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ACTIVITY NOW VERY INTERESTING

Great Activity at Bland Well—
Bright Outlook at Sears—
Interest Renewed.

This week marks an epoch in the oil situation of the great Merkel country. The most interesting topic of the week is the arrival of the tools and machinery for the Bland well. Casing had already arrived. The boiler and equipment looks good. Piping is already on hand for the waer line to the tank.

Maitland & Son, who have the contract to drill the well, are on hand ready for business. Two big trucks pulled through the mud from Fort Worth, arriving a few days ago, and are hauling the material and equipment to the Bland location. They say they expect to have the well drilled within 45 days. From all appearances they intend to have no foolishness. No time will be lost in getting everything ready to spud in.

On account of a freeze in the 12-inch pipe at the Sears well, the contractors were obliged to use 10-inch casings, which has been placed and active drilling operations are staged to begin immediately. The drillers are delighted with the geological indications, having gone to a depth of 1000 feet and striking only red bed and blue shale. Oil experts claim that the outlook could not be better.

There is little about the immediate drilling of the Trent well, unless the lessees tie things up through court proceedings and thus effectively put an end to operations.

As a whole the oil prospects are satisfactory. They look good from every standpoint.

BOYS ARRIVING DAILY.

Since last week the following boys from oversea service have received their discharge and arrived home:

- Luther Grimes.
- Emmitt Grimes.
- James Brown.
- Britton Jobe.
- John Chadwick.
- John Moore.
- Fred Harrell.
- Claude Rosson, Trent.
- Oscar Music.
- Roy Green.
- Chock Jones.
- Paul Stanford.
- Roscoe Sharp.
- Geo. W. Chadwick.
- Arthur Clark.

BIG LAND DEAL

Through the Merkel Realty Company, J. R. Joyce of Trent sold his farm of 320 acres to Clyde Sears and Luke Huddleston this week. This is one of the best farms in all this country. Mr. Joyce purchased the property about a year ago and recently moved to Trent from East Texas. The property is known as the old Massey place. The new owners are delighted over their buy, feeling confident that it could not be beat in all this country. It is evident that considerable activity in real estate circles soon will be in evidence.

Wires Returned

Washington, June 19. After reconsidering its action extending Government fixed telegraph rates for six months, the House today without a record vote passed the amended Senate bill providing for return of the telegraph and telephone properties to private control and repealing the law under which those properties and the cables systems were taken over by the President

Resolution Adopted by Vote of 96-21

Austin, June 24.—By a vote of ninety-six to twenty-one the House late today adopted the joint resolution ratifying the Federal woman suffrage amendment. The Senate is yet to act. Senator Westbrook, Senate leader, says fifteen of the thirty Senators and the President of the Senate are pledged to support the resolution.

Coffee Selling Here For 75 cents Sells in Brazil for 12

New York, June 24.—Capt. Francisco Nascimento of Brazil, a connoisseur of the national beverage, coffee, gazed only once or twice in admiration of the New York skyline upon his arrival here Monday morning. Then he found something that was to him far higher and more astonishing than any of the tall buildings. It was the 75 cent price a pound for coffee in this lovely city.

"Coffee scarce?" he gasped in amazement. "Why, this big ship is full of it. There are bags of coffee piled up in every Brazilian port for Americans to come for it. At home we buy the best at two pounds for 25 cents, and the coffee you buy here for 40 cents we get for 10 cents."

Slain State Senator Buried.

Fort Worth, Texas, June 23. Funeral services were held today for W. S. Bell, state senator, who was shot and fatally wounded at Crowell, Foard county, Saturday night in an encounter with James Gafford, a farmer, and his wife.

The shooting was the outgrowth of the marriage of Gafford's daughter to Bell's son several years ago, which met with disfavor from members of both families.

Two arrests have been made in connection with the killing. Senator Bell was shot while he was standing in front of the opera house here and died from the effects of wounds at 3 o'clock Sunday morning at his home whither he had been taken.

Everett Bell, young son of the dead man, who was with his father at the time of the shooting, was wounded by a bullet, fired from the revolver of his assailant, and his condition may prove fatal.

Immediately after the shooting, Bell was carried to the Elk's cafe, where he was given emergency treatment. Later he was removed to his home, where he expired four hours later.

England Blamed For Huns Chance To Scuttle Fleet

London, June 21.—The sinking of the German fleet in Scapa Flow may be regarded as the greatest international bank robbery in history, whatever its minor aspects may be. Britain must account to the Allies for whatever loss may have been suffered, because she was the self-appointed receiver of the fleet.

Disposition of the former Kaiser's armada has never been definitely determined by the Allies, although various suggestions have been advanced, including apportionment among the Allies and sinking of the whole fleet at sea.

Only the barest details grudgingly admitted by the Admiralty have been given to the public so far, but it is safe to predict that an uproar and demand for a preliminary investigation will follow publication of the full news.

Not only is British pride fearfully hurt by this twelfth-hour German laugh, but the national conscience is stung because of the responsibility assumed as curator of the German fleet. Altogether it is an embarrassing contrast to the joy paeans raised over the ignominious surrender on Nov. 22 last.

So far as detailed news of the affair is concerned, the world is

WHY SHOULD THEY WORRY?



War Savings Stamps are the umbrellas which protect against the driving rain of adversity. Save and buy them regularly and you will have no cause for financial worries.

Have you bought your Thrift Stamp today?

