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GRAIN RECEIPTS ARE RUNNING UP

Very little grain has been shipped from Merkel the past two weeks, on account of the rain, which temporarily put the thrashers out of business and on account of a car shortage. So far 64 cars of wheat and 36 cars of oats have been shipped from Merkel, representing a value of \$200,000. It will take about two weeks to finish thrashing grain, and from the present indications the value of the grain crop yet to be shipped will be \$100,000, making a total of \$300,000 for the immediate Merkel country, outside of that shipped from Trent, Blair and Tye.

Grain has been the salvation of this country this year. It was the earliest money crop that could be raised, and the yield has been fully up to expectations.

The farmers are busy heading maize and taking care of other feed crops. Some are even offering one-half of the crops to get them headed. Barn room is exceedingly short and the farmers are having to stack their feed in order to preserve it. They are being urged to hold it for better prices or not sell it at all. Most of the people will keep a two years supply of feed.

The rain is bringing the cotton out in shape. A big yield is assured. Very little, if any, damage is reported from worms or other insects. Cotton picking will begin in earnest within another week or ten days. Good prices will be given for picking, and those who wish to assist in this work and who reside in other portions of the country will do well to come early and get the best available accommodations. From the acreage planted, the largest yield in the history of this country can reasonably be expected.

Receives Red Cross Service Pins

Red Cross service pins were received by Mesdames H. F. Greene, R. L. Bland and Geo. Brown the past week. The pins consist of a gold bar pin from which the service pin is suspended by a blue ribbon.

These pins represent heroic service on the part of these women. They were awarded to those attending the work room the greatest number of times and also working the greatest number of hours. Not all of the privation and work was done by the boys at the front, but these women, together with a large number of other women gathered day after day to work for the boys at the front. These women often went when they were tired, many times when they were sick and all the time at the neglect of their duties, but never a murmur or complaint was heard from them. They readily responded to every call, and when necessary, never hesitated to work early and late. Their service was a real service in the time of need, and the honor that is theirs is deserving and every loyal citizen honors them in great appreciation.

New Automobile Agency

A new automobile agency has been established in Merkel by Booth Warren and Davis Beasley representing the Hudson-Essex Motor Car Company. One or two samples have already been received and a car load is expected within a few days. Large and commodious quarters have been established in the Beasley building. The agents state that no pains will be spared in demonstration work to show the Hudson and Essex cars off to good advantage. They are high class cars, and both parties expect to do a fine business.

DEATH OF BANDIT AMERICANS RETURN

Marfa, Texas, Aug. 25.—Camp routine was resumed today by troops of the American punitive expedition, who marched out of Mexico last night. Air planes resumed their regular patrols along the border.

An airplane was sent up the Conchos River to search for the machine wrecked when Lieutenant Paul H. Davis and Lieut. Harold C. Peterson landed near Falomir previous to their capture by bandits.

Ranchers and Texas Rangers from settlements along the Rio Grande reported much ill-feeling among the civilian population of small towns across the river. They said the search for the bandits and military operations in Mexico had intensified the bitter feeling which many natives on the Mexican side, who are in sympathy with the bandits and have been for many years. Further depredations are feared by American ranchers, although border patrols have been strengthened along the Rio Grande in this district.

Jesus Renteria Killed.

Major James P. Yancey, commander of the American punitive expedition, told the Associated Press today that he considered the report authentic that Jesus Renteria, bandit leader, had been shot and killed from an American airplane last Tuesday.

American aviators made Renteria pay in full for his treatment of Lieut. H. C. Peterson and Lieut. Paul Davis, held for ransom by the Mexican, when Lieut. R. H. Cooper killed Renteria from an airplane, according to Major Yancey. Captain Leonard Matlack and Lieut. Peterson who returned from Mexico last night.

Lieut. Peterson arrived late yesterday and reported that Renteria was the man killed from the air by Lieut. Cooper, who with Lieutenant Frank Estill, his pilot, returned the fire of three Mexicans, who shot at their plane while the Americans, who were on scout patrol last Tuesday.

Slim Olivas, one of Renteria's band and another bandit passed through Cerando ranch Wednesday, leading a wounded horse. Olivas told the ranch owner that Renteria had been killed by aviators in Navarrete Canyon, according to Captain Matlack's statement today.

The bandit was slain at a point fifteen miles south of Candelaria. "We got what we believed to be confirmation of the reports of the killing of Jesus Renteria by Lieut. R. H. Cooper," Major Yancey said. "Mexicans on the trail told us of the report and others near Coyame confirmed it."

"First reports of the killing of Renteria were brought to the border last night by Lieut. H. C. Peterson, one of the American aviators held by the bandit for ransom."

Troops Are Withdrawn

Major Yancey also confirmed the statement made by Lieut. Peterson that a night patrol of American troops came upon a large patrol of Carranza troops near Coyame Saturday night while pursuing Apolino Renteria, brother of the bandit leader and the pursuit was abandoned. The American patrol returned to the camp of the expeditionary troops for a conference. At this conference, Major Yancey said a decision was reached to withdraw Sunday, as the Americans had been unable to locate the hot trail.

The troops after riding for hours in a heavy rainstorm began at 11 o'clock to cross the riv-

THE LIFE WORTH WHILE

The bush puts forth its dainty rose,
To lighten the hearts of man it grows;
The giant oak, proud in its strength it stands,
As changes of weather it braves, and commands
Respect for its vigor and beauty blended.

The Savior, His mission performed from birth,
An example true to the children of earth,
Of the heights to which they all might climb,
If filled with purpose and love sublime;
That all in the world, e'en plants in the sod,
Could learn thro' His life the will of God.

Each man and each woman has some rare gift,
Which might, if developed, the world uplift.
Each one has a mission, some deeds to perform;
With happiness only when he shall conform
To the law of his nature, find his life work, and then
Give unto the world the best that he can.
Such is the life worth while.

One gives to the people their grandest song,
Another becomes a speaker strong;
Into each soul a desire He instills.
And yet another the soil will till,
With science deep, from nature's breast,
He brings choice gifts, to the world his best.
This is a life worth while.

Oh friend look down, deep into your soul,
And there you may find the hidden goal;
Gaze deep for the talent God hath given,
For which all in this world so long hath striven.
Bring it forth and you will receive in return
That, joy, peace and love for which you yearn,
And thus live the life worth while.

—By BESSIE CAMP.

er at Rocky Ford, seven miles from Ruidosa. The main column was delayed for two hours because of the hard rains.

The cavalry troops slept under roofs last night for the first time since last Monday, when the expedition was formed.

During the six days that American forces were below the border, four bandits were killed by the troops and another by air men, while nine bandits are reported to have been captured at Coyame by Carranza soldiers. The captured bandits are said to have been members of the Renteria band.

SOLDIERS REDEEM THEMSELVES

Washington, Aug. 21.—An exchange of letters today between President Wilson and Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, revealed the redemption of two boy soldiers sentenced to die after a courtmartial in France for sleeping on outpost duty, but later pardoned by the President. The letters which tell the story, are as follows:

"My Dear Mr. President: You will recall that early in 1918 four death sentences were presented to you from France; two

for disobedience of orders, you remitted to terms of imprisonment, and two young boys, Sebastian and Cook, who were convicted of sleeping on outpost duty, you fully pardoned.

"It will interest you to know that upon restoration to duty both made good soldiers. Sebastian died in battle in the Aisne offensive in July, 1918. Cook was wounded in the same battle and restored to health in time to fight in the Meuse Argonne battle, when he again fought gallantly and was the second time wounded. He has now been restored to health through medical attention and has been honorably discharged from the service.

Respectfully yours,
Newton D. Baker.

"My Dear Mr. Baker: Thank you for your thoughtfulness in telling me about the records made by Sebastian and Cook, the two youngsters who were pardoned for sleeping on outpost duty. It is very delightful to know that they redeemed themselves so thoroughly, and it was very thoughtful of you to give me the pleasure of learning about it.

Cordially and faithfully
Woodrow Wilson.

BETRAYER OF EDITH CAVELL ON TRIAL

Paris, Aug. 27.—Almost every allied sympathizer in Brussels Gaston Quien, alleged betrayer who came in contact with George of Edith Cavell was soon arrested and condemned by the Germans, according to the president of the court which is trying him. Among those mentioned by the president was Father Bonsteels, who believing Quiens was honestly aiding allied soldiers to escape gave him a railroad map which showed the latest German modifications. Father Bonsteels was soon sentenced to twelve years imprisonment. It was declared that Quiens had asked Madame Van Dame to aid two young persons to escape and that she directed them to the frontier and sent another lady with them as a guide. The four were jailed and condemned by the Germans.

