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THE AMENDMENTS TO VOTE MAY 24

The people of Texas are called upon to consider some amendments to the constitution of Texas. The idea has gained some ground that the men who made the constitution were infallible, smarter than the men of today, that they foresaw all conditions and built a constitution that would live through the ages. We differ with these people. We do not believe there were smarter men in that day than in this, and if some one will just dig up the records they will find more villainy and slander thrown against those men than that they find today. They were not infallible. They did a great work, it is true, but the time has come when it is essential that changes be made.

The Prohibition Amendment.
When it comes to propaganda work, Germany didn't know a thing compared with the infamous whiskey interests. Why they have the audacity to tell us that this is a dead issue, are lulling the pros. to sleep, spending thousands of dollars in Texas today and working in a manner entirely up to their reputation. They have gone so far as to tell the druggists, even of Merkel, that if this law is passed they will have to go out of the drug business, that they can not sell any medicine that has whiskey in its make-up. We can't believe that we have a druggist in Merkel who has little enough sense to believe them. No, common sense, that great equalizing factor of the human race, will amply attend to such matters. Not a beneficial drug will be withdrawn from the market. True, we know, the government has with drawn some form of "biters" from the market. It might withdraw some more and leave the human race infinitely better off. No reasonable prohibitionist is going to be gulled into this kind of propaganda. It is true we will hear men on our streets talk about the prohibition issue going a little too far and that they will vote against it. Don't be alarmed fellow citizens, they are antis pure and simple. This vile snake is nearly dead in Texas and on the 24th we have the opportunity of writing his obituary into our constitution. Does it pay? We believe there has not been an arrest in Merkel within twelve months. We have even been able to dispense with the services of a city marshal. Does it pay?

Land Loan Laws
We find some people opposed to the proposed land lien laws. Surely that person does not reside in West Texas. Now if this measure becomes a law, those who oppose it may refrain from taking advantage of its beneficent purposes. If they don't use it, it will not affect their own individual homestead ideas. Then why in the name of kingdom do they oppose their neighbor taking advantage of the provision. If our neighbors can borrow on their homesteads during periods of drouth, it would save many a hardship, many a dollar and many a heart pang in West Texas.

Pay Governor More
Why should the increased pay be objectionable? Some one has said that from the material we have been accustomed to send down there they are not worth any more. Why send them down there? If \$4000 a year does not get the proper material, then is not that a conclusive evidence that more should be raised. If we preserve our honored democracy, we must raise the pay of the Governor. No poor man can afford to make the race for governor. Why it would cost him \$15,000 to send a letter to each voter of the State telling who he was. Then it seems that few people consider the calls made upon

the world." They say she will vote as her husband votes. She didn't last year; she won't next. She has sense enough to vote for what she believes to be right, regardless of what he thinks. We are a proud people. We believe that "taxation without representation is unjust," and yet we would deal unjustly with our womenfolk. We say that a woman has no right to vote, that it would corrupt her morals. That is political talk. Men don't believe any such rot. They are so afraid she will have a tendency to raise the standard of morals to a higher point than they wish to abide by that they mortally fear her entrance into the sphere of law-making. Her influence in religion society, business has not lowered her moral bearing, but has exalted the organizations of which she became a part, even so will the political fabric of the nation be raised by the practical influence of her high moral character. Men make laws and women have to abide by them. That is not right. She should have a voice. We believe her mentally qualified to judge between the right and wrong of public issues. In fact we have an exalted opinion of women anyway and wonder how we would get along without her benign influence. They say bad women will become the balance of political power. That is an untruth. There are not many bad women. We are not afraid of our women debauching our political atmosphere. We do believe, however, that they will clean politics up in rapid order. We believe they will assist in benevolent measures that will make some of the efforts of our half-breed statesmen look like fifteen cents. No, politics will not harm our women. They are a part and a mighty big part of this great republic and we welcome her voice in the councils of law and order and progress.

Woman Suffrage
There are men who claim to be chivalrous, who pride themselves of the best blood of the glorious South, who talk in the high-praise of womanhood, and yet who will withhold the ballot from her hand. They say she will make a mess of politics. They can not be fair and say that she could make a worse mess than the men have made in the years gone by. They say she don't want to vote, and yet last year only 300,000 of them marched to the polls and "made their power felt around

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

WANTED—Single hand to do ranch work. Good pay. Tom Largent tf
FOR SALE—Tomato and cabbage plants. See W.P. Duckett.
WANTED—Good young milk cow. S. F. Haynes. 9tf
WANTED—Second hand windmill. Must be in good condition. Hugh R. Grayson, Merkel Texas Route 2. 15t2p

FOR SALE—A good jersey milk cow for sale. Mrs. Sam Butman 9t2c
Let me do your screen work and patch that leaky roof. See John McClary Phone 9012F21 21t8
FOR SALE—Mebane cotton seed for planting. S. F. Haynes. 9tf
FOR SALE—One large rebuilt Cypress tank cheap. M. L. Estes. Merkel, Texas. tf

"THE LITTLE GIRL OF THE LIGHTHOUSE"

This play will be given over Saturday night because of the large per cent of the tickets sold to the High School on account of which the house will not be able to accommodate all that is desiring to go. This play is one every one will enjoy and we want to give every one a chance to see it.

Those that have not been able to get tickets for the first night will be able to get seats for the second night at Grimes Drug Store. Don't fail to see this beautiful Comedy-Drama that will help you to spend a pleasant evening and give you many things to laugh about. This play is presented to the public by the High School Seniors and you want to see them play their parts in this play.

ORDER APPROVING TREASURER'S REPORT

Abilene, Texas, May 12, 1919.

On this day the Commissioners Court of Taylor county, Texas, in regular session compared and examined the quarterly report of Austin Fitts, County Treasurer of said county for the quarter ending April 30, 1919, and finds the same correct and finds that the respective amounts named below have been received and paid since the preceding quarterly report with balance to each separate fund as follows, viz:

Fund	Amt. Recd.	Amt. Paid Out	Balance
First Class (Jury)	\$ 82.31	\$1073.50	\$ 647.13
Second Class, Prec. 1	17295.12	3036.30	24414.87
Prec. 2	7944.69	1573.19	7576.74
Prec. 3	3712.09	1364.09	2765.32
Prec. 4	4629.00	1061.92	3643.77
Third Class (General)	23038.92	5968.62	19382.82
Fourth Class (C. H. Sink.)	10192.57	3685.16	13292.47
R. D. No. 1, Sinking	9775.20	3448.45	13039.44
Road Dist. No. 2 (Sinking)	1425.39	15.97	1735.07
Fifth Class (Pauper)	984.55	1431.50	Overdrawn 2358.68
State Highway Fund	5104.70	1468.73	5885.85
Checks outstanding, S.H. Fund	\$153.77	General \$100.25	

That we have inspected and counted the assets remaining in the hands of such treasurer; that said treasurer had cash in his hands \$1.51 and there was to the credit of said county in the duly and legally authorized depositories of said county cash balances on the first day of May, 1919, as follows:

	F. & M. Natl. Bank	Cit. Natl. Bank	First St. Bank
Gen. R. & B. etc.	\$5745.28	\$27295.78	\$23129.75
R. D. No. 1, Sink.	1715.45	5138.52	6185.47
R. D. No. 2, Sink	1720.38		
Fourth Class Sink.	7244.74	4345.24	1702.49
State Highway	6039.62		

And in the hands of such treasurer the following assets belonging to the sinking fund of Road Dist. No. 1:

Bradshaw School Bonds	\$2500.00
Potosi Ind. School District Bonds	2000.00
Blair School Dist. No. 32 Bonds	1800.00
Lisman School Dist. No. 30 Bonds	400.00

And to the credit of Court House Sinking Fund the following Bonds:

School Dist. No. 17	\$ 600.00
School Dist. No. 38	1800.00
School Dist. No. 11	2400.00

Total indebtedness of said county:

Court House Bonds	\$144,000.00
Road Dist. No. 1, Bonds	135,000.00
Road Dist. No. 2 Bonds	20,000.00
Road Dist. No. 3 Bonds	15,000.00
Road Dist. No. 4 Bonds	15,000.00
Road Dist. No. 5 Bonds	25,000.00
Road Dist. No. 6 Bonds	25,000.00

That the requirements of Art. 401, Penal Code, have in all things been fully complied with at this term of court; that tabular statements have been prepared and filed as required by Art. 390 P. C. and that all warrants accompanying said treasurer's report have been cancelled by us.

