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SEARS WELL TO BE DRILLED DEEPER BUTMAN WELL STARTS OPERATIONS

All week the most optimistic news has sifted in from the Sears well. It is stated on good authority that for a time the gas pressure was so great that the oil ran over the top of the casing for a short time. Confirmed reports state that more oil has been found the past week than any previous showing. The rock, shale and lime have been thoroughly filled with oil. As yet the drill has not reached the sand. According to the geologist, the sand is just beneath the drill. After fighting a cave-in for several days and just about the time a particular underreaming job was completed, a part of the underreamer was lost. The operators have been fishing for this piece for several days, but so far have not been able to get hold of it. They believe that a little more drilling will reach the sand. Every evidence indicates a quantity of oil near by. If it is not just underneath, then they are in the side a nice showing. The greatest of interest is manifested and every one seems to be impatient over the delay. Other drilling operations are expected to start in the vicinity at once.

Reports from the Bland well indicate that a nice showing of oil and gas have been found. Further developments are expected there momentarily.

The entire outfit is on the way for the Trent well, and the operators expect to be drilling there in a short time.

The engine was placed at the Butman well Wednesday, and as we go to press operations are scheduled to start. The lack of materials and casing has delayed operations until this time.

A contract is pending for a location a few miles north of Merkel, and doubtless will be settled before this issue of the paper gets into the hands of the readers.

The Company is very careful that nothing but facts be published. We are therefore, very cautious about publishing oil news.

MODERN TRACTOR PERFECTED

Elsewhere in this issue appears a page advertisement of the Armstrong Farm Tractor Company. This advertisement is in regard to the perfected machine patented by Ira Armstrong, our own fellow townsman. The company is being capitalized at \$500,000 and will very probably have one of its principal offices located in West Texas. The tractor is peculiarly fitted for this section of the country, and doubtless much of the stock will be taken here. The tractor has been thoroughly tested and is proving a complete success.

Mr. Armstrong and his associates have labored long and hard to bring the machine to its present state of perfection. Plans being made to have the tractor ready for the market in the early spring. Mr. Armstrong believes there is not a tractor in the country that can be better adapted to all the needs of the farmer.

Mr. Armstrong is now in Merkel and will remain here for several days. A representative force will be organized and the entire plans of the company will be pushed to early perfection. About the first of November Mr. Armstrong will go to Detroit, Mich., where contracts will be placed for the different units of the tractor.

We glory in his success. We hope his company will prove to be one of the foremost of the kind in the country. When the plant is established, Mr. Armstrong will superintend the construction department.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES RAISED

In order to keep the school running for a nine months session, it becomes necessary to raise the assessments one-third of their value in the school district. This will barely give enough funds but it was the idea of the equalization board to keep the taxes just as low as possible in keeping with a first class school system.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

On Tuesday, November 4, the people of Texas will vote on six proposed amendments of the State Constitution and a proposal to hold a constitutional convention. The proposal as they have been certified by the Secretary of State to appear on the ballot are set forth below. The election law (Article 2937 of the Revised Civil Statutes) authorizes the Secretary of State to prescribe the forms to be used in elections, and all counties should place proposals on the ballot in the order certified by the official. However, about forty counties did not thus observe the form in the election of May 24, with the result that there was much confusion. The propositions for November 4, as certified by the Secretary of State, follow:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

For amendment to Section 49, Article 3 of the Constitution proposing to amend Section 49 of Article 3, relating to the power to create debts by or on behalf of the State, so as hereafter to authorize the Legislature to enact a law directing the issuance of bonds by the Governor of the State in a sum not to exceed Seventy five Million dollars, the proceeds of said bonds to be used in the construction of durable, hard-surfaced roads upon public highways of the State; and providing for the levy of tax not to exceed 20 cents on the One Hundred Dollars valuation, on taxable property in the State.

AGAINST the amendment to Section 49, Article 3 of the Constitution proposing to amend Section 49 of Article 3 relating to the power to create debts by or on behalf of the State, so as hereafter to authorize the Legislature to enact a law directing the issuance of bonds by the Governor of the State in a sum not to exceed \$75,000,000 dollars, the proceeds of said bonds to be used in the construction of durable, hard-surfaced roads upon public highways of the State; and providing for the levy of a tax, not to exceed 20 cents on the One Hundred Dollars valuation, on taxable property in the State.

FOR amendment to Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution authorizing the Legislature to grant aid to Confederate soldiers, sailors and their widows who have been residents of this State since January 1, 1912.

AGAINST—

FOR amendment to Article 16 of the Constitution, authorizing a division of the net proceeds of the prison system for this State between the State and prisoners confined in the Penitentiary or their dependents.

AGAINST—

FOR the amendment to Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing the issuance of bonds by the City and County of Galveston.

AGAINST—

FOR the amendment to Article 8, Section 9 of the State of Texas providing for the levy of taxes not to exceed thirty cents for roads streets and bridges and not to exceed fifty cents for the erection of public buildings, streets, sewers, waterworks and other permanent improvements, and not to exceed sixty cents for maintenance of public roads in one year.

AGAINST—

FOR the amendment to Section 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, fixing the constitution of the University of Texas, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, the College of Industrial Arts at Denton, Texas; the Sam Houston Normal Institution at Huntsville, Texas; the North Texas State Normal at Denton, Texas; the Southwest Texas State Normal at San Marcos, Texas; the West Texas Normal at Canyon, Texas, and the East Texas State Normal at Commerce, Texas, and other State educational institutions, and determining the interest, respectively, of the University of Texas, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College in the University permanent fund; and providing for the support, direction, and development of State educational institutions.

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Luther and Dee Grimes of Breckenridge were home visiting this week.

Shorts and bran at G. M. Sharps.

The mechanic at the Merkel Motor Company makes a specialty of repairing Fords, giving them preference over other makes.

ELECTRIC SERVICE

We regret a great deal more than our customers the various interruptions in our service since the fire, which destroyed the power plant at Abilene. We are rushing the completion of a high line from Abilene to Stamford. This will tie the two power plants together, which will give us 200 H. P., more

The Merkel plant is losing \$700 to \$800 per month now on account of not having enough power to supply the demand.

Abilene is not discriminating against Merkel by cutting us off and giving their own people service. There is a reason that is just when we are cut off. We have a very large load of line resistance by cutting out Merkel. It cuts off this dead load.

Plans are being rushed on the business and see if ours is it is completed, will provide duplicate sets of machinery, the best money can buy that will give ample capacity and then our service will be of the very best. The fire only left one Turbine generator set, with it over loaded. The fuel situation has given us lots of trouble, as the gas went down unexpected and we were unable to get oil or coal as we required it. All these hindrances are absolutely unavoidable. Name a business concern now that can give A-1 service. Go to a dry goods store, grocery store, drug store, garage railroad etc., in fact any line of business, can they give you absolute service? No, but when it comes to Public Utilities lots of people think they must be perfect and never falter or fail.

Compare our service with other business'es and see if ours is not better. We have been operating in Merkel nearly five years, and the first three years we only had one hour and forty minutes shut down. There was not a plant in the U. S. that beat that.

