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## JUDGE OVERSHINER ON THE BOND ISSUE

My friend B. A. Cox and I both live in modest little homes out in west Abilene; we do not own an automobile and each pays taxes on his home including road and bond tax; we some times ride the jitney bus together, and no doubt both have wished that we owned a Packard or a Ford and uttered many maledictions against the increased expenses and high cost of living. Such reflections as these have no doubt narrowed the horizon of Mr. Cox and perhaps led him to conclude that my vision extended no further than his own. I expect one day to own a Ford, and even if I do not I am willing to contribute my mite for the betterment of the country in the building of a system of State Highways. Furthermore if he had read the Abilene Reporter regularly he would have noticed several weeks ago at a meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce I was appointed county campaign manager for the Road Bond Amendment. Now I was not hunting this position but I believe the amendment right and shall contribute what I can to its success. But whatever personality I have, I wish kept out of it I wish the measure to succeed solely on its merits, and I do not want it to be defeated as the result of passion or prejudice.

I laid down in my first article three principal arguments: 1st. That there was a necessity for a good system of State Highways. 2nd That the present methods of financing were totally inadequate for the purposes of their construction, and that their value would justify the expenditure. None of these propositions has been seriously controverted by Mr. Cox, except perhaps the last. I might add that no civilized country from the Roman Empire on down has had a system of State highways worthy of the name without state supervision in their construction maintenance and control.

As to the necessity of this bond issue to provide necessary funds, I pointed out that all state and federal aid available for 1919-20 had been allotted. From figures furnished me by the Highway Department I find that such aid amounts to eighteen and half million dollars; country funds available from 1918 nine million dollars; county and district bonds voted since Jan. 1, 1919, 68 and a half million;

in other words eighteen and half million aid to match 77 and half millions of county funds. Thus the amount of state and federal aid is less than one fifth of the total. In addition to this twenty six millions of county bonds are proposed that will probably carry; eighty-eight counties have not received either state or federal aid and of the two hundred and fifty-four counties in the state, one hundred and ten have not voted bonds. Now the question arises, how are you going to aid these counties that have voted bonds and that will vote bonds unless you vote the State Bond Issue? Suppose you furnish no aid, it is obvious that the poorer counties will not be able to construct their links in the state highways. It is further an indisputable fact that the larger counties with low taxable valuations are in the West. Hence the conclusion is inescapable that this money is needed more in the West than in any other portion of the State and when the West votes against the proposition it votes against its own interests. Abilene and Taylor County are among the leaders of the West and I would hate to see them go against this proposition. But Mr. Cox says the West will not get any of this money and "there never has been one per cent of the public money of Texas spent west of Fort Worth and Overshiner will not deny this." This is rather a broad an indefinite statement but I suppose he refers to State Public Institutions. A line due west of Ft. Worth will not hit any of these institutions. All the territory west of the meridian of Ft. Worth will get Austin and San Antonio and a majority of the institutions. I take it that he means the territory north of San Antonio and west of Austin. If so out of a total of some twenty eleemosynary and educational institutions we find four, the Epileptic Colony, Tuberculosis Sanatorium, and the Canyon and Alpine Normals or one fifth of the whole. I have not the figures before me and do not know the total amount spent on State institutions. I will further agree that West Texas has never received her dues, that I am still sore over the West Texas A. & M. College, and the jitney bus riding is rough, but it has not so rattled my brain that I can subscribe to Cox's statement. Even if we did not get all we have gone

### REAL ESTATE CHANGING HANDS

Price Bankhead sold his property just south of Merkel and purchased the 100 acre farm, formerly owned by B. M. Black, the consideration on the latter deal being \$5000.

Mr. Barden purchased the residence on Oak street, occupied by H. A. Sanders, for \$2500. He also purchased the residence on the north side, formerly the home of Mrs. Sears.

The above deals were made through The Merkel Realty Co.

### A WRESTLING BOUT

Of no small amount of interest will be the wrestling bout at the Cozy Theatre next Wednesday night between John Chadwick a local boy just back from the front and Harry Demetrio. Both are celebrated wrestlers and the bout promises to be full of interest from start to finish.

Wrestling is an art calling for all the physical faculties and no healthier sport can be encouraged. Freed of some of its rough features, wrestling fills an important part in any athletic club or school. Lovers of wrestling are expected to be out in numbers on next Wednesday night.

Prescriptions carefully compounded by registered Druggists at Lowry & Gambles.

## AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.



The American Red Cross conducts its recreational work in hospitals through trained men and women, introducing a multitude of recreations suited to the handicaps of the men. The accompanying view of a hospital ward shows in operation a moving picture projecting machine, developed by a Red Cross recreational director, which throws the pictures on the wall so that the men do not have to stir from their cots.

## THE OIL SITUATION UNCHANGED

The oil situation remains unchanged from last week. Shipment of crude oil for the boilers failed to arrive and both the Sears and Bland wells have been tied up nearly ever since our last weeks report was received. The operators are very impatient at the delay, as they are expecting important developments at any moment.

The great railroad tie-up is responsible for the lack of quick development now. The Butman and Trent propositions are tied up from the same cause. It is to be hoped that the next few days will relieve the situation or enable the oil material and fuel oil to get through. Everything is looking fine and it is confidently believed that just a little greater depth will develop splendid oil production.

### NEW STEAM PRESS

The Cash Tailor Shop has installed a modern steam press. It is claimed that injury is impossible in the pressing of clothing by this method. It is a wonderful improvement over the iron and makes the goods look new. The press represents quite a monetary outlay, but we believe Mrs. Cash will be amply repaid for the expense. This is just another forward step for Merkel.

