

# THE MERKEL MAIL



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## FEATURES OF BILL TO ENFORCE PROHIBITION

The outstanding features of the act to enforce war-time and constitutional prohibition are:

Every liquid which is fit for use as a beverage and which contains one-half of 1 per cent or more of alcohol by volume is designated as "liquor."

"Liquor" is outlawed, except specified nonbeverage purposes, as medicinal, sacramental, ritific and mechanical, and it may be kept in a home for the use of the family and a fide guests.

The manufacture, sale and transportation of "liquor" for the legitimate non-beverage purposes, of denatured alcohol and other nonbeverage alcoholic liquids, and of certain beverages that are not "liquors," as near-beer, must be conducted under permits from the internal Revenue Commissioner.

Civil processes are relied upon very largely for enforcement. "Liquor" possessed for illegal purposes and the things and places used in that connection are held to be nuisances. Injunctions may be obtained to tie them up. In cases of violation of the law permits may be canceled and can not be renewed for a year. Persons violating injunctions may be punished for contempt of court. In addition there are the criminal penalties.

Owners of property who permit the use of their premises for illegal uses under this law are liable.

Manufacture, sale, advertisement or possession of apparatus or recipes for illegally making "liquor" are prohibited.

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

## Glowing Reports From Oil Field

### WHO PAYS THE ROAD TAX?

Jones owns an automobile assessed at \$400.00. He pays a license fee of \$10.00 to the State, \$5.00 of which goes into the road maintenance fund of the country. He pays \$5.00 ad valorem tax to the State and county, about 75c of which goes into the road and bridge fund.

Smith owns a small farm assessed at \$400.00. He pays \$5.00 ad valorem tax to State and county, about 75c of which goes into the road and bridge fund.

The county builds a road past Smith's place. The cost of the road is paid by the Smiths at 75 cents each, and by the Joneses at \$5.75 each.

Jones' property wears out in a few years, while contributing \$5.75 a year to the road which makes Smith's property grow in value and to which Smith pays 75 cent a year.

At the very best the Jones' automobile is worn out in seven or eight years, while, because of the good road which Jones' auto built, Smith's property has increased in value from twenty-five to one hundred per cent.

Is it not fair to ask Smith to make a larger contribution to this road fund even though the burden be continued on Jones?

The proposed Constitutional Road Bond Amendment would enable the Legislature to take from Smith 25 cents a year to add to this building fund. It would take away from Jones an additional 25 cents a year.

Would this additional levy be a burden to Smith?

## Freight Delivery Hampering Operations---Work Being pushed from Every Angle.

### PROSPECTS NEVER BRIGHTER

This week marks the greatest week for Merkel and vicinity during the oil boom, and the next 10 days or two weeks will bring about sensational developments.

The Sears well is underreaming at 2650 feet and we are reliably informed that the oil found at 2540 feet is increasing, and while the oil at that depth is cased off so that the test might be drilled deeper, the developments are encouraging for another pay sand, as oil has been found in other stratas and as soon as the job of underreaming is completed the well will go on down until it has reached 3000 feet, unless a big pay sand is found before that time.

The Sears well and 3000 acres around the well is owned by the Texas Houghton Oil Company of Fort Worth, Texas; this amount of acreage including the well having been sold to this company by the Security Banking and Investment Company sometime ago. Lively interest is manifested in the progress of the Bland well, which is owned by the Co-operative Petroleum Company. This company has 3000 acres close to this well and their superintendent and drilling contractor reports a showing of oil and plenty of gas at 2100 feet. During the next 200 feet the pay sand that was found in the Sears well should be found in the Bland.

This oil excitement has caused the big companies to keep constant watch on the developments and as the drilling at the Trent well progresses, Merkel gets three good tests within a short time, and no conditions could be more favorable than what we have. Both the Bland and Sears wells are thoroughly equipped with the finest drilling outfits that money can buy and the

work on the wells is in the hands of the most competent drillers. The good faith and earnestness with which the officers of these companies have drilled these wells deserves and has the support of the oil fraternity.

Plans are maturing for the starting of operations on the Trent and Butman wells. Freight congestion, holding up the arrival of casing, is the greatest trouble. The Trent well is located one mile south of Trent and six miles west of Merkel and the Butman well is located twelve miles south of Merkel.

Good reports are coming in from the View well, fourteen miles southeast of Merkel, which is reported to have had a nice showing of oil and gas.

With the activity now going on, this field will be thoroughly tested, and oil men who have visited here think it will be the greatest oil field in the country.

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

### HEAVY COTTON RECEIPTS

About 8100 bales have been received in Merkel, according to Public Weigher, J. M. Garrett. Easily the receipts will exceed 20,000 bales this season.

The record price for cotton so far is 37.75 cents. Looks as if it will go to 40.

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

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

### 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 new plant at Abilene. When 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 businesses 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

## CON MEN ARE HELD AFTER BIG SWINDLE

Pine Bluff, Ark., Oct. 21.—Fredrick Gondoroff, alias Fredrick Grant, styled "king of the wire tappers," who was arrested yesterday at the Covington, Ky., Federal court, charged with having used the mails here to defraud M. Coy, Kirksville, Ky., of \$40,000, was one of a band of confidence men who operated here last February and March in an office fitted up a few doors from the Federal building, according to local officers.

Officers say the bank brought prospective victims here from Hot Springs, and by fake wire tapping and other schemes swindled several of them out of amounts varying between \$3,000 and \$40,000. Local banks say they handled checks and drafts totaling \$210,000 for the bank. Their operations were uncovered when a Kansas farmer, claiming to have been swindled out of \$5,000, asked an investigation. He was too late, however, as the men had fled. Arthur James Eck alleged to be another member of the band, is in the country jail here awaiting trial at the November term of the Federal court at Little Rock. He is charged with defrauding John Mink, an Illinois farmer out of \$20,000 on a fake rice far transaction.

### A Modern Picture Show

The Gem Theater, in the Beasley Building, is now all dressed up and in running order. Modern seats, a player piano and other modern facilities have been installed. Tom Hodge, an experienced theater operator of Abilene, is in charge and says he is going to see that the entertainments are second to none. Considerable expense has been incurred in perfecting the playhouse and the management anticipates a healthy patronage.

