptly at 9:45 our goal present and on time, will you help reach it?

Preaching at 11 a.m. "Subject 'Seeing The Invisible.'" Subject for the evening hour, "The Falcacy of a Double Life."

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, etc.

Mrs. J. M. Garrett and Mrs. Tom Smith attended the funeral of Ben Hay Monday at Abilene. Mr Hay was the father of the two little girls who were buried in the same grave a few days previous. Two little sons are still sick.

Surgeons agree that in case of Cuts, Burns, Bruises and wounds the first treatment is most important. When an efficient antiseptic is applied promptly, there is no danger of infection and the wound begins to heal at once. For use on man or beast, Borozone is the ideal antiseptic and healing agent. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

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John Berry of Clyde and Lang Wilson of Cisco visited H. M. Rainbolt, Jr., several days the past week.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

Lt Geo. Smith and Lt. Shirley King left Tuesday night for El Paso and other points on a prospecting tour.

Just received car of Marechal Neil flour. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

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.

Lytton Howard is in Dallas, where he had his tonsils removed. Mrs. Howard is also in Dallas.

Miss Ruth Howard left Wednesday for Hillsboro, where she is visiting her sister, Mrs. Grisham, who is sick.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by Herbine. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Expecting car of seed oats. G. M. Sharp.

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Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Richardson-Collins Wedding

The wedding of Sargeant Earl M. Richardson and Miss Sarah Estella Collins was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collins, Sunday at noon, January 12, 1919.

The guests gathered promptly at the appointed hour, and after the song, "O Promise Me" had been rendered on the Victrola, the bride and groom entered together, preceded by Rev. E. E. Dawson, who used the ring ceremony to unite this happy couple in the holy bonds of matrimony.

The ceremony took place in the reception hall, which was beautifully decorated in Red, White and Blue. The immediate family were seated around the reception room.

The bride was gowned in a beautiful Spring coat suit of grey with accessories to match. The groom was attired in dress uniform.

Following the ceremony, congratulations were showered upon the young couple, after which those present filed into the spacious dining room, where a most elaborate wedding dinner was served. Misses Powell and Dry assisted Mrs. Collins in serving, and further took such close cognizance of every detail as to arouse our suspicions that this was not to be the last wedding to be held in Merkel.

Miss Collins is a Merkel girl, loved and respected for her many virtues. Her sweet unselfish disposition has won for her a place in the hearts of all who knew her, and when she leaves Merkel, she will be greatly missed.

Sargeant Richardson comes recommended as a highly esteemed gentleman, honored and loved by all his friends. He is now in the service of his country, stationed at Waco. He expects an early discharge.

We congratulate Sargeant and Mrs. Richardson upon their choice of life partners, and sincerely wish for them many years of happiness and a portion of prosperity that will make life blissfully sweet and lastingly endowed with love's young dream.

As soon as Sgt. Richardson secures his discharge, they expect to make their home in Ardmore, Okla. He will be here for a few days, then return to camp where he will await his discharge. Mrs. Richardson expects to remain here until his return.

The bride and groom received many beautiful and useful gifts.

The invited guests were: Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rose and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson, Dr. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Graf, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Shepard and son, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Morton and daughter, Mrs. Arthur Thornton and son, Miss Nora Kelso, Miss Lorena Dry, Miss Agnes Powell and Miss Fae Noel.

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.



The Pirate

"—Sh! What would happen to me if I were your kid? —Well, if you're not acquainted with Calumet Baking you don't know what a good excuse I have. I Can't Help Helping Myself—they're so good! Good for me too, because Calumet Baking are wholesome and easily digested. Millions of mothers use

CALUMET BAKING POWDER because of its purity—because it always gives best results and is economical in cost, and because Calumet contains only such ingredients as have been approved officially by the U. S. Food Authorities. You save when you buy it. You save when you use it.

HIGHEST QUALITY AWARDS



EOFF BABY DEAD

The little four day old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eoff died at the home of its grandparents, Mr and Mrs. W. L. Barbee, Monday night. Burial took place Tuesday afternoon in Rose Hill cemetery, Elder Cypert officiating.

Every sack of Marechal Neil flour guaranteed, or your money back. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

THE CONDITION OF RUSSIA

What few glimpses we get through the cloud which veils Russia from the Western people show us a scene of utter confusion. They reveal a nation tossed in revolution, all its orderly life at an end. It is a mighty people given over to cold, starvation, cruel military domination.

In Eastern Russia there is scarcely food or clothing to be had at any price. Siberia is better off for food, but its transportation is impossible, as the trans Siberian railroad has been worn and neglected to such an extent that it is well nigh useless.

At the time of the Russian revolution the country was not ripe for democracy. A true democracy implies the ability for self-government, and that the illiterate hordes of Russia had had no opportunity to gain. There was no available halting place between autocracy and red anarchy.

