



CONDENSED STATEMENT OF  
CONDITION OF

**THE FARMERS STATE BANK**  
MERKEL, TEXAS

As Reported September 12, 1919

RESOURCES

Loans	\$314,975.96
Bonds, Stocks, W. S. S.	4,719.52
Banking House	8,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,750.00
Other Real Estate	900.00
Cash and Exchange	99,127.45
Interest Guaranty Fund	3,494.89
	<b>\$434,967.82</b>

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	33,738.27
Bills Payable	30,516.50
Deposits	335,713.05
	<b>\$434,967.82</b>

Mrs. E. E. Patterson.

Dead

Word reached Merkel Wednesday that Mrs. E. E. Patterson of the Canyon was dead. She had been in ill health a long time. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon, burial taking place in Rose Hill cemetery. Mrs. Patterson has resided in this country a long time and has a host of friends to mourn her departure. She is survived by her husband and a large family.

We greatly sympathize with the loved ones and friends in this hour of their bereavement.

This article reached us too late for publication last week.

Swellings of the flesh caused by inflammation, cold, fractures of the bone, toothache, neuralgia or rheumatism can be relieved by applying Ballard's Snow Liment. It should be well rubbed in over the part affected. Its great healing and penetrating power eases the pain, reduces swelling and restores natural conditions. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

HOUSE WIRING RATES

On account of high cost of labor and material, after Oct. 1st. Electric house wiring will be \$3. per drop.

All orders given up to October 1st. will still be \$2.50 per drop.

Yours truly  
MERKEL POWER COMPANY

Claude Cash left Sunday afternoon for Comanche, where he will spend the winter with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Cash.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.  
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.  
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1888.  
A. W. GLEASON,  
(Seal) Notary Public.  
Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials free.  
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.  
Sold by all druggists, 75c.  
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

SELLS FLOTO SUPER CIRCUS

Mammoth Shows are Now Combined and Announce Exhibition at Early Date

The West's biggest amusement institution Sells Floto Super Combined, is to exhibit afternoon and night Thursday, Oct. 2 at Abilene.

The consolidation of the two biggest Western Shows in one colossal size, constitutes the amusement surprise of the country. Nothing to approach this gigantic, new circus has ever before toured America. It has been formed by merging the pick and the cream of all that was biggest and best in two famous shows. It would be folly to attempt to enumerate its many wonders. Some idea of the enormous scale upon which features are presented maybe had when it is stated that a quarter of a million pounds of elephants take part in a single act. In other words, twice as many of the big-earned giants than have ever before been seen in one main-tent exhibition. All else to be seen in proportion. The arena stars embrace all the world's foremost circus performers. There are three hours of novelties and big sensational acts. The menagerie is far and away the most colossal ever traveled. The great tournament, "The Birth of the Rainbow," which opens the main tent program, is the most magnificent thing in pageantry yet produced in America. Hundreds upon hundreds of gorgeously costumed characters and beautiful horse take part in it. The morning street parade at 11 a.m. is the longest and most brilliant ever given any where. It is a stupendous, super-circus that baffles description.

When the bowles feel uncomfortable and you miss the exhilarating feeling that always follows a copious morning operation, a dose of Herbine will set you right in a couple of hours. If taken at bedtime you get its beneficial effect after breakfast next day. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

CONDENSED STATEMENT

**THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**  
MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business September 12, 1919

RESOURCES

Loans	\$263,133.62
U. S. Bonds and Other Securities	11,552.34
Unearned Interest	260.07
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,500.00
Other Real Estate	5,000.00
U. S. Cert. of Ind.	10,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
CASH AND EXCHANGE	171,490.14
Total	<b>\$466,848.67</b>

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	39,775.16
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	10,000.00
Due Federal Reserve Bank	35,661.94
DEPOSITS	350,161.57
Total	<b>\$466,848.67</b>

Modestly we recognize the responsibility that comes with leadership in the Banking business in this community.

This has not been a spasmodic attainment, but has obtained throughout all the years.

Read and compare the above statement.

Your business appreciated. Service the best.

"SINCE 1904"

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.

LOCAL NEWS

In every home where there are children there should be a bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge. It destroys worms and acts as a tonic in the debilitated system. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

W. M. Hope of Winters dropped off Saturday on a trip from El Paso to his home. Mr. Hope formerly resided here and has a number of friends in this section.

For deposit or cash bring all your cotton and other checks to F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c

Perry Cole has accepted a position as bookkeeper with F. P. Hamm. He and his family have moved to Merkel.

For the stomach and bowel disorders of babies McGee's Baby Elixir is a remedy of genuine merit. It acts quickly, is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.



**A TEXAS WONDER**  
The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your 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.

**Many New Goods This Fall**

**LADIES!**

Come see the newest in

- Suits Skirts
- Waists Coats
- Hosiery Gloves
- Kid Boots Outings
- Underwear Beads
- Handkerchiefs

**MEN!**

Step in and see our new

- Hats Ties Sox
- Belts Pants
- Shoes
- Cuff and Collar Buttons
- Shirts Caps
- Silk Collars

**PRICES, STYLES AND QUALITIES ARE RIGHT**

- Cotton Flannel
- Table Demask
- Towels, Crash
- Ginghams
- Silks & Crepes
- Kimona Silks & Crepes

- Men's Overalls
- Jumpers
- Underwear
- Gloves, Etc.
- Stetson Hats 7 to 7½

We save you money and breath—because we sell  
For Cash and at One Price

**The Brown D. G. Co.**

LOCAL NEWS

Walton Strickland of Walnut Springs has accepted a position with the Barrow Furniture Company. His family will arrive here about October 1. He comes highly recommended as an able furniture man.

