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BOARD OF TRADE

IS ORGANIZED

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1919

CLEAN-UP APRIL 7 TO 12

8 PAGES

of Trade to succeed the Commer- earlier. cial Club. This was done. Funds tion to the advertising funds.

Every member of the directorate was present, as tollows:

T. G. Bragg, president; W. O. Johnson, J. T Warren, W. A. Mc- complete the contest. Spadden, Walter Jackson, E. Q. Houghton.

ary secretary.

The following committee was appointed to look for a secretary Juniors last year. for the permanent organization: T. A. Johnson, R. L. Bland and W. A. McSpadden. This commitat the ensuing meeting to be held next Tuesday night.

The following committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the maintenance of the organ ization: T. G. Bragg, H. C. West and E. L. Rogers.

pended to the best advantage, it the Burford-Brim Oil & Gas was necessary to have a man on Company of Tulsa, Ok. Dating the job to take care of the re- from the competion of the consults. It was further suggested tract, drilling operations must be that the members present go in- gin by June 14, but it is thought with it. They look like the pic- er runs or seeps in. Health is to the organization of a Board that they will be started much ture of desolation and create a worth everything. Safeguard it lay in the starting of operations vote for city secretary.

TO DRILL BUTMAN

BLOCK SOON

A large acreage has been leasfor the operation of the organi- ed in this block and a great deal zation are to be raised in addi- of confidence has been inspired.

SPELLING CONTEST

In the auditorium of the High Boney, vice president; H. C. School last Friday afternoon the West, R. O. Anderson, E. L. Rog- spelling try out took place. Coners, John Sears, R. L. Bland, T. A siderable time was required to

The winner of the Seniors was Warren, J. C. Mason and Geo. Miss Vivian Hutcheson, winner in a similar contest last year. As H. C. West was elected tempor a coincidence, the winner in the Junior contest was Miss Opal Patterson, also winner of the

the very best spellers in this sec | week. tion and we are hoping that they will win in the County contest to be held at Trent on April 4 and 5th.

In the Senior contest

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION

The election of school trustee

for the Merkel Independent

Trent Wins Over Merkel

Both teams played well throu-

GERMAN HELMET TO BE

GIVEN AWAY

Thirty-five hundred German

helmets have been shipped to

heirlooms in the family.

If you don't want to lose your

crop by hail, see E. D. Coats and

West Company.

CLAYTON

Keep it in mind that next week er implements of household necs Clean-Up Week. essity.

The Boy Scouts and the City | Clean the lots. Dispose of the The executive committee of Abstracts are being pushed to will be on the job trying to tidy refuse. The fly season draws the advertising funds, recently the utmost on the Butman block, things up and get ready for near. Manure piles will breed subscribed at a banquet of Mer- so they may be passed upon for Spring and our company. We will flies by the millions. Flies are kel citizens, met Tuesday night the completion of the pending have lots of company during the greatest dispensers of disand perfected organization more contract. The well is to be drill- these next few months and we ease known to man.

thoroughly. It was decided that ed a short distance south of the want them to get a favorable no- Look after the toilet. Make it if the advertising funds be ex- home of Sam Butman, Sr., by tion of the town. They will get sightly and sanitary. Use some such a notion if the town is clean paint and lime and other disin-Clean the alleys. Some of them fectants.

look like a German division aft- Look carefully to the well and er the Americans got through cistern. See that no surface wat- here. nauseau.

Clean the yards. Front yards ply.

need tidying up. Nail on the pick Get in the Clean-Up Procesets. Straighten up the flower sion. You're a back number if beds. Get after the back yard. you don't. Let's get the town to Make it look sightly. Find a place looking like a piece of Easter for all the washing gear and oth- milinery.

PRIZES AWARDED FOR CLEAN-UP

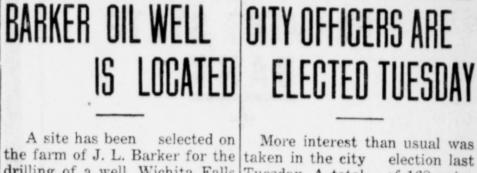
1. TEN DOLLARS to the Boy Scout Patrol that acumulates the largest pile of trash in its territory. Three Dollars for the second biggest pile to the Patrol accumulating it. Two Dollars to the third largest pile to the Patrol accumulating it.

2. FIVE DOLLARS to the Patrol showing the best cleaned section.

3. THREE DOLLARS to the boy or girl under fifteen years These two young ladies are old that shows the most improvement in a front yard during the

> 4. TWO DOLLARS to the boy or girl under fifteen that shows the most improvement in the back yard during the cleanup week.

PRIZES 3 and 4 are open to any boy or girl under fifteen Russell won second place and year old within the city limits Those who enter for these priz-Pearl Tompkins third. In the es must report to one of the judges by noon on Monday, the 7th. Junior contest Beural Tucker so that the yards may be view by the judges both before and tity of soap a nice supply of meat the vanquished in the hour of his won second place and Ruth after the work of improvement is done.



drilling of a well. Wichita Falls Tuesday. A total of 168 votes parties are to do the work. All were cast. J. J. Stallings was elec the material for the derrick that ted mayor with a vote of 104, could be purchased in Merkel has as against Judge N. D. Cobb, been hauled out to the site. The with a vote of 62. For aldermen, big timbers are to come from J. L. Harris and G. W. Boyce Wichita Falls and will arrive as each received a vote of 106, as soon as the freight can put them against 57 votes cast for D. M.

by properly caring for water sup In fact the contract called for act The election passed off preace-

ual drilling operation by April 1. ably. To many the result was a Those who have gone into the surprise. There seemed to be no contract are anxious for develop- platform differences. Some critiment and state they are willing cism was made of administrato wait a few days on the fulfill- tion on account of the raise in ment of the contract.

The Great Merkel Country is are to draw the increase salary. being dotted all over with loca- Some criticism was made of the tions. In the words of the geolo- old officers for dispensing with gist, "This is the greatest field the offce of marshall. The old known to man," is what is turn- board proposed to appoint this ing the great westward sweep officer; the new board will do like from Ranger to this section. The wise. locations and proposed locations

within a radius of 15 or 20 miles of Merkel now number 13 or 14.

MERKEL STORE ROBBED

The place of business of G. F. West Company was entered Saturady night and a bountiful sup- are back. Will the next election ply of groceries taken. The thief bring forth another experience broke the glass of a rear window of turning the tables? We don't and gained admission. He took know. Here's a cheer to the victseveral sacks of flour a number or in the moment of his victory, of packages of conee large quan- and here's a fellow feeling for a box of watches, several glas- disappointment.