Witness our hands this 13th day of May, A.D. 1919.
E. M. OVERSHINER,
County Judge Taylor Co. Texas
H. E. MEYER, Commissioner Prec. No. 1
T. R. LASSITER, Com. Prec. No. 2
DAN O'CONNELL, Com. Prec. No. 3
H. T. O'BAR, Commissioner Prec. No. 4

Subscribed and sworn to by said county judge and each commissioner before me this 13th day of May, A.D., 1919.
FANNIE TIPPETT,
County Clerk Taylor County, Texas
By W. E. BEASLEY, Deputy.

a Governor that tends to reduce his resources. Why should the salary of the Governor of the greatest State in the Union be so small as to tempt him to take advantage of graft? You may say that the honor is worth the price. From some experiences we know of it will take a few decades of severest rectitude for the Governor to become an honored citizen. Gentlemen, he ought to be paid a reasonable salary. There are numbers of men in the mercantile and industrial fields of Texas drawing many times as much salary. Can Texas afford to be small in his matter?

ANOTHER DRILLING PROJECT

Another lease of interest to this section is the one taken over by P. H. Underwood just west of Trent, containing several thousand acres. The lease includes the Weatherby ranch. Drilling is to begin within about sixty days. This will be another development factor in the oil industry in this vicinity. There is no doubt but that this territory will be fully developed, and hope, and have every reason to believe an oil field of vast proportions will be opened up.

Mr. Underwood is an experienced driller and proposes to devote his entire time and energy to the proper development of his holdings.

CONFIDENCE IN MIDDLE WEST

Two of the biggest land deals in this section were pulled off this week. Messrs. Joe Dillard and son, Hawk, of Minter, Lamar County, and Joel Gunn, Jack Walker and Dick Hewlett of Deport, visited J. C. Mason of Merkel this week. While here they purchased about \$45,000 worth of real estate, lying to the north of Merkel, and were so favorably impressed with the possibilities of the Middle West that they are thinking of making their homes in this section. We need such citizens and will stand ready to give them the glad hand of welcome.

Scholastic Census Completed.

The scholastic census has been completed, the number being 631. Last year the number amounted to 587. This is a very substantial gain, though not near as much as we expect to be here within the next few months. Improved conditions are already helping the country materially.

The 36th Division

Were to sail the 12 day of May. Many of our boys are in this division and are expected home in a short time. By July 4th nearly all the boys will be back. With fear and misgivings we bade them good-bye; with joy let's pull off a "big one" in welcome of their triumphant return.

GRADUATION EXERCISES MONDAY NIGHT MAY 19. AT THE METHODIST CHURCH AT 9 P. M.

- INVOCATION Rev S. R. Standifer
- CHORUS High School
- SALUTATORY Hazel Bridgeman
- CLASS PROPHECY Howard Laney
- SOLO Mrs. Lytton Howard
- LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT Guy Darsey
- JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE Doyel Garrett
- VALEDICTORY Edna Swann
- GRADUATION ADDRESS Rev. E. E. Dawson
- PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS R. O. Anderson
- CHORUS High School

MERKEL AND ABILENE FRATERNALIZE

At the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce of Abilene, twenty-five or thirty of the leading business men of Merkel attended a banquet given by the former in Abilene last Tuesday evening. A menu was provided that would tempt the appetite of the most delicate than were in attendance upon this occasion. Fraternalism rang throughout the program. Speeches were made by the representative orators of both cities, the local notables being R. M. Parker, J. C. Mason, Hon. W. P. Mahaffey, G. W. Johnson and G. I. Boggs.

The tone of the gathering was to the effect that if there was enmity, jealousy and strife between the two cities, it forever be done away with; that what would help one would help the other; that co-operation was the keynote of the situation; that if any great thing was to come to Taylor County it would come from the efforts of Taylor County people. It was a move in the right direction, and freely was the prediction made that this was only the beginning of other gatherings of similar nature.

At no distant date an invitation will be given by the Board of Trade at Merkel for the business men of Abilene to come and gather around our banquet board and there let oratory, toasts and jokes in pungent power better cement the vital business and industrial forces of Taylor County. The visitors were delighted with the trip, with the reception and with the program.

Villa Breaks Out Again

El Paso, May 12.—According to information received here from Parral today, Francisco Villa retook that city Thursday and made prisoners of the garrison of 260 men under Colonel Gomez, who had occupied the town but two days before. The garrison was outnumbered and made little resistance. Repeating his action when he took Parral on Easter Sunday, Villa freed the prisoners and told them to go to work. Casualties were light on both sides.

Britain to Pay U. S. \$35,500,000 For War Claims.

Washington, May 12.—A complete and comprehensive settlement of all claims between the United States and Great Britain growing out of the military operations, has been reached by the American Liquidation Commission. Secretary Baker announced today that under the settlement the British Government would pay the United States \$35,500,000 as a net and final adjustment.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE OF MERKEL PUBLIC SCHOOL

At The Methodist Church Sunday night May 18, 9 p. m.

- INVOCATION Elder W. G. Cypert
- MUSIC Choir
- PRAYER Rev. E. E. Dawson
- MUSIC Choir
- SCRIPTURE READING Rev. S. R. Etandifer
- SOLO Mrs. Lytton Howard
- COMMENCEMENT SERMON Rev. W. M. Murrell
- MUSIC Choir and Congregation
- BENEDICTION Dr. M. Armstrong

A SUGGESTION

Those who DO NOT do business with

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

will find it to their advantage to talk to those WHO DO

Think it Over---There's a Reason

What Saved Our Boys?



Look at the boys who are home and then realize that, had the war gone on six months longer, 100,000 more of them would have been sleeping beneath wooden crosses in France, and 300,000 more of them would have been wounded to say nothing of an additional expenditure of at least fifteen billion of dollars. These are official figures.

What saved them? Our enormous preparation. That broke down German morale and ended the war.

Isn't it worth paying for? A Victory Liberty Loan Button is a badge of honor and an indication of good business sense—as well as a thanksgiving proclamation.

Subscribe to your limit!

BASE BALL NEWS

The Merkel Town team defeated the Trent town team on the Merkel High School grounds on Thursday May the 8th with a score of 8 to 0. This was the first game of the season for the town team, and we have some real ball players. Come out and see the games.

The local High School team were defeated by Abilene High School team on Friday May 9th in a 10 inning game on the local grounds, with a score of 6 to 7. The boys played a fast game from the beginning.

The ninth inning began with the score of 5 to 3 in favor of Abilene with Merkel at the bat. Smith steps into one for a clean hit to right field, Catcher Curb follows with a 3 bagger to right field, scoring Smith, Stevens sing-

led, scoring Curb, Bragg singled scoring Stevens, making the score of 5 to 6 in favor of Merkel. Abilene comes to bat scoring on a run tying the game. Merkel went down in the first of the 10th inning, Abilene scoring in the last half, making the final score 6 to 7.

The Merkel High School team defeated the Abilene High School team in a return game on the A. C. C. grounds. Score of 2 to 4. Say you should see some of our boys pull this old Big League Stuff in these games. Come out and root for them. They say "backing" makes Merkel win.

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. Nature will then throw off or digest the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 6c per bottle.

CONDENSED STATEMENT

THE Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business May 12, 1919

RESOURCES

Loans	\$212,627.50
U. S. Bonds	9,750.00
War Saving Stamps	93.83
Interest Earned, not collected	151.96
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,500.00
Other Real Estate	3,132.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
CASH AND EXCHANGE	76,666.22
Total	\$307,834.01

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	39,146.65
Circulation	5,950.00
Rediscounts—Fed. Res. Bank	36,411.85
Bills Payable	10,000.00
DEPOSITS	191,325.51
Total	\$307,834.01

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

LOCAL NEWS

W. D. McDonald of Cisco is at home for a while.

Second hand furniture bought and sold. J. T. Darsey.