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

Miss Ruth Boden has accepted a position as saleslady with The Merkel Dry Goods Company.

Our Tellers are always supplied with plenty of change. A pleasure to supply you. F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c.

Mrs. Duncan Briggs and baby returned Wednesday from a two months visit to Greenville, Dallas and Waurika.

**Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days**

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

Dr. Browning of Waurika returned home several days ago from a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning.

Quick, intelligent and accurate service in all departments, looked after personally by trained officials. F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c.

**Chamberlain's Colic, Diarrhoea, Remedy in Michigan.**

Mrs. A. H. Hall, Caseville, Mich., says, "I wish to thank you for your grand good medicine, Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. We are never without it in the house, and I am sure it saved our baby's life this summer."

Mrs. Mary Carrington, Caseville, Mich., says, "I have used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy for years and it has always given prompt relief."

## LOCAL NEWS

Miss Alma Wells, who spent last week with Miss Mamie Rister, left Sunday evening for her home in Brownwood.

For deposit or cash bring all your cotton and other checks to F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c

Iris McClary underwent an operation at a sanitarium in Abilene Sunday evening for appendicitis. The operation was a success and she is getting along splendidly.

Change for cotton picking and other labor pay rolls cheerfully furnished at F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c

W. L. McClesky of Ranger visited at the home of Dr. and Mrs. N. J. Smith several days the past week. The first well brought in at Ranger was on his father's place. Mr. McClesky is highly pleased with the oil prospects here. He is likely to return here within a few days.

Surgeons agree that in case of Cuts, Burns, Bruises and wounds the First Treatment is most important. When an Efficient antiseptic is applied promptly, there is no danger of infection and the wound begins to heal at once. For use on man or beast, Borozone is the Ideal Antiseptic and Healing Agent. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

### For Weak Women

In use for over 40 years! Thousands of voluntary letters from women, telling of the good Cardui has done them. This is the best proof of the value of Cardui. It proves that Cardui is a good medicine for women.

There are no harmful or habit-forming drugs in Cardui. It is composed only of mild, medicinal ingredients, with no bad after-effects.

TAKE

## CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

You can rely on Cardui. Surely it will do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women! It should help. "I was taken sick, seemed to be . . ." writes Mrs. Mary E. Veste, of Madison Heights, Va. "I got down so weak, could hardly walk . . . just staggered around. . . I read of Cardui, and after taking one bottle, or before taking quite all, I felt much better. I took 3 or 4 bottles at that time, and was able to do my work. I take it in the spring when run-down. I had no appetite, and I commenced eating. It is the best tonic I ever saw." Try Cardui.

All Druggists

Capt. and Mrs. Oliver are moving to Texarkana, having sold their beautiful home on Oak Street. We regret that Capt. and Mrs. Oliver are to leave Merkel, but wish them well in their new home.

### MARTIN'S STOCK DIP

A better dip for less money. Martin's Sure Cure Roup Remedy, Martin's Lice Powder and all Martin's Remedies are absolutely guaranteed by Sanders Drug Store.

# FLOOR COVERING

☐ We have one of the best assortments of Rugs to be found any place, and can save you from 10 to 20 per cent over the present price. We bought our Rug stock early and are giving our customers the advantage of the saving we made. You had better come and get your rugs now while our stock is complete and you can get just what you want.

## LINOLEUM

☐ Our Linoleum stock is running low but we still have a number of patterns to select from. We would advise you to buy your Linoleum now for two reasons—First, we will have to get more for the next shipment; second, right now is the best time to lay linoleum. You will find that you get better service out of the linoleum laid now than you will to wait till cold weather.

## FURNITURE

☐ Our Furniture stock is very low at present, but we have several cars already in transit, and within the next ten days we expect to have one of the most complete stocks of up-to-date furniture ever shown in Merkel. Give us a chance at your furniture wants and we will save you some money.

# Barrow Furniture Co.

### Parents- Teachers' Association

The Parent-Teachers Association met in regular session at the High School auditorium Tuesday afternoon. A very important business meeting was held. Plans are being made for extensive improvements on the school ground. Every member is urged to be present at the next meeting. If you are not a member come and join the association and help a good cause.

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

Our Tellers are always supplied with plenty of change. A pleasure to supply you. F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Woodrum, a fine baby boy, on the night of Sept. 20, 1919. The mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mrs. H. E. Boden and sons, J. B. Ceicel, and Clifton of Dallas are visiting her mother, Mrs. Ada Walker. Mrs. Boden came by Fort Worth and visited her sister Mrs. W. E. Spears.

Read the statement of this

bank on second page of this paper, also in last weeks issue. The F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c

### Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

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

# WRIGLEY'S

5c a package before the war

5c a package during the war

5c a package NOW

THE FLAVOR LASTS SO DOES THE PRICE!



## WASHING

Be independent of your wash-woman. Let us see you an Electric Washing Machine, long easy terms. With our electric machine you can do your own washing in two hours and with but little trouble and labor. Let us explain . . . MERKEL POWER CO . . .

Miss Belle Shuff of Mulberry Canyon visited her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Strickland Saturday and Sunday.

### NATURE'S WARNING

Merkel People Recognize and Heed It.

Kidney ills come mysteriously. But nature generally warns you

Notice the kidney secretions. See if the color is unhealthy—If there are settlings and sediment,

Passages frequent, scanty, painful.

It's time to fear serious kidney trouble.

It's time to use Doan's Kidney Pills.

Doan's have done great work in Merkel.