The Allies will not be doing their duty unless they take some measures for helping Russia to food and fuel, to an opportunity for general education and to a settled government.

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Watch for the first symptom, hoarseness and give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at once. It is prompt and effectual.

Cured at a Cost of 25 Cents

"Eight years ago when we first moved to Mattoon, I was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation," writes Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill. "I had frequent headaches and dizzy spells, and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on my stomach and chest all the time. I felt miserable. Every morsel of food distressed me. I could not rest at night and felt tired and worn out all the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets cured me and I have since felt like a different person."

A Tonic Laxative

that will remove the bile from the liver and cleanse the system THOROUGHLY without griping or disturbing the stomach is truly a Perfect Laxative.

LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN is the name of a Reliable and Perfect Laxative which soon relieves Sick Headache, Dizziness, Indigestion, Stomach Trouble, Gas and Piles caused by a Torpid Liver and Constipation. Always use a Reliable Laxative in the treatment of Colds, Grip and Influenza.

LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN is a Liquid Digestive Tonic Laxative excellent in its effect on the System, both as a tonic and as a laxative. It is just as good for Children as for Adults. Pleasant to take. Children like it. 50c. Made and recommended to the public by Parls Medicine Co., St. Louis, Mo., manufacturers of Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

If we haven't what you want we'll get it. The Merkel Realty Company.

Louie Arrington of Midland has accepted a position at Sanders Drug Store. His wife will be here in a few days.



Mrs. Henry Jones and two sons of Tulsa are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann and family. She will remain some weeks.

Health About Gone

Many thousands of women suffering from womanly trouble, have been benefited by the use of Cardui, the woman's tonic, according to letters we receive, similar to this one from Mrs. Z. V. Spell, of Hayne, N. C. "I could not stand on my feet, and just suffered terribly," she says. "As my suffering was so great, and he had tried other remedies, Dr. had me get Cardui. . . I began improving, and it cured me. I know, and my doctor knows, what Cardui did for me, for my nerves and health were about gone."

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

She writes further: "I am in splendid health . . . can do my work. I feel I owe it to Cardui, for I was in dreadful condition." If you are nervous, run-down and weak, or suffer from headache, backache, etc., every month, try Cardui. Thousands of women praise this medicine for the good it has done them, and many physicians who have used Cardui successfully with their women patients, for years, endorse this medicine. Think what it means to be in splendid health, like Mrs. Spell. Give Cardui a trial.

All Druggists

Mr and Mrs. Knox Hunter Dead

One of the saddest occurrences that has happened in this community for a long time was the death of Mr. and Mrs. Knox Hunter last Wednesday afternoon, death occurring only three hours apart. Both were down with pneumonia. They leave three little parentless children, the oldest being about nine or ten years of age.

Almost, as it were, a quiet, peace-loving family seems wiped out of existence. Only a short time ago they were well and happy. Mr. Hunter was an industrious man, a painter and paper hanger by trade, and was always busy whenever there was anything to do. Mrs. Hunter was a dutiful wife and a loving mother. They were held in high esteem by all who knew them.

Burial takes place this (Thursday) afternoon in Rose Hill cemetery both being placed in the same casket.

Our sympathy goes out to the little children who are so early deprived of parental care and influence, and it is our prayer that the dark shadows that have fallen across their pathway may soon be lifted, and that they may grow into splendid manhood and womanhood and take their places in the world according to the desires of their deceased parents.

Stomach Trouble Cured

If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Tablets. Mr. J. P. Kiote of Edina, Mo., says: "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by all dealers.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the good people of this community for their kindness to us at the time of the death of our baby, Clifton Wilson. The sympathy extended to us is highly appreciated and has helped us in a marvelous way to bear up under the sad affliction. May God's richest blessings be upon every one who contributed to our aid when we needed it so much.

Mr and Mrs. C. L. Eoff.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

Before using this preparation for a cough or cold you may wish to know what it has done for others. Mrs. O. Cook, Macon, Ill., writes, "I have found it gives the quickest relief of any cough remedy I have ever used." Mrs. James A. Knott, Chillicothe, Mo., says "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cannot be beat for coughs and colds." H. J. Moore, Oval, Pa., says "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on several occasions when I was suffering with a settled cold upon the chest and it has always brought about a cure."

Miss Minnie Graham is back on the job at High School

E. L. Horton of Ennis renews his subscription to the Merkel Mail and takes advantage of our clubbing rate.

Some men don't aspire to become great because they fancy that greatness begets enemies. Better a plodder in the overcrowded, ever-inhabitated rut with a companion here and there than a tall slim pedestal with a plush cushion to sit on and instruments of critical destruction aiming from every direction at your knowledge warehouse, think some. But it is only common to believe that when a man prepares to snooze out his days under the wheels of the successful, or in the rut, he is his own enemy, and what are all the bad wishers in the world compared to your own enmity?