Give us a chance and be as patient as you have been in the past and we will be better equipped than ever to give you absolute service. We regret the trouble we have had of late, but we assure you it is beyond our control and a financial loss to us.

Yours Truly
MERKEL POWER COMPANY

THE CHAUTAUQUA A GREAT SUCCESS CONTRACT IS SIGNED FOR NEXT YEAR

The Ratcliff Chautauqua proved a great success this week. The tent was crowded at nearly every performance. Part of the time standing room was at a premium. It has been stated that the Merkel people would attend a cheap carnival or medicine show, but passed up the higher class of entertainment. Such is absolutely false. The committee that signed up for the entertainment is elated over the result. The sum of \$500 was guaranteed. Over this amount was raised. The entertainment was strictly high class. Those who attended were delighted. It is hoped that the chautauqua may become a fixed proposition in Merkel.

The tent manager, Frank E. Morrow, arrived at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, with his tent, and at noon the completion of its erection had been accomplished. Special hand bills, printed at Mr. Morrow's suggestion and passed through the city. Mr. Morrow is quite an expert in his line, besides being an affable and pleasing gentleman. His work with the committee was of a high order, co-operative and appreciative.

The Chautauqua was opened at 3:30 p. m., Monday by the Fighting Yanks Quartette. Mr. Gail Fleisher giving special music of the fighting types, that was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Hugh Marshall gained a hearty applause with his Scotch songs, appearing in his Scotch kilts.

Mr. Gilbert Buckley, the Canadian soldier from Canada, who was wounded in one of the famous battles in France; touched the hearts of all, who listened to his songs.

They say the best always comes last, which was Mr. Wood Keen, the bass singer, who poured out his whole soul into all his songs.

The Quartette, as a whole, won the esteem and appreciation of a very large audience and they will live on in the memory of Merkel.

Dr. W. T. S. Culp gave two soul and life stirring lectures, "The Lamp of Aladdin" and "The Greatest Thing That A man may Know."

These lectures were delivered in such a manner that they reached both the children and adults, both cultured and the uncultured classes of people, leaving new thoughts and brain-food in the growing and developing minds of the young as well as the old.

Dr. Culp came to our City with a wonderful reputation from his great Chautauqua work done in twelve of our Pacific Coast and Western States as well as years of past experiences.

The Second Day of the Chautauqua was opened by Miss Florence Besley, "The Red Cross Nurse," who has had a wonderful career, serving three years in the Philippine Islands for the U. S. Gov., also in France and the United States. Her lecture was valued very highly in every respect.

The famous reader and impersonator, Loyd Taylor, filled the crowd with mirth and laughter throughout the program in which his smiling and pleasing countenance appeared.

The Italian Accordion King, Sr. Bellino, swayed the audience to and fro as he poured forth the beautiful music from this wonderful instrument, which was enjoyed by young and old alike.

The evening Lecture was given by the Director, Dr. A. M. Hyde, who pointed out the great Opportunities that come our way if we only prepare ourselves for them in time and showing how many of our Great men had worked themselves up from the very bot-

tom by purely perseverance and determination.

The Third Day opening with the Lecture by Miss Mason, on Home Engineering. She held the Rank of 2nd Lieut., in the U. S. Army of Re-construction work. She gave an interesting lecture on community uplift.

The Columbian Concert Co. a group of young ladies, gave a musical program of music, songs and readings.

Miss Perry gave special piano solos.

Miss Twiggins gained the applause of all with her readings.

Miss Muzzy producing various impersonations from the child on up.

Miss Watson with her sweet voice gave several songs, much to the delight of the audience.

The closing Lecture by Dr. A. M. Hyde on "Pushing Back the Horizons of Today."

The big tent was full at all programs and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

PROPERTY CHANGING HANDS

Interest seems to be centering in Merkel property. Early in the week J. B. Toomey of New York purchased 960 acres of ranch land from Joe Elliott. The land lies four miles west of Trent. The deal amounted to \$12,000. Mr. Toomey recently purchased extensive lot holdings in Merkel. He expresses every confidence in this section.

H. L. Propst purchased the building occupied by the Boney Drug Store and the adjoining building for \$7500 this week. Mr. Propst says he has every confidence in Merkel and is of the opinion that a better location could hardly have been secured. The property was owned by the Crown Hardware Company.

L. R. Thompson purchased the home owned by T. L. Shepard on Oak Street this week. Mr. Thompson recently became connected with the Farmers & Merchants National Bank. Mrs. Thompson arrived a few days ago and they expect to move into their home within a few days. Mr. Thompson looked the field over when coming to Merkel and it was his opinion that Merkel offered the best business opportunity that could be found.

E. L. Palmer of Edwood was in Merkel country prospecting this week. Before returning home he purchased the farm of Tom Toombs, Jr., south of Nubia, amounting to \$8000. Mr. Palmer expects to move out between now and January 1. He is well impressed with the Merkel country.

The above deals were perfected by the Merkel Realty Company.

Expect Bill to Aid in Financing Cotton

Washington, Oct. 12.—The Platt bill amending Section 5200 of the National banking act, increasing the loans that may be made by national banks from 10 to 25 per cent of their capital and surplus, recently passed by Congress, has gone to the President for approval. The changes, it is said, will greatly facilitate the financing of cotton crops and enlarge the permission to national banks to accept in discount notes secured by shipping documents or warehouse receipts conveying title to readily marketable non-perishable staples, including live stock, when such property is fully covered by insurance.

Fresh car Peace Maker flour G. M. Sharps.

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

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

LOST—Mud chain for Ford car between Merkel and J. H. Couch farm southeast. W. O. Boney for FOR SALE—320 acres of land, all tillable land, 75 acres in cultivation, well improved. A bargain for quick sale. See J. E. Boaz, Merkel, Texas. 10t3p.

For Sale Until Nov. 15th 81 acres best level farm land in Taylor country, four miles of Merkel, improved, house, good barn and storm cellar, well, wind mill, plenty water. Cotton making \$75.00 per acre. Price \$65. an acre and all royalty goes with place. Terms to be agreed upon Possession January 1st. A. D. Scott, Merkel, Texas Route 4. 10t3p.

ANTED—Good light second and surrey and harness. Must be worth the money and in good shape. H. P. Wilkins, Merkel Tex Route 1 17t2c

COAL—Have sold my second car except 3 or 4 tons. Booking orders now for car "Fancy Nut Coal" from Colorado. Will be in the coal business to stay if I can buy the coal. T. J. R. Swafford, Phone 291. 17t2c

FOR SALE—Pure Texas Red Rust Proof oats at 75 cents per bushel. R. B. Wells. 17t2p

SEED OATS Winter turf free from Johnson grass. See J. T. Warren or Geo. Boyce. 17t2c.

COAL—Orders wanted. I will have car of coal about October 15. Call 291 or see T. J. R. Swafford. 19t4p

WANTED—Hands to haul 100 tons of cotton seed from Butman Gin to Blair and load back with coal to Gin. Sam Butman, Sr., 3t3p

Notice to Everybody Concerned I am back at my same old stand, ready to buy your chickens, turkeys, eggs, butter, hides, sacks and rags. I will pay you the highest market price and will sell you apples, potatoes etc. as cheap as any one else. Come to see me. W. P. Duckett.