### Seek Huge Sum To Finance The Cotton Market

New Orleans, Oct. 17.—Governor Pleasant of Louisiana, appointed a committee of four, including J. A. Kemp of Wichita Falls, to confer with the war finance board with a view to obtaining a loan to aid in the formation of a hundred million dollar export corporation proposed by the American Cotton Association.

### A Negro Tragedy

Some negroes got into a scrap over a poker game, it is alleged, on the farm of W. T. Sherrell, north of town, a few evenings ago. As a result, one of them is dead and buried. The victim is reported to have been a "Bad umbre," and evidently the "other fellow" took no chances. Death was caused by a knife wound in the abdomen. The party doing the cutting is unknown, it is claimed.

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

aid of handkerchiefs demand \$35 a week. Shirt ironers must have \$40 a week. First-class washers want \$50 a week. How much it will cost to have a shirt laundered when these wage schedules take effect, as they may, it not related, but the guess is that a collar will cost 6 c. In that case the men who once thought they were members of a middle class will not be able to afford a fresh collar every day. There will be many other things they can not afford to have.

Occasionally we hear fears expressed of trouble in this country. From what source? Not from any men or women who know a trade, surely. Perhaps the future will attach more significance to this movement than do we under whose eyes a social revolution is occurring.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

WANTED—Good light second hand surrey and harness. Must be worth the money and in good shape. H. P. Wilkins, Merkel Tex Routel 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.

OST—A red pig, about 6 or 7 weeks old. Got out of box at my home Wednesday afternoon. Finder please notify J. H. Campbell, Phone 3.

FOUND—Near Noodle a gold, openface, 7-jewel watch. Owner can have same by describing it and paying for this adv. See Archie Clark, Route 2, Merkel, Texas. Phone 9039F13 24t1p

COTTON PICKERS WANTED—A house partly furnished for small family or boys to batch to pick forty acres late cotton. Or will trade with some farmer to take his hands and look after the picking. T. J. R. Swafford. Phone 291. 24t1c

### JUST ARRIVED

A car of good smooth mares and fillies, worth the money. Will sold at Hellumns Yard Saturday. Better take a look at them. Rupert T. Ezell

OAL—Have bill for car Strawnal now. Plenty Okla., and Calodo coal bought when can get shipment. T. J. R. Swafford P. 291.

Fresh car Peace Maker flour G. M. Sharps.

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 celler, 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.

FOR RENT—2 rooms at corner of Baker and Cherry St. See Mrs. Annis. 24t1p

WANTED—To rent a piano for teaching purposes. Phone 174 or 257.

WANTED TO RENT—125 or 150 acres of land, either near Merkel or Abilene. On halves or third and fourth. I can give good references for recommendations if desired. I have four boys from 12 to 19 years old. If you have land to rent let me hear from you at once. Lee L. Hamric, Route 5 Merkel Tex. 24t2p

WANTED—To rent a farm of about 200 acres, would buy teams and implements. See P. L. McClary, Phone 19. 24t1f

### BULL FOR SERVICE

Grade Holstein. \$2.00 cash. See F. F. Cox, Route 3, Merkel, Texas. 24t3p

WANTED—Cotton pickers. Good house, water and wood. 40 or 50 bales of young cotton just beginning to open good. S. F. Haynes. 11p

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



# SERVICE

Ask Our Customers

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

## THE COZY

announces the return engagements of the

### "HIAWATHANS"

Singers—Players—Dancers

also

Picture Program

Saturday Matinee 2:30

Night 7:00

#### Dallas Aviator Killed

Dallas, Oct. 20.—Charlie Theodore, aged 37, a civilian aviator and aerial performer, was instantly killed here late yesterday.

He was suspended by a rope from the running gear of the machine and is thought to have become exhausted and lost his hold. Nearly every bone in his body was broken.

The pilot of the machine was unaware of the accident until he saw people gathering below.

#### 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, etc. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

#### DR. BURROWS DEAD

Noted Baptist .Passed Away at His Home in Georgia.

Americus, Ga., Oct. 17.—Dr. Lansing Burrows, aged 77, for thirty years secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one of the leading ministers of that denomination in this country, died today of bronchial pneumonia.

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

Have a competent mechanic at the Merkel Motor Company.

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. B.

## 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

\* Homer McCright is visiting his brother, Elva McCright and family of Merkel.

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

Mrs. J. W. Green left Tuesday for her home in Breckenridge, after spending a couple of weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCright at Trent.

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

Harry Merritt visited the Dallas Fair the past week. He also spent several days with his brother, Ben, at Handley, returning home Wednesday.

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



#### 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.

### LOCAL NEWS

S. A. Coats and family have moved back to Merkel. Like all the rest who left when the drought encroached, he came back. They all agree this is the best country in the world.

Fresh prescription drugs and drug sundries at Lowry & Gambles.

Shorts and bran at G. M. Sharps.

Don't forget to bring your eggs chickens, butter, hides, sacks and rags to W. P. Duckett, who pays cash and will sell you apples, potatoes and cold drinks as cheap as any one.

W. P. Duckett.

G. L. Browning left a few days ago for Arkansas after several week's visit to homefolks.

#### 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

John Sullivan visited the Dallas Fair last week.

#### 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.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp



Only well-known Business College in West Texas. Thousands of firms seek our Employment Department than any other. Money-back contract guarantee position. Catalogue FREE.

# 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.



# 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

Prosperity has come. People have flocked here in droves. It is remarkable how few difficulties have taken place. It is refreshing. Perhaps people are too busy to quarrel. Prosperity has brought with it a feeling of good will. We are glad to note this fact and trust peace will dwell in Merkel yet for many a day.

The time has come when the government must deal with the strikes or else trades unionism must control the government. We take the view that the fault lies more with the government than with the trades union. The government has the power and should exercise it. Boards of arbitration and a court of final appeals ought to be appointed and their findings definite. It is not right for the entire country to suffer because the men in one occupation have the right to tie up industry. Blanton is right in the position he takes and we predict that he will be the forerunner in one of the greatest forward movements of the day.

**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.

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

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

# Dodge Cars

AND

# Studebakers

We are exclusive agents for the above cars in this territory.