The Strong Withstand the Winter Cold Better Than the Weak You must have Health, Strength and Endurance to fight Colds, Grip and Influenza. When your blood is not in a healthy condition and does not circulate properly, your system is unable to withstand the Winter cold.

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC Fortifies the System Against Colds, Grip and Influenza by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. It contains the well-known tonic properties of Quinine and Iron in a form acceptable to the most delicate stomach, and is pleasant to take. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

You Just Try NR For That Indigestion

Get your organs of digestion, assimilation and elimination working in harmony and watch your trouble disappear. NR does it or money back.

One Day's Test Proves NR Best

The stomach only partly digests the food we eat. The process is finished in the intestines where the food is mixed with bile from the liver.

It must be plain to any sensible person who realizes this, that the stomach, liver and bowels must work in harmony if digestive troubles are to be avoided or overcome. This fact also explains why sufferers from indigestion, also suffer more or less from headaches, biliousness and constipation.

If you are one of the many unfortunate persons who cannot eat without suffering afterward, if you are constipated, have bilious spells, headaches, coated tongue, bad breath, variable appetite, are nervous, losing energy and feel your health slipping away, take this advice and get a box of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) right today and start taking it. Give it a trial for a week or two

and just see how much better you feel. See how quickly your sluggish bowels will become as regular as clock work, how your coated tongue clears up and your good, old-time appetite returns. See how splendidly your food will digest and how your energy, "pep" and "ginger" revive. Just try it.

You take no risk whatever for Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) is only 25c a box, enough to last twenty-five days, and it must help and benefit you to your entire satisfaction, or money returned.

Five million boxes are used every year—one million NR Tablets are taken by all people every day—that's the best proof of its merits. Nature's Remedy is the best and safest thing you can take for biliousness, constipation, indigestion and similar complaints. It is sold, guaranteed and recommended by your druggist.



C. L. GRIMES, Merkel, Texas



NR Tonight—Tomorrow Feel Right Get a 25c Box

HARDWARE AND IMPLEMENT ASSOCIATION TO MEET

Crown Hardware Co., G. F. West and Co., John B. Bell and Son, Merkel, Texas. Gentlemen:

This invitation is extended to the wives and daughters of the members of your firm to attend the Annual Convention of the Texas Hardware and Implement Association, which will be held in Dallas on January 21, 22 and 23.

A special entertainment program has been prepared for the dealers and their wives and daughters. A Ladies Committee has been appointed to meet with the visiting ladies during their visit here in attendance at the Convention. The entertainment will be varied and contain much of interest for the ladies. There will be dinners, picture shows, the biggest comic opera in years entertainment and luncheon at the Dallas Country Club, automobile rides and the big informal ball, where everyone is expected to have a good time and we desire to extend to you a personal invitation to attend the Convention. As many additional badges will be furnished as required.

With best wishes and hoping to have your presence in Dallas during Convention week, we are, Yours most sincerely, Dallas Implement, Hardware, Saddlery and Tractor Club, F. K. Garvin, President.

FREE MAP & PHOTOGRAPH BURKBURNETT TEXAS Showing world's wonder oil field, sent absolutely free upon request. Ask for it today. BROWN-WORTH OIL CO. 1015 1/2 Main St. Ft. Worth Tex. Jan 17 7c.

Miss Eva Williams is down with influenza and has been right sick for several days.

George Jones of El Paso visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Van Jones, Sunday.

Roy Holmes is on the sick list.

Mrs. O. B. Boden, who has been real sick for sometime, is somewhat improved.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT to cure Itching, Itching, Bleeding or Protrusion instantly relieves Itching Piles, and restores sleep after the first application.

The little one went with its coming; anticipated hopes vanished by the cruel hand of death, even before the chubby little form could be pressed in the tender embrace of loving arms.

We greatly sympathize with the stricken parents in the hour of disappointment and sorrow.

If you are going to want a loan on that farm you had better see W. O. Boney at once.

J. W. McDonald of Slaton sends his subscription to the Merkel Mail and takes advantage of our clubbing offer.

A good remedy for a bad cold is Ballard's Horehound Syrup, heals the lungs and quiets irritation. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

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The Abilene Morning News

the paper which reaches you first and with the Associated Press dispatches world's latest news and

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NATIONAL PROHIBITION ADOPTED

Thirty-eight States Ratified. Two More Than Necessary. Washington, Jan. 16.—Ratification today of the Federal constitutional prohibition amendment made the United States the first great power to take legislative action to permanently stop the liquor traffic.