J. L. Chambless, farmer, Merkel, says: "For about a year I had kidney and bladder trouble. Sometimes the pain was pretty bad and I could hardly retain the kidney secretions. They passed freely and were highly colored. I certainly needed something so when I heard about Doan's Kidney Pills I got some at Sanders Drug Store and I am glad to say I was entirely relieved. After I had used Doan's a short time the kidney secretions passed regularly."

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

Miss Elsie Sharp left Monday for Abilene, where she entered the Christian College.

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### 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

Mrs. R. B. Norman of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Mayberry, Saturday and Sunday.

Quick, intelligent and accurate service in all departments, looked after personally by trained officials. F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c.

### Just What She Needed

"I used a bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets some time ago and they proved to be just what I needed," writes Mrs. Volta Bankson, Chillicothe, Mo. "They not only relieved me of indigestion but toned up my liver and rid me of backache and dizziness that I had been subject to for some time. They did me a world of good and I will always speak a good word for them."

J. T. Tucker of Peacos, an old timer with 40 years experience in the Merkel country is visiting relatives and friends.

Change for cotton picking and other labor pay rolls cheerfully furnished at F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c

Sie Hamm of Ranger spent the past week with homefolks.

### Despondency

Sufferers from indigestion are apt to become discouraged and feel that complete recovery is not to be hoped for. No one could make a greater mistake. Hundreds have been permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and can now eat anything that they crave. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. If you have not tried them do so at once.

ABILENE THURSDAY OCTOBER 2

**SELLS**  
FLOTO  
SUPER  
CIRCUS  
AND MENAGERIE

1000 PEOPLE 425 ANIMALS  
THREE RINGS  
2 PERFORMANCES 2.P.M. 8.P.M.  
BIG SHOWS COMBINED

## The Merkel Mail

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If you have visitors, or if you know any item 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.

**Ladies Aid Society Social.**  
Circle A of the Baptist Ladies Aid Society was entertained last Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. L.B. Scott. The lesson was conducted by Mrs. Warren. After a very interesting meeting and a short business session, a social hour was held. Quite a number were present.  
Refreshments were served.

**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.

We are expecting car of flour meal and shorts any day. G. M. Sharp.

**Wins Five Dollars**  
Wallace Bragg won the five dollars offered for the naming of "Everybody's" Music House and Confectionery. He didn't tell us what he did with the money.

We are expecting car of flour meal and shorts any day. G. M. Sharp.

Jim Jones is leaving for McAuley where he will make his home. He has been living with his son, W. M., in French Pasture for several weeks.

Change for cotton picking and other labor pay rolls cheerfully furnished at F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c

**Seed Oats For Sale**  
Winter oats, free from Johnson grass at 80 cents per bushel. T.L. Stevens, Rt. 1, Trent, Tex. 26t3p

Barney Garrett left Monday for Austin, where he enters his senior year in the State University. He expects to finish his law course by January 1.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Westphal of Oklahoma City are the guests of Miss Jess Sutphen.

Quay Hamblett has returned from Dallas, after an absence of several months, and has entered school.

Ted Lamar of Mingus is visiting homefolks for a few days.

Tom Brown and J. T. Brown have engaged in the leasing business, the former being actively engaged in the work, while as yet, the latter is busily engaged in the operation of his gin. They have offices with Geo. Boyce

We want to buy your maize heads. Pay market price. M. G. Stocck and Bro. Trent Tex. 29t5.

Roy Baird of Fort Worth visit friends here this week.

Quick, intelligent and accurate service in all departments, looked after personally by trained officials. F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c.

**Always Welcome**  
"You little rascal—played along the way, didn't you? Kept grandma waiting! Oh well, it's all right. Because"

**CALUMET BAKING POWDER**  
is always right. It's worth waiting for. Always welcome. Never shirks its work. Never fails. Never wastes minutes or materials and I know it's pure and wholesome, as Calumet contains only such ingredients as have been approved officially by the U. S. Food Authorities.  
You save when you buy it—you save when you use it.

**HIGHEST Quality Awards**

Mrs. Knox is spending a few days with her son and family at Trent.

Fresh cake flour now at E. L. Rogers.

Claude Riney left Tuesday morning for Austin to enter the University.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

Mrs. Elmer Lowe spent Saturday and Sunday in Sweetwater

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

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

G. W. Fowler of Dallas is visiting his mother, who is very low.

Shorts and Bran at G. M. Sharps.

A dollar does not look any bigger on pay day than Walter Johnson's fast ball, but the day before pay day it is an axe handle and a half across. Save when you won't miss the money. Buy W.S.S.

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

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

Many a lad is "sitting on the world" when the world slips from under him. Hang on to your seats with War Savings Stamps. They stick.

### Bilious? Take NR Tonight

**Nature's Remedy is Better and Safer Than Calomel. Cleans Out System Without Gripping. Stops Sick Headache. Guaranteed.**

Bilious attacks, constipation, sick headaches, etc., are in the great majority of cases due to digestive trouble and no reasonable person can expect to obtain real or lasting benefit until the cause is corrected.

Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) is a vegetable compound that acts on the stomach, liver, bowels and kidneys, the purpose being to bring about healthy and harmonious action of all the organs of digestion and elimination. It acts promptly and thoroughly, yet so mildly and gently that there is never the slightest gripping or discomfort.

But that is not all. Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) have a beneficial effect upon the entire body. By improving the process of digestion and assimilation, the nourishment is derived from food, the blood quality is enriched, vitality is increased and the whole system strengthened.

Once you get your body in this splendid condition, you need not take medicine every day—just take an NR Tablet occasionally—when indigestion, biliousness and constipation threaten, and you can always feel your best. Remember keeping well is easier and cheaper than getting well.