PROLIFIC PROMISE OF PROSPERITY

Patience paid the price and the day of waiting has dawned into the time that has brought the seasons with their prolific promise of prosperity. The wheat and oat crops are made. Nearly all the grain is in the shock and threshing will start at once in some portions of the country, the grain crops are a little short, but nearly everywhere there will be an abundance of wheat and oats.

We see many a stalwart fellow come in town and make the statement that he will make ten, fifteen or twenty bushels of wheat, rub his hands and we can not help but see that he feels good. If he would be right honest with himself he would say fifteen, twenty-five and even thirty-five bushels. He has not made any money in so long he can not afford to be extremely optimistic, but nevertheless he feels like a prince in his glory.

In another week or two the golden grain will be pouring into Merkel and pushed on to its destination and the clanking of silver, the shuffling of green backs, and that honest tread of the solid son of toil will be a spectacle that will send business coursing on its way, that will unthrottle want and loosen the spring of laughter that has been depressed for these many months. It is pleasant to contemplate from afar, but to be in it, a part of it, why it is hilarious.

Right on top of the big grain crop, the cane, the maize and feedstuff is racing neck deep,

at the mercy of the British Admiralty, because, in addition to its extreme remoteness, Scapa Flow is completely isolated from the rest of the world by Admiralty restrictions.

Scathing comments are to be expected from the French press, inasmuch as France had counted upon acquiring some of the German ships to build up her own fleet and had rigidly opposed the suggestion of sinking the fleet at sea.

heading in goose neck fashion, and the only real problem that is left is where can it be housed. It is great. And we hope to be able to get a roasting ear or two this season, as there is some mighty fine corn now reaching far along towards maturity.

And the cotton, well that staple has been a little backward on account of a cool spring, but the last few days the sunshine has coaxed color into its frame and it, too, has joined the feed crops in their upward march to maturity.

Rains have fallen in profusion, so much so that we have lost count. In Merkel, no complaint is to be made, but nearby they have had veritable floods. For some time it has been falling in showers. Some of the old timers predict that when it goes to showering, that is a sign of dry weather, and before twenty-four hours encroach upon their prophesy, they are deluged again with rain. We are reminded again and again that experience as a rain prophet is worth nothing in this section. We had as soon believe the prophetic efforts of a newcomer.

"The City in Clover" surely is to have its day and that right soon. Nature smiles with the good things that prosperity offers. Let pessimism have his walking papers and give the optimist full reign. This is the "day we long have sought and mourned because we found it not."

"This tardy scuttling of the dishonored German fleet will not add luster to the German reputation," says the Express. "It is doubtful if anybody is to blame."

NOTICE

I am prepared to weigh any and all kind of grain. Will use Planters Gin scales until I get my scales in. J. M. Garrett. 273c

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

Villistas Slain In Clash With Federals

El Paso, June 24.—Sixty-three Villa rebels were killed and many more wounded Saturday in a fight between federal troops and Villa forces for possession of Villa Ahumada, according to an official military dispatch given out here today.

A fight which lasted three hours followed with the Federal cavalry charging the Villa positions inside the town. Finally the rebels were forced to retreat, leaving their wounded in the town, according to the dispatch.

Quantities of ammunition and other war elements were captured. No estimate of the Federal casualties was given.

Work on Building Progressing.

Work is progressing rapidly on the building being erected by A. C. Rose and John Sears. The site has been cleared and cement foundation set. P. L. McClary, contractor, is pushing work to the utmost. Brick are on hand and the walls soon will be going up. The building will be a credit to Merkel, besides eliminating an eyesore that has existed for quite a while.

FARMERS INSTITUTE TO MEET

Abilene, Tex., June 23.—Merkel Mail: I herewith hand you paper calling attention to the importance of the officers of your local School District Farmers Institute to get together next Saturday, June 28, to select a strong delegation to attend the meeting of the Taylor County Farmers Institute, to be held here in Abilene, Saturday, July 5.

The call of the county meet is made by Fred Cockrell, president, and J. S. Smith, secretary, Taylor County Farmers Institute, Abilene, Texas, June 23, 1919.

Train Runs 40 Miles Without Driver After Engineer is Killed

Omaha, June 25.—While driving the Burlington railroad's fast Nebraska-Chicago express at a rate of 50 miles an hour, Engineer James E. Johnson Tuesday was killed in his cab and the train raced along for a quarter of an hour without an engineer.

Then the fireman became suspicious because the locomotive did not whistle for crossings and upon investigation found the engineer's side of the cab vacant. He brought the train to a stop. Investigation disclosed that Engineer Johnson had been struck by a mail crane at the little station of Waverly, Neb., and knocked from the cab. Johnson died shortly after being picked up. Three hundred passengers were in the train.

Carranza's Days Numbered

El Paso, June 19.—A copy of an extra newspaper bearing the headlines "The Days of Carranza Are Numbered" was brought here today by an American, who said the edition was suppressed soon after it appeared on the Streets of Mexico City.

The American said he was told by the Pullman conductor on the train coming to the border that President Carranza's family had been brought to the border by a nephew of Carranza and had crossed to the United States.

More Bomb Plots Expected.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Further bomb outrages are expected by William Flynn, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, who said today every precaution was taken by police throughout the country to forestall the radicals.

All the recent bomb outrages have been connected, Mr. Flynn said, and were inspired by a purely domestic element which has virtually been identified.

SOLDIERS, SAILORS WELCOME SERVICE

At The Tabernacle At Nine
O'clock Sharp Sunday
Night, June 29.