No better cars made for beauty and service. Let us demonstrate

# McDonald Motor Co.

See W. E. Lowe or G. H. McDonald

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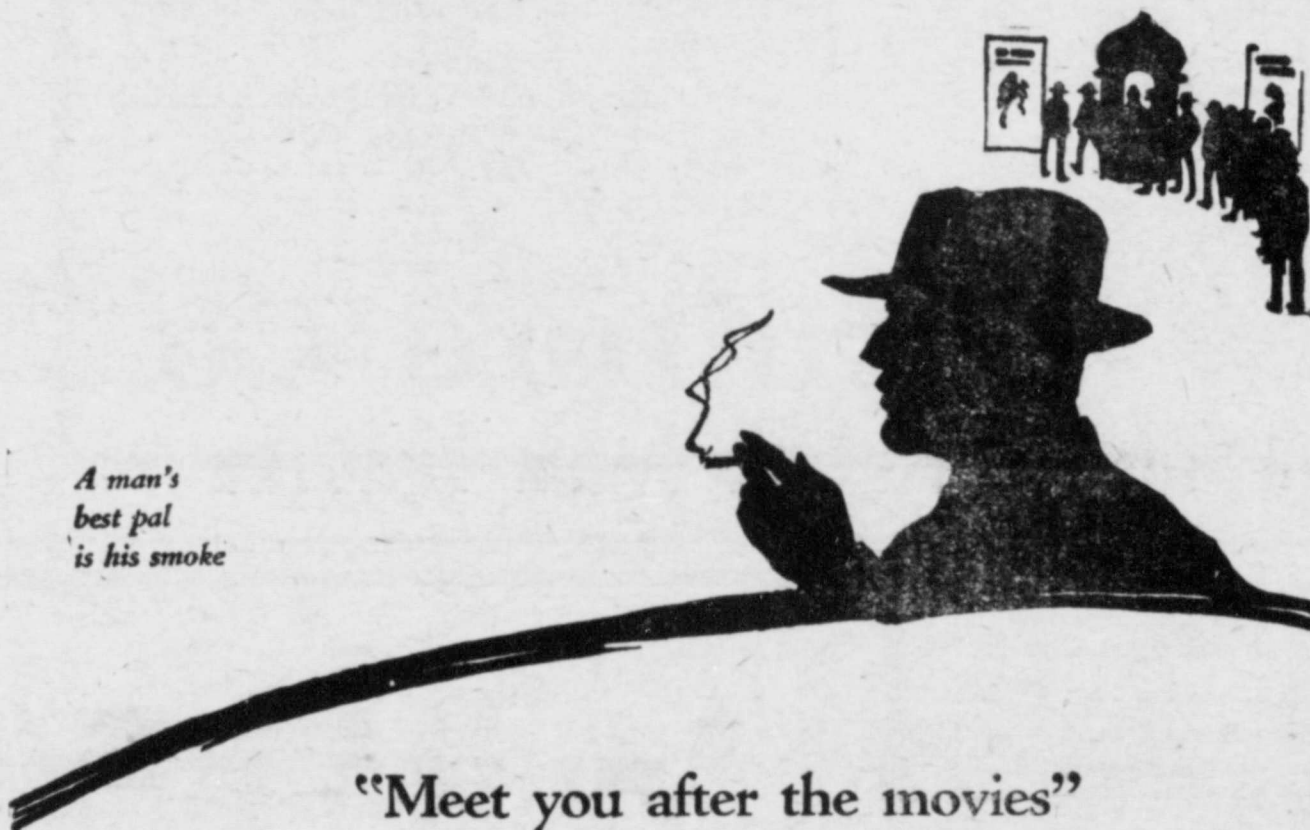
Some young fellows think they are not gallant unless they can hug every girl they go with. The fellow that marries is always particular to pick the girl that has been kissed and hugged by every young buck in the neighborhood.

Hurrah! We'll get to snooze a hour longer after Sunday. All clocks should be turned back one hour Saturday night. Every one ought to be able to get to Sunday school and church Sunday. We have seen no good cause for this law this year and we are glad it is at an end.

There is some question as to whether the present School Board will maintain the regulations of the old board in regard to the social activities of the teachers during the week. This matter ought not to come in question. This board nor the old one had no idea of infringing upon the right and proper social activities of the teachers. The new board has not changed the ruling. It is not a matter entirely in the hands of the board. The best people of this school district want service, they want teachers of such high character and dignity that they will conduct themselves in a becoming manner. The patrons of this school will not stand for the teachers spending their nights in car riding and various nightly amusements that hinder and retard their school work. School teachers must be careful. They are examples to the children of this town. How many parents want their girls to be running around half the nights? We merely mention this. We have not started yet. We are for our school and will defend it, even if some of our teachers have to resign.

And to think it has not been very long ago since sealed bids were received on a building that would not cost more than the present price of a pair of shoes. Why not receive bids on your wearing apparel, fellows?

A man's best pal is his smoke



"Meet you after the movies"

—Ches. Field

NOTHING like following up a good show with a good smoke—Chesterfield.

No ordinary cigarette, this. Mellow as an old friend, but rich with flavor—the kind that goes right to the spot.

Our own buyers in the Orient select for us the choicest Turkish leaf. We blend with this several varieties of specially selected Domestic tobacco. This blending—by a secret method—brings out new qualities of flavor that other and less expert methods fail to find.

That's what we mean by "satisfy"—an entirely new kind of smoking enjoyment that you get in Chesterfields only—nowhere else; for the blend is a closely guarded secret. *It can't be copied.*

*Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.*

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CIGARETTES

*They Satisfy*

—and the blend can't be copied



20 for 20 Cents

LIST YOUR

# Leases, Royalties

# Farm Lands

WITH US

We pay particular attention to Exclusive Listings

# MERKEL REALTY COMPANY

W. O. BONEY WALTER JACKSON

# 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



**resident Very Much Improved**

Washington, Oct. 20.—President Wilson, relieved from the bandular swelling from which he suffered for two days, had a good night's rest last night, said the bulletin issued today by his physicians.

The bulletin follows:  
"The White House, 11:55 a. m. Oct. 16, 1919.

"The discomfort which the president suffered for two days has been relieved to a very great extent. He had a good night. His temperature, pulse, respiration and kidney function continue normal. Grayson, Muffin, Stitt." Dr. Grayson said informally at the President was cheerful and that he was enjoying having Mrs. Wilson read to him.

The White House has not considered cancelling the visit of the king and queen of the Belgians Oct. 24, Dr. Grayson indicated. He said that the visit will be some time off and that situation would be met when the time came.