Armstrong and 60 for R. L.Bland The promoters promise no de- G. W. Johnson received the full

salary, and yet the new officers

So, after all, the matter is inexplainable.

However, the winners are good winners; the losers godd losers.

Such are the experiences of public life. Two years ago the tables turned. Now again they

The following committee was appointed to solicit funds for addition to advertising funds: J. C. Mason, J. T: Warren and John Sears.

It was decided that pamphlet School District will take place should be issued at once, and a Saturday. We have heard of no committee was appointed to pre one striving for the office. Perpare the copy and execute the haps they do not think the salary work; Walter Jackson, H. C. is sufficient. At any rate every West and E. Q. Warren.

voter ought to vote in this elec-The matter of sending dele- tion, even if they vote for the gates to the Bankhead Highway same men. If we have men who meeting at Mineral Wells receiv; are willing to give their time for ed considerable attention and it the benefit of our school, then was decided to urge a party fami- we ought to show enough interliar with the details to come to est to go to the polls and let them Merkel at his convenience and know that we stand by them.

talk to the people here about the matter.

A motion prevailed to urge every citizen to co-operate to the the Merkel school played the Infullest extent with the Scouts in termediates of the Trent school their clean-up campaign next last Friday afternoon, the result week. Merkel must be put on the being 19 to 10 in favor of Trent. map, and it is urged that she appear all decked out in new paint, ghout the 7-inning game. Trent flowers and shrubbery and above expects to meet the Merkel team present a cleanly appearance on its home grounds next week. all visitors.

Those present were highly enthusiastic and a great program is to be arranged.

The advertising of this country will be of great worth to Dallas for distribution amongst every vitizen of the Great Meras much as 100 acres of land Every county chairman will re- Phone 904F13. ought to contribute. The purpose ceive his full share to be distriper proper place before the world, to bring money here for investment, to induce people to come here who will develop the country to a greater extent and to induce an era of prosperity such as we have never experienced. We bespeak for the different committees due consideration over a matter of vast co-operaopportunity to pull hard and to pull all-together. A new day has We have a full line of screen REGISTERED JACK-I will dawned, and it belongs to the people here to profit by it.

THE MIDDLE BLOCK

Abstracts are being rushed on have it insured. the Middle Block, just west of Merkel. Drilling is expected to be be placed on the ground. week

Brown third.

PRIZES 1 and 2 are for Boy Scouts ONLY.

JUDGES: One will be appointed by the Mayor, one by the Superintendent of Schools, and one by the Parent-Teachers Association.

AWARDS-Prizes will be award to the winners by the RELIGIOUS CENSUS TAKEN judges on Friday afternoon the 11th.

CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE

Scouts making appeal to everybody to CLEAN UP.

TUESDAY the 8th to Thursday the 10th. Clean-Up in progress.

interest of Clean-Up.

FRIDAY, the 11th. 5 P. M. Judging trash piles and yards and announcement of winners.

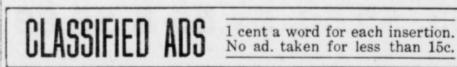
SATURDAY, the 12th. Boy Scouts will help the City Street The Intermediate ball team of Cleaning Department disopse of the trash.

SATURDAY, the 12th, 9 P. M. Boy Scouts Banquet.

THE TOWN-DIVIDED

The town will be divided into Five Districts: Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southwest, and Southeast.

The Patrols have drawn their districts as follows: Central, Beavers; Northeast, Eagles; Northwest, Panthers; Southwest, Wolfs; Southeast, Bulls.



prominent workers in the Vic- FOR SALE-Pure bred White FOR RENT-Farm land. Apply kel Country. Every one owning tory Liberty Loan Campaign. Leghorn eggs, \$1.00 for 15. to Sam Butman. 21t4p FOR RENT-Farm close to

of this fund is to place Merkel in buted as personal gifts and me- LOST-Gulf Refinery Co. deliv- town to responsible party on the mentos of the great war. Some ery book, leather back, checks halves. -S. F. Haines. will use them as cuspidors and and some stamps. E P Beene.

21t8 32 eggs. Rufus Adcock.

Let everybody do their best to MY JACK-Will make the sea- FOR SALE-Piano help the Boy Scouts in their son this year 5 miles southeast shape. See Joe Owen. Clean-Up Campaign next week. of Merkel. He is as good as mon-

tive proportions. It offers us an While you are cleaning up, better ey can buy. Insurance-G. H. FOR SALE-Two good milk the collection was sent by Drs line and now every person in the get some screen wire and fix up Tucker

4t2c Phone No. 9043F11

wire, hinges, springs, etc. G. F. REGISTERED JACK-1 will stand my registered jack 3 miles FOR SALE OR TRADE-Broad- Dr Grimes and brought her por- Thrift or War Saving Stamps or north, 1 mile east of Merkel. Will cast binder in good shape. Bar- tion of this collection with her. both.

take all care, but will not be res- gain if taken at once .- See Guy The collection has excited considponsible for accidents. \$10 if Cade, Trent Texas

colt sucks. Joe Higgins, Route 1. WANTED-Single hand to do

George Brown returned to FOR SALE OR TRADE-One gent gin just as soon as the outfit can Burkburnett the first part of the broadcast binder. In good shape FOR SALE-3 room house. See 4t2p Merkel Lumber Company. 4t1c Phone 9020F11

ses of jelly and various other art icles. The thief is supposed to be a

local party, though there is no clue.

tic League Contest in the Merkel school took place Monday evening. The contests resulted

The religious census was tak- as follows: en last Sunday afternoon be- Willie Stevens first, Russel MONDAY, the 7th. The town will be canvassed by the Boy tween the hours of 2 and 5. Near- Pike second, and Doyel Garrett ly every one was at home and third for Senior Boys.

Vena May Jackson first, Lila the enrollment was a great success. Including Bettis Heights Fae Simmons second, and Iris the population of Merkel is over McClary third for Junior Girls. THURSDAY, the 10th, 3:30 P. M. Boy Scouts Parade in the 1200. Estimating about 200 peo- Margaret Fae Allen first, Ruth ple away from home, the popula- Wells second and Julia McDontion of Merkel is 1400. ald third for Senior Girls.