### RECORD COTTON PICKER

O. T. Crick, living nine miles north of Merkel and picking cotton for J. M. Spurgin on the T. L. Sears farm, last Friday picked 802 pounds of cotton. He claims this the best days picking that has been done in his neighborhood this fall. So far this appears to be the record in the country. Mr. Crick came from near Texarkana to this county to help gather the cotton crop.

Washington, Oct. 27.—On a platform of war on Socialism and Bolshevism, declaring "there can be no compromise with anarchy," Senator Miles Poindexter of Washington announced his candidacy Sunday for the Republican nomination for President.

### MILES POINDEXTER IN THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE

"Every necessary agency of the Government should be used to give complete protection to the lives and lawful rights of American citizens in Mexico; and the international duties we have assumed as to that country, by reason of our proximity, and as

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STRAYED—2 red cows from my pasture west of Merkel. Reward for information leading to their recovery. Dr. Geo. L. Miller. 30t2c

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

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WANTED—25 wagons and teams to haul seed from Hendricks Gin at Stith to Merkel. \$4. per ton. Hendricks Gin. 30t1c

FOUND—A Good clock. The owner may secure same at Merkel Mail office.

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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—To trade hogs for maize. Earl Lassiter. 30t1c

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incidental to the Monroe Doctrine, should be at once performed," says the Senator's announcement.

"The launching and withdrawing, without definite purposes or result of military expeditions to Vera Cruz and other portions of Mexico, also as at Archangle and other portions of the world, are criminal in their reckless disregard of life and national treasure expended without the possibility of any benefits whatever.

"Aline slackers, who renounced their 'first papers of naturalization in order to escape military service, should be denied citizenship in the future, and should be deported without delay to the several foreign countries from which they came to the United States, in order that the opportunity that they enjoy may be left for loyal citizens and soldiers.

Revolutionary communism, by whatever name it may be called, must be met and put down where ever it appears, as subversive of liberty. There can be no compromise with anarchy.

### "MICKEY"

The widely heralded and much awaited "Mickey" is coming. In fact it is almost here. Commencing To-day at the Cozy Theatre, Mack Sennett will present the premier showing of his prodigious play. "Mickey" has been sung about, read about, and heard about for a long time and now the fondest of hopes is realized when she comes to life on the screen. Mable Norman, the rainbow girl, will be seen in the title role, heading a cast of exceptional players, well known to every patron of a motion picture theatre. "And that ain't the whole of it," for the production was directed by Mack Sennett, himself the only genius who has the ability to make people laugh again and again, always with a new idea or comedy stunt.

In "Mickey" Mable Norman is first seen as the ward of a maror. Her foster father in time realizing that his ward should be educated sends Mickey to an aunt in the City. At first she lives in royal splendor as the aunt believes that she is the possessor of a gold mine, but when this proves worthless, Mickey is sent to the kitchen. But Mickey blossoms out again when the mine develops a rich vein of gold and the fun starts in earnest for the owner's hand, Mickey, pretty Mickey, no one can be blamed for falling in love with her.

Mack Sennett shows his versatility in producing a seven reel feature that tops "Tilly's Punctured Romance" in addition to the fact that Mickey is developed from human incidents and situations. Mickey will show at the Cozy for two days, Friday and Saturday.

## HONOR ROLL FOR MERKEL SCHOOLS

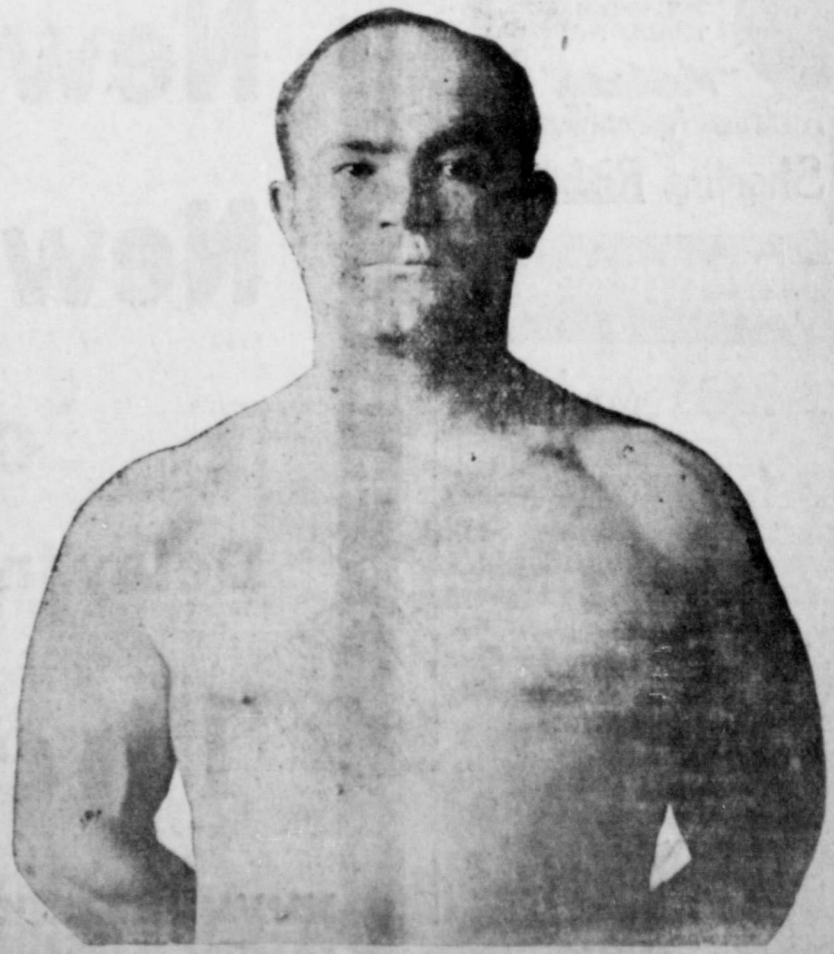
The following pupils of the Merkel Public Schools have been present every day, have not been tardy, have made 90 per cent in Department, and have made a general average of 90 per cent for the first grade period of six weeks, and are therefore on the Honor Roll of the school:

FIRST GRADE	
Lena Rose Black	94
Joe Black	92
Leona Rose	92
SECOND GRADE	
Conley Sanders	92
Ray Helman	90
Ruth Anderson	90
Nina Etheridge	90
THIRD GRADE	
Sterling Shepard	90
Iris Garrett	90
FOURTH GRADE	
Marie Pue	96
Joe Ben Ashby	93
Tolbert Proctor	93
Nell Godwin	93
Joe Spurlock	92
Fannie Bell Boaz	92
Aileen Childress	91
Inice Brown	90
FIFTH GRADE	
Gladys Pue	96
Emma Toombs	96
Godie Riche	96
Opal Horton	95.5
A. J. Tucker	95
Hazel Bell	94.5
Opal Patterson	94
Ethel Hunter	92
Anna Lou Russell	91
Mary Hutcheson	90
Wilbur Thomas	91.5
SIXTH GRADE	
Ona Fay Rose	92
Bonnie May Sherrill	91
Lucile Guitar	90.5
Ewell Allen	90.4
SEVENTH GRADE	
Clesby Patterson	97
Johnnie Sears	96
Pearl Tompkins	95
Mossie Sears	94
Ouida Campbell	93
Beryl Tucker	93
Mozell Bankhead	92
Fay Noel	91
Dorothy Sanders	91
Roy Elliott	91
Ethel Allen	90
EIGHTH GRADE	
Elba Cox	95
Gladys Middleton	91
Hattie Proctor	91
Mable Toombs	90
Ruby Hamm	90
NINTH GRADE	
None	
TENTH GRADE	
None	
ELEVENTH GRADE	
Agnes Rister	94
Odell Morris	90
Ruby Hamm	90

The above pupils deserve this special mention for their regular punctual attendance, good department and excellent work. Roger A. Burgess



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HARRY DEMETRIO

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## LOCAL NEWS

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**W. B. Robertson Dead**  
The death of W. B. Robertson of Salt Branch last Thursday was not unexpected, as he had been in ill health some time, but his going is a distinct loss to his community. Burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery Friday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. Scott of Trent and under the auspices of the Masons. A large and representative crowd was present. The ceremony was impressive from start to finish.

Mr. Robertson was not an old man and yet the life that he lived is so indelibly impressed upon those who knew him best that the uprightness of his character will shine a beacon light yet for many a year. Mr. Robertson and his family came from Bell county about sixteen years ago.

In early life Mr. Robertson became a Christian and united with the Baptist church. At the time of his death he was a member of the Salt Branch church. He was a man of strong faith, noted for his kindness, consideration and forbearance. He was a Mason and always practiced the high tenets of this order. He is survived by his widow, five girls, Mrs. J. M. Ingram of Merkel, Mrs. Tishy Golightly, Mrs. Ida Rayner, Mrs. Pearl Patton and Mrs. M. Lyles, all of Floydada, and three sons, Houston of Floydada and Austin and Hobson of Merkel.

To the bereaved we extend our utmost sympathy.

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## JUDGE OVERSHINER ON THE BOND ISSUE

after. We at Abilene have been more fortunate than most of the towns of the state. As I have stated before the Highway Commission has been exceedingly liberal in its appropriations to Taylor County and I feel quite sure that none has received more in proportion to the amount of bonds voted. We have been allotted \$106,000 with only \$100,000 bonds. I have been before the commission a number of times and have never seen a West Texas county refused aid when it expressed a willingness to put up its share of the money. It is true the present Chairman, Hon. R. M. Hubbard is a Red River County man but I have never seen a fairer or more liberal man occupy an administrative position. Of the other members Mr. Avery lives at Austin and Mr. Fowler at San Antonio. The latter is a progressive business man of the southwestern metropolis and is taking a leading part in the campaign for the State Bond issue.

Of course the personnel of the Commission will be changing from time to time, but I have not lost all confidence in my fellow-man and in the future, that the West will come more and more into her own.