**Quit Laxatives, Purges; Try NR**

**NR Tonight—Tomorrow Feel Right**

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

SANDERS DRUG STORE

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

# HOOSIER

— the Kitchen Cabinet that saves miles of steps



**WANTED—FEMALE HELP**

**Household and Domestic**

**GIRL FOR GENERAL HOUSEWORK**—Family of four; good home; good pay; references. 1248 E. Riverside. Phone Sunnyside 5062.

**COOK—SECOND MAID WANTED**—A. One; best wages; ideal surroundings; small family. Address 4124 N. News.

**GIRL—COMPETENT FOR GENERAL WORK**—near center of city; big home; light work; will pay high wages if permanent. Call Sunday, 1417 Monroe.

**GIRL FOR LIGHT HOUSEWORK**—Small family; no washing; one afternoon of work; good wages; moderate; give references. 2127 Forest-av.

**EXPERIENCED FOR GENERAL HOUSEWORK**—Call to subscribe for summary; no Sunday; 2114. Phone Garden 1562.

**"Servant Problems no Longer Annoy"**

Organize your household work on a conservation of time and strength basis and you, too, can be free of servant problems and their attending annoyances.

The kitchen, of course, requires first attention. Here it is that the hardest work is done. Yet it need not be burdensome.

A Hoosier kitchen cabinet will centralize kitchen activities and save precious time and much labor.

Scientifically arranged, within easy reach, is every wanted convenience. You reach instead of walk. You sit at ease while preparing meals. In effect, work becomes play.

Every kitchen should have its Hoosier. A model to suit your preference awaits you here. Come and see it demonstrated. See how it saves work and adds to the attractiveness of your kitchen.

## Barrow Furniture Co.

**DALLAS FAIR ENDS**

Dallas, Oct. 20.—Although the Victory Fair measured up to a high standard and was closed last night without loss, it is believed, President John N. Simpson voiced a sentiment which will be turned into a slogan for the 1920 Texas State Fair.

"I appreciate what you say," he told a number of persons who offered congratulations. "We have reason to feel gratified for what we have accomplished. But there is room for greater improvement. This fair can be improved. It must be improved. This fair can be made the greatest livestock show in the world and it must be."

The continued bad weather during the first days of the fair held the attendance down to numbers that perilously approached a loss. But the spirit to make success could not be downed and fair weather brought out crowds on the closing days and particularly the two Sundays, which brought the grand total up to a sizeable figure. There were 107,795 admissions to the park yesterday, according to Secretary Stratton.

**Indigestion, Biliousness, Constipation.**

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

Give us a trial. Lowry & Gamble Druggists.

Ask Your Dealer  
**Remington-UMC**  
Grand Prize Modern  
Firearms & Ammunition  
Write for Catalogue  
THE REMINGTON ARMS U.M.C. CO. INC.  
NEW YORK, N.Y.

**Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days**  
Druggists refund money if FAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, burning, bleeding or protruding Piles. Instantly relieves itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 50c.

**TO PREVENT INCREASE IN PRICE OF SUGAR**

Washington, Oct. 20.—Steps to prevent abnormal increase in the price of sugar because of the existing shortage were taken today by the department of justice.

Attorney General Palmer notified beet sugar refiners, who have been withholding their products from the market until the price situation became more stabilized, that the United States sugar equalization board had determined that 10 cents was a fair price to be charged the wholesalers and that the charge in excess of that amount would be regarded in violation of the food control act.

Refiners were asked to telegraph their concurrence in this price, which would mean that they would put their supply on the market immediately, thereby relieving the present stringency.

The price to the wholesaler heretofore has been 9 cents so that the new price means an increase of one cent a pound. Retailers have been allowed to charge 11 cents a pound for controlled sugar under the old price, while the department of justice and the sugar board did not state what the new retail price would be, it was assumed that the increase would not be greater than the wholesale advance.

We are now ready to give first class mechanical service, having employed a competent mechanic. Merkel Motor Company.

We are here to stay and will appreciate a trial Lowry & Gamble.

**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.

## THE THREE BIG FACTORS IN BUILDING A HOME

**1. Interior Convenience.**

Proper arrangement of rooms, doors and windows. Labor-saving, built-in conveniences, etc.

**2. Exterior Beauty.**

Harmonious lines in roof, walls and porches, together with combinations of materials that lend those touches of attraction.

**3. Economical Construction.**

Planned by experts to insure no waste space—to utilize stock materials and give the most home value for the money expended.

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Building Service and Materials

Phone No. 74

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5c a package before the war

5c a package during the war

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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

Prosperity has come. People have flocked here in droves. It is remarkable how few difficulties have taken place. It is refreshing. Perhaps people are too busy to quarrel. Prosperity has brought with it a feeling of good will. We are glad to note this fact and trust peace will dwell in Merkel yet for many a day.

The time has come when the government must deal with the strikes or else trades unionism must control the government. We take the view that the fault lies more with the government than with the trades union. The government has the power and should exercise it. Boards of arbitration and a court of final appeals ought to be appointed and their findings definite. It is not right for the entire country to suffer because the men in one occupation have the right to tie up industry. Blanton is right in the position he takes and we predict that he will be the forerunner in one of the greatest forward movements of the day.

### 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.

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

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

# Dodge Cars AND Studebakers

We are exclusive agents for the above cars in this territory.