Miss Susie Penn visited in Abilene the past week.

Laundry agent at Pate's Barber Shop.

Miss Alice Williams of Abilene visited Misses Susie Penn and Mamie Rister a few days.

When you are in Merkel call on Rogers, the groceryman, and see if you can not save money.

Miss Zoe West left Thursday for a visit to Miss Myrtice Saffel at Plainview.

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

Roy Massey received his discharge from Camp Travis and returned home Tuesday afternoon.

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

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen returned Saturday from Abilene where she has been under treatment for several weeks. She is much improved in health.

Bring your eggs to W. P. Duckett and get 30¢ a dozen. W. P. Duckett. tr

H. W. Derstine has been on the sick list for two or three weeks, but is reported improved.

About Rheumatism
People are learning that it is only a waste of time and money to take medicine internally for chronic and muscular rheumatism, and about ninety-nine out of a hundred cases are one or there varieties. All that is really necessary to afford relief is to apply Chamberlain's Liniment. Try it. It costs but 35 cents per bottle. Large size 60 cents.

Take a Shot

NOT A GAMBLE--JUST YOUR GAIN

A Suit at Half Price

UNLINED "KOOL CLOTH"

Suits for men and boys

Men's prices \$7.50 to \$12.50

Boys' \$2.40 to \$7.50

LADIES, SEE OUR SILK DRESSES

GET OUR PRICES ON DRY GOODS

The Brown D. G. Co.

LOCAL NEWS

W. L. Diltz has received his discharge from the Army of Occupation on account of his mother's health, and wrote from Paris stating he would be homeward bound May 12.

Get your shoes shined at The Pate Barber Shop. Best of facilities offered for ladies and gentlemen.

Ennis Grimes received his discharge from the army at Fort Sam Houston and returned home this week. He says the service is fine but he is mighty glad to be back. He still has four brothers in service, Stewart at Camp Merritt, Doctor and Luther in the Army of Occupation and Emmett in France. All except Doctor expect to be home within 30 days.

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.

Keep Your Dollar Busy

Keep your dollar at work. The idle dollar not only loaf, it runs away and never comes back. Uncle Sam will pay \$1,500,000 in interest to the holders of Second Liberty Loan Bonds in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District on Thursday, May 15th. Much of this will be in small amounts. The best way to keep these dollars working and to tie them down is to invest them in Thrift and War Savings Stamps. This is profitable patriotism. .oeC..V.avo

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.

TEXAS PARSONS BEING POORLY PAID

SAYS SENATOR SHEPPARD IN INTERVIEW ON METHODIST CENTENARY DRIVE
MAY 18-25

APPEALS ON THEIR BEHALF

Is a preacher worth as much to society as a Ford?

Many in Texas do not think so, apparently, because at least 200 out of 850 Methodist preachers in Texas are drawing less every year than the price of a Ford.

The Southern Methodist Church recently made a survey of salaries paid to 6,150 preachers and discovered the fact that \$19 of them received less than \$400; 1,268, or more than one-fifth, received less than \$500; and 1,585, or more than one-fourth, received less than \$600 a year.

It was these figures that United States Senator Morris Sheppard had in mind when in a recent interview on the Methodist Centenary, which will make a drive for \$35,000,000 in eight days, May 18-25, he said:

"The small remuneration allowed so many American preachers of the Gospel, who are also teachers in the highest and holiest sense, is one of the handicaps on the spread of knowledge and progress, which the Methodist Centenary campaign will help to remove."

The Senator also said: "The Centenary Campaign of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, should have the earnest, practical and prayerful co-operation and support not only of every Methodist, but of all other citizens as well. The funds raised by this campaign will do more for humanity, civilization and democracy than can be measured in words."

"If the world is to reap the benefits of the war that has been fought and won for its emancipation; if the cause for which so many million gave their lives and blood and treasure is to be made of concrete value to mankind, men, women and children must be given a spiritual and educational basis on which the structure of liberty and progress may be permanently based. The inhabitants of the stricken regions will be unable to catch the spirit of the new time, if they remain strangers to Christianity. Neither will the inhabitants of those parts of our own country be in position to receive or to understand the meaning and the message of true democracy, with such low standards of knowledge and education as too frequently prevail. The Methodist Centenary is a movement born in heaven, and dedicated to the noblest, purest interests of the human race."

CHURCH IS BUILT BY CANNIBALS

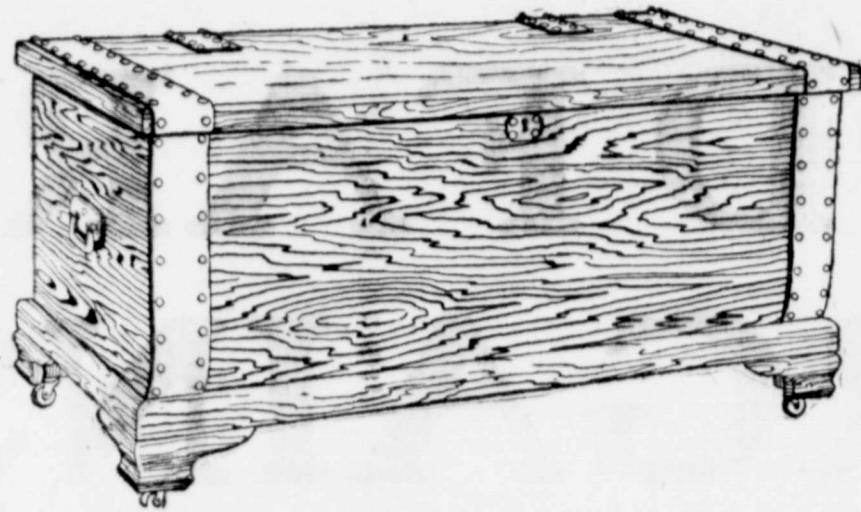
The only Christian church in the world to be erected by cannibals has just been completed in Africa. The king of the community, having come in touch with some missionaries of the M. E. Church, South, decided a school would be a good thing to have in his village. The king wasn't a cannibal himself and had announced that he would punish any of his own people found guilty of cannibalism. Soon after he issued his proclamation forty men were found guilty of the act, and, as punishment, the king put them to work on the school house for the children in his village. When the school was finished, the king, deciding the men had not been sufficiently punished, made them build a church which the missionaries said they could use to advantage.

LABOR PROVIDED BY ERECTION OF CHURCHES

Nearly a million dollars will be spent by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the erection of churches, schools, and settlement houses in the South during the next few months. This announcement was made at the office of the Board of Missions of that denomination today.

Dr. O. E. Goddard, Secretary of the Department of Home Missions, stated the money would be spent as follows: For foreigners in this country, \$70,000; mountain work, \$600,000; textile workers, \$150,000; foreign population in New Orleans, \$116,000. The spending of this money on buildings in the South means work for laborers in many places. It will be the direct result of the Centenary Campaign of the M. E. Church, South, the financial drive for which will be held May 18-25. Paris News Advocate.

FINE FURNITURE



The Sealy Gives You Sound Refreshing Sleep

Trade Mark Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.

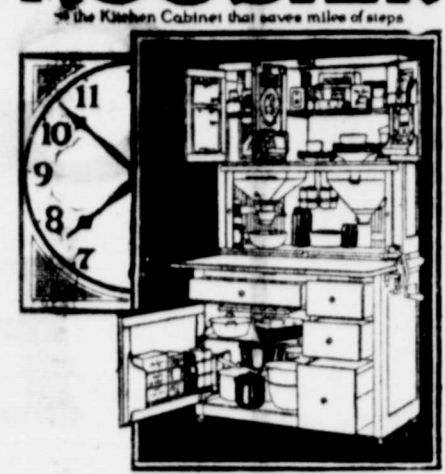
You will find just the pieces of dependable furniture on our floor that you have always wanted.

