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MANY MERKELITES TAKE AEROPLANE JOY RIDE

Messrs Fred J. Williams and George Ahl, of San Angelo, arrived in Merkel last Sunday afternoon, and for two days remained here, taking those of our citizens who desired for a ride over the city. They were very courteous, gentlemen and stated to a representative of the Mail that it was their intention to place Merkel on their list for regular visits. The following is a list of those who partook of the pleasure of a trip in the air, as handed in by these gentlemen:

Herbert Dennis, Robert Dennis, Jack Walker, L. B. Scott, Noel Counts, Booth Warren, W. Williams, Miss Elsie Vincent, At Jordon, Claude Comegy, Verl Johnson, L. B. Howard, Sam O'Briant, William Brown, Marion Johnson, Pres. Guthrie, Jack Anderson, Larry Merritt, Miss Elba Cox, Mrs. L. B. Scott, Jack West, Lewis Swann, Cliff Rose, Walter Bowden, Homer Laney, Ed Heeter, Miss Mae Biddleman, and Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

BAPTIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT

Sunday School 10 a. m. in charge of Mr. Walter Jackson and his group of trained teachers. Classes for all and work for all. Preaching by the Pastor morning and evening.

Morning Subject: "Admonition of Backsliders"
Evening Subject: "Denying the Lord"

Jr. B. Y. P. U. at 3:30 p. m.
B. Y. P. U. at 5:00 p. m.
Teachers meeting Monday, at 7:30 p. m.

Ladies meeting at Church for all Circles 2:30 p. m. Tuesday.

Prayermeeting Wednesday at 7:30. Subject "How Jesus led a woman to trust in him" Scripture Lesson: John 4:4-42.

Everyone welcomed, strangers more especially.

Come and worship with us.
Ira L. Parrack, Pastor
Phone 194.

REV. MURRILL TAKES TRIP

Rev. W. M. Murrill, pastor of the Methodist church left Tuesday for Dallas where he went to attend a meeting of the Interallied World Church movement. He expects to return last of the week to hold all the regular church services for his congregation Sunday, and asked us to extend a cordial welcome to one and all to be present.

Just received a car of Marchal Neill Flour. None better, at Bob Martins Grocery Co. tf

BIG GET-TOGETHER MEET IS PLANNED

The Mail has it from a reliable source that there is a move on foot by the members of the Board of Trade for a big get-together meeting and banquet, at which time the business men and citizens with their wives may enjoy a few hours social mingling, and at the same time talk over and discuss the needs of our city.

It is the plan of those taking an interest in the matter for the occasion to take place the first week in March, and we hope to give our readers the exact date in our next issue, together with the program, place of meeting and so on. It is also likely that some prominent out of town speaker will be present on this occasion.

BUILD BAPTIST MEMORIAL SANITARIUM

Frakk B. Fippen, representing the Campaign committee of Abilene, which has for its purpose the raising of funds for the building in that city a great hospital, to be known as the Baptist Memorial Sanitarium, estimated to cost when completed \$250,000 \$100,000 of which has been donated already by the Baptist state Committee, the balance to be raised throughout Taylor County, was here recently and made this office a pleasant visit, while here in the interest of promoting the erection of this much needed and great institution.

That the building of this institution in Abilene will be beneficial and helpful to the country at large, we believe every man in the county would acknowledge if he will only take the time to think or inquire the real merits of same. And not only that, but we believe it will be a great thing for all west Texas. And we believe everyone who can should lend a helping hand toward securing and building this great institution.

Regarding the facts concerning this proposition, Mr. Fippen had the following to say:

This \$250,000 sanitarium to be erected will be only one unit of a big \$1,000,000 Medical Center program, that will be carried out in the near future. After the completion of this sanitarium, Abilene will possess a perfect nucleus for a really great medical center, then Abilene can become the greatest medical center in west Texas, provided the citizenship of Abilene and Taylor County will make this possible. There is great need for a large sanitarium, which will contain 150 beds, including private rooms, a large free dispensary which will be located in the basement of the building, a large surgical ward with at least three operating rooms, recovery and anesthetic rooms. An emergency ward to take care of all accidents with surgical dressing rooms and X-Ray laboratory.

This large free dispensary will give free medical attention to the poor of the city and country and to those who have large families. Under the present conditions the high cost of living makes it difficult to care for any doctor bills. The erection of the large sanitarium and free dispensary will do much to relieve the pressure of the high cost of living for the poor of the city.

Our great need for more and better hospitals, dispensary and medical educational facilities, coupled with the desire to see Abilene and Taylor county take her rightful place among the cities of Texas in every good work, should make this great humanitarian enterprise not only possible but certain. Abilene herself needs the facilities such a center will provide, and needs them badly. The city's inadequate hospital and dispensary equipment right now places our future in jeopardy. We can not handle all the cases now requiring hospital attention and these are normally healthy times.

While the hundreds of residents of Abilene and Taylor county have in many instances been compelled to take their medical and surgical cases elsewhere because we could not accommodate them here in the city. Certainly this is a situation that it worthy of careful attention by every right thinking Abilene and Taylor county citizen. And it is a situation that no good citizen will care to let continue.

Best eats at the Arcade.

LOCAL MAN ON ILL-FATED TRANSPORT

Among those of our soldier boys who were on the ill fated transport ship, the Tuscania, which sailed our shores on January 24, 1918, and sunk by a German Submarine on February 5, was Mr. Henry Askew, now the clever and efficient bookkeeper at the Merkel Lumber Company.

Mr. Askew enlisted from Zephyr, Brown County, when Uncle Sam called for volunteers, who were experienced lumbermen, he enlisted with the 16th Company, 20th Engineers, and in all spent about 16 months service in France and England.