No better cars made for beauty and service. Let us demonstrate

## McDonald Motor Co.

See W. E. Lowe or G. H. McDonald

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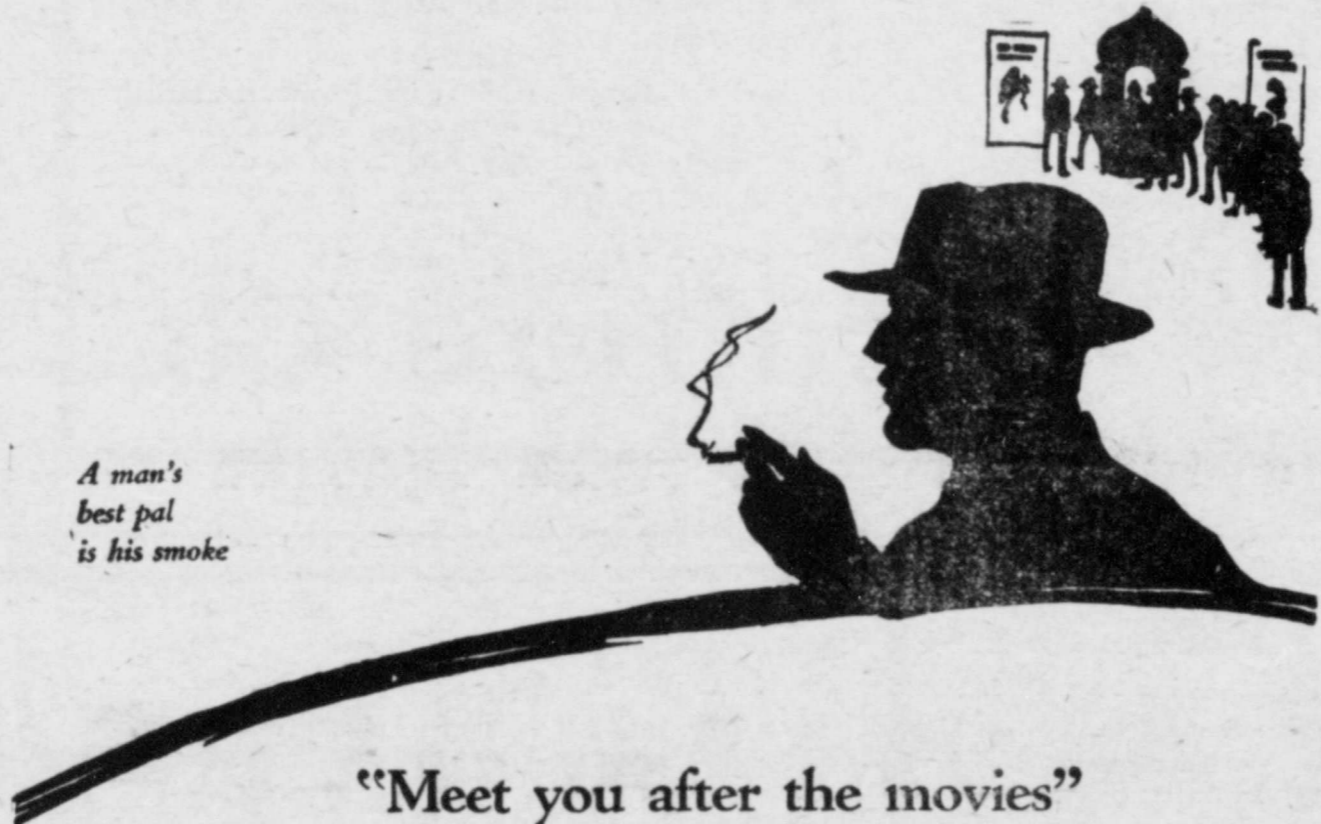
Some young fellows think they are not gallant unless they can hug every girl they go with. The fellow that marries is always particular to pick the girl that has been kissed and hugged by every young buck in the neighborhood.

Hurrah! We'll get to snooze a hour longer after Sunday. All clocks should be turned back one hour Saturday night. Every one ought to be able to get to Sunday school and church Sunday. We have seen no good cause for this law this year and we are glad it is at an end.

There is some question as to whether the present School Board will maintain the regulations of the old board in regard to the social activities of the teachers during the week. This matter ought not to come in question. This board nor the old one had no idea of infringing upon the right and proper social activities of the teachers. The new board has not changed the ruling. It is not a matter entirely in the hands of the board. The best people of this school district want service, they want teachers of such high character and dignity that they will conduct themselves in a becoming manner. The patrons of this school will not stand for the teachers spending their nights in car riding and various nightly amusements that hinder and retard their school work. School teachers must be careful. They are examples to the children of this town. How many parents want their girls to be running around half the nights? We merely mention this. We have not started yet. We are for our school and will defend it, even if some of our teachers have to resign.

And to think it has not been very long ago since sealed bids were received on a building that would not cost more than the present price of a pair of shoes. Why not receive bids on your wearing apparel, fellows?

A man's best pal is his smoke



"Meet you after the movies"

—Ches. Field

NOTHING like following up a good show with a good smoke—Chesterfield.

No ordinary cigarette, this. Mellow as an old friend, but rich with flavor—the kind that goes right to the spot.

Our own buyers in the Orient select for us the choicest Turkish leaf. We blend with this several varieties of specially selected Domestic tobacco. This blending—by a secret method—brings out new qualities of flavor that other and less expert methods fail to find.

That's what we mean by "satisfy"—an entirely new kind of smoking enjoyment that you get in Chesterfields only—nowhere else; for the blend is a closely guarded secret. *It can't be copied.*

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.

# Chesterfield

CIGARETTES

*They Satisfy*

—and the blend can't be copied

20 for 20 Cents



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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.

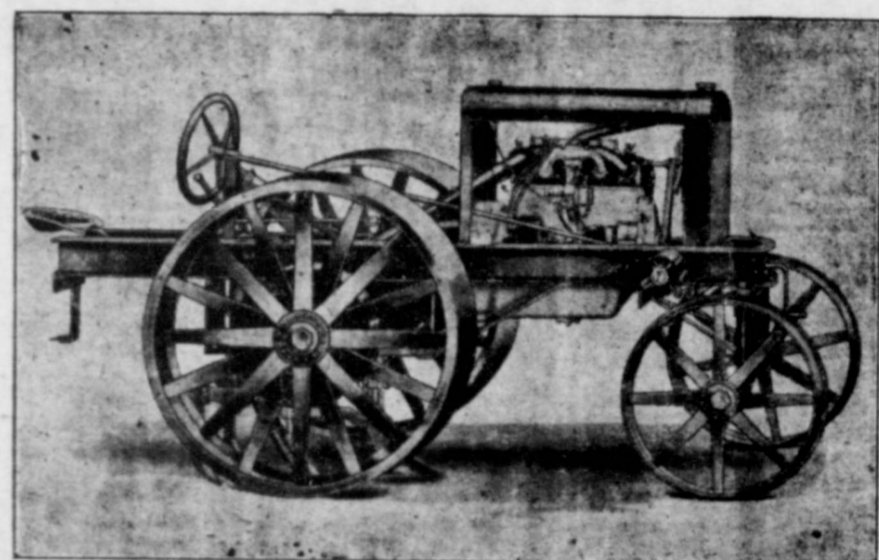
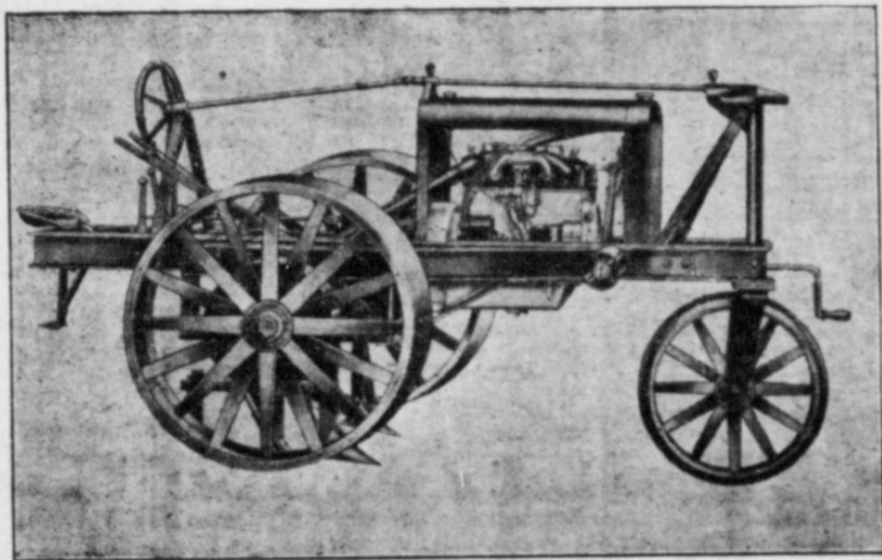
W. O. BONEY



