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REASON FOR OIL DEVELOPMENT HERE THOUSANDS SPENT IN TAYLOR COUNTY

The constantly increasing demand for petroleum products, the diminishing supply of crude oil and consequent high prices is leading the oil operators in search of new fields.

The cost of drilling a well will vary from 25-75 thousand dollars depending on depth and character of rocks and water encountered. This is a large sum of money and the individual operator or company before deciding on the investment will avail themselves of all possible information to insure their success in the search of oil. Their geologists will make examination of oil; if the geologic structure is favorable to an accumulation in commercial quantities; the probable depth to sand etc. If wells have been drilled in the area the logs of these wells will be studied, these wells may have shown oil or gas or both but not in paying quantities. All these things will be considered and conclusion drawn therefrom. If the geologist reports and other conditions are favorable the operator will invest his money and know that the prospect of success warrants the investment.

In Taylor County at the present time big oil companies and individual oil operators are spending thousands of dollars backing their judgement that oil will be found. Bob Galbraith, one of the oldest and most successful operators, famous as the discoverer of the wonderful Glenn Pool in Oklahoma, one of the most productive oil fields in the world is drilling a well north of Merkel. The Sun Company, Sinclair Oil Company, Humble Oil Company and the Gulf Company are other big companies with holdings in the County. These companies and operators have been successful in the oil business not because of chance or by stifling competition, but by knowing the business. A location for a well in any area is not made in a haphazard way, but only after carefully correlating all of the data obtained by their geological, scouting and land department.

One of the first wells drilled in Taylor County was the Andy Urban about four miles south of Abilene. All the difficulties of drilling were encountered in the well before a producing sand was found at about 2000 feet. Leaking casing flooding the well with salt water caused the abandonment of this well after several

months of unsuccessful work in attempt to case it off. This well was estimated as good for 100 barrels per day. Another location a short distance from this well is now drilling. Three other wells drilling within 15 miles of Abilene had showings of oil at from 1900 to 2100 feet, though neither one had production in commercial quantities at that depth. The Sears well 9 miles north of Merkel had oil at 2490 feet which was estimated as high as 100 barrels. This well is drilling deeper. The Bland well 2 miles west of Merkel is drilling at 2100 feet had showings of both oil and gas before reaching this depth. The Trent well 6 miles west of Merkel and the Butman well 12 miles south are drilling at 200 and 400 feet respectively. Several wells are drilling in the vicinity of Abilene, all of which have had promising showings, but have not as yet reached the depth at which the producing sand is expected.

The various geological reports made on areas in this county have been uniformly favorable. The wells drilling at the present time are giving promise of production and in consequence the price of leases are increasing. Acreage around drilling wells is taken not only by speculators but by substantial and old established oil companies who are paying as much as \$100 to \$200 per acre. A number of new locations have been made which will be drilling in a short time.

Taylor county stands out as one of the most promising prospective oil fields in Texas one we base the conclusion on the facts that geological reports of the county are favorable; on the oil which has been encountered in wells drilling. Our conclusion is further strengthened by the fact that big companies and successful operators are investing hundreds of thousands of dollars in search of oil in this county.

Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your Electric accounts.

Place your subscription with the Merkel Mail and Abilene Morning Reporter, \$4.00 a year.

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.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

Home Service.



One of the finest constructive activities of the American Red Cross in the war was Home Service in the United States, the friendly connecting link between the soldier far from home and his loved ones. This branch of the work which under the peace program of the Red Cross will be expanded to benefit all who need the assistance it can provide, is directed by scientifically trained social workers. Since instituted Home Service has assisted 800,000 soldiers' and sailors' families. This photograph shows one of the innumerable Home Service information bureaus where service men and their families could bring their problems for solution.

INTERESTING WRESTLING BOUT

The wrestling bout Wednesday evening between John Chadwick and Harry Demetrio was of a highly interesting nature. The result was as expected. John Chadwick won two straight falls, using the toe hold both times. The first round required about 20 minutes and the second about ten minutes. Demetrio did fine work, but was unequal to the generalship of Chadwick. A large and enthusiastic audience greeted the combatants.

SKATING RINK OPENED

Roy Adams has leased the Rust building and installed a modern skating rink. The rink was opened Tuesday evening with a large attendance. It is open every day, afternoon and evening, except Saturday when it will be open for three sessions. Roy is a hustler and we predict his success. Formerly he was one of our best baseball fans and is somewhat of an athlete.

Cowfeed at G. M. Sharps

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOR SALE—320 acres, 3 miles west of Merkel, near Bland well; 200 acres in cultivation, 2 houses. Not rented. Immediate possession. For a few days only. Dr. Geo. L. Miller. 30t2c

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

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

CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

LOST—Black overcoat with name "Merkel Dry Goods Company, Merkel, Texas," on inside pocket. Supposed to have lost from car. Reward to finder. Davis Beasley. 1t1c

LOST—Put new alarm clock in wrong car. Finder please return to Merkel Mail office. 1t1c
FOR SALE—Army tent, 16x16, in good shape. W. N. Watson. 71p

FOR RENT—Two large down stairs rooms to let for light housekeeping. Furnished or unfurnished to desirable parties. Mrs. Causseaux. 71p

FOR SALE—4-room house in good shape, well and windmill. See R. A. Ellis or R. G. Grogan, Truley, Texas. 74c.

WANTED—Hands to pick 40 acres of young cotton that has never been picked over. Making about one bale per acre. S. F. Haynes.

