

JUST TO AVOID A MISUNDERSTANDING THE OUTSTANDING SUFFRAGE TRUTHS

In order to prevent misunderstanding, The Post would have its readers remember that its discussions of the suffrage and prohibition amendments are addressed to the male voters, who alone are qualified to vote, and nothing that it says must be understood as involving such organizations of women as may be participating in the campaign work.

The Post knows that there are good women strongly opposed to woman's suffrage—women for whom it entertains sentiments only of respect and kindness. When The Post says that the Liquor Traffic is stealthily doing all in its power to defeat woman's suffrage, The Post does not say, suggest or believe that these good women are identified in any manner whatsoever with the liquor traffic or its chief purpose, which is to save its own life.

The Post knows that many anti-prohibitionists are honestly and conscientiously opposed to woman's suffrage, and that their opposition has nothing whatever to do with the liquor traffic, so when it says that most of the opposition to woman's suffrage is strictly of liquor traffic origin, it does not suggest or believe that these men are allied with the liquor traffic.

The Post knows that there are prohibitionists opposed to woman's suffrage, and that their opposition is based upon honest convictions. It respects the honest opinion of those who do not agree with it.

The Post never has said and does not believe that all who oppose woman's suffrage—men or women—are friends or allies of the liquor traffic.

With this explanation, there will be no reason for any person to be in doubt with respect to the individuals or organization to which The Post may allude in its discussion of pending issues. It discusses the liquor traffic impersonally, and it is concerned with the system and not with individuals.—Houston Post.

THE FLIMSY ARGUMENTS AGAINST SUFFRAGE

Some of the rather weakminded attempts of the Liquor Traffic to discredit woman's suffrage without showing its hand may be seen in the so-called Susan B. Anthony literature that is going the rounds, to say nothing of the views of other, famous Northern women upon certain phases of the race question.

All of it is rot—every bit of it. What Susan B. Anthony, Mrs. Catt, of any other woman identified with public activities and movements, past or present, may think about the race question or any other question, has absolutely no relation whatever to the pending proposal to enfranchise the women of Texas.

Even if the most objectionable characters alive favored suffrage, that would constitute no condemnation of it. Miss Anthony believed in the Ten Commandments, also, but that would be no reason for any Southern man or woman to repudiate them.

The only thing that matters—absolutely the only thing—is whether the granting of suffrage to women be right and just. Answer that in the affirmative, and the high obligation of men to grant them suffrage is beyond controversy. Women are entitled to the ballot if they want it, and they are now indicating that they want it.

There are good men concerned about the sociological phases of woman suffrage, but good men are tender-footed and tender-minded about every great forward movement of the human race. They must be listened to, for they are wise in many respects, but their counsel must not be heeded to the point of subverting justice or retarding human progress.

Men must face the question of suffrage with intelligence, with patriotism, with broadmindedness, with chivalry and with candor. It is easy enough to say politics is too filthy for women to enter. If it is, then men have made it so, and it becomes women's mission to continue to page four

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

NOTICE—Fishing and hunting is strictly forbidden at Warren's Lake. Positively there is no admission. This is the order of the stockholders.

FOR SALE—One large rebuilt Cypress tank cheap. M. L. Estes, Merkel, Texas.

WANTED—Single hand to do ranch work. Good pay. Tom Largent

WANTED—A man with family to do farm and ranch work.—C. M. Largent.

BERRIES—DEW-BERRIES
12 acres three miles northeast of Clyde. Thousands of gallons ripe the first week in June. Come and buy them fresh and cheap. Pickers wanted—W. B. Hicks, Clyde, Texas. 23t3p

WANTED—Second hand windmill. Must be in good condition. Hugh R. Grayson, Merkel Texas Route 2.. 15t2p

Let me do your screen work and patch that leaky roof See John McClary Phone 9012F21 21t8

THE ONE LITTLE WOMAN

Yes, this one has dazzled the world with her song

And that one has won on the stage;
Their art and their genius have swept them along

And bright gleam their names on Life's page.

How often, my brother, you gaze at a face
As over the footlights it flares,
And fail to remember the beauty and grace
Of the one little woman that cares

The one little woman who thinks of your joy
As something more precious than life,
The one who adores you and calls you her joy,
Who helps you in sunshine and strife,
This world, a battleground covered with hills,
Adversity jostles and shoves you;
However you fight you are always a knight
To the one little woman that loves you.

Don't laugh at the fellow who journeys along
With never a thought of high speed;
He's sorry for you when you go wrong,
Forgetting your code and your creed.
Young blood riots high and a languorous eye
May one day invite you to roam,
But if you're full size you'll remember the eyes
Of the one little woman at home—Wm. Kirk.

NO 7481

Report of the Condition of

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AT MERKEL

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on May 12, 1919

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts	\$233,831.57
Notes and Bills Rediscounted	36,411.85—\$197,419.72
Overdrafts, secured, None; Unsecured, None	
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds and cert. of ind. pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value)	3,500.00
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not inc. stocks) owned unpledged	1,035.00
Stock of Federal Reserve bank (50 per cent of Subscription)	1,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	3,132.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	22,284.68
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	31,061.46
Net amounts due from banks, bankers and trust companies	80.00
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 17)	95.90
Total of Items 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18	\$31,237.86
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	864.28
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
Interest earned but not collected—approximate—no Notes and Bills Receivable not past due	151.96
War Saving Certificates and Thrift Stamps actually owned	93.83
Total	\$271,381.33

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits	11,738.61
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	5,129.23—6,609.38
Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned (approximate)	7,537.27
Circulating notes outstanding	5,950.00
Net amounts due to banks, bankers, and trust companies (other than included in Items 31 or 32)	2,459.76
Cashiers checks on own bank outstanding	300.00
Total of Items 32 and 33, 34 and 35	\$2,759.76
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	171,042.33
Total demand deposits subject to Reserve, Items 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41	\$171,042.33
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	15,900.00
Postal savings deposits	1,582.59
Total of time dep. subject to Reserve, Items 42, 43, 44, 45	\$17,482.59
Bills payable, other than with Federal Reserve Bank, including all obligations representing money borrowed, other than rediscounts	10,000.00
Bills payable, with Federal Reserve Bank	
Total	\$271,381.33
Liabilities for rediscounts, including those with Federal Reserve Bank (see Item 1d)	36,411.85

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:
I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of May, 1919.
J. T. HOWARD, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:—C. P. WARREN
HENRY JAMES
G. F. WEST, Directors

THE MERKEL PUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSES ONE ROUND OF ACTIVITY PAST WEEK

The shouting is over, school days for the moment are done, the thrill of stage has given place to prosaic life, the days of penetrating toil is ended, and henceforth a new era has begun in the lives of the youth of this community. Some have toiled faithfully and have received the plaudits of their elders; some have failed and brought chagrin to their loved ones. The fellows who have won are thankful to their instructors, to the school system, to their classmates and to a benign providence that has classified environments and conditions, coupled with a will to win, and led them on to success; but the fellows who have failed charge their misfortunes characteristically to their tutors, to their elders and to every form and condition that a deluded mind can conjure up in the form of excuse for a failure that is terribly depressing.

From a large class in the elementary grades, only eight graduated. Some of these will doubtless take degrees, some will pursue their studies a while further, and some will doubtless enter the business activities of life without further preparation. Following are the graduates:

Misses Edna Swann, valedictorian, Hazel Bridgeman, salutatorian, Dixie Howard and Mary Campbell, Messrs, Howard Laney, Guy Darsey, Frank Counts and Clifford Rose.