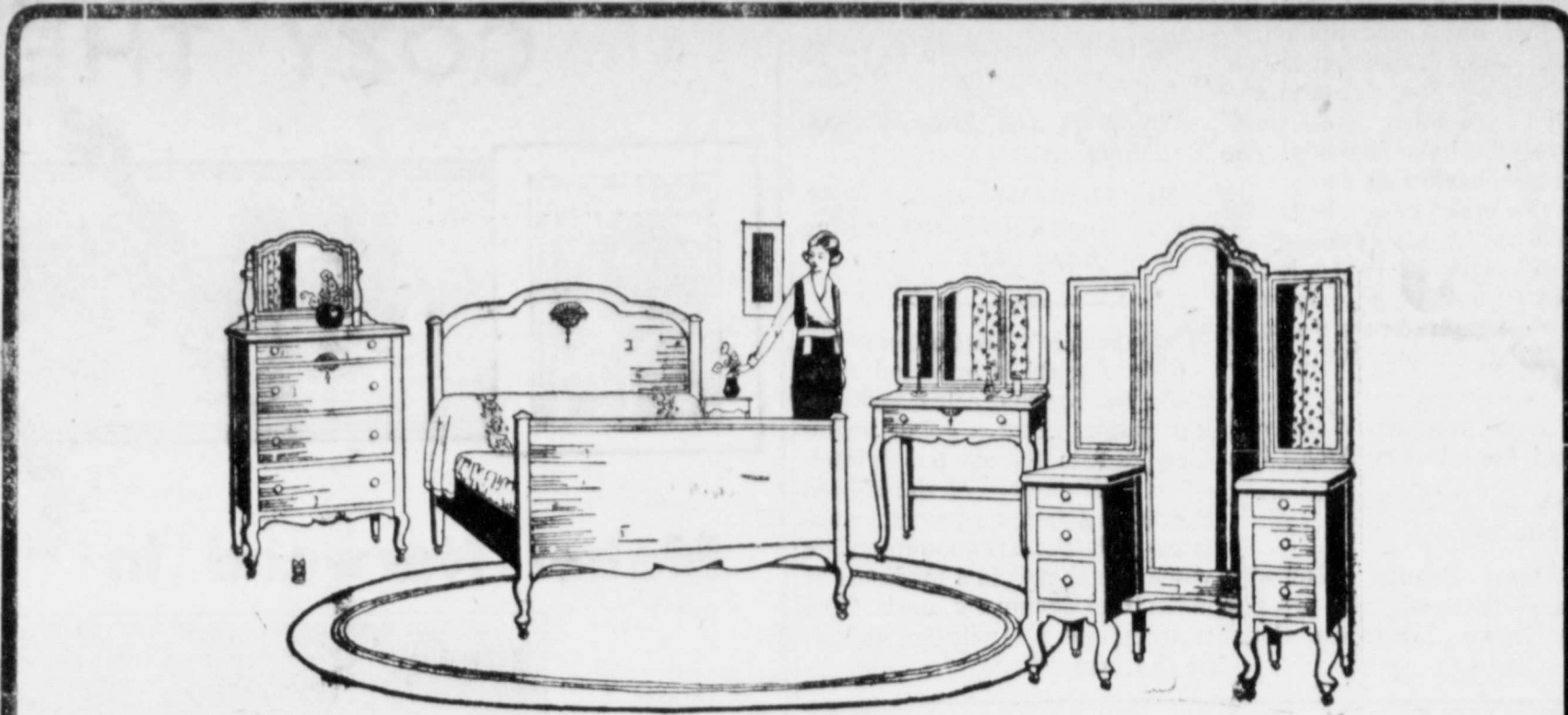
In fact the principal argument Mr. Cox makes against the Amendment, is the administration of the State Highway Commission. If the fault lies there we should fight to correct the administration and not the amendment itself. He complains that they have spent too much for salaries and too little on the roads. If you go to build a railroad, it takes months of surveying and drawing of plans before construction can begin. Its force of engineers were busy with prospecting and location, just as they will be busy later on with actual construction I think it argues much for the Highway Commission that they have been slow and prudent with their work rather than spending the money haphazardly and hast

ily. Take into consideration their work of registering more than 100,000 automobiles, the number plates and seals for these have

cost over \$179,000; then the half of the gross receipts under the old law amounting to \$1,306,335.93 which he charges the Commission with not spending on the road. To show how the work is getting under way the amount of state aid spent on the roads has increased from the \$163,693.37 of Jan. 1, 1919, quoted by Mr. Cox to \$504,148.81 on Sept. 1st and the Federal aid increased from \$273,078.03 to \$360,594.93; in the meantime the salaries paid amounted to \$67,453.09. In other words the ratio of salaries to amount actually expended from the period of Jan. 1, to Sept. 1, amounted to a little more than ten per cent and perhaps half of the amount of salaries was expended in connection with auto registration department, leaving the actual ratio perhaps not more than 5 per cent, which charge is very reasonable. In the meantime federal aid prospects have been approved, that means construction ready to begin on over two million dollars worth of work more. The department showed a cash balance on Sept. 1, of \$1,543,795.16.

He further argues that Highway construction will be taken out of the hands of the Commissioners court. As far as State Highways are concerned on which the state is paying a very large part of the cost of construction I think any one will agree that it is reasonable to allow the state a large part of the control and location. We could hardly expect taxpayers of counties like Dallas to pay taxes for construction of roads in this county that were merely of local importance.

As to the cost the taxable valuations of the State for 1919 were three billion, one hundred twenty million. One can easily figure the amount of tax to take care of five million, forty year five per cent bonds, which will be less than 1-1-4 cents on the \$100. It is not contemplated that the bonds shall be issued at more than five million per year, but even if the whole tax limit of the amendment were utilized that is twenty cents it is worth the mon



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Texas pays \$20,000,000 more for gasoline than the same mileage would require if all roads were good roads.

Texas pays between \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000 more for repairs on cars due to bad roads than would be paid if all roads were good roads.

Texas pays \$40,000,000 more a year for tires because of bad roads than would be paid if all the roads were good roads.

Texas pays \$5,000,000 for wagons and buggies because of bad roads than would be paid if all the roads were good roads.

Texas pays more than \$100,000,000 a year as a tax on bad roads.

Texas pays five times as much tax for bad roads as is collected by the State for all purposes.

I will go Mr. Cox one better, I am for all of the constitutional amendments.

E. M. OVERSHINER  
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For pastime, no doubt, it seems to be the joy of the hand-its of Mexico to capture American citizens and hold them for ransom. Some time this thing will stop, and when it does, there will be a vast number of new made graves in that country, but then the hour will have arrived when enforced civilization will give those people a chance. A mighty republic ought now to honor that rich land.