This service is for the sake of expressing public, community welcome to all the men who have returned from the service, whatever branch they were in. Every man in the whole broad community is given cordial invitation to attend this meeting. Everybody will be disappointed if one should fail to attend.

Patriotic Song by the congregation

Invocation.
Patriotic song, Congregation.
Scripture Lesson.

Quartette.

Welcome address.

Response on part of Soldiers

Two ten-minute addresses by prepared speakers.

Ten minutes for general expressions.

Quartette.

Closing address.

Benediction.

The mayor of the town will preside over the meeting and all other city, county and public officials will be seated on the platform.

Pass the word out and make it strong that we want all the men on hand for a genuine good-fellowship time.

COME-COME- ONE AND ALL

WANTS WRESTLING MATCH

I want a wrestling match with some good wrestler. I claim to be the Light Heavy Champion of West Texas, and I will defend my title any where and any place. While in France I won the Championship of the First Army core-78.80 Division, and also, won my way to the Finals in the A. E. F. Wrestling tournament.

Wire or write John A. Chadwick, Merkel, Texas

Signs to End Agony, Plea of Germans.

Berlin, Wednesday, June 18.—"Sign the treaty and be through with the agony," is the gist of the comment of the people of Berlin today

"Rather the end with terror than terror without end," was the way one small merchant put it today.

German feeling toward the peace treaty appears to be taking a more favorable trend. Although the peace delegation headed by Count Brockdorff-Rantzau is represented as decidedly opposed to acceptance of the revised Allied terms, the latest dispatches from Weimar, where the German Cabinet and National Assembly are considering the treaty, reflect a different viewpoint.

The Majority Socialists, the present dominant political force in the German republic, are declared in these advices to be more favorably inclined toward the treaty than at first, while the Clericals and the Democrats of the left wing are reported to be swinging in the same direction. One report from Berlin represented the people of the capital as resigned to the future, desiring only to see the treaty signed and suspense ended.

Navy Seaplanes On Return To St. Louis

Chicago, June 17.—Two seaplanes of the navy's anti-submarine flotilla sent to inland waters from Key West in the interest of navy recruiting, started a return flight to St. Louis late today after bringing the first sack of air mail from St. Louis to Chicago today.

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

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

DISPOSITION TO LEAVE THE FARM

It's no wonder boys leave the farm and go to the city to find employment. Just the other day a stripling of a boy from Clyde went to Handley for a few days visit. While there he got a job in some kind of machine shop at \$3.00 a day, eight hours a day and unskilled labor. In this country strong men are working in the harvest fields from 12 to 14 hours a day at any where from \$2.00 to \$4.00 a day. We don't blame the boys for leaving the farm. Do you?—Clyde Enterprise.

Now that argument is rather conclusive. Did the Enterprise think out the final count? Did it estimate the cost of living, the cost of dress, the thousand and one things that call for the expenditure of money? Take a man on the farm at his longer hours and one in the city with shorter hours, let a few years pass and and see who comes out in the best circumstances. No, fellows, don't be in too big a hurry to leave the farm. Many of our own citizens left the past year and worked for wages and we are assured by them that living was so high that they were able to save precious little out of their wages. We figure that it is only what is saved that really counts in wages, and so often we see men with less wages growing into princes of industry simply by the exercise of frugality and business judgment. We are not going to blame the boys for leaving the farm; we only urge them to be sure of their ground before leaving.

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 50c per bottle.

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

Card of Thanks

It is with a deep feeling of true gratitude that we take occasion to thank our many friends for their great kindness to us in the bereavement of our loved one. We are thankful for the floral offerings, for the words of sympathy spoken and to every contribution that enables us to hold up under the strain of bereavement.

May the richest blessings of heaven's benediction ever be upon you.

W. R. Bigham and family.

LOSS OF APPETITE

As a general rule there is nothing serious about a loss of appetite, 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 digest and the stomach a period of rest before a second meal is taken. 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.

President Wilson Will Return To America.

Washington, June 23.—President Wilson has cabled Secretary Tumulty that he will leave Paris for the United States soon. The President will present the peace treaty and league of nations covenant personally to Congress and will then make a swing around the country speaking in behalf of the league covenant.

Official information that the German delegates at Versailles have been instructed to sign the peace treaty was received at the State War Department today.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic

restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its strengthening, invigorating effect. Price 50c.

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No trouble to Answer

Ask Us

Thos. Johnson, Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

R. L. Bland is sporting a Studebaker 6, purchased through the local agent, Geo. McDonald.

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

J. A. Wells of DeSoto, Mo., is spending some weeks with his brother, R. B. Wells of Route 4, Merkel. Mr Wells is employed in the office of the DeSoto Press, a bright, newsy paper, indicating a progressive city and section. He is here for his health.

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

Misses Mary Campbell, Eunice Russell and Tomie Brown returned Monday to Simmons College, after spending the week end with homefolks.

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

Mr and Mrs B M Blaack received a telegram from their son, W. C., stating that he had landed at Charleston, S. C., from oversea service, and expected to be home soon.

Car of blacksmith coal just received. Crown Hardware Company.

E. W. Perminter purchased the scales of G. R. Gazzaway and will operate them henceforth. He has subjected them to government test and is ready for business.

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

H. A. Deavers of Italy, Route 1, spent a few days in this section on business. Mr Deavers owns a farm at Shiloh. He thinks the country looks mighty good. He visited the Sears well, being only about one and one-half miles away.

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

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 getting 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.

LOCAL NEWS

Drs. Adkisson left Monday for Tenn., where they will visit their old stamping ground.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

Mrs. Will Orr of Putnam is visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs J. R. Lamar.