Quien admitted having seen Miss Cavell on July 26, after he had visited the home of Madame Bodart and that Jean Maes accosted him in the street. There was read into the record a statement that Maes was in the pay of the Germans.

Madame Bondart gave Quien a package to be left at the home of Madame Machiel. He admitted he knew it contained maps for the use of persons attempting to escape from the country.

It was pointed out by the prosecution that one of these maps had caused Madame Bodart to be condemned by a German court martial.

Another Good Rain.

The rain this week amounted to 2/5 of an inch in Merkel, reaching as high as two inches a few miles away. The past two weeks have been fine on cotton. The hot weather and hot winds were doing considerable damage to cotton, but a top crop is expected and the yield will likely be enormous.

Sheppard Will Not Debate With Bailey In Texas

Washington, Aug. 14.—Senator Sheppard will not go to Texas to meet former Senator Bailey in a point debate on the League of Nations and so informed people in Texas who had communicated with him upon the subject by telegraph today. Senator Sheppard said that his duties in Washington made it imperative that he remain here to attend to pending legislation. He added that he could be of more service to the country by remaining here and voting for the League of Nations than by discussing the proposition on the stump in Texas.

LAST SPEEDING NOTICE

Positively speeding on the streets of Merkel must stop. We have tried to be lenient in this matter. We have warned the speeders time and again. Some complaint has been made against the delivery boys speeding. The time has come when this thing must stop. No leniency will be given hereafter for speeding, open mufflers and other violations of the traffic laws. The law must be enforced. Thoughtless boys have been running by houses where there are sick people greatly disturbing them. Most of the speeding is done at night. Steps are being taken to stop it.

J. J. Stallings, Mayor.

American Beauty flour and meal are the best and are for sale by Crown Hardware Company.

THE BUTMAN WELL HAS SPURRED IN

As we go to press word comes that the Butman well has just spudded in. The Sinclair people are said to be back of the operations, and it is their custom to push operations to the utmost. They have a complete outfit, a good force and expect to sink a well in short order.

Sears Well Placing Casing

The Sears well is reducing casing from eight to six inches. The last report is that the drill is in pencil slate. They expect to have the casing set and start the drill at once. Interest is at white heat, some acreage is selling and the promoters say they expect a gusher at any time.

Work Moving Smoothly At The Bland Well

Night and day the massive engine at the Bland well is doing its utmost. The drill is rapidly biting into the earth. Over 1000 feet have been drilled. The drillers are delighted with the progress made and report a fine soil formation. They think they will not have to go much deeper before they strike something of a very interesting nature.

FRENCH MILITARY COURT TESTIMONY ACCUSES GERMANS

Lille, France, Aug. 20.—Evidence adduced before a French military court inquiring into the crimes committed by the Germans during the occupation indicates that a charge of murder may be brought against von Heinrich, former military governor of Lillie.

The widows of two men shot by the Germans testified that after their husbands were sentenced to death von Heinrich authorized the lawyers to appeal the cases to the emperor. While the appeal was pending von Heinrich ordered the men executed.

Testimony heard against von Zoline former quartermaster at Charleville, showed he was responsible for the deportation of girls from Lille.

Dr. Van Henderhny, living near Lille, told the court that his 19 year old son was killed by a German soldier with a bayonet on orders from Captain LaBelafe. The doctor further testified that this captain and the German governors of Lille and Roubiax were responsible for torturing French youths in German camps.

A BARGAIN DAY FOR YOU

Uncle Sam has a bargain day again. It is Saturday, August 30, which is the last day on which War Savings Stamps can be purchased for \$4.19. This is also the last chance to get \$100 Registered Treasury Savings Certificates for \$83.80 and \$1,000 Registered Treasury Savings Certificates for \$838. The price of War Savings Stamps advances to \$4.20 on September 1st, that of \$100 Registered Treasury Savings Certificates to \$84 and of \$1,000 Registered Treasury Savings Certificates to \$840.

As the cashable value of War Savings Stamps and Registered Treasury Savings Stamps also automatically advances with the price, those you have already purchased this year are worth that much more. The longer you hold them, the more they're worth.

Buy this week. Don't put off getting those War Savings Stamps or Registered Treasury Savings Certificates longer than Saturday. If you do, you are simply beating yourself out of that much interest. It's not what you make but what you save that counts. Save that interest.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOR SALE—5 young work mules, at my place. C. E. Jacobs. tfe

HELP WANTED—To gather crop. Good house, water and wood. Every thing handy W. E. Petty, Route 4, Merkel Tex. tf

WANTED—At once a large family to gather maize and pick a hundred acres of good cotton. House and water furnished. I also have farms for rent. S. F. HAYNES 29tf.

FOR SALE QUICK

Kitchen cabinet in good order; a monkey stove with baking drum; a Wilson hot blast heater in good shape; an ancient kitchen safe; and a bunch of chickens of various and sundry ages and breeds. Want all I can get out of them by Monday night. These are bargains. Look 'em over. See E. E. Dawson.

FOR SALE—Good horse, also Remington typewriter. Phone 234. 22t2p.

LOST—Bay mare mule, 15 hands high, right fore foot has wire cut. Scar on left hip. One shoe on right fore foot. Finder please notify Merkel Mail. R. H. White.

WANTED—Either Automatic Remington or Winchester shotgun No. 12. Any one having gun please leave at Merkel Mail for inspection, or see B. N. Billingsley. 29t4c.

FOR SALE—Hogs and horses at the Boney Wagon Yard. This yard will be open for fall use. E. M. Harris, Prop. 29t1p

Grapes, Grapes, Grapes
Have lots of grapes now for sale. State Center Nurseries, Clyde, Texas. 22t2c.

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Merkel, Texas

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If prompt, efficient and accommodating service appeals to you and you have not given us a trial, start an account today. You will eventually, why not now?

Ask our Customers

A. Criswell Drops Dead
The Noodle community was greatly shocked to learn of the sudden death of A. Criswell at his home in that section last Friday evening. Mr. Criswell was an oldtimer in that neighborhood. He was highly esteemed as a citizen and greatly loved as a neighbor. He was a consecrated member of the Methodist church. Funeral services were held by Rev. W. M. Murrell Sunday afternoon, interment taking place immediately afterwards in Rose Hill cemetery. He is survived by four sons and one daughter, all of whom were present, except one, who is in Wyoming. His wife preceded him to the grave by several years. To the surviving members of the family we extend our sincere sympathy.

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

R. B. Valentine and family have moved back to the Merkel Country from Cleveland, Texas.

In every home where there is a baby there should also be a bottle of Mc.GEE'S BABY ELIXIR. It may be needed at any time to correct sour stomach, win colic, diarrhoea or summer complaint. It is a wholesome remedy, contains no opium, morphine or injurious drug of any kind. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Blue Ribbon Herd Leaves
The Blue Ribbon herd of C.M. Largent left Wednesday for Topeka, Kan., in charge of Willie Joe. There are 24 head in the herd. The fair at Topeka closes September 13. From there they will go to the show at Hutchinson, Kan., then to the fair at Oklahoma City, then to Muskogee, winding up at the Dallas State Fair in October. Mr. Largent stated that he had the best herd he had ever sent to a fair and expected the usual quota of blue ribbons.

An Old Fault Finder

An irritable and fault finding disposition is often caused by indigestion. A man with good digestion and bowels that act regularly is usually good natured. When troubled with indigestion or constipation take Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They also cause a gentle movement of the bowels.

As we go to press the pleasing word comes that Alva Bland, who has been so seriously sick for several weeks, is on the road to rapid recovery. He has been free of fever several days and is gaining strength rapidly.

Miss Ida Meeks has accepted a position with The Merkel Dry Goods Company.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive, Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

You Can Begin Earning That Hand-Grenade Savings Bank Now



- BOYS and GIRLS may obtain one of those War Relics by Earning and Saving money and buying at least One War Savings Stamp.
- ADULTS may obtain one of these Souvenirs by saving and buying Three or more War Savings Stamps.
- War Savings Stamps already bought will not be counted toward getting the Grenade—only those War Savings Stamps bought from now on.
- These unique "Weapons of Peace" will soon be ready for distribution. Those who earn them FIRST will get them. The number is Limited.
- For information call at

Farmers and Merchants National Bank

LOCAL NEWS

Cecil Hamilton, T. & P. operator of Sweetwater, visited the T. & P. force here Tuesday. He is just back from London, Eng., where he worked in a cable office, said to be the biggest in the world, as operator.