An urgent invitation is given Lewis Giles first, Foster Watts for every person in Merkel to at- second and Ray Garrett third for tend Sunday School and preach- Junior Boys.

ing Sunday. It is "Go To Church | A large crowd was present and the program was thoroughly enenjoyed from beginning to end. First winners are contesting for county honors at Trent. The

The Great Merkel Country had judges were Mr. Majors, princianother good rain Wednesday pal of the High School at Abiand Wednesday night. Accord-lene, Rev Standifer and Wallace ing to the record kept by J. J. Bragg. Stallings, the rainfall amounted

to 1 1/4 inches. The clouds are EVERY PERSON IN TOWN still threatening, but we venture

to make no prediction, as some galoot might take us to be old 2. The little village of Puertecito timers. We got by last year and in Socorro County claims the year before, but we find now that proud distinction of being the discretion is the better part of first town in New Mexico to have 14tf valor. No Sir, please excuse us every human inhabitant a memfrom making a prediction.

Assortment of Curios.

ANOTHER GOOD RAIN

There is on display at the school children organized the FOR SALE-Full blood Brown Grimes Drug Store a splendid first society which soon consis-

28t3p erable interest.

Remember the 10th and save 4t3p ranch work. Good pay. Tom Lar- your discount by paying your tf Electric accounts.

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

Puertecito, New Mexico, April

ber of a War Saving Society. There are only three War Saving Societies in the town. The

cthers will place them under a Let me do your screen work Leghorn eggs for sale at \$1.00 selection of curios from the front ted of every child in the school. glass case and hand them on as and patch that leaky roof See per setting of 15; \$5.00 per 100 and a great number of postals of Interested in what the child-John McClary Phone 9012F21 eggs. Test was 31 chicks out of scenes in Europe. The collection ren were doing, the mothers 13t3c includes German helmets, gas formed the Puertecito Woman's masks, shells, French officers War Savings Society and every in good cap, German pistols, cartridges, woman joined, including the 21t2c German money, French money, members of the small Mexican German thermometers. Most of college. Finally the men fell into 28t2p cows and young calf. J C. Mason. Grimes and Holt, who are at the town belongs to a War Saving 28t2p front. Mrs. Holt is visiting Mrs Society and is investing in either

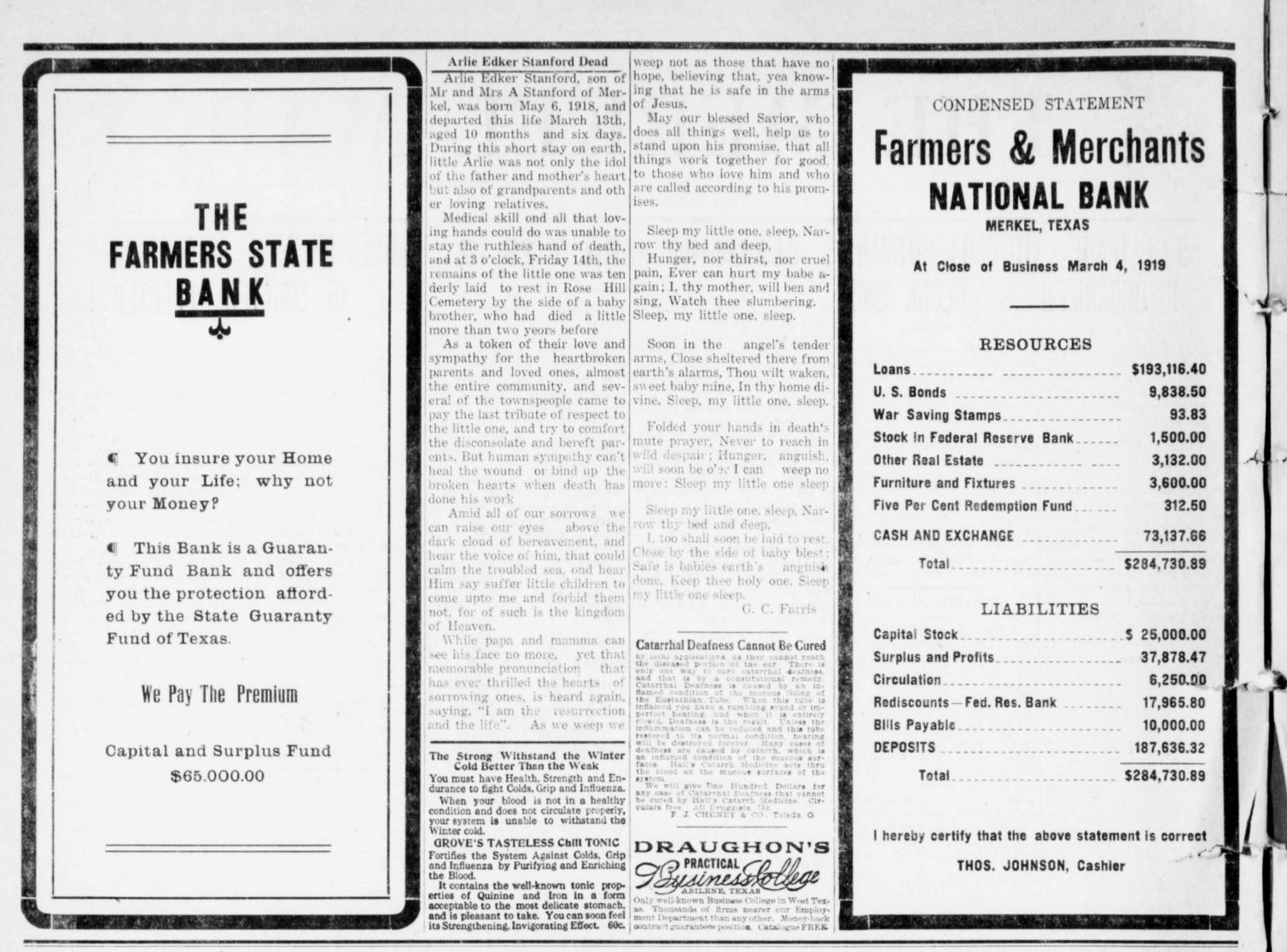
> LEFT ON-Ball grounds blue serge coat, finder please return to Doyle Garrett. 4t2c

Misses Edith Brown Dorothy Duckett and Gladys Haynes visited in Abilene Sunday.

DECLAMATION TRYOUT

The tryout in the Interscholas-

Day."



LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. R. C. Ponder has been real sick the past week.

Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your Electron accounts.

The ttle daughter of Mr and Mrs. L. White was carried to Abilene Monday for an operation for appendecitis.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXA-TIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E.W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

G F. Turner and family returned from Siloam Springs, Ark, where he spent the winter with his son, Hayden. He says he likes that country fine.

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

J. M. Dunn, who has been at Burleson, Tex., for several months, was a home visitor the past week. He says he will ship his thrashing machine back to help take care of the big wheat crop that now looks like a surety.