Those of us who "toughed it out" the past two years can hardly think of then and the present time and claim it as the same country. Here we have grown more stuff than we can gather and the continuous rainy weather is hampering the gathering. However the farmers have marketed about 10,000 bales and all about Merkel the vast fields of cotton seem untouched.

Civilization is only a reality when backed by education and religion. After all it sometimes looks like a crude piece of veneering. Pick out your civilized man or woman and let him get mad and the vanity of his vituperation, the facial expression and the deep dark look of a murderous eye, and you have in a moment dissolved refinement, throw aside education and brought to the surface the savage, more hideous because so out of keeping with the wearing apparel of civilized society.

Will land prices increase further? We predict they will. High prices for farm products are the causes of the increase. If we were to advise whether this was the time to buy or sell. We answer that it is a good time to both buy and sell. If a man is willing to bet on the future he will buy, and if he is getting a nice profit and not willing to risk a decline, he will sell. It takes actual sales to boost the price of land. If nobody sold then land values would hardly increase. In a certain community in East Texas \$100 an acre was considered high. Nobody would sell. Finally one party sold, then another, and so on until \$300 an acre prevails. If land values about Merkel go to \$100 an acre it will require a nice bunch of sales to do it.

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PROGRAM FOR WEEK BEGINNING FRI. OCT. 31st

Friday—June Elvidge in "Coax Me." A Comedy Drama in Five Acts; also a Comedy

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Monday—"A Clouded Name" A modern drama of everyday life; also, a delightful Mutual Strand Comedy.

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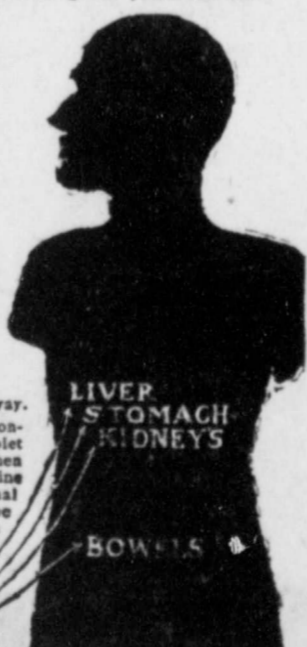
JUST TRY IT AND SEE how much better you feel in the morning. That "lazy," headachy, tired, don't-know-what's-the-matter feeling will be gone—you'll feel fine.

**TROUBLE IS**, your system is clogged with a lot of impurities that your over-worked digestive and eliminative organs can't get rid of. Pills, oil, salts, calomel and ordinary laxatives, cathartics and purges only force the bowels and prod the liver.

**Nature's Remedy** (NR Tablets) acts on the stomach, liver, bowels and even kidneys, not forcing, but toning and strengthening these organs. The result is prompt relief and real, lasting benefit. Make the test. Nature's Remedy will act promptly, thoroughly, yet so mildly, so gently, that you will think nature herself has come to the rescue and is doing the work.

And oh, what a relief! You'll be surprised to find how much better you feel—brighter, better every way. If habitually or stubbornly constipated, take one NR Tablet each night for a week. Then you'll not have to take medicine every day. Just an occasional NR Tablet after that will be sufficient to keep your system in good condition—keep you feeling your best.

Get a 25¢ Box



LIVER  
STOMACH  
KIDNEYS

BOWELS

SANDERS DRUG STORE



NR Tonight—  
Tomorrow Feel Right  
Get a 25¢ Box

## TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW AT THE COZY THEATRE



## Mabel Norwood in "MICKEY"

Now is your chance to see a good 7-Reel Comedy



Comedy Thrills Suspense and everything exciting that makes this the Picture

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Come Early and Avoid the Rush

A man's best pal is his smoke



"Let's do the darn job together"

—Ches. Field

WHY is it that more and more smokers (millions now) are getting together with Chesterfields?

First of all, fine tobaccos. Our own buyers in the Orient send us the pick of the finest Turkish varieties (Xanthi, Cavalia, Smyrna and Samsoun). We blend these by a secret method with specially choice Domestic leaf.

This method brings out new qualities of flavor—a smoothness, a richness, a mellowness that go right to the spot. That's the reason Chesterfields satisfy.

And remember—"Satisfy" is Chesterfield's secret, based on our own private formula, which cannot be copied.

Every package has a moisture-proof wrapping—another reason for Chesterfield's unchanging quality of flavor.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.

# Chesterfield

CIGARETTES

They Satisfy



20 for 20 Cents

—and the blend can't be copied

# EVERYBODY'S

## THE ALL-YEAR FOUNT

Our Fountain is equipped to suit every day in the Year

Cold Days Hot Drinks

Hot Days Cold Drinks

The most complete line of Chocolates  
that can be found

Entertainment All the Time

### COUNTY SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT

Below is given a list of the rural schools of this county and the amount of state aid that has been granted each conditionally. By conditionally is meant that each will receive the amount indicated provided the school fulfills all the state requirements. School boards should bear in mind that the scholastic enrollment was much smaller this year than usual and as taxable values were lower. Therefore, the schools are going to need every dollar that they can get and

even more to maintain an average school term, so they should put forth a special effort this year to hold all the aid that has been granted them. In order to meet these requirements, school boards should note the following suggestions and be ready for the state inspector when he makes his annual trip. The school site should be cleaned, and all loose trash burned. All sources of water supply should be put in good repair, and drinking fountains should be as sanitary as possible. The state requires that each

school shall have two separate fly-proof toilets each with a concrete base. An outside coat of paint should not be neglected if the school district has sufficient money in the treasury to do the work. All floors should be given a fresh coat of oil. All necessary repairs should be made on the building. Broken desks should be mended, and jacketed heaters should be repaired and polished. Children will take a delight in doing most of this work under the direction of the teacher, if

they are given a half day in which to do it. A schedule will be made later just when the state inspector will visit school, and school boards are earnestly requested to be on the site at the appointed time. If their school is not given the needed amount of aid, a strong protest on their part may cause the state to give more. The application of the following schools have not yet been acted upon: Tuscola, Rogers, Lisman, Neill and Trent. Respectfully,  
C. E. Sims.