Get a 25c box of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) and try it. It is sold, guaranteed and recommended by your druggist.

SANDERS DRUG STORE

**Nature's Remedy**  
Better than Pills. GET A 25c Box For Liver Ills.

## LANDS AND LEASES

Two Sections Land in fee 9 miles north Sears Well Cheap for Quick Sale.

Choice Leases close to Sears Well on Structure

**BROWN & BROWNING**  
Merkel, Texas

## COAST TO COAST U. S. FOR LEAGUE

MILLIONS ACCLAIM WILSON AS HE SPEEDS ACROSS THE LAND.

### FEW ASK FOR CHANGES

Majority Feel That President's Guidance Should Be Held—He Regards Pact As Sure to Come Soon.

(By Mt. Clemens News Bureau)  
Aboard President Wilson's Special Train—From the Capital at Washington to the far Pacific coast the President of the United States has journeyed on the most unusual expedition ever undertaken by a chief executive of the nation.

To discuss national questions, many presidents have toured the land; but Mr. Wilson is laying before America a question which affects the whole world—the question of whether or not we are to join in the League of Nations; whether we are to forget our former isolation and share with the other peoples of the earth the responsibilities of maintaining civilization and preventing, as he says we can do, future warfare.

Between the capital and the coast the president made fifteen speeches and half a dozen brief talks. All of 100,000 fellow citizens listened to him. Several millions had the chance to see him, and apparently everyone wanted to see him, from those who thronged the streets of the cities and towns where he stopped, to those who came to the rail side or stood at little flag stations in remote places, knowing their only reward could be a fleeting glimpse and a wave of the hand.

He has met and talked to all types of citizens—to men big in the business, financial and professional worlds, to farmers and mechanical workers, to Indians and cowboys and foreign-born herdsmen and rangers, to soldiers and to mothers who lost soldier-sons in the late war.

What do they all tell him? unambiguously they say they want peace definitely settled, they want no more wars, they want the League of Nations, and most of the American people, it may be fairly said, tell the President they want the League just as it is, without the reservations or amendments which certain senators have insisted upon. The majority of citizens say to those who interview them on this tour:

"Woodrow Wilson guided us rightly before and during the war with Germany. We entered that war, everyone agrees, to end all wars. He says the league can do that. We want to do that, so let us keep on trusting him and get the league into operation as soon as possible. Forget politics."

Most Americans encountered on the tour have forgotten politics. Republican Governors and Mayors have introduced the President to his audience; the Major part of the local committees which have met him have been Republicans. They have all said: "We are nothing but Americans, Mr. President."

Mr. Wilson's arguments for the league, briefly summarized, are those:

There can be no peace, either now or in the future, without it. There can only be a regrouping of nations and a new "Balance of Power," which is certain to lead to war. There can be no war in the future, with the league in existence, because no single nation would defy the united rest of mankind, and if it did, it could be brought to terms by an economic boycott, and without the use of arms.

There can be no reduction in the cost of living until the league is established, for nations will not go ahead with peace time production until they know that peace is definitely assured and that production of war material is no longer necessary.

There can be wonderful prosperity, with the league in existence, for relations of labor and capital all over the world will be made closer and more friendly, and the worker will receive a fairer share of what he produces.

These declaration of the president, logically and eloquently put, have left his hearers thinking and thinking deeply. And then Mr. Wilson has pointed out, the people themselves, as differentiated from senators and politicians, seem to want just what the president wants, which is America for leadership.

Quite as unusual as the purpose of the cross country tour is the manner in which it is being carried out and the completeness of the arrangements on the nine car train which is bearing the party.

At the rear is the private car Mayflower, occupied by the President and Mrs. Wilson. Next is a compartment car for the secretary Tumulty, Admiral Grayson, Mr. Wilson's Physician, four stenographers, the chief executive clerk and seven secret service men. Beyond are three compartment cars which house twenty-one correspondents, five movie men, and a telegraphic and a railroad expert. Then there is a dining, a club car, and two baggage cars, one of them converted into a business office. The train was exactly on time at every stop between Washington and the Coast.

## "THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS"

Wednesday, October 1st

Pastoral simplicity of the kind that approaches grandeur is the inspiring theme in the picturization of "THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS," the photoplay which will be seen at The Cozy Theater Wednesday, October 1st. The rugged honesty and worth of the men that lead simple lives in the sequestered Ozarks are graphically depicted. These men, tall and upstanding, are the same type as the sturdy fine trees that reach up towards the stars from the eternal hills; the same type of men who landed upon Plymouth Rock and laid the foundation for this land of ours. In this great photo-play are shown these truly American people, living today as their forefathers did; men of giant strength and the kindness of children. The people in this play really live their lives. There is no sham, no affection. They love, hate, have their being all unconscious of the fact that they are portraying the great drama of life. The scenic background for this great drama is supplied from a region rich in nature's beauties and a part of the country which has been seldom photographed. The play consists of ten reels with special musical interpretations.

Prices 25 cents and 55 cents including war tax.  
Continuous show from 4:30 to 11.

### STOPS ICE DELIVERIES

On account of being unable to get labor, we will not make any more Ice Deliveries after Saturday, September 27th.

We will keep a man at Ice house as long as it will pay, but when it ceases to pay we will shut it up. We can not blame men for not accepting a short job, as our ice job would be for the season is about over, when they can secure a five or six months job.

We have offered \$120.00 per month for ice deliverymen, and could not get them at that.

This is a case of which we could not help ourselves.