Play At The Cozy Theater

The graduating class put on their play at the opera house Friday and Saturday nights. The house was crowded the first night and a large crowd was in attendance at the second performance. The very highest praise was given to the play. They showed that their instruction was of the highest type, the director being Ralph Henson, who is an artist of ability.

Commencement Sermon

The commencement sermon was preached by Rev. W. M. Murrell at the Methodist church Sunday night. In spite of threatening weather, there was a full house. The graduates occupied reserved seats directly in front of the rostrum, back of which the juniors were seated in full force. Rev. Murrell acquitted himself splendidly with a fitting sermon, pleasing to all in attendance.

Graduation Exercises

The Methodist church was filled to capacity some time before the appointed hour Monday evening for the graduation exercises. Shortly after nine o'clock, the juniors filed in, taking seats on the rostrum, following which entered Prof. Parker and Rev. E. E. Dawson and then the graduates. The setting was beautiful, the decorations attractive and the program full and interesting. The graduation address was made by Rev. Dawson, who appealed, in his usual happy way, to the attainment of success in life by righteous living.

Spirit of Thankfulness

To those who have labored with the youth of the city should go the thanks of every parent who has had a progeny to be drilled in the school of life. We too often grow forgetful of the teacher who has striven to overcome the shortcomings of the home and to take care of the growing child as the years bring change to environment. Yes, we are thankful to the teachers of the youth of the city thankful for what they have done, and if by chance they have evaded a duty that was theirs, then let us have the charity to overlook the weakness and boost and build for a school system that will meet every need.

The old school year is ended, and a new one lies out before us. Let us now and here resolve to make it the best we have know. If we have made mistakes, let us correct them; if we have done well, let us strive to do better to the end that a growing generation can not point the finger of scorn against us and say that we have failed in the glorious hour of our opportunity.
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COUNTRY LOOKING GOOD

We had occasion to visit the Mount Pleasant and Blair communities this week. Everywhere crops were in fine shape. There were very few farms in either community that did not have a good stand of cotton and feed. There is not a great deal of grain in either of those localities, but what there is looks very fine. The country was doubtless never in better shape than now. The farmers are generally well up with their work, the farms are clean and the prospects are great. It is refreshing to visit these communities.

J. J. Greggs, editor of the X-Ray at Rising Star, was a visitor at the Merkel Mail office this week. He is also Mayor of that enterprising little oil city. He is touring the West, with his family, and was detained here on account of car trouble. He is bound for Pecos. Says this is the first vacation he has had in two years. We found him to be a congenial, jovial fellow sufferer.

WANTED TO RENT—A furnished house close in. Mrs. P. H. Underwood. 23t1c

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of

The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 12th day of May, 1919, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 23rd day of May, 1919.

RESOURCES

Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$23,799.56
Loans, real estate	7,500.00
Overdrafts	1,500.00
Bonds and Stocks, W.S. Stamps	724.61
Real Estate (banking house)	8,250.00
Other Real Estate	1,242.50
Furniture and Fixtures	3,050.00
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	15,948.53
Cash Items	2,232.14
Currency	8,251.00
Specie	880.47
Int. and Assd. Dep. Guaranty Fund	3,498.21
Other Resources	
Bills of Ex.—Cotton	11,142.58
Total	\$94,920.40

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$35,000.00
Surplus Fund	30,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	1,092.86
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	
Individual Deposits sub. to check	157,095.66
Time Certificates of Deposit	11,554.18
Certified Checks	
Cashiers checks	958.42
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	113,230.25
Total	\$94,920.40

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, J. S. Swann, as president, and R. O. Anderson, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
J. S. Swann, president,
R. O. Anderson, cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of May A. D. 1919. W. P. Mahaffey (SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas
Correct—Attest:—Ham Swann
John Seare
M. Armstrong {Directors

QUAKER ACROSTIC

The man who saveth money,
Hath his future guaranteed.
Remorse o'er substances wasted
Is unknown to him, indeed.
Fortune smileth on him
Things he hath, as he may need
The man who spendeth wisely,
Hath no idle wasted hours;
Ruleth cities—even nations—
Interest for him doth flower,
For he learneth as he liveth.
Thrift succeedeth. Thrift is power.
—Moral—Buy War Stamps

I have a nice variety of second hand furniture on hand. If you want to buy or exchange, see me. J. T. Darsey.

Miss Jerra Edwards is visiting her cousins, Misses Lula and Ola Sharp and Lucille Edwards, on her way home at Monahans from Kidd-Key College Sherman.

FOR SALE—Span of good mares. J. L. Barker. t1c

Mrs. W. J. Largent and baby returned from a visit to her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Saffel at Plainview.

SNAP BEANS WANTED—I will ship fresh snap beans every day. Will pay highest market prices. W. P. Dackett. t1c

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

Plea Is Made to U. S.
Berlin, Tuesday, May 20.—“Germany declines to sign the peace terms laid before it, because they spell the economic destruction, political dishonor and moral degradation of the entire German nation, not only for the present, but also for still unborn generations.” was a statement authorized by the cabinet this morning through the Associated Press.

That these consequences must logically follow acceptance of the peace conditions, the American press itself has recognized without question,” the statement continues. “Toward them, Germany took the standpoint that the acceptance of such condition could not be demanded and that the Entente was unjustified in imposing such demands.”

Mrs. W. C. Wright and little daughter and Mrs. Osborne of Burkburnett are visiting J. T. Pitcock and family.

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

Merkel Gains New Citizen.
The Woodrum Hotel has a new boarder, in the person of Merkel Woodrum Sanders. It is a star boarder, too. It came on a visit to its parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sanders, who came to the hotel a few days ago. The baby arrived on Monday night, May 19th at 7 o'clock, in time for dinner. It weighed seven pounds and is a fine boy, being the first baby born to its parents. Mrs. Woodrum is an expert nurse and is seeing that every care is being given the mother and baby. Its father is the contractor for the road that is to be built through Merkel, so the baby's visit is one of industry. The mother and son are doing nicely. Merkel gives them a hearty welcome in our midst.

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

Rev. G. W. Parks of Abilene was a visitor of Merkel Thursday.

INSURANCE

We have several good lines of Fire and Tornado Insurance. Figure with us.

Merkel Realty Company

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

YOUR BANKING BUSINESS IS INVITED

Every accommodation granted in line with Good Business Methods and Conservative Banking

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson of Abilene spent Wednesday in Merkel.

Try American Beauty Flour. You will like it. Crown Hardware Company

S. G. Houston of Abilene was a visitor in Merkel Thursday.

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

Miss Irene Swann has returned from Rosewell, N. M. where she taught art the past year.

Just received car of flour, meal and feed stuff. See me for prices, A. L. Jobes.

Mrs. A. C. Rose and children left Thursday morning for a visit to her father in Arkansas.

Screen against the flies. We have the wire. Crown Hardware Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis King of Meridian are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald.

W. C. Calvert is much improved and was able to be carried from the sanitarium in Abilene to his home in Sweetwater Wednesday. He stood the trip well.