Fresh honey at G. M. Sharp's Grocery Company.

G. A. Tipton of Waco has accepted a position with The Barrow Furniture Company. He expects to move his family here in the near future.

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Milligan and son and daughter of Cherokee county are moving back to Merkel.

Mrs. Elmore Agnew of Big Springs is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnson.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

Loring Hamblett has accepted a position as salesman with The Merkel Dry Goods Company.

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

Mrs. F. Y. Gaither has gone to Carter Okla., to visit her parents for some weeks.

A Traveling Man's Experience.

You may learn something from the following by W. H. Ireland, a traveling salesman of Louisville, Ky., "In the summer of 1888 I had a severa attack of cholera morbus. I gave the hotel porter fifty cents and told him to buy me a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy and to take no substitute. I took a double dose of it according to the directions and went to sleep. At five o'clock and took a train for my next stopping place a well man."

Here Men and Women!!

Your September buying will be at lowest prices that you are likely to see for a year at least, and perhaps for two.

Your September Buying
BE SURE TO BUY Shirts, Overalls, Pants, Jumpers, Domestic, Percale, Outings, Underwear, Wool Dress Goods, Shoes, Hosiery, etc.

Don't let any one fool you

The Brown D. G. Co.

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Tennie Griffin, of the United Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Houston, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. S. Swann, and family.

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

Ocie Burns, Misses Jewel Pate and Charlie Post have accepted positions with the Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Old friends we can now furnish you with fresh cake flour. E. L. Rogers.

J. H. Homes and John Smith of Medill, Lamar county, have rented land in the Merkel community and will move here as soon as they can dispose of their crops.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Druggists refund money if FAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Blood, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 50c.

Mrs. Ida Lee of Arizona, aunt of Mrs. N. Hancock, has accepted a position with the Metropolitan Cafe and Bakery. She is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Hancock.

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 CHILD 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. Worms will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

Yates Brown is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Brown.

Surgeons agree that in cases of cuts, burns, bruises and wounds the first treatment is most important. When an efficient antiseptic is applied promptly, there is no danger of infection and the wound begins to heal at once. For use on man or beast, Borozone is the Ideal Antiseptic and Healing Agent. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

PLAN TO REPEAT ATTACK OF 1916

Railway Employees' Chiefs Appear at Washington With New Threat to Congress.

ASK \$1,000,000,000 MORE PAY.

Also Demand Nationalization of Other Industries, Following Example of Russian Soviets.

Washington.—It is just three years since the four leaders of the railway brotherhoods, having refused arbitration of their demands, sat in the gallery of the United States Senate and held their watches on the Senators while the memorable vote was being taken on the Adamson Law that gave them \$50,000,000 additional wages a year. When the vote was counted and announced the four labor chiefs rushed out to the telegraph office and withdrew the order for a nation-wide strike.

That such a scene may be again enacted on a much greater scale is indicated by the startling developments at the nation's capital in the past few days. Now the 350,000 men in the brotherhoods have been joined by more than a million other railroad workers—shopmen, trackmen, telegraphers, clerks, station agents—and the demands are many times what they were three years ago.

A Thousand Million Dollars.
On top of a thousand million dollars of added wages granted by the Government in the past year and a half, the allied workers are asking for another increase of a thousand million dollars.

But more than this, this great body of railroad employees has served an ultimatum on the Government that all the railroads of the country must be taken away from their owners and turned over to the employees to be operated by them on a communistic profit-sharing plan.

The plan is as daring as any conceived by the Russian Bolsheviks, and behind it is the threat of a nation-wide strike, with the leaders of the men sitting in the Senate gallery, watches in hand, counting the vote.

To Tie Up All Transportation.
"We will tie up the railroads so that they will never run again if we do not get what we want," announced one of the labor spokesmen, standing within a stone's throw of the Capitol, and this amazing announcement, like an ultimatum from a leader of the Russian Soviet, was instantly flashed over the telegraph wires to every part of the country.

Since the first Brotherhood bombshell exploded in Washington at the end of July, the fact has leaked out that the brotherhoods are gathering a propaganda fund of \$10,000,000 for an intensive drive on Congress. Three million dollars, it is announced, has already been collected from the members of the unions. This will be used in campaign work in the Congressional districts, with the purpose of enlisting the votes of the members of Congress, or of defeating them for re-election if they do not vote as the brotherhoods dictate. Money will also be lavishly spent, it is stated, in sending speakers throughout the country to stir up the enthusiasm of organized labor for the brotherhood plan of communistic railroad operation.

"Nationalizing" All Industry
"If we don't get what we want out of this Congress we will put this Congress out and put another one in that will give us what we want," is the matter-of-fact announcement of the central propaganda office of the brotherhoods in Washington.

Back of the immediate purpose to gain control of the railroads is an even deeper scheme to gain control of all great industries, taking them from their owners and putting them under the direct management of the organized workers, as has been done in Russia, and as they are attempting to do in Germany and Austria.

The reports of the United States Railroad administration show that the Government, since it took over the roads in December, 1917, has increased railroad wages by considerably more than a thousand million dollars, and about \$500,000,000 a year is being taken out of the National Treasury to meet the deficit caused by the great increase in labor cost.

Big Wage Increases.
The principal advances in wages have been: To shopmen, \$360,000,000; to unskilled labor, \$225,000,000; to the train brotherhoods, \$200,000,000; to clerks, \$125,000,000; to telegraph and station agents, \$100,000,000; to miscellaneous classes, \$110,000,000.

All of these groups are now demanding additional increases of from 30 to 50 per cent. When the Government took control of the roads the average earnings of all railroad workers, including several hundred thousand unskilled workers, was \$1,000 a year. The average is now more than \$1,500 and the new demands would raise it to \$2,000.

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

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

We have just a few HOOSIERS

on hand at present, but we are expecting a shipment every day. The new ones will be \$5 more than the ones we have now. You had better come quick and get one and

Save the Five Dollars

HOOSIER

— the Kitchen Cabinet that saves miles of steps



Furniture Prices Going Up

YOU HAD BETTER BUY NOW

Within the past two weeks we have been notified by all the factories and wholesale houses of an advance on all furniture of from 10 to 15 per cent. Owing to advanced cost of raw material and shortening of working hours, from ten to eight hours per day, they advise that there will be further advances.

Our stock is yet fairly complete and our present prices will stand until we have to replenish. We would be glad if you would take advantage of our present stock and prices.

Barrow Furniture Co.

Mrs. Lona Mabry, sister of Mrs. Geo. Boyce, returned to her home at Beaumont a few days ago.

Fresh eggs wanted at the Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Mr and Mrs. E. W. Permyer are visiting in Eastland.

Fresh cake flour now at E. L. Rogers.

Mesdames T. M. Bounds and T. J. Daniels of Wichita Falls are visiting their sister, Mrs. W. L. Meeks who is real sick at her home. Mrs. S. B. Lesley of Hamlin has returned home after spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Meeks.

Fresh eggs wanted at the Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Car of fresh Peace Maker flour at G.M. Sharps.

Shorts and Bran at G. M. Sharps.

Miss Grace Counts of El Paso is spending a few weeks with home folks and friends here.

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

Leave. Dead Soldiers In France
Washington, Aug. 20.—General Pershing in a cablegram to the war department expressed the opinion that the bodies of American soldiers who died abroad should be left near where they fell.

"I believe if these soldiers could speak for themselves they would wish to remain undisturbed, where, with their comrades, they fought the last fight," he said.

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LEAVING MERKEL

To the good people of Merkel and the Merkel community:

I take this opportunity to thank you again and again for the many acts of generosity, patronage and support given me since I have been a citizen of your community. I have traveled from ocean to ocean and visited in foreign lands, but I have never in all my life met a people with more generosity, kindness and hospitality than you have shown me and my family. For integrity and dependability I match you against the wide world. Every one has been good to us and has made us happy in a thousand different ways. Your encouragement and support, as well as special help all during the long and dreary drouth absolutely kept us living, as one dear good woman said to me one day that it looked as if though we would all starve, but "Don't give up, it is sure to rain and we will all make it through." From what she said, my courage was renewed and this same family was one among the first after the rains came to come in and pay me every penny due. I say again, everybody, every one of you, have been good to me and to my family, and we love you every day and shall always do so. Let me say right here a more noble set of gentlemen ever lived than your doctors. Bless your heart, they have come to my assistance time after time at all hours and in all circumstances and rendered me aid and advice that helped me to stay death and abate untold suffering. Better, broader and more noble men never lived than they. I can say the same for your druggists, bankers, merchants and all your business men. They have helped me hundreds of times and made the hard places easy for us and we shall always love them. The managers and operators of your various public enterprises, city officials, and especially the editor of your paper, who has labored so abundantly upon the side of justice and morality to build a greater and better Merkel. All of you have been especially nice and courteous to us, for which we are under lasting obligations. From the mountains upon the south to the shinary upon the north, and from the Fisher county line upon the west to Bull Wagon creek upon the east, I have support, patronage and hospitality and in our hearts the camp fires of love and friendship shall every be kept burning for you, and lastly let me say we have had the best neighbors on earth, no exceptions. Let me add just this one thing; if my services suited and pleased you, even just one of you, then I feel that I have achieved a victory and I am a happy man. If they have not, I do not censure myself, for I did my best always and at all times and though my efforts may have been a failure and my faults and mistakes numbered with the sands of the seashore, my intentions were pure and my aims were right.