We also appreciate the fact that our ice service has not been what it ought to have been all this summer. On account of labor, we did not pay high wages all summer, but we paid more than the service we got out of them.

To those that go to the Ice house for ice, the man in charge will have instructions to not let any ice out without either coupons or money. Those that have coupons left on hand at end of season or when you choose we will redeem them, paying your money back.

MERKEL ICE COMPANY

## Farm Loans AND Farm Insurance

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

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

## W. O. BONEY

Send Us Your KODAK FILMS to Finish

Films Developed Ten Cents per Roll

Prints Four Cents Each

Finished and returned the same day we receive them

Willis Art Gallery

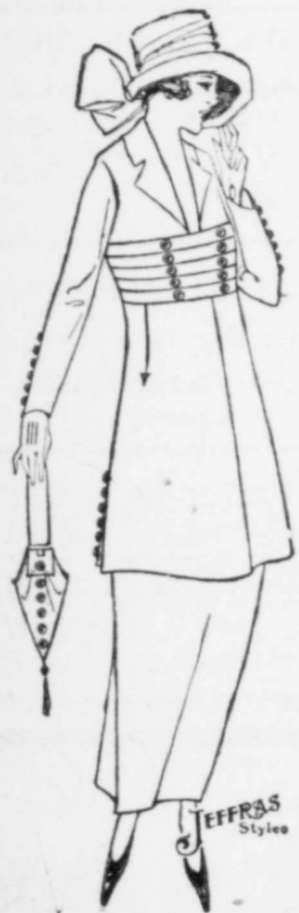
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We pride ourselves in having the most beautiful little store in West Texas, carrying a line of merchandise second to none in the large cities, and at prices much lower. ☞ Our stock in all lines is as near complete as is to be found anywhere, considering the present scarcity of merchandise and the labor troubles. ☞ Having had foresight in booking many orders eight or ten months ago gives us prestige over our competitors that buy only as they need the goods. ☞ We have many dollars worth of goods bought today that the mills and jobbers would gladly pay us a profit rather than ship the goods, but we are keeping right after them and are obtaining shipments every day.

## CLEVER SUITS FOR FALL



We have now on display the most complete line of smart Coat Suits ever shown in Merkel. Suits that are individual in design and fashioned of the seasons most popular cloths, such as broadcloth, velour, silver-tone, tricotine, poret twill, serges and poplins, in all the new fall colors.

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New Silk Petticoats in jersey, satin and fancy figured taffetas, in all the popular wanted colors. Priced at.....**\$5.95 to \$12.50**

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Boys suits with the new waist line effects, belted all around, a real young man model, a pretty line of patterns and materials for boys from 6 to 18. Priced from.....**\$7.95 to \$20.00**

## BOYS LONG PANTS SUITS

A suit for the youth that will meet the requirements of the first pair of long trousers. Strictly high class tailoring and the very latest style developments. Just like big brother wears. 30 to 36.....**\$25 to \$40.00**

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The limited amount of the above only makes early buying the wise thing to do, as prices will be no cheaper later and goods will be unobtainable for late fall delivery.

72x82 Nashua cotton blankets in white & gray mixed. \$7.53  
68x80 Wool blankets in pink and blue checks for single and twin beds, price a pair.....\$15.00  
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Best grade 10-4 bleached sheeting, per yard.....70c  
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Best grade 36-in. bleached domestic, free from starch...29c  
Best grade heavy brown cotton flannel, price per yard...25c  
Best grade solid and figured outing, price per yard.....29c  
Best grade dress gingham in solid and plaids, per yd....29c  
Good grade dress gingham in solid and plaids, per yd....25c  
Best grade heavy cheviots in solid and checks, suitable for shirting and work dresses, price per yard.....30c



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Represent some of the very best lines that money can buy and is being completed by every express.

Florsheim and Maahal shoes for mens high grade dress wear have no equal in leathers, workmanship and last, in all the new browns, tans and blacks. Priced from.....**\$6.50 to \$15.00**

In our Ladies Shoe Department we are showing the new browns, field mouse and combinations in French Louis heel and Military sports last. Priced from.....**\$4.00 to \$15.00**

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Is the hat you want, and we particularly pride ourselves on the personality in each of our hats, which have been thoughtfully selected with a view to their becomingness in wear.

Come in and let us help you in the selection of just that hat you most want to wear. The hat you are looking for is here among the scores of beautiful fall models now on display and ready for your inspection and approval. Moderately priced, from.....**\$3.95 to \$24.95**

## NEW SHIPMENT LADIES DRESS SHOES

Just received by express, in blacks, browns, greys and field mouse; in Millinery and French Louis heels, narrow last, AA, B and C. Priced.....**\$6.50 to \$15.00**

## NEW FALL SUITS FOR THE MEN AND YOUNG MEN

In our line of Society Brand and Griffor Clothes are shown all the new belted and pinchback styles in all the beautiful new shades of browns, greens and blues. Priced from.....**\$25.00 to \$50.00**

# The Merkel Dry Goods Co.

**PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT**

Last week I called your attention to the probability of a recurrence of influenza this fall and winter and stated that in the past the death rate grew larger with each recurrence. You were advised to get busy preparing yourselves and your town in anticipation of a recurrence. Since that time reports have reached this Department of cases of influenza in three widely separated sections of the State.

While there are many things that have always acted as leading factors in promoting public health work, the dominating impulse should be the desire to prevent sickness, suffering and death, a love for one's fellow man and the desire to do everything possible to add to his comfort and welfare. Civic and personal pride follows closely as a factor promoting public health, for a desire to have the cleanest house and the cleanest town should be the pride of every one.