**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. The only service limit at The F. & M. National Bank is that the transaction must be safe.

**LAUNDRY OFFICE MOVED**  
To W. P. Ducketts produce Store. Send off laundry on Mondays and Thursdays. Will appreciate your patronage. See W. F. Hamblet. 311c  
The officers of The F. & M. National Bank want you to feel free to consult with them about all matters. We want to make money, but we cant make money unless you make money too. We are here to stay and will appreciate a trial Lowry&Gamble.

# November Specials

AT

# Merkel Dry Goods Company

We have lately received big shipments of Clothing, Ladies' Ready-to-Wear, Millinery, Dress Goods, Notions, Hosiery, Blankets, etc., which makes our stock the most complete to be found, and exceptional bargains, considering todays market values

New lot Blankets and Quilts just received. Specially priced per pair ..... \$3. \$4. \$5. \$6.50 and up to ..... \$15.00  
One lot 36 inch brown domestic well worth 25 cents at a special price per yard of only.....18c  
One lot 40 inch Seal Island browndomestic, well worth 40 cents at a special price per yard of only.....28c  
One lot 36 inch bleach domestic well worth 35 cents at special price per yard of only .....25c

Our big lot Ladies Shoes and Boots in values up to .... \$8.50 Special price per pair only. \$3.49  
EXTRA SPECIAL 1000 dozen ladies black hose 35 cent values at special price only .....15c  
Just received big lot Mens and Boys Suits.  
Mens Suits in a nice line of Brown and Gray Worsted, and Blue Serges. Specially priced from ..... \$35.00 to ..... \$45.00  
Boys clothing in serge and mixed goods from .... \$6.50 to \$17.50  
Big Stock of Mens Work Pants and Overalls from ... \$2. to \$4.50

**NOTICE TO SCHOOL BOARDS**

In view of the fact that there is likely going to be a shortage of coal for the winter, school boards are advised to purchase a supply as early as possible. If the school district does not have enough funds in the treasury to pay all cash, arrangements can possibly be made with the local dealers to carry the account until the money is available.

In order that each school board may know just how that it stands financially, the amounts in the treasury to the credit of each are listed below.

Name	Amounts
Hamby	\$227.56
Colony Hill	22.17
Cedar Gap	12.34
Jim Ned	96.87
Ned	None
Tuscola	18.27
Mt. View	None
Moro	None
Valley Creek	36.38
Elm Grove	None
Buffalo Gap	62.58
White Church	5.07
Wylie	None
Salt Branch	28.01
Bluff Creek	89.89
Cedar Creek	28.25
Oak Lawn	226.53
Ovalo	112.79
Shep	396.79
Guion	73.11
Pleasant Hill	48.86
Bradshaw	59.48
Castle Peak	16.58
I. X. L.	116.01
Butman	82.53
Elmdale	41.56
Lisman	22.28
Blair	30.99
Dewy	80.79
Union Ridge	47.91
Cross Roads	43.31
Iberis	49.39
North Park	82.61
Mulberry	212.11
Hillside	65.61
Rainy	59.83
Bethel	81.74
Mt. Pleasant	223.70
Neill	52.27
View	90.23
New Hope	164.94
Lawn	None
Caps, Ind	55.36
Tye, Ind	21.51

C. E. Sims

# Just Returned from Market

where we picked up \$5,000.00 of real bargains.

It will pay you to see our large stock of merchandise bought for cash and to be sold for cash, at less than we will be able to place them in our house in thirty days from now.

## SEE OUR BLANKETS & COMFORTS

We have the best line of blankets we have ever carried, ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$9.00 and not a blanket that can be rebought for the price we are selling them for.

60 Comforts for ----- \$3.50  
and they would be a bargain at \$4.50  
50 Comforts at ----- \$5.00  
Worth \$7.00

A full stock of all dry goods, outings, canton flannel and all kinds of dress goods serges of the best, all for less. Be sure and see us for your fall bills

## Shoes for All for Less

Our stock is being kept full by express shipments. See us when in need of shoes.

## A New Stock of Caps

Work Shirts, Hosiery for ladies, men and children, of the best quality for less. See us.

# THE STAR STORE

**PROFESSIONAL**

**DR. GAMBILL**  
—D-e-n-t-i-s-t—

Office Hours 8—12 a.m.; 1—5 pm  
Over Woodroof-Bragg Co.  
Office Phone 116

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Over Woodroof-Bragg Company  
Physician and Surgeon  
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**DR. N. J. SMITH**

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Hours 10 to 12 a. m. 2 to 5 p. m.  
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**G. W. JOHNSON**

Insurance—Notary Public  
Over Woodroof—Bragg's Store.  
Merkel —:— Texas

**W. W. WHEELER**

Real Estate, Fire, Accident and  
Tornado Insurance Agent.  
Notary Public.  
Office over City Barber Shop.  
Merkel —:— Texas

**W. P. MAHAFFEY**

Attorney at Law  
Merkel and Abilene, Texas  
Merkel Office in rear Farmers  
State Bank. 22Sept17

**CITY TAILOR SHOP**

Ladies and Gents Work.  
All Work Guaranteed  
Will call for and deliver work.  
Phone 189 Kent St.

**PATE BARBER SHOP**

Hot and Cold Baths  
Agent for Sweetwater  
Laundry.