Nebraska's vote gave the necessary affirmative three-fourths of the States, 36 to make effective the amendment submitted by congress in December, 1917. It was followed by similar action in the Legislatures of Missouri and Wyoming, making thirty-eight States in all which have approved a "dry" America.

Affirmative action by some of the ten State Legislatures yet to act is predicted by prohibition advocates.

Under terms of the amendment the manufacture, sale and importation of intoxicating liquors must cease one year after ratification, but prohibition will be a fact in every State much earlier because of the war measure forbidding the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages after June 30, until the demobilization of the military forces is completed. Under the war time measure, exportation of liquor is permitted, but the great stocks now held in bonded warehouses will have to be disposed of before the Federal amendment becomes effective.

Discussion as to whether the amendment becomes a part of the constitution now that 36 States have ratified it, or whether it becomes a part of the basic law when each State has its action to the Secretary of State, led today to a precedent which shows that the only two amendments passed in the last half century, dealing with income taxes and the election of Senators were passed immediately the 36 States had taken affirmative action.

Senator Sheppard, author of the prohibition amendment, held a national prohibition becoming permanent fact Jan. 16, 1920.

Prepared at a Cost of 25 Cents

Eight years ago when we were moved to Mattoon, I was a sufferer from indigestion and flatulence," writes Mrs. Allison, Mattoon, Ill. "I had frequent headaches and pains, and there was a feeling of a heavy weight pressing on my stomach and chest all the time. I felt miserable. Every morning I was so distressed that I could not get up at night and felt tired all the time. One day I tried Chamberlain's Tablets and I have since felt like a different person."

THE ANCHOR MOVES

The Anchor Mercantile Company is going out of the grocery business and will move their dry goods business to the Gaither building.

This firm is one of the most progressive firms of Merkel. Until recently it carried a large line of dry goods, groceries hardware and implements. The hardware and implement lines were disposed of several months ago, and now they have decided to go out of the grocery business. Mr. Propst expects to soon take charge of large farming interests on the plains and Mr. Rose will conduct the dry goods and clothing business. These men have enjoyed a wonderful success the past few years, and concentrating on the dry goods line, we confidently expect a thriving and profitable business.

Mrs. C. L. Cash will also move her establishment to the other building with the Anchor.

NEGRO IS BURNED

Hillsboro, Texas, Jan. 20.—Eragg Williams, negro, who confessed to the murder of Mrs. George Wells and her little son at their home near Itasca, Dec. 2, was taken from jail here at 1 o'clock this afternoon and burned to death on the public square. Earlier in the day he had been sentenced to be hanged on Feb. 21. He was convicted last week.

Williams, who had been in jail in Dallas for safe keeping, was brought to Hillsboro this morning to receive sentence, which was passed by Judge Horton Porter of the District Court. Williams was then taken to the county jail.

At the jail Williams is said to have admitted the double killing but to have denied outraging his victim.

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B. F. Cox left Tuesday for Dallas, College Station and other points.

BANK ELECTS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Farmers State Bank stockholders met a few evenings ago and elected the following directors to serve the ensuing year:

J. S. Swann, John Sears, R. O. Anderson, Sam Swann, Dr. M. Armstrong, J. C. Moore and W. L. Smallwood.

The directors then met and elected the following officers:

J. S. Swann, Pres. John Sears, V-Pres., R. O. Anderson, Cash., Sam Swann and F. Y. Gaither, Asst. Cashrs.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOR SALE OR TRADE—\$65. Bausch & Lomb view camera, with full equipment. Would trade for good violin.—Earl Thornton, R.F.D. No. 4. 10t3p

FOR SALE—Young broke and unbroke horses and mares. Good work stock. E. Howell, 4 miles northeast of Trent. 17t2p

FOUND—Bay and a Gray horse both about 15 1/2 hands high. Bay horse has had a cut on the right fore foot. They are 13 or 14 years old. Now in my pasture. Owner may obtain same by paying feed bill and this advertisement. John Henry, Route 1, Merkel, Texas. 24t2p.

DR. G. M. WILLIAMS DEAD

Last Sunday morning at 9 o'clock death came to Dr. G. M. Williams at his home. The doctor had been critically ill for some time and his death was not unexpected. The funeral was held at the Church of Christ at 2:30 Monday afternoon, Elder A. R. Lawrence officiating. Burial took place immediately afterwards in Rose Hill cemetery.

Dr. Williams was born October 4, 1862, in Marion County, Ark., and died January 19, 1919, aged 56 years, three months and 15 days.

He obeyed the gospel at the age of 18 years. On October 2, 1885, he was married to Miss Martha Branum. To them were born four children, one dying in infancy. His daughter, Eather, died on December 4 last.