# Industrial Manufacturing Concern Offers The Safest and Best 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



**SCHOOL REPORT CARDS**

On Wednesday, October 29th, all students of the Merkel School should present report cards covering their first six weeks work. Parents will please examine closely, sign and return promptly. If your child is not AVERAGING 85% or is falling below 70% in any subject, you should investigate now. Please don't wait until next spring when your child fails to be promoted. It will then be too late. Let's all work to gether NOW for better schools in Merkel.

Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

Prescriptions carefully compounded by registered Druggists at Lowry & Gambles.

**Card of Thanks**

Beyond measure are we gratified and moved by the loving kindness shown us by the many neighbors, strangers though they were, during the illness and at the death of our aged and beloved mother and grandmother. May the richest blessings of heaven be with each and every one of you always.

G. W. and D. E. Fowler  
Mr and Mrs. W. C. Fowler  
Mr and Mrs. J. R. Saunders

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

A. C. Rose and L. B. Howard attended court in Abilene Monday

Bring your prescription to Lowry & Gamble.

A. C. Browning visited home-folks this week.

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

**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.

# 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

THE STAR STORE :: MERKEL, TEXAS

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

**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 appreciate rural orders, and will give them prompt attention. Lowry & Gamble Druggists.

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

**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.



**The Story of a Turret Captain**  
Promotion in the Navy comes quickly to those who qualify for higher ratings. In March 1899 A. P. Nilsson enlisted in the Navy as an Apprentice Seaman, 3rd class. In April 1907 he was rated Chief Turret Captain. His pay today is \$165.76 per month.

## A man's life — among men!

Reel them off—"Rio", Gibraltar, Ceylon, Yokohama—all the great ports of the world—are they only places on the map to you—or are they ports where you've gone sailing in from the high seas with every eye along the shore turned admiringly on your big ship—your ship! Every ocean has a United States ship sailing for some port worth seeing.

If you've any call in you for a full life—join, and color all your years ahead with memories of things worth seeing—with knowledge worth having—with an inexhaustible fund of sea tales and adventures picked up ashore and

afloat that will make you a welcome man in any company.

Work?—sure, and a man's work it is, among men.

Play?—well, rather, with a bunch of men who know how to play. These comrades of yours carry in their ears the sounds of great world cities, of booming guns, of swashing seas—sounds you will share with them and that will never die away.

And when you come home, you'll face life ashore with level eyes—for Uncle Sam trains in self-reliance as well as self-respect. The Navy builds straight men—no mollycoddles.

Enlist for two years. Excellent opportunities for advancement. Four weeks holidays with pay each year. Shore leave to see inland sights at ports visited. Men always learning. Good food and first uniform outfit free. Pay begins the day you enlist. Get full information from your nearest recruiting station. If you do not know where the nearest recruiting station is, ask your Postmaster. He knows.

# Shove off! -Join the U. S. Navy

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

### 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.

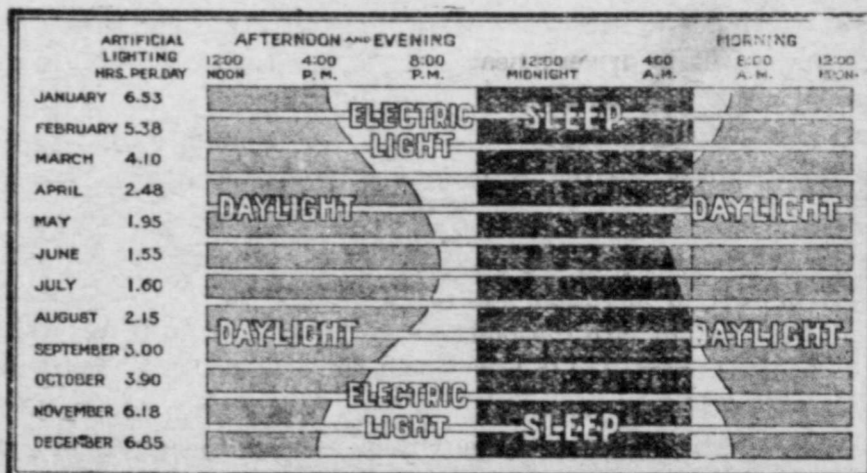
Fresh box chocolates at Lowry & Gambles.

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

### 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

## Why Your Electric Light Bills Vary



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 4 1/2 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.



# WE ARE RECEIVING New Goods Daily

OUR PRICES WILL BE THE SAME AS DURING THE SALE THROUGHOUT THE FALL

Never has interest waned in the bargains we have to offer. Even through the rain, mud and slush, the crowds are coming. Our store room is crowded to capacity nearly all the time. We apologize for not having more room in order to work a larger force to take care of the people, but the trade is simply beyond our expectations, and before we realized the situation, adjoining buildings had been leased.

Always remember that it is our greatest desire to please our customers. We appreciate your patronage and shall endeavor to show you every courtesy at all times.

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

### SERVICE

IS OUR MOTTO

At first we thought we could render better service by staying open day and night, but experience has taught us that we can serve you better by closing at midnight.