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN
—From Trent, one bay poney and one spotted mare. Finder please notify T. E. Goode, Route 2, Trent, or phone Merkel 9044F33. 71p

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

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

SEED OATS
Texas Red, free from johnson-grass, will stand the winter. See J. T. Warren or Geo. Boyce, Merkel, Texas. 713c

FOR SALE—160 acres fine fruit and truck land near Gillham, Ark. at \$12 per acre. Has fine spring, good dairy or hog ranch. See I. D. Walton at Wagon Yard, or write G. W. Sullivan Dequeen, Ark, Route 3.

WANTED—Two good wagons and teams to load seed. G.B. Brown. 1t1c

FOR SALE—Wagon and team, large cook stove and some farm tools. S. H. L. Swafford. 7t1p

FOR SALE—A 1917 model Ford at a reasonable price. See P. L. McClary. 1t1c

FOR SALE—Overland car, Model 83, in good condition. Would consider some trade worth the money. Apply at the Barrow-Furniture Co. 7t2p

LAND FOR SALE
Nine miles S. E. of Merkel: 242 acres, 165 in cultivation, containing 3 room and 4 room house, dug well. One-third cash and balance in five equal payments at 8 per cent. See Walter Hammond or Merkel Realty Company. 7t2

FORDS FOR SALE
I have plenty of them. Brand New 1920 Model, with and without starters. I receive from 3 to 5 car loads a week and can deliver you one any time you come. See Pickens Burton 1415 Patterson Ave, Dallas, Texas. 7t4c

STORY OF MERKEL'S RESOURCES--SERIES OF ARTICLES TO APPEAR FOR 15 WEEKS

Realizing that there is no method of publicity more valuable to the development of the resources of a community, than newspaper publicity, and the fact that the Great Merkel County today facing a period of growth and development unprecedented in its history, the Mail has completed arrangements for conducting an industrial campaign through the next fifteen weeks.

The plan adopted will be a very effective one in that it will extend over a period of time and not be published in one large edition, which as a rule, contains so much material that the average reader does not have time to read it.

We have secured the services of Mr. R. K. Evans, who has spent more than ten years actively engaged in publicity work and has done most effective work in West Texas, the Panhandle country and New Mexico. Mr. Evans has worked in conjunction with Chambers of Commerce in this territory and has letters attesting the extensiveness and value of his work. He is assisted by N. O. Shanks, who gathers statistics around which Mr. Evans weaves his story of the development and opportunities of this section.

Business activity will be thoroughly and exhaustively exploited, stock raising, real estate and realty values, schools and school facilities, will be some of the subjects exploited, in fact, when the campaign is completed every phase of industrial life and business activity will have been gone thoroughly into and plans for hundreds of extra copies circulated will make this campaign valuable not alone from the standpoint of stimulating industrial trade conditions, but will foster immigration and the investment of outside capital. With the co-operation of the business interests of our city the next fifteen weeks this campaign will be the most effective method of exploiting to the outside world the vast field of resources in this section of West Texas.

COAL STRIKE HELD VIOLATION OF LAW

Washington, Nov. 5.—The Government cannot accept the proposal of organized labor to end the coal strike by vacating the injunction against the officials of the United Mine Workers of America. Assistant Attorney General Ames, in the absence of

Attorney General Palmer, announced today that the Government could not abandon its position, because the strike was in violation of law.

Judge Ames issued the following statement: "The strike is a violation of law. As long as it continues, we are going to proceed in the courts. The dispute between the mine owners and workers is an entirely different question that they can settle in their own way. The government cannot tolerate continued violation of the law such as this strike constitutes.

Refusal of the government to vacate the injunction means a long fight in the coal fields, and its withdrawal would have opened the way for settlement of the strike within forty eight hours; according to Edgar Wallace, legislative representative of the United Mine workers.

"If the injunction should be withdrawn the scale committees representing miners and operators could get together in twenty-four hours and settle their differences at one sitting," Wallace said. "The strike, however would not be called off until a new rate agreement was reached.

The miners' committee with power to accept the new agreement could call off the strike without referring the question to a delegate convention, Wallace said.

"President Lewis' statement that the miners would be willing to negotiate without reservations," he said, "simply means that he would start with a new slate without regard to previous demands, which the operators refused to grant."

Baptist Pastor Elected

Last Sunday morning the members of the Baptist Church called Rev. Ira L. Parrack of Aspermont as pastor. At the evening service Rev. Parrack accepted the call. He will likely arrive on the field within two weeks. He comes highly recommended as a preacher of great ability.

Residence Burns

The residence owned by C.K. Evans of Breckenridge burned early Monday night. There seems to have been no one living in the house and it is a mystery how the fire started. No insurance was carried on the place. Mr. Evans is a poor man and bought the property early in the year with the intention of moving his family out of the oil section.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

In Italy.



Arriving at one of the most critical stages of the war, when the Teutons were forcing the Italian army back to the Piave, the American Red Cross rushed emergency relief from Paris and revived the drooping spirits of the whole country. In addition to furnishing rations and comforts and medical attention to the fighting men, the American Red Cross instituted 42 soup kitchens, 56 children's hospitals, 10 children's dispensaries, 14 artificial limb factories, five homes for refugee children, 10 rest stations for refugees. This photograph shows a group of Italian refugee children being fed by the American Red Cross at one of the numerous relief stations.

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Ask Our Customers

THE FARMERS STATE BANK



THE WELLS ENTERTAINERS
Appearing in the Lyceum Course Nov. 21st High School
Auditorium 8 o'clock

BETTER LAND FOR LESS MONEY

We can sell you ranch land for from \$8.00 up and improved farm land at from \$20.00 up. This land has some acres that made a bale of cotton and some that made over 2 tons maize this year.