After leaving Halifax, where the crew of the Tuscania had the experience of seeing the sights and destruction of that city caused by a great explosion when two ships ran together. At Halifax, eleven ships joined in with the Tuscania, making twelve in the convoy, and Mr. Askew states that the Tuscania was lined up about the center of the ships which were running abreast, and which made one feel as though there was nothing under the shining sun could harm you with all those great men of war at your side but alas, orders were given to be on deck at 8 o'clock, and while things were running along smoothly, Askew and some friends, one of them a "Dutchman, but a good scout, were in a controversy over the question of who discovered the "North Pole", when just ten minutes before six o'clock there was a sudden shake and quiver of the great ship, and the argument was without ceremony, postponed, as the sea monster listed slightly to one side, and a mad scramble was begun by each one to make it out on deck, he and about 50 others were in the lower deck the lights instantly went out and to make ones way from the lower deck 5 flights up, was no small job, but each one finally made it, and then came the lowering of the life boats, as a refuge against the sinking ship. And as Mr. Askew was being lowered to his life boat the end swung around and he was compelled to swim some distance to same, and the water was some cold in that region at that time of year. In lowering this boat a rope broke and one end was crushed causing it to leak and it was waist deep in water all of which added to the occupants misery and fright. It was also quite a hard job of getting away from the great ship as the waves would draw the little life boat back toward the big one. But after two long hours drifting about in the water in this small life boat Askew and his pals were picked up by a British destroyer, and landed at London, Derry Island, where they were cared for and treated fine by the splendid Irish citizens.

Mr. Askew is loud in his praise of his Captain, D. D. Hall, who was among the last to leave the sinking boat. He states that there was lost out of his company alone, 47 men and 210 American soldiers all told, besides 60 English soldiers who went down as the result of the torpedoing and sinking of this ship. And while Mr. Askew, like most of the boys he saw "real" service, is prone to say much of the terrible calamities connected with the great struggle, we are sure our readers are aware of the fact that such was a trying time in the life of any one who happened to be among the number.

The twentieth Regiment the largest in France, numbering, 20,000 men, spent 14 months service in France along the Al-

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BAILEY ANNOUNCES FOR GOVERNORSHIP

Gainesville, Feb. 18.—As predicted several days ago, Joseph Weldon Bailey, former United States senator, officially tossed his hat into the Texas gubernatorial ring here today with an announcement that he would be a candidate.

The Bailey announcement preceded an address in which the former senator reiterated practically the same declaration of principals that he enunciated in his Fort Worth speech last Summer. He excoriated "Progressive Democrats" and the national administration, branded the federal prohibition and woman suffrage expressed opposition to the league of nations.

NORTH SIDE CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES

We are requested to announce that Eld. M. L. Vaughn will preach at the North Side Church next Sunday at eleven o'clock in the morning and at seven thirty in the evening.

A cordial invitation is extended to one and all to hear him.

JNO. R. HUTTO FOR SUPERINTENDENT

Hon. John R. Hutto of Abilene a well known school man of Taylor county, and Central West Texas, authorizes the Mail to announce his candidacy for county School Superintendent of Taylor county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

Mr. Hutto was a student in Simmons College many years ago, when he first came to this county from Alabama, and has taught school continuously since that time, with the exception of while he was county Superintendent of Haskell county, and this being the case, it is hardly necessary for us to dwell at length on his candidacy, as he is already well and favorably known by most of the voters of this county. He presents some of the splendid points of his platform in another column of this paper, which will give an idea of what you may expect from him, and promises if elected, to give his entire time and best efforts toward bringing the schools of Taylor county up to the highest standard possible.

We kindly ask that you give his claim due consideration when voting for this important office.

Miss Mildred Sanders spending the week with Miss Lucie Edwards at Maryneal.

Just received a car of Marchal Neill Flour. None better, at Bob Martins Grocery Co. tf

IMPROVEMENTS AT WOODRUM HOTEL

For more than two months carpenters have been busy making changes, additions and many improvements in both interior and outside of the Woodrum Hotel, until now it is one of the nicest, most convenient, and in fact one of the best hotels in all West Texas. And when the painters shall finish decorating the outside it will be among the most beautiful and attractive buildings of the city.

As to the excellent service one finds at this popular place it is only necessary to refer you to those who have stopped or taken a meal there, since the Woodrum Sisters have had charge of same.

ADDS TWO SCALPS TO THEIR BELT

The Merkel High School boys' basket ball team defeated the academy team of Abilene Christian College on the local grounds last Monday by a score of 39 to 17. The game was a spirited, hotly contested one, and was much enjoyed by the rooters present. Doyle Garrett and Bill Stevens starred in this game, having made eight field goals each.

The A. C. C. team had been coached, and played in good form, but the High School team forged ahead by its superior team work. The members of the A. C. C. team showed themselves to be good sports by taking their defeat as sportsmen should. Their coach says his good team is simply outclassed by the Merkel team, and assures the Merkel boys that the winning of the county championship is a mere matter of making down the goals made by our speedy team.

To date the local team has defeated the following teams: Trent 4, Merkel 40. Tye 7, Merkel 44. Caps 12, Merkel 39. A. C. C. 17, Merkel 39.

The total scores made by the Merkel team to date is 162 as compared to 40 points scored by opposing teams. This makes Merkel High School champion of district No. 2 of Taylor county. The county championship is just ahead of them. They have had this honor for the last three years. This year they propose to have the district championship, which comprises the following counties: Callahan, Eastland, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, and Taylor

MR. AND MRS. BRAGG RETURN FROM MARKET

Mr. and Mrs. Bragg returned first of the week from the Eastern markets where they purchased for their store a large and complete stock of spring dry goods for their store. On their return they visited friends and relatives at Hillsboro.