LOST—2 pairs of men's pants, bought at Denni's store Saturday. One a blue serge, the other a mixed brown cotton. Laid them down in one of the stores in Merkel. Finder please leave at J. T. Dennis store. A. D. Wilson. 17t1p

LOST—Little red pig four weeks old. Got out of my lot Saturday night. Finder please phone 9012-F22. 17t1c

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN One sorl pony, 15 hands high, from hitch rack at Trent last Saturday. \$10 reward offered. A. J. Ramsey, Trent, Texas, Rt 2 Phone 89F13. 17t2p

CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

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
	\$434,967.82

LIABILITIES

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

Wilson Remains in Bed

Washington, Oct. 16—Hope that President Wilson soon might regain his normal health and resume fully the duties of his office was swept away today by his physicians, who announced that it would be impossible for him to leave his bed "for an extended period."

The announcement, made after a consultation between Rear Admiral Grayson and the three assisting physicians, said there had been no interruption of the President's slow improvement, but emphasized that he still had a long road to travel before complete recovery.

RHEUMATISM IS TORTURE
As Many Merkel Readers Know Only too well
Many pains that pass as rheumatism are really due to weak kidneys—to the failure of the kidneys to drive off uric acid thoroughly. When you suffer achy, bad joints, backache, too, dizziness and some urinary disturbances, get Doan's Kidney Pills, the medicine that is publicly recommended by over 150,000 people in many different lands. Doan's Kidney Pills help weak kidneys to drive out uric acid, which is often the cause of the backache, rheumatism and lumbago. Merkel people have learned their worth. Read this Merkel resident's experience.

Wm E. Anderson Dead
Wm. E. Anderson, who was residing with his daughter; Mrs. Patton died a few days since and was buried at Truby. He was over 70 years of age. We were unable to learn particulars concerning his death, but reports are to the effect that he lived an honorable life, and went to his death with that resolute faith that fears not death.

To Elect Red Cross Officers
Annual election of Red Cross officers will be held on Tuesday afternoon, Oct 20, at 4 o'clock, at the Groene Studio. All interested parties are urged to be present.

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured
by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Circulars free. All Druggists. J. C. CHEVY & CO., Toledo, O.

Road Work Being Pushed

Sanders Bros. are doing their utmost to push the highway through Merkel into shape. They have been hampered in every conceivable way. The rains have delayed them and it has almost been impossible to obtain hands. They have managed to push ahead, however, in spite of their obstacles, and it can not be long until one of the best sections of road in Texas will run right through Merkel. It will be one of our very greatest assets. We welcome it an item of progress, we welcome it for the convenience it affords and we welcome it for the business it will bring to our enterprising city.

THE
**FARMERS & MERCHANTS
NATIONAL BANK**

The motto of this bank from the time it received its charter has been "SERVICE."

SERVICE in promptly caring for every detail of our customers' business.

SERVICE in always having plenty of funds to care for the legitimate business needs of our customers.

It costs money to offer the SERVICE always at the SERVICE of those who do business with us.

We want satisfied customers and we gladly meet the extra expense to have them.

To have the advantage of this SERVICE, open an account with us.

Thos. Johnson, Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

E. N. Brown has just returned from Dallas on his third purchasing trip for the fall and winter. He says business is all that he can handle.

Read our "Ad" in this issue and have the advantage of the service we are offering our customers. F. & M. National Bank.

Dave Ashby of Comper was painfully injured last Friday when his team run away at Stith, catching him between a post and his wagon.

Have a competent mechanic at the Merkel Motor Company.

Clark Howell of Fort Worth is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. L. Williams and family.

Cuts Prices on flour, meal, bran and C. Only lasts till Saturday night Oct. 18. Better get some. A. L. Jobe.



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.

New Goods Here

QUALITY AND STYLE KIND

LADIES
MISSES

SUITS

MENS
BOYS

COME SEE THEM

New Shoes -- New Hats
New Silks -- New Coats

Goods of merit are hard to get

Delay in buying means you are up against it

The Brown D. G. Co.

LOCAL NEWS

Frank McFarland has taken over the gas and oil supply station of Warren Bros.

For deposit or cash bring all your cotton checks to the F.&M. National Bank

Miss Selena Teaff has been real sick the past week.

Dont wait till it is freezing to bring in your winter clothing, but bring them now and be ready for the norther. Mrs. Cash.

R. L. Bean has moved to Merkel from Ranger and opened a restaurant on Front Street.

For deposit or cash bring all your cotton checks to the F.&M. National Bank

H. F. Groene of Wichita Falls was a home visitor this week.

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

Constipation.
The beginning of almost every serious disorder is constipation. If you want to enjoy good health keep your bowels regular. This is best accomplished by proper diet and exercise, but sometimes a medicine is needed and when that is the case you will find Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent. They are mild and gentle in their action easy and pleasant to take. Give them a trial. They only cost a quarter.

Long Staple Cotton
J.L. Williams is experimenting with long staple cotton. He planted a few seed he secured from government, with highly satisfactory results. He intends to put in 15 or 20 acres next year. Long staple is worth five cent more a pound.

DRAUGHON'S PRACTICAL Business College
ABILENE, TEXAS
Only well-known Business College in West Texas. Thousands of firms nearer our Employment Department than any other. Money-back contract guarantee position. Catalogue FREE.

A Terrible Error.

Last week we made a terrible error. In reality it was a "Bust". We reported a newcomer at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gambill. It was a boy and the doctor is all up in the air. We don't know how to fix it. We can't change it. If any one has a boy they can spare, please let the doctor have it. We just must get out of this scrape some way.

For deposit or cash bring all your cotton checks to the F.&M. National Bank

Miss Amanda Curtis and little Ola Smith are visiting friends in Fort Worth and taking in the Dallas Fair.

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



It is a powerful and scientific combination of sulphur and other healing agents for the relief and cure of diseases of the skin. It is especially effective in the ITCHING VARIETIES; giving instant relief from the itching and smarting sensations and by its germ-destroying properties it exterminates the microbe which is the cause of the eruption, thus curing the disease completely.

Littell's Liquid Sulphur Compound is used in all cases of Eczema, Tetter, Barber's Itch, Psoriasis, Herpes, Rash, Oak and Ivy Poisoning, also for relieving the annoyance caused by chiggers and mosquito bites.

In the treatment of ECZEMA—the most painful and obstinate of all skin diseases—it is one of the most successful remedies known.

Small size 50 cents bottle, Large size \$1.00
JAMES F. BALLARD, Prop. St. Louis, Mo.

FURNITURE FURNITURE

We are now receiving new goods every day

A nice assortment of bed room and dining room suits just arrived

Every department in our store is being rapidly filled with new up-to-date goods

We haven't time to tell you about them but come in and we will show you

Barrow Furniture Co.

Takes Charge of Cafe
A. A. Khoury of Waco has taken over the Richelieu Cafe and will operate it as the Arcade Cafe. Mr. Khoury is an old restaurant man of broad experience and comes highly recommended as a business man of integrity. He expects to continue night and day service and will cater to the needs of his customers in every possible way.

Mr. Khoury brings with him able assistants, proposing to leave no stone unturned to make the business a success. A. Simms of Kansas City has charge of the night force. He is also experienced in the restaurant line.

Clifton Guchon of Boston, Mass., is chief cook, having been engaged in this kind of business for some time.

The cafe is modernly equipped and attractive and we predict for the new management a big success.

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

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

Indigestion, Bilioussness, Constipation.

Chamberlain's Tablets have restored to health and happiness hundreds who were afflicted with indigestion, bilioussness and constipation. If you are troubled in this way give them a trial. You are certain to be pleased for they will benefit you.



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.

Buys Out Merkel Dry Goods Co.

One of the biggest deals pulled off recently was made by A.C. Rose in purchasing the interest of H. L. Propst in the Merkel Dry Goods Company. The deal approximated \$26,000. The history of this firm is written into the history of Merkel. Only a few years ago three young men, A. C. Rose, H. L. Propst and R. L. Bland organized the Anchor Mercantile Company. From the very jump the business proved a success. The growth of the business reads like fiction. Less than three years ago Mr. Bland sold his interest in the business for over \$30,000. Since then Messrs. Rose and Propst disposed of their hardware and grocery interests and big buildings. Mr. Propst centered his interest in extensive land holdings on the plains and Mr. Rose took charge of the dry goods business. Only recently they completed erection of one of the most modern business houses in Merkel. The prosperity that has come to these three business men should be a lesson to every aspiring young man in the country. What they have done, others can do. They have proven what honesty, energy and purpose can do for men. They have proven that a man does not have to be crooked to make a success. We rejoice in their success and freely predict that before their life's services is finished they will be of marvelous worth to the community in which they choose to dwell.

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

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.
This remedy is intended especially for coughs, colds, whooping cough. From a small beginning its sale and use has extended to all parts of the United States and to many foreign countries. This alone is enough to convince one that it is a medicine of more than ordinary merit. Give it a trial and you will find this to be the case.

NATURE'S ENVIED PRODUCTS

Man's ingenuity at its best attempts vainly to attain the high standard of perfection that marks the products of nature—

Sun makes real daylight,
Bees make real honey,
Cream makes real butter,
Wood lumber makes real homes.

Substitutes for many products are offered with great and boastful claims for their respective merits, but put to the test they are always found inferior.

Where could better material be found to withstand the ravages of the elements than wood, weathered in the tree for years?

The Master Building Material with "Durability Inherited from Mother Nature."

BUILD OF WOOD AND BUILD NOW

BURTON-LINGO CO.

Building Service and Materials

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L. D. LEVY, Local Mgr

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!



New Fountain

Our fountain is now in operation with one of the most complete lines of Drinks in the city.

Our cigar and candy stock can not be beat

Fresh Fruits in season

See our Music Department

We carry a full line of music from Jazz to Opera. We are always glad to play records and sheet music for you at any time.

Pianos and Phonographs on the floor for immediate delivery

Everybody's Confectionery AND MUSIC HOUSE

High School Gets Music Teacher.

The pupils of Merkel High School should consider themselves fortunate in having secured for them so competent a teacher of piano. Beginning Monday morning next, Miss Perry, who has been teaching in Simmons College, will begin her classes in music here. The school authorities should be congratulated in having secured the services of an accomplished musician for Merkel.

The enrollment continues to increase. This last week Miss Jess Sutphen was added to our faculty. It may be necessary to add others later. Everything still continues to move off nicely. Next week ends the six-week period and all parents should expect their children to present report cards during the week beginning October 27th.

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

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

Mrs. Johnson and daughter of Roscoe are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens.

Fresh car Peace Maker flour G. M. Sharps.

Emmitt Grimes, who has been at Breckenridge some time, has accepted a position with Everybody's Confectionery and Music House. He has charge of the fountain.

PREPARED FOR HIGH-CLASS SERVICE

All orders filled on short notice

We stay open

DAY AND NIGHT

We especially invite the farmers who have to wait for their ginning to make our place of business their headquarters.

Fresh Bread and Cakes made daily

Let us cook bread for your Cotton Pickers

METROPOLITAN BAKERY AND CAFE

GAS AND OIL

I have taken over the oil supply station of WARREN BROTHERS

and am now operating same. Your patronage will be appreciated. Am handling the Magnolia oil and gas products

FRANK McFARLAND

The Merkel Mail

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Mrs. Fred Latham has accepted a position with Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Company. Mrs. Latham has years of experience as a saleslady and this firm is particularly fortunate in securing her services.

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

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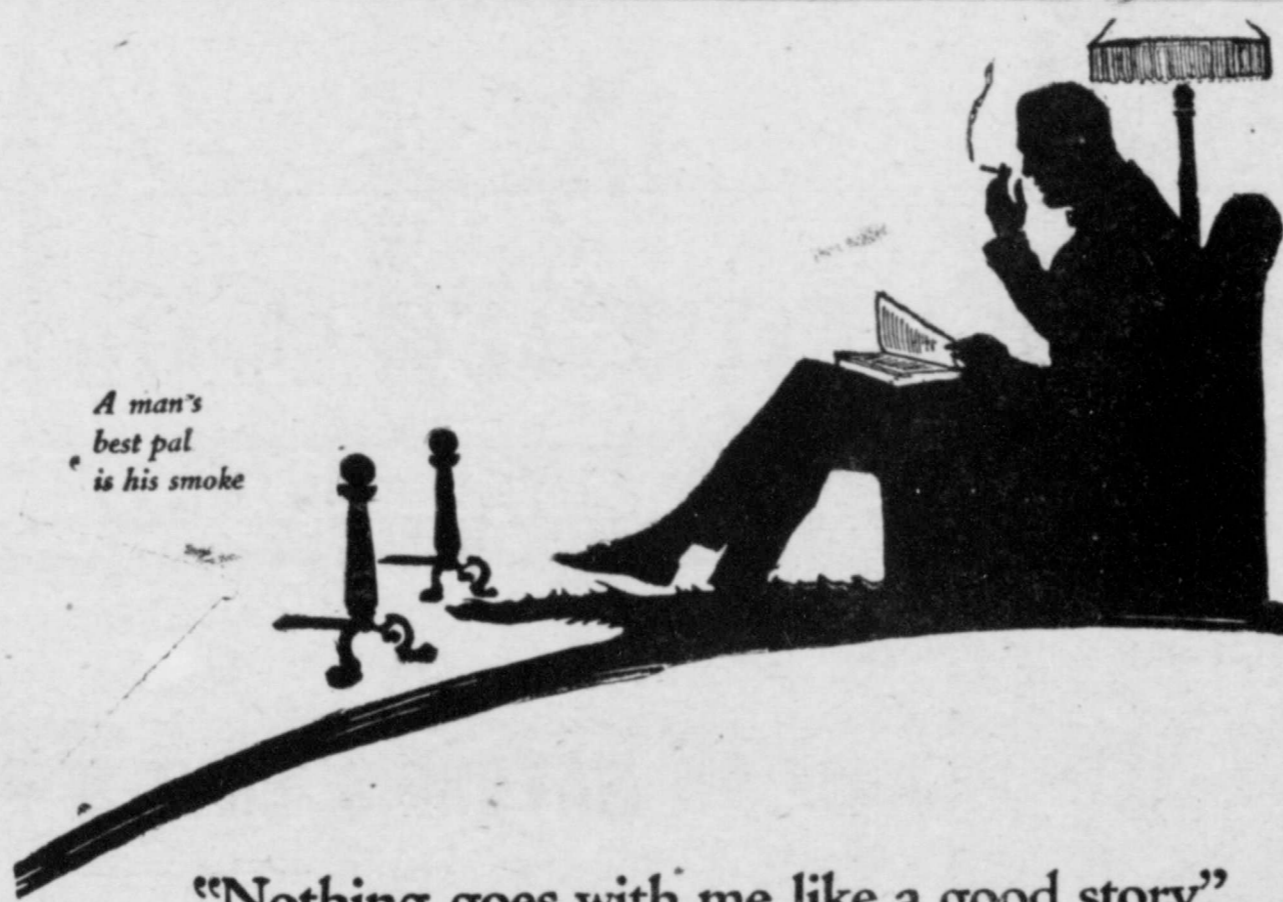
Dr. Grimes Returns