Dr. Williams is survived by his widow and two children, Dr. Chas. Williams and Mrs. Jno. M. Rice. He began his life's work of the practice of medicine, in April 1888. He came to Texas September, 1892, and spent the past twelve years of his life in Merkel.

The doctor had many friends in this section. He was always glad to show kindness to those in need, and there are many people in this section today whose lives have been blessed by his efforts.

The bereavement doubly afflicts the family and loved ones. It was only little more than a month ago when death claimed Mrs. Eather Hendrix, his daughter. It may be stated here that Mrs. Hendrix was born in 1891, and at her death was 26 years, 11 months and four days old. She was married on December 25, 1915, to Parker Hendrix. To this couple were born one child, who together with the husband, survive her.

We extend our utmost sympathy to the loved ones in this great double bereavement.

MISS LONG TO LECTURE

She Comes Under The Auspices of the Parents-Teachers Association

A rare treat for Merkel will be the lecture of Miss Marian Long, of the Department of Fine and Applied Arts. She will lecture at the Methodist church Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The lecture will be especially interesting to women and girls, as well as to men. A full house is urged. She has years of experience in dealing with all the interesting, but trying problems of furnishing, lighting, floor and wall covering, furniture arrangements and pictures, etc. Through the efforts of Prof. Parkker, the College of Industrial Arts induced her to stop here. It is a treat to have her, and will prove an eye-opener to all who hear her.

NO OIL NEWS THIS WEEK

On account of non-casing it's the Sears well has not been supped in, but just wait, boys, the disease is not serious.

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When you are troubled with indigestion or constipation, take Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Indigestion is usually accompanied by constipation and is always aggravated by it. Chamberlain's Tablets cause a gentle movement of the bowels, relieving the constipated condition.

COTTON SEED FOR SALE—Car expected by February 10 from Lockhart, the genuine, machine culled, Mebane cotton seed. You will save money to see me before you buy. Call or phone orders in at once.—J. S. Hughes, Elair, Texas. 10t4p

FOR RENT—House close in on Southside. S. F. Haynes. 17tf. Cream meal—G. M. Sharp.

FOR SALE—My family horse, surry and harness; horse perfectly safe for any use. Prefer to sell all together, but would sell horse independantly.—W. W. Wheeler. tf

HALF RATES WITHDRAWN

To the county agents and representatives of A. and M. College and U. S. Department of Agriculture in drought stricken section of Texas:

The following letter was sent out by the Railroad Administration under date of January 14, Dallas, Tex., Jan. 14.—Effective at close of business January 25, 1919.

Under instructions of the Director, Division of Traffic, United States Railroad Administration, the arrangement for reduced rates on feed authorized by Circular No. 1-C, dated October 26, 1918, on shipments to points in Texas as described in Circular is hereby cancelled.

The reduced rates authorized by Circular may be protected on shipments which, as evidenced by bills of lading, are in transit on January 25, 1919, on presentation of certificates in proper form from County Agents, as required by Circular.

Dallas District Freight Traffic Committee, J. L. West, Chair.

I think it advisable for the County Agent to state that the Department of Agriculture did not discontinue this rate. We were anxious that this rate be continued. However, the Railroad Administration did not see their way clear in retaining the same after the date as indicated above.—M. T. Payne, State Agent.

PRESENTATION OF FLAG POSTPONED

The program for the presentation of the flag at the High School, announced for Friday night, has been postponed until Friday night a week later.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

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Lt. Gambill Returns

Lt. Gambill, who has endeared himself to the people in the practice of his profession, that of dentistry, in this city for a considerable time, and who has been serving his country, is back on the job. His call came on June 15 last and he was released on January 13th. His first army service was at College Station, where he remained about six months. He was then transferred to Fort Sam Houston, where he remained one month.

His service consisted in following his profession and he acquitted himself nobly. He says he is glad to be back, and yet he feels that his army experience has

been of great help to him.

He takes this opportunity to thank the good people of this country for their patronage while previously located here, and he is doubly thankful over the manner of his reception back home. Scarcely had he reached his office until a constant flow of patronage started and ever since he has been on the jump.

The doctor has greatly enlarged his office and is installing all modern equipment. He proposes to leave nothing undone in the way of equipment, service, punctuality and courtesy to make his practice here a success. His office has remained intact during his absence. He is loyal to Merkel and returned at the first opportunity. He has a large acquaintance in this section and is one of the most popular professional men in the country.

If you are going to want a loan on that farm you had better see W. O. Boney at once.

Plenty of oats and corn—G. M. Sharp.

Expecting car of seed oats. G. M. Sharp.

Lt. R. B. Parker, U. S. S. Arkansas, visited his parents, Prof. and Mrs. R. M. Parker, Saturday and Sunday. He expected to be here a week or longer, but was called away suddenly Sunday evening. Lt. Parker has had wonderful experiences. His promotions have been rapid. We hope he soon will have another leave when he can spend more time here.