New line of Spring goods arriving daily at the Star Store.1

JUDGE MOFFETT IS FOR CO. JUDGE

We most respectfully call your attention to the announcement of J.W. Moffett, of Abilene as a candidate for the important office of County Judge of Taylor County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

But knowing that Judge Moffett has been actively in the practice of law in this county for about twelve years, which is bound to give him a wide acquaintance, we feel that there is but little for us to say in his behalf. He also makes plain his platform in another column of this paper, to which we most respectfully call your attention, and which within itself should be sufficient for your careful consideration.

Judge Moffett is a man of wide experience in the practice of law, substantial, highly capable and qualified in every particular to satisfactorily conduct the affairs of this office, and we believe those of our readers who do not know him will only read his announcement elsewhere in this paper they will be able to make their decision regarding this office.

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 T. J. Toombs President
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Line up with a Home Bank
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Ask Our Customers

**GOV. INCOME TAX MAN
 COMING TO MERKEL**

The Mail is authorized to an-
 nounce that W. S. Michael, Dep-
 uty Revenue collector will be in
 Merkel on February 21, 22 and
 23, for the purpose of assisting
 all who need assistance and in-
 formation regarding the making
 of Income Tax reports.

As these reports are expected
 to be made and received not
 later than March 15, it is very
 important to all who have not
 as yet made their reports, and
 who need any information or as-
 sistance to call on Mr. Michael
 while he is in Merkel.

Best eats at the Arcade.

THURSDAY CLUB

Mrs. Homer Easterwood was
 hostess to the Thursday Club
 February 12th. The suggestions
 of Valentine was carried out in
 an impressive way and the game
 of hearts was enjoyed by all. A
 few musical selections was ren-
 dered to the delight of all pres-
 ent. Refreshments consisting of
 stuffed dates asparagus on toast
 sandwiches and tea, were serv-
 ed to a large number of mem-
 bers and a few visitors. After a
 delightful afternoon they ad-
 journed to meet with Mrs.
 Forest Gaither, on February 19.

Pure East Texas Ribbon Cane
 Syrup. Bob Martin Grocery Co. f

Gaines County Land \$6.00 Per Acre

Unimproved land in Gaines County, Texas, for sale at
 \$6.00 per acre and purchaser to assume in addition \$1.50
 per acre due the State School Fund. Terms \$1.00 per
 acre cash the remainder on as long terms as desired at
 8% interest.

This land is practically all tillable and suitable for
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We sell in 320 acre tracts. For full information write
 to R. A. and G. M. Cox, 3200 Guadalupe St., Austin, Tex.

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 BOOTH WARREN, Asst. Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. S. W. Ferguson and son,
 Raymond, were visitors of Flu
 last week.

J. B. Bell & Son have a nice
 supply of seed oats, maize and
 fetersta for planting. Call at
 once. 2ep1

For engineering and survey-
 ing address, Geo. R. DeNise,
 Sweetwater Texas. 20tf

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ferguson
 of Route 5 had as their guests
 Sunday and Monday, their son
 W. B. Ferguson and wife of
 Dallas.

Board and room cheap at the
 Jenkins House. Call and see Mrs.
 Logan. 20t3

Two rooms to rent furnished
 or unfurnished, and one business
 house on Main street. See W. P.
 Duckett at the store. 13tf

For Auto tops, seat covers,
 painting, See Ben at Auto Lau-
 dry. 13tf

Fine young four year old jack
 and one jennett for sale or trade
 at once. What have you? See or
 write the Eagle Tire and Rubber
 co., 961 S. First Street, Abilene
 Texas Telephone, 304. Fb20t4

Get your washing done at the
 Jenkins. 20t3

For Electric wiring phone
 Walter Darr at P. L. McClary's
 residence. Phone 19 tf

Have your Laundry here Mon-
 day's as it goes out Tuesday.
 Office at Hamblett's Grocery
 Store. 13tf

SAFETY FIRST

Protect your loved ones by tak-
 ing a Policy in the Illinois Bank-
 ers Life Association. Ten Year
 Convertible Condition Renew-
 able Term Policy at age 36 costs
 \$10.50 on the thousand. See our
 local agent on Merkel streets or
 at Noodle, Texas. 13t2pd
 A. Blaylock.

**Large Part of New Goods
 Received for Spring Season**

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to make us a

VISIT AND INSPECT

the splendid lines bought for YOU

Yours appreciatively

THE BROWN DRY GOODS CO.

You don't have to figure on a price in dealing with us.
 Save your time and the lead in your pencil. Because our
 buying and selling for cash makes the price less.

The Brown Dry Goods Co.

CLASSIFIED AD

TO TRADE—Fresh milk
 for beef cattle. See Patt
 Brothers.

FOR TRADE OR SALE
 extra good jersey milk
 fresh now. J. B. Lilly, Bou

FOR SALE—Rhode Islan
 Eggs, \$1.00 for 15.
 Lizzie Keny, Phone 9032

WANTED—A good secon
 Windmill tower and tank
 ply to box 111, Merkel, Te

FOR SALE—Have some
 blooded white Leghorn co
 for sale at \$1.50 each.
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FOR SALE—Mesquite cord
 at my place five miles sou
 of Merkel, in the French pr
 W. D. Haynes, Route No.
 ephone 9032F 1-3

FOR SALE—One Buick T
 car, in good condition,
 consider good team. G.
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 one sulkey, and seede
 W. Hunter, Route 5.