I am leaving this week to join my brother and shall be associated with him for a while, I do not know how long. My association with him will be in sanitarium work in San Antonio, Texas, and if any one of you comes to San Antonio, remember the latch string to my door shall always be on the outside to you. If, when my brother's health is better, or should I not be suited to the work, I shall return to Merkel as Merkel to us now is and shall ever be in memory "Home Sweet Home."

I want you to know that I am leaving Merkel without the least bitterness in my soul towards any person whomsoever, and your assistance in settling your accounts is highly appreciated and could not be beaten by any people in the world.

Faithfully yours,
Dr. J. E. Adkisson.

Bring your maize heads to Blair. I can pay the market price. John S. Hughes, Blair. 29t5

Cracked wheat for chick feed at G. M. Sharps.

Fresh eggs wanted at the Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

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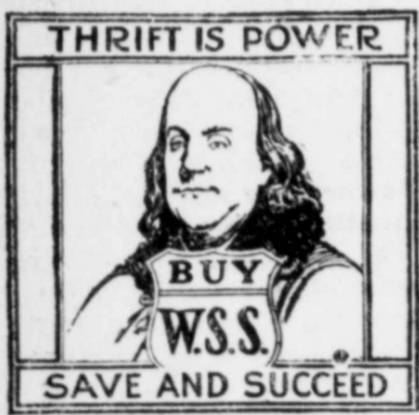
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Any erroneous reflection on the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of The Mail will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the management.

If you have visitors, or if you know any from which would be of interest to readers of The Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

PATRONS OF THE MAIL, who do not receive their paper regularly will confer a favor upon the management by reporting the fact. You should also watch the label of your paper to ascertain when your time is out, and renew before your name automatically leaves our list, as all papers stop when the term of subscription expires.



There is a great opportunity here for cotton pickers. The farmers say they will have to pay as high as \$1.50 per hundred for picking. Some think that they should start at \$1.25, but considering everything, the larger amount will be given. The Commercial Club is advertising for 5000 cotton pickers. Picking is expected to start in earnest the latter part of next week. The farmers are in need now of help to head maize.

It is Merkel's opportunity and her duty to send an exhibit to the Fair at Dallas this year. We can make this an easy task if every one will take it upon himself to get a fine specimen of something grown on the farm. The Commercial Club will receive samples of high grade wheat, high grade oats, fine canned fruits of all kinds, canned vegetables and any thing to show what this country can do. Proper credit will be given the donor. The Commercial Club hopes for a liberal and quick response.

There is considerable complaint of speeding at night, of cars running with open mufflers and of delivery cars speeding in daytime. The officials are on the warpath and claim they are going to put a stop to it. Every law abiding citizen is duty bound to lend his assistance regardless of who the party is. Those deliberately doing this thing are outlaws and who is particular about associating with outlaws. They have about broken up speeding in Dallas by making fines very high. Possibly this medicine would be well in Merkel.

We are glad to make personal mention of your locals. It is of some interest to the community when you make a visit, when others visit you or when anything out of the ordinary routine happens. We are glad to get all items. You owe it to the community to turn them in. They are not taken in the light that you are seeking publicity, or that you have your name in the paper. That is what the paper is for. If you have relatives or friends visiting you, why not let us know about it. Just this week a fellow citizen remarked that he had some one visiting at his home and that we did not get his name in the paper and he would not take the paper on that account. Now we do not object to him exercising his privilege, neither are we going to express our opinion of him, for a real narrow fellow does not stand

WM. S. LIVEZEY, Pres. W. T. CARLTON & PUTTY, Attys.

Little Motor Kar Co.

Fully Paid and Non-Assessable Capitalization \$1,000,000

Selling Ground Floor Securities at \$1.00 per Share, Par Value, to Build Little Motor Kars, Little Trucks and Tractors Selling at \$350 to \$750

PROSPERITY AND WEALTH

Are promising to those who invest their earnings in the Little Motor Kar Company, now selling at \$1.00 per share par value.

Our factory site is one of the best in the state between Dallas and Fort Worth on the interurban, T. & P. R. R., and automobile pike. Our contractor states that the first of these buildings will be completed by September 15th and several additional buildings will be built immediately. Shortly after that time we will be delivering our products from our own factory.

Our Runabout Model Will Be On The Market About September 15. Place Your Order Now For Delivery Shortly After September.

Look For Little Motor Kars, Trucks And Tractors At The Dallas State Fair

Thousands of dollars worth of supplies are coming in daily, machinery being contracted for, latest contract being for nearly \$40,000 for tools to make our engine 4 cylinder gasoline, in large quantities with privilege of using one of the North's largest industries for immediate production, which we are doing, while our own factory is being completed.

So if you desire this ground floor stock at \$1.00 per share par value we advise you to send your check for all you can buy in Texas' latest and most wonderful growing proposition, soon to rank among the state's foremost industries.

Stock will Advance Sept. 15 to \$2 Per Share

Something to be proud of—something you can see grow daily—something you can feel and know it's part yours—something that offers you the greatest opportunity of making big returns on the money invested, whether it be \$10.00 or \$1,000.00.

WE WANT YOU TO KNOW WHAT WE ARE DOING. Motor out the Dallas or Fort Worth Pike near Grand Prairie, or take the Interurban; get off at Little Motor Kar stop; see the progress we are making, then buy all you can, while you can, at \$1.00 per share par value. Mail your check to C. R. Moore, Agent.

IT IS REPORTED—(Think this over)—

Overland returned \$33,000 for every \$100 invested in 5 years. Chevrolet returned \$28,000 for every \$100 invested in 7 years. Ford returned \$250,000 for every \$100 invested in 12 years—or \$2,500 for every dollar invested.

SHARES AT PAR VALUE PER SHARE, \$10 TO \$1,000 SOLICITED. PHONE 301 ABILENE, TEXAS.

C. B. MOORE, AGENT.

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Please find inclosed check, draft or money order for \$..... for which please send me..... shares Ground-Floor Securities at \$1.00 per share, non-assessable, and it is understood I am to share in the profits of the company's many branches or factories.

Name..... Address.....

high in our estimation, and what we think would not be very edifying in his regard. No reader knows whether our personals are turned in by the person themselves, or how we get them. We try to get all the news we can. We are putting out a paper at \$1.00 a year, when nearly all other papers have gone to \$1.50. It costs you no more than it did when everything, even print paper, was cheap. Now if we have got to employ a detective to pry upon your vanity and filch from you the information that you have a visitor and listen to your talk about not seeking publicity, then please excuse us, because we are trying to obey that commandment not to take the name of the Lord in vain.

The progress of the world comes through energetic effort. If you think you can get along without work, then you have selected failure as your hand-maiden. People do not kill themselves at work. Young man, if you think you can get along without work, you have the wrong idea of life. You may doll up and look pretty and have the girls struck on you, but the world will not know you. You will not be a part of its affairs. The thing that kills is not work, but it is how the young man uses his time between decent bedtime and the wee hours of morning. There is a vital joy in engaging in the world's work. The fellow who carouses during the night thinks he is having a great time, but at last he will wake up with energy, pep and strength gone, while the fellow who worked is getting settled down to a career that furnishes more genuine pleasure than a million years of carousal.

American Beauty flour and meal are the best and are for sale by Crown Hardware Company.