Broer Rabbitt syrup at G. M. Sharp's

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharp's.

If we haven't what you want we'll get it. The Merkel Realty Company.

FOR SALE—Typewriter ribbons at the Merkel Mail office.

We want to list your vacant lots, your houses, in fact whatever you have to sell. The Merkel Realty Company.

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PEACE DELEGATES IN SESSION

The peace delegates are now in session. The leading figures in the proceedings are President Poincaré of France and President Wilson of the United States. The destinies of the world are in their hands. Poincaré declared the nations which made sacrifices in defense of right would lay down the rules for the league. Its aims, he said, would be to prevent wars and gain respect for the righteous peace conference is to establish. Poincaré said in part:

"The intervention of the United States was something more, something greater than a great political and military event. It was a supreme judgment passed at the bar of history by the lofty conscience of a free people and their chief magistrate on the fruitful conduct which was lac erating humanity. It was not only to protect themselves from the audacious aims of German megalomania that the United States equipped fleets and created immense Armies, but also and above all to defend an ideal liberty, over which they saw the huge shadow of the imperial eagle encroaching farther every day. America, the daughter of Europe, crossed the ocean to wrest her mother from the humiliation of thralldom and to save civilization.

"The American people wished to put an end to the greatest scandal that has ever sullied the annals of mankind. Autocratic Governments, having prepared in the secrecy of the chancelleries and the general staff, a mad program of universal domination, at the time fixed by their genius for intrigue, let loose their packs and sounded the horn for the chase, ordering science, at the very time when it was beginning to abolish distance, to bring men closer and make life sweeter, to leave the bright sky toward which it was soaring and to place itself submissively at the service of violence, lowering the religious ideas of the extent of making God the complacent auxiliary of their passions and the accomplice of their crimes. In short counting as nought the wills of peoples, the lives of citizens, the honor of women and all these principles of public and private morality, which we, for our part have endeavored to keep unaltered through the war and which neither Nations nor peoples can repudiate or disregard with impunity."

Rapid developments are expected at the peace conference. As a result of the deliberations the map of the world will be altered no little.

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with Ballard's Snow Liniment. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

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Just received car of Marechal Neil flour. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by Herbine. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Card of Thanks

We thank all who so kindly assisted us in our great trials of sickness and deaths of our loved ones.

Our friends were so good and patient to assist us with Dr. G. M. Williams and Mrs. Eather Hendrix.

We know that such service is pleasing with God for it is true Christian service.

We pray God's guiding hand over all who assisted us.

Mrs. Williams and family.

Cotton-seed meal and cowfeed at Bob Martin's

Plenty corn at G. M. Sharp's.

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

Every sack of Marechal Neil flour guaranteed, or your money back. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

CAN CLEAN OIL SPOTS, TOO

Remember that no job in the cleaning and pressing line is too difficult for me. You oil enthusiasts will have lots of work, but please rest assured that I can and will give entire satisfaction.

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Hugh Cordell Dead
The call of death at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Cordell of the Canyon, Thursday a week ago, took from them their son, Hugh, a fine 16-year old fellow, and left an aching void. The parents were greatly devoted to the boy and his going is breaking their hearts. Burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery last Friday Elder Cypert officiating.

Hugh was a member of the Christian church of his neighborhood and was loved and respected by all who knew him. The ambitions of his parents for their boy must subside, but on the other side there is hope, beautiful, lasting hope.

We sorrow with the bereaved parents, and trust that the kindness of heaven will yet brighten their days and point them to a home free from pain and separation.

HELP THE KIDNEYS Merkel Readers Are Learning The Way.

It's the little kidney ills—
The lame, weak or aching back—

The unnoticed urinary disorders—

That may lead to dropsy and Bright's disease.

When the kidneys are weak, Help them with Doan's Kidney Pills.

A remedy especially for weak kidneys.

Doan's have been used in kidney troubles for 50 years.

Endorsed by 50,000 people—endorsed by citizens of this locality.

W. J. Hauk, retired farmer, Anson, Tex., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills always relieve me when I use them. When my kidneys are disordered or need attention, I get a box of Doan's Kidney Pills and they never fail to benefit me. Another in my family has found just as beneficial results from their use."

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As Made to Comptroller of Currency at Close of
Business December 31, 1918

RESOURCES

Loans	\$154,920.50
U. S. Bonds and Certificates	43,359.35
War Saving Stamps	406.72
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	1,500.00
Other Real Estate	3,132.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
5 per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Cash and Exchange	92,331.72
Total	\$299,562.79

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	33,331.08
Circulation	6,250.00
Due Federal Res. Bank	25,000.00
Bills Payable	6,000.00
Deposits	203,981.71
Total	\$299,562.79

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Booth Warren ... Asst. Cashier
DeVerle Johnson ... Asst. Cash.