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The Quality and Durability of our furniture makes it a prized possession in any home

Come in and see.

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PARTNERSHIP OF MEN AND WOMEN

"We have made partners of the women in this war; shall we admit them only to a partnership of sacrifice and suffering and toil and not to a partnership of privilege and right? This war could not have been fought, either by the other nations engaged or by America if it had not been for the services of the women, service rendered in every sphere, not merely in the fields of effort in which we have been accustomed to see them work, but wherever we have worked and upon the very skirts and edges of the bat-



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MRS. C. L. CASH
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HIS FIFTH HOME RUN

tlefield itself." -- Woodrow Wilson

Vividly do the American people remember the trials, toils, suffering and sacrifice of the women to save this country from the Hun. They have during the world war, as women have in every war, taught humanity how the sympathy and insight and to suffer and how to serve.

We shall need then a vision of affairs which is theirs, and as we have never needed them before, the sympathy and insight and clear moral instinct of the women of that time will strike to the roots of many things that we have not hitherto questioned, I for one believe that our safety in those questioning days, as well as our comprehension of matters that touch society to the quick, will depend upon the direct and authoritative participation of women in our counsels.

We shall need their moral sense to preserve what is right and fine and worthy in our system of life as well as to discover just what it is that ought to be purified and reformed. Without their counsellings we shall be only half wise. -- Woodrow Wilson.

That we shall need a vision of affairs which is theirs, that we shall need their moral sense to preserve what is right and worthy few will question. In reconstruction and the years that shall follow, this country will need woman's influence in a larger measure than ever before.

Texas people have an opportunity to "make partners of women in government as well as in social and economic affairs. On May 24, the men of Texas will vote on the constitutional amendment that will give women equal suffrage. If this amendment is adopted, as seems most

likely, Texas will be the first of the Southern and Southwestern states to recognize the partnership of men and women in government. -- Farm and Ranch.

Plan Fight Against National Prohibition

New York, May 12. -- Plans for the fight against national prohibition to be opened at the outset of the special session of congress called by President Wilson for May 19 were announced Sunday at the headquarters of the Association Opposed to National Prohibition.

The federal prohibition amendment effective Jan 16 will be attacked by Representative Reuben L. Haskell of Brooklyn by the introduction of a resolution providing for its repeal and a second would join the forces in the fight on a resolution calling for a referendum on it in every state of the Union.

Representative James A. Gallivan of Boston, it was stated,

Famous Health Resort Treatment at Home

Nervous and Run-Down People Can Now Obtain Relief Without Going to Health Resort.

People used to travel to a popular health resort when they were nervous, thin, weak, run-down and felt tired all the time. There they found a physician whose fame had spread far and wide for the remarkable success that he had in treating just that kind of people.

And the secret of his success was a tonic that he prepared for his patients according to his own formula, which taken according to his directions gained for him his popularity. This same tonic is now obtainable by the public generally under the name of RICH-TONE with full directions on each bottle. If you suffer from bad health and need a building tonic, you need not travel to the health resort for you can take this treatment at home. One well known lady who was under the care of three eminent physicians, and who had been in a sanitarium on several occasions and had been operated on without benefitting her general health, found it necessary to take only one bottle of Rich-Tone to find full relief.

There is POWER and PUNCH in GOOD HEALTH--it means a bright eye--alert look--snappy gait--that resiliant step--that general make-good appearance so different from the men of one on the ragged edge of a declining constitution. Men and women who wish to gain vigor and strength should commence this famous health resort treatment at once. It's only a dollar at SANDERS DRUG STORE

PROMINENT TEXANS SUPPORT METHODIST CENTENARY DRIVE

ON EVE OF GREAT CAMPAIGN FOR \$35,000,000 THEY MAKE SNAPPY STATEMENTS TO TEXAS METHODISTS

CAMPAIGN IS ON MAY 18-25

More than 400,000 Texas Methodists are to be asked to contribute more than \$5,000,000 towards the \$35,000,000 thank-offering of the Southern Methodist Church, which is now celebrating the centennial of its missionary activities.

Texas Methodism has been organized down to the last man, and Texas will probably give more like \$8,000,000 before the eight-day drive concludes on May 25.

On the eve of the great drive, the greatest ever undertaken by any church since the days of Christ, prominent business men of Texas, widely known as leading Methodist laymen also have given out snappy interviews forecasting state-wide victory.

R. M. Kelly, successful manufacturer of Longview, president of the Kelly Plow Company, said:

"The Centenary idea is influencing our whole people and slowly, but surely transforming the Methodism of Texas. No such spirit ever gripped this section, and no such results ever followed any church activities."

"Our business men are impressed with the fact of a preliminary world survey, and a detailed and rational estimate of just what the world needs, and exactly what the work will cost. They join the church authorities in the belief that this work is now imperative."

Judge G. W. Barcus of Waco said: "The Centenary Movement appeals to all classes and the program is one that commands the attention of the business world. The entire Methodist Church in Texas, as elsewhere, is lining up as one man. Texas Methodists never fail to do their duty either by their country or their church."

Judge C. M. Smithdeal of Dallas said:

"The mere statement of our aims arouses the old-time Methodist enthusiasm which I had vainly imagined we had lost. Our own generation will profit greatly by this drive, but generations remote from us will be blessed. Of course, Texas Methodists will rally like a moving army to one objective, victory."

Hon. Cone Johnson of Tyler, former solicitor-general of the United States, said:

"Considering the pitifully meager support of money and service which the Methodist Church has received from its members, its growth and career has been the miracle of the ages. If we endow its present projects with the sum requested, and we shall do that without a doubt, it will have its first real opportunities to manifest to mankind what it can do for the spread of the Gospel. Every Methodist with a spark of loyalty to the history and blessed traditions of our church will be in at the drive."

Ira J. Ayers, a government official on the border, at El Paso, said:

"The tide is rising. We're going over! The idea of celebrating the Centenary of established missions by American Methodists in such a fitting manner strongly appealed to me from the first. For West Texas and New Mexico I can speak with certainty. They will go over in gallant style when the returns are all in."

Judge John W. Woods of Abilene, said:

"As was recently said, \$35,000,000 or more for Christianity, but not one cent for Bolshevism. Better five hundred young men and young women in mission fields, than twenty million in the trenches. The laymen who have long been asking for something to do, recognize in this a real opportunity for service commensurate with their ability to do things."

STILL PURCHASE WIVES.

Miss Kathron Wilson, of Dallas, Texas, a missionary of the M. E. Church, South, to Africa, has written recently to her friends that the missionaries are having a hard time getting enough little African girls together to form a school. Miss Wilson walked a long distance to another village in an effort to get a few girl children to come to school. The chief told them very politely, but firmly, that all the little girls of his village had been purchased as wives and their fathers had no further jurisdiction over them. One of the results of the Centenary Movement of the M. E. Church, South, will be the establishment of schools in Africa in the hope of uplifting degraded womanhood on the Dark Continent.

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Villa is again the world's star performer. Only recently the Mexican government put out of business one of the greatest disturbers that country ever saw. Diaz has not made headway, and only Villa keeps on the front pages of the dailies. It will be a master stroke when this high headed marauder is laid low.

Dark and insidious are the ways of evil. Even now some professedly good people fear that the prohibition wave has gone too far. They seem to take the stand that prohibitionists are void of all common sense. They are crossing the bridge before they get to it. Lurking in the background is the money of the saloon and liquor interests that is spreading false propaganda throughout the country.

Well the depot is painted, painted yellow. We don't like the color, but they didn't ask us a thing about it so we guess we will have to put up with it. We thought that maybe when prosperity struck the West they would consider a new depot, but now since they have covered this one with yellow paint, it is good for forty years. However, it is in keeping with the "Paint Up" campaign that has been agitated for some time.

Interpreting The Omens—

In his youth Mark Twain edited a weekly journal in a small Western town.