Dr. Robt. I. Grimes wife and baby, are visiting homefolks. This is the first time the doctor has been home since he enlisted in July, 1917. He spent about nine months in the camp, going across with the Third Division. He went through Chateau Thierry, St. Mehiel and Argonne battles. After the armistice, he was with the army of occupation in Germany, spending one and a half years in France and Germany. His service was with the field hospitals. He entered the service as First Lieut., was promoted to Captain in December, 1918, and to Major in March, 1919. He was awarded six stars for major battle engagements, two of which are in silver, denoting special citation for additional services. One from Gen Pershing reads as follows:

Captain Robert I. Grimes, Medical Corps, (now Major) commanding Ambulance Co. No. 27, during our offensive in the Argonne, especially distinguished himself. At Mentfaucen, from October 1 to 30th 1918, he manifested such zeal and fearless courage, and disregard for personal safety in his care and attention to the evacuation of wounded soldiers, as to inspire his men to the greatest efforts. To his energy, bravery and coolness under the constant shell fire around Mentfaucen is largely due the success which marked the evacuation and handling of the wounded men during our operations in this sector.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic

restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its strengthening, invigorating effect. Price 60c.



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EVERY Chesterfield you light begins and ends with *satisfy*. For Chesterfields set no limit on your smoking enjoyment. Their smooth, rich, even flavor keeps right on pleasing your taste down to the last half-inch.

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And actually this process brings out hidden flavors and new delights that give to this cigarette a *satisfying* quality all its own. We don't care what cigarette you've been smoking, you'll like Chesterfields better.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.

Chesterfield

CIGARETTES

They Satisfy

—and the blend can't be copied



Sweetwater VS Merkel

The Sweetwater boys had arrived at Merkel Friday before the rain began, and therefore in spite of the muddy field and drizzling rain, it was up to Merkel to play them.

Our boys showed good form for their first game but lost to the more experienced Sweetwater players by two touchdowns. A score of 13 to 0. Merkel boys are working hard and in spite of the fact that only two of the team ever played football before this year they expect to give Merkel

some winnings before the season closes. They were beaten, but not whipped.

No boy is allowed on the team who does not make his studies. Our football boys are among our very best high school students. This speaks well for Athletics.

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

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

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Farm Lands

WITH US

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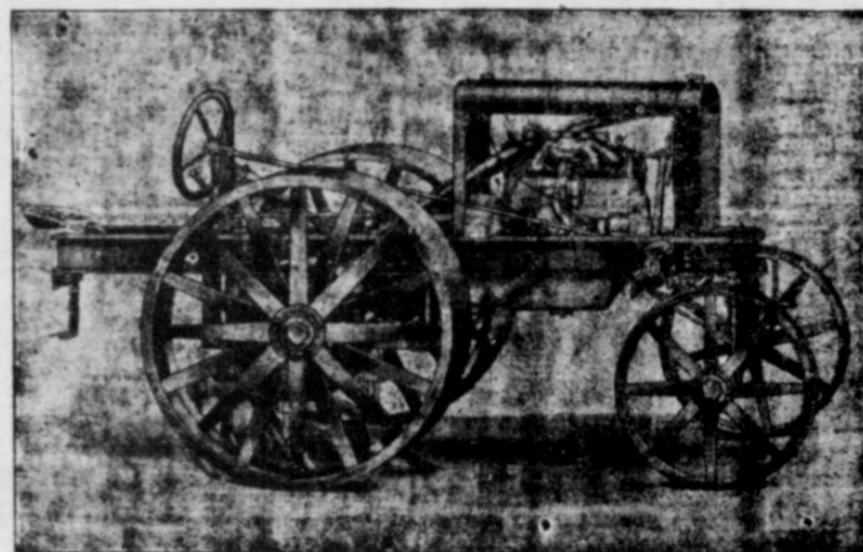
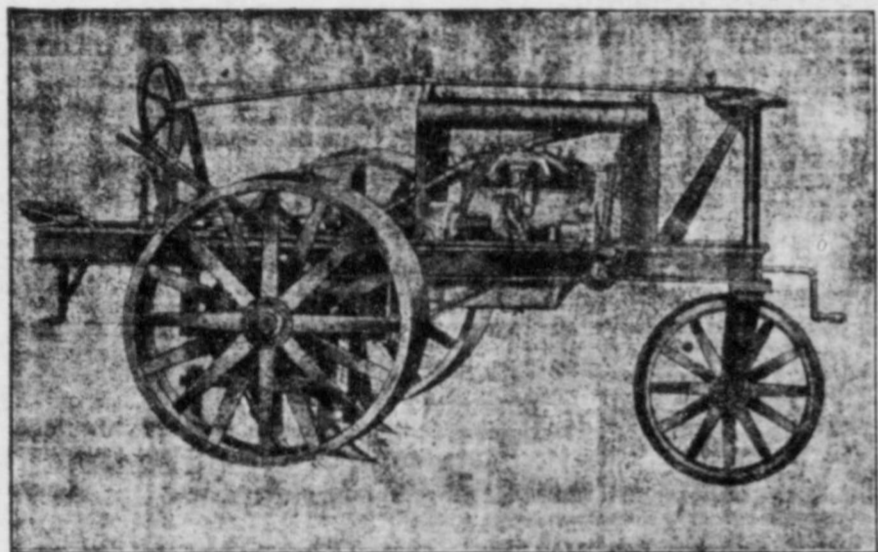
Willis Art Gallery

Sweetwater, Texas

Industrial Manufacturing Concern Offers The Safest and Quickest Investment on the Market To-Day

The Armstrong Farm Tractor Company will assemble and distribute the Armstrong Tractor, pronounced by men who know to be a marvel among tractors on the market. It is the result of many years of study and experiments by the inventor and is a solution of a problem that has confronted the farmer for all time. Its very simplicity is one recommendation and qualification that will ultimately make it the leader in the tractor field as a well-known make of car enjoys in the automobile field. It is built for service under all conditions and its uses are not confined to a few operations but include every operation necessary to preparing, planting and cultivating the various crops grown on the farm. It isn't necessary to have a machine shop on your farm, nor is it essential that you be an expert mechanic to own and operate an Armstrong Tractor.