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.

John Jones of Hayden, Ariz., sends in his subscription to the Merkel Mail.

Give us that order for your Deering and McCormick binder so as to be sure to have it here on time. There is no binder like the Deering and McCormick.Let us have your order now. G. F. West Company. 4t2c

Jack For Service

Will stand my jack, JohnS. Fee of \$15.00 when colt is dropped I will use every precaution to avoid accident, but will not be responsible for accidents, —J N. Teaff 21t4c

FOOTWEAR

We are showing the new SMART STYLE LOW CUTS

Oxfords and Pumps Lead with high, medium and low heels in brown and black. Prices \$3, \$3.50, \$4.85 & \$5.85

GOOD HOSIERY AT MODEST PRICES

We believe we have just your style shoe or slipper, for ladies, misses, boys and men. LOCAL NEWS

Burl Wheeler of Abilene renewed his subscription for the Merkel Mail.

Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your Electric accounts.

Mr and Mrs. H. K. Sheppard and little H. K. Jr., spent a few days in Dallas last week.

We are agents for the old reliable McCormick and Deering binders. Let us figure with you before you buy. G. F. West Company. 4t2c.

If you don't want to laugh, you had better not come to the Old Kentucky Minstrels at the High School Auditorium, Trent, Texas, Saturday night .Admission 10 cents.

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

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Alfalfa Hay at G M Sharps Plenty of shorts and bran at G M Sharp's

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Try a can of our Seal bran of Chase and Sanborn coffee. Bob Martin's Grocery

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

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

The Brown D.G.Co.



Si:: Years Ago, Thinking She Might Die, Says Texas Lady, But Now She Is a Well, Strong Woman and Praises Cardui Fer Her Recovery.

man, of this place, says; "After the birth of my little girl ... my side com-Genced to hurt me. I had to go back We called the doctor. He to bed. greated me...but I got no better. I continued right on taking the Cardus 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 ... many days unless I had a change for trial.

Royse City, Tex .- Mrs. Mary Kil- | the better. That was six years ago and I am still here and am a well A special object lesson for the strong woman, and I owe my life to children at the morning hour Cardui. I had only taken half the bottle when I began to feel better. The misery in my side got less ... 1 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 sic.s, or other discom-I commenced taking it, however, that forts, each month? Or do you feel evening I called my family about weak, nervous and fagged-out? If so, me ... for I knew I could not last give Cardui, the woman's tonic, J. 71

faction at the blessing of the

CHURCH NEWS

Churches Meet on The New Time Sunday School last Sunday, ar-

by the New Time. Let there be o'clock to eleven by the new time ens no misunderstanding about it. It takes some people a good while The matter was thoroughly can- to adjust to new schedules, but vassed and it seemed to be the our folks did remarkably well Donald only satisfactory course to pur-flast Sunday. Remember that all sue. Let all the people bear it in our services go by the new time, Bridgman. mind.

PASTORS

At The Presbyterian Church 11 a. m. and 8 p. m

At The Baptist Church

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ually go to church and help make a good showing for our town. Sunday school, at 10 o'clock." Preaching service closing at 2 on the dot.

Juniors and Sunbeams 2:30 B. Y. P. U at 3:30

Evening worship at 8 p.m The pastor's subject Sunday morning will be, "If Jesus should come in on Number Twenty. five." At the evening hour an object sermon will be given, entitled, "Five ways to go to Hell." will be given.

All according to the New Time. Everybody invited.

E. E. Dawson, Pastor Walter Jackson, Supt.

BY. PU Program March 30th Subject, Matthew T. Yates. Scripture. Jonah 3: 1-9

Conversion and Call to Missions, Willie Swann. Beginning Work in China, Pearl Thornton.

Special Music, Misses Sharp and Campbell.

Bad Eyes, Ruth Holloway. War Interrupts Work, Mauine Cobb.

Back At Work in China, Frank Lord 163 people registered in Counts.

Piano Duett, Misses Julia Mc-All of Merkel's churches meet riving all the way from ten Donald and Annie Mae Costeph-

> His Voice Fails, Wallace Bragg The Fatal Abcess. Julia Mc-

One often hears the expres-

The folks who took the census sion, "My child caught a severe In view of the fact that next Sunday afternoon enjoyed the cold which developed into diph-Sunday is the beginning of our experience immensely. They theria," when the truth was that Presbyterian year we are very were well received and got the the cold had simply left the lithopeful that all the members information easily-except the tle one particularly susceptible will be in attendance. Our finan- ages of the men-? and of course to the wandering diphtheria ce and spiritual life seems to be it was not expected that that germ. If your child has a cold wing and we are very anxious particular piece of information when diphtheria is prevalent you t this state of affairs will con would be given. No blame can be should take him out of school time. Pews are always free and attached to the men for not want and keep him off the street until fully recovered, as there is a worship with us. Sunday School enough for them to get married hundered times more danger of at 10 a. m. Preaching Service at with that little matter obscured. his taking diphtheria when he And the married men do not has a cold. When Chamberlain's S. R. Standefer, Pastor. know how soon they may be on Cough Remedy is given it quickly cures the cold and lessens the

Next Sunday is Go-To Church danger of diphtheria or any other germ disease being



To secure relief from Headaches. Backache, Neuralgia, or any severe aches or pains, DR. MILES' ANTI-PAIN PILLS

have no equal

"There is nothing in the world any better for Headache than DR. MILES' ANTI-PAIN PILLS. I surely advise all who suffer from any ache or pain to take these pills." MISS JESSIE McMILLAN, Connellsville, Pa.

These wonderful little tablets contain no habit-forming drug-nor produce ill after effects. When used according to directions they produce almost instant relief. Ask your druggist for DR. MILES ANTI-PAIN PILLS—these effective tablets have been growing in favor for more than 30 years. Cost only a few cents a box.





THE LITTLE COUNTRY PAP-ER IN MY HOME TOWN

When the evening shade is falin' at the endin' of the day, An' a feller rests from labor smokin' at his pipe o' clay-There's nothin' does him s'much good, be fortune up 'r down, As that little country paper from his Ol' Home Town.

It ain't a thing of beauty an' its print ain't always clear, But it straightens out his temper when a feller's feelin' bad It takes the wrinkles from his face an' brushes off a frown

Does that little country paper from his Ol' Home Town.

It tells of all the parties an' the balls in Punki Row-

Bout who spent Sunday with his gal an' how the crops grow;

An' it keeps a feller posted 'bout

who's up an' who's down, Does that little country paper from his Ol' Home Town.