A subscriber wrote to him one day to remark that he had discovered a spider concealed in the folds of a recently delivered paper.

The writer wanted to know whether such an occurrence was a sign of good or bad luck.

The young editor replied in the next issue as follows:

"Constant Reader: The appearance of a spider in a copy of last week's paper was a sign of neither good nor bad luck; that intelligent insect was merely studying our columns in order to ascertain whether any store in the neighborhood had failed to advertise in our paper, in order that he might make for that establishment and there weave a web across the doorway, where he might dwell in undisturbed peace."—Youth's Companion.

For the best Bread buy American Beauty Flour at the Crown Hardware Company

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We have bargains in first-class farms

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☞ Our sales the past few weeks have run into the thousands of dollars. We are selling Farms, City Property, Leases and Royalties. Why not sell while you can. All we ask is that you make the price right and give us time for development.

Our sales are still piling up. Don't fail to see us.

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"BACK US UP NOW"

IS APPEAL OF THIRTY-TWO TEXAS METHODIST MISSIONARIES IN MESSAGE TO 400,000 TEXAS METHODISTS

GREET TEXAS FROM ABROAD

"Back us up" is the soul-stirring appeal of thirty-two Texas missionaries now in seven foreign lands to the 400,000 Methodists of Texas on the eve of their great campaign in connection with the Texas drive for more than \$5,000,000 as a thank-offering for the centennial of Methodist Missions.

Texas is called upon to raise one-seventh of the total amount, \$35,000,000, which will be collected in eight days, beginning May 18, and Texas Methodists have a special reason for doing their part, because so many heroic Texans have manned the outposts of Methodist missions as doctors, nurses, teachers and evangelists.

Go where you will in Africa, China, Japan, Korea, Cuba, Brazil, and Mexico, not to mention the hundreds of stations among the foreigners now in America, and there you will find the Texas missionary rebuilding the world's civilization for the Christ of America.

Here is a partial list of these. Look them over.

Miss Kathron Wilson, Dallas, Tex., trained nurse, Wembo, Niama, Africa.
Miss Charlie Holland, Moscow, Tex., teacher in Lambuth Memorial Training School for Bible Women, Kobe, Japan.

Miss Mary La Mar, Houston, Tex., teacher in Collegio Americano, Petropolis, Brazil.

Miss Rachel Jarrett, Red Water, Tex., teacher in Collegio Americano, Brazil.

Miss Lydia Ferguson, Belton, Tex., teacher, Collegio Americano, Brazil.

Miss Maud Mathis, Arp, Tex., teacher in Collegio Isabella Hendrix, Brazil.

Miss Mary Sue Brown, Gatesville, Tex., teacher in Collegio Piracucaba, Brazil.

Miss Lela M. Putnam, Albany, Tex., teacher, Bello Horizonte, Brazil.
Miss Lelia Roberts, Bonham, Tex., principal of Methodist Normal School, Saltillo, Mexico.

Miss Lizzie Stradley, Central Texas Conference, principal of Collegio Piracucaba, Brazil.

Carey E. Touchstone, Merkel, Tex., evangelist in Soochow, China.

Sid R. Anderson, Rising Star, Tex., presiding elder, Sungkiang, China.
James S. Oxford, Turnersville, Tex., principal of Palmore Institute, Kobe, Japan.

Charles A. Long, Anson, Cherokee County, Tex., president of Granbery College, Juiz de Fora, Brazil.

Perhaps you know some of them. They send you in Texas their greetings and ask you to remember them in prayer and alms. Their names, native Texas home and where they are, follows:

Miss Mary A. Tarrant, Galveston, Tex., supervisor of woman's evangelistic work and day schools at Huchow, China.

Miss Maggie J. Rogers, Martin, Tex., head resident of Maria L. Gibson Settlement, Soochow, China.

Miss Mittie Shelton, Stamford, Tex., teacher in Virginia High School at Huchow, China.

Miss Sue Stanford, Waco, Tex., school teacher at Huchow, China.

Miss Laura V. Edwards, Hereford, Tex., supervisor of evangelistic work in Songdo, Korea.

Miss Agnes Elise Graham, Comanche, Tex., supervisor of evangelism among women, Wonsan, Korea.

Miss Edith Park, Galveston, Tex., normal school teacher, Saltillo, Mex.

Miss Virginia Booth, San Marcos, Tex., teacher in Collegio Palmore, Chihuahua, Mexico.

Miss Ethel McCaughan, Corpus Christi, domestic science teacher in Colegio Palmore, Mexico.

Miss Norwood Wynn, Dallas, Tex., evangelist and social service worker, in Chihuahua, Mexico.

Miss Annie Churchill, Uvalde, Tex., teacher, Collegio, Eliza Newman, Cuba.

Miss Rebecca Toland, Beeville, Tex., principal of Irene Toland School, Matanzas, Cuba.

Miss Etta Lee Woolsey, Bay City, Tex., teacher in Girls' School, Wembo Niama, Africa.

J. W. Daniel, Cotilla, Tex., supported as an evangelist in Passo Fundo, Brazil, by students of University of Texas.

B. O. Hill, Hill's Prairie, Bastrop County, Tex., president of Pinson College, Camaguey, Cuba.

J. F. Caperton, Itasca, Tex., evangelist to Cubans and American soldiers at Santiago de Cuba.

L. H. Robinson, Ramirena, Live Oak County, Tex., teacher in Candier College, Havana, Cuba.

F. S. Onderdonk, Mission Valley, Victoria County, Tex., general superintendent of Texas Mexican Mission with headquarters at San Antonio, Tex.; formerly missionary to Mexico.

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In many recipes only half as many eggs are required, in some none at all, if an additional quantity of Dr. Price's Baking Powder is used—about a teaspoon, in place of each egg omitted.

Try this method with all your baking recipes. Thousands of women are using it with great success.

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CHURCH NEWS

At The Baptist Church

Things went pretty good last Sunday, thank you. Goodly number in Sunday school and a house full to hear the sermon. The Sunday evening shower frightened some Baptists from the evening service. Baptists like the water in the creek or in a baptistry, and are afraid of it when it comes from above; therefore, their fright.

Sunday morning the pastor will speak on, "Share Crops," be, "God's Photographs," and "I O O C." There will be no services Sunday night on account of the Commencement Exercises at the Methodist church.

We are glad to observe newcomers and strangers in our congregations each time we meet. Always glad to give them welcome to our meeting house and to our services.

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

Methodist Church Notice

Mothers day was a great success and every one present seemed to enjoy the service. A splendid congregation at the evening hour to see the officers of the Epworth League installed and hear the sermon on "No Mans' Land." (Hell)

Next Sunday is the day of all days for Southern Methodist, our great Centenary starts on that day this movement must come in vital touch with every member of the church above 12 years of age. Come and take your place with the other two million members that are catching a vision and feeling the throbb of a broken-hearted and lost world. Come and hear about the plans for the great drive.

At the evening hour will be the commencement sermon for the Merkel High School Everybody cordially invited to attend.
W. M. Murrell, pastor.

Epworth League Program

Leader, Vida McNees.
Scripture Reading John 17. Song.
Scripture, Vivian Hutcheson.

Prayer, Mrs. Hutcheson.
Scripture, Mable McNees and Virgil Mayfield

Song
Two Minute Speaker, Rev. Murrell

Address "The Centenary" An Opportunity for Co-operation, by Mason Pee.

Special Music, Lorene Frazier. Is The Epworth League ready for the Centenary, Lorena Dry Song
Benediction.

At The Church of Christ

Last Sunday was a fairly good day with us. Not as many out for the services as we had expected, but I am sure you are coming next Sunday.
Dr. W. W. Freeman of Abilene

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 us 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

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will be with us next Sunday and you sure want to hear him. Come everybody. —O. J. Adcock

In the whole field of medicine there is not a healing remedy that will repair damage to the flesh more quickly than Ballard's Snow Liniment. In cuts, wounds, sprains, burns, scalds and rheumatism, its healing and penetrating power is extraordinary. Sanders Drug Store.

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

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

Merkel shows a substantial increase in her scholastic population over last year and the city in clover is fast whipping back to old time form. The lands surrounding Merkel are among the most productive in the West, and there are many fine farms in that vicinity. Oil development is also aiding in the return of prosperity. Experienced oil men have existing business men of Merkel attention.—Abilene Reporter

KILL THE BLUE BUGS

And all Blood Sucking Insects by feeding Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Sanders Drug Store. 9My6m

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

Davis Beasley was called to Imperial, Cal., last week, on account of the death of his brother, Walter, and injury of his father in an automobile wreck. His father was much improved and out of danger.

Do your Best

Everyone should do all he can to provide for his family and in order to do this he must keep his physical system in the best condition possible. No one can reasonably hope to do much when he is half sick a good share of the time. If you are constipated, bilious or troubled with indigestion get a package of Chamberlain's Tablets and follow the plain printed directions and you will soon be feeling alright and able to do a day's work.

GET MORE EGGS

Feed Martin's Egg Producer Your money back "in egg or in cash". It starts baby chicks right and keeps 'em healthy. Ask Sanders Drug Store. 9My6m

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Martin returned from Arba, where they have been for the past eighteen months. He says he feels like he is at home again and expects to stay here. Both are in good health.

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

NERVES "ON EDGE?"

Merkel People Will Find Encouragement in the Statement of a Merkel Resident

Are you weak, nervous, depressed?

Feel dull, shaky, tired?

Are your kidneys working right?

Nervousness often hints at kidney weakness—

Kidneys that fail to filter the blood

Poisons gather and harm the nerves.

Kidney weakness causes many ills—

Backache, dizziness, headaches, lack of flesh.

Don't neglect kidney trouble. There is danger in delay.

Use Doan's Kidney Pills.

Follow the example of this

Merkel resident.

Mrs. M. A. Warren, El Paso St. says: "I and others in my family have used Doan's Kidney Pills with benefit. I had a great deal of trouble with my back and could hardly turn without a sharp catch across my kidneys. I felt worn out and languid nearly all the time and became very nervous. Another in the family had found Doan's Kidney Pills fine, so I started to use them. They helped me and I continued their use until I was cured."

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

R. O. Anderson spent Tuesday at Cisco on business.

We have plenty of John Deere cultivators and planters in one and two rows. Crown Hardware Company.

Marechal Neil flour is the best. Try a sack Bob Martin's Grocery Company.

PVT FRANK B MILLIGAN WRITES

The following letter was received by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leach.

I finally got to visit the wonderful City of Paris. Had 72 hours upon arrival to spend there.

The Red Cross right at the Railway Station "Gare D'Orsay" where I got off, feed us fine and did not charge very much, considering the price of everything. My trip was not expensive as it is about a four hours ride from here to Paris. I will never regret the time or money I spent although I could only get a bird's-eye view of the City, and visited only the most important places.

The Latin Quarters afforded many interesting things, but I only had time to go through a small portion, as it consists of 41 acres floor space. So you see what little I could see in just 3 hours. I saw many statues and sculptures, that I had studied about in history while in school.

The sculpture of the Assyrians and Egyptians, long before our Saviors time, was wonderful. Saw many beautiful paintings and also went to the "Pantheon" where the painting of the world war is being made. Guess you have read about it in the papers. It was divided up into different sections of the Allies, and all the Great Heroes and Statesmen. They had an American section with paintings of President Wilson, Pershing, McAdoo, March and many others. The painting of a soldier standing in full uniform with a sword in his hand, was an impressive sight.

I went through the room of Napoleon and saw so many things I can't mention, but while there I saw where Josephine, his wife, was kept in prison for a while.

I went out to Versailles and through the Palace of Kings Louis XV during his reign in France. The grounds and palace cost \$75,000,000. Some costly place for one family—don't you think?

I also went through part of the Palace where Peace will be signed and laid my hand on the table where the Peace treaty will be laid while being signed. Saw the bed which Louis the XV slept on during reign, and went all through the King and Queens Apartments and there beheld many wonderful paintings. The grounds were beautiful. The Royal family in those days had Camels which they would ride on, and had places for music and entertainments, and serve lunch.

Versailles is a city of 55,000 population and is a suburb of Paris.

We were shown the two Hotels where the German Peace Delegates will meet. We also passed by the Presidents home while he is in Paris.

You can never tell any thing about a palace here from the outside appearances. For none of

them show up very well on the outside, but are beautiful inside.

I went upon a large mountain called "Mont-Martre" on the top of which is a large Cathedral and while we were there they were holding services in it.

We went up to the top of the building by way of a very narrow winding stairs that was hard for a medium size man to climb, and if he was very fat it was better for him to remain at the bottom.

From there we got a good view of Paris. I would liked to have spent a month or more there.

Well I will tell you more about my trip when I get home.

1st Pvt Frank Milligan.
34th Svc. Co., Signal Corp.
A. E. F. A. P. O. 717

COMPERE NEWS

The farmers are rejoicing over the nice rain that fell Sunday. The grain is looking better. Oats will be ready to cut in about two weeks.

Mack Buzbee and family of Burkburnett are here to stay until after harvesting time.

Loften Buzbee was visiting here last week. He returned Saturday and was accompanied by his father Rev. S. W. Buzbee.

Ford Palmer of Amarillo is visiting his mother.

Rev. Calloway came Sunday afternoon to fill his appointment but before he had finished the cloud came up and all were dismissed to go home.

The gardens are doing fine since the rain.

No hail fell right at Compere Sunday but some report a hard hail just a few miles away.

Stith School Closed

The Stith School, with Mrs. Len Sublett, principal, and Miss Tennie Brown, assistant has just closed a most successful year.

The pupils rendered an excellent program on May 7th, which was well attended in spite of the bad weather.

Special features were a patriotic play "The Call of the Colors" and a hilarious negro farce "Stick to your Word Gal," which sent every one home in a good humor.

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"My son had inflammation of bowels and was greatly bloated (with gas) After giving Adler-I-ka he is completely CURED. Doctors did no good." (Signed) M. Gerhard, Ferdinand, Ind.

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W. O. BONEY

TEXAS GOVERNOR BACKS UP CHURCH

GOV. W. P. HOBBY OFFERS HIS SERVICES TO METHODIST CENTENARY DRIVE

'TO MAKE WORLD CHRISTIAN'

Gov. W. P. Hobby of Texas is taking a personal interest in the Methodist Centenary campaign for \$35,000,000, of which more than \$5,000,000 is to be contributed by more than 300,000 Texas Methodists.

In a letter to Rev. Dr. S. H. C. Burgin, pastor of First M. E. Church, South, Dallas, the governor not only offered his personal services, but gave his personal opinion of the ob-



Governor Wm. P. Hobby.

jects of the drive, which he summed up as "a serious attempt to make society Christian the world over."

His letter to Dr. Burgin was as follows:

"It is a waste of time to ask the nature of the greatest movement ever undertaken by the Methodist Church. It is a movement which has clearly captured the imagination of many on the outside, as well as those on the inside, the rank and file of the great Methodist denomination. The danger, in my judgment, is that the conception of not a few may fall short of the real meaning of the movement."

"In my judgment, your leaders will do well to show the people that the Centenary Movement goes far beyond any other enterprise heretofore undertaken."

"As I understand it, the raising of the Centenary Fund of \$35,000,000, is really a preliminary to your real work."

"The Centenary Movement is, in reality, a scheme of world reconstruction. It is really a serious attempt to make society Christian the world over."

"In all your foreign fields, where your brave, consecrated missionaries are working, in the hard places of the homeland among negroes, mountaineers and immigrants, in the devastated lands of France, in reeling Russia, these are the places, doubtless, where you will project your World Movement and blessing, with great power and effect."

"The influence of America in these other lands, as well as in the waste places of the homeland, you will perpetuate and enhance."

"America has given them democracy and liberty."

"Methodism, through the Centenary Movement, measuring up to her predestined mission, will give orphanages, schools, hospitals, literature, and Christ."