LOCAL NEWS

Rev. D. J. Dodd of Abilene spent Monday and Tuesday with friends in Merkel.

Not oil, but home made candy Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bullock of Strawn visited Mrs. Bullock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris this week.

A good remedy for a bad cough is Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It heals the lungs and quiets irritation. Sold by Sanders Drug Store

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Roland of Mt. Pleasant have been down with influenza, but is now much improved.

Hubert W. Beckham, who has been in the navy in foreign waters for the past year, spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham of Trent He returned Wednesday.

Quit Laxatives, Purges; Try NR

NR Tonight—Tomorrow Feel Right

It is a mistake to continually dose yourself with so-called laxative pills, calomel, oil, purges and cathartics and force bowel action. It weakens the bowels and liver and makes constant dosing necessary. Why don't you begin right today to overcome your constipation and get your system in such shape that daily purging will be unnecessary? You can do so if you get a 30c box of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) and take one each night for a week or so. NR Tablets do much more than merely cause pleasant easy bowel action. This medicine acts upon the digestive as well as eliminative organs—promotes good digestion, causes the body to get the nourishment from all the food you eat, gives you a good, hearty appetite, strengthens the liver, overcomes biliousness, regulates kidney and bowel action and gives the whole body a thorough cleaning out. This accomplished you will not have to take medicine every day. An occasional NR tablet will keep your body in condition and you can always feel your best. Try Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) and prove this. It is the best bowels medicine that you can use and costs only 25c per box, containing enough to last twenty-five days. Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) is sold, guaranteed and recommended by your druggist.

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Good line of Ginghams at 25c, 30c and 33 1/8c

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The Brown D. G. Co.

LOCAL NEWS

Fish and oysters sold cheap. Fresh shipment every day. Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

High priced home made candy sold cheap. Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Neal Sargeant of Mt. Pleasant has returned home after spending several months in the tropics.

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

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Stomach
Because of its tonic and laxative effect BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature

Peace Maker flour is the best. G. M. Sharp.

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Colds Cause Grip and Influenza
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets relieve the cause. There is only one "Bromo" E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 90c.

Three pounds of Breakfast light coffee for \$1.00 at G. M. Sharp's

East Texas ribbon cane sold at G. M. Sharp's

ROAD MATTERS

To the Road Overseers of Commissioners Precinct No. 2:

As you only have a short time until you make your report, would be glad you would get as near all your road time as possible and make your report at the February term, which convenes on the 2nd Monday in February.

Respectfully, T. R. Lassiter
County Commissioner.

Fever Sores

Fever sores, and old chapped sores should not be healed early, but should be kept in the condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, nipples, burns and diseased skin. For sale by all

STOMACH TROUBLE

Mr. Marion Holcomb, of Nancy, Ky., says: "For quite a long while I suffered with stomach trouble. I would have pains and a heavy feeling after my meals, a most disagreeable taste in my mouth. If I ate anything with butter, oil or grease, I would spit it up. I began to have regular sick headache. I had used pills and tablets, but after a course of these, I would be constipated. It just seemed to tear my stomach all up. I found they were no good at all for my trouble. I heard

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BLACK-DRAUGHT

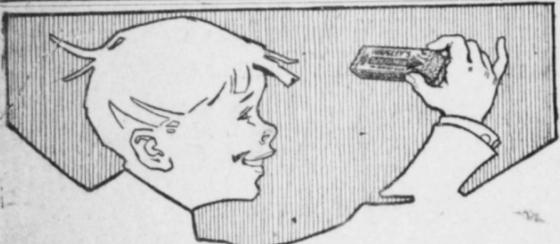
recommended very highly, so began to use it. It cured me. I keep it in the house all the time. It is the best liver medicine made. I do not have sick headache or stomach trouble any more." Black-Draught acts on the jaded liver and helps it to do its important work of throwing out waste materials and poisons from the system. This medicine should be in every household for use in time of need. Get a package today. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c a package. All druggists.

ONE CENT A DOSE

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Death invaded the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hodo of Mount Pleasant some days ago and took their bright, little four year old boy. Burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery. The little fellow was a victim of the dreadful influenza.

We greatly sympathize with the parents and friends in their bereavement. The promise of his life has vanished, and sorrowing loved ones have followed him to his last resting place. May the richness of heaven abide with



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CHURCH NEWS

At The Baptist Church
Last Sunday was a phenomenal day. The house was pretty well filled both hours and the Sunday School report was the best ever. The new financial system is being taken hold of in a most satisfactory way.

The hour of meeting is ten o'clock Sunday morning—not ten-one. Grading is done at the beginning of the session. No person or class can be graded 100 if not on hand at ten sharp.