We pay spot cash for eggs. Bob Martin Grocery Company

Henry Vaughn of El. Paso is visiting the Butman's Russell's and other relatives in this section.

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

Miss Olive Teaff, who has been attending Simmons College, came home Saturday and is unable to return on account of being sick.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. All Druggists, 5c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Mr and Mrs. B. M. Black visited their granddaughter, Mrs. Chilton, at Petrolia, their daughter, Mrs. Dresser at Bellevue, on a week's visit through the oil fields, returning a few days ago. They report a great time. Everything is mighty busy in that section. Wheat is fine and harvesting is being pushed to the utmost.

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. 50c per bottle.

A GROSS PRESUMPTION

Some men think that they are pholding the traditions of outhern chivalry when they pose woman suffrage.—Mer-Mail.

Then we presume the Mail siders that the late Susan B. hony, Lary Cook, Mrs. Clara man Catt, Dr Anna Shaw others of that ilk in the are better representatives uthern chivalry than men omen of the South, descend e of citizens of the Southland sine colonial days though they maybe, if they happen to be posed to woman suffrage? Many Southern born people these days seem to have as little respect for the traditions of the Old South, Southern chivalry, state rights, etc. as had Susan B. Anthony and the others of the buch named all of whom have the ut-most contempt for the native born white people of the South. Some of us older people remember what the negroes thought of the white people of the South who did not own any negroes. They called them "Poor White Trash." This Northern bunch of suffragets now consider us all "Poor White Trash" down South, and lots of Southern people evidently consider that these Northern women have us sized up correctly, for are they not whooping up the "Susan E. Anthony" amendment?

There is no such thing as Southern chivalry. It is dead.—Baird Star.

The Star is full of presumption, and full of prunes, too, we guess. However, we are given a good argument if the obnoxious persons to which the Star alludes think more of the negro than of the "Poor White Trash," and all of our southern people are "Poor White Trash," in their opinion, then Editor Gilliland surely can grasp the logical conclusion that our southern people should put on a full political front in order to cope with the politics of other sections where aspirations and sympathies run

There is More Sunshine in Life with a Hoosier to Save Work

- ☐ Isn't it a fact that Kitchen Slavery "gets on your nerves" quite often?
- ☐ Haven't you envied the seeming ease with which men accomplish their daily task?
- ☐ Why, then, do you not follow the example of successful men and surround yourself with time and labor-saving methods?
- ☐ Don't delay another day, come now and select the Hoosier you prefer.

HOOSIER
—the Kitchen Cabinet that saves miles of steps



We Have Just Received

- ☐ The prettiest line of dining-room furniture we have ever had. Besides a number of beautiful suits in a big assortment of odd pieces, such as Tables, Buffets, China Closets, Sewing Tables, etc.
- ☐ We find that we are overstocked on Library Tables and for the next few days we will sell these at an exceptionally low price. ☐ We will appreciate a visit from you, and will take pleasure in showing you our goods.

Barrow Furniture Co.

DECORATION RECEIVED

J. L. Banner has received a French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star, citation certification and translation of the same, awarded to his son, Robert F. Banner, late private, Head quarters Company, 142nd Regiment, U.S. Infantry. The certificate reads as follows:

"Private Robert F Banner, No. 1,491,536, C H. R. 142 Reg. Inf. Near St. Etienne, October 8-10, 1918, in spite of enemy fire, he voluntarily and unhesitatingly advanced, capturing machine gun nests, taking prisoners and destroying enemy positions as he advanced. Was killed during the action."

At General Headquarters, April 4, 1919, the Marshal of France, Commander in Chief of the French Armies of the East. PETAINE.

Mr and Mrs Banner are very proud of the decoration. At a time when the parents are naturally very sad on seeing the other boys returning and knowing that their brave son will never return, it is in a measure a compensation to know that he died as a brave soldier in the discharge of his duty. Not only are the immediate family proud of this recognition, but Merkel is proud of it. We all rejoice with the family that it is given, and feel sure that for many years to come it will be passed from father to son as a proud heirloom.

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.

Mr and Mr. Hayden Turner and little child of Siloam Springs Ark., are visiting relatives here. We thought it about time for them to move back, but it seems that Arkansas has been too good to them.

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 6c.

CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

Health About Gone

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

TAKE

CARDUI
The Woman's Tonic

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

All Druggists

counter to our own lofty ideals. Southern chivalry has raised womankind to the most lofty pedestal the world knows. No Southern chivalry is not dead, even though it is sometimes misapplied. Every liberty granted to our own beloved women has been handled wisely and well. No where has her political finger left a stain upon the archives of southern history. But with her in power the ideals of Editor Gilliland must change and with him those of like ideals, so we welcome the day of her coming. Editor Gilliland would rule by prejudice, eliminating right and justice. We wonder what sort of a sermon he would preach on "Taxation without representation is unjust."

What in the kingdom do we care about the opinions of the ladies referred to by the Star. They may believe just as we do. They may have placed their faith in Jesus Christ, too, but are we going to renounce the Saviour of the world just because they have accepted his teachings. Prejudice, that guilty scion of hell, bobs up now and then, and always there is an "Angel" of the press to laud its appearance. We make the further statement that Editor Gilliland can ont logically prove a single deterring fact in opposition to woman suffrage. He can presume, and presume. If his historical memory would trace back down the years, he would find the world lopsided on the subject of allowing suffrage to men. He would remember that it was claimed that it would never do for men to get into politics. Why if they did, they would neglect their crops, they would let their wives and children starve, they would always be fighting and squabbling over political preferment, they would bungle things up in such a manner that people couldn't live under their rule. Who is there now who would take the ballot away from men?

How much like the above are the wise ones arguing in opposition to suffrage? Why if women

voted they would have to sit in the jury box with men. Now any one ought to know that a measure of common sense and decency usually is mixed in with at least some of our laws. Well, suffrage is just bound to come, as did prohibition, and we will live under it and enjoy it just the same, even if some people do kick. The kick against progress and advancement is suicidal. Pity it is that all this kicking can not be thrown on the side of constructive thought in order to better deal with and emboble the situation when it comes to hand.

A regular morning operation of the bowels puts you in fine shape for the day's work. If you miss it you feel uncomfortable and cannot put vim into your movements. For all bowel irregularities HERBINE is the remedy. It purifies, strengthens and regulates. Sold by Sanders Drug Co.

W J. Leach left Thursday for Jacksonville where he will be joined by his wife on his way to Campbellville Kentucky, where they will remain about twenty days visiting Mr Leach's mother.

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

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.

BE OF GOOD CHEER

Denton Record-Chronicle: "I hope the women of Texas don't think we returned soldiers were responsible for the defeat of suffrage," said a young Denton soldier just home with his discharge the other day, and bearing honorable wounds of the conflict overseas. "I used to be strongly opposed to the idea of letting women vote. But I don't think any man could have gone

through what we did, and seen what we did in the way of appreciation of the women's part, but who is strongly in favor of letting them vote, and I've never seen a soldier yet who felt any other way about it." This young man's statement is typical; that's the reason it is given.

The women of Texas who sincerely wish to vote have no reason to be cast down by the adverse verdict rendered recently at the polls. The question of women suffrage is almost new in this part of the country and new things, politically speaking, are adopted slowly and by degrees. The soldier above quoted probably never gave three consecutive thoughts to woman suffrage until he came back from France and found it a live topic in his home community. Immediately he decided in favor of admitting women to political partnership with their husbands, sons and brothers. He was moved to this decision, perhaps unconsciously at first, by his experience and observation in the army, where, as he states, woman's part was such as to establish her in his political and personal respect as well as in his previous sentimental consideration. The old bromide concerning woman's inability to "bear arms" has been altogether neutralized by her demonstrated ability to bear the stress of eighteen hours of hard work a day in a hospital or twelve hours a day in a munition factory. The women of America helped win the war as surely and patriotically as the men did, and at this day to reiterate the gibberish concerning woman's inability to bear arms is to commit one self to both absurdity and insincerity. When some State which has woman suffrage shall abandon it, that abandonment will be the signal for the women of other States to feel discouragement. In the meantime they have every right to remain optimistic, for when their time shall be fulfilled they will be born into political equality. And that time, in Texas, is not far away.—Dallas News.

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A "ladies man" is nearly always sure to make a mighty poor husband.

A girl is not satisfied until she is married, and even then she doesn't always remain satisfied.

Nearly every one is proud of his reputation, but he will not suffer it to be placed under a magnifying glass.

Style is many a woman's god. But then, with all its assumed faults, it is a great pity more men do not worship a little bit at the same shrine.

The Abilene Reporter is to be congratulated upon being able to get out such a splendid edition in honor of the boys on their return from overseas service. Quickly, timely, a vast amount of information was gathered and, with the co-operation of the advertisers, the edition proved one worth preserving. We congratulate the Reporter.

The article on "Hindsight and Foresight" that appeared in last week's issue was timely and should provoke much thought. The abundance of feed that is in sight should be preserved against that day when the prolific hand of nature may not be as kind as it is today. Why not prove now that West Texas is not so bad after all. In a good state of cultivation, with good seasons, this land will make as much in one year as other lands will make in three. Let us save. If you didn't read that article, look it up and read it now.

Strange as it may seem, those homes where Christ abides are gloriously sweetened, softened and made tender by the advent of sorrow. The hope that is eternal does not produce bitterness when the ravages of sorrow multiply, but enriches life, ennobles hope and strengthens character. The truly great men and women of the world are those who have bent down beneath the burden of sorrow, only to receive the blessed benediction that can only come through faith built on the foundation of eternity.

Germany thinks she has done a mighty smart thing in scuttling her ships that had not already been turned over to the allies. It is more and more apparent that the war stopped just sixty days too soon. She has aroused a lot of patriotism in destroying these ships. If the peace conference would deal justly with her, it would charge about two prices for the ships destroyed and heap the burden upon Germany's already overburdened shoulders.

Germany has signed the peace treaty. It was a bitter pill, but not quite as bitter as it would have been had she become a vassal of the allies.

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of doctrines. Why should these things be a worry to the Christian world? Are not the evangelical churches of the day worthy of their existence? Have they not been a blessing to mankind? It is not consolidation the world wants, it is a finer sense of co-operation, an exhibit of a higher type of individual character on the part of professed Christians. The world reads character, not the Bible; then if character does not co-ordinate with the Book of all books, then the meaning of the Word of God is lost to sinful men

Unmistakably the star of progress pursues its way. Some men can discern its approach and prepare to meet requirements; others manage to mount the band wagon when the white heat of intelligence permeates their reasoning faculties; still others whose minds are set, who constantly refer to the "good old days," who do not relish progress who do not know that the world moves, who live outside their day, like a balky mule, always pulling back as a hindrance to the onward march of time. . . .

In its issue of June 20 we notice where our former neighbor and co-laborer, W. T. Curtis, has acquired the ownership of The Rising Star X-Ray. Mr. Curtis formerly published the Carbon News, Now the Carbon Messenger, established the Central Messenger at Brownwood and resided in Dallas a number of years. He is a practical newspaper man and we predict for him a full measure of success in that rapidly developing oil center.

The former affable owner, J.J. Gregg, will remain in Rising Star, where he has other business interests. He is enthusiastic about the oil business and has made a little spending money "playing the game." He is mayor of the city, interested in the insurance business and goodness knows what else. In fact he is a well developed newspaper man, and a well developed newspaper man is supposed to be able to do anything from making a political speech up to milking cows. We have a faint intimation that he will milk dividends. Well old man, accept our congratulations. It is not often that a "pencil pusher" is able to retire until his final summons comes and he is compelled to "pass over the river," with a forgiving spirit for all delinquent subscribers.

Vision and Sympathy.

Concluding his address to the Texas Bankers' Association at Galveston, President W. W. Woodson of Waco said:

May God pity the man who has lived through this war and failed to come out richer in sympathy, broader in vision, more

tolerant in spirit, and more unselfish in character than when the war began.

The quotation was snipped from the Texas Bankers' Record. Mr. Woodson said a great deal in one brief sentence. Selfishness is and has always been the besetting sin of men—and women. The hard man, the grasping man whose soul is absorbed in the love of money and the business of money-making is a threat to the stability of whatever government or society he lives in. The hard woman whose heart is calloused with covetousness of fine raiment, opulent equipages, social advertisement, is not only irreligious of mind, but vulgar in character. On the other hand, the narrow miser, the skinflint and the petty oppressor, of either sex, is not only unlovable in person, but a distinct liability to the nation whose laws protect his or her hoard. There is an absolute necessity in every prosperous State for both capital and the capitalist. Where there is no capital the people perish as surely as they perish where there is no vision, and the capitalist is as necessary to the successful functioning of capital as the balance wheel is necessary to the proper functioning of the engine. Also personal economy and personal pride are indispensable virtues in the people; but the greedy capitalist, considerate only of his own gains, and the gaudy women devoted only to conspicuous luxury, are as dangerous to the continuity of democratic government as are the raging fools who seek to bomb their way into rulership. America greatly needs an era of intelligent unselfishness and educated sympathy.—Dallas News.

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Germany Will Sign Peace Treaty.

Berlin, June 22.—Germany will sign the peace treaty of the allied and associated powers. The National Assembly this afternoon, by a vote of 237 to 138, decided to sign. The Assembly also voted confidence in the new government of Herr Bauer, 236 to 89. Sixty-eight members abstained from voting.

On the question of signing the treaty, five members of the Assembly abstained from voting.

Before the vote of confidence was taken, Herr Bauer, the new Premier, declared the Government would sign the treaty, but without acknowledging the responsibility of the German people for the war and without accepting the obligations contained in Articles 227 to 230 in the treaty relating to the trial of the former Emperor and the extradition of other German personages.

John West wired his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. West, that he had landed and was at Camp Mills, expecting an early discharge and arrival home.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE BILL UP

Austin, Tex., June.—A resolution proposing the ratification of the federal woman suffrage amendment was introduced this morning when the special session of the Thirty-Sixth Legislature convened here.

The resolution was referred to the House committee on constitutional amendments. Early action on the measure is anticipated by both houses.

Secretary of State Howard today presented to the presiding officers of both branches of the Legislature a copy of the federal woman suffrage resolution adopted by congress.

The capital is filled today with supporters and opponents who will watch the progress of the resolution with keen interest.

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PROTECTION OF COTTON CROP

Austin, Tex., June 20.—The time for harvesting and selling another crop is fast approaching. There have been some radical changes in world conditions during the past year, and Texas has placed upon her statutes during this time some laws which materially and beneficially affect the handling of cotton.

Before the war, we were selling cotton on an average for 12 cents and sold it as fast as gathered. It taxed the financial ability of the spinners and buyers of foreign countries to buy a year's supply while we gathered the crop. It taxed the ships of the world to their capacity to haul it as fast as we gathered it. The war has greatly lessened the ability of the spinners and buyers in foreign countries to buy and pay cash. They could not buy a year's supply while we are gathering the crop as in the past, even at 12 cents. Then how can we expect them to do so under present conditions at 35 or 40 cents? There are not as many ships in the world for hauling freight now as there was before the war by millions of tons. We can clearly see that it is a physical impossibility to sell and ship the coming crop as fast as gathered. We must remember cotton exporters buy very little cotton unless they can sell it, and they cannot sell unless they can ship. If they do buy and hold a small amount they cannot pay as much for it as they would if they could ship readily. It does not require a cotton expert, banker, or politician to see that the South can not

follow the practice of selling her cotton as fast as gathered, unless she does so to speculators at pre-war prices of 10 or 12 cents. The most illiterate can see that it is an impossibility to maintain prices near the cost of production and attempt to sell the next several crops as fast as gathered. All agree prices must be maintained to prevent bankruptcy as the crop has been very expensive to make.

Many farmers are in debt to banks and merchants who need their money. They would like to collect their debts as fast as cotton is gathered and the farmers would like to pay. But we have a condition confronting us which is no theory or dream. It is the result of a world war, and we must not feel that because hostilities have ceased normal conditions have returned. They have not and will not for several years and we all hope that so far as prices of cotton are concerned they never will.

The last Legislature of Texas enacted some wise laws which will enable those in debt to meet their obligations without selling their cotton and without throwing the banks in a strain or danger. In the past there was no law in Texas whereby warehouses and cotton yards must issue negotiable warehouse receipts, or receipts which would pass from one person to another, because of the guarantee of the State behind it.

The Weights and Measures law provides that every person weighing for the public must give bond to the State for correct weighing. The Uniform Ware-

house receipts act provides that if a farmer takes his cotton to a cotton yard or warehouse and calls for a negotiable receipt, the manager of such yard or house must issue him such receipt which must state the weight and grade of the bale of cotton. Bond is also required to be given the State that the bale has been correctly graded and will be protected from damage or loss. This law places a bonded weigher and grader in every market place in the State.

Thus a small bank can make loans to farmers on cotton and if it gets overloaded, the receipts can be passed on to the Reserve Bank or other large banks, trust companies, or individuals who have money to loan on the safest of collateral. This should be of special advantage to the country bank, since the Comptroller has ruled that Section 5200 of the National Banking Laws will be strictly enforced, which prohibits a bank from loaning more than 10 per cent of its capital and surplus to one person or firm. The bank's deposits can be loaned to the farmer in place of to the speculator, which is much safer to the banks. It will aid materially in preventing more cotton from going on the market than can be shipped, and thus maintain prices and prevent slumps.

With the above conditions and changes confronting us, our bank merchant, and farmer should lose no time in getting ready for fall conditions and prevent inconvenience to their business. The \$100,000,000 Export Finance Corporation which is being organiz-

ed is no doubt one of the things we need, and I hope it will be organized, but it may not get into operation before the latter part of the season. We should prepare to take care of the situation until it is ready to do its function.

Cotton is the property of the farmer. It is his duty to finance and protect it, and maintain a profitable price. Since the merchant and bankers are partners of the farmer, and benefitted by profitable prices, it is their duty to aid him as far as they can to maintain such prices, which will require cooperative effort. Let us strip this cooperation of all the unnecessary burden to any one so far as we can to accomplish the desired results.

FRED W. DAVIS,
Commissioner of Agriculture.

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Recently we approached a farmer living near Deport and asked him to subscribe for The Times. He replied that he could get a large St. Louis paper for 50 cents a year, and that our four-page sheet wasn't worth a dollar. Maybe not. But this little four page sheet told the world of his marriage to one of the finest girls in the land, chronicled the birth of his children, told of the happy birthday dinners in that home, the visits of his dear friends in that home and of the visits of himself and family. And some day when he makes a journey to that "undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns," the editor of this little four-page sheet will write of the deeds done in the body. In the meantime this good farmer, who thinks so much of that great St. Louis paper, can only get his name in that sheet by committing suicide or murder. —Deport Times.

Yes, and perhaps some day he may fall down and break his leg, and you will fall to put it in your paper! However, the objective of the good farmer is not to get his name in that "great St. Louis paper." That paper probably sends him a "bulldog edition," printed forty eight hours before the date which it appears to be, and therefore filled up with dope that can be written ahead of time and printed any old time. The man to whom the local four-page sheet, or whatever size the local sheet, may be, isn't worth the subscription price, is the same man who prefers far-off mail order houses, merely because they seem "big" and are distant, rather than the local store, or the establishment within his own state. The "great St. Louis," and every other great sheet, is to its local community what the "four-page sheet" is to its town and county. The big sheet presents the news of the world and of the nation and of the state. It gives to readers through a wide territory information of importance that the "four-page sheet" cannot present to them. But the great sheet cannot fill the field of the local paper any more than the local paper can compete with the city daily. Your farmer friend makes two mistakes—first in not subscribing for his home paper, and next in sending so far away for his paper that he receives a "bulldog" edition, predated and camouflaged as to a date it does not represent. What he needs is the Deport Times and The News. —State Press in Dallas News.

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Cotton Ascends To New Price Levels

New Orleans, La., June 22.—A favorable view of political events and continued unsatisfactory weather conditions in the belt put the price of cotton last week to new high levels for the present. Highest prices carried the market 152 to 192 points over the close of the preceding week. Last prices showed net gains of 101 to 130 points.

Contributing to the strength of the market were the large exports and the very favorable accounts from the dry goods markets of this country and of England. Exports this week were 157,841 bales, against 90,337 this week last year, bringing the total for the season thus far up to 4,810,208 bales, against 3,884,583 during the same period last season.

This week the political situation abroad is bound to be the dominating factor, at first at any rate. Should politics settle down the attention of the trade would be diverted to weather and crop conditions, as Wednesday will be the end of the second condition period of the season. The report on this period will be issued July 1, accompanied by figures on the acreage and the first official tentative crop estimate this year.

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."

Building Nests For Hens.

Nests should be situated in a more or less dark place, for then the hens will be less apt to eat the eggs. A good place is directly beneath the roost platform, with the nests so arranged that the hen enters from the side toward the wall. Each nest should be from 12 to 14 inches square, and high enough to be convenient for the hen to enter. The partitions between the nests should be high enough to prevent the hens from rolling the eggs from one nest to another, and low enough to permit hens to go from one nest to another, otherwise they will fight, and the eggs will be broken. Fine hay or straw makes a good nesting material.

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.

Burning by Germans of French Flags is Violation of Treaty

Paris, June 24.—Word of the burning of certain French battle flags by the Germans has been received here. Peace conference opinion is apparently unanimous that this is a distinct violation of the peace treaty inasmuch as that document stipulated that the flags should be returned to France by Germany. It is probable that a commission will be appointed to consider taking action in the matter.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Miss Fannie Pearl Moore of Fort Worth is spending the week with homefolks.

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Frank Armstrong came home Saturday from Simmons to spend the week-end with his parents. He was accompanied by Messrs. James Sample, Stanley Melton and Clayborne Harvey.

Car of blacksmith coal just received at the Crown Hardware Company

Miss Pauline Mahaffey had as her week-end guests: Misses Katharine Hall, Mary Pearre, Pearl Crawford and Louinia McDaniel of Abilene.

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

Mrs. Brown, sister of Mrs. J. W. Teaff, and G. J. Jones, who has been visiting the two latter for several weeks, left for her home Monday.

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

Asa Lowe, who has been visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs. J. N. Teaff, left Thursday evening for his home in Louisiana.

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

Miss Irene Swann leaves Saturday morning for Chicago, where she will attend the Art Institute for about six weeks. She will be accompanied as far as Dallas by Vena Mae Jackson, who will visit her grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Jackson for a few weeks.

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

G. J. Jones purchased a new Studebaker 6, from the local agent, Geo McDonald.

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.

Mr and Mrs J. W. Grafford left Thursday morning for Centralia, Mo., where Mr. Grafford goes to look after his extensive farming interests. They will only be away a few days.

Thrashed maize for chick feed at G. M. Sharp's Grocery Store.

Mrs. J. T. Pue's brother, Mr. Page, who has just returned from oversea service, is visiting her for a few weeks.

G. E. Ellington of Ranger spent several days this week with his family here.

Wm. and Yates Brown attended the show in Abilene Monday evening.

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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 as established by order of the Commissioners Court this county, of date the 12th of February, 1914, which is corded in Book G pages 74 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 denominated of \$100 each numbered consecutively from one to twenty four both inclusive, payable twenty years from their date, and bearing five 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 commissioner's court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually while said bonds of any of them are outstanding, a tax upon all taxable property within 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 this the 4th day of June, 1919.

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

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

TRENT NEWS

On account of so much rain the farmers are getting behind with their work. Some of the wheat and oats are beginning to rot in the shock and unless we have some dry weather there will be a great deal of the grain lost. The thrasher is here ready to begin work, but up to date there has been no threshing done.

Several of the soldier boys returned last week. All of the boys look well and healthy. They certainly were glad to get back home after their stay in France, and we are proud to have them back with us. They don't seem to want to talk very much about what they endured, but from what little they do say about the war we realize that they suffered a great deal from cold and hunger.

The Trent singing class met last Sunday. New officers were elected. Mr. John Burkett was elected president; Miss Dorris Hammer secretary; and Mr. Lee Pribble and Joe Nalley, leaders. The class will meet again Sunday July 6, at the Methodist church. We would be glad to see a good crowd present. Let every one who cares for singing come and bring some one with you.

Mr and Mrs. Peoples of Bonham are visiting the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs. I. S. Simpson, also her sister, Mrs. Tedford.

Mr and Mrs. Geo Gafford returned home Sunday from Cisco and Baird where they have been visiting.

Miss Ella Mae Joyce and Miss Nell Patton spent the week end in Sweetwater

Claud Rosson, came in Sunday. He served a little over a year in the navy, spending much of his time in Alaska.

Miss Bertha Johnston of the White Flat community came in Saturday afternoon to spend the summer with her parents. She has been away the past winter and spring, teaching expression.

The oil business is progressing rather slowly. Since the derrick has been erected nothing more has been done about it. The people have quit talking oil so much and are now talking about the fine crops.

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.

Miss Clara Moore has been confined to her bed for some five weeks, suffering with rheumatism. She is improving slowly.

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

Mrs. A. C. Rose and children returned Saturday from an extended visit to the home of Mr and Mrs Hayden Turner at Siloam Springs, also to the home of her father at Winthrop, Ark.

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NEWS FROM ROUTE 3

As it has been some time since I have seen any news from Route 3, though I would try to drop a few lines.

The farmers are very busy harvesting their grain. The crops are fine and most everybody is pretty well up with their work.

Misses Ruth and Altha Boden are spending the week on the farm.

Misses Leva Tittle and Vera Jinkens of Merkel spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Thornton.

Mr and Mrs. Eliza Massey entertained the young folks with a singing at their home last Sunday night. A large crowd was present and all reported a nice time.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely. Let every body come and take part.

Joe Reidenbough of Eastland has come home to help his father run his thrasher.

Elsie Roland had a fine two year old billy to die Sunday night.

Misses Annie Lec Roland, Leva Tittle, Vera Jinkens and Messrs Lee Campbell and Marion Boden went up on the mountains Sunday afternoon and report a most pleasant trip.

Little George Curb is on the

sick list this week. We all hope he will soon be up again.

Mr and Mrs Carl Robbins spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr and Mrs. Walter Hatherway.

Mr and Mrs. Gorden Alexander visited relatives in Warren pasture Saturday night.

Frank and Loyd Alexander spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs. Sam Alexander of Warren pasture.

Mr and Mrs. Neal Sargent and family visited Mr and Mrs. Elizie Massey last Sunday.

Jim Slapes went north of Merkel with his thrasher this week.

Mrs. M. E. Baucus and family spent the day with Mr and Mrs. Walter Hathaway Sunday.

We appreciate this nice letter from Route 3. Hope they come again, and extend an invitation to the other Route's to come in also.

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

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