**TYPEWRITER CHEAP**

We have a good N. o 5 Oliver  
typewriter for sale for \$25. If  
you want a good, substantial  
machine, now is your opportu-  
nity. Merkel Mail.

**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



Give the world  
the once over

**L**ISTEN, fellows, to some  
straight talk. Many  
a man when he gets  
to be 40, misses some-  
thing. He may have  
lots of money, and a fine  
family but—

He never "got out and  
saw things". After he  
gets settled down, it's too  
late.

Every man wants to see  
the world. No man likes  
to stand still all his life.  
The best time to TRAVEL  
is when you're young and  
lively—right NOW!

Right NOW your Uncle Sam  
is calling. "Shove off!" He wants  
men for his Navy. He's inviting  
you! It's the biggest chance  
you'll ever get to give the world  
the once over!

The mechanic at the Merkel  
Motor Company makes a speci-  
ality 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 prop-  
erties 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 to-  
day, and you can get it from any drug  
store. 60c per bottle.

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 Rem-  
edy, 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 effi-  
cient antiseptic is applied promp-  
tly, there is no danger of infec-  
tion and the wound begins to  
heal at once. For use on man or  
beast, Borozone is the Ideal an-  
tiseptic and Healing Agent. Buy  
it now and be ready for an emer-  
gency. Sold by Sanders Drug Store

**KILL THE BLUE BUGS**

And all Blood Sucking Insects  
by feeding Martin's Wonderful  
Blue Bug Killer to your chick-  
ens. Your money back if not ab-  
solutely satisfied. Ask Sanders  
Drug Store. 9My6m

**Prohibition Enforcement Bill  
Vetoed**

Washington, Oct. 27.—Presi-  
dent Wilson today vetoed the  
prohibition enforcement bill.

The interpretation of the veto  
in official circles was that unless  
Congress repasses the bill over  
the President's veto, or immedi-  
ately enacts a similar measure  
which becomes law, there will be  
"a wet spell" until national pro-  
hibition becomes effective under  
the constitutional amendment in  
January.

The officers of The F. & M.  
National Bank want you to feel  
free to consult with them about  
all matters. We want to make  
money, but we can't make money  
unless you make money too.

American Beauty flour and  
meal are the best and are for  
sale by Crown Hardware Com-  
pany.

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

**Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic**

restores vitality and energy by purifying and en-  
riching the blood. You can soon feel its Strength-  
ening, Invigorating Effect. Price 60c.

We appreciate rural orders,  
and will give them prompt at-  
tention. Lowry & Gamble Drug-  
gists.

**AN ACT OF KINDNESS**

**A Merkel Resident Speaks Pub-  
licly for the Benefit of Mer-  
kel People.**

If you had suffered tortures,  
from kidney trouble,

Had experimented with differ-  
ent 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 cir-  
cumstances:

Mr. West has used Doan's Kid-  
ney 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 experi-  
ence. 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 free-  
ly. 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 60c. 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.

## FOR SALE

A CAR OF REAL

# MULES

Have rented the building adjoining  
the Brown blacksmith shop  
on Kent street, where these ani-  
mals may be seen.

If you are in the market, don't  
fail to call and look over this  
splendid selection of work ani-  
mals.

We Guarantee Everything Sold.

## Hogan & Cook Mule Barn

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

#### Resolutions of W. B. Robertson.

To the Worshipful Master, Ward ens an brethren of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M.

We your committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of brother, W. B. Robertson, beg to submit the following:

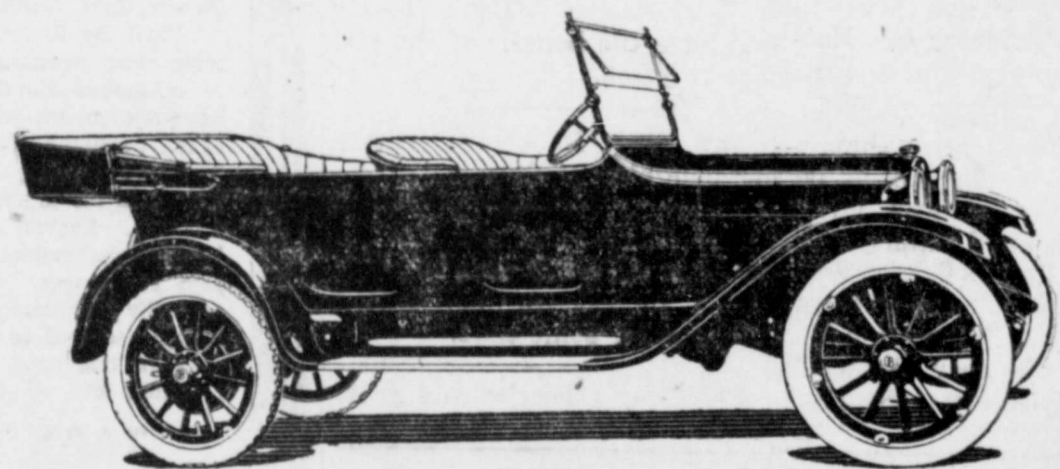
Whereas, on the 24th day of October, A. D. 1919, it pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in his infinite wisdom to remove from among us our dear brother, W. B. Robertson, and to transplant him as a member of that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides; Therefore be it resolved by Merkel Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted, Masons, that in the death of our brother, this lodge has lost a worthy member; one who lived and practiced the true principals of our order, and in his every day life was a living example of these great tenets, Faith, Hope and Charity; having faith in God Hope in immortality and Charity toward all man kind; ever ready with a warm heart to extend a

#### 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 surface. 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.