Card of Thanks

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the good people of this community for their great kindness to me during the sickness and death of Mrs. Stanford. It is only through this kindness that I am able to withstand the burdens that are heaped upon me through this bereavement. Through the days you, my friends and the friends of my wife, have assisted when your assistance was appreciated, when your devotion was not poured out on barren soil, when your true souls have been bared in the hour of my trouble. May God's richest blessings ever be with you in the prayer of my heart.

J. F. Stanford.

Have a Few

Leave-Overs

in low-cut shoes at

1-3 OFF

in ladies and childrens

Ask for Leave-Overs. The styles are good enough for every day and some will do for dress-up.

SEE OUR MEN'S SUITS
Unlined 2-piece, good stuff
at big saving

The Brown D. G. Co.

ROAD WORK TO START AT ONCE

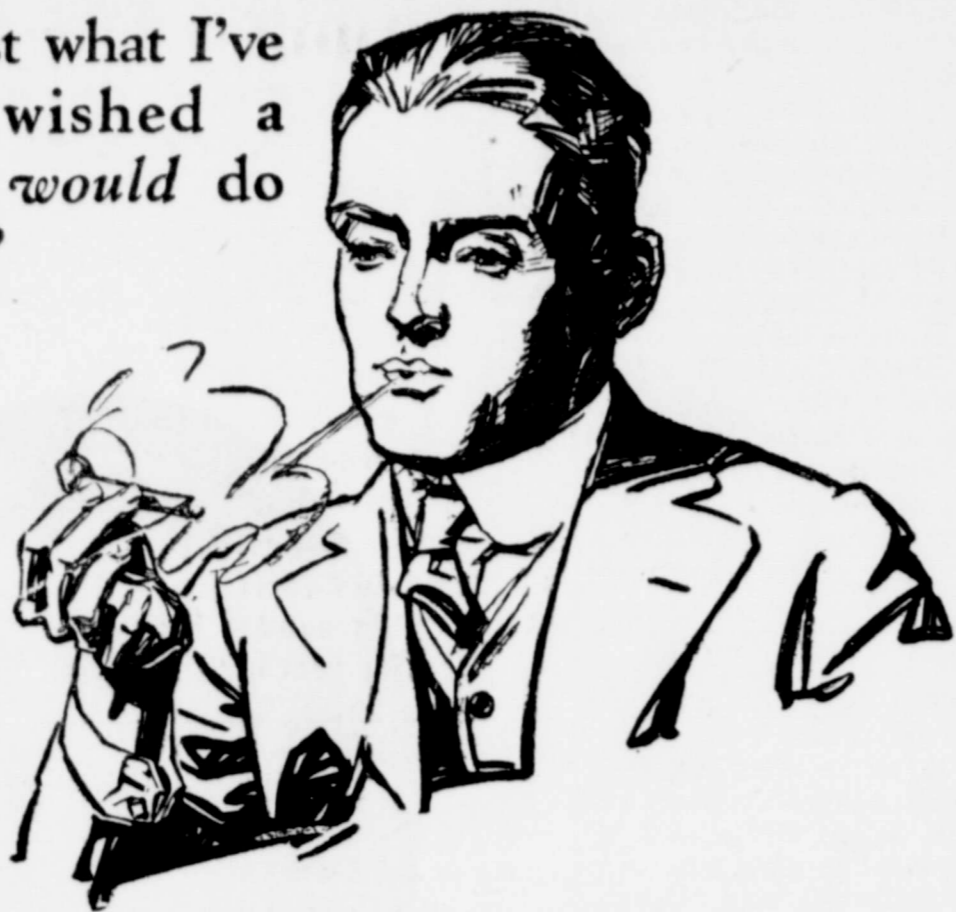
At last everything is in shape to start road work between the west boundary line of Taylor County and Tye, for which bonds to the amount of \$20,000 were voted many months ago, and to which the government has given a like amount. One of the contractors, A. L. Sanders, has arrived with 16 big mules and 8 big, fine horses, together with other equipment. Everything is in readiness to start work out of Merkel Monday.

Every one who travels this road will feel like uttering a prayer of thanks that it is to be fixed at last. It was through the efforts of Judge E. M. Overshiner, commissioner Lassiter and others that the bonds were voted. Every since Judge Overshiner has labored unceasingly to get things arranged for the beginning of work. The most strenuous efforts were put forth to get work started while the farmers along the route could benefit from it. However, the war was on, bonds were hard to sell and the government's end of the fund could not be arranged.

The money will go through trade channels now and will be a great benefit to the country any way. This is an important link in the proposed great highway. The work needs to be done. Then when it is completed the automobile fund will keep it in repair. The funds for the precinct can then be used on roads in other parts of the precinct that usually have gone for this road. We are glad to record this improvement. We feel like it is worth a great deal to the country. It will save greatly in transportation charges, and will induce the use of the highway by tourists. Let the good work proceed.

Monkey Harris, who resides near Stith, received a telegram from a son that he had not heard from in four years. The parents thought the boy dead, but he is well and located in California.

"That's just what I've always wished a cigarette would do — satisfy"



The feature of Chesterfields is that they begin where other cigarettes leave off.

In other words, besides pleasing the taste, Chesterfields go 'em all one better—they satisfy! Just like a long drink of cold water satisfies when you're downright thirsty.

No other cigarette can give you this new thing in cigarette enjoyment because none can copy Chesterfield's blend.

It's a blend of the finest TURKISH tobaccos from Xanthi, Cavalla, Smyrna and Samsoun and several varieties of the choicest DOMESTIC. And the blend itself—the skill with which these tobaccos have been proportioned—is a real discovery in cigarette making.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.

Chesterfield CIGARETTES

—of Turkish and Domestic tobaccos—blended

They SATISFY!

\$700,000 A MONTH ON EDUCATION, A. E. F.

General Pershing has signed an order establishing an American army university in France to accommodate from 15,000 to 20,000 soldier students, according to a recent cable message received by the Y. M. C. A. War Work Council. Col. Ira L. Reeves has been assigned to the post of military commander of the school, opened at Beaune. General Pershing states in his order that this university is to provide three months' courses for soldiers who cannot attend European universities. Courses in engineering, liberal and fine arts, science, music and the like will be offered.

It is expected that one of the four agricultural exhibits which have been prepared by the department of agriculture in co-operation with the Y. M. C. A. will be a permanent feature of Beaune. These exhibits, all new material prepared at a cost of \$60,000, are nearly ready for shipment overseas. Four agriculture department experts from Washington will accompany the exhibits to France.

The cost of the entire educational program for the soldiers of the A. E. F. has now reached \$700,000 a month, the work having been made possible by the generous oversubscription of the United War Work Campaign fund in November. Athletic, religious and entertainment activities among overseas soldiers are also being carried on at full strength, these being considered of even greater importance than during war times, now that the men are not fighting and have longer periods of leisure.

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

There's a "V" in every War Saving Stamp If you don't believe it, look again. Or hold W. S. S. until maturity and be shown

STOMACH TROUBLE

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

THEDFORD'S

BLACK-DRAUGHT

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

ONE CENT A DOSE

Geo McCargo of Anson visited in Merkel Sunday afternoon

Dwarf and standard maize seed at G. M. Sharps.

Miss Willie McCargo of Anson, visited Miss Willie Swann Sunday

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

Miss Evorie Clark of Anson is visiting Miss Ida Meeks for a few days.

Chase and Sanborn high grade coffee at Bob Martin's Grocery.

Mrs. L. Angus of Fort Worth is visiting Mrs. Mack Angus of this city for a few weeks.

Laundry agent at Pate's Barber Shop.



SLEEP ON FAIR BRAVES

Sleep on fair braves in your content
Your reddened blood was not misspent.
We view the crosses row on row
And see the poppies as they grow,
Then we hear the marshall tread,
Millions march where you are dead
In Flanders Field.

They grasped your torch and held it high,
Swore liberty should never die.
Your sacrifice was not in vain,
You paved the way that peace might reign
We safely walk in Flanders field,
Kind earth your red blood has concealed
You paid the price and we are free,
We owe you for our liberty,
And as the crosses row on row,
Rise where poppies thickly grow.
In Flanders Field,
Be ours the everlasting shame
If we do not strive to keep aflame
Liberty, priceless liberty.

Sleep on, dear boys, where poppies grow,
Sleep on where crosses row on row
Arise in Flanders field.
The fight is won, peace reigns again,
Your valliant deeds will e're remain
Treasured in the hearts of men.

The torch that burned in Flanders field
Now lights the world with brighter glow
The price was paid where poppies grow
And where rise the crosses row on row
In Flanders Field.

—Mail's Staff Poet.

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.

Mrs J. M. Meeks has returned from a visit with her daughter in Abilene.

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

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

Misses Mavis Haygood and Gladys Tedford of Abilene visited Miss Levia Tittle this week.

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

Be sure and see the Merkel Realty Company if you want some first class building material, contained in a three-room house.

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 resilient 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

HOUSE AGAIN PASSES SUFFRAGE MEASURE

Washington, May 21.—The woman suffrage constitution amendment resolution was passed to day by the House, after less than three hours' debate. The vote was 304 to 89, or forty-two more than the necessary two-thirds majority. The resolution now goes to the Senate, where supporters plan to urge speedy action. Final enactment of the measure within two weeks was predicted by some suffrage leaders.

Two amendments to the resolution were offered in the House. They were defeated without a roll call. Representative Clark proposed that it be made necessary for State Legislatures to complete ratification within seven years, while Representative Saunders, Democrat, of Virginia, proposed the ratification be by voters of the States instead of the Assemblies.

In calling up the resolution, Representative Mann, Republican, of Illinois, chairman of the Woman Suffrage Committee asked unanimous consent to extend the time for debate to 5 o'clock, but Representative Ferris, Democrat, of Oklahoma refused to agree. Representative Little Republican, of Kansas opened the debate with an address in support of the resolution.

The resolution is the historic Susan B. Anthony draft proposing submission to the States of an equal franchises amendment to the Constitution. It was adopted by the last House, 274 to 137 on Jan. 10, but twice failed in the Senate, first by two votes and then by one.

Former Speaker Champ Clark spoke in favor of the resolution. When he arose he was accorded an ovation by Democrats and Republicans alike, the members rising in their seats and cheering for several minutes. He urged passage of the measure because it had been recommended by the President.

"There has been a great deal of talk," he said, "about the influence of the President and some people think that I have not been up to date. But I realize what an influence he has and I think that it should be a matter of pride for every American citizen that Woodrow Wilson has been proclaimed the greatest man of the world. Now from across the ocean comes his voice urging that women should be given equal rights with men. That voice will be listened to."

"LOOK OUT FOR THE CARS"

DO YOU know of anyone who is old enough to read, who has not seen that sign at a railroad crossing?

If everyone has seen it at some time or other, then why doesn't the railroad let the sign rot away? Why does the railroad company continue to keep those signs at every crossing?

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Complaint has been made of owners of cows turning them loose to graze on vacant lots, or staking them so they can walk across sidewalks or reach lawns or flowers and shrubbery of those who reside in the community. Surely such action is not premeditated, but done in thoughtlessness. Those so thoughtless may be advised that there is a city ordinance against it. This, doubtless, will serve to remind them.

The amendments are to be voted upon Saturday. It is the duty of every voter to vote. Not to vote is an act of ignorance or cowardice. We are to vote on whether Texas is to be constitutionally dry, upon woman suffrage, upon the land loan law and upon the raising of the salary of the governor. These are not party political questions. They are economic and moral questions. We are for every one of them. We believe every real honest thinking man will vote for the first two, at least. Those who have not seen the benefits of prohibition are too blind to even claim citizenship. Remember as you go to vote that if you vote for suffrage you vote to limit the franchise to those men and women who are full American citizens. You vote to disfranchise foreigners. Don't go to the polls with malice in your hearts and misinformation in your brain. Show your patriotism at the polls.

It is queer indeed, but stranger than fiction, true as day, that so many of the very men whose attitude is to befool the virtue of women, come out and say that to allow her suffrage would be lowering her dignity. On the other hand the most lofty thinking men, as a rule, favor suffrage. These are facts that are hard to square with logic. We believe in chivalry, but believe in it to such an extent that if the male population has not done everything for woman that can be done, we believe she should be allowed to do something for herself. Yes, it is a glorious post women have, it is a glorious honor that is hers, but in our chivalry, in our statemanship, in our undying love for her, we have allowed her to do the drudgery, the menial tasks, to occupy positions of low estate, even to labor at a rate of pay so small as to force her upon the altar of shame. Yes, we have been chivalrous, for all over the land we find fatherless children whom the mother toils to support, and yet our generous gov-

JUST TO AVOID A MISUNDERSTANDING THE OUTSTANDING SUFFRAGE TRUTHS

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clean up after them in this instance as in so many others. It is easy enough to say, "It would be a shame to take woman off the pedestal upon which the chivalry of man has placed her." That is the cheapest and most contemptible nonsense uttered. Pedestal, indeed!

Where is the pedestal that millions of farm women of the South, who work in the fields, are standing upon? And where is the chivalry that constructed the pedestal and enthroned them upon it?

There never was such a fabric of nonsense, falsehood and bunk as this talk of the "pedestal" that the chivalry of men have erected.

It doesn't exist for more than half the women and girls of this country. Not only do women work in field, office, shop, factory and in the trades, but they actually work in the mines. And not only are they doing the harder tasks of the world, but in countless instances they are working under outrageous conditions and at less than a living wage.

If this constantly increasing army of women must go on and depend upon the chivalry and the pedestal, God Almighty help them. There are women who have the shelter, the protection and the pedestal, but this army of women out on the battle line of life—in the No-Man's-Land of the struggle for existence—have not, and they need the ballot if for no other reason than to aid them to secure economic and social justice.

Every chivalric impulse that men boast ought to be sympathetic with woman's suffrage, appeal, for the very mercy and humanity of it, even if there were no question of justice at stake. But there is a question of justice, and no man should permit either his prejudice or any other consideration to turn a deaf ear to the women until he has convinced himself that sex has absolutely vacated woman's status as a human being.

And no right-thinking man would go so far as that. No right thinking man can trace his own existence down from the first faint dawn of memory and reach the conclusion that the woman who bore him, who nurtured him in his helplessness and brought him to manhood's estate, has not the same right before the bar of civilization to declare her preference upon every question affecting the welfare of the human race, which she generates, preserves and perpetuates as her male progeny possessors.

And no matter how men may discuss this question—whether from its political, social, economic or domestic angle—the stern fact remains that as a human being woman has a right to stand—not apart from, not behind, not upon a pedestal, but, side by side with man and record her will in all matters which have a bearing upon the home which is the creation of her love and virtue, upon the country which in peace or war she makes every sacrifice to save, and upon the government under which she must live and which as a citizen she must support. And the chivalry that would annul woman's right as a human being is not of an order to command either admiration or respect, and the pedestal that such chivalry might erect is of the quality that might easily pose her upon it in front of a washtub.—Houston Post.

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ernment has not lifted its hands to sustain her needs or offer her one penny extra in the education of her children. Yes, we are a chivalrous people, exacting her morality, but flinging ours to the forewinds. Chivalry, there is a charm about thy sacred person, a charm whose vice-like grip would assign the dearest and best of our race to silence in the hour when her progeny was set upon by the hounds that maim, kill and devour. Oh men, you are hiding behind false gods, the very pedestal to which you claim you cling, you are destroying. Your chivalry is like the straw when set on fire, like the ashes scattered before the wind. If you believe in exalting womanhood,

then give her the opportunity to assist you in exalting herself. Some of the species called men are so low down that the women they exalt can never get very high. If they want to vote, let them vote. They voted last year and politics never were so exalted.

Davis Beasely 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.

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

Mrs. W. F. Stanford Dead
Last Saturday afternoon about five o'clock death came to relieve the suffering of Mrs. W. F. Stanford, who resided with her husband a short distance south of town. Her death was not unexpected, as she has been ill some time.

The funeral was held at the home Sunday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. S. R. Standifer, burial taking place immediately afterwards in Rose Hill cemetery. In spite of the rainy afternoon, a large crowd attended the service.

Mrs. Stanford was a Miss Miller. About 20 years ago she was married to W. H. Dickson at Cleburne, shortly afterwards removing to Merkel, where Mr. Dickson engaged in business. Mr. Dickson died about five years ago.

About three years ago she was married to W. F. Stanford, and is survived by her husband. Of her immediate family she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Bellvue Miller, Memphis, Tenn., her brothers, Joe of Dallas, J. J. of Hillsboro and Stirling, who is in the naval service, and sisters, Mrs. G. I. Dorman and Miss May of Dallas, Mrs. David Lee and Mrs. Brock of Memphis. All of them were present at the burial, except Mrs. Brock and Sterling.

Mrs. Stanford was a member of the Presbyterian church. For years she was prominent in local club work, enterprising, and advocating those things which assist in the upbuilding of the community. Her departure will be greatly felt by those who knew her best. To the bereaved husband we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Suggestion for a Camping Trip.

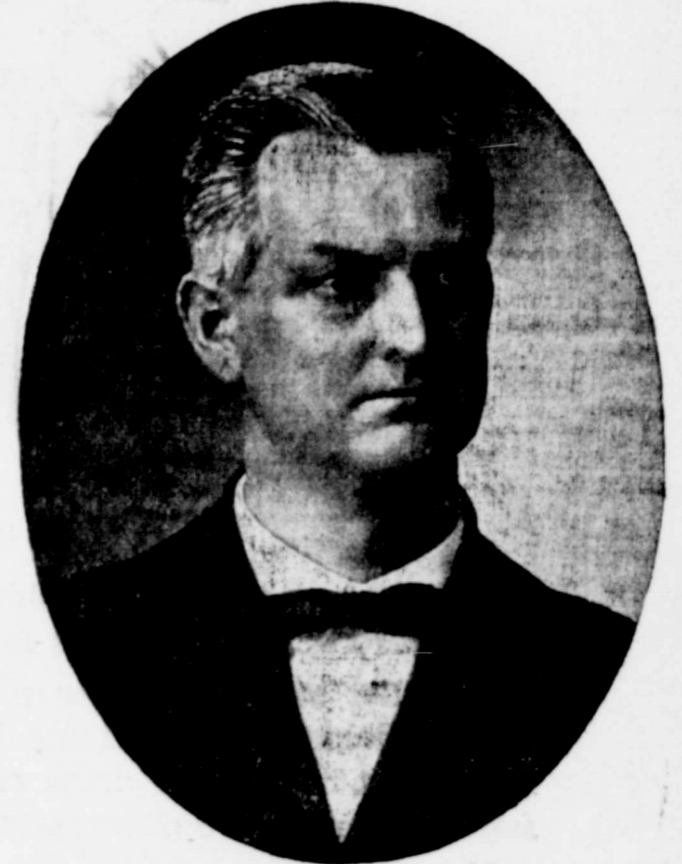
Buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy before leaving home. As a rule it cannot be obtained when on a hunting, fishing or prospecting trip. Neither can it be obtained while on board the cars or steam ships and at such times and places it is most likely to be needed. The safe way is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

THE MERKEL PUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSES ONE ROUND OF ACTIVITY PAST WEEK

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Relies For School

A letter has been received by R. M. Parker, superintendent of the Public Schools of Merkel, inclosing several bills of cancelled money that was issued by Texas when it was a republic. Part of the bills were issued while the capital of the State was at Houston,



R. M. Parker, Superintendent.

the balance while at Austin. They were issued under the Act of June 6, 1837, and all of them are signed by Mirabeau B. Lamar, while he was President of Texas. They contain interesting history. One of the bills reads, "The Governor of Texas promises to pay to the bearer of the Treasury Department in one year from date the sum of \$1.00 and interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum, by virtue of an Act of Congress, dated June 9, 1837." They run in denominations of \$1.00 to \$500.00. This money was secured by Representative Ben L. Cox. Mr. Parker will have the money framed and placed in the library of the High School.

Most Efficient School Library.

The Senior Class play netted the High School about \$75.00, which will be applied to the library. Our school system has one of the best libraries in the country, consisting of about 2000 volumes of the very best literature and reference books that can be obtained



Merkel Public School Building

Captured Wolves

H. N. Newsom and P. W. Horton discovered a wolf den about six miles north of Merkel a few days ago, from which they captured nine small wolves. To make the day complete they also put a big rattle snake with six rattlers, out of business.

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"Adler-i-ka is the only medicine 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 appendicitis. We have sold Adler-i-ka many years. It is a mixture of buckthorn, cascara, glycerine and nine other simple drugs.—Sanders Drug Store. adv-2

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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.

INSURE IN THE PROGRESSIVE MUTUAL

Fellow Citizens:

I take this method of advising you that I have taken over the progressive Mutual Life Insurance Assn. of Taylor County formerly operated by Bill Ayers. I am very desirous of securing as a member every healthy man and woman in this community who comes within the proper age. It is a home institution, is the cheapest insurance you can buy and is strictly mutual in its nature.

Proper funds will be held inviolate in the bank, ready for payment upon demand.

Very cordially do I solicit your patronage. Will be glad to talk the matter over with you at your convenience. Call at my office at any time.

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LOCAL NEWS

Rogers Grocery will give your phone orders careful attention.

Mrs. L. D. Gaither of San Antonio is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Cranford.

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

F. R. Johnson of Wichita Falls visited at the home of his father, G. W. Johnson, the past week.

Rogers Grocery keeps the best grades of coffee tea and cocoa. A good cup will help you start the day off right.

Miss Faye Elizabeth Smith of Stanton, Texas is visiting at the home of her grandfather, G. W. Johnson.

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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.

Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Meeks that their son, Raymon, was to set sail on the 18 of this month.

Rogers Grocery will look after your canned fruit, pears, corn and tomatoes. It solves the menu problems.

Mrs. Everett King and children of Deport are out on a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Gray.

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

Herman Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith Gray, came home from over in France. Herman was in some of the most important battles and was wounded, but not seriously.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bud Sears moved into the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, this week.

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Reconstruction Measures Given Important Place

Washington, May 20. President Wilson in his cable message to Congress today recommended repeal of the wartime prohibition law—so far as it applies to wine and beer only; announced definitely that the railroad systems and telegraph and telephone lines would be returned to private ownership; urged a revision of war taxes, particularly to abolish the manufacturers' and retail sales excises; and outlined generally a program respecting labor.

Besides that, he again urged enactment of the woman suffrage constitutional amendment; recommended that the tariff laws be supplied with teeth to protect American industry against foreign attack; spoke for legislation to facilitate American enterprise throughout the expansion of shipping and backed Secretary Lanes program for land for returning soldiers.

Of the Paris peace conference and the League of Nations, the President merely said it would be premature to discuss them or express a judgement. He also avoided discussion of domestic legislation at length because of his long absence from Washington.

Congress heard a unique document, the only one of its kind ever transmitted across the ocean from a President on a foreign shore. For the first time in six years it heard a presidential message read by a reading clerk instead of assembling to hear the President deliver an address in person.

The recommendations for the repeal of wartime prohibition and for return of the rail and wire systems, while not unexpected by some, contained the greatest element of surprise and provoked the most widespread comment of the many questions set before Congress by the President.

90th Division Moving for Departure Port

Moselle, May 18. The Ninetieth Division has begun moving out of the Army of Occupation for St. Nazaire, the point of embarkation. The last unit is scheduled to depart on May 22 and the division expects to arrive in the U. S. early in June.

The withdrawal of the 90th leaves no more National Guard or National Army troops in the Army of Occupation. Four thousand officers and men of the Three Hundred and Fiftyninth and Three Hundred and Sixtieth Infantry will entrain at Weneiorh and Urseig. The Machine Gun Battalion, the Three Hundred and Fifty-seventh Infantry, the Three Hundred and Fifty-eighth Infantry, the Sanitary Train, Ammunition Train, Artillery Regiment, Engineers, Supply Train and Field Signal Battalion leaves in the order named.

THANKS FOR PUBLICITY

Dallas, Texas, May 20—Merkel Mail:

The Liberty Loan campaign which has just closed was the hardest of all, and if it had not been for the splendid response of the newspapers, it would have been harder still.

You have earned the thanks of both the government and the public for what you have done, and I want to add my expression of personal thanks and good will.

Cordially yours,
F. P. Clayton, Director of Publicity.

ACTS OF KAISER MUST BE EXPIATED

Paris, May 20.—The answer of the Council of Four to Germany regarding reparation will be handed to the Germans tonight, points out in reply to the German refusal to admit responsibility for all damage that it is impossible to disassociate responsibility from reparation. It?

The reply recalls that the Germans raised no objection to Secretary Lansing's note of last Nov. 5 in which he spoke of German aggression.

The Council of Four also refuses to admit that the German people may disclaim responsibility for the action of the former German Government.

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.

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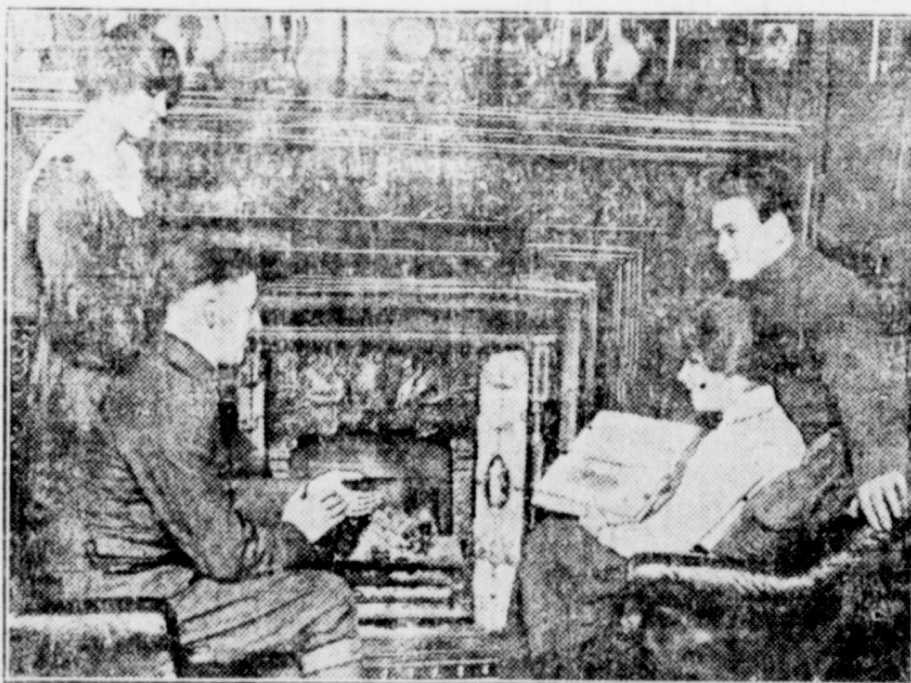
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Success comes through saving
A War Savings Society can help
you succeed only if you are a
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Sallow complexion is due to a
torpid liver. Herbine purifies and
strengthens the liver and bowels
and restores the rosy bloom of
health to the cheek. Sanders
Drug Store.

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We want more farm listings
Have a call now for a small farm.
Also list your large places and
ranches with us. We can sell them
That is our business. Make the
best price you can and stand by
it. If you want to leave the country,
we will try to let you take
the value of your farm with you.
List now. Merkel Realty Co.

Birds of a feather flock together.
Are you flocking with the Thrifty or the Spendthrifts.

Dizziness, vertigo, (blind staggers)
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are symptoms of a torpid
liver. No one can feel well while
the liver is inactive. Herbine is
a powerful liver stimulant. A
dose or two will cause all bilious
symptoms to disappear. Try it.
Sanders Drug Store.

Take a lesson from the ant.
He works with others. Get into
a War Savings Society.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney
and bladder troubles, dissolves
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and lame back, rheumatism and
all irregularities of the kidneys
and bladder in both men and
women. Regulates bladder troubles
in children. If not sold by your
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and seldom fails to perfect a
cure. Send for testimonials from
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Mo. Sold by druggists.



MERKEL MERKEL MERKEL

We are, forsooth, at the threshold of an ERA of PROSPERITY! An
abundant yield of WHEAT, OATS and MAIZE is promised us-ALMOST assured.
Geologists have declared, that beneath us, is-A POOL OF OIL.
The drillers are right now endeavoring to prove the assertion. Soon HOME-
SEEKERS and INVESTORS will be among us. CAPITAL seeking an IN-
VESTMENT. Surely, it NOW behooves us to no longer advertise the lament-
able fact that we have suffered severely a three-years drouth.

We must put the past behind us. We must prepare to meet the exigen-
cies of the present, and-the future. We must make others want to come to
us. To the most casual observer-PAINT-PAINT-PAINT-is our first
and most essential requirement. The Texas & Pacific has acknowledged that
fact and has recently repainted the depot, tho, she did paint it "yellow".

Nicely, and fresh painted residences, and other buildings, will inspire the
Texas & Pacific, not only to CHANGE the color of their paint, but will possi-
bly cause them to change the building to one befitting a new Merkel.

DO YOU KNOW that DEVOES paint is universally recognized a wood
preserver? DO YOU KNOW that DEVOES paint will greatly enhance the
value of your property?

MERKEL LUMBER COMPANY

FIRST NAVY "Y" UNIFORM GREETS WILSON



The "gobs" at the big U. S. naval base at Brest, France, wouldn't stand
for any suggestion of khaki at the Y. M. C. A. there, and here is one of the
results-the first navy "Y" uniform. It is of navy blue, lined with yellow-
the Annapolis colors-with the Red Triangle insignia over the anchor. The
"Y" built a big double hut at Brest, painted it battleship gray and every ship
in the harbor gave a flag to decorate it. It had window curtains of blue and
yellow, and the "A. E. F." was removed from the writing paper and "Navy
Forces Operating on Foreign Waters" took its place. Finally came the new
uniform, which has Admiral Wilson's official approval. Dressed in these new
uniforms, as they appear above, Mrs. Pleasant Pennington, daughter of Walter
Damrosch, and Miss Letitia McKim of Philadelphia, stood with the bluejackets
to greet President Wilson when he arrived at Brest.

We want to list your vacant
lots, your houses, in fact what-
ever you have to sell. The Mer-
kel Realty Company.

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with worms have an un-
healthy 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, im-
prove the digestion, and act as a General Strength-
ening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then
throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be
in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

Farm Loans
AND
Farm Insurance

Our farm land loan facilities are the very best. On
good land we can handle your loans quickly.

We have just made arrangements to take on a line
of insurance covering farm buildings. We can write
you a policy and deliver it immediately. Protect your
property against fire.

W. O. BONEY

CHURCH NEWS

Presbyterian Church

Rev. Rogers will preach Sun-
day morning at 11 o'clock and
Sunday evening at 8:45 o'clock.
Every member is especially re-
quested to be present. Every one
has a cordial invitation to be
present.

At The Church of Christ

We had two splendid addresses
last Sunday by Dr. W. W. Free-
man of Abilene Christian College.
One at 11 o'clock and the other
at 7:45. The evening service was
finished in time for all who
wished to attend the services
at the Methodist Church.

Our attendance at Sunday
School was unusually good with
all teachers present except Mrs
Groene. The report showed un-
usually good lessons with class
No. 3 doing 110 chapters supple-
mentary reading That is fine lit-
tle folks. Let's see if we can't
hear as good from class No 4
right soon.

Let every body come to church
next Sunday and Sunday school
at 10 o'clock and communion ser-
vices at 11 o'clock. There will be
preaching if there is a preacher
present but I do not know of any
coming just now Come out any-
way, we will try to make it inter-
esting as well as profitable for
you.-O J. Adeock

At The Baptist Church

At the morning hour next Sun-
day special welcome will be given
those who have spent the
year away in school, either as a
teacher, or as student. Many of
our young people have been off
for some months, and are now
coming in, and we desire to give
them a welcome upon their home
coming.

The Sunday morning sermon
will be on the theme, "God's
Poems". At the evening hour
the pastor will speak on, "Share
Crops."

Fine attendance last Sunday
and the offering went to a high
level, and yet we desire to see a
larger attendance next Sunday
Final announcements about the
picnic on May 30 will be made
Sunday morning. One of the fea-
tures of the picnic will be a
baseball game between the Kha-
ki Klass and the Fidelis Class-
young men against young wom-
en. We are looking for an umpire
now.

A new class in the Normal
Manuel will be started on next
Monday evening at 9 o'clock. A
number have already signified
their intention of taking the
course, and yet there is room for
others and we want them to get
in at the start.

Sunday morning services from
10 to 12. Sunday evening serv-
ices at 8:45. Juniors and Sun-
beams at 3. B. Y. P. U. at 5.

Everybody invited to any one
or all of our services.

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

Methodist Church Notice 4

Last Sunday was perhaps the
greatest in the history of our
church. Just at 12 o'clock the
denomination started to raise
Thirty-Five Million dollars to be
spent in trying to bless humani-
ty. At this writing it looks like
we have raised Fifty Million.
The quota for Merkel church
was \$900 for this year. Yes we
went over the top with some to
spare. Come to church Sunday
and hear the final report. The
usual services at the regular
hours next Sunday

The day of days has come at last
The bugle call the trumpet blast
Calls every soldier to his place
In this great Centenary race.
The fight is on and it must last
Until the church performs her
task.

These million dollars tolay down
That she may still retain her
crown

God's people caught the vision
when

They saw great hoards of dying
men,

Giving their lives that men may
climb

Back to the pathway of God sub-
lime.

We have heard the voices from
over the sea,

They have told the story to you
and me.

Of people who aimlessly, daily
plod

Lifes lonely pathway without
our God.

The time has come, God's hour
hand

Points to the salvation of every
man.

Our eyes are open, the vision is
clear.

God's clarion call sounds every-
where

To arms, ye soldiers true and
tried,

Soldiers for who our savior died,
We will conquer this world and
bring it at last

As our Savior's own dear unfin-
ished task.

In the reconstruction of a bleed-
ing world,

The banner of Jesus must be un-
furled,

And wave over nations both
great and small,

Until God shall truly reign over
all

W. M Murrell, Pastor

Epworth League Program

Leader, Chester Hutcheson.
Song.

Lord's Prayer in concert.
The Advance of Christianity,
Eva Knight.

Big Business in India, Vivian
Hutcheson.

Special Music, Lorena Frazier
Education, Mabel McNees

Prayer, President of League
Vocal Duett, Misses Costephens
and Tucker.

India's Greatest Need, Roy
Moore.

Announcements, Song Prayer

B. Y. P. U Program May 25

Leader, Miss Wilc Swann.
Scripture, Virgie Mayfield.

Our Missionary Magazines,
Miss Ruby Campbell

The Mission Pilot, Dixie How-
ard.

Royal Service, Holland Teaff.

Missionary Leaflets, Julia Mc-
Donald

Our Denominational Weeklies
Girle Howard.

About Rheumatism

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



Government Says Buy Coal Now

A coal famine will follow this fall. Our ships are
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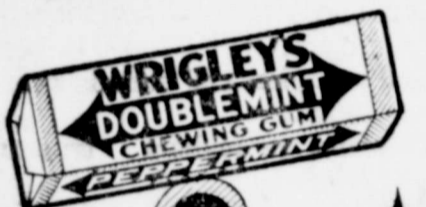
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FOLLY AND THE FOOL

Society exists for peace and pleasure and for the proper propagation of the race. It enjoins upon every one the obligation of purity. Custom and civilization have brought the sexes in proper relation. Marriage has become an institution recognized throughout the world, and decency demands its respect.

The youth of the land are given free reign to select their life partners. The democracy of love reigns supreme. The system is perfect, except that passions uncurbed override the barriers that decorum have built, and shame and misery arise from the sin of illicit love.

When the youthful benedict goes forth in search of the girl of his heart, the world applauds. When he has won her, society says that they must cling to each other as long as life remains.

When a married man goes out in search of a single girl he is untrue to the vow he has taken, untrue to himself as a man and is bringing destruction to the girl he pursues. The girl who deliberately and knowingly goes with a married man is so crazy and simple as to arouse the disgust and maybe the pity of neighbors. She is to be shunned; he should be shot. Some girls of this type are so wonderfully wise as to think that people do not talk about them, to think that decency does not

draw its skirts away from them.

For the married man or the married woman to cast covetous glances at others of the opposite sex is to play with fire. Surely one can not do this and hope to go unsinged. And retribution, oh that sorrowful day! Can any momentary pleasure pay the price of abuse of nature's just laws, when retribution, cool and exacting comes along, refusing to tear away the disgrace, refusing to make full the vacuum of depleted affection, and gnaws deep into the heart with the fangs of memory so deadly that even life's ghastly vision is blurred by the sin of it—Exchange.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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

List your property with the Merkel Realty Company, if you want it sold.

A Newspaper Subscription Bargain

The Abilene Morning Reporter

the paper which reaches you first and regularly with the Associated Press dispatches with the worlds latest news and

The Merkel Mail

Both publications to December 1, 1919, for only

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Menu Served in Germany

T. L. Grimes is in receipt of a copy of the Easter menu served to the boys of the Ambulance Company Three Hundred Sixty, Three Hundred Fifteenth Sanitary Train, Ninetieth Division, American Expeditionary Forces, Army of Occupation, sent in by his son, Luther, who is a member of the company. The menu contains a list of American ladies of the Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross who were guests of the occasion. The menu card contains a roster of the company, its history and those cited for conspicuous bravery. It is considered remarkable that only one member of the company has lost his life in action.

The work was printed in Germany, is unique and pleasing in style. Mr. Grimes prizes the work highly and is placing it among his most treasured collections. The menu follows:

- Old Mill Cocktail De Eau.
- Travis Beef A La Mode with Sauce Von Hoboken.
- French Fried Potatoes A La Havre.
- Salad Vegetable De Busseaut.
- Potato Salad De Avranville.
- Bois with Mayonnaise Dressing A La Griscourt.
- Candied Yams De Blenod Les Toul.
- Peach Pie De Les Mamey.
- Layer Cake De Blercourt.
- Cinnamon Raisin Rolls A La Bethincourt.
- Jam De La Septsarges.
- Butter De Dunn Sur Meuse.
- Hot Chocolate Daus St Mihiel.
- Royal Melita Tea.
- Sweets De Bantheville.
- Wafers A La Vandy Barnes.
- Oranges De La Argonne.
- Cigarettes A La Gouraincourt.
- Von Mandercheid Cigars.

Merkel Disappointed

Those interested in the Liberty Loan Drive in Merkel were somewhat disappointed when Judge E. M. Overshiner failed to see that a helmet was not given to this section. He received 19. Out of a heart full of sympathy, he gave 10 of them to the ladies to be distributed according to their wishes. Of the nine left six went to Abilene and three to the south part of the country. We haven't learned what the ladies did with their 10.

We very naturally felt a little jealous when we found that our contemporaries, the Reporter and the Times, each received a helmet. We felt a little more so when a fellow townsman received a letter stating that these two papers had devoted more space than any others in the country. Now we feel confident that the Judge had no tab on the matter the Mail had run. We know he had a hard place to fill, and if he had only remembered Merkel with just one helmet, we would not have complained.

Merkel is the second biggest town in the county. Throughout all the campaigns her people have done nobly. No locality could have done better work than has been done by our women. We have not heard of a single helmet being given to them. In the estimation of the Judge, even Merkel does not seem to be a nineteenth part of the county. He might have suggested that the ladies at least send a helmet to Merkel. Then again, perhaps, he has a little deference in making suggestions to the ladies. The Judge has made excuses and says he is trying to get headquarters to send a couple of helmets to Merkel. We would have felt much better to have received some recognition in the first place.

Only a few evenings ago the business men of Merkel were entertained with a banquet in Abilene. They had a great time. Some reference was made to forever bury the hatchet. The hatchet is buried, but it is just such attitude as is taken by the Judge that from time to time threatens the bringing forth of this implement. However, in this instance, the Merkel people do not charge the oversight to the business men or the citizens of Abilene. All we want is fair play.

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

LOCAL NEWS

Mr and Mrs O M Sharp of Fort Worth are visiting their parents.

When you are in need of a service car, Call Pat Jones. Phone 119. 23t4p

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Edwards of Monahans are visiting relatives here for a few 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. 50c.

Miss Zella Avery has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Ed Rister, at Mingus. She reports a great deal of rain in that section.

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.

Mrs J. S Swann visited in Abilene Tuesday, making arrangements for her daughter, Miss Annie May and niece Miss Edna Swann, to attend Simmons College for the summer.

G. W. Brown of Truscott visited his brother, Q Brown, this week, on his way home from a visit to Robert Lee.

Read Hick's advertisement in this issue, get in your car, take the children and spend a day in the Berry field. —23t3p

BLACK GEMAN COACH HORSE FOR SERVICE

Am standing this animal at my place, south of Merkel. There is no better animal in the country. Age four years, about 16 hands high and weighs 1300 pounds. Price of service \$10.—G W Moore. 23t4c

Dewey Brown of Abilene visited his home people, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Brown this week.

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

Misses Sallie Toombs and Maud Hogan came in Saturday from Moran, where they have been teaching school. Miss Sallie Toombs went on to the country, accompanied by her sister Miss Willie, where they join their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Toombs. Miss Willie is taking a vacation for a few weeks, but will work Saturdays at her former place of business, E. N. Brown Dry Goods Company.

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.



Makes Such Light, Tasty Biscuits

Just let mother call, "Biscuits for Breakfast!" We're sure there's a treat that can't be beat in store for us — light, tender biscuits — toasty brown and all puffed up with goodness! For mother is sure of her baking powder — Calumet. She never disappoints us because



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HIGHEST QUALITY AWARDS



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Methodist League Social

The Methodist League was entertained last Thursday evening at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo Brown. A full attendance was on hand until a late hour the young people engaged in various games, reporting a most delightful time upon leaving, it seemed to be the wish of every one that the occasion be repeated at an early date.

Fourth Grade Entertains

The Fourth Grade entertained the Fifth Grade on the beautiful lawn of G M Sharp last Saturday evening. There was a full attendance of pupils of both grades, with the teachers, Misses Ruby Campbell and Emma Houston, thrown in for good measure. The lawn was well lighted. Various yard games were played. Ice cream and cake were served. The children enjoyed themselves as only children can on such occasion, and the teachers enjoyed it even more than the children.

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

G M Sharp is courting the jury this week.

See us for your hoes and files. Crown Hardware Company.

The Jitney Still Jits

Recent articles on the war tax just levied on soft drinks, confections, etc., have given rise to some misunderstanding, and the Wm. Wrigley, Jr., Company issues a statement to the effect that the 3 c tax on chewing gum does not affect the retail dealer or the consumer. Mr. Wrigley explains that the manufacturers stand this tax and there should be no change in the price charged you for your packages of Wrigley's Spearmint, Doublemint or Juicy Fruit. In other words, the jitney still jits.—Thank, Mr. Wrigley.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

Mrs Clyde Garrett, of Birmingham, Ala., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs J M Garrett

Pvt. Looney W. Tittle of Camp Gordon, Ga., who has been seriously ill, is able to sit up.

White Swann syrup at G. M. Sharp's Grocery Store

Mrs. L. Angus of Fort Worth is visiting Mrs Mack Angus this week.

When the baby takes too much food the stomach turns; the result is indigestion, sourness and vomiting. Frequently the bowels are involved and there is colic pains and diarrhoea. McGee's Baby Elixir is a grand corrective remedy for the stomach and bowel disorders of babies. It is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Sanders Drug Store.

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