FOR SALE—Milk c
 Charles Orr.

WANTED—Man wit
 family to work on f
 ranch by the month.
 man

FOR SALE—One pai
 year old mules, and c
 mares. Sam Butman.

FOR SALE—One B
 two sulkey plows, a
 Mill. Mrs. R. B. R.
 9001R11.

FOR SALE—My
 Price \$5000. Cos
 ments. Write Dr. O.
 Port Lavaca, Texas.

FOR SALE—A span
 mouth mules, or will
 young mules. See S. F.

The Arcade gives s



Hardware and Groceries

A car of John Deere Implements, Double and Single Row Cultivators and Planters just arrived. Also have the Oliver Line of Implements. Our line consist of most all Implements used on the farm. We also carry Wind Mills and Pipe
Have plenty Mitchell Wagons, and have a car of Buggies now.
You can get most anything you need here in the Hardware line.

OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT

We carry a full and complete stock of Groceries. Bell of Vernon Flour, and it's good. Come figure with us for groceries. Phone us your order. Prompt delivery. Our prices always in line---Quality Considered.

Crown Hardware Co.

HOW MANY PIGS DID YOU LOSE?

Did you lose any pigs last year from sickness and exposure? Just two or three of them if saved and sold as hogs would buy the material to build a dandy hog house.

Prepare now to furnish a better home for your hogs and their families for 1920 and let

"PORK PAY THE BILL"

BURTON-LINGO CO.

Home Makers

Phone No. 74

L. D. LEVY, Local Mgr

TO THE VOTERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY

I have authorized the Merkel Mail to publish my candidacy for the office of County Attorney, subject to the action of the July Primaries.

I make this announcement after considerable solicitation, thought and deliberation. I have consulted the advise and counsel of the most able and trustworthy citizens of our county.

Since I have been living in Taylor county only two years, I feel that I am due you as well as myself the statement that I have had two years training in one of our state Normals in preparation for my five years teaching. I have had two years in our State University as a foundation for my three additional years in the Law Department of the same Institution, from which I received my law degree. For the past two years I have been in Abilene, associated with Mr. Ben L. Cox in the practice of Law.

I am a married man, thirty years of age. I was reared on the farm, and being a poor boy I worked my way through college by doing any honorable work that I could find to do.

I feel that I appreciate the responsibility and realize the duty of prosecuting and convicting all violators of our criminal laws for every offence against the peace and dignity of our Commonwealth, without fear or favor. Should you elect me I shall endeavor at all times to serve you in compliance with the oath of this office.

Respectfully submitted
Carlos D. Speck.

A NEW GARAGE.

I wish to announce to my friends and the public that I have opened a Garage and Repair business on Kent street, and will be glad to have a share of your business in this line. I have a practical mechanic, a man who knows, in charge, and your work will be done correct and reasonable.
Geo. Brown.

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For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, diabetes, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25. Small bottle is two month's treatment, and often perfects a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states. Dr E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive, Street, St Louis Mo., Sold by druggists.

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KILL THE BLUE BUGS

And all kinds of Blood sucking insects, by feeding Martins Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Sanders Drug Store. Feb6t26

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We realize that every housewife wants the Best and Freshest Groceries she can get. And that is what you get from us. We absolutely carry no old or stale stock.

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The Economy service, with its precision of fit and attention to detail, makes choosing here doubly enjoyable. The Economy selection of Suits and Dresses has a way with them that is irresistible. Hundreds of styles, variations in golden brown, navy black, old blue and plaids, favoring frills, ruffles, smart ribbons and embroidery trimmings, priced from \$27.50 to \$85.00.

New Coats and Blouses and new Skirts arrive by express and are shown daily.

Before buying your spring Hat be sure to visit our Millinery department
New Arrivals Every Day

Our well-known line of Just-Rite Corsets---If you buy it once it's your friend forever.

A beautiful line of children's gingham dresses in very pretty designs and patterns, and low prices. In fact, our entire store is filled to the top with new and attractive goods.

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THE ECONOMY STORE

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JOHN R. HUTTO ANNOUNCES FOR County Superintendent

The adult is the product of the multiplied experiences of youth. It is a physical and psychological impossibility for a person to escape the results of their thinking especially that of childhood. It becomes the bed-rock of future mental development. The destiny of a nation therefore, is involved in the education of its youth. The matter of developing citizens capable of coping successfully with the complex problems of the age is, to a great extent, the work of the school room. The selection of a county superintendent of public instruction, therefore, is of vital importance and becomes a matter of serious consideration to the voters of the county.

I submit a few facts which relate to my ideas of school administration and to my qualifications to serve you in the capacity of county superintendent of public instruction.

The American public school, in spirit, is the most democratic institution in our nation. Yet its curriculum is founded on the most aristocratic basis--on the plan of the old academy which had for its aim the preparation of the favored few for college and for the professional vocations. I shall favor, therefore, every practicable readjustment of the curriculum of the county schools to meet the requirement of rural needs. The rural child should be educated for the farm rather than away from the farm. I favor thoroughness of work, competent teachers, and comfortable buildings adequately equipped.

I came to the Abilene country from Alabama in 1897. I was a pupil in Simmons College during the sessions of 1899-1903. I have taught school continuously since except two when I

was County superintendent of the public schools of Haskell County. I spent practically the entire past summer as assistant to the present county superintendent of this county. More recently I made the annual report of the county depository of schools to the Department of Education. My duties in these connections have given me a first hand knowledge of the condition of every school in this

county, and a thorough acquaintance of all the work of the office. I am asking for the support of the voters of this county on the basis of being able to bring to bear in the administration of the duties of the office the knowledge which I have gained during these years of service in the school room.