Now, I like to read the dailies an' the war papers, too;

At times th' yeller novel an' other trash; don't you?

But when I want some readin' that'll brush away a frown.

And tell 'bout the oil news and the wells that going down-

It's that little country paper in my O' Home Town.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy The great benefit derived from the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been gratefully acknowledged by many. Mrs. Benjamin E. Blakeny, Decatur, Ill. writes, "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is by far the best medicine for colds and coughs we have ever used in our family. I gave it to my children when small for croup and have taken it myself."

CAPTOR OF JEFF DAVIS IS DEAD

Johnson City, Tenn., Mar. 31-Casper Knoble, 74, civil war veteran and credited with the capture of President Jefferson Davis at the close of the civil war, is dead at the Mountain Branch Soldiers' Home here.

ADLER-I-KA AGAIN! "Adler-i-ka is the only medi cine for gas on the stomach. I never had so much relief with any medicine. I would not take \$25.00 for the relief one bottle of Adler-i-ka gave me. I cannot get done recommending it." (Signed) H.L. Hicks, Ashley, Ill. Adler-i-ka expels all gas and sourness. Removes all foul matter which poisons system. Often cures constipation Prevents appendicities. We have sold Adleri-ka many years. It is a mixture of buckthorn, cascara, glycerine and nine other simple drugs .---Sanders Drug Store. adv-2

Uncle Sam's time, the time that

it's trains on.

strangers welcome to come and ing their ages know. It is hard the list of eligibles.

The Last Years, Margaret

the T & P is supposed to operate How Diphtheria is Contracted.

Thank the Lord for more rain! Sunday, and it is hoped that



Deliver Us From Our Enemies We are assured by entomologists who have made a life study of insects that there are nearly 400,00 species of insects that have been named and described; that these creatures comprise nearly four fifths of the animal kingdom. The loss caused by insect pests every year is enormous almost beyond comparison when estimated for the entire country The cotton boll weevil alone was thought to have destroyed cotton in Texas in one year to the enormous sum of \$25,000,000.

There are many ways of reduc ing insect de, redation, such fer instance as spraying, dipping livestock, fall plo-ing, clean cuiture, rotation of c. cos. But ul of these ways are costly and the protection allorded by the various ways is nominal.

One of the best means of reducing depredations of these pests is to encourage their ene mies. Entomologists have given us many valuable suggestions as to how this may be done.

Poultry and birds destroy an enormous number of insect pests in his country. It is noticeable that where farmers keep large flocks of chickens and give them range over the fields, orchards and gardens that insect damage is reduced to a minimum. Game and other birds are being protect ed in recent years. They are farm er's friends and insect enemies. They deserve a place on every farm and economy requires that they be protected by the farm owners .--- Farm and Ranch.

How is Your Complexion A woman should grow more beautiful as she grows older and she will with due regard to bath. diet and exercise, and by keeping her liver and powels in good working order. If you are hagand yell v your eyes losing their lustre and whites becoming yellowish. your flesh flabby, it may be due to indigestion or to a sluggish liver. Chamberlain's Tablets correct these disorders.

Will be in Trent Saturday Night at the High School Auditorium

All the Latest Songs, Gags, Etc.

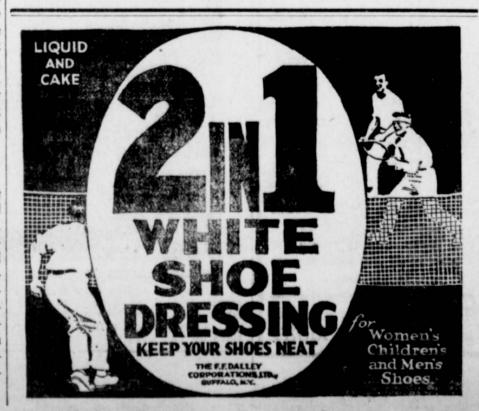
Two hours of Side-Splitting Comedy

BUCK AND WING DANCING

by the champion dancers of West Texas

Admission 10c

I'm Going, are You?



Tailor Shop Moved

Jess Fergusson and L. J. Renfro are now associated in the tailoring business in the building formerly occupied by J. T. Darsey on Kent Street. They were formerly in business in the rear of the City Barber Shop.

They are well known here and are in position to take care of all demands.

Surgeons agree that in case of Cuts, Burns, Bruises and Wounds, the First treatment is most important. When an efficient antiseptic is applied prompty, here 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.

IN BUSINESS AGAIN

Have resumed business at the same old stand. Will pay cash for all kind of produce at highest market prices.

Come to see me. W P Duckett 28t5c

O. Afl Horton, who was so seve rely wounded at the front, is now in the John Sealy Hospital at Galveston, where he underwent an operation on his limb. We hope for him a speedy recovery. He will doubtless enter school as soon as he is able to eave the hospital.

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readers of the Mail, the editor would delinquent for taxes that the list appreciate a note or a telephone mes- of delinquents has been placed in sage to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a my hands for suit. I do not wish reporter will be promptly sent to get to bring suit on these, and bethe full particulars.

With the coming of prosperity our city can rightfully expect attention to the auty imposed on its contingent of thieves. Only me by law to file suits on all derecently the store of Woodroof- linquent taxes, which will have Bragg was entered and hundreds to do on all that are not paid of dollars worth of goods taken. promptly.

Again we offer the caution of barring windows and doors. W. E. Martin. County Attorney There are some more busines houses in Merkel that can easily Have some Ford cars on hand precaution is taken thefts are in- Notor Co. vited.

Bailey has withdrawn from the Democratic party. It is strange the earth did not shake, nor the wise ones quiver in fear. The only result of the political demise of this once gigantic figure was a ripple of amusement. Let us not be too hard on Joe for what he was once, but forget him quickly for what he is. Marvelous were the opportunities that knocked at his door, but in the hour of weakness he sold his

We may be too early to offer suggestions, but deem the matter urgent and therefore throw con- ceries and fresh vegetables. ventionality to the wind. We would suggest that when the council meets, they discard the and sold. J. T. Darsey. "getting acquainted" and pass some drastic law to protect property in Merkel. The writer has you buy. Bob Martin's Grocery. had a close view of vacant houses the past month and the ruin wraught by mischievous boys is something appaling. Thousands and thousands of dollars worth of

There is in the show window of THE MERKEL MAIL PRINTING COMPANY, INC the Merkel Motor Company a clock, made by V. B. Sublett. It is of large porportions, ornamental, keeps perfect time and runs for eight days without winding. Entered at the postoffice at Merkel It stand six feet high and would

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be an ornament, as well as a perfect time peace, in any home or

School Tax Notice

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Yours truly,

be broken into. As long as no for immediate delivery. Merkel 4t3c

If you don't want to lose your Ex-Senator Joseph Weldon crop by hail, see E. D. Coats and have it insured. 4t2c

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

Misses Mary Reed, Zoe West and Mrs. Ed Beale spent Saturday in Abilene. Miss Zoe West remained there for a few days.