I am now calling upon you to set aside one day this week as "clean up and organization day." Do not stop until you have organized your forces and given your town a thorough cleaning. After a thorough clean up, let us have for our motto "No more trash littered back yards, streets or alleys. No more vacant lots overgrown with weeds and grass. No more pools of stagnant water."

I am asking that all Health Boards call a meeting this week and invite the School Board, The Commercial Clubs, The Civic Clubs, The Parent Teachers Association, The Physicians and Nurses, and all other organizations interested in problems of health, be invited to participate and at the meeting organize forces, perfect plans for a present clean up, and provide for follow up workers and emergency demands that may arise.

In anticipation of an epidemic of influenza or one of any other nature, organize your forces, enroll your workers and have every thing ready to meet an emergency at a moment's notice.

That old cry of "the town is broke, we have no funds", can no longer be tolerated, especially since the work necessary entails no heavy expense, and promises so much in return.

Public Opinion is the one influence that knows no restraint, that puts into practice that old adage "Where there is a will, there is a way." It is now up to you to create that sentiment, and you can and in the name of interest and humanity, you should do it.

It is your duty to do so, and your towns will be healthier and more attractive by your having done so, and your consciences will be clear by having done your duty toward yourself and your fellow man.  
C. W. GODDARD, M. D. State Health Officer.

**The Best Advertisement.**

The best advertisement any merchant can have is a satisfied customer. No greater recommendation can be given an article than the following by E. B. Milburn, Prop., Guion Drug Store, Guion Ark. "We have sold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for years and have always found that it gives perfect satisfaction

Willie and Nolan Helton and George Brown of Pulaski, Tenn., friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collins, are trying the west. They have accepted positions on the farm, and if they like the country, may make this their permanent home.

For deposit or cash bring all your cotton and other checks to F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c

All those who gave orders to Warren Bros. for coal, please place order again with me. A few orders have been misplaced and I do not wish to discommode any one. Clifford Rose. 26t2c

C. B. Brown and family of Breckenridge visited G. B. Brown and family Sunday.

Our Tellers are always supplied with plenty of change. A pleasure to supply you. F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c.

# We are Piled to the Ceiling

With a splendid line of the best Staple Merchandise, bought at the right time and the right prices, and can sell you merchandise now for less than in 60 days from now, as the delivery on future merchandise is going to be bad. It will pay you to buy your fall bill! at once, as many lines will be off the market and can not be bought later.

**SEE OUR MERCHANDISE**

## MEN'S PANTS

☐ Just received a shipment of men's pants in dress and work. It will pay you to look them over before buying elsewhere.

### Gents' Furnishings

☐ Our stock of gents' furnishings is full up, of good merchandise. See us.

## HATS & CAPS

☐ See our Hats and Caps. We have the best line of caps ever brought to Merkel. The styles are right, and the quality the best. See them when in the market for a cap.

## GROCERIES

☐ A full line of groceries carried in the rear of our building, and we always save you money on your groceries. We deliver nothing and give you that part of the TOWNS EXPENSE. See us for your next bill of groceries. We carry the best.

## WE BUY YOUR CREAM ON FRIDAYS

☐ Ask for register tickets with your purchases. They entitle you to purchase a \$14.00 10-piece 20-year guaranteed Aluminum Utensils for \$7.95. See them on display in our store.

## FOOT REST

☐ See our stock of Foot Rest Hosiery. It is the best on the market—for men, women and children.

☐ See our school stockings. They are good and heavy for the boys and girls.

## SHOES

☐ We are surely right on the SHOES. They were bought early and at the right prices. But prices are advancing every day, the future buying will be much higher, buy now.

☐ See our bargain counter for childrens cotton picking shoes. Choice for... \$1.00

# The Foot Rest Store

**THE STAR STORE :: MERKEL, TEXAS**

Miss Minnie Fergusson, who is attending business college in Abilene, visited homefolks Sunday.

Don't forget Rose and Buford at the old City Barber Shop.

Miss Callie Lou Owen of Petrolia spend the past week with

her brother, Joe., and family.

Call and see my new stock of furniture and stoves all priced reasonable. J. T. Darsey.

Miss Oralie Sandusky left Monday morning for Abilene where she enters Christian College.

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

JT. Humphries of Goliad spent some time in Merkel this week. He is preparing to move back to his farm south of town



**WHEN you see this famous trade-mark, think a minute! Think of the delicious taste of a slice of fresh toasted bread!**

That's the real idea back of the success of Lucky Strike cigarettes. Toasting improves tobacco just as well as bread. And that's a lot.

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# NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

**A Dividend of 10 per cent will be paid on October 20, 1919, on all stock of record October 1st, and very likely monthly thereafter. An advance of 50 per cent will be made immediately thereafter. You had better buy now if you want to get in at \$10.00 per share and participate in this dividend.**

## WE HAVE LARGE LEASE HOLDINGS

in Desdemona, Burkburnett, Ranger, and scattered in Comanche county, Mills county, Erath county, Fisher county, Nolan county, Jones county, Taylor county, Cherokee county, Shackelford county, Van Zant county, Hamilton county, Wichita county, Kaufman county, Henderson county, Wood county, and New Mexico, consisting of

## ABOUT 27,000 ACRES

All either near producing wells or wells that are being drilled by big companies. We spend no money in drilling for oil. We let the other companies spend their money in drilling and we sell off our leases at a profit, retaining enough in each place where necessary to have drilled on the Fifty-Fifty basis. Simple as can be. Practically no risk to run.