Quit Laxatives, Purges; Try NR

NR Tonight—Tomorrow Feel Right

It is a mistake to continually dose yourself with so-called laxative pills, calomel, oil, purges and cathartics and force bowel action. It weakens the bowels and liver and makes constant dosing necessary. Why don't you begin right today to overcome your constipation and get your system in such shape that daily purging will be unnecessary? You can do so if you get a 25c box of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) and take one each night for a week or so. NR Tablets do much more than merely cause pleasant easy bowel action. This medicine acts upon the digestive as well as eliminative organs—promotes good digestion, causes the body to get the nourishment from all the food you eat, gives you a good, hearty appetite, strengthens the liver, overcomes biliousness, regulates kidney and bowel action and gives the whole body a thorough cleaning out. This accomplished you will not have to take medicine every day. An occasional NR tablet will keep your body in condition and you can always feel your best. Try Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) and prove this. It is the best bowel medicine that you can use and costs only 25c per box, containing enough to last twenty-five days. Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) is sold, guaranteed and recommended by your druggist.

SANDERS DRUG STORE



Parent-Teachers To Meet

The Parents-Teachers Association will have a special meeting at the school building, Monday afternoon, at 4 o'clock. Every member is urged to be present, as business of importance will be up for discussion.

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. 30c.

LIVE STOCK SPECIALS NUMEROUS THIS YEAR

PRESIDENT SIMPSON GRATIFIED AT WIDESPREAD INTEREST SHOWN IN STATE FAIR AT DALLAS.

President Jno. N. Simpson, of the State Fair of Texas, has received advice that a number of new special premiums will be awarded to Live Stock raisers at the Victory Fair at Dallas in October.

These will be in addition to the \$60,000.00 in cash premiums offered by the State Fair itself, and will make the aggregate cash premiums available for the Victory Fair the largest ever offered by any Fair in the country.

Swift & Company, as evidence of their desire to promote live stock improvement in Texas, have donated \$1,000.00 for special premiums. This amount will be divided as follows: Champion Hereford Steer \$150.00; Champion Shorthorn Steer \$150.00; Champion Aberdeen-Angus Steer \$150.00; Champion Red Polled Steer \$150.00; Grand Champion Steer \$150.00; Barrows, all breeds \$125.00; Mutton Sheep, \$125.00

All entries competing for the Swift swine premiums are to be fed sixty days before the opening of the Fair, Oct. 5th, on rations balanced with Swift's Digerster Tankage.

Armstrong Packing Company, "The Pioneer Packers of Texas," Dallas, offers \$120.00 in cash premiums for Champion Barrows.

J. J. McLain, Anna, Texas, offers \$200.00 in cash premiums for Duroc Jerseys, as follows: For Boars \$57.50; sows \$57.50; litters of pigs \$85.00.

The Flowerdale Farm, offers \$50.00 for the Grand Champion Barrow, (any breed) of the Show.

"THE GARDEN OF FOLLIES" HEADLINER AT VICTORY FAIR

MAGNIFICENT NEW YORK MUSICAL REVIEW SECURED BY SECRETARY STRATTON.



"The Garden of Follies," New York's last word in scintillating, spectacular, Musical Extravaganza, will be a headliner amusement attraction in the coliseum at the Victory Fair at Dallas in October.

This was secured in person by Secretary Stratton during his recent visit to the East. Visions of the Winter Garden, or of Broadway in 1919, will float before the eyes of the beholder of this beautiful production.

Oodles of pretty girls, captivating music, magnificent scenery, "dreamy" costumes, and a "cob-webby" plot, delightfully intertwined; make up the production.

Grace, beauty and wit will abound in "The Garden of Follies."

VICTORY FAIR AUTO SHOW WILL BE BRILLIANT EVENT

TRUCKS, TRAILERS AND TRACTORS WILL ALSO BE SHOWN IN GREAT PROFUSION.

A Palace of Pleasure Cars, vast fleets of sturdy Trucks, and trainloads of Tractors and Trailers will be exhibited at the Victory Fair at Dallas in October.

The 1920 models, in many makes of sedans, touring cars, limousines, sport models, and runabouts, evidencing all the latest ideas in speed, endurance, beauty and comfort, will be shown.

Trucks, hundreds of makes, in many sizes, and suitable for all hauling needs on the farm, in the city or town, or anywhere else that time and labor-saving transportation is needed, will be there.

Tractors—the farm power-plant on wheels—that make all farm tasks easy, will be demonstrated.

So many trucks will be shown that a new building had to be erected to house them. This will be a substantial frame building 50x400 feet, and will cost \$7,000.00. In the center will be a beautiful art-fountain. Both the automobile and trucks building will be artistically decorated and the lighting effects provided at an additional cost of \$3,500.00, will be very novel.

It is proposed to make the new truck building a community social center where you can come and meet your friends and have a real good time. An orchestra will be provided, and there will be dancing every day and every evening. The Dallas Automobile Trades Association is co-operating with the State Fair management to make the Auto Show at the Victory Fair an event long to be remembered.

LAST OPPORTUNITY WITH VICTOR COMPANY AT \$100 PAR

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 26.—Dear Stockholders:—We desire to inform you of this company's late development, development that will be completed soon, and that development that will be started within the next few days, as the sale of Victor stock will close on August 31st, and no doubt the information will be beneficial to you, as if you want to secure additional stock before it is taken off the market it will be necessary for your subscription to be made before the 31st of this month.

We are starting one well in the Homer, La., field in about 1800 feet of the Standard's well which was estimated at 36,000 barrels a day of high grade oil, and our business manager reports that he is going to put five more, six in all, on the same tract. He will rush them through as rapidly as possible, as he figures that is the main pool of the field. Owners of \$5.00 acreage there one day refused \$40,000.00 an acre on the third day from then. We hold between 900 and 1100 acres in that field. Another big well came in there yesterday. We have about 2000 acres in De-Soto Parish, La., a part of which is among the big production there, and is very valuable. We expect to start a well there right away. We have one well drilling in the West Texas field and the

derrick up for another to start. We hold, all told, about 15,000 acres, and most of it was bought at a very low price and has advanced to an enormous price. We are running a fleet of tank cars in Louisiana bearing our name. Construction work on our refinery in Louisiana is progressing nicely, and we expect to close a deal right away to build two refineries in Texas. Our Dickson property, in the Louisiana field, that cost about \$65,000.00, has been sold for \$200,000.00

On account of the enormous advance in our holdings, wells being started, refineries going in, and other operations, we deem it unwise to continue selling Victor stock at \$100.00 a share. If three wells come in, averaging one thousand barrels a day, Victor stock can easily go from five to ten to one. Besides, we are now trying to close a deal for property producing from 1000 to 2500 barrels a day.

Let us suggest, if you want additional stock at the present price, that you see our representative at once or mail your subscription to this office. If you don't see our representative, write us the amount you desire, and enclose your check for same.

Remember the sale closes on August 31, 1919. VICTOR OIL, GAS & REFINING COMPANY, E. G. Kemper, Vice-president.

Besides the above, we have six producing wells and have paid 5 cash dividends at the rate of 12 per cent. The stock has doubled twice and is expected to double again any day.

I will be in Merkel until 10 o'clock Friday evening, August 29th.

W. L. MURRELL, Representative.

FACE TO FACE WITH DEATH

Sitting face to face with death in the enchanted stillness of the night permits one to muse upon the grim problem of existence. There the sufferer lay in moments of pain and then in quietude. Emaciated by dread disease from which there is no cure, one can but sit and watch death in slow and somber silence steal in and hang triumphant over its victim. Consciousness awake and observing beholds the grim specter and wards off the blows with that patient fortitude that gives a prop to hope and keeps the world a singing. Each heart beat, each tick of the clock, each breath but records the approaching end. There the mind possessing all its powers contemplates the past, dwells upon its successes and failures and approaches the future with solemn faith. Face to face with death, and yet at a time when the vigor of life is full, when opportunity calls, when loved ones in anguish plead for the terrible hand to be stayed, when love's dream still seems unfulfilled, and yet to behold death alert and determined, ever drawing closer and closer. We shudder, we hope, we lend willing helpful hands, we administer prescriptions, but ever and anon are reminded of the futility of our efforts, as nearer and nearer that grim monster grips at the throat of life. So positive a force is it that it seems we could grasp its maligning hands and hurl it forth, but it mocks us and scoffs us and draws its mystifying hands yet a little closer and still closer to its prey. Youth, strength and beauty melt before it, and when we remonstrate, we are reminded that in due time it will stand face to face with us to mock us and to scoff us like its victim lying there. We plead with it in tenderness, but it only frowns. The clock ticks on, oh could it stop, yet death, like a great crusher with a victim hurled into the race from which

there is no escape, moving slowly to his doom. How cruel it this monster! Inch by inch it encroaches upon its victim, it stifles him, it ravages his physical frame, it torments his soul, and yet it tickles the mind so lightly, so complacently that it keeps hope alive. We contemplate the sweetness of life that is slowly ebbing away and how we long to check the flow, but miserable cobblers are we to interpet the cause and effect of life and death. The end approaches, and yet the demon hesitates. The ebbing flow of life trickles on, but the clock ticks and we know that the marking of time must soon witness a vanishing soul, for the grim monster can tantalize no longer when the energy to fight back is expended.