Next Sunday is Primary Department Day and the Primaries will have a special part in the service.

At the morning hour the pastor will have an object sermon for the children and a message for the grown-ups on, "The Christian Life In Metaphor." At the evening hour the pastor's theme will be, "The Mediation of Paul for Onesimus."

Everybody is invited to attend our meetings.

E. E. Dawson, pastor.
Walter Jackson, Supt.

The Strong Withstand the Winter Cold Better Than the Weak
You must have Health, Strength and Endurance to fight Colds, Grip and Influenza. When your blood is not in a healthy condition and does not circulate properly, your system is unable to withstand the winter cold.

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC
Fortifies the System Against Colds, Grip and Influenza by Purifying and Enriching the Blood.

It contains the well-known tonic properties of Quinine and Iron in a form acceptable to the most delicate stomach, and is pleasant to take. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

Program for League Jan 26.
Subject, A Hundred Years of Methodist Missions.
Leader, Claude Riney.
Scripture and Comment, Rollie Hill.
Leader, The Centenary Celebration.
Africa Overseas, Rosa Laney.
Africa at Home, Roy Moore.
The League's Talk, Hazel Harkrider.
The Centenary Hymn.
Prayer of Consecration, President.
Song. Benediction.

At The Presbyterian Church.
Usual services will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday. It will be communion day, and every member of the church is especially urged to be present. Sunday School begins at 10 o'clock. Come early and be with us. Strangers are always given a cordial invitation to be present.
S. R. Standifer, pastor.

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B. Y. P. U. Program Jan 26, 1919
Subject, William Cary.
Leader, Ruby Campbell.
Introduction.
The Young Shoemaker and his Reading About Cook's Voyage, Pearl Thornton.
Carey Preaches, Earl Thornton.

Piano Solo, Nell Holloway
The Concert of Prayer, Edna Swann.

Carey Appointed to India, Virgie Mayfield.
Vocal Duet, Mrs. Meador and Miss Campbell.

Succeeding Against Odds, Mrs. Meador.
Influence Felt in America, Miss Lula Bel Sharp.

What Carey Accomplished, Rev. E. E. Dawson.
Male Quartette.

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.

Little Smith Baby Dead
The little three-year old baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith of Mount Pleasant died last Friday night, burial taking place in Rose Hill cemetery the following afternoon, Elder Cyper officiating. The influenza was the cause of death. This little pilgrim has been called to its reward, leaving aching hearts to mourn his going.

Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved ones in this sad hour of bereavement.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions.
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Osee R. Burns wired his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burns, that he had reached America from overseas service. He expects to come home soon. He says he would not take anything for his trip, but would not give a dime for another one.
Otis S. Burns is still across the waters.

W. O. Boney is still making farm loans, better hurry.

ROY COSTEPHENS WRITES

Cardiff, Wales, Dec. 22.—Dear Mother:
Just had my Sunday dinner and it is raining so there is nothing to do but stay in this afternoon. Probably you wonder what we have to eat. Just about the same as we had in the states. We had for dinner today, pork chops, soup, potatoes, gravy, asparagus tips, apple sauce, bread and butter and coffee, so you see we are not starving. We are going to have turkey for dinner on Christmas day. The people here buy a little more sugar, meat etc. They are also beginning to light up the show windows, and street lights for first time in about four years. They have lived in darkness on account of air raids, also to save fuel.
Yesterday we went out several miles and played at a very large hospital, in fact it is one of the largest in the country. It covers several acres of ground and is made of a very smooth brick, it cost one million pounds to build it, which is five million dollars.
There was hundreds of wound

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An average annual return on each \$1,000 of \$27,314

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An average annual return on each \$1,000 of \$11,254

1,000 invested in Chalmers Motor Car Co. returned in 8 years.... 86,658
An average annual return on each \$1,000 of \$10,832

1,000 invested in Paige-Detroit Motor Co. returned in 6 years.... 24,042
An average annual return on each \$1,000 of \$4,007

\$1,000 invested in Overland Company has returned in 5 years....\$330,000
An average annual return on each \$1,000 of \$66,000

1,000 invested in H.H. Franklin Mfg. Co. has returned in 9 years... 15,813
An average annual return on each 1,000 of 1,772

1,000 invested in Ford Motor Co., Canada, returned in 11 years...434,878
An average annual return on each 1,000 of 39,537

1,000 invested in Reo Motor Car Co. returned in 11 years.....70,752
An average annual return on each 1,000 of 6,432

1,000 invested in Chevrolet Company has returned in 7 years....280,000
An average annual return on each 1,000 of 40,000

1,000 invested in the Saxon Company has returned in 2 years....12,000
An average annual return on each 1,000 of 6,000

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