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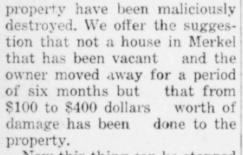
800 acres of fine farm land. with good 5-room residence and four sets of improvements. This land lies near and between two oil locations. It can be had at \$25 an acre now, with a cash payment of one-third and the balance on easy terms. Place has good fences and all modern facilities. It is on rural route and near to good school and churches. It would be cheap at \$35 an acre. These bargains can not last long. We will be glad to give full particulars. There is no better hog farm, small cattle ranch and farm combined in all the west. The farm is near enough to railroad and to market to make it very attractive. Write us for further particulars.

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The improvements consists of a three-room house, good barn, two wells, one windmill, good fence, several good fruit trees, good cellar, underground cement cistern 12x14 garage, good garden under irrigation rock reservoir, good hog lots with hydrants inside. All land it tillable except about ten acres.

This is a good buy, but one that will not keep. If you are interested, write us today.



Now this thing can be stopped It is said that boys will be boys, but there is absolutely no excuse for the destruction of property. If there is any one who doubts the truth of this assertion, just let him go the lounds. We can show him that nearly every vacant house is minus window light Now these windows have been target of a handy stone. Not only are the windows destroyed, but the house being left to the elements is damaged almost beyond repair by wind and weather. The cwners are gone and we may say that it is nobody's business It is the business of the government of this city to protect property rights. It would be far better that some of the youngsters suffer for the damage wrought than that this thing should go on forever. The destruction of property the past two years in this manner would build an industry that would fill up many of the vacant houses.

This thing will stop if the Council says so with blood in their eyes. We know it can be stopped; the Council knows it can be stopped; the daddies of the boys who do the mischief knows it can be stopped, and when they have to pay a big fine sometime their little smart Alec will "be good", even if they do have to eat standing

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WALTER JACKSON

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Joe Thomas Hartley.

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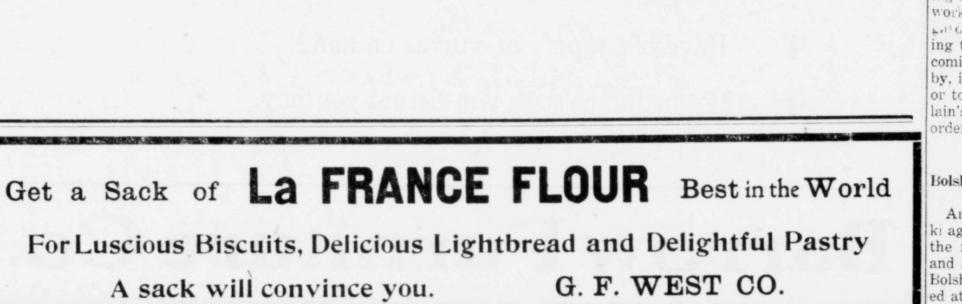
George White.

Americans Are Feeding These Children



A relief station in the Holy Land where Armeniau and Syrian war orpphans are being fed and clothed. Im mediately after the Turks left Jerusalem, American relief workers took twenty-five homeless children in charge, gave them old-fashioned Saturday night baths, clean clothes, and something to eat. Many of them were wearing the same clothes they had on when driven from their homes two years before.

The week of February 3-10 has been set for the time when the Southwest will raise its share of the \$30,000,000 lich has been asked of the American people for reliaf of the terrible war sufferings in the Near East.





Entertained With a Picnic

Last Tuesday April Fool's Day the pupils of the Salt Branch School held a picnic in honor of Mr Miller, their principal; the day being his birthday. Everything was arranged without his knowledge, by his assistant, Miss Wilma Garrett.

About 11:20 the crowd went to the creek where they spread a most delicious dinner, much to the delight of the crowd.

After dinner, they went back to the school grounds, where the remainder of the day was spent in games of various kinds.

Several visitors were present and all reported a most enjoyable day together.

April Fool Night Party

April Fool's night a party was given at the house of Mr Charlie Higgins. All were busy answering and asking "foolish" questions. Games and music furnished amusement for the evening A large crowd was present and all had lots of fun. After a few short hours they departed wishing April Fool Day would hurry around again.

How is Your Complexion

A woman should grow more beautiful as she grows older and she will with due regard to bath. diet and exercise, and by keeping her liver and powels in good working order. If you are hagsond and yell or your eyes losing their lustre and whites becoming yellowish. your flesh flabby, it may be due to indigestion or to a sluggish liver. Chamberlain's Tablets correct these disorders.

Bolsheviki Forces Successful

Archangel, April 2.—Bolsheviki again attacked the allies along the railway near Odozerskaia and assulted the lines east of Bolshoia Ozera, but were repulsed at both places.

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claimed a state of seige in this city and environs as a result of the clash between strikers and troops, in which three were killed and many injured, and a general strike was declared.

Frankfort, April 2.-Three hundred persons accused of plundering shops in this city have been arrested. The disorders are due to a food shortage intensified by a reduction of the potato ration from five to three pounds Frankfort, April 2 .- Rioting broke out here again this afternoon. A mob plundered the provisions of the stores. All available military forces were rushed to the scene of the disorders. When this dispatch was sent fighting is continuing. Demonstrators in searching the house of the burgomaster, discovered big stores of meats, eggs and flour. largel ihunlnt

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TEXANS ARE BEING DEMO-BILIZED

Two hunderd Texans and Oklahomans of the 27th Division in Flanders are being demobilized at Camp Bowie. The men reached Camp Bowie at 12 a.m. Monday and come direct from Camp Mills, L. I., where units of the 27th Division are being demobilized.

The boys of the 27th Division are the lads who smashed the Hindenburg line last fall. The Texans, Oklahomans brigaded with the New Yorkers were draft increments sent across from Camp Travis late last summer and joined the 27th Division as replacements. The New York division had been overseas for sev eral months and had suffered heavy losses when the ranks were filled with the drafts from Texas and Oklahoma. It is said that almost one-half of the 27th Division was composed of lads of the south and west at the battle of the Hindenburg line.