"You have a great appeal to liberality and service, and you will not dwarf the Call."

"It is a great movement, in a great day, appealing to great minds. Only such movements can succeed now."

"Speak unto the Methodist people that they go forward' and command when I can serve."

Yours sincerely,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas."

Gov. Hobby proved his words by his action, recently when he left the state capital to address 400 Methodist business men in Dallas on the Centenary Movement.

CONGREGATIONS WITHOUT HOMES

Over two thousand congregations of the Methodist Episcopal Churches, in the South are without buildings in which to hold their services. Meetings are held in homes, barns, town halls, any place that can be used for the purpose. It is to help and encourage congregations that part of the funds collected through the Centenary Campaign during the latter part of May will be spent.

The Negro and The Mule

For many years the South depended on the negro and the mule for farm work, and called this cheap labor. Conditions have changed. Cheap labor has gone. Methods have to be revised. The negro and the mule are too slow and too expensive. It is now Motor Power against Muscle. A boy on a tractor does more in a day than three negroes and six mules in the old way.

The same is true with short hauls. Wagons drawn by mules are largely demobilized—being mustered out every day. The Motor Truck carries over the road a two, four or six-mule load quicker, easier and much cheaper than any mule team that ever walked. There is no argument needed here. The people alrerdy KNOW, and the truck and tractor makers are working day and night TRYING TO KEEP UP with the ALL-THE-TIME GROWING DEMAND.

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\$1000 invested in the Stutz Company has returned in 4 years.....	\$45,000
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\$1000 invested in Reo Motor Car Co. returned in 11 years.....	\$70,752
\$1000 invested in Ford Motor Co., Canada, returned in 11 years.....	\$434,878
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We don't ask you to invest until you are satisfied, but we do invite you to mail this coupon and get the facts about one of the best opportunities for an investment to be found in this country today.

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Now, if the paper which desires to have the State Agricultural Department abolish for the reason maybe, that it desires to ship cotton out instead of oil in, which advise the Texas farmers to grow peanuts and turn the hogs on them it could help out the fat problem somewhat, and at the

same time build up the soil somewhat more. Country sense is a great thing.

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It would be much better to save these eggs for use when the hens are not laying so bountifully, at which time eggs are at a premium. This may be done by producing infertile eggs. Drive the rooster from the flock. This will not interfere with the production of eggs. In fact expert poultrymen seem to feel that it helps the production. Kill the scrub roosters and isolate the pure breeds until fall. Do not place them in small pen, but rather in a roomy, shady enclosure, where they may get plenty of exercise, grass and insects.

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it. If you want to leave the coun-
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wonderful showing at the last
and raised its quota Nobody out-
side the District knows how hard
the struggle was on account of
local conditions, but the South-
west responded as ever.

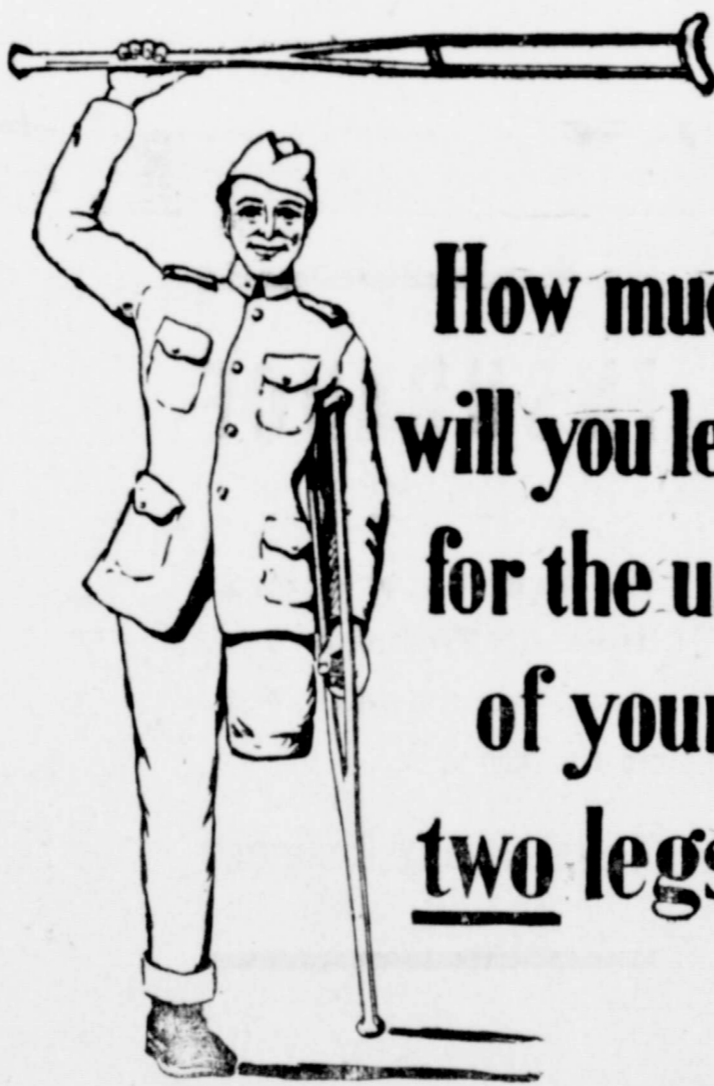
Many there were in the Eleventh
District who were unable to
buy a single Victory Bond.
They can share in the Victory
by investing in War Savings
Stamps. The "V" in War Savings
Stamps stands for Victory, just
thesame as a Victory Bond. And
War Savings Stamps are within
the reach of all. A quarter will
buy a Thrift Stamp and sixteen
Thrift Stamps and a few cents
will get a War Saving Stamp.

Not only are you sharing in
the Victory by buying War Sav-
ings Stamps but you are creat-

ing a fund which you can use in
an emergency and which grows
automatically, thanks to the in-
terest. War Savings Stamps can
always be redeemed at the post-
office on ten day's written notice

Miss Floy Leaman, who has
been employed sometime at Fort
Worth, returned to her home in
Trent last week. She spent a few
days this week with her sister,
Mrs. T. E. Collins.

There is more Catarrh in this section
of the country than all other diseases
put together, and for years it was sup-
posed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed
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SHILOH HAPPENINGS

There was a light shower of
rain fell here Sunday afternoon,
with some hail, not enough to
damage the crops and grain.

The farmers of this communi-
ty are busily engaged at work to
keep the weeds and worms from
destroying the cotton and feed.

W.K. Horn pastor of this
church filled his regular appoint-
ment Saturday and Sunday. A
large attendance was present.

Mr. and Mrs. McKee and Miss
Ruby Ferguson spent Sunday
with T Winter and family.

Mrs. Emma Wheatly, who has
been real sick is reported doing
nicely now.

Mr. and Mrs Edward Lawlis of
Coland spent Friday with the lat-
ters parents, Mr. and Mrs. Win-
ter.

The entertainment at M B.
Tabor's Friday night was enjoy-
ed by a large crowd of young peo-
ple.

Roy Winter spent the week
end with his sister Mrs. W A.
Phillips of Abilene

Miss Nancy Green and Mr. Ab.
Vessel were happily united in the
Holy bonds of matrimony on
last Sunday afternoon. Rev.Horn
officiated

Last Wednesday at the home
of Uncle Terrell Winter, a large
crowd enjoyed a delicious din-
ner, given in honor of his birth-
day. He was 68 year old on that
day. He enjoyed the day as much
as any one present.

Mrs. Rob Conder was called to

the bed side of her mother last
week.

The soldiers, who have just re-
turned from oversea duties, tell
us many interesting things.

Mr and Mrs. M E Winters and
family have returned from Com-
manche, where they have been
for some time. They report crops
there very fine.

Dan McDonald, Albert Winter,
and Floyd Grayson have purchas-
ed them a new buggy. Look out
some of you young ladies, they
will be wanting to know if they
can tie at your front gate.

Miss Mary Trimble, who has
attending school at McCaulley
has returned home.