160 acres 2 miles of school house barn etc for \$3,200.00 \$1,000.00 cash balance easy terms at 8 per cent interest.	A well improved ranch of 13682 acres cut into seven pastures over 40 miles of fence and 7 miles of river front \$10.00 per acre.
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"Organized for your service."

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L. R. Thompson, Vice Pres. Booth Warren, Asst. Cash.
G. F. West, Vice President D. W. Johnson, Asst. Cash.



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The Farmers and Merchants
National Bank

is no less proud of the assistance it rendered during the two years of drouth than it is of the fine Loyalty of those who do business with us.

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This we offer in addition to an UNEXCELLED SERVICE. Become identified with us TODAY

Thos. Johnson, Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

Grady Collins has returned home and will likely remain here during the winter.

Just received a car of buggies, Crown Hardware Company.

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

Mrs. Mitchell returned home the past week after a couple of week's visit with her daughter, Miss Miriam, popular milliner at the Merkel Dry Goods Company.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

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

Place your subscription with the Merkel Mail and Abilene Morning Reporter, \$4.00 a year.

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



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

J. G. Keele and family are leaving for Ralls, where they will make their home.

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

Mrs. W. Strickland was called to Godley Sunday afternoon in response to a telegram stating that her mother, Mrs. L. C. Robinson was very low. She also has a brother who is very ill in a sanitarium in Dallas.

Just received a car of buggies, Crown Hardware Company.

M. W. Pickelsimer of Oakdale, Wash., spent the past month at Stith on business. He owns a farm out there. He left his renewal subscription with the Mail

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

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.

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

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Our kicking won't bring them down

So be Wise! Buy and Smile!!

NEW SUITS, COATS, SHOES, SILKS
HOSIERY COMING IN EVERY FEW DAYS

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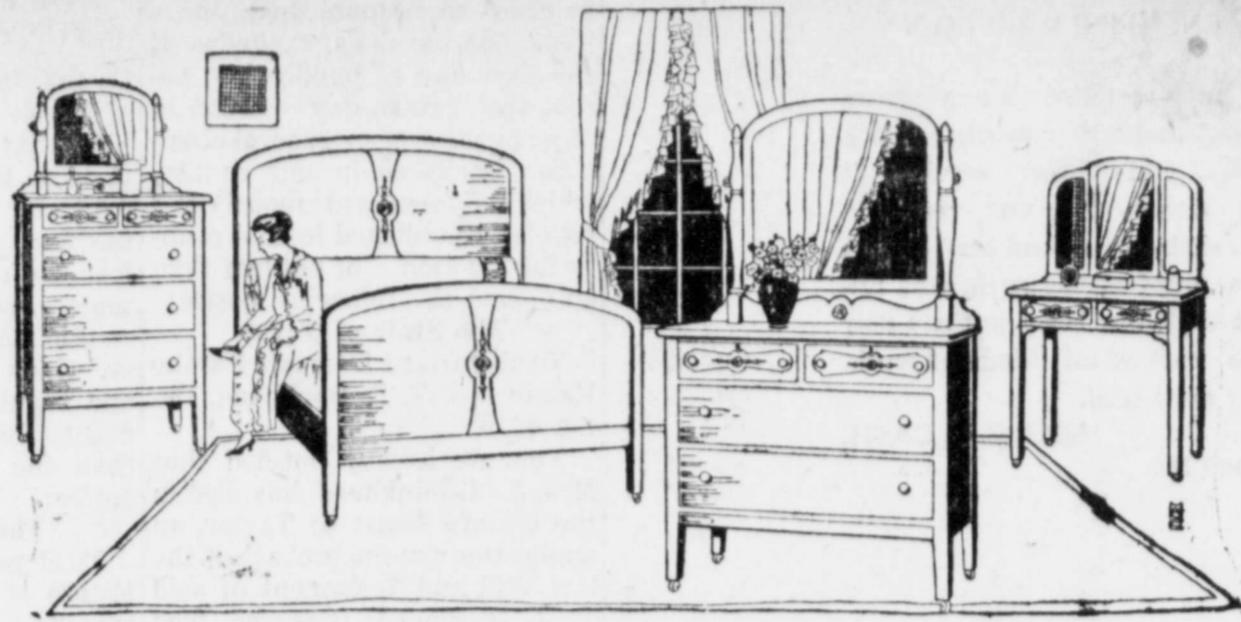
To Appear At High School Auditorium December 15th, 8 p. m.

MERKEL TO HAVE LYCEUM COURSE

Many Merkel people have hoped that some form of good, whole some entertainment might be brought to our little city. For many reasons this is difficult to get for a town the size of ours. Merkel has never before had a lyceum course. Several of our enterprising citizens have taken it upon themselves to see that this winter Merkel is to have a good lyceum course. We say "Good", for they have secured the services of the Redpath-Horner Lyceum Bureau, the best in the country. This is the same company that is giving programs this year in Amarillo, the Canyon Normal, Lubbock, Sweetwater, Abilene, and other progressive West Texas towns. This company is to bring the Vice-President of the United States to Simmon's College this winter. The Redpath-Horner Company has given courses similar to ours in Abilene, Sweetwater and other nearby towns for years.

The proceeds of this course are to go to the Merkel Public School which is so much in need of more library and additional equipment. There are to be four numbers of high class entertainment, and you will miss something good if you fail to see any one of these. It will save you money if you plan to see even as

many as two numbers to get a SEASON TICKET, which admits you to all four numbers. Let's buy liberally of these season tick-



We now have one of the best assortments of Bedroom Suits ever shown in Merkel. We would be glad to have you come in and see the new styles and finishes whether you are in the market for a suit or not. We will take pleasure in showing you through.