In a remarkably short time the demand for them has been far beyond the company's most optimistic expectations and this quick demand has not been created by advertising or demonstration, but on the contrary, by seeing the specifications and advantages offered by the inventor. The present Armstrong Improved Farm Tractor is a perfected machine, consisting of standard equipment and every piece of material used has been subjected to rigid tests, including the remarkably exacting tests made by mechanical laboratories.



THE ARMSTRONG IMPROVED FARM TRACTOR (One and Two Row Models)

Turns Square, Pulls, Plows, Plants, Cultivates, Belt Work, Light Weight, Simple, Powerful, Durable and Economical.

A one-man tractor with the ability to do all farm work. Ample clearance for cultivation (29 1-2 inches), and the wheels so placed that they do not interfere with the growing plants. Due to its compactness and short turning space, you can cultivate closer to end of turn row than with teams or any other tractor built. The frame of the tractor is the main frame of the implement operated in it. Throttle, control levers, steering wheel, clutch and brake pedals are convenient to driver's seat. It is built on three-point suspension throughout, which insures flexibility and adaptability to the cultivating of the most uneven lay of land.

Ninety per cent of the weight is placed on the main drive wheels when in operation, putting practically all the weight into the pull. Being light in weight and equipped with high duty roller bearings throughout, guarantees economy and ease of operation. It is built in three units, either of which is accessible for inspection or adjustment without disturbing the others. The motor, clutch, transmission and differential are assembled in one unit.

One speed forward and reverse with a variation of one to four miles per hour. All gears are made 100 per cent over size, steel cut, hardened, enclosed and run in a bath of oil.

This tractor is a tried and proven success, having been thoroughly tested out in every respect in actual service on the farm and found possessing the advantages of other farm tractors with the added benefit of being a really practical and serviceable lister, planter and cultivator for all row crops; in fact, an all 'round farm implement.

The Armstrong Farm Tractor Company was formed for the purpose of manufacturing this tractor and its implement attachments, and in order to further its purposes it is offering at present, a limited amount of stock at the par value of \$10.00 per share, fully paid and non-assessable, all share and share alike.

It is the Company's desire to hasten the production of these tractors, therefore, it is our intention in the beginning to let contracts for the making of certain parts in order that we may begin production at the earliest possible date.

BRIEF SPECIFICATIONS

MOTOR—G. B. & S. Model "AA" (Tractor Type) 4 Cyl. 4 Cycle 3 3-4 x 5.

CYLINDERS—Best grade semi-steel cast enblock.

CRANK CASE—Lynite lower and upper half, Crankshaft bearings carried in upper half and lower half can be removed without disturbing any working parts of motor or disconnecting any pipes. All main bearings readily reached for inspection or adjustments.

LUBRICATION—Pressure feed. Crankshaft drilled so that oil is forced to bearings under 15 pounds pressure.

CRANKSHAFT—Three bearing, 2 1-4 inches, in diameter.

COOLING—Centrifugal pump with extra large openings.

MAIN BEARINGS—Large bearing surfaces—all bearings bronze back, babbitt shell-lined.

MAGNETO—Dixie with impulse starter.
CARBURATOR—Stromberg with hot air pipe to exhaust pipe.

GOVERNOR—Pierce, driven through flexible shaft.

Highest Grade performance on dynamometer test.

27 1-2 H. P. at 950 R.P. M., 31 H. P. at 1075 R. P. M., and at 1250 R. P. M. it develops 37 1/2 H. P.

Main frame of this tractor is of 5x2 1-4 inch structural channel steel.

GEARS—Steel cut and hardened and run in bath of oil. Roller bearings throughout.

Final drive—Cast steel drum and cut steel burr gear thoroughly hardened, enclosed and running in heavy oil, all gears being standard.

The Transmission and Differential housing is made of cast steel and when assembled forms a unit with the motor. This, together with the very sturdy main frame forms the most rigid construction combined with the lightest weight possible.

BELT WORK—An 8 inch belt pulley with 7 inch face. Belt travels at standard belt speed. Tractor develops full 18 H. P. on belt—ample power for ensilage cutter and small threshers, shellers, etc.

CLEARANCE—27 1-2 inches, ample for cultivation.

Aside from doing belt work, pulling disc plows, disc harrows, binders and many other things demanded of a tractor on the farm it is a thoroughly practical One Row Lister, Planter, Stalkcutter and Cultivator, as it carries all of the above attachments in its frame and does not weigh over 2,500 pounds complete.

This little all purpose tractor will sell for less than the teams it replaces on the farm, and is an all 'round one man tractor.

Buy stock now and participate in all the profits of the Company. Stock is selling at \$10.00 par value Fully Paid and Non-Assessable

Ira Armstrong, inventor of the Armstrong Improved Farm Tractor, will be in Merkel for a few days and will be glad to explain in detail the many advantages possessed by this wonderful machine

Armstrong Farm Tractor Co.

CAPITAL \$500,000

General Offices 1209 1/2 Main Street

DALLAS, TEXAS

Recovery of Poison Victims Assured

Chicago, Oct. 13.— Recovery of Edna Lickart, aged 6, and her 7-year-old sister, Sherley, who suffering from the effects of a slow poison, administered by their mother at Royal Oaks, Mich., two weeks ago, was virtually assured today, according to Dr. Thomas A. Carter.

The physicians' latest bulletin said:

"Edna is responding exceptionally well to the treatment and will be well within a few days. Sherley shows marked improvement. She is very weak but unless internal hemorrhages occur she will recover."

The mother has been declared insane.

An Agreeable Surprise

"About three years ago when I was suffering from a severe cold on my lungs and coughed most of the time night and day, I tried a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and was surprised at the promptness with which it gave me relief," writes Mrs. James Brown, Clark Mills, N. Y. Many another has been surprised and pleased with the prompt relief afforded by this remedy.

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

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.

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC is not a patent medicine, it is simply IRON and QUININE suspended in Syrup. So pleasant even children like it. The blood needs Quinine to Purify it and IRON to Enrich it. These reliable tonic properties never fail to drive out impurities in the blood.

The Strength-Creating Power of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC has made it the favorite tonic in thousands of homes. More than thirty-five years ago, folks would ride a long distance to get GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC when a member of their family had Malaria or needed a body-building, strength-giving tonic. The formula is just the same today, and you can get it from any drug store. 60c per bottle.

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 sure 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

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Hot and Cold Baths
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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 are now ready to give first class mechanical service, having employed a competent mechanic. Merkel Motor Company.