ORGANIZED ON SAME PLAN AS HOG CREEK CO. HOG CREEK OIL, WHICH HAS REFUSED OFFER OF \$8,000,000 IS SUCCESSFUL "WILDCAT"

Waxahachie, Texas, Aug. 2.—The directors of the Hog Creek Oil Company held a meeting at Midlothian yesterday afternoon and rejected a bid of \$8,000,000 for the sale of the company's holding in Desdemona field. Many bids were filed with the directors, but the identity of the highest bidder was not disclosed.

The meeting attracted prominent oil men from many sections of the country. It was said that representatives of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, the Sinclair-Gulf Company and other large companies were present.

Had the directors accepted the bid of \$8,000,000 for the property the deal would have been one of the largest on record in the history of the oil industry in Texas. The shares were issued in the sum of \$100 each, and if the deal had gone through the holder of each share would have received \$13,333.33. Most of the stock is owned by the business men of Midlothian and farmers of that vicinity. Several shares are held by Waxahachie business men.—From the Evening Journal of Aug. 2, 1919.

The Pocahontas differs from the Hog Creek Co. in that it owns more acreage and the same is more widely scattered. Our opportunities are therefore greater.

EIGHTY COMPANIES IN BURKBURNETT DIVIDEND PAYERS

Dividend Checks Amount to Almost Twice Total Capitalization

VAN CLEAVE OIL CO. LEADS THE FIELD  
Burk-Waggoner and Fowler Farm Companies Not Included in the Eighty

Wichita Falls, Texas, June 11.—Eighty oil companies operating in the Burkburnett field have paid dividends aggregating \$7,613,800, according to figures compiled by Everett Hughes, compiler and publisher of the Burkburnett and Wichita Falls Oil Development Guide.

The capitalization of the 80 companies included in this list aggregated \$4,334,000 making the average per cent dividend paid approximately 175 per cent. Very few of these companies are more than eight months old

Burk-Waggoner Oil Association capitalization, \$60,000; total dividend paid, \$2,000,000.

Fowler Farm Oil Company, capitalized \$12,000; per cent paid, 11,458 1-3; total dividend paid, \$1,375,000

STOCK WILL SELL AT PAR VALUE FEW DAYS ONLY

Our stock will sell at par value a few days only. By reason of the rapid advance in the value of our leases, and the almost certainty of our securing production of oil in large quantities in the near future through our fifty-fifty drilling contracts, and the certainty of several of the many deep test wells coming in around where our many thousand acres are scattered, which will mean the enhancement in value of our leases many hundred times their original cost, wise investors will not hesitate in placing their subscription while our stock may be had at par value of \$10 per share.

### NO DRILLING—NO DRY HOLES

It's not the purpose of the Company to use any part of the Company's funds for drilling purposes; therefore you will never be advised that a dry hole has been struck, the consequences of which would mean the loss of your investment. To be plain we wish to state our purpose again, we propose to buy oil and gas leases, and royalties, to sell same at a good profit. We also propose to retain for the Company in the sale of leases one-sixteenth interest and let the other fellow spend his money digging a hole in the ground and let big companies drill out our leases on the 50-50 basis. If they strike oil we gain thereby at no cost to the Company.

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See E. D. COATS, Lease Agent, or D. L. IRWIN for the next few days

## LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. D. L. Irvin of Dallas spent several days in Merkel this week with her husband, who is heavily interested in the oil game.

Don't wait till it is freezing to bring in your winter clothing, but bring them now and be ready for the norther. Mrs. Cash.

Mrs. J. R. Lamar returned after spending a while visiting her daughters at Putnam and Baird.

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

Mrs. J. E. Adkisson and daughters, Misses Lura and Stacy left Wednesday for San Antonio, where they will join Dr. Adkisson.

We are expecting car of flour meal and shorts any day. G. M. Sharp.

Mr and Mrs. Perminter were called to Bonham the past week on account of the death of Mr. Perminter's sister.

### You Do More Work.

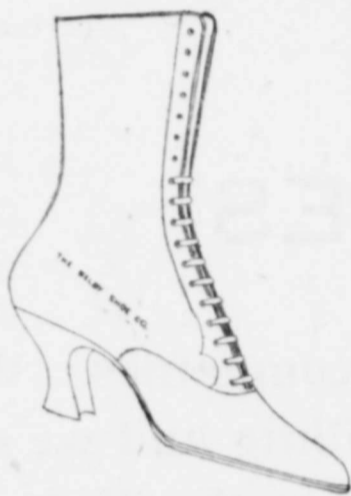
You are more ambitious and you get more enjoyment out of everything when your blood is in good condition. Impurities in the blood have a very depressing effect on the system, causing weakness, laziness, nervousness and sickness.

**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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## Late Season Styles are Here in Millinery Ready-to-Wear, Piece Goods MEN'S AND BOYS' SUITS, SHOES, ETC.



We are meeting the great demand for ladies, misses and childrens Ready-to-Wear garments for fall and winter. Each express brings something new to add to our already big stock.

A constantly increasing number of women come to our store for their coats, suits, dresses, skirts, sweaters, blouses and millinery. This is clearly evidenced by the greatest volume of business ever done in this section of our store.

### Millinery Specials

For Saturday only we will sell ready trimmed hats, values to \$10 at \$6.95 values to \$7.50 at \$4.95

### New Fall Shoes

We count ourselves lucky to receive a shipment of J. E. Tilt shoes for men and Selby shoes for women. The scarcity of shoes and advancing prices make it necessary that you buy your fall shoes early. Come figure with us. Make our store your store.



## Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Co.