The boys reaching Camp Bowie are the men who went up Mount Kemmel. The division at this time was attached to the 2nd British army and the lads from Texas and Oklahoma fought beside the boys from Australia and New Zealand.

The 27th Division is one of the famous organizations of the American Expeditionary forces. The unit returned home only a short time ago and paraded thro ugh the streets of New York city The troops from Texas and Oklahoma reaching Camp Bowie this week took part in the big New York parade. Fort Worth Record

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Sworn to and subscribed to common sense will permit .. before me this 2nd day of April 1919.

(Seal) W. O. Boney. Notary Public, Taylor, County. (My commission expires on June 1ts, 1919.)

Mrs. J. T. Simmons Dead

Mrs. J. T. Simmons of Trent, aged about 38, died Monday night and was buried in the ceme tery at Trent Tuesday afternoon try, we will try to let you take Funeral services were held at the the value of your farm with yuo. Baptist church, conducted by List now. Merkel Realty Co. Rev. Scott.

She is survived by her husband and one son, about seven years old. She had long been a consecrated Christian, and had a host of friends who mourn her departure.

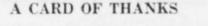
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Mrs Ed Beale of Lovington; N. M., visited, Miss Mary Reed the past week

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I wish to thank the voters of Editor and manager, Walter Merkel for their hearty support in the Election last Tuesday.

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S S HARRIS WRITES

Fort Stockton, Texas. Mar 26.- Merkel Mail:

Please find inclosed our check for One dollar, for which please send me here, The Merkel Mail, beginning with the issue of this week. As an old citizen of your town, permit me to say, that I lived there during both good and bad years, when the people were a unit in holding up for the place insisting to every visitor that we had the best town in the state and usually convincing him of the fact before he left, if indeed he left at all. It was common talk that every citizen of Merkel was a loyal Booster believing that his was the best town and the best country and the best people under the sun. I believed then and believe still that such a faith was well founded Imagine my surprise while there last Friday-finding the town looking so good, displaying unusual life and vitality, to find that a few of the good people (old timers, too) who had a grouch, and were bemoaning the deplorable condition of the town. Now as I see it, if these people would only let the light play upon their understanding for a brief period, they would see knocking at your door, the great est wave of prosperity that the dear old town has ever seen. All admit that you have a soil second to none, you have the season already in the ground, and I think may reasonably expect the great est, harvest in ten years.

The effort to develop oil there means much to your town, and if you people will fall in, catch the step and keep in line, it is my opinion, and my hope, that you will go over the top within the next twelve months, and that, too, without the loss of a man. Yours Very Truly,

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FROM COAST TO COAST

Adopts A Baby

O Club, an aggregation of girls of the marriageable age, all full of life and fun. She was a professing Christian, but wore the yoke lightly. Uncle was an officer in his church, and Aunt was leader of a society in her church different from Uncle's. Uncle was very tolerant of worldliness and took a very liberal view of all indulgencies. Aunt was a litlte stricter in her views, but would never urge them on Neice for her theory was that young folks have to be young folks.

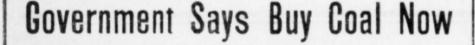
Neice invited the Double-O Club to have a card party at her home. Aunt was troubled about the matter, for she well knew the criticism that would descend on her head if the thing was pulled off at her home. But it was Neice's home too, and she had encouraged Neice to that view. Uncle was rather pleased at the honor paid Neice.

Neighbors heard of the card party and desirous of the welfare of the nearby home, frankly advised with Aunt about the matter. She was greatly disturbed then, and promised to take the matter up with Neice and Uncle. Neice took the matter lightly and went on planning. Uncle got furious and hardly nodded as he passed neighbors on the streets for a day or so. Then it happened.

Uncle and Aunt went out for an evening in town. Neice had a chum to see her and remained at home. Uncle and Aunt returned about eleven and found Neice and Chum and two young men in the parlor playing poker. Aunt was shocked almost out of her wits. Uncle was dumbfounded, but disguised his feelings.

Midnight came. Still the clink of chips and swish of cards was heard from the Parlor. Uncle made out like he was asleep. Aunt knew she could not sleep with that poker game going on in her parlor.

The clock struck three. Aunt had reached the limit of endurance. She slipped out on the back porch and pulled the light switch out. A scramble and exclamations came from the parlor, the front door slammed, two gentlemen took their departure. But a match scratched, and an Last week came into the home oil lamp was lighted; the playing continued. a sweet little fifteen month old "I'll attend to it, wife," said baby girl as pretty as a picture. Uncle. His patience had broken. Her name is Leonard Dean Brad- He walked to the parlor door shaw. Mr and Mrs. Bradshaw and issued a very firm fiat. The playing ceased. one as anybody can be, and are "If that's what the dang thing leads to, it's done for with They are to be commended upme and in my house, "said Untle girl and sharing their love cle. Three people were saved Social cards lead in that direction. It is not a safe game to play in the home. Gamblers are made in homes-not in gambling hells. Once made they are lost to society and the church and are added to the immoral forces of this world. This is a true story from a West Texas town.



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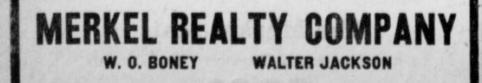
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There seems some slight doubt in the minds of some people as to the exact nature and urgency of The Victory Liberty Loan.

Will you allow me to place the facts very briefly before your readers?

The Government spent all of for Doan's Kidney Pills. the Fourth Loan money before the last installment was due every walk of life from the public. It has been bor-Publicly testify to quick relief

rowing billions of dollars from and lasting results the banks during the last few And it's all for the benefit of felmonths to pay our war debts, low sufferers. and the time has arrived when In this grand chorous of local

the money must be paid back to the banks.

The money which we are now Tell of personal experiences asked to lend is to pay for those Who can ask for better proof of vast stores of equipment and am merit?

munition, which scared the Germans stiff and made them realize they were Leaten. We are asked to pay for the preparation being congested. The kidney se- would. She did. that saved thousands of Americretions were scant; and painful can lives; for if the Government in passage and my back ached had not run up this bill our boys Poan's Kilney Fills corrected would be fighting and dying in those ailments and I used them the trenches today. until I was quite free from the

The Loan should be considered complaint." n terms of human lives not percentages or any other considerations for it will constitute the real test of Americanism.

Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy-get Doan's Kidney Pills the same that Mr Dennis had. It is a Loan of Thanksgiving Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgrs., Buf-

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to Almighty God, to the men who falo, NY. suffered and died for us and to a sane and enlightened govern-

ed Americans in this part of the ment that kept us out of war as world to over-subscribe it. As-it ong as possible and then being is, The Victory Liberty Loan is in it brought us out in a manner going over, and going over Big. that will live for all time as a Yours for the Victory Libno ument of courage and efficiency. It is a Loan of thanksgiv- erty Loan,

ing, for the preservation of our national life, our business, our fortunes, our homes, all of which vere threatened

Why should 1 write more? Such considerations inevitably "LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a speciallymust appeal to the heart and nind of every true man and woman.

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and Aunt. She was a vivacious E W Dennis, retired merchant, Uncle and Aunt encourage her matism. It penetrates the flesh N. Main St., Merkel, says: "My to make their home hers in the to the bone conveying its soothkidneys annoyed me, due to their same sense that a real child ing and restorative influence to

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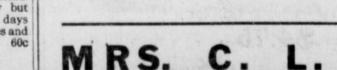
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LOCAL NEWS SOLDIERS AND SAILORS ARE URGED TO RE-IN-

STATE LAPSED IN-SURANCE

Mrs. Fred Latham and Mrs. John Morgan of Heuston are visi Former enlisted men are told of **Government Insurance Plan** ting their mother, Mrs. J. C. Cal

vert. They were called here on ac Discharged sailors and soldicount of the serious illness of their brother, W. C. Calvert of ers who have dropped their war Sweetwater, who is now in the risk insurance are urged by Ensanitarium at Abilene for an ope sign E. P. Thornton, Pay Corps, ration. Attending physicians en USNRF, District Insurance Officer, New Orleans, La., to take tertain hopes for his recovery. steps to reinstate their insurance. His statement is as follows

"Uncle Sam went into the in-

surance business for the benefit of the lads who stood like a stone

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wall between civilization and Misses Jula Martin and Lucy "Kultur". His reason for this Tracy of Simmons College, Abilene, spent Sunday and Monday was to give his boys gilt edge insurance at the smallest possible with homefolks. cost. With the government back-

Plenty of fresh groceries at ing the company and bearing all G. M. Sharps.

who have been so low for some time, are rapidly recovering.

the day in Abilene Sunday.

spending the week in Dallas.

while.

Sharp's

sion 10 cents.

Motor Co.

operating expenses, it can issue

a policy the value of which has

Maize, Feterita, Sorghum and back to civil life and, unfortunall kind of seed at Bob Martin's nately, many left the service in the rush of discharges without

Mr and Mrs. E. N. Brown and daughter, Mrs Meadows spent Insurance created a Conserva-

you had better not come to the insurance, and everyman who Old Kentucky Minstrels at the has unwisely dropped his insur-High School Auditorium, Trent, ance, and every beneficiary who Texas, Saturday night .Admis- is so vitally concerned, the cut and dried facts. They are:

Messrs Boggs and Johnson are the term insurance?

Get a Ford car now while we be carried for a premium within are able to deliver one. Merkel the reach of the flattest purse 4t3c. (65 cents per thousand per mon-

Mrs. John Sears' mother, has le) and because those who carry returned to her home in White- it are going to have the privilege wright, after a few weeks visit of converting it at any time with

New Bureau Created. "After war ceased many of the soldiers and sailors came

Mrs. P. H. Underwood left being made to appreciate and keeping it up. Hence, many have because of lack of information. lapse, and many more are on the

> "So the Bureau of War Risk tion Section. A mighty campaign is being conducted with the pur-

"Why should the men keep up

"Because it is protection again st both death and disability, can

th at age twenty-one, for examp-

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Good grade ginghams. regular 30c value. Good grade heavy cheviots, regular 30c values.

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Best grade 8 oz. A C A feather ticking, 50c value. Special per yard _____ 33c Best grade brown LL 36-in. domestic, regular 20c value. Special per yard_____15c Best grade 36-in. bleached domestic, regular 30c value. Special per yard _____23c Good grade 36-in. bleached domestic, regular 25c value. Special per yard_____ 18c Best grade 9-4 full width bleached sheeting, 65c

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Uncle Sam's Policies

"Uncle Sam's policies will in- separation from service, month two months has returned to her their many sacrifices of time and sure against disability during for which last premium was paid vocation and, sad to say, some the entire lifetime of the insured and ask them what to do. It is

a feature the cost of which, on very probable that he will be re-"Gas exposure and combat the outside, would be almost pro- instated. If he has just left the have taken their toll of health hibitive. If a man becomes dis- service he should mail all future and many of the boys will never abled to the extent that he can- premiums on the first day of the Chase and Sanborn high grade get outside insurance, due to not engage in a substantially month for which each premium coffee at Bob Martin's Grocery. their service, but when the time gainful occupation, \$5.75 per is due to the Disbursing Cieve, comes for conversion of Uncle month per one thousand dollars Bureau of War Risk Insurance,

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gives this feature free, the pre- tion and advice by calling up n mium charge being based only or writing to the district Insurupon the cost of death and not ance Officer, 1 Canal.St., New Orleans, La., Army men should

"If a man reaches age 60, he communicate with the nearest stands one chance in two of be- branch of the American Red coming disabled through dis- Cross.

ease, accident or old age during the remaining years of his expectancy of life, statistices show and if he reaches the age of seventy, his chances of living the ney and Bladder troubles, disremainder of his life without becoming disabled are only one in four.

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ly, semi-annually or annually? "If a man has immediately to the Bureau of W F Hamblet

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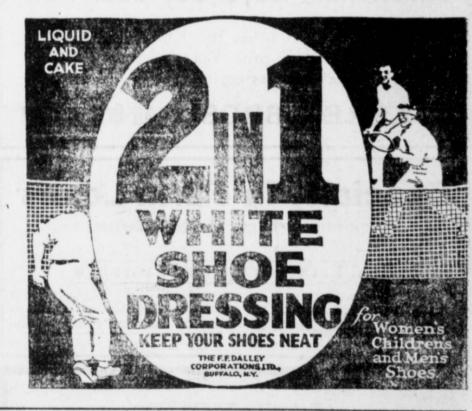
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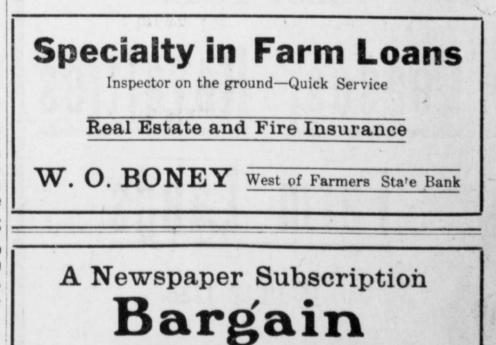
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