BEDS : SPRINGS : MATTRESSES

We can solve your bedding wants, at prices you can't find anywhere else. While our present stock lasts we will make the following prices:

- BEDS—A large 2-in. post iron bed and slats \$11.00
- SPRINGS—A 96-coil guaranteed spring \$ 5.50
- MATTRESSES—A 40-lb. all cotton mattress, art tick \$10.00
- A 50-lb. all cotton mattress \$12.50

This is just a few of the real values we have. Our house is full of dependable goods and we will guarantee to save you money on anything in our line.

Barrow Furniture Co.

deliver his lecture entitled "Loose Spokes in the Community Wheel." He is well known throughout the country as well as in our own state. "The Cleburne Enterprise" says of his recent lecture in Cleburne, "He is the possessor of a fine speaking voice, good stage presence, wonderful personal magnetism, and a thorough knowledge of his subject. He held his audience spell-bound for an hour". Hear him.

On February 3rd, the last number will appear on the program. This will be the "Sterling Entertainers," musicians and readers of "sterling" quality. This number should prove exceptionally pleasing to all, as the program is so varied. It will consist of readings, vocal selections, music on the piano, selections on the saxophone and violin, solos and duets. This program is of the most advanced type of high grade, refined entertainment.

Buy yourself and your family SEASON tickets within the next few days, and enjoy all four numbers of this lyceum course. This is a community enterprise that stands for the best in entertainment and should succeed if Merkel is to have this high class of instructive amusement in the future. Keep these dates for reference. Come. All numbers will be given in the High School Auditorium, and will begin promptly at 8:00 p. m. Buy a SEASON ticket NOW.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

Graham flour at G. M. Sharps



WRIGLEY'S

5c a package before the war

5c a package during the war

5c a package NOW

THE FLAVOR LASTS SO DOES THE PRICE!



Geo. C. Aydelett.

At High School Auditorium on January 20th at 8 P. M.

ets and thus insure from the start the success of this worthy movement to provide the Merkel people with what they so much need and want—wholesome entertainment.

On November 21, the Wells Company will appear at the High School Auditorium as the first of the four numbers. They will give us a program of musical and dramatic sketches consisting of baritone and soprano solos, vocal duets, story-telling and readings, dramatic sketches, humorous and musical sketches, all given with appropriate costuming.

On December 15th, Jean S. Macdonald, the impersonator and reader who has just recently appeared before enthusiastic audiences at Plainview and Amorillo, will give us our second number. Her program will be found replete with humor and good whole some fun. Sometimes her impersonations are Irish. Other times they are of colored people. Again she does child roles. You will be impressed with her personality and platform presence.

On January 20th, George C. Aydelett, famous lecturer, will



ONE OF OUR Popular Bungalow Homes

This five-room and sleeping porch home is only one of the hundreds of modern designs we are featuring in our display of Actual Photographs and plans.

These Homes are the highest type of the designers art and we furnish complete working plans to build from. They are planned by experts and combine attraction with convenience and economy.

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So strenuous are the lives of the presidents of the United States that they do not long survive their retirement from office. Today there is only one living ex-president and he only served one term. If the responsibilities of the past have wrought havoc with the physical lives of our presidents, then to how much greater extent is the vitality of President Wilson called upon. Another term for him would be absurd. We can but hope and pray that he survives this term. His service to the world is unequalled. He did what he could and what no other man in all the world was in position to do. But "the unkindest cut of all" came from his own countrymen. When it seemed that peace must be a reality, party politics interceded. And so on the cross of criticism, just or unjust, time alone can tell, are the American people destined to crucify the greatest American that ever lived. Regardless of party differences and prejudices, 100 years from now history will point back to his official life as one of the mountain peaks and he will be spoken of along with Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln.

Surgeons agree that in case of Cuts, Burns, Bruises and wounds the First Treatment is most important. When an efficient antiseptic and Healing Agent. Buy is now and be ready for an emergency.

Irregular bowel movements lead to chronic constipation and a constipated habit fills the system, vitalizes the blood and puts the digestive organs in fine vigorous condition. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Rev. and Mrs. Dooley, Mrs. Geo Houghton and Mrs. L. D. Levey spent Thursday in Sweetwater. We know why Mrs. Houghton made the second trip is because she saw her first pecan tree at that place on Wednesday, so she went back Thursday to gather some fruit from said tree. It is no use to say she had the time of her life eating pecans under the big pecan tree.


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.

Shorts and bran at G. M. Sharps.

Give us a trial. Lowry & Gamble Druggists.

TRADE REGISTERED MARK

LITTELL'S



LIQUID SULPHUR COMPOUND

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

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

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

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

NEW STEAM PRESS IN OPERATION

I have installed a new steam press, and can now give much better and quicker service. It has always been our motto to give satisfaction and service, but on account of the rush, was unable to do our best, but can now take care of all kinds of work. Give me a trial.

MRS. C. L. CASH.
Phone 180

CHURCH NEWS

North Side Church
Eld. W. G. Cypert will preach next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and at 7 p. m. Everybody is invited to come and hear him.

At The Baptist Church.
Sunday school will be held at the usual hour. The attendance last Sunday was 197. Why not make it over 200 Sunday?

There will be preaching at the morning and evening hour Sunday. Let all members be present

Methodist Church Notice
Sunday School at 10 o'clock let everybody be on time for the opening. Preaching at 11. The Subject is "The Christians Inheritance. This will be the last Sunday before Conference. At the evening hour we will have our regular 30 minutes song service commencing at 7 o'clock and preaching at 7:30. At this hour there will be given a brief summary of the years work, the visitor and stranger in town have a special invitation to worship with us.