This is a big saving to us and gladly we  
**SAVE YOU MONEY**  
by giving you the entire benefit in  
Quality and Service

Nice Table for Ladies

Give our **REGULAR DINNERS** a Trial

Our Home-Made Pastries are excellent

We appreciate your patronage

**ARCADE CAFE**  
Merkel, Texas

### Specialty in Farm Loans

Inspector on the ground—Quick Service

**Real Estate and Fire Insurance**

**W. O. BONEY** West of Farmers State Bank

**Mrs. Martha A Earp Dead**  
As silent as the approach of time, death came to the aged veteran, Mrs. Martha A. Earp at the home of her grandson, Mr. Fowler of Merkel. She had been here on a visit for some months and expected soon to go on a visit to her son, G. W. Fowler, in Dallas. The funeral services were held at 10 o'clock, Tuesday morning, from the residence, Rev. W. M. Murrell, officiating.

Mrs. Earp was born in Tenn., February 2, 1832, nearly 88 years ago. She was married to M. J. Fowler, and from this union there were four sons and one daughter, of which three survive G. W. Fowler of Dallas, D. E. Fowler of Lubbock and Mrs. W. H. H. Smith of Loving. After 25 years of happy wedded life, Mr Fowler died. In 1872, she was married to J. W. Earp and they immediately settled

near Gatesville. Of this last union a daughter survives, Mrs. J. Saunders of Canton, China, temporarily at Waco. The two oldest boys of the first marriage died some years ago, one at the age of 62 and the other 47.

Messrs G. W. and D. E. Fowler and Rev. Saunders were present at the funeral. Mrs. Saunders was too ill to be present and Mrs Smith was unable to get here in time for the funeral.

Mrs. Earp had reached a fine old age, ripe for the kingdom her faith had sought. She became a Christian and united with the Baptist church in early youth and through the long years her faith never wavered or faltered. Her work was finished on earth and her spirit is now in that happy land where the angels sing. The impress of her life is thoroughly stamped upon the sons and daughters left, and following in her footsteps they, too, are blessing the world with their kindly influence. For the bereaved ones go our tenderest sympathy

EGGS—EGGS—EGGS

Condimental Poultry Mixture is sold under a private guarantee more eggs in 15 days or your money back.

Condimental is a mineral tonic that takes the place of green food your hens get in the early spring. That is why you get more eggs in the spring and summer and that is the reason you never have sore head and roupe among your chickens in the spring.

Condimental keeps your chickens in good healthy condition throughout the fall and winter and the results are more eggs in 15 days or money back. Condimental cures sore head and roupe. Six months supply for 50 hens for 60 cents. Sold by W. P. Duckett, Merkel, Texas 24t4c

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. 3c.

### The Gem Theater

Is now running Day and Night

The building is modernly equipped with every facility. A new player piano has been installed, comfortable new seats and other facilities added.

The management promises entertainment features second to none.

Come and see the class of entertainment we have to offer. Your patronage is appreciated, and we believe you will help us make of it the success it deserves.

**TOM HODGE, Manager**

### GAS AND OIL

I have taken over the Magnolia Oil and Gas business of

**WARREN BROTHERS**

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

**FRANK McFARLAND**



**Shoulders All Baking Cares**

When CALUMET comes in, all baking troubles take quick leave. You go right ahead and mix up baking materials, for biscuits—cakes—anything without fear of uncertainty. Calumet makes you forget failure.

**CALUMET BAKING POWDER**

is the most popular because it does give most perfect results. It has the biggest demand, because it is the most dependable. The fact that it is the biggest seller proves that it is the best. A trial will convince you that there is none just as good. Buy a can—if you are not satisfied take it back and get your money back. 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 HIGHEST AWARDS**

Claims Record Bale.

G. F. Turner brought in a bale of cotton Saturday that sold for \$261.40. He claims this as the record for Merkel. Who can beat it? Mr. Turner will bring in some more.

Shorts and bran at G. M. Sharps.



# LOCAL NEWS

Cowfeed at G. M. Sharps

G. E. Comegys is in Dallas replenishing his dry goods stock.

Fresh car Peace Maker flour G. M. Sharps.

Miss May Burkett of Abilene is visiting her sister Mrs. L. B. Howard.

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

Miss Willie McCargo of Anson visited Miss Willie Swann the past week end.

Cotton seed meal at G. M. Sharps.

Mrs. James West is still in a sanitarium in Abilene. She is greatly improved and expects to be brought home Friday.

**Colds Cause Grip and Influenza**  
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 50c.

Ira Armstrong spent a few days in Dallas this week. He reports everything favorable for his company.

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

Fresh car Peace Maker flour G. M. Sharps.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Thompson of Crossplains have moved to Merkel. Mr. Thompson has accepted a position with the City Barber Shop.

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

Mr and Mrs. Emery McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, visited Mr and Mrs. Barnes at Westbrook, Sunday.

Shorts and bran at G. M. Sharps.

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

Dr. Robt. Grimes left Saturday morning for Camp Pike at Little Rock, after a visit home for several days. He expects to receive his discharge from service soon.

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

Dr. J. L. Gillam of Burk Burnett, who has been looking over the oil field here for some time, spent last week in Wichita Falls, where there is considerable excitement at present.

**AN ACT OF KINDNESS**

**A Merkel Resident Speaks Publicly for the Benefit of Merkel People.**

If you had suffered tortures from kidney trouble.

Had experimented with different remedies without relief?

If you were finally cured through a friend's suggestion— Wouldn't you be grateful?

The following statement has been given under just such circumstances:

Mr. West has used Doan's Kidney Pills.

He publicly tells of the benefit he has received.

His is a simple act of kindness to other Merkel sufferers

No need to experiment with such convincing evidence at hand

Mr. West speaks from experience. You can rely on what he tells you.

J. V. West, retired merchant, Merkel says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills off and on and have always had good relief. My back hurt with a drawing pain and the kidney secretions passed too freely. I am glad to say I have been relieved of all that trouble by using Doan's Kidney Pills. It is a pleasure to recommend this fine remedy."

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

## 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.

### EXTRA SPECIAL

One hundred men's hats, good quality and styles, odd sizes, priced for quick selling, value to \$5.00 at..... 75c to \$2.45

A big showing of men and boys caps.