If after making investigation you see fit to support my candidacy, I shall appreciate the

favor and offer in return my best services to the interests of the schools of Taylor county.

I am yours,
For Success and Service,

John R. Hutto
CANDIDATE FOR
County Superintendent
Taylor County

Last call and last add as we are winding up our business here we thought it best to notify our customers who have mattress work to be done and wanted their present factory to do it, they can rush them in or we will be gone. 13th.
Quick Service Mattress Factory

Come let us figure with you on your next bill of Groceries. Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf

BLANTON ATTACKS LABOR AMENITY

Washington, Feb. 9. First reaction in congress of organized labor for its position in the coming political campaign came today in the attacking the labor amendment as "a pronunciamento against Congress" Representative Blanton (Dem.) said it was "the greatest voice ever sounded in the country."

Representative Nolan of California defended the program and charged the ton, in a previous extended remarks in the congressional record, had "stolen in as a the night." Mr. Blanton's defense short by oblique Mr. Nolan's remarks.

The Texas member "the showing of Samplers' hand is going to the people of this country."

"Whenever Samuel puts his hand on a relative and says elect him, people will keep that man," said he. "For once I agree with Gompers and associate leaders when the national crisis is threatened institution of the count ton continued.

"When an organized of less than five per cent people can control a and now threaten to elgress of serfs, it is "national crisis" the the institutions or the

Declared that Mr. C wanted to elect a "pledged to carry out leaders." Mr. Blanton said hooved "all Americans who their country to find out names of the candidates pers is trying to elect, at the other man, in behalf the people."

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Friday, Feb. 20

Helen Holmes

IN

"The Fatal Fortune" No. 4

ALSO

Good Western

AND

Good Comedy

Monday, Feb. 23

William Duncan

IN

"Smashing Barriers" No. 12

ALSO

Big "V" Comedy

O. Henry, Fox Novelty News

Wednesday, Feb. 25

Gladys Leslie

IN

"The Golden Shower"

ALSO

2-Reel Vitagraph Comedy

Saturday, February 21

Douglass Fairbanks

IN

"A Knickerbocker Buckaroo"

ALSO

Good Comedy

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Dorothy Gish

IN

"The Hope Chest"

ALSO

Mutt & Jeff Comedy

Thursday, Feb. 26

Gladys Brockwell

IN

"The Lost Princess"

ALSO

2-Reel Sunshine Comedy

LOCAL MAN ON ILL-FATED TRANSPORT

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face Loraine front and also most every front next to the Spanish border country. Mr. Askew with his company was stationed in the great forrests he having a clerical position where a big American saw mill ran day and night, repairing the rough product with which miles of hospitals were built as well as hundreds of miles of railroads constructed. Infact few people who did not witness this great task have but little idea of the mammoth job. But he says he had never seen and never expected to see men work so as he witnessed during that great struggle. Infact it is probable that the lumber gotten out of this region and used in the building of hospitals etc., would extend a line of completed buildings if turned end to end at least 100 miles in length.

In his company Mr. Askew states that twenty-seven different languages were spoken, and that in the battallion every state was represented.

And while Mr. Askew states he was never able to get on the firing line, and feels that his part in the great war was but a small part, we want to say that without the nsplendid and untiring efforts of just such men as he, the boys at "the front" never could have accomplished the glorious and triumphant deed so richly accredited to their accomplishments.

ATTENDED MEETING AT ABILENE

Messrs Chas. Mershon, G. E. Comegy, Dr. Gamble, Dr. Grimes, Jas. Patterson, L. P. Jones, and G. W. Johnson, all prominent and influential Merkel citizens, attended Chapter meeting of the Masonic Lodge at Abilene Wednesday night.

Excellent refreshments were served and a general good time is reported by each and every one attending.

FOR SALE—One good work mare six years old. see Smith Gray. Itpd

ald MacLean tesman. In a ie sounded this w empire: "The fact a has gone dry ic fact of the gravest e to Great Britain." It omic fact of the grave- ne. It will be impossit ion half drunk to mai lf in a commercial sen- ation entirely sober. Si. acLean said something declared the British ex- for drink absolutely him. He gave the fig- s countrymen spent n 164,000,000 pounds rnk in 1914. This ex- ncreased steadily un- 259,000,000 pounds 1918 while he estima- e expenditure for the ng March 31 next nearly 400,000,000 rling. The Record prediction: Scotland first of the British tlaw John Barleycorn a bone dry pdogram. ng. Prohibition won in ted States when it be- rive economic problem. i MacLean realizes America sober is certain to e the most efficient and need of all the great com- ial nations of the earth.— d Fort Worth, Texas.

RCH ANNOUNCEMENT SERVICES AT TRENT

L. W. G. Cyfert announces he will preach at Trent on Sunday at eleven a. m. and thirty p. m. He extends a al invitation to all to hear

ELOPMENT HERE W ON STANDSTILL

magemen of the Mer- was promised some nterest regarding fur- pment of the Oil situ- his immediate section week, but so far same to show up, and all we

can say is that there is a rumor that further work is expected to begin soon on the Sears well, in the way of drilling it to deeper sand or the placing of a shot at about where the oil was found some weeks ago.

We are informed that the Bland began the job of fishing the lost tools from their well first of the week, and there is also a report that this idea was abandonel and it was dtedied to endeavor to drill by the lost tools.

We understand the Butman test is shut down waiting for casing.

The Trent test is expected to be started in the immediate future.

See me quick for grade Hol- stein Heifer Calves.—C. M. Lar- gent. 20t2

Notice to Subscribers.