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### CHURCH NEWS

#### At The Baptist Church

There will be regular services Sunday. Let every member be in his or her place as it is not very encouraging to a visiting preacher to see so many absent. Now is the time most of all when every member should feel his duty to God and the Church to be present at every service. Let's fill the house Sunday and give a hearty welcome to the stranger within our gate.

Sunday is Promotion Day in the Sunday School and it is urged

that every teacher and pupil of the school be present so all the school can be automatically promoted. We are counting on you teachers to be right in your place early.

League Program Sunday Sept 28  
Subject, Shall Africa Stretch Out Her Hands in Vain?  
Leader, Agnes Rister.  
Scripture, Ps. 68:18—25 Acts 8:26—40.  
Song, Prayer, Song.  
Special Music, Hazel Harkrider.  
The Bigness of Africa and Our

Task, Lorena Dry.  
Song.  
The Founding of Our Mission, Chester Hutcheson.  
Shall Africa Stretch Out their Hands in Vain? Leader.  
Prayer of Thanksgiving, Rev. W. M. Murrell.  
Song.  
League Benediction.

B. Y. P. U. Program  
Subject, Social Problems in the States.  
Leader, Ruth Boden.  
The Problem of Illiteracy and Its Attendant Evils, Roxie Sharp  
The Problem of the Juvenile Incurable, Yates Brown.  
Duet, Misses Ruby Campbell and Lula Belle Sharp.  
The Problem of The Mentally Deficient, Willie Swann.  
Duet, Mrs. Ergeal Meador and Yates Brown.  
The Problem of Divorce, Annie May Swann.  
The Problem of Child Labor, Virgil Mayfield.

Methodist Church News  
Sunday School promptly at 10. Please be on time. Preaching at 11. Subject "The Unseen Forces" Services at the evening hour at 8:30. Our town is fast filling up with strangers and we give you a hearty invitation to come and worship with us, if you are here promoting an oil company we would be glad to have you, if you are here picking cotton or doing any other kind of labor we will be glad to have you in our congregation. You need the churches influence and the church needs you. While our town is receiving a wonderful financial blessing lets not forget the source from which the blessing comes. We hope to see you at Sunday School and Church Sunday.  
W. M. Murrell, Pastor.

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#### Reception For Teachers

Welcome reception for the teachers was given at the tabernacle on Thursday night, Sept 12 The following program was well rendered:  
Opening Address, Mr. Frank Smith.

Response, Supt. R. A. Burgess  
Piano Solo, Ona Faye Bland.  
Reading, Louise Warren.  
Vocal Solo, Mrs. L. B. Howard  
Reading, Lucy Tracy.  
Ukulele Quartet, Louise Warren, Ona Faye Bland, Hazel Harkrider and Lola Armstrong.  
Quartet, Wilma Garrett, Mrs. Howard, J. C. Baker and R. J. Miller.  
An appeal for new members was made by the president of the Parent-Teachers Association and several names were added to the roll.



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Sanders-Alexander Wedding  
Judge Wheeler is getting quite a reputation with cupid of late. Last Saturday night he performed the marriage ceremony for Ollie Sanders and Mrs. Virgie Alexander. The marriage was quite a surprise to friends of the contracting parties. Mr. Sanders has carried the mail out of Merkel for a number of years, and is alleged to have been present at the marriage of his wife to Mr. Alexander. Mrs. Sanders is the daughter of W. H. Prince of Shiloh. These people are worthy of the high esteem in which they are held and have a host of friends who wish them long years of blissful happiness.

#### Walked-Spears Wedding

Sunday September the seventh promptly at 12 o'clock, Miss Bula Walker and Mr. W. E. Spears were quietly married in the Court House at Fort Worth.

Mrs. Spears is the daughter of Mrs. Ada Walker of this city and resided her until about one year ago, when she went to Ft. Worth. She has many friends here having graduated at Merkel High School in 1918.

Mr. Spears is a well known business man of Fort Worth and they will probably make their home there.

#### Hill-Schoonover Wedding

Judge Wheeler has simply ruined his reputation. He performed a like ceremony only a few evenings ago. We bet he has put his sign in opposition to the reverends about here. His latest experience came Thursday afternoon, when he spoke the words that made Jettie Hill of Abilene and Miss Ella Schoonover of Ranger man and wife. They left for Abilene immediately, where they will make their home in future.

#### Higgins-Allen Wedding

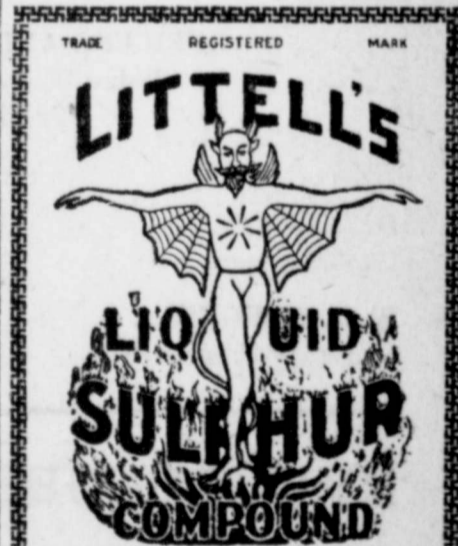
Last Sunday afternoon Miss Margaret Fay Allen of the Salt Branch neighborhood was married to Mr. Charlie Higgins, Rev. W. M. Murrell performing the ceremony.

Both parties are well known in Merkel and surrounding country. Mrs. Higgins is an attractive young lady of pleasing disposition and popular. Mr. Higgins is a young man of worthy ambition high character and full of pluck and energy.

We wish for them many years of happy wedded life.

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