L. E. Sanders Sells Cafe Interest

Alex Searcy, who has been employed as chief cook at the Metropolitan Bakery & Cafe for a short time, purchased the interest of L. E. Sanders in the establishment this week. Mr. Searcy is a highly efficient restaurant man, practical in every detail. He comes highly recommended. Mr. Sanders has been connected with the business for quite a while. He has made no plans for the future. Mr. Searcy is connected with N. Nancock in the operation of the business. Operating the bakery and cafe in connection, and further that the establishment survived the drouth in great fashion, there is no question as to the success of the business.

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.

Mrs. C. M. Largent is still in a sanitarium at Abilene as a result of an auto collision recently. The extent of her injury is yet undetermined, but it is evident more serious than at first supposed.

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

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

Rotan Cypert was taken to a sanitarium in Abilene Tuesday for an operation.

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

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

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



— and from there we went to Japan "

Talk about adventures!

Men in the Navy come home with the kind of experiences that most chaps read of only in the books.

Here's your chance!

Uncle Sam has, as you know, a big Navy and gives red-blooded young fellows like you an opportunity to step aboard and "shove off".

What will you get out of it? Just this:

A chance to rub elbows with foreign folks in strange parts of the world.

The chance for good honest work on shipboard—the kind of work that teaches you something real; the kind of work that puts

beef on your shoulders and hair on your chest.

You will get 30 care-free vacation days a year, not counting shore leave in home or foreign ports.

You will have the kind of comradeship in travel that sailors know.

You will have regular pay, over and above your meals, lodging and your first uniform outfit—good stuff all of it.

You can join for two years. When you get through you'll be physically and mentally "tuned up" for the rest of your life. You'll be ready through and through for SUCCESS.

There's a Recruiting Station right near you. If you don't know where it is, your Postmaster will be glad to tell you.

To any Father and Mother:—
In the Navy your boy's food, health, work and play, and moral welfare are looked after by responsible experts.

Shove off! -Join the U. S. Navy

Why Your Electric Light Bills Vary

ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING HRS. PER DAY	AFTERNOON 12:00 NOON	EVENING 4:00 P. M.	8:00 P. M.	12:00 MIDNIGHT	MORNING 4:00 A. M.	8:00 A. M.	12:00 NOON
JANUARY 6.53			ELECTRIC LIGHT	SLEEP			
FEBRUARY 5.38			ELECTRIC LIGHT	SLEEP			
MARCH 4.10			ELECTRIC LIGHT	SLEEP			
APRIL 2.45	DAYLIGHT					DAYLIGHT	
MAY 1.95	DAYLIGHT					DAYLIGHT	
JUNE 1.55	DAYLIGHT					DAYLIGHT	
JULY 1.60	DAYLIGHT					DAYLIGHT	
AUGUST 2.15	DAYLIGHT					DAYLIGHT	
SEPTEMBER 3.00	DAYLIGHT					DAYLIGHT	
OCTOBER 3.90	DAYLIGHT					DAYLIGHT	
NOVEMBER 6.18			ELECTRIC LIGHT	SLEEP			
DECEMBER 6.65			ELECTRIC LIGHT	SLEEP			

This chart shows why your electric light bills are higher some months than others. It shows too why your bill for November will take a considerable jump.

Remember, the clocks will be set back one hour on October 26th. That will mean an hour's longer use of electric light on October 27th and thereafter.

But regardless of this change of time, the average use of electricity in a residence during the Winter months is nearly 4½ times as great as in the Summer months.

There are other reasons, too, why your bills in Fall and Winter are larger than in the Spring and Summer.

When Summer is over—vacations are over—everybody is

home again; more rooms are occupied; more light is needed.

The outside cold keeps us indoors more; the soft cozy glow of the electric light makes reading a pleasure.

More people stay home on this account. The newspapers, magazines, study, a good book, music and games, pass the evening all too quickly. It is bedtime before one knows it.

More entertaining is done—parties at home for the grown-ups and little folks. Sometimes the house fairly radiates with the good cheer of electric light.

Think this over carefully and you will see why your Winter electric light bills can reasonably be several times higher than those of Summer

MERKEL POWER CO.

THE ECONOMY'S GRAND OPENING SALE Now in Full Blast

The crowds are coming, even beyond our expectation. We have been greatly hampered by the lack of freight. On account of our limited stock, and in order to give the people a fair chance at the bargains, we have decided to extend the sale until

Saturday October 25th

We are receiving new goods every day and are selling them below the present wholesale cost. If you visited our store and failed to find what you wanted, call again. We likely have it now. Positively our big stock is going at a sacrifice. You always have a welcome here.

STAPLES

Best grade outings, 35c values, per yard . . . 23c
36-inch best grade domestic, no starch, regular 40c values special per yard 29c
28-inch Percals, light and dark colors, special per yard 18c
72-inch Half linen table demask, special per yard \$1.19

SPECIAL

Mens heavy bleached ribbed underwear, extra good quality, special, per garment 85c

Dress and Military Boots

Exceptional values are featured here during this sale.
\$12.50 Ladies shoes \$9.95
10.00 Ladies shoes 8.95
9.50 Ladies shoes 7.95
7.50 Ladies shoes 5.45
5.00 Ladies shoes 3.45

COATS

Here is a variety of styles from which to choose. Some unusual values are featured in the newest modes developed of pile fabrics, velour, silvertones, tricotine and broadcloth. Prices range from \$9.75 to \$45.75

8 Ounce Cotton Picking Sacks at Less Than Cost of Sacking:
7 ft. Sacks, Special \$1.35
9 ft. Sacks, Special 2.10

DRESSES

Correct autumn styles, serviceable and becoming, tricotine, tricolette, serge and charmuese stain:
Prices . . \$9.95 \$14.95, \$19.95, \$25.95, \$29.95.
You would never expect so much style, so much quality at these prices.

COAT SUITS

Women's new and distinctive fall suits representing great savings during this sale.
\$50.50 Suits \$39.75
\$40.00 Suits \$32.75
\$35.00 Suits \$28.75
\$25.00 Suits \$18.75

EXTRA EXTRA SPECIAL

\$1.25 Blue chambray work shirt, two pockets, special79c

BOYS CLOTHING

The most complete assortment of boys clothing ever assembled. Prices way below the present market.
\$15.00 Blue Serges, Special \$9.95
10.00 Fancy Plaid, Special 8.45
8.50 Fancy Plaid, Special 7.45
6.50 Fancy Plaid, Special 4.95
5.00 Fancy Plaid, Special 3.95

MENS SHOES

We have a high grade stock of mens shoes in all shapes and widths.
\$12.00 Shoes, Special \$8.95
10.00 Shoes, Special 6.95
7.50 Shoes, Special 5.95
6.00 Shoes, Special 3.95

MENS DRESS SHIRTS

\$12.50 Silk shirts, special \$7.95
8.50 Silk shirts, special 5.45
5.00 Mens madra shirts 4.45
2.50 Mens shirts 1.95
2.00 Shirts 1.45