Should you fail to get your paper regular or even miss a copy we would thank you to call our attention to same, and we will see what or where the trouble is and make it right.

Get your washing done at the Jenkins. 20t3

LAND FOR SALE

As receiver appointed by the district court of Taylor county, Texas, to sell the lands belonging to community Estate of W. J. Dulin, deceased and his surviving wife Emma Dulin, (now Emma Gillam), I will offer for sale from and after February, 26th, 1920, the following lands to wit:

1. 96and seven tenths acres situated about seven and a half miles southeast of the town of Merkel in Taylor county, about 65acres in cultivation with three roomed house thereon.

2. Lots 5, 6, 7 and the seventh half of lot 8 in block 55 of Jonh- sons addition to the town of Merkel, good five room house and barn.

3. Lot 10 in block B of Boyces first Addition to the town of Merkel.

4. A lot 120 feet north and south by 485 feet east and west out of the S. W. corner of a 10 acre tract of land conveyed by A. H. Johnson to E. D. Coats by deed, dated, September 15, 1898 seconded in book 14 page 2 of the deed records of Taylor co., Texas and fronting on— street.

I can sell all of the above prop- erty at a lump sale or in separ- ate tracts, and the purchaser must pay one half the purchase price in cash. 20t2

G. R. Holloway Receiver.

Plenty of Brand, Shorts, cotton seed meal. Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf

Dr Johnson, Dentist has offices with Dr M Armstrong.

The Arcade gives service.

HISTORICAL DISPLAY

Had you noticed that beauti- ful Historical display window at the Star Store. It contains many interesting and instructive por- traits since the days of George Washington down to the present and the beauty of it. Mr. Com- egy is going to donate the en- tire selection to the Merkel High School immediately after Wash- ington's birthday, next Sunday.

FOURTH DEATH IN SAME FAMILY

The fourth death in the fam- ily of Jim Woods at Tuscola oc- curred Sunday night when Miss Fannie Woods, 25 years old, pas- sed to her reward. Three sons of the family died last week. Mrs. Woods is also reported very ill.

GOOD THINGS TO EAT

- ☛ That's what you find at The Merkel Bakery.
- ☛ Baking good bread, pies, cakes and many other delicious pastries is our hobby.
- ☛ And when we say good we mean just what we say, and if you will just try some of our

Good Things to Eat

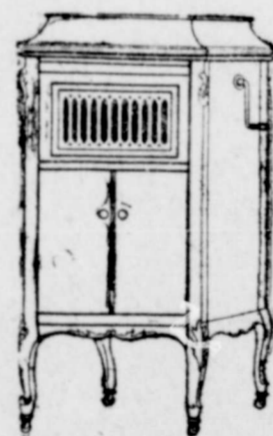
you, too, will be convinced—not only of their splendid quality, but of the fact that it is just as cheap and a great saving of worry and time to the housewife to call on Saturdays and get these things from us for Sunday dinner, and instead of having to stay home Sunday morning she can attend church along with you, old man.

☛ We also call your special attention to our line of fine candies, such as delicious "home-made" Taffey.

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More than twenty thousand
 persons were fined last year for
 failure to file income tax return
 as provided by law. Better file
 your return now.

March the 15th will soon be
 here. If your income tax return
 does not reach the office of the
 Collector of Internal Revenue
 by this date you will be penalized.
 File your return now.

In filing your income tax return
 do not attach a letter giving
 some explanation of the return
 together with request for
 information which requires an
 answer from the Collector of Internal
 Revenue. Write a special
 letter asking for the information.

**THE INCOME TAX-LET'S
 GET IT DONE.** We've all got
 enough to worry us without
 thinking of the Income Tax.
 Let's tackle the job now and get
 the thing over with. It is something
 We've got to do. It's Law.
 So let's sharpen the faithful old
 pencil and grab that Income tax
 blank. In an hour or less the
 thing will be done.

Are you going up, Down or
 Stand Still? Income Tax Tells.
 After figuring your net income
 for 1919, just compare it with
 results in prior years. It may
 tell a story. Keep copies of each
 year and you will have a record
 of value. Money-making is only
 a part of life. Love, friendship,
 happiness, and duty are far
 more important. Still, it's useful
 to know whether one is going
 up or down the ladder of financial
 success, or is merely standing
 still.

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By feeding Martins Egg producer
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 eggs or your money back in cash.
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We appreciate the business our friends have given us since opening. To those who have not as yet been in, we will be glad to have you come to see us.

Merchandise is high and hard to get, but we expect to continue adding to our stock until we will be able to supply your needs in the Hardware Line.

How about putting up a new windmill before gardening time? We have windmills, pipe and plumbing supplies.

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Failure to receive an income tax blank on which to make your return will not relieve you of the penalties assessed for not filing the return. Blanks can be secured at banks and from the Collector of Internal Revenue, Austin, Texas. Ask for form 1040-A your income was less than \$5,000 and for Form 1040 if your income was more than this amount.

Plenty of Brand, Shorts, cotton seed meal. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

ARE YOU LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE TO PAY INCOME TAX? If so, you are a member of the League of Live and Luck ones. Just think of the gang waiting for admission and working their heads off to reach your mark. Then you will omit the grunts and cheerfully file your return and pay up.

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES
 (By Doyle Garrett)

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 (Drs. Tom Allday, Willie Stev.) For years these learned men have been studying how to perfect the "Talking Pupil System" They endeavor to prove in this book that the only worthwhile pupil is the pupil who knows how to talk all the time. Red Letter Edition, \$13 postpd. If not at local dealers, Address Sears Roebuck & Co. Chicago.