W. M. Murrell, Pastor.

League Program
Subject: A World Neighborhood.
Leader, Josie Smith
Song, Prayer
Scripture Lesson.
Apostle creed in concert
Leaders Address
Social Responsibility, Agnes Rister.

Solo Ruth Holloway.
A Vision of World Need, Will Stevens.
Our Relation to the World Neighborhood, Chester Hutcheson.

Song, League Benediction

B. Y. P. U. Program
Subject, Ruth the Immigrant.
Leader, Walter Jackson.
Prayer, Song.
Bitter Sweet, Mrs. Nix
Scripture, Leader.

Emigration and Immigration, Miss Ola Sharp.

Riches and Poverty, Miss Wilma Garrett

Duett, Misses Lula Sharp and Ruby Campbell.

Love and Honor, Mrs. This. Bearden.

Home Sweet Home, Miss Ova Hurst.

Poem.

A WORD WITH WOMEN

Valuable Advice for Merkel Readers.
Many a woman endures with noble, patience the daily misery of backache, pains about the hips blue, nervous spells, dizziness and urinary disorders, hopeless of relief because she doesn't know what is the matter.

It is true that every pain in the back or hips is trouble "peculiar to the sex." Often when the kidneys get congested and inflamed such aches and pains follow.

Then help the weakened kidneys. Don't expect them to get well alone.

Doan's Kidney Pills have won the praise of thousands of women. They are endorsed at home—Read this Merkel woman's convincing statement:

Mrs. A. D. Williams, says: "Several years ago I had pretty bad pains in the small of my back over my kidneys. It was a dull ache that felt as if there were a heavy weight bearing down on me. I had headaches and was bothered with my kidneys acting too freely. I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills so I got a box and I got my trouble in time for Doans soon relieved all that dull aching and my kidneys were regulated."

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

Just received a car of buggies. Crown Hardware Company.

Fresh prescription drugs and drug sundries at Lowry & Gambles.

CITATION ON PUBLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—GREETING.

You Are Hereby Commanded, to cause to be published, one a week, for ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county, which has been continuously and regularly published in said county for a period of not less than one year; the following notice:

The State of Texas
To all persons interested in the Estate of T. R. Bankhead, Deceased.

You are hereby notified that Mrs. J. M. Bankhead, has filed in the County Court of Taylor, an application for the probate of the last Will and Testament of said T. R. Bankhead, Deceased, filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary is the last will and testament of T. R. Bankhead, deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the 3rd Monday in December A. D. 1919, the same being the 15th day of December A. D. 1919, at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

HEREIN Fail Not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, this the 30th day of

Oct. 1919.

Fannie Tippet, Clerk, County Court, Taylor County, Texas.

CITATION ON PUBLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—GREETING:

You Are Hereby Commanded, to cause to be published, once a week, for ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county, which has been continuously and regularly published in said county for a period of not less than one year; the following notice:

The State of Texas

To all persons interested in the Estate of W. B. Robertson, Deceased; You are hereby notified that Mrs. N. L. Robertson has filed in the County Court of Taylor County, an application for the probate of the last Will and Testament of said W. B. Robertson, Deceased, filed with said applications, and for Letters Testamentary is the last will and testament of W. B. Robertson, deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the third Monday in December, A. D. 1919, the same being the fifteenth day of December, A. D. 1919, at the Court House thereof, in Abilene at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

HEREIN Fail Not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term there-

the execut

Given & Seal of said C. lene, this the 28th, 1919.

Fannie Tippet, Clerk, County Court, Taylor County, Texas.

In damp, chilly weather there is always a large demand for Ballard's Snow Liniment because many people who know by experience its great relieving power to apply it at the first twinge. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Regulate the bowels when they fail to move properly. Herbine is an admirable bowel regulator. It helps the liver and stomach and restores a fine feeling of strength and buoyancy. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Mrs. West Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. Westly Edwards and daughter, Miss Lucille, left for Midland Monday evening to attend the funeral of the twelve year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Edwards.

BARBER SHOP HOURS

Our Barber Shops will open at 7 and close at 6:30 except on Saturdays, and then close at 10 o'clock p.m. sharp. If you expect work done be there on time because we will make no exceptions.

Jno. M. Pate and Rose & Buford

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.



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An expert and exclusive blend is responsible—finest, silkiest Turkish tobaccos from Xanthi, Cavalla, Smyrna and Samsoun, and the best varieties of Domestic leaf—put together by the manufacturer's private formula that brings out every last bit of flavor. No other process, no other blend, can successfully imitate Chesterfield's smoothness and full-bodied flavor.

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Friday, November 7th

OLESON & LOWEBERG
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in SPIRIT LAND—IN THREE ACTS
of Fun and Mystery Novelty, with Vaudeville between Acts
ALSO A
Fox Special Feature
and a
Box Office Comedy
Prices 20—40—60
Curtain at 8:15—Pictures start 6:45
Seats on sale at Everybodys Confectionery

Saturday, November 8th

Matinee 3 to 5:30 Night show at 6:45
A PARAMOUNT PROGRAM
with
Douglas Fairbanks
in Arizon
ALSO
Mack Sennett
and his "BATHING BEAUTIES" in a
REAL COMEDY
NUF SAID
Admission 10—20c

Program Week of November 10

Monday 10th
Vitagraph Blue Ribbon Feature
and a Big "V" Comedy

Tuesday 11th
Paramount Special and a Feature
Comedy

Wednesday 12th
Vitagraph Feature and a Big
"Four" Comedy

Thursday 13th
Metro Feature and a "Beach
Nut" Comedy

Friday 14th
A Fox Super Attraction with an
"Excelsior" Comedy

Saturday 15th
Paramount program with a Mack
Sennett Comedy

10 Cents Admission 20cents

KINGS DAUGHTERS MEET

The Kings Daughters of the Methodist Church met at the home of Mrs. Amy Sears, Tuesday, with Mrs. Ross Ferrier and Mrs. Amy Sears and Mrs. Bud Sears as hostesses.

After the business was transacted a very amusing contest was enjoyed by all.

The home was beautifully and artistically decorated with the class colors and flowers.

A delicious salad course was served to a large number of members and visitors.

Next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Geo Houghton. Let every member be present if possible.

A Good Cough Medicine for Children

Mrs. J. W. Phillips, Redon, Ga. phoned to J. M. Floyd, the merchant there, for a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and said she had bought a bottle of it at his store recently and that it was doing her children so much good that she wanted to keep up the treatment. You will find nothing better for coughs and colds

in children or for yourself. It keeps the cough loose, expectoration easy and soon frees the system from the cold.

Fresh car Peace Maker flour G. M. Sharps.

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.

Fresh box chocolates at Lowry & Gambles.

Mrs. Dr. Miller had the misfortune of cutting her hand so badly, when she fell with a milk bottle, that it was necessary to operate on it at a sanitarium in Abilene. She is doing nicely.

Prescriptions carefully compounded by registered Druggists at Lowry & Gambles.

Miss Miriam Mitchell is reported on the sick list, this week

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

Only a Cold

Are you ill? is often answered "Oh! it's only a cold," as if a cold was a matter of little consequence, but people are beginning to learn that a common cold is a matter not to be trifled with, that some of the most serious diseases start with a cold. As soon as the first indication of a cold appears take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Remember that the sooner you get rid of your cold the less the danger, and this remedy will help you to throw it off.

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

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

Bring your prescription to 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

COMPERE NEWS

It has been quite a while since our last report, but we trust this will escape the waste basket.

The farmers have gotten out quite a lot of cotton, but still lots to pick.

The school will likely not start so soon, as first thought on account of there being so much cotton yet to pick.

Quite a number of the Anson people were out Sunday afternoon to hear Rev. Bishop speak on the "75 Million Campaign." The Baptist people went into conference and called Rev. Bishop as pastor.

A good crowd of young people were present at the Singing Sunday night at the Childers' home.

Howard Tarvin and family and Mrs. Tarvin, the formers mother went to Hamlin Sunday. They report a heavy rain there last

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.
Sold by Druggists, etc.
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

NEW GARAGE OPENED UP

I have opened up a garage on Kent Street, Merkel, Texas. Bring me your car and I will make it run right.

J. W. Simpson.
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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

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.

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

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
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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.

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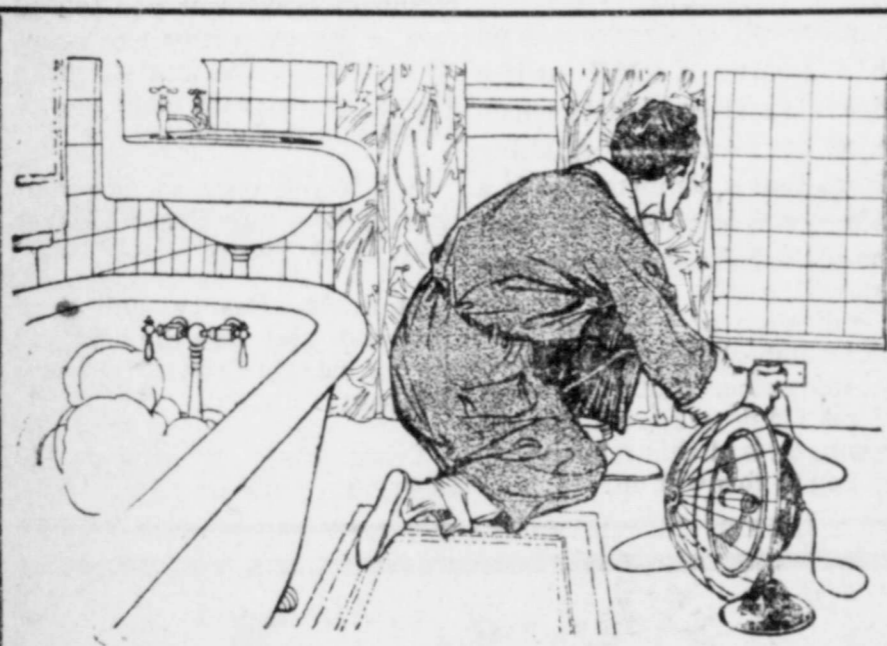
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Any cool corner can quickly be made warm and comfortable by an Electric Radiator. There is a total absence of flame and smoke, smell and danger which often go with the flame type of heater.

We have several types of Electric Radiators—one of which will surely suit you both in price and heat-giving qualities.

You will save coal if you get one early

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week.

People here have gone money wild and car (Ford) crazy.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Spurgin went to Anson last week and stayed over Sunday.

Harvey Alfred has purchased a new buggy.

C. S. Childers happened to a very serious accident while oiling a wind mill, two of his fingers were caught in the mill and were ground nearly to pieces. He had one amputated.

Mr. Rhodes and family have left the community. They went to the Sand Burr community.

A number of young people took dinner with Mrs. Alfred, Sunday Lee and Elgin Hill are thinking of going to Young County to pick cotton.

The young people of this community have reorganized the singing class. All are cordially invited to come and be with us. Some sickness around in the

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.

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

community although none very serious.

Ernest Harvey went to Dawson county last week.

The Sunday School is steadily on the increase. A good crowd present Sunday. The time changed to 10 o'clock. So come over and help us.

Barnie Berry and family have

gone to his brothers near Anson to pick cotton.

Mollie Shannon has purchased her a victrola.

Mrs. Tarvin and children are planning to go home next week.

Thelma Merit got to ride in Shred Sherrills new Sedan last Sunday.

Correspondant

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.

Shorts and bran at G. M. Sharps.

Gem Theatre

Where the Pictures are Always Good

We are here to serve the people of Merkel and give them entertainment every day. Matinees every day 2:00 to 5:30; night 6:30 to 10:00 P. M.

Program for Week Beginning Friday, November 7th

FRIDAY—Eddie Polo in "For Life," a famous Cyclone Smith adventure stories of the West. "The Ranger of Pikes Peak," a thrilling Western Drama. Also a Lyons Moran Comedy and late Current Events.

SATURDAY—Shorty Hamilton in "The Pen Vulture," a thrilling Drama of the Western Border. Also Fatty Arbuckle in a Keystone Comedy.

MONDAY—Virginia Hammond and Earl Metcalf in "The Battler," a tense story of a Prize Fighter's life and a thrilling bout between two battlers. Also a Mutual Strand Comedy.

TUESDAY—A Special Feature in 6 acts by King Vidor, a picture that will pull your heart strings. Faith and Love conquers Fear and Hate, in "The Turn of The Road." The theme is a Universal one and carries a message of love, pathos and human emotions. We want you to see this picture, don't miss it. Also a Harold Lloyd Pathe Comedy.

WEDNESDAY—"The Devil's Trail," a thrilling Drama of the Canadian Northwest, with the Mounted Police. Also a Comedy.

THURSDAY—A Universal Special in 6 acts, "A Woman Under Cover," a drama of modern everyday life. Also Spaulth's Vod-a-Vil, 4 acts high class vaudeville.

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Nice Line of Ladies Coats Suits, Dresses, Crepe Waists Georgette Waists, Sweaters

New shipment just received. On all these goods and in the face of constantly increasing prices, we are making a cut of **ONE THIRD OFF** the regular selling price. We must sell our goods. If you don't get your share of the Unheard-of Bargains we offer it is your fault. They are here for you, and more are coming.

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HALLOWE'EN PRANKS

The spirit of Hallowe'en was abroad in the land last Friday night. The young folks seemed to have a good time. It is significant of the occasion for all to have a good time.

Some of the boys carried things a little too far, however.

Don't Prod Your Liver to Action

NR Overcomes Biliousness, Constipation, Sick Headache, Quickly. No Griping or Pain. Guaranteed.

The organs of digestion, assimilation and elimination—the stomach, liver and bowels—are closely allied, and the proper action of any of these organs is largely dependent upon the correct functioning of all the others. "Whipping" your liver into action with calomel or forcing your bowels with irritating laxatives or strong cathartics is a great mistake. A better, safer plan is strengthening and toning the whole digestive and eliminative system with Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets), which not only brings immediate relief, but genuine and lasting benefit. It acts on the stomach, liver, bowels and kidneys, improves digestion and assimilation, overcomes biliousness, corrects constipation and quickly relieves sick headache.

Get your system thoroughly cleansed and purified for once; stomach, liver and bowels working together in vigorous harmony, and you will not have to take medicine every day—just take one NR Tablet occasionally to keep your system in good condition and always feel your best. Remember it is easier and cheaper to keep well than it is to get well.

Get a 25c box and try it with the understanding that it must give you greater relief and benefit than any bowel or liver medicine you ever used or no pay. Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) is sold, guaranteed and recommended by your druggist.

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

Doubtless they meant no mischief, but when they betook themselves to tearing up bridges removing seats from the tabernacle and piling them across the street and maliciously destroying property, it became my duty to warn them. I trust these were thoughtless acts, and upon the recurrence of the season feel sure that the boys will be more thoughtful. It would be a painful duty to have to report some of our boys to the grand jury. We know the names of some who did mischief. We warn them. We want them to have all the fun that they can, but the destruction of property must cease. Every precaution will be taken in future for the protection of the property of individuals and of the city. The city, short of funds, had to stop the street work for a day or two and put the forces to repairing the damage wrought by the boys. As Mayor of your city, I feel it my duty to make these remarks and trust that I will not again have occasion to allude to mischief of this nature.

J. J. Stallings, Mayor.

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"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.

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I have taken over the Magnolia Oil and Gas business of

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

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Well "Armed"?



When company comes there is no time to waste—no chances to be taken—so mother sees that there is always a can of

CALUMET BAKING POWDER

on hand. Cakes, pies, doughnuts, muffins and all good things to eat must be dressed up in their best taste and looks.

Then, too, her reputation as a cook must be upheld—and she "stakes" it on Calumet every time. She knows it will not disappoint her.

Order a can and have the "company" kind of bakings every day.

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.

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GREAT DAY OF LIBERTY

In 1776 the declaration of liberty was proclaimed to America. That was a great day, the birth of a great nation. But it was not until the 11th of November, 1917, that the principles of that same liberty was won for all the world. The signing of the armistice marked the close of the greatest war on record, and we hope the close of tyrannical rule in all the world. It was the last stroke that bent the kingly head and raised democracy to the throne.

The glory of the day centers about America. It was fitting that America should play this part. She it was who started the fires of freedom and she it was placed her might in the balances at the time that decided the age long issue.