EXTRAORDINARY

Extraordinary values in mens Suits and Overcoats.
\$45.00 Suits and Overcoats \$37.95
35.00 Suits, special 24.75
30.00 Suits, special 23.75
25.00 Suits, special 19.75
20.00 Suits, special 15.95

HATS

A large assortment of mens hats on the large and small shapes in all colors.
\$6.50 Hats, Specially Priced \$5.54
5.00 Hats, Specially Priced 4.25
4.00 Hats, Specially Priced 3.45
3.00 Hats, Specially Priced \$2.45

Every purchase you make at our store is guaranteed to give satisfaction or your money will be refunded
Fair Dealing and One Price to All is our motto

THE ECONOMY

"SELLS IT FOR LESS"

TWO DOORS ABOVE THE POSTOFFICE

BEASLEY BUILDING, MERKEL, TEXAS

LOCAL NEWS

Dr. M. J. Smith spent a few days in Fort Worth this week. He returned in a fliver and says he is now ready for business.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Chas West, returned Tuesday from a visit to relatives at Wichita Falls. They spent two weeks in the oily city.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

A. C. Rose spent some days in Dallas this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Teaff of Temple are visiting their brothers, J. N. and Ed, and Mrs. Teaff's sister, Mrs. B. N. Teaff.

Wormy children are unhappy puny and sickly. They can't be otherwise while worms eat away their strength and vitality. A few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge performs a marvelous transformation. Cheerfulness, strength and the rosy bloom of health speedily return. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Shorts and bran at G. M. Sharps.



"Answer Your Advertisement"

"I will do your washing—the sheets and heavy blankets as well as the delicate linens—quick er, better and less expensively than you ever had it done before
"I will come any day you wish you won't have to give me any meals—or my car fare
"I will never disappoint you.
"You pay me a little each month for a few months or you can make one full payment and have it settled.
"I am an Electric Washer. Arrange for my services by phoning 202 or calling at Merkel power company

Merkel Power Co.

You Just Try NR For That Indigestion

One Day's Test Proves NR Best

The stomach only partly digests the food we eat. The process is finished in the intestines where the food is mixed with bile from the liver.

It must be plain to any sensible person who realizes this, that the stomach, liver and bowels must work in harmony if digestive troubles are to be avoided or overcome.

This fact also explains why sufferers from indigestion, also suffer more or less from headaches, biliousness and constipation.

If you are one of the many unfortunate persons who cannot eat without suffering afterward, if you are constipated, have bilious spells, headaches, coated tongue, bad breath, variable appetite, are nervous, losing energy and feel your health slipping away, take this advice and get a box of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) right today and start taking it.

Give it a trial for a week or two



NR Tonight - Tomorrow Feel Right Get a 25¢ Box

SANDERS DRUG STORE

WHAT IS IT THAT INTERESTS YOU MOST WHEN IN NEED OF MERCHANDISE?

If it is quality of merchandise—the price of same and the knowledge of whether or not you get one hundred cents worth of good clean merchandise for your dollar, we invite you to make our store a visit, confident in the belief that not only are we in line with any and all legitimate competition, but also are we equipped to give you prompt and efficient service in taking care of your every want in dry goods, shoes, men's and boys' furnishings, ready-to-wear and millinery.

Millinery Specials

Fifty beautiful pattern hats and shapes received this week—prices astonishingly low.
One hundred more beautifully trimmed hats on sale
\$10.00 values at\$6.95
\$7.50 values at\$4.95

Ladies Sweaters

WOOL

Our line comprises a varied assortment of styles and colors. Prices range.....\$3.50 to \$12.95

Knit Caps

A big assortment of bright new fall shades.....35c to \$1.50

Another case of gingham on sale at.....25c

One hundred pieces 35c gingham on sale at.....30c

Big shipment of overalls and work shirts

Ready-to-Wear Specials

One hundred ladies and misses coats came by express this week. We positively guarantee to save you money on your fall coat.
Prices range

\$6.95 to \$49.50

Extra Special

On a table down stairs are seventy-five ladies skirts, coats and dresses carried over from last season, values to \$12.50—while they last at.....\$2.98

Blankets & Comforts

Cotton blankets in grey, white and tan, price.....\$2.95 to \$4.50

Woolnap blankets in plain colors and plaids.....\$6.50 to \$7.50

A good comfort, size 72x78, priced special at.....\$3.95

Let us save you money on your shoe bill.



DURABLE—DRESSY

Children like IRON CLAD stockings because they fit comfortably and stay put.

Careful knitting of soft, elastic yarns does it.

Mothers prefer IRON CLADS because of their long wearing qualities and their ever tidy appearance.

The IRON CLAD Extra Twist and extra threads at the wear points insure service.

There are several styles—all good.

Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Co.

THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE

CHURCH NEWS

Northside Christian Church
Eld. R. H. Montgomery will preach at the North Side church next Sunday at Eleven o'clock and at 8:30 in the evening.
All are invited to hear him.
W. G. Cypert.

Presbyterian Church
No movement is working so mightily in our denomination as the New Era Movement. Having already quickened the church to new life, it seems destined to more nearly bring the church to its real objective. It presents four lines of activity as being of supreme importance, viz Spiritual resources, Stewardship, Missionary Education, and Social Service.

The month of October is designated at Loyalty month. Loyalty to church attendance, Sunday School and all spiritual ordinance.

STOMACH TROUBLE

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

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

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es. Will you do your part and be loyal next Sunday?
C. C. Dooley, pastor.

League Program

Subject, The Folly of Pride.
Song, Prayer Song.
Bible References, Leaguers Quotations.
Trusting in Self, Mable McNeas
The Folly of Pride, Mason Pea
Piano Solo, Annie Costephens
Pride Goeth Before Destruction,
Vivian Hutcheson.
Song, Business, Benediction.

Methodist Church Notice

We will have the regular services next Sunday, Sunday S. at

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.

10 a.m. Preaching at 11. Subject for the morning hour, Joy in Service and The evening hours, at 8 o'clock instead of 8:30. If you are a newcomer, come to church and get acquainted with the people. If you are a visitor in town come and worship with us.
W. M. Murrell, pastor

Harry A. Daugherty of Dallas is in Merkel in the interest of the Texas Truck & Tractor Company His company has some of its products on exhibition at the Fair. Mr. Daugherty is an experienced man in his line and expects to do some good business here. His company is capitalized at \$1,000,000.

Just received car of Baker Boy flour. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

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Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Spears-Richie Wedding
Mr. Henry E. Spears and Miss Dela Richie were united in marriage at the Presbyterian manse Tuesday night. Rev. C. C. Dooley officiating.

The bride and groom are popular young people of the Blair community and will make their home at Laun, Texas.

been so seriously ill for several days, was removed to a sanitarium in Abilene a few days ago. At last report she was greatly improved and is planning to return home in a few days.

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

Mrs. O. J. Shaffer of El Paso is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rister. She was called home on account of the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. West.

Shorts and bran at G. M. Sharps.

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J. T. Howard visited his son, Dr. Geo. Howard in Dallas the past week. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Gyrle, who went on to Hillsboro to visit her sister, Mrs. Rufus Grisham.

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