The pastors have disappointed us the last two weeks by not giving us a chapel talk. We hope that they will not discontinue these appreciated discussions.

The Seniors are rehearsing their play and will soon be ready to give the people of Merkel a first class entertainment.

The basket ball boys added another victory by defeating the Caps team Friday afternoon to the tune of 39 to 12. The Merkel team showed excellent team work which seemed to baffle the Caps team. With just one more team between us and the county meet we feel sure of going to the county and then to the district meet. Backing helps the team; come out and help your boys go to the district meet.

Also on Monday the team showed their worth by defeating the Academy team of A.C.C. in a hot game. This game does not count for the county championship but it shows what Merkel has, and what the people ought to be proud of.

Tuesday morning the Juniors were asked why they looked so glum. "Just an Arithmetic test" was the reply.

The airplane caused quite an excitement when it lit close by the school grounds Tuesday afternoon. The teachers had a

time convincing the students that it was not right to stand up in the window.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC
 I am preparing to take care of your building needs, have plenty of first class carpenters. Come and see me and let me figure your work. Estimates free P. L. McClary Contractor. Phone 19.

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THE STAR STORE

(By R. Kenneth Evans)

The largest mercantile store in Merkel,
 that's the star store, owned by G. E. Comegy

Mr. Comegy came to Merkel in 1900 from
 Wise county; he came here in the belief that
 Taylor county was a good section of the
 country, and his wisdom has been proven. To
 day the Star Store Company is the largest
 mercantile company in Merkel, and by the
 way, one of the busiest places in the
 state during these days of cotton marketing.

The success of the store can safely be lay-
 ed to the efforts of the owner. When others
 were discouraged, he was still full of opti-
 mism realizing that in a new farming coun-
 try times of adversity would come; but they
 would be followed by success. He has been
 the friend of many farmers during the past
 now its time for the farmers to show their
 appreciation, and they are doing it.

While the Star Store is not a big preten-
 tious establishment so far as floor space is
 concerned, every nook and corner is utilized
 with merchandise, and it don't stay very
 long either; it has to be replenished quite
 often. People realize that the Star Store sells
 just as cheap as other places, probably a
 little more so.

A nice line of ladies dress and suit goods
 is always kept in stock with the latest pat-
 terns the men are taken care of by special
 orders and the Star Store has the agency for
 three of the best tailoring concerns in the
 United States, namely: The Ed V. Price, the
 International and the Scotch Woolen Mills.
 A Store can have these or any other agen-
 cies, but if there is not someone who knows
 how to measure there is little satisfaction;
 not so with the Star Store. They know how

A nice line of mens hats are always in stock
 and a full line of mens curly odd trousers.
 "For the man who cares" the diamond shoe
 is kept for men; and the Robert Johnson-
 Rand for the ladies.

Not only in the mercantile line does the
 Star Store come in as a strong business get-
 ter, but in the grocery department. Many of
 the popular brands of canned goods are al-
 ways ready for the customers, as well as
 all the staple and fancy eatables to satisfy
 the hunger.

Mr. Comegy has so entwined his abilities
 as a public spirited man always in the lead
 for the better Merkel and for high class citi-
 zenship, schools and churches that one hard-
 ly can think of Merkel without instinctively
 thinking of him.

He has around him in his establishment
 men and women of high standing and ability
 and understanding in their line:

Claude Comegy his son, manager of the
 gents Furnishing department; Mrs. Frank
 McFarland, manager of the ladies depart-
 ment; C. E. Conner, manager of the grocery
 department.

The Star Store has practically always been
 one of the establishments of Merkel, as it
 was organized in 1898.

Mr. Comegy came to this country in 1901;
 along with his duties as general manager
 and owner of the Star Store, he is a heavy
 buyer of cotton, and has been kept mighty
 busy the past few days assisting the grower
 in getting the most for his crop, the crop
 that has placed Merkel on the map, that to-
 day is increasing the bank rolls of the farm-
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 Come in when you need anything in our line

THE STAR STORE, G. E. Comegys, Prop.

LOCAL NEWS

J. C. Horton returned last week from an extended visit to relatives in Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle. He reports a very pleasant trip, and dropped in and had us send the Mail to his brother in Collinsworth Co.

Ross Ferrier left this week for Detroit Mich., where he goes to take a special course in the school of Auto-Mechanics. We understand he will be away for some time.

As Spring is almost here, why not get out those old clothes and let us clean and press them up and thereby save you money.—The Cash Taylor Shop, Phone 180. 20t2

If you own property in Merkel School District pay your 1919 school tax now to G. W. Johnson and avoid penalty. 2t

If you own property in Merkel School District pay your 1919 school tax now to G. W. Johnson and avoid penalty. 20t2

Our motto is "To Please" if we don't tell us, if we do tell others.—The Cash Taylor Shop, Phone 180. 20t2

Dr. Smith left first of the week in response to a message announcing the serious illness of a brother at Greenville.

200 pair of Low Cut Shoes for men and boys at less than wholesale cost. At the Star Store. 1t

Mrs. I. S. Allen of Dallans, was here recently for a visit at the home of H. L. Propst and Bob Martin and other relatives.

See the Star Store for the latest in Georgette and Middle Blouses. 1t

Full line of latest in ladies spring Oxfords and pumps at the Star Store. 1t

J. L. Harris and wife left first of the week for a visit to their children at Caddo and Dallas.

The Moon is right—Seed Irish Potatoes, come and get them. W. F. Hamblett. 1t

Come let us figure with you on your next bill of Groceries. Bob Martin Grocery Company. 1t

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Remember we have a section a short distance west of Noedde.

Some very attractive listings in the Dora section.

See us for listings in City property.

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FOR SALE—One secondhand planter, P&O make. See Mrs. Causseaux. 1tpd.

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COW FEED—Have supply of Hulls and meal on hand now. Expecting Car Alfalfa any time. 2t T. J. R. Swafford, Phone 291

LOST—Between Abilene and **WANTED TO RENT**—Seventy five or 150 acres of land on the halves. G. L. Bishop, Merkel, Texas, P. O. Box 471. 20t3pd

Merkel, one auto casing, inner-tube and rim, off of back of car. Size 32 x 4. Finder please leave same at Merkel Mail office and get reward. E. H. Ray. 1tpd

TO THE VOTERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY

I am a candidate for county Judge of Taylor County, subject to the action of the democratic Primary Election in July.

I am a Texan by birth, and have been actively engaged in the practice of Law in Taylor county for about twelve years and I have been reasonably successful in all the courts, from the County and District Courts to the Supreme Court of this state, and I have acted as special Judge in both the County and District Courts of this county.

I am in favor of good roads, good school houses, first class city and country schools and such other public utilities and improvements that may be necessary and for the best interest and convenience of all the people.

I consider the office of County Judge of Taylor County, the most important and responsible office in the county. The aspirant to this office should be a man not only well versed in the Law but a man of sound and mature judgement, observation and experience.

The County Judge and the County Commissionerns constitute the Commissioner's court This court manages, directs and controls the business and financial affairs of Taylor county The County Judge presides over this court in all of their deliberations. He is the legal advisor of this court and it devolves upon him to be able to give not only the proper advise in all legal matters but to assist them in the proper solution of all business matters coming before said court, which are many and often very intricate.

Taylor county is one of the banner counties of the state, and is fast increasing in population. Expert farmers, merchants, bankers, doctors, and business men of all avocations have recently become citizens of this county, and they are still coming and it is very essential that the financial and business affairs of the county should be conducted in an economical and business-like manner, its good credit maintained and its 'Scrip' kept above par.

This can be done only by the voters of the county using same sound judgement and discretion in selecting their servants to fill these important offices, that

they would use in managing and controlling their private business.

Although it is some time until the Primary election yet please bear in mind that this is a large county and it will be almost impossible for me or any other candidate to see and personally solicit every voter in the county, and besides the time of every voter as well as every candidate is valuable or at least should be, and I am sure that the voters of Taylor County would not elect a man for this important office whose time is not valuable, and I feel sure that the time has come when the voters of this county will not refuse to vote for a candidate because he or she has failed to personally solicit their votes, but will vote for the candidate, who in their judgment is the best qualified for the office to which he or she aspires, regardless of the fact whether such candidaee is rich or poor, married or unmarried.

I presume that every candidate tells the voter that he is qualified for the office which he seeks and that he will make the best officer that the county ever had, and in reply the voters have the right to demand and should demand of that candidate some positive proof, other than his own bare statement and assertions.

I most earnestly and respectfully request and solicit your vote and influence for County Judge.

Very respectfully,
J. W. MOFFETT

ANNOUNCEMENT

The following announcements are made subject to the order of the Democratic Primary, July, 1920.

District Offices
County Offices
Precinct Offices

For County Judge:
W. B. Oliver
J. W. Moffett

For County Attorney:
Carlos D. Smith

For County Clerk:
(Miss) F. A. Smith

For Tax Collector:
D. T. Hart
J. N. Rout

County Commissionery
S. A. (S) Smith
W. H. F. Smith

Tax Assessor:
Mrs. Flor

County Treasurer:
Austin

County School Superintendent
John F. Smith
John R. Smith

NOTICE
We are in the market for the mineral rights on land. We wish to hear every land owner in Taylor County. **Gideon Oil, Coal and Steam** 1502 1/2 Elm St., Dallas
Remember—We answer letters unless you send one to register yourself as a dependent and friend of the company. (We will send you share of stock for the dell send.)
P. S.—We want to employ representatives in each County of the State.

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President in charge. Song Service. Business. Leader in Charge. Subject: Christian Assurance and Joy. Scrij son Roman 5:1-2, and 8:1-11.
Prayer, by Bro. Introduction by lead Christian Safety, A son.
Christian Assurance Brown.
Special music, M campbell and Lulu Christian Joy, Bro. The Joy of Salvation stored, Joe Riney.
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The Gem Theatre

The House of Good Pictures

Program for Week Beginning Friday, Feb. 20

FRIDAY—

Harry Carey

IN

"Rider of The Law"

A Thrilling Drama of the Western Border
A Universal Special in 6 Acts
ALSO—A Lyons-Moran Comedy

SATURDAY—

Texas Guinan, The Texas Girl

IN

"Little Miss Deputy"

A very exciting Western Drama

ALSO—A Universal Western Drama and a Mack Sennett Keystone Co.

MONDAY—

Neal Hart

in

"A Knight of Western Land"
A thrilling Western Drama
Also

A Mutual Strand Comedy and a 2-Reel Western Drama

WEDNESDAY—

"Lightning Bryce"

The Serial Supreme

Charlie Chaplin in "Police" in 2 reels. A scream from start to finish. ALSO—Neal Hart in "The Man Getter"

TUESDAY—

Charles Ray and Bessie Barriscale

in

"A Corner in Colleens"
A charming Comedy Drama
Also a Pathe Comedy with Snub Pollard

THURSDAY—

Franklyn Farnur

in

"Go Get 'Em Gerring"
A very exciting story of Mexican Border

Extra—
• A Christie Comedy