All glory to the boys who sacrificed their time, their opportunities and even their lives in this great struggle. They are not forgotten. They are appreciated and loved by every real American. To them belong the honor; they bore the hardships and they achieved magnificently. The glory of their achievements will ever live in the annals of history. So new, we may not make of this day a gala day, but in the days to come it will have its place. It will be a day sacred to the lovers of liberty throughout the world.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza

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

Place your subscription with the Merkel Mail and Abilene Morning Reporter, \$4.00 a year.

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

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

See our jewelry and cut glass before buying. Lowry & Gamble Druggists

Honey at G. M. Sharps

LOCAL NEWS

J. Y. Chadwick, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Chadwick, happened to a very painful accident Thursday, about 25 miles east of Stamford, when he fell from a pecan tree, dislocating his right ankle and arm. He is getting along nicely and hopes to soon be out again.

Car of Chevrolets expected by Saturday. See Siegel at the Economy Store.

Dont 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.

Claude Cash has returned after and extended visit with his grandparents near Brownwood.

Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your Electric accounts.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Houghton spent Wednesday in Sweetwater.

Fresh car Peace Maker flour G. M. Sharps.

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. The F. & M. National Bank.

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Write for free copy of New money-back scholarship, guaranteeing in writing a \$75 to \$100 a month office position. Hundreds of positions paying \$1,200 up. \$20 discount to those enrolling now. Write Draughon's Business College, "The Big School", Abilene, Texas, for special offer No.1

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SEED OATS

Texas Red, free from johnson-grass, will stand the winter. See J. T. Warren or Geo Boyce, Merkel, Texas

7t3c

A Demonstration of Better Values and better Quality In Merchandise

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Extra Special in Sweaters

Wonderful values in extra heavy cotton sweaters at\$2.00 to \$4.00

Big values in mens and boys wool sweaters, good colors, at\$6.50 to \$8.50

Special Coat Values

A big shipment of ladies, misses and childrens coats received and placed on sale this week at

\$6.50 to \$25.00

New Serge Dresses

Cheaper than material by the yard. Price range \$12.50 to\$25.00

Better dresses in tricotine, jersey cloths, etc., priced at \$27.50 to\$59.50

Always Something New in Millinery

Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Co.

THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE

S. H. L. Swafford are preparing to move to Springs. Mr. Swafford has sold his farm for another year.

Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your Electric accounts.

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.

C. R. Scott and family of Willis Point visited here this week. Mr. Scott recently purchased a farm west of Trent and will move out in a short time.

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

Cotton seed meal at G. M. Sharps.

Shorts and bran at G. M. Sharps.

W. J. McInnes, cashier of the Citizens National Bank, Rosewell, N. M. is visiting John Sears and family.

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

Miss Minnie Houghton has been on the sick list the past week

Dr Smith has his headquarters at the Lowry & Gamble Drug Store. He is fitting up a modern suit of rooms in the building formerly occupied by Dr. Adkisson.

Miss Jess Sutphen has been right sick this week.

See our line of Waterman fountain Pens Lowry & Gamble.

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

We have Eastman Kodaks Lowry & Gamble Druggists.

Have a car of good percheron mares for sale at Boney's stable. Earl Lassiter. tip

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Women's New Winter Suits and Dresses

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Tricolette	Serge
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—there are models daintily draped, plain tailored models that are trimmed in buttons, braid and embroidery, plenty of navy blues, blacks, browns and plum colors, prices begin at

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Women and Young Women Wanting a New Winter Suit

—may choose from so many pretty styles, in tricotine, point twill velour and serge, some are severely tailored, with buttons and braid for trimming, others show a tendency to ripples and tucks, of course navy leads and brown next.

Prices \$24.75 to \$59.75

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—they are the good warm velours pompom and silk plush, with collars that button up high and warm around the neck, colors are rich brown shades, taupe, deer and green, all moderately priced.

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36-in. Bleached domestic .24c	9-4 Bleached Sheeting . . . 72c
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Good shoes moderately priced for every member of family

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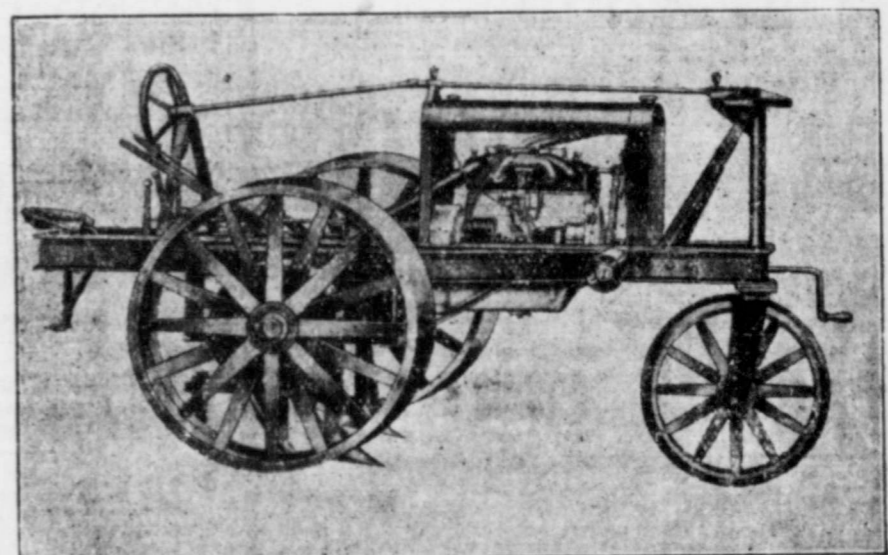
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Ninety per cent of the weight is placed on the main drive wheels when in operation, putting practically all the weight into the pull. Being light in weight and equipped with high duty roller bearings throughout, guarantees economy and ease of operation. 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.

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