Marvin James, who has been
working at Ranger spent the
week end with home-folks

Milton Tiner, who is just back
from the Camp, spent a few days
with his brother the past week.
He will enter school at Abilene
soon.

Chas Seago and wife spent
Sunday night with home folks.
Floyd Prince has gone to Ran-
ger to work.

Uncle Lee Carter reports his
wife improving slowly.

A crowd went fishing Satur-
day night and had a most enjoy-
able time. They caught some big
fish they report.

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Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Eighth Grade Picnic

The Eighth grade had a picnic out on Mulberry Tuesday afternoon. They report a great time. Various outdoors games were played, and for the full time frolic and fun were in keeping with the beautiful day and the call of the wild. They fished, the champions being Lula May Boaz and Nell Swann, each catching two fish about a foot long. They say they caught them in the creek, but we doubt it. They returned at sundown. There were about forty present. Luncheon was served, after which cream and cake disappeared in wonderful swiftness. Reporter

Epworth League Social

The Epworth League will have a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown, Thursday night, May 15.

Merkel Beats Abilene

The Merkel and Abilene High School Baseball Teams crossed bats on the ground of the Texas Christian College Tuesday afternoon, the result being 4 to 2 in favor of Merkel. It was one of the fastest games ever witnessed between these teams. Both teams were in fine trim. The Merkel team is justly proud of the record they are making.

A few evenings previous the Abilene team won out over the Merkel team on the Merkel grounds. The visiting team came unannounced and some of the local team's best players were away.

INVEST NOW

The oil situation is rapidly developing. The time has come when Merkel must take a step forward. It is our advice to all those who are renting property to seriously consider the purchase of a home while it can be had at bargain figures. Let us show you what we have on our list. We sell more homes in Merkel than all others combined. We have the best bargains. Those who want to sell list with us. Buy now—Merkel Realty Co.

Receives Medal

Abilene, Texas, May 10 1919 Editor Merkel Mail:

Dear Sir—In token of your valuable services in the Victory Liberty Loan, allow me to present you with a medal on behalf of the Government, this medal being cast from captured German cannon.

Yours truly,

E. M. Overshiner, County Chairman.

Proprietary Medicine Tax

On and after May 1st, 1919, retail druggists must affix a stamp at the rate of one cent for each twenty-five cents or fraction thereof of the price at which they sell proprietary medicines and toilet articles, except toilet soap and toilet soap powders, to each such article sold by them. This tax must be paid by the purchaser at the time of purchase.

For a Weak Stomach.

As a general rule you need to do is to adopt a diet suited to your bowels regular. When you feel that you have eaten too much and when constipated, take one of Chamberlain's Tablets.

LOCAL NEWS

Ennis Grimes has accepted a position in his father's Drug Store, his old post, after twenty-one months service for Uncle Sam. Lewis Swann, who has been employed in this drug store since his return from service, has resigned to accept a position with Compton Drug Store in Abilene. He left for that place Thursday morning. Lewis is a very efficient and competent man. We predict a successful career for him. Ennis is a very capable young man, full of energy, pleasing in his relation to the trade and full of ambition. He, too, will some day rank with the leading business men of the Country, we freely predict.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

Frank Gilmore of Portland, Ore., visited Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp and Mrs. West Edwards the past week. He left for Odessa several days ago, accompanied by Mrs. Edwards, where they will visit the latter's son, John Edwards.

Maize, Feterita, Sorghum and all kind of seed at Bob Martin's

The B. Y. P. U. visited Cross Roads school house last Sunday afternoon where they rendered a program to a crowded house. A large number went out from Merkel.

Fresh candy, cake and bread at the Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Miss Irene Swann is expected home Saturday night from Roswell, where she has been teaching art the past session.

Special prices next Saturday on groceries at A. L. Jobs.

Miss Mamie Ellis will leave on Saturday morning for an extended visit to relatives in Dallas.

Fresh candy, cake and bread at the Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Miss Ruth Boden celebrated her birthday Wednesday.

Plenty of shorts and bran at G. M. Sharp's

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Grafford returned from San Benito Tuesday night. He says that country is in fine shape, selling vegetables amounting almost to \$10,000 a day.

For the best Bread buy American Beauty Flour at the Crown Hardware Company

Material in good three-room house for sale cheap. If you want second hand lumber be sure and see us. Merkel Realty Company.

Miss Fay Clemmer of Simmons College spent the week-end with Misses Ona Faye Bland and Louise Warren

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The Little Girl Of The Lighthouse. Don't fail to see this beautiful Comedy-Drama at the Cozy Theater Friday and Saturday nights.

Where the War Money Went

THE ORDER AND THE BILL



From our entry in the war to the end of 1919, Uncle Sam's outgo was more than 26 billion dollars. But of this nearly 8 billion were lent to other nations—and that was some of the best fighting finance, as you will see a little later.

By spending and lending 26 billion in nineteen months we saved six months' further warfare, and perhaps a year.

We also saved at least 100,000 American soldiers' lives and four times as many wounded.

Nor was this all. For had the war continued through 1919 our further expense this year would have been not less than 25 billion dollars, and more likely 30 billions. So that through the nineteen months of war spending, if we deduct money raised to lend Allied nations, we find that every dollar raised by Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps came pretty near saving the spending of two dollars during 1919—the year of fighting that never came.

Shipping was a big problem, and we were caught short of merchant ships. But our shipyards got busy and new ships were built, and old ones brought from the Great Lakes, taken from coast-wise service, chartered from neutral nations, and lent us by the Allies. So, in

November, 1918, we had a cargo fleet of 2,335,000 deadweight tons, which transported to France 5,979,000 short tons of cargo. Of the 2,048,008 American soldiers sent over, 898,449 were carried under the American flag.

Uncle Sam built in France 937 miles of standard gauge railroad and 538 miles of narrow gauge—a total of 1,475 miles nearly as much standard gauge railroad as there is in Connecticut—almost another Lackawanna system. Counting in the narrow gauge, there is more mileage than the railroads in Maryland, and nearly another Chicago, Great Western system. In locomotives, 1,333 standard gauge engines were shipped to France, and 1,055 erected; 406 narrow gauge locomotives shipped to France; 18,013 standard gauge cars shipped to France and 14,302 erected; 3,751 narrow gauge cars shipped over. In this country the Armistice found half as much railroad equipment again, ready for shipment or under construction; 599 standard gauge locomotives, 32,685 standard gauge cars, 217 narrow gauge locomotives, 4,872 narrow gauge cars.

When the war ended our army abroad was equal to the British Expeditionary Force—2,013,039 officers and men in Europe and Siberia. Back home we had 1,690,234 more in training, and were steadily turning them out of the training camps after 4 months' drilling.

Where the war money went? Our war money—if it went anywhere it was largely from one pocket to the other, and it has worked so well for us, and will work so much harder in the future, that it was not an expenditure, but a splendid national investment.

SEVENTH GRADE GRADUATION EXERCISES AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM THURSDAY MAY 22, 2 P. M.

Table listing graduation exercises: INVOCATION (Rev. E. E. Dawson), CHORUS (Seventh Grade), SALUTATORY (Elba Cox), MUSICAL READING (Hattie Proctor), READING (Mary Eula Sears), PIANO SOLO (Lillian Craig), CLASS PROPHECY (Ruth Brown), CHORUS (Seventh Grade), MOTHER GOOSE RHYMES OF SEVENTH GRADE (Dixie Blair), TRIO (Ruth Pike, Lillian Craig and Lola Armstrong), PIANO DUET (Lola Armstrong and Lillie Pratt Sears), VALEDICTORY (Hattie Proctor), GRADUATION ADDRESS (Rev. S. R. Standifer), PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS (R. O. Anderson), TILL WE MEET AGAIN (Seventh Grade)

Suggestion for a Camping Trip.

Buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy before leaving home. As a rule it cannot be obtained when on a hunting, fishing or prospecting trip. Neither can it be obtained while on board the cars or steam ships and at such times and places it is most likely to be needed. The safe way is to have it with you.

Robbin Red Brest Meal at G. M. Sharp's Grocery

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