

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## DERRICK ABOUT UP FOR ANOTHER TEST

Drilling Soon to Start on Important Test Northeast of Merkel

B. H. Hollingsworth, Vice-president of the C. & H. Oil Development Company of Atlanta, Ga., came in last Sunday, and immediately arranged for the hauling out of the timbers and material of the derrick for the well to be put down on this company's lease some four to six miles northeast of this city, and near the little city of Stith. The contract for the erection of the derrick had already been let, and work of putting it up began at once, and the contract calls for the completion of same by the last of this week.

This is fast work, and is evidence that this company expects to push the work of completing this test. Infact Mr. Hollingsworth states that they have connected by pipe line with what is known as the old Patton well in that community, and is said to be one of the best in this section of the state, insuring them plenty of water, which connected with the fact that all casing and other material needed has been secured, insures them of being able to push their drilling without so many possible delays experienced by others in this section.

Mr. John Boyer, a competent driller of thirty years experience, has been employed as head driller, which will also further insure the progress of the venture.

Mr. Hollingsworth states that in his opinion the Sears well has without doubt, proven this territory as an oil field with paying production hence his company begins operations under very optimistic conditions. He says they are not going to be long about it either. Here's hoping.

The contract calls for the drilling of the well to the depth of 3500 feet, unless oil is found in paying quantities before that depth has been reached.

## MERKEL MAN HELD UP TA BULLWAGON

Two armed men held up and robbed J. C. Scott of Merkel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Scott of this city, Saturday night at 10 o'clock at Bull Wagon Creek. Money to the amount of \$25.00 was secured by the men, a watch and diamond pin belonging to Mr. Scott being overlooked.

Mr. Scott was driving in an automobile from Abilene to Merkel and as he approached the creek, the two men stepped up into the road and ordered him to "stick 'em up". One of the tires on Mr. Scott's car was punctured by the men and through this means they made their getaway. The case was reported to the local police, who are now working on the matter. The men are described as being heavy set and were driving a Ford car without a number—Abilene Reporter.

We understand the sum of \$40 was taken from Mr. Scott instead of \$25 as above stated.

Mrs. Art Hanson and children Oklahoma City, daughter and Mrs. George Houghland them last Monday in their wedding anniversary.

For sale see Chas. Merkel, Tex. 26t8p

## THE PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY SOCIETY

Met Monday afternoon with Mrs. McLain. Fourteen ladies answered to roll call with scripture quotations. The ladies all agreed that the money made by the bazaar should be used in buying rugs for the church. Several other business matters were discussed.

Much interest is shown in both the mission work and Bible study by the members.

The next meeting will be Monday afternoon with Mrs. R. L. Bland, each member must be present and help make our Society A1.

During the social period delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

## BUTMAN SHUT DOWN ACCOUNT OF WATER

Expect to Secure Large Supply By Drilling Water well Very Soon

According to drillers on the Butman well seventeen miles Southwest of here drilling was shut down this week on account of running out of water. The test had reached a depth of about 800 feet.

It is expected however, that drilling will soon start up again as preparations are being made for drilling a water well.

## J. KNOX FULLER IS FOR DISTRICT CLERK

In our announcement column will be found the name of Mr. J. Knox Fuller, of Abilene, as a candidate for District Clerk of Taylor County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

Having been a citizen of this county for nearly thirty years, any word of commendation of Mr. Fuller from us is really unnecessary, for he has friends and acquaintances in almost every part of the county. This is his first time to ask the voters of the county for any office, and he is doing so this time wholly upon his merits and qualifications to fill the position. He has had experience as assistant in other branches of the county's official work, and which with his natural ability, gives him ample qualifications for conducting the affairs of this office in a most satisfactory manner.

He is a Christian gentleman and stands for everything that is good and on the side of right.

We kindly ask that our readers give Mr. Fuller's claims due and fair consideration when casting their vote for this office.

## COZY THEATRE TO HAVE NEW FEATURE

H. F. Groene, manager of the Cozy Theatre in this city returned last week from Dallas, where he booked for his show the balance of the spring and summer some of the biggest, best and latest there is in the Movie Picture world. It is just this way. Groene naturally believes in the best of everything, and says he is going to give his patrons the latest and best pictures filmdom has in the market.

And now not only does Mr. Groene desire to give his patrons first class pictures, but he is continually improving his Theatre, and not withstanding the fact that it is some distance until he can use his Airdome, he is now busy putting same in order that when the time arrives he will have a more comfortable place.

## SEARS WELL MAKING BIG FLOW FOR LAST 27 HOURS

Large Crowds Continually Going Out To see Same---Some Talk of New Companies Being Organized

## CONSIDERABLE EXCHANGE LEