

## Welcome Home

Boys are Met by Enthusiastic Crowds---Joyous Welcome  
 Everywhere is Given---Streets are in Gala Attire.  
 Boys Talk, But not much About Their Experiences---Prayers of Loved Ones are  
 Answered --- Arriving Daily

It was truly a representative crowd that gathered at the depot Tuesday evening to meet the boys on their return from over-sea service. It represented a genuine outpouring of the love and devotion to these stalwart young fellows who measured up to every expectation in the hour of need. These boys smelled the powder of the enemy, but nothing like they made the enemy smell theirs.

They are returning, but not all. A few paid the extreme price, but we are gloriously glad as many returned as there are. It was a glad hour when mother and father pressed their son to their bosoms and sweethearts laughed for joy. All honor to those noble heroes who risked their lives on the sacred altar of their country.

The following have returned home this week:

- Floyd Holloway.
- Archie Rose.
- Wm. Brown.
- Frank O'Briant.
- Riley White.
- Arthur Derrington.
- Sgt. Roy Adams.
- Sgt. Wm. Sheppard.
- Brit Baker.
- Leslie B. Wells.
- Geo. White.
- Thomas Bearden.
- Raymond Meeks.

The following Trent boys had arrived by Wednesday afternoon:

- Hollis Brown.
- Delton Blackmon.
- Spurgeon Scott.

In appreciation of the boys, and to do them honor, the business men of Merkel decorated

the fronts of their places of business in patriotic colors. Considerable originality was shown. Subjected to the electric light effect at night, the decorations are even more beautiful than in the day time. We would like to describe each one of the windows, but time and adjectives prevent. The business men are to be commended for their thoughtfulness and good taste.

### ANSWERED PRAYERS

Daily, nightly, from hearts warm with hope prayers ascended to the great God of heaven to keep the boys safe until the lurid flash of shot and shell should cease and the boys come back again to their own firesides. Faith survived the ordeal, when through their mind's eye loved ones could witness the dual from afar. Days dragged by and the hearts of loved ones were feverish, dreading to read the casualty lists for fear that the name of their loved one should appear. Not all the dread and terror of war were borne by the boys. The hearts of mothers and sweethearts, of fathers, brothers and sisters, of friends and neighbors poured out their devotion unceasingly with a hope that would reach to the end of the great conflict.

Now it is ended. The boys are returning in the strength of their manhood. Now the prayer of true thankfulness is heard on every hand. Now the glad refrain is sung, the reunion has been witnessed and the song of love has survived the dreaded night of fear. Peace be still and let happiness pursue peaceful living until time has blended into the rigor of its purpose.

### THEIR SILENCE STILL PURSUES THEM.

We hoped to obtain an interview from each one of the returned oversea soldiers. So far we have been unable to get them to talk much. In fact we have not overly urged them to talk. We know they went through "hell." We know that stamped indelibly upon their minds is the flaming torch of the sacred time when men take their departure for the other world. It is not a pleasant sight to see a comrade blown to pieces. It is not pleasant to witness the ghastly sights of those long dead blown from their resting places. But then these were not all the things that try men's souls. There were times when each man, when each one of our boys, felt himself drawn up face to face with the eternal, when he must be a man in spite of himself, when there was no loved one present to whisper a thought of his finer feelings and his disregard for death.

No, we do not blame the boys for not talking much. We know that we can not imagine the horror of the days and nights that were theirs, and unless they divulge their experiences of their own accord we do not feel inclined to insist upon urging them to enact again in memory the terror of the recent grim past.

They are home. It is enough, and we dare say they are more tender hearted, filled with greater vision, abounding in more solemn courage and will make citizens of the same rank and bearing with which they made the finest soldiers the world has ever witnessed.





## A SUGGESTION

Those who DO NOT do  
business with

## THE FARMERS STATE BANK

will find it to their advan-  
tage to talk to those  
WHO DO

Think it Over---There's a Reason

### BLANTON SHOT AT

Declares is Friend of Thou-  
sands of Loyal Union Men  
But "Anarchy Should be  
Eliminated"

Washington, June 14.—Rep-  
resentative Thomas L. Blanton,  
Democrat, of Texas, told the  
House today that a rifle bullet  
had struck his automobile last  
Sunday when he and his family  
were driving on a Pennsylvania  
country road.

Many anonymous threats had  
reached him, he added, because  
of his attitude toward labor, cit-  
ing one from Altoona, Pa., which  
he said asserted "ten thousand  
of the brotherhood had me mark-  
ed for suffering."

"Sam Gompers can't beat me  
for election," declared the Tex-  
as member adding that the Pres-  
ident of the American Federa-  
tion of Labor had said that he  
would be put out of congress, be-  
cause of his attitude.

Representative Blanton said  
he was a staunch friend of "thou-  
sands of loyal and patriotic  
union men" but that labor unions  
should "purge themselves of  
anarchy."

### LOSS OF APPETITE

As a general rule there is noth-  
ing serious about a loss of appe-  
tite, and if you skip a meal or  
only eat two meals a day for a  
few days you will soon have a  
relish for your meals when meal  
time comes. Bear in mind that at  
least five hours should always  
elapse between meals so as to  
give the food ample time to di-  
gest and the stomach a period of  
rest before a second meal is tak-  
en. Then if you eat no more than  
you crave and take a reasonable  
amount of outdoor exercise  
every day you will not need to  
worry about your appetite. When  
the loss of appetite is caused by  
constipation as is often the case,  
that should be corrected at once.  
A dose of Chamberlain's Tablets  
will do it.

Buy your groceries and grain  
from G. M. Sharp

### Mrs. W. R. Bigham Dead

After a siege of suffering,  
death finally came to the relief  
of Mrs. W. R. Bigham last Sun-  
day evening at her home. Burial  
took place Monday afternoon in  
Rose Hill Cemetery. Funeral  
services were conducted by Elder  
W. G. Cypert at the Christian  
church Monday afternoon at  
3:30. The pallbearers were:  
Rufus Adcock, Pat Jones, A. C.  
Rose, R. O. Anderson, H. C. West  
and W. J. Sheppard.

Mrs. Bigham was Miss Alice  
Hogue before her marriage to  
W. R. Bigham. She was born  
February 3, 1850, at Bloom-  
ington, Ind., and was married De-  
cember 1, 1870. For 35 years she  
had been a professing Christian,  
joining the Christian church  
and conscientiously abiding in  
the faith in which she put her  
trust. She is survived by her  
husband and three children, all  
of the latter being present at the  
funeral. The surviving children  
are Mrs. J. E. Young of Lam-  
passas, C. V. of Alvin and Fred  
of El Paso. Mr. Young was also  
present. Other relatives and out-  
of town friends present were  
A. L. Hogue, Sweetwater, Will  
Hogue, Trent, Mrs. F. E. Allen  
and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen, of  
Eskota.

Mrs. Bigham was an old-  
timer in Merkel, with her hus-  
band, having been one of the  
first settlers. She was univers-  
ally liked and numbered her  
friends by the score. She has  
passed to her reward in the  
ripeness of years, leaving a mem-  
ory enriched by the experiences  
of time.

We extend our sympathy to  
the surviving loved ones.

### 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.

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

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Established 1904

This Bank has built up a large  
business among the substantial citi-  
zens of this community by obtaining  
their confidence through Satisfactory  
banking service.

If you desire careful and intelli-  
gent banking service that you can  
count on and that will prove mutually  
profitable, we invite an interview con-  
cerning the facilities of this Bank.

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Booth Warren, Asst. Cashier  
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C. P. Warren

## LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Bob Russell left Sunday  
for California, where she will  
join her husband, who has been  
there for several months. She  
was accompanied as far as El  
Paso by her brother, Harry  
Woodrum.

Plenty of Robin Red Breast  
meal at Bob Martin's Grocery

Mrs. A. J. Mayberry and daugh-  
ter, Mrs. Roe and grandchild,  
of Fort Worth, visited S. B. May-  
berry and family, returning sev-  
eral days ago. Miss Effie ac-  
companied them to Abilene  
where they visited Mrs. Norman.

For the best Bread buy Ameri-  
can Beauty Flour at the Crown  
Hardware Company

Dr. and Mrs. O. J. Shaffer have  
returned to their home in El  
Paso after a fifteen day's visit  
in Merkel. They were accompan-  
ied by Mrs. J. H. West, Jas. H., Jr.,  
and little Mary Zoe.

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

Mrs. Amy Sears and daugh-  
ters, Mary Eula and Mossie, left  
Saturday for Snyder, where they  
spent several days visiting rela-  
tives.

Try one of those skinned hams  
at Bob Martin's Grocery Store.

Mrs. C. T. Sublett of Lipan is  
visiting relatives here.

James West is playing bache-  
lor. He says he is having the  
time of his life. We are going to  
do our best to keep an eye on  
him, but he is rather elusive.  
You can bet the society columns  
will have his name very promi-  
nently mentioned if Mrs. West  
stays away long. We are not go-  
ing to mail her a copy of this  
issue, for fear she might decide  
to cut her visit short. She ac-  
companied Dr. and Mrs. Shaffer  
to their home at El Paso a few  
days ago.

# WELCOME

Sailors, Soldiers and Marines  
and all other helpers in winning the war

YOU LEAD THE FIGHT THAT WON

When in Merkel, we will be glad to howdy  
with you. ∴ DROP IN, WON'T YOU?

Farmers and Stockmen

We want you to know that we are glad to  
see the flattering prospects you have for get-  
ting back to prosperity again.

May the net Profits be Big

We ask you try us out on our  
goods and prices often

# The Brown D. G. Co.

### ECONOMY OF HEALTH

The Medical Health Survey be-  
ing conducted by the State  
Board of Health is revealing da-  
ta of great interest. Statistics  
from representative sections of  
the State show that the people  
have lost annually, on account of  
sickness, an average of 10.17  
days per capita within the past  
three years, representing an an-  
nual financial loss of \$10.74 per  
capita, or three and three tenths  
per cent of the incomes of the  
entire population. This is only  
the reduction in earning capac-  
ity and does not include the ad-  
ded cost of caring for the sick.  
Of the deaths occurring in the  
State within the past three  
years, 24.3 per 1000, 45 per cent  
from preventable disease. Ap-  
plying these figures to a city of  
approximately 20,000 population  
out of 486 deaths, 200 were from  
preventable diseases. The people  
of such a city are losing annual-  
ly from work, school, etc., an  
aggregate of 200,000 days, or  
550 years in time, and \$214,800  
in earnings. About 5000 school  
children are losing 25,500 days  
from school, the equivalent of  
keeping 141 of these children  
out of school altogether.

The employment of an all-  
time Health Officer, said Dr. God-  
dard, State Health Officer,  
working in cooperation with a  
local Health Board and the  
State Health Department would  
reduce these figures at least 25  
per cent. For a city of 20,000 pop-  
ulation this would mean an an-  
nual saving of \$53,700, and the  
prevention of 40 deaths. In view  
of these facts, the State Health  
Board is strongly advocating the  
employment of all-time City and  
County Health Officers by every  
City and County in Texas.

### Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days

"LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially-  
prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual  
Constipation. It relieves promptly but  
should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days  
to induce regular action. It Stimulates and  
Regulates. Very Pleasant to Take. 60c  
per bottle.



**NOODLE NEWS**

The health of the community is very good.

Farmers are very busy harvesting their grain.

The refreshing rain which fell the first of the week was great benefit to the crops.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and children of Stamford visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

The young folks enjoyed a splendid singing at the home of I. Meeks Sunday night.

Miss Lucille Beene is visiting Rev. and Mrs. F. T. Johnson of Trent.

Miss Ruth Thompson of Stamford is on an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. C. R. Monroe.

Rev. F. T. Johnson filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday.

Miss Johnson of Weatherford visited in this community last Sunday.

Mrs. A. B. Ely returned from an extended visit to her son, Geo. at Sweetwater.

There will be a singing at the Horn School house the 4th Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Singers from Stonewall and Noodle are expected. Everyone is cordially invited to come and take part in the singing.

**ARE YOU NERVOUS?**

Maybe There is a Cause For It That You Can Correct

Many who suffer from backache and weak kidneys are unnaturally irritable, fretful and nervous. Not only does constant backache "get on the nerves," but bad kidneys fail to eliminate all the uric acid from the system, and uric acid irritates the nerves, keeping one "on edge," and causing rheumatic, neuragic pains. When suffering so, try Doan's Kidney Pills, the medicine so well recommended by Merkel people. Read this Merkel resident's statement:

Mrs. E. E. Leslie, says: "About three years ago I was so bad off with kidney trouble I hardly knew what to do. I had dull, pains through my kidneys, which just done me out. I also suffered from nervous headaches and the least noise would bother me. When I bent over I also became very dizzy and black specks would float in front of my sight. My kidneys acted irregularly. I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills and bought them at Sanders' Drug Store. The boxes of this medicine cured me entirely of kidney trouble and I have been in fine health ever since."

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

**TRENT NEWS**

This section of the Country has been blessed with a bountiful supply of rain and crops are looking fine. The feed crop is especially good, and with a few days of warm weather the cotton will be looking much better. There is a great deal of young cotton, but already it is beginning to look almost as well as the older cotton.

Most every one has a good garden and the thrifty house wives are beginning to can and store away the surplus vegetables for winter use.

Wheat and oats are very good. There has been no threshing yet, but most all the grain has been cut and the farmers are now waiting for the thresher. Some of the farmers say they have as fine grain as they ever saw raised in east Texas.

Not many of our soldier boys have returned from France, but they are all expected home in a few days. Several of the Trent boys were in the 36th Division. The Trent people are proud of the record made by our brave boys and we are especially glad that we can say there was not one of the Trent boys killed while in France.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynes and daughter of Leslie, Arkansas, came in Sunday night to visit Mrs. Haynes' sister, Mrs. A. R. Payne. Mr. Haynes sold his home

# The Boys are Back Home

☐ Celebrate your boy's home-coming by making his room more attractive. Some new wall paper, or a rug. New window shades will add much to the beauty of the home.

☐ A good, comfortable bed and a nice, tidy room will come nearer keeping your boy at home at night than most any thing else you can do.

☐ A shipment of Sealy Mattresses just arrived. They are guaranteed for 20 years not to become packed, lumpy or uneven.

☐ Come in and get that new piece of furniture you have been wanting. Will take your old furniture in exchange.

☐ We can save you money on your floor covering, rugs, linoleum, etc.

☐ We guarantee our prices to be right.

## Barrow Furniture Co.

### CALLED HER FAMILY TO HER BEDSIDE

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

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

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

Do you suffer from headache, backache, pains in sides, or other discomforts, each month? Or do you feel weak, nervous and fagged-out? If so, give Cardui, the woman's tonic, a trial. J. 71

in Arkansas and is now hunting a new location. He has come to a good country to look out a location and we hope he may find just what he is wanting right here.

Miss Floy Leamon is spending this week in Pilot Point, visiting at the home of E. D. Massey.

Miss Lorena Gattis of Paducah is visiting friends here this week.

Rodo Archer left last week for the harvest fields. He has a job with a thresher and intends to go on and follow this work into Kansas.

The sad news was received here Sunday stating that Mr. Simmons was dead. It will be remembered by many that Mrs. Simmons died less than two months ago. Her death was caused by cancer. Immediately after her death Mr. Simmons began to lose his mind. He was taken to Terrell. We were unable to learn

the particulars of his death. Grief is thought to have caused him to become afflicted in this manner.

The many friends of Cecil McRee will be glad to know that he is improving Cecil, who is a sailor has been in the hospital at Norfolk Va., for over two months with acute rheumatism. He says he is slowly improving, but is still not able to turn himself in bed. He thinks he will receive his discharge as soon as he is able to come home.

Miss Myrtle Sipe of Abilene spent the week end with her parents.

Roy Denman of Roscoe, is visiting at the home of T. C. Donnell. Mr. Denman is just back from France having served with the noted 42nd Division.

Miss Nell Patton of Mount Vernon is visiting Miss Ella Mae Joyce. Little Mary Craddock of Abilene is spending a few days with Nita Donnell.

Thrift is not necessarily a habit but a conviction Get convinced now and buy. W. S. S.

We are very grateful for the nice letter from Trent this week. Our correspondent there has promised to keep us informed of all the happenings of that progressive section. We would like to have a good live correspondent in every community about here.

**ADLER-I-KA AGAIN**

"I had a bad case of constipation, gas on the stomach, and other bowel trouble. Twelve hours, after I took Adler-i-ka I felt better and after continuing I consider myself CURED." (Signed) E. H. Beeman, Calispell, Wash.

Adler-i-ka expels all gas and sourness, stopping stomach distress instantly. Removes all foul matter which poisons system. Of ten 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-5

Artillery Private First Casualty El Paso, June 16.—Private Sam Tusco, Headquarters Company, Eighty-second Field Artillery, was the first fatality in the expeditionary force which crossed to Mexico near Juarez last night. Private Tusco was killed by a sniper while on the American side. Private Burchard Casey of the same unit was shot through the chest.

One Sergeant of the Seventh Cavalry was seriously wounded by rebel rifle fire after the American cavalry crossed last night and two members of the Twenty-fourth (negro) Infantry were less seriously wounded.

Children that are effected by worms are pale and sickly and liable to contract some fatal disease. WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE expels worms promptly and puts the child on the road to health. Sold by Sanders Drug Co.

**CASTLE PEAK'S OPPORTUNITY**

The Castle Peak Common School District is facing its opportunity. We do not presume up on the district, neither are we in position to offer advice. For the real thinking, progressive people of that community, we offer the following facts:

The Editor came into possession of the following facts concerning the finances of the Castle Peak Common School District of Taylor County:

The Castle Peak Common School District No. 26 at present has a twenty cent tax for school purposes which last year amounted to \$241.36; their scholastic enrollment was 31, which gave them an apportionment of \$221.26. Their total amount of school funds for the year was \$463.01.

The Attorney General has ruled that where a District has a tax of less than fifty cents on the \$100 valuation increase in said tax is rejected by the voters of that District, the existing tax can no longer be legally collected.

This year the above District had a scholastic enrollment of 22, which will give them a State Apportionment of \$157.30, which will be all the funds available for that school in case the proposed tax is lost.

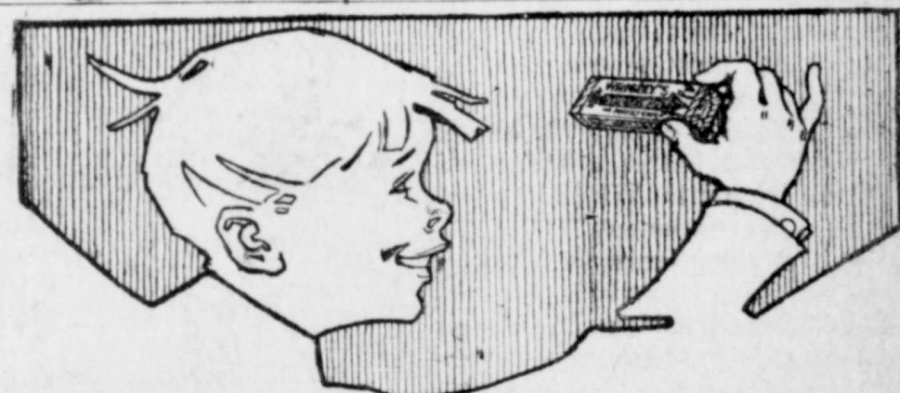
In case said tax and bond election carries, said District will receive in special tax upon the same valuation as last year \$603.40; State Apportionment \$157.30; State Aid Approximately \$350.00, making a total of \$1,110.70 in school funds available for the coming year.

County Superintendent C. E. Sims is to be congratulated upon his effort to improve the Schools of Taylor County, as there will be only two or three schools in the county which will not receive State Aid another year.

**Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy**

This medicine always wins the good opinion if not the praise of those who use it. Try it when you have need of such a remedy.

CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.



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The Flavor Lasts!





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This is a mighty small world. The Vickers-Vimy biplane crossed the Atlantic in 16 hours. That is what we call "Going some." We predict that it won't be long until it will be possible to surround the globe in a day or two's time. Mighty small world this is, and yet we see some people who think they are mighty big pumpkins, when as a matter of fact they are only a small particle of a very small planet, tucked away in a universe whose bounds are unfathomed and where glide in due precision the wonderful planets that we are accustomed to call stars.

It seems that patience has ceased to be virtue when the relations of the U. S. and Mexico are concerned. Even some of our own people are mollycoddles. That treacherous outlaw, Villa, who a few years ago joined in a raid that burned an American an outlaw. Evidence shows that Villa is little better, if any, but more diplomatic. While the U. S. has the equipment, while the boys are under arms, for the good of humanity and for the future of Mexico, it looks like it would be a God-send to clean up Mexico and establish a real government there. Both Caranza and Villa are ungrateful, our citizens are shamefully treated and yet our patience continues. Maybe it is best, but it is galling.

### DRILLING TO BE PUSHED

It seems that enough supplies have been received for the Sears well to drill through to China. Drilling is now proceeding with all haste, and the well is said to be about 1100 feet. If no further difficulty is experienced, the bit will eat into the earth in a hurry. Material is arriving for the Bland well. A full force is expected in a day or so. It is reported that everything is being done to get shaped up to push the well down in a hurry. The drillers say that they will be away down in the earth within thirty days.

Details have not been given out as to when drilling will start on the Trent well, though the promoters are expecting to complete every detail within a few days. Oil development prospects are now better than they have every been in the great Merkel country.

### 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

Mrs. Smith is visiting her father, G. W. Johnson, and sisters, Misses Ona and Pauline.

## Have you ever heard this?

"My baking powder," says the smooth solicitor, "costs less than Dr. Price's."

But she omits to say that it often leaves a bitter taste, that food made with it is likely to stale in a day and that it contains alum, which is condemned by many medical authorities for use in food. England and France prohibit the sale of alum baking powders.

## DR. PRICE'S CREAM Baking Powder

is made from Cream of Tartar  
derived from grapes

Contains No Alum—Leaves No Bitter Taste

### CHURCH NEWS

#### A Protracted Meeting

Beginning Friday night at the tabernacle Eld. Joe S. Warlick of Dallas will preach for us through a series of meetings. Let every body remember this and come all that you can.

Eld. Warlick needs no introduction to the people of Merkel as I'm sure you will remember that famous prohibition speech he made here during one of his former meetings here. He is one of the most noted pulpits orators of Texas or even of the South. Come out to hear him. I'm sure you will enjoy his sermons.

O. J. Adcock.

#### At The Baptist Church

The pastor will preach Sunday morning on, "Dropping Jesus," and Sunday evening on, "Tempted: How They Got By." Morning service 10 to 12, evening service 9. Come worship with us. Special welcome service for Soldiers and Sailors Sunday morning. Come, Soldiers and Sailors.

Regular Juniors program at 3, B Y P. U. at 5. A crowd of Abilene Unioners will put on the program.

Summer is here. Let's speed up all along the line.

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

#### The ADAIR MEETING

Inquiries concerning the Adair meeting are coming from various quarters. One ranchman of the farther West says he will rent a house and stay through the whole meeting. All our neighboring communities are interested and will attend. Make your program to be on hand. Put your vacation off until August.

Remember the date: July 13 to 27.

#### League Program June 22

Leader, Vida McNeese.  
Song, Prayer, Song.  
Scripture, Lois Dry and Hazel Harkrider.  
Song.  
Special Music, Julia Martin.  
Leader's Talk  
First Assistant's Address, Chester Hutcheson.  
Second Assistants Address, Claude Riney  
Song, Announcements Benediction.

#### Methodist Church Notice.

All our services will be on regular time next Sunday. Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching at 11 and 9. At the morning hour the subject will be, "Peace by The Sword." We all rejoice because of the homecoming of our soldier boys, and extend to them a special invitation to worship with us next Sunday. The stranger within the gate is always welcome. Come and worship with us.

W. M. Murrell, pastor

### ICE CUSTOMERS

On account of the high cost of delivery we cannot afford to make any afternoon deliveries for less than 15 pounds, but will continue to deliver 10 pounds on the regular morning run. This is for coupon customers. Will continue to deliver 10 cents worth—13 pounds when cash is paid. 10 pounds of ice at coupon rate is 6 1/2 cents. Our records show that it cost us 7.3¢ to make a special delivery. Thus we lose 3/4¢ besides the cost of ice to make a 10 pound delivery.

These are facts that we can not help.

It is the Management's desire and instructions to all drivers to give you every pound of ice you pay for.

Your weight might be short one day, but long the next, as none of us are absolutely perfect. We believe our men are of high class to short-pot anybody. If they are not we want to know it. Our records show that they are giving overweight.

Yours to please

Merkel Ice Co.  
W. A. McSpadden, Manager.

### TRAIN SMASH-UP AT RANGER

Ranger, Tex., June 13—Four persons were fatally injured, ten were seriously injured and twenty-nine more injured here early this morning when train No. 12, eastbound oil special, split a switch in the Ranger north yards and crashed into a carload of lumber.

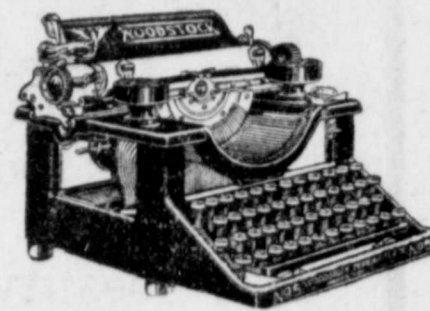
The fatally injured include a Mexican woman and her 10-year old daughter, and a man named Yale, aged 50 years, of Weatherford, all of whom are expected to die. Another Mexican suffered concussion of the brain.

Among the seriously injured are two Mexicans; Albert Poppin 40, of Thurber and Weatherford, and G. B. Summers, Barnett, Vt.

### Gets Bees In Buggy—Not In Bonnet

We knew he had a political bee in his bonnet, but when Geo. Boyce comes up and tells us that he caught a buggy full of bees, we had to look him straight in the eye and wonder if he had not been dreaming. He went out about two miles from town Wednesday afternoon and was doing some work on the farm, when upon returning to his buggy, he found that a swarm of bees had taken possession in the back end. Not having an affinity for bees that have a sting to them, he debated the question as to whether he would have to make a beehive out of his buggy or through diplomacy induce their withdrawal. Finally he got a hoe and raised the cover to the back end of the buggy, when as quietly as they came they withdrew.

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The nice rain that fell Monday night was highly appreciated by the farmers.

A good part of the grain has been cut, but yet the reapers are busy.

Rev. Bishop of Anson, preached here Sunday in the afternoon. A good crowd was present.

Dr. Hendricks will fill his appointment here Sunday morning if the weather permits.

Mrs. Montgomery, of Lubock, is here visiting her father and mother, Rev and Mrs. Buzbee. She was accompanied by her son and daughter, also her granddaughter.

The Baptist meeting will begin here the 3rd Sunday in July. The people are looking forward to a great revival.

Mrs. Foster is looking for her brother, Edd Breeze home any time now.

Mrs. Palmer and son, were called to Stanton last week on account of the death of Mrs. Palmer's son, Jack, who was killed by a live cable breaking.

Mrs. John Moore and children are here visiting Mrs. R. B. Rains and family.

C. S. Childres and family are looking for their sister from Colorado, Texas this week.

### 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.

P. L. Browning of Aransas Pass is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning

Miss Mamie Ellis returned Tuesday from a several week's visit to relatives in Dallas.

Mrs. T. M. Bounds of Wichita Falls returned home several days ago after visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Meeks.

W. L. Buchanan, who has been at work at Breckenridge for some months, was a Merkel visitor the forepart of the week.

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Mrs W F Scarborough of Midland is visiting relatives in Merkel.

Mrs. Ira Shaffer of Texline is visiting her parents. Mr and Mrs. P. T. Allday.

Misses Ida and Palace Meeks visited their sister in Abilene this week.

Frank Ferrier was in Merkel visiting Wednesday.

It's a long lane which has no turning but you won't notice the length so much if you belong to a War Savings Society.



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

**Mrs. Howard Entertains**

Mrs L. B. Howard entertained a few of her friends last Friday evening in honor of her brother Ensign Eugene Burkett. Music and "42" constituted the features of the evening. Punch was served.

**Miss Reed Entertains**

Several evenings ago Miss Mary Reed entertained with one of the nicest "500" parties of the season in honor of Mrs O. J. Shaffer. Cut flowers, sweet peas, nasturtions, daisies and roses appeared in profusion throughout her beautiful home on Locusts street. About 25 of the "500" players were entertained at six tables, while a large number of other guests were entertained with music and other diversions. Little Mary Eligabeth Grimes afforded quite a lot of amusement with her folk dances. She wore a little dress her father sent her from Paris and looked like a little fairy.

Miss Jess Sulphen made high score and was presented with a huge bouquet of sweet peas, which she presented to the honoree.

Orange cream and angle food cake were served.

**Miss West Entertains**

A few girls were called over the telephone Wednesday evening and asked to come West, starting about eight o'clock. A car was secured by these girls and they started West and when they came to the end of the street they were confronted by a big red house. The guests were welcomed in this home by a young lady and to their surprise found her name to be "West." After a short chat, which is a part of girls, they were invited into the dining room where a delicious luncheon was served to the following girls: Jess Sulphen, Mary Reed, Myrtice Saffel, Agnes Powell and hostess, Zoe. The remaining time was spent with music. A very delightful time was reported by all.

Mrs. R. B. McElroy, who has been visiting Miss Mamie Rister, has returned to her home at Rogers

**The River of Life**

Say what you will of whatever part of the human anatomy you please, the river of life is the BLOOD. It is either the swift running stream of health or the germ-laden channel of disease, one or the other.

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**HINDSIGHT AND FORESIGHT**

The old expression, if we had only done thus, and so, how much better it would have been. The last two or three years have been striking examples of the proper use of hindsight and foresight—one two or maybe three years hence, we are going to hear the old familiar lament, "If I had only done so and so." Some folks are now preparing, and will DO SO AND SO, and seeing their success is what is going to make you wail and wish, and be sorry. All about us we see people who succeed and others who fail. No man ever made a success unless he took a chance or a risk. The seed must be sown before any harvest can be reaped. I had rather make a dozen failures trying and risking something, than to console myself once by an "I told you so."

When the wheat and oat crop was sown last fall, the farmers took a chance, and won—they now have promise of returns from fifteen to fifty dollars per acre. They used foresight—the fellow who looks longingly and wishfully at his waving golden grain, used hindsight—the one has won the other has lost and will never win until he risks something

This article is not intended as a censure or a criticism—anyone can criticize, but the only useful criticism is that which points a better way.

Ask any observant man what has taken the money from this country in the past fifteen years and the answer is FEED, FEED. Will the Country produce enough feed? The answer is YES. Will it do it every year, the answer is NO. Then the solution must be that in years like this, enough oats and maize and hay and straw and sorghum ought to be carefully stored away to provide against just such year as the two last.

The man of foresight already has some pigs in the pen for his supply of meat. The man of hindsight will sniff the odors of sausage and ham and brown gravy and say, to himself, "I thought about getting me some pigs, but just never did do it."

We might go on with this as it applies to milk cows, chickens and the saving of vegetables and many other things, and in each instance the conclusion would be the same.

The object of this article is to impress on our readers the "Do it now" idea. We certainly ought to profit by past experiences and the only way we can truly profit is to change our ways of doing things.

The abundant feed and forage crops in the Merkel country, should be saved and kept. It should really be saved and not just saved at.

The Country ought to be restocked with good milk cows to use the feed and forage. The cream car ought to begin its calls at the door for cream. The pigs and poultry ought to be there to consume the surplus milk, and in this way a ready market can be found for all that we can grow.

Now when you have read this you may say, there is nothing new in it—well this depends on which sight you use—if it's the hindsight, you will continue where you are—if foresight, you will join the thrift, progressive ones in doing things worth while.  
**A READER**

**I AM MUSIC**

"Servant and master am I; servant of those dead, and master of those living.

"Through me spirits immortal speak the message and makes the world weep, and laugh, and wonder, and worship.

"I tell the story of love, the story of hate, the story that saves and the story that damns. I am the incense upon which, prayers float to heaven. I am the smoke that pallis over the field of battle where men lie dying with me on their lips.

"I am close to the marriage altar, and when the graves open I stand nearby.

"I call the wanderer home, I rescue the soul from the depths, I open the lips of lovers and through me the dead whisper to the living.

"One I serve as I serve all; and the king I make my slave as easily as I subject his slave. I speak through the birds of the air, the insects of the field, the crash of waters on rock-ribbed shore the sighing of wind in the trees, and I am even heard by the soul that knows me in the clatter of wheels on the city streets.

"I know no brother, yet all men are my brothers; I am the father of the best that is in them, and they are fathers of the best that is in me; I am of them and they are of me. For I am the instrument of God.  
"I AM MUSIC."—Exchange.

Judge N. D. Cobb has been appointed manager of The Merkel Lumber Company to take the place of Ed Schrum who has resigned. Mr and Mrs. Schrum left Sunday for Oklahoma.

Miss Minnie Burns spent last week with her sisters, Mesdames Penny and Hampton at Clyde. She brought back some fine peaches. We know whereof we speak for she sent the editress a good sample.

L. D. Levy of Dallas has been appointed manager of Burton-Lingo Company and arrived Tuesday morning to take charge of the company's local yard. J. T. Toombs will remain with the company and assist him for the present.

**TUBERCULOSIS IS NOT INCURABLE**

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Pamphlets on Treatment of Tuberculosis and Transmission of Disease Will Be Sent Free on Request.

**WHAT ABOUT THE CHILDREN?**

Are the people of Texas going to continue allowing their children to fall heir to all sorts of constitutional defects, merely because of the lack of knowledge of the means of preventing the acquirement and spread of communicable disease? The State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Carlsbad, has prepared an excellent little pamphlet, gotten up attractively in colors, entitled "Communicable Diseases Among School Children." The propaganda department of the institution hopes to get a copy of this pamphlet into the hands of every primary grade teacher, during the fall term of 1919. The pamphlet is intended for parents as well.

Among others things, it is hoped that this pamphlet will help establish the falsity of the old notion that children should be exposed to such dangerous diseases as Mumps, Measles and Whooping Cough "To get it over with." Measles and whooping cough both are apt to leave certain organs of the body—the heart, kidneys, lungs—in impaired condition, so that other disease finds a ready lodgement. Oftimes the eyes are affected. Because a child can be very sick, yet complain little, it is thought that these diseases "go harder" with the grown person. The grown person can better afford to take the chance of after disease than can the child, because the former's immunity to many diseases is established, whereas that of the child is not.

Prevention is better than cure.

**Grain Buyers IN MERKEL**

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**SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELECTION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 5th day of July, 1919, at Castle Peak School Building in Common School District No. 26, of this county of date of 12th day of county as established by order of the commissioners court of this county of date of 12th day February, 1914, which is recorded in Book G, page 74, of the minutes of said court to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpaying voters of that district desire to tax themselves for the purpose of supplementing State school funds apportioned to said district and to determine whether the commissioners court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually the tax of and at the rate of 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property in said district for said purpose.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and county and who are resident property tax payers in said district, shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Said election was ordered by the County Judge of this county by order made on the 28 day of May 1919, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order. Dated the 4th day of June 1919.

J. S. Bond, Sheriff of Taylor County Texas.

**FARMS WANTED**

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.

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**James Malory Buford Dead**

announcing the death of the baby of Mrs. Walter Buford in Bell country. The little fellow had a long spell of sickness at the home of its grandparents, Mr and Mrs. Buford, some months ago.

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Merkel Realty Company.

Mrs. J. J. White visited relatives in Santo and Fort Worth, returning Tuesday.

Mrs. Luther Powers of Abilene visited friends here this week.

Rev E. E. Dawson spent Sunday in Coleman, where he filled the pulpit of the First Baptist church.

Anna Laura Rogers of Sweetwater is spending the week with her uncle and aunt, Judge and Mrs Mahaffey.

J. L. Barton of Ranger spent several days this week with the homefolks. His family moved here a few weeks ago.



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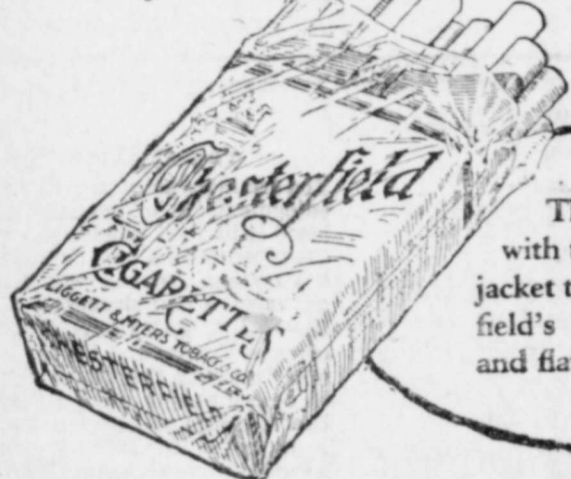
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### PROTECTION OF CARS FROM THEFT

On June 18 a new law goes into effect in Texas which will lend protection to automobile owners against the stealing of their cars. It was passed by the last legislature, and is said by those who have made a study of automobile legislation, to be one of the best laws of its kind any where in the United States.

Statistics reveal that an average of 342 automobiles are stolen every day in the United States, and about 5 a day disappear in Texas alone. This ever increasing evil is requiring special attention, and it is believed that this new law will assist in reducing the losses of automobiles.

The Act deals with the removal of identifying numbers on automobiles and prescribes a penalty of not less than \$10.00 or more than \$100, for the use on the highway or the selling or offering for sale of any vehicle from which the engine number has been effaced or obliterated. It provides a method by which the highway commission will assign a new number to the motor from which the numbers have been obliterated from no improper motives. It further penalizes the owner of any car who makes false application for the registration of a car from which the number has been effaced—prescribing a penalty of not less than \$50, or more than \$100.

Sections 3 and 4 make it unlawful to sell or trade any second hand motor car without then and there having present with the car the Tax Collector's receipt for the license fee for the current year. If the sale is consummated a license fee receipt must be transferred by endorsement and the Vendor must execute and deliver to the purchaser formal bills of sale in duplicate executed before seal number, engine number, trade name and model. The penalty for the violation of this portion of the Act is a fine up to \$2,000, or imprisonment for one year.

To further assist in tracing stolen automobiles, the Act requires every person or firm operating a repair shop or garage, engaged in either repairing, rebuilding, repainting or electrical work in connection with automobiles, to keep open to inspection a well bound book in which must be entered identifying details as to the owner, make of automobile, motor number, license number, and the repairs or changes made on such car valued at more than \$1.00.

All shops dealing in second hand cars must also keep a register containing the same information, and with special details as to the party claiming to own the car and as to the purchase. In every instance when a used car is disposed of, one of the bills of sale executed by the seller must be filed by the purchaser with the County Tax Collector as an application for transfer of the license accompanied by a fee of \$1.00.

By preventing the easy and ready sale of second hand cars, the thief will be handicapped for if he can not dispose of the car he will not want to steal it. He

will have to identify himself to the Notary Public before he can execute the bill of sale. If the Notary takes the acknowledgement without requiring a stranger to be identified he is liable on his bond.

There is some talk of establishing a special department in the State Ranger force which can devote its entire time to automobile thefts. The number of cars stolen is increasing rapidly, the car is so easy to escape, in and the United States is the market, so it seems that some special department should have charge of such work that is not hampered by County lines. Every honest automobile owner in the State is interested in this palatable measure and we believe the time will come when this special organization will be worked out for tracing stolen automobiles.

Automobile Insurance Companies recently established the Automobile Underwriters Protective Bureau in Dallas to cooperate with the 4 similar Bureaus in the U.S., with the police and the public in reducing the number of cars stolen and in finding lost cars.

If you have the itch, don't scratch. It does not cure the trouble and makes the skin bleed. Apply BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. Rub it in gently on the affected parts. It relieves itching instantly and a few applications removes the cause thus performing a permanent cure. Sold by Sanders Drug Co.

### VILLA ATTACK JUAREZ.

#### Americans Engage in the Fray Villa Retreats

Fighting was started last Thursday by the forces under Villa in their attack upon the Federal garrison at Juarez. As the battle proceeded the bullets from Villa's guns began to fall on American soil. After a casualty or two, the boys of the Red, White and Blue were ordered to march forward, and as a result, Villa pulled up stakes and marched away.

El Paso, June 16.—All American troops which crossed to the Mexican side at 11 o'clock last night had returned to the American side late today, a report received at military headquarters at 1:20 stated. The cavalry brigade and artillery crossed near Ysleta, Texas, twelve miles south; east of here, at about the same time, shortly after 4 o'clock.

American cavalry forces returned from Mexico with 100 Villa cavalry horses and nine prisoners captured in the pursuit of Villa's forces; The commanding officers reported that four Villa followers were killed when the adobe headquarters was charged.

From that time on it was a running fight with the Villa band across the plains. An adobe shack was also found to contain five Carranza soldiers dead from wounds and eight wounded.

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#### In Field With General Angeles.

Mexico, June 16.—At 6 o'clock this morning Gen Felipe Angeles received a courier at his headquarters, twelve miles southeast of Juarez, with the message that American troops had crossed the Rio Grande into Mexico territory.

Immediately upon receipt of this news, General Angeles started breaking camp and moved south a little to the west.

Twenty minutes later General Villa, supreme in command of all anti-Government forces in the north, who was personally at his headquarters, also broke camp and moved south.

The news that American troops had crossed into Mexican territory appeared a sad disappointment to General Angeles.

Although commanding no forces personally, to speak of, General Angeles had hoped to act as a peacemaker between the Carranza Government forces and the revolutionary forces.

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#### Villa Forces Easily Beaten By Americans

El Paso, June 16.—American troops sent into Mexico last night to stop the indiscriminate firing across the border fought their first general engagement with the Mexican rebel forces of Francisco Villa at the Juarez race track shortly after 2 o'clock this morning, and the Americans were victorious. Villa's troops were driven from the race track by rifle and machine gun fire and many prisoners were reported taken by the United States Cavalry which surrounded the track on the east and southeast, according to an official report at military headquarters.

The Mexican rebels and federal troops fought in the streets of Juarez Saturday night and Sunday night, many on both sides being killed. Many bullets from the rebel guns came across the Rio Grande and two persons were killed and seven wounded

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on the American side.

When the Mexican bullets became too thick for the safety of citizens of El Paso, Brig. Gen. J. B. Erwin at 11 o'clock last night ordered American troops to cross the border, and in ten minutes after the order was issued 3,600 United States soldiers were in Mexico. The first troops to cross the border were the Fourth Battalion of the Twenty-fourth infantry (negro), a battalion of the Eighty-second Artillery and the Fifth and Seventh Cavalry.

After the Mexican federals were allowed to retire into the town, Colonel Hadsell's negro

infantry opened up with a terrific rifle fire on the trenches flanking the race track. They advanced in open order and succeeded in dislodging the Villa forces who held the strongest positions as the American troops were forced to advance across a comparatively open plain. The first volley from the riflemen was answered, shot for shot, by the Villa troops who seemed to realize they were trapped by the cavalry in the rear and the infantry in front.

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**We have bargains in first-class farms**

**Some of our lands have drilling contracts; some are not leased**

☞ We are selling Farms and Ranches, 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.  
We need listings now

## Merkel Realty Co.

W. O. BONEY

WALTER JACKSON

### AIRPLANE CROSSES OCEAN IN 16 HOURS

London, June 15.—The Vickers-Vimy biplane, which left Saint John Newfoundland, at 6:13, Greenwich time, Saturday afternoon, landed at Clifden Galway, Ireland, at 9:40 this morning. Trip made in sixteen hours, time of landing being bright summer time. Pilot Jack Alcock and Navigator Brown made much of the flight through fog and drizzle, which hampered them somewhat, but both stood unprecedented journey well. Clifden, twenty-nine miles southwest of Westport. Filed 10.50 A. M.

### Summer Complaint in Children

There is not anything like so many deaths from this disease now as before Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy came into such general use. When this remedy is given with castor oil as directed and proper care is taken as to diet, it is safe to say, fully ninety-nine out of every hundred cases recover. Mr W. G. Campbell of Butler, Tenn., says, "I have used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy for summer complaint in children. It is far ahead of anything I have ever used for this purpose."

### Home Ownership Amendment Defeated

Complete returns of the election of May 24 show a majority of 972 votes against the home ownership amendment, the vote being 150,813 for and 151,785 against.

It was not possible to make known this result until today as the closeness of the vote for and against the measure made it necessary to secure absolutely complete returns. It is possible that the result may be changed by the official returns to the compiled report at Austin on July 3, for often there are variances between unofficial and official returns and nearly always some counties are not returned officially.

The majorities for prohibition and against suffrage and the governor's salary increase are not materially changed by the full returns. No election was held in Moore and Upton counties.

Teething babies always have a hard time of it when this process occurs in hot weather. They not only have to contend with painful gums but the stomach is disordered, bowels loose and the body uncomfortable. The best help you can give the little sufferer is McGee's Baby Elixir. It corrects sour stomach, cools and quiets the bowels and helps digestion. Sold by Sanders Drug Co. b

### Sailing Orders Cancelled

Washington, June 17.—The Fourth and Fifth Divisions of regulars have been removed from the lists of units scheduled for early return to the United States, the War Department was advised today by General Pershing.

These two divisions were scheduled to sail from France this month and officials believed cancellation of the sailing orders would have been made only under plans of the inter-allied high command and with the approval of President Wilson.

### Summer Complaint Quickly Relieved

"About two years ago when suffering from a severe attack of summer complaint, I took Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy and it relieved me almost instantly," writes Mrs. Henry Jewett, Clark Mills, N.Y. This is an excellent remedy for colic and diarrhoea and should be kept at hand by every family.

### SOVEREIGNTY VIOLATED

Washington, June 18.—"The Government and people of Mexico consider as a violation of Mexican sovereignty the crossing of United States soldiers into Mexican territory," Gen Candido Aguilar, confidential ambassador of President Carranza, declared today in a formal statement issued at the Mexican Embassy.



## LOCAL NEWS

R L. Bland, P. H. Underwood, R O. Anderson and Ira Garrison spent several days this week in Wichita Falls and Burkburnett oil prospecting

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

Mrs. E. L. Rogers and son, Loring, Miss Margarette Bagguley and her brother and sister, Mr and Mrs Felix Bagguley spent Wednesday in Abilene

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

Mrs Geo Houghton returned last Sunday from a visit to her daughter in Oklahoma City. She reports a great visit, but said she was glad to get back to Merkel.

Car of blacksmith coal just received. Crown Hardware Company.

Miss Amanda Curtis and Mrs Julia Cotton left last Monday for Corpus Christi where they expect to be gone for some few months.

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

Mrs. F. Y. Gaither and Miss Jewel McCarty spent Wednesday with friends in Sweetwater.

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

Jack Anderson spent several days visiting his cousin, D. O. Hunt of Haskell.

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

Tom Sears and J. B. King of Whitewright are visiting John Sears.

Car of blacksmith coal just received. Crown Hardware Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cauthen and family spent Wednesday in Merkel, visiting friends on their way to Hamilton county to visit relatives.

Bring your clothes here to be cleaned and pressed. Will give you quick and good service. Mrs. C. L. Cash. Phone 180

Miss Mamie Ellis returned from Dallas, after several week's visit to friends and relatives in Dallas. On her way back she happened to a rather painful accident at Baird, when an electric globe broke, a piece of glass striking her in the forehead, cutting quite a gash. One or two others were slightly injured.

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

Ensing E. F. Burkett, who has just graduated from Indianapolis, spent the forepart of the week with his sister, Mrs. L. B. Howard.

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

Through our advertising columns you will find appreciative merchants; merchants who keep their stock up-to-date and who solicit your business with an idea to service.

# SUMMERTIME SPECIALS

Our store is full of summertime bargains. You will find just the merchandise you need at a wonderful sacrifice

### Summertime Skirts

On table downstairs we will offer for sale a big assortment of beach cloth, silk, wash skirts. One lot of silk and beach cloth skirts, valued to \$4.95 for only **\$2.95**

One lot white gaberdine skirts, values to \$3.95, summertime price **\$2.45**

One lot white gaberdine and figure skirts, values to \$2.95 **\$1.95**

### Waist Specials

Down stairs a big assortment of voile and organza waists valued to \$3.45, going at **\$1.98**

### Extra Special

Big lot corset covers valued to 75c, for **25c**

### EXTRA SPECIAL

We are still selling ladies knit underwear at a big reduction.  
65c Union suit **49c**  
75c Union suit **59c**  
\$1.00 Union suit **69c**  
35c Vest **25c**  
25c Vest **15c**  
15c Vest **12 1/2c**

### Millinery at Half Price

We are now offering for quick selling-all childrens hats at half price. Big lot of ladies and misses hats including several gold medal pattern hats, valued up to \$6.50 going at **\$3.45**

### Remnants-Remnants

200 Remnants of all kinds of wash fabrics placed on special tables and marked below cost.

### Shoe Specials

One lot mens oxfords, worth \$8.50 on todays market, going at **\$3.95**

One lot mens oxfords, odds and ends, valued up to \$5.00, special at **\$2.95**

One lot mens black tennis oxfords going at **49c**

### Soldiers and Sailors

Don't fail to see our big and complete line of gents furnishings before you buy.

### Ribbons

See our nice assortment of ribbons for hair bows, lingerie, etc.

# Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Co.

THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE

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

Mrs. Davenport Gaither has returned to her home in San Antonio, after an extended visit to her parents and other relatives and friends in Merkel.

Car of blacksmith coal just received at the Crown Hardware Company

Miss Inez Scott, of Okla. City, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. L. Cash.

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

Mrs. M. G. Wallin and children have returned home after a two week's visit with her mother and sister, Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Mrs Earl Stanford was removed to Cisco where she will be under treatment of a Specialist for rheumatism.

### 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

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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

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

FOR SALE—Ford for \$200. Good casings, engine in good shape. T. E. Ragan. 6t4c

NOTICE—Trespassing on my pasture is strictly forbidden. Please take notice. R. B. Wells. 13t2p

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

Mr and Mrs Will Young of Strawn are visiting Mr and Mrs W. P. Duckett and family.

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

Mr and Mrs. Felix Bagguley and baby of Water Valley, Miss., are spending the week with their sister, Miss Margarette Bagguley.

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

Mr and Mrs. J. A. Collins received a telegram this week stating that their son, Grady had landed in New York and would be home soon.

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

**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. 90c.

Mrs. R. Connor left Tuesday for Quapaw, Ok., on an extended visit to her son, A. M. She says she may stay until the oil comes in.

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

Thos Johnson, wife and two children left Saturday for Mineral Wells, where they will remain for about ten days.

Mrs. H. R. Loving is visiting relatives in Merkel this week.

FOR SALE—Trustees of Mulberry School District No. 40 will receive sealed bids until noon, June 21 at school house for sale of old building. Usual rights reserved. S. T. Anderson, W. B. Moore and J. A. Horton, trustees. 13t2c.

LOST—Yed snap pocket book with \$3.00 in silver and some change Reward offered. Bring to Merkel Mail Office. 13t2p

FOUND—Gold rimmed glasses. Owner may have them at Merkel Mail office by paying for this adv.

Mrs. Walter Duckett is spending a few days with Mr and Mrs W. P. Duckett and family.

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

Mrs J. J. Harkins of Roscoe is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. O. Boney.

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

Mrs. W. C. Melton received a telegram from her husband stating that he has landed in Brooklyn and expects his early discharge

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

Mrs. J. E. Kelley and little girl, who have been visiting Mrs. Kelley's parents, Mr and Mrs. J. R. Lamar, returned to her home at Ranger Wednesday.

**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.

Miss Jewel McCarty of Carter, Ok., is visiting her sister, Mrs F. Y. Gaither.

Asa Lowe of Louisiana, has received his discharge and is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff.

## SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELBCTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 5th day of July 1919, at Castle Peak School Building in Common School District No. 26 of this county as established by order of the Commissioners Court of this county, of date the 12th day of February, 1914, which is recorded in Book G pages 74 of Minutes of said Court, to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpaying voters of that district desire the issuance of bonds on the faith and credit of said Common School District, in the amount of \$2400 the bonds to be of the denomination of \$100 each number consecutively from one to 24, with option of redemption after 10 years from their date, both inclusive, payable 20 years from their date, and bearing 5 per cent, interest per annum, payable annually on April 10th of each year, to provide funds to be expended in payment of accounts legally contracted in constructing and equipping a public free school building of wood material within said District and to determine whether the Commissioners Court of the County shall be authorized to levy assess and collect annually, while said district sufficient to pay the current interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal at maturity.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and county and who are resident property tax payers in said district, shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Said election was ordered by the County Judge of this county by order made on the 28 day of May 1919, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated the 4th day of June 1919.

J. S. Bond,  
Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas.

## CIVIL SERVICE JOBS FOR DISCHARGED YANKS

Washington, D. C., June—,17 Although there is a desire on the part of the Congress, the heads of executive departments, and the Civil Service Commission to recognize in all proper ways the claims of returning soldiers, sailors, and marines to employment in the classified civil service, the Civil Service Commission feels that in order to avoid misapprehension certain facts should be brought to the attention of the men.

The law provides for certain preferences in appointment in favor of discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines. It should be understood, however, that preference claimants must qualify in open competitive examinations unless they left the classified civil service to enter the military or naval service.

These examinations are announced from time to time to meet the needs of the service. They must be advertised for a sufficient time to give them due publicity; then the papers must be rated, registerers established and claims of preference passed upon.

An act of Congress of February 25, 1919, makes mandatory the reinstatement of their former positions of all former Government employes who were drafted or who enlisted in the military service of the United States in the war with Germany upon their application and if they have received an honorable discharge and are qualified for the work.

### NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern: Trent, Texas.—

June 1. Contracts and all previous oil Leases from this date stand forfeited on the following Described land: Taylor County Abstract No. 84, Block 19, Section 32, 64 acres; Block 19, section 34, 10 acres; Block 19, section 38, 80 acres

Nolan County adjoining 40 acres; Jones County Section 32, 200 acres. All parties are hereby warned not to purchase or sell or barter in any way without legal authority. D. S. Howell. 6t3c

### MARTIN'S SCREW WORM KILLER

Kills Worms, keeps off flies, heals wounds. 6 oz bottle 35cts. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Your Druggist 9My6m

We pay spot cash for eggs. Bob Martin Grocery Company

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

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Both publications to December 15, 1919, for only

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