### 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

**UNDERWEAR SPECIAL**—A few dozen misses union suits worth \$1.25 at..... 75c



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IRON CLAD hose you get the multiplied benefits of more than forty years of experience in making good stockings.

Style—Fit—Comfort, and with it all you get lasting quality.

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Offered in silk, cotton and wool, there is a style for every purpose. You'll find your style reasonably priced.

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Big shipment by express of ladies suits, coats, skirts, georgette waists, middie blouses, silk and crepe kimonas, dresses and Millinery. We guarantee latest styles at the lowest possible prices.

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Newest models in waist-seam effects, reasonably priced at..... \$12.50 to \$16.50

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### Boys Overcoats Reasonably Priced

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Our entire stock of **SHOES** at less than wholesale cost. REMEMBER WE ARE HERE TO STAY

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### LATEST STYLES

All the popular new shapes—they are wearing them in London and New York now. Get in line with the world's best dressers. Have a LION.

# Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Co.

THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE

### TWO KILLED TWO WOUNDED AT RANGER, TEX

Ranger, Oct. 20.—Curtis Shiner is dead, Carl Gallagher is dying and two other persons were wounded at an early hour this morning in a gun fight in a rooming house on Pine street. Fonzo "Luke" Barnes, Loan Wilson and "Red" McCullough are being detained in connection with the case.

The trouble arose when the men, said to have been drunk, came into the lodging house. Two or three were well armed. When the trouble started Shiner was acting as peacemaker and was shot through the head, dying instantly. Luke Barnes was shot in the head but is expected to survive. Carl Gallagher was shot through the neck, the bullet ranging down through his body.

An old feud between the participants was the cause of the trouble, it was stated.

It is claimed that in one or two sections of the country, boys have been having fun by promiscuous shooting around negro camps. We know the fun is great, but if they would just think a little, we do not believe they would consider it worth while. We need the negroes to help gather the cotton crop. They were brought here at considerable expense. Just such foolishness as this will cause an exodus that will cost this country untold thousands of dollars. If they just must have their fun, could it not be deferred for just a little while at least.

### Palace Exposition to Open On October 25

The Texas Cotton Palace Exposition will open October 25 and close November 9. A highly interesting program will be given. The exposition is one of the leading amusement centers of the South and is usually attended by people from all parts of Texas and other states.

**CARBON PAPER**—At Merkel Mail office.

## Helps Sick Women

Cardui, the woman's tonic, helped Mrs. William Eversole, of Hazel Patch, Ky. Read what she writes: "I had a general breaking-down of my health. I was in bed for weeks, unable to get up. I had such a weakness and dizziness, . . . and the pains were very severe. A friend told me I had tried everything else, why not Cardui? . . . I did, and soon saw it was helping me. . . . After 12 bottles, I am strong and well."

## TAKE CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Do you feel weak, dizzy, worn-out? Is your lack of good health caused from any of the complaints so common to women? Then why not give Cardui a trial? It should surely do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women who suffered—it should help you back to health.

Ask some lady friend who has taken Cardui. She will tell you how it helped her. Try Cardui.

**All Druggists**

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### Garon Leo Clark Dead

Garon Leo Cole of Union Ridge died suddenly at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning with acute indigestion. The funeral was held at the Methodist church Wednesday afternoon, Rev. W. M. Murrell officiating. Burial took place immediately afterwards in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mr. Cole was eighteen years of age. He claimed to be a Christian for some time and united with the Methodist church here in August. He was considered one of the finest and noblest young men of his community and his sudden taking away is a distinct loss to his family and friends. We greatly sympathize with the bereaved in this hour of their sorrow.

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

### COST OF TEXAS MUD

The average farmer who owns an automobile pays three or four times as much for tires, repairs, etc., on his car than he pays in taxes.

Good roads would save him nearly half his auto expense, and these roads would cost him less than his saving on his auto, to say nothing of his horses, mules, wagons, harness, and, greater than all, time moving his crops.

### No Worms in a Healthy Child

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

### Lightning's Freak

London—At the inquest into the death of Percival Simpson, who was killed by lightning while standing under a tree, it developed that there was an exact impression of the tree on the man's stomach.

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

### Turtle An Old Settler.

Christiana, Pa.—Charles P. Sweiber, finding a large turtle that appeared very old, turned it over and found carved on the breast of its shell: "J. Homsher, 1830." Mr. Homsher, who was for many years a prominent citizen of lower Lancaster county, died years ago.

Honey 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 Co.

# CHURCH NEWS

**Methodist Church Notice.**  
All regular services will be had Sunday. Sunday school at 10 o'clock, preaching at 11. The service for the evening hour will be at 7:30. Don't forget to turn your clock back Saturday night, but get up Sunday morning at same old time and see how easy it will be to get to Sunday school on time. Come to church, there is a welcome for you  
W. M. Murrell, Pastor

**League Program Oct. 26**  
Leader, Ralph Henson  
Song,  
Prayer, Bro. Murrell  
Scripture, Jerome Hutcherson.  
Song.  
Discussion, Leader.  
Duet, Misses Lorena Dry and Charlie Bell Thomas.  
Dramatization of Mission study books in three minute talks as follows:  
1. Vida McNeese.  
2. Mason Pee.  
3. Loyce Dry.  
4. Wallace Bragg.  
Why I need to study Missions, Reading, Miss Bess Tucker.  
Miss Julia Martin.  
Is Mission study essential, Miss Agnes Rister.  
Song, Benediction

Graham flour at G. M. Sharps

Neuralgia of the face, shoulder, hands, or feet requires a powerful remedy that will penetrate the flesh. Ballard's Snow Liniment possesses that power. Rubbed in where the pain is felt is all that is necessary to relieve suffering and restore normal conditions. Sold by Sander's Drug Store.

Mrs. B. H. Houghton is spending a few days with Mrs. Geo. Houghton of this City

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

### Negro Who Killed White Girl Shot To Death By Posse

Marianna, Ark., Oct. 21.—Alex Wilson, negro, who shot and killed Miss Ruth Murrar, 18, wealthy white girl, whose farm near Skidmore is managed by her brother-in-law, W. M. Clifton yesterday, while she and Miss Estelle Clifton were riding behind some cattle, was shot and instantly killed near the scene of the crime last night by a posse as he was being brought to Marianna, according to word received here.

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And if you want to see your wife smile, buy Peace Maker flour. G. M. Sharp.

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## LITTELL'S LIQUID SULPHUR COMPOUND

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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.

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