Cruel! And yet is not this the decree of an Allwise Creator? If it is so, then the soul that dies must live again. Then why not live each day so that if the supreme moment comes with the falling shadows of evening, we can in joyful confidence close our eyes to awake at morn in a land where the fruition of life's purpose is perfected. Then it will be that death will be hurled back from its victim, that the tick of the clock will not mark the painful approach of separation and where glory shines amidst the folds of night.—Exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott and Judge and Mrs. W. P. Mahaffey and son, Perry, are leaving Friday morning, August 29th, for Wichita Falls, Burkburnett, and other points, returning next Tuesday.

The Best Physic

When you want a pleasant physic try Chamberlain's Tablets. They are easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. They are highly prized by people who have become acquainted with their good qualities. They only cost a quarter.

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday School Report

It seems that all the Sunday Schools of Merkel are determined to hit the bottom. They have gone down in attendance until they can not go much further. We are counting on them coming back and hope that every Sunday school in the city will show an improvement next Sunday. Following is the report for last Sunday:

Baptist 151
Methodist 91
Presbyterian 32

At The Baptist Church

The Sunday school and preaching from ten o'clock sharp to twelve sharp. We begin on time and close on the dot at noon.

This is the last Sunday that the pastor will spend with the church and he is naturally anxious that all the membership shall be present. The morning sermon will be a Farewell. The evening discourse will be, Christian Union.

B. Y. P. U. at six o'clock and the evening service at nine.

Next Sunday will find a new preacher in the pulpit. Come and hear the announcement Sunday morning.

Wednesday night's prayer meeting will be directed by Superintendent Walter Jackson and he will appoint somebody for the following Wednesday night, and thus the chain will go on unbroken.

Everybody invited and sure of a welcome.

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

B. Y. P. U. Program Aug 31.

Subject, The Ministry of Healing In Foreign Lands.

Song.

Leader, Walter Jackson.

Prayer

Introduction, Mr. Jackson.

The Good Samaritan Approach
es Heathen Hearts, Gyrle Howard.

The Christian Physicians
Touch The Home Life of the
Heathen, Joe Riney

Song.

The Christian Physician is
Needed to Break Down Heathen
Superstition, H. C. Lamar.

The Christian Physician Does
an educative work which Creates
a Demand for General and
Medical Education, Wilma Garrett.

A Plea For the Christian Hospital,
Mrs. N. Hancock.

Song.

A Pure Charity, Myrtle Ellington.

As Philanthropy, Ruby Campbell.

At The Methodist Sunday School
How Many?

Notice to every loyal Methodist.
You should be at Sunday
school promptly at 10 o'clock,

NEW FALL GOODS EVERY DAY

FOOT REST
Stockings
for boys, misses and children are the best for all.

FOOT REST
Hosiery
for ladies. None better
See ours

FOOT REST
Socks
for men are the best. Try
your next pair.

Call for coupons with your cash purchases
They will be worth money to you

New Gingham
Cheaper now than later.
New Goods of all kind
arriving daily.

SHOES
The house to buy your
shoes. We have them for
less.
See our bargain counter

Groceries
We have groceries for less.
We do not charge delivery
prices.
See us for your duck.

The STAR STORE

The Oldest Store in Merkel



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Brown-Windham Wedding

Last Friday evening Claude Brown a prosperous young man of Ranger, and Miss Mamie Windham of Merkel, called on Judge W. W. Wheeler, at his residence and demanded that he make the twain one.

Judge obeyed the command and in the presence of a few friends of the young couple spoke the words that made them husband and wife.

We congratulate these young people in their choice of a life's partner, and wish for them all of the joys of a prosperous life.

B. Y. P. U. Hike

The B. Y. P. U. left for a hike to the Bland well last Tuesday evening. There were about 28 in the crowd. Before they had gone more than half a mile, some of the party suddenly got old and decrepit and hailed a passing oil truck and stole a ride. Another party walked about half a mile further, and they, too, played out and jumped on a passing car. The remaining members of the party thought that they would keep up the stride and not be classed with the quitters and slackers, but alas, the distance was far greater than they expected, it seemed five miles or more, so when a car came back for them, they needed no coaxing to join the others. Every one of the young ladies carried sandwiches and the young men had a number of fine water melons ready for service. They ate as long as there was anything to eat, and when everything was finished but the rines, they made use of them, too, and when the smoke of battle had died away there was not a piece of rine much bigger than a dollar anywhere to be seen. Some of the party, it is true, looked rather bedraggled, with their countenances free from all semblance of cosmetics and their hair dripping with the luscious fluid. Some clothing that went through the battle may not again take on a first class aspect. They all had a great time and say they want to go again right away.

Farewell Social At The Baptist Church, Tuesday Night

A Farewell social will be given at the Baptist church, Tuesday evening beginning about 8:45, in honor of Rev. E. E. Dawson and his family before they leave for Coleman where Rev. Dawson has accepted the pastorate of that church. A short program has been prepared. A general invitation is extended for every one to be present.

ALL WORN OUT

Does morning find you with a lame, stiff and aching back? Are you tired all the time—find work a burden? Have you suspected your kidneys? Merkel people endorse Doan's Kidney Pills. You can rely on their statements.

Mrs. J. M. Dry, gave the following statement April 17, 1915: "I simply got down with my back and when I stooped over it was hard for me to straighten up again. Dizzy spells came on me and I felt worn out, all the time and depressed. I saw Doan's Kidney Pills recommended so I decided to try them. After I had used Doan's a short time the pains in my back left me and the dizziness was gone as well. My kidneys were strengthened and I haven't needed a kidney medicine since."

On May 5, 1919, Mrs. Dry added: "Doan's Kidney Pills gave me wonderful relief when I needed something to tone up my kidneys. I have the same faith in them as when I recommended them in 1915."

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

with a studied lesson. The Sunday school needs you, you need it. What more does a Methodist need to call him to his post of duty than an appeal from the entire Sunday School. Let Sunday, August, 31 be the first day of a Great Drive to make Merkel the best Sunday school town in West Texas. We will be on the lookout for you, and if you are not there, we will come after you again. We want you, need you, and must have you. The Methodist Sunday School Superintendent.

J. M. Boney of Pierce City, Mo., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boney and his

brother, W. O. Boney, and family this week.

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

You can rest assured that the best bargains may be obtained from those who advertise their wares. Patronize our advertisers

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

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. 60c per bottle.

JOHN HUNTER RELATES EXPERIENCES

John E. Hunter, originally of Mulberry Canyon, but now of Ft. Worth, was a visitor in the Canyon the past week. He only recently returned from foreign service, where he underwent varied experiences. He was on the firing line on four different fronts for seven months. While here he gave us the following interview:

"My first experience was on the Toule sector, where I remained 42 days. From there my division was rushed to the Second Battle of the Marne at Bellieu Woods and shortly afterwards took Chattieu Thierry and several other small towns. After several days hard fighting my division suffered such heavy casualties that we had to withdraw in order to make replacements. In Bellieu Woods hardly a tree was left standing and the fields were torn up as if some great plow had done the work. The dead in many instances lay there for a week before they were buried. Large numbers were killed and wounded. From there, and without time to rest, my division was sent to St. Mihi-

el salient about September 12. I was with the supply department and had opportunity to witness every phase of the fighting, and was in as much danger at all times as the men in the trenches. My division at this place was very successful in the capture of prisoners, guns, amunitions, and supplies, the Germans in their retreat burning all villages, leaving their prisoners of war behind, besides women and children that had been in captivity for four years, besides dropping some of their side arms in their hurried flight. Our boys picked up revolvers for souvenirs. The German dead were found lying all through the wood and by the roadside. The civilian captives were overjoyed at their release. We captured a large German supply house, containing several thousand bushels of potatoes, large stores of beer and wine, feedstuff of all kinds, enough wagons to furnish a whole supply company with new German ration carts, large supplies of tobacco, etc. The canned goods were all destroyed, and the balance would have been destroyed had they not been pressed so constantly by our boys. Many of the women prisoners of war had from one to three children from German fathers, they were kept within the danger line where they were forced to grow gardens for the Germans and suffered every form of mistreatment that can be imagined. After spending some time on this salient, we were given a short rest, after which we were sent to Verdun to take part in the Muse-Argon defensive. Here I had many hairbreadth escapes. My company suffered many casualties, the artillery firing point blank on our men as they went over the top, wounding and killing two-thirds of our infantry, reducing the division to such an extent that at the signing of the armistice we were unable to take up the advance into Germany. We were told that we would be allowed to return to America soon, but were on the hike sev-

en days and very nearly completely worn out from the travel and exposure. We were in the Charemont area for about two months, expecting to leave for home every week, but later going to Lemons area to await debarkation to the U. S. After waiting patiently until March 20 we left for Brest, sailing the 23 on the America, landing in Boston the 5th day of April. We received a hearty welcome from the Boston people. Upon landing at the pier, the people seemed to go wild that their boys were home again. I had neither been sick or disabled, but shortly before starting for Texas, I took down in Camp Devens with the "Flu" and pneumonia. Through good medical attention I pulled through and made it safely back to Camp Bowie the 28th day of May, where I was given my discharge the last day of the month. Am glad to get back to Texas once again, and especially to be among friends and relations and am proud to find the country in such flourishing condition. Wishing one and all continued prosperity and hope to see you again in the near future.

You Do More Work.

You are more ambitious and you get more enjoyment out of everything when your blood is in good condition. Impurities in the blood have a very depressing effect on the system, causing weakness, laziness, nervousness and sickness.

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will then appreciate its true tonic value.

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Cotton Loss in 1918 Heavy

Washington, Aug. 20.—Losses of cotton from deficient moisture was heavier during 1918 than during the past ten years, reaching 71 pounds per acre, according to a statement by the department of agriculture. The total loss from all causes was 124.4 pounds per acre. Losses from insect pests amounted to 23.5 pounds per acre.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore came in Wednesday from Odessa, feeling fine. They report conditions excellent out there.

Mrs. Claude Bigham spent some days with her parents at Eskota.

Mrs. L. B. Howard is spending the week at Midland.

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

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FORD CLEARED; NOT ANARCHIST

JURY IN FAMOUS LIBEL SUIT FINDS FOR PLAINTIFF AND DECLARES TRIBUNE GUILTY.

DELIBERATE TEN HOURS

Farmer Jury Which Has Spent Three Months in Court Is Out Ten Hours and Then Finds Paper Guilty of Libel.

Mt. Clemens, Mich.—Henry Ford is not an anarchist!

A jury of 12 farmers have said so by their verdict, in which they found The Chicago Tribune guilty of libel when it attached that stigma to the name of the great manufacturer.

"We find the Chicago Tribune guilty and attach a verdict of six cents."

This sentence from the foreman of the jury which for three months has listened to the most famous case of its kind in history and which debated more than 10 hours before it arrived at its conclusion, were the lines of the final act in the dramatic event which has attracted the attention of the entire country.

Henry Ford himself was not in court to share in the triumph. He was in the New Hampshire woods with his friends, Thomas Edison and John Burroughs. Judge Alfred J. Murphy of Mr. Ford's counsel made a formal statement for his principal:

"Ford is vindicated."

"The important issue has been determined," said Judge Murphy. "Money damages were not sought by Mr. Ford. He stands not only vindicated but his



HENRY FORD

attitude as an American citizen has been justified after a trial which raised every issue against him that ingenuity and research could invent."

Outside the courthouse crowds had gathered during the evening hours to await news of the jury which had been closeted in conference since morning. As the courtroom emptied after the announcement of the verdict and the news of the decision rendered spread, cheer after cheer broke forth and a band, returning from a picnic, stopped to add its brass notes to the din.

There was a tense moment when the jurors fled into the box for the last time. Their foreman, in a voice shaking with the emotions of the moment, spoke in such a low tone that he could scarcely be heard. The clerk read back the formal verdict:

"You do say upon your oath that the said defendant The Tribune company, is guilty in the manner and form as the said plaintiff hath in his declaration in this case complained against him and you assess the damages of the said plaintiff on occasion of the premises over and above his costs and charges by him about this suit and in his behalf expended, at the sum of six cents damages."

The editorial in which The Tribune attacked Henry Ford and branded him as an anarchist was printed in 1916. The case has been fought through several courts on one point or another ever since, finally arriving through a change of venue asked by The Tribune in Mt. Clemens.

The charge which Judge Tucker made to the jury dealt mainly with the laws of libel and contained among others, the following points:

"The Tribune claims that they carefully inquired as to what Mr. Ford's attitude was going to be as to the care of his men who joined the national guard and that they based the editorial characterizing him as an anarchist on that information. They admit the publication and insist that it was true and therefore justified; and that even if not true it was fair comment upon a matter of public interest, either of which defenses are sufficient if proven true. The burden, however, is upon the defense when they attempt to make either of the defenses mentioned. They must establish either the truth of the charge they made, or that it was fair comment within the meaning of that term.

"A newspaper has the same right as an individual to its opinions and convictions—no more and no less."

The court further informed the jury that if they found that the charge was untrue they must find for the plaintiff. He declared that there was nothing ambiguous about the editorial. It called Mr. Ford an anarchist and the only way the defendant could escape being found guilty of libel was to prove that charge. He said further that the jury must accept the popular conception of the meaning of the term "anarchist."

Counsel for The Chicago Tribune made no effort to appeal the case and accepted the verdict as it stood.

Pre-War Phone Rates To Stand

Shreveport, La., Aug. 25.—A temporary injunction restraining the city of Houston, Texas from enforcing its ordinance retaining pre-war telephone rates was refused the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company in an opinion rendered by Judge G. W. Jack in the United States District Court here today following the conclusion of arguments for and against the issuance of the writ shortly before noon. The effect of the decision is to maintain the status between Houston and the telephone company as it was, and rates prescribed in a city ordinance were effective before the Government assumed control of the telephones are operative.

In the meantime there will be hearings on the merits of the case before a special master. Judge Julian Llewellyn of Liberty, Texas, was appointed by Judge Jack to take evidence and report his findings of fact and conclusions of law in the case, which hearings are expected to continue through a period of weeks or months.

Prior to Government control the Houston exchange was operating at rates prescribed by an ordinance adopted by the City Council in 1915, in which it is agreed by the company that in consideration of a merger with another company, sanctioned by the council, it would not increase the rates for a period of five years and then only upon showing satisfactory to the council, which, under Texas law, is a rate making body so far as public utility corporations are concerned, that the rates had become insufficient to supply a fair return upon the investment in the Houston plant.

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"LAX-FOS WITH PEP-SIN" 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.

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Sam S. Denman, of Abilene special agent for the United Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Houston, was in Merkel on business Tuesday.

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Miss Mamie Ellis has returned from an extended visit to her brother and family in Abilene.

TYPEWRITER CHEAP

We have a good No 5 Oliver typewriter for sale for \$25. If you want a good, substantial machine, now is your opportunity. Merkel Mail.

We have an ideal house for granary and barn, boxed and weather-boarded, at a bargain. Merkel Realty Company.

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restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. Price 60c.

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CALLED HER FAMILY TO HER BEDSIDE

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

Royston 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 side, 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

F. M. Collins of Pulaski, Tenn who has been visiting his brother, J. A., and family for several days, left for his home last Saturday morning. Mr. Collins has considerable farming interests in this section and stated that he was well pleased with crop conditions.

We want to buy your maize heads. Pay market price. M. G. Stocco and Bro. Trent Tex. 2915.

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.

Robert Martin of Tye is still right sick, having been in bed about four weeks. He is showing some improvement, according to late reports.

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

T. L. Hall of Oklahoma, spent several days this week in Merkel with relatives, Vol Martin, H. L. Propst and others.

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

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

Jno. S. Womack of Noodle spent several days the past week with relatives at Grand Prairie.

PRICES FOR CLEANING AND PRESSING

To Our Patrons: Owing to the high cost of cleaning materials, we are compelled to put the following list into effect, beginning September 1:

Mens List	
Mens Suits cleaned and pressed	\$1.50
Single trousers cleaned and pressed	.75
Single coats cleaned and pressed	1.00
Silk Shirts cleaned and pressed	.50
Woolen Shirts cleaned and pressed	.25
Palm Beach suits cleaned and pressed	1.25
Palm Beach trousers cleaned and pressed	.50
Palm Beach coat cleaned and pressed	.75
Overcoats cleaned and pressed	1.50 to 2.00
Hats cleaned and reblocked and trimmed through agencies	1.75
Slight increase in gloves, ties and silk collars etc.	
Ladies List	
Coat suits cleaned and pressed	1.50
Silk waists cleaned and pressed	.75
Skirts woolen, plain cleaned and pressed	.75
Skirts woolen pleated cleaned and pressed	1.00
Dresses cleaned and pressed	1.50 up
Coats cleaned and pressed	1.25 up

CITY TAILOR SHOP
Ferguson and Renfro, Props.
CASH TAILOR SHOP
Mrs. C. L. Cash Prop.