## DODGE BROTHERS MOTOR CAR



### McDonald Motor Company

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

## 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**

friendly greeting to a brother, or friend.

While we drop a sympathetic tear for his bereaved ones, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and leave in his hands the soul of our deceased brother.

Be it Further, Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy delivered to the family of our deceased brother and a copy handed to the Merkel Mail, for publication; and that the mem-

bers of this lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

W. W. Wheeler.  
N. D. Cobb  
Walter Jackson.

#### 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.

## LOCAL NEWS

Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Campbell and son, Paul, of Hamilton, spent a few days this week with their mother, Mrs. E. A. Campbell and sister, Miss Ruby. They left Thursday morning for Falls to visit Mrs. Campbell's parents. Rev. Campbell is at work in the seventy-five million campaign.

Have a competent mechanic at the Merkel Motor Company.

Our Tellers are always supplied with plenty of change and currency and will supply it in amounts to pay individual cotton pickers. Bring in your pay roll and let us make change for you.

Miss Amanda Smith returned this week from a ten days visit with relatives in Fort Worth.

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

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

Harold Boney has been real sick this week.

Ona Lee and Ava Dee Jackson have been on the sick list this week.

Claude Snyder of Tyler visited his mother-in-law, Mrs. E. A. Campbell, a couple of days this week.

Read our Adv. in this issue and open an account with the F. & M National Bank to-day and have the benefit of the service it offers.

### 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 244c

Bring all your cotton checks to The Farmers & Merchants National Bank for cash or deposit.

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.

### 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 hinderances 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

## 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



### WHEN YOU BUY

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.

IRON CLADS look good, feel good and are good.

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

## Ready-to-Wear & Millinery

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

### Big Saving on Boys Clothing

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

Other models at \$7.50 to \$10.00

Boys Overcoats Reasonably Priced

## BLANKETS & COMFORTS UNDERPRICED

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

JUST RECEIVED



### 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

## CHURCH NEWS

### At North Side

R. C. Bell of Abilene will preach for us morning and evening Sunday. Let's have a good hearing out for him.

O. J. Adcock

### At The Baptist Church

Regular services will be held Sunday and Sunday night. Every member is urged to be present at both hours. As Rev. Broadus declined the call to pastorate, another call will be made. Rev. Ira L. Parrack of Aspermont will preach morning and evening. As the time has changed, let every one be on hand for Sunday School and help to go over the 200 mark.

### Presbyterian Church News

We will have our regular services Sunday to which all are cordially invited. Get the church going habit and thus contribute something to the chief moral force in your community. A famous general in the civil war once made this significant statement: "I have never yet seen a man who habitually absented himself from the public worship of God who did not, sooner or later bring sorrow upon himself or his family." What a significant statement. "Forget not the assembling of yourselves together."

C. C. Dooley.

### Methodist Church Notice

There will be the usual services next Sunday. Nearly 200 got to Sunday school on time last Sunday. That was fine and let's keep it up. The subject for the morning hour will be 'The Cost of Discipleship.' At the evening hour there will be a song service of 30 minutes, commencing at 7 o'clock, then preaching at 7:30. Your Centenary pledge is due Nov. 1st. Come next Sunday prepared to give your check for the amount you subscribed or pay Wallace Bragg or myself anytime.

W. M. Murrell Pastor.

### METER READINGS

Please compare your Electric meter reading with your meter, when you receive your bill Nov. 5th. As we have noticed when reading the Meters that the dark days have about doubled them. By doing this will satisfy you that it is correct.

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Read our Adv. in this issue and open an account with the F. & M National Bank to-day and have the benefit of the service it offers.

Mrs. W. P. Duckett is visiting her daughter at Strawn.

Mrs. Ella Mashburn and daughter, Mrs. Emma Powers left Wednesday for Colton, Cal., to visit relatives for some time.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

## Life Was a Misery

Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I entered into womanhood . . . I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, . . . I decided to

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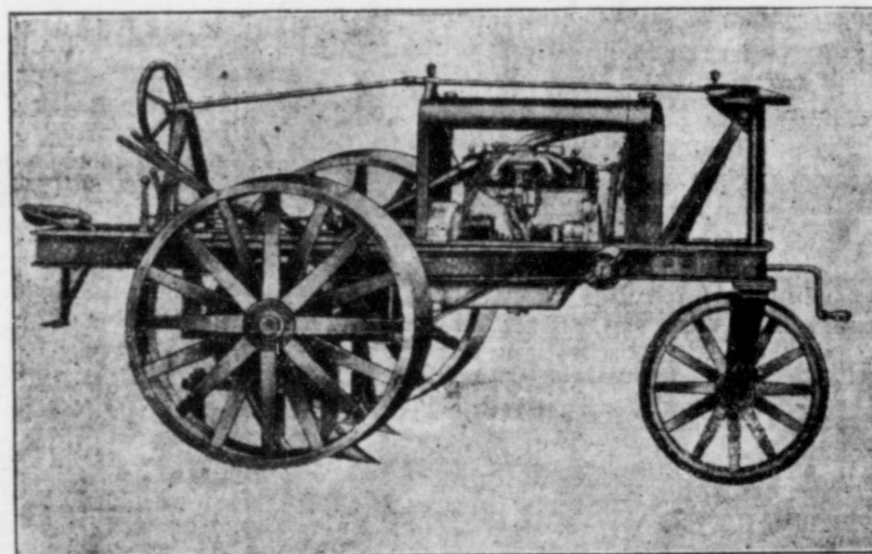
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"It has now been two years since I took Cardui, and I am still in good health. . . I would advise any woman or girl to use Cardui who is a sufferer from any female trouble."

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