If your child is pale and sickly, picks at the nose, starts in the sleep and grinds the teeth while sleeping, it is a sure sign of worms. A remedy for these parasites will be found in WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It not only clears out the worms, but it restores health and cheerfulness. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

FREE PROOF TO YOU

Not One Penny Will Rich-Tone Cost You if it doesn't prove of genuine Worth in your Case

You are to be the Judge—try this famous tonic—if it doesn't bring to you new energy a splendid appetite, restful sleep, peaceful and quiet nerves—if it doesn't destroy that tired feeling and build you up then Rich-Tone will be free to you, it will not cost you anything—NOT ONE PENNY.

YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF to try this marvelous remedy. You OWE IT TO YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS to be strong well happy bright of eye brisk of step ruddy of cheek able to go about your work with a smile on your lips.

On each bottle is plainly printed, "Money cheerfully refunded if not entirely satisfactory, and your own local druggist will let you try Rich-Tone on this money-back guarantee."

One user says, "I was run down after a bad case of 'flu.' Was in bed four months and under the care of five doctors had nervous prostration and could not sleep and ate very little. I got a bottle of your wonderful tonic Rich-Tone and am now eating three times a day and I sure sleep sound I can't say enough for your wonderful tonic Rich-Tone. It is worth its weight in gold. It has saved me \$50 or \$60 as I was going to Mineral Wells, but I do not need to go now—thanks to Rich-Tone."

Rich-Tone makes more red corpuscles enriching and purifying the blood. It contains all of the elements that are needed most in maintaining strength and vigor. Rich-Tone rests the tired nerves—restores appetite induces healthful sleep—it gives you all those things which mean energy and wellbeing. Get a bottle today on our money-back guarantee. Sold locally by Sanders Drug Store. 1847c.

CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

Judge Burkett To Quit Bench

Cisco, Tex., Aug. 26.—Judge Joe Burkett, judge of the 88th. district composed of the county of Eastland, which new district was created by a special act of the last legislature has tendered his resignation to Governor Hobby to take effect September 21st.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

Miss Grace Weaver of Weatherford is spending the week with Miss Geneva Brown.

Tom Wagley Brown of Eastland spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Brown.

The Best Physic

When you want a pleasant physic try Chamberlain's Tablets. They are easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. They are highly prized by people who have become acquainted with their good qualities. They only cost a quarter.



Smokers will love to receive Our handsome Smokers Things.

Ladies:—

If your men friends smoke you can be sure to select the appropriate gift if you will come in and see our many smokers' articles.

There is "friendliness" in giving a gentleman a pipe or a cigar or cigarette case.

We shall gladly tell you what a gentleman will be glad to receive.

G. P. HOLLAND, DRUGS
Merkel, Texas

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Austin Fitts spent Wednesday in Merkel visiting friends

Flour, bran and shorts at Bob Martin's Grocery Co.

Mrs. Jack Provine has accepted a position as saleslady with J. T. Dennis

Fresh eggs wanted at the Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lyles returned from a six weeks visit to East Texas and Kentucky.

Marechal Neil flour, the best on the market, at Bob Martin's Grocery Company.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Teaff have returned from an auto trip to Roswell, N. M. They report a great time.

American Beauty flour and meal are the best and are for sale by Crown Hardware Company.

Marechal Neil flour, the best on the market, at Bob Martin's Grocery Company.

Mrs. C. R. Smith is visiting relatives at Electra for a few days and from time to time will go to Oklahoma to visit before returning home.

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

Mrs. Austin Boyd is visiting Mrs. M. D. Angus for a few days on her return trip to her home in Dallas from New Mexico, where she has been visiting her parents

Dr. M. E. Campbell of Abilene, a Specialist eye, ear, nose and throat. Glasses correctly fitted.

Will be at Merkel Saturday Aug. 30. Office. Dr. M. Armstrong. 15t3c.

J. T. Browning has his force lined up for ginning. His men are gathered from this and other sections. Mr. Mosher, superintendent of all machinery, is from the plains; W. C. Black, son of our citizens, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black, an all around mechanic, will be in charge of the steam department; Mr. Jones, a gin specialist, in charge of the press, is from Oklahoma; Mr. Moore, brother-in-law of our fellow townsman, Q. Brown, is an all around helper; Tom King, who has been in the employ of the city a number of years, will be in charge of the suction; H. J. Bright, son of Jackson Bright of Trent, and son-in-law of Elder W. G. Cypert, will be a helper, being industrious and well known. Both Mr. Black and Mr. Bright were soldiers, recently receiving their discharges. Mr. Browning states that everything is being placed in readiness for a heavy run. The machinery is being overhauled and the plant made ready for every strain a big crop will put upon the machinery and equipment.

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Mr. and Mrs. McGee of Fort Worth, son-in-law and daughter of Mayor and Mrs. J. J. Stallings and Miss Macie Graves of Fort Worth and Mrs. G. W. Feilder and daughter, Helen, of Denison, who have been visiting Mr. and

Mrs. Stallings for the past week, left Tuesday morning for their respective homes. Mrs. Feilder is a sister of Mrs. Stallings.

CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

Mrs. N. A. Montgomery of Pampa is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. O. Boney, and family.

H. R. Dean and family of New Mexico are visiting at the home of W. T. Sherrell and family.

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

EVERY NIGHT IN THE WEEK

Beginning some time in September (exact date announced later) we will operate a show at the Cozy Theatre every night in the week. We have arranged for two Serials, one Special Feature and three Variety programs for each week, with a few light Operas and popular Road Shows during the winter, and intend to give our patrons the same service and quality shows we were giving when local conditions compelled a partial shut down two years ago this month.

Beginning at the same time, the Cozy Studio will be open every day in the week. We still know how to make good photographs, and invite you wait if you intend having anything in this line done in the near future.

Local conditions for the past two years have been such that we could not operate—except at a loss, we therefore very reluctantly shut down temporarily, and appreciate the spirit in which the people of Merkel and the Merkel country accepted the situation.

Sincerely

H. F. GROENE

Dr. Adkisson To Leave Merkel.

The friends of Dr. Adkisson and family will be greatly pained to know that they are to leave Merkel. The doctor left Wednesday for Beaumont, where he will be associated with his brother, Dr. J. A. Adkisson for a short time, and from there he will go to San Antonio, where in all probability he will take charge of the sanitarium there. If the doctor decides to remain in San Antonio, the family will follow him within 30 or 60 days. Dr. Adkisson has built up a lucrative practice here and has greatly endeared himself to his clients. The doctor believes in the civic advancement of a city, and his stand in

this respect will be greatly missed. We wish him success in his new field of endeavor.

A. L. Jobe left Saturday for Big Springs, where he will conduct a revival. Joe Harris will conduct the business in his absence.

J. C. Dennis returned Monday from a two weeks visit to the home of his brother, F. S. Dennis, at Coleman.

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

Fine Peaches
One of the finest specimens of peaches we have ever seen was grown by Mrs. J. B. Warren. She has a tree about six years old that is loaded down with fruit. Some of the peaches weigh as much as 1 1/4 pounds. The sample sent us was perfect in shape and color. We believe no country can raise prettier and finer fruit than can be grown right here.

Big Tomatoes

We are indebted to Mrs. J. H. McDonald for a nice lot of fine tomatoes as we have seen. They were grown at her home immediately north of Merkel. While we did not have an opportunity to weigh them, they were extra large, and of fine form and flavor and of a dark red color.

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RAINFALL IN MERKEL FOR THE PAST YEAR

January, snow,63 inches.
February, rain,16 inches.
March, rain,56 inches.
April, rain,66 inches.
May, rain,	3.12 inches.
June, rain,	2.67 inches.
July, rain,39 inches.
August, rain,	1.92 inches.
September, rain,64 inches.
October, rain,	3.90 inches.
November, snow and rain,	1.25 inches.
December rain,	2.98 inches.
January rain,	2.49 inches.
February rain,44 inches.
March rain,	2.25 inches.
April rain,	3.01 inches.
May rain,	5.51 inches.
June rain,	3.62 inches.
July rain,	2.48 inches.
Total for 1918	18.88 inches.
Total for 1917	8.09 inches.
Total for 1916	15.17 inches.
Total for 1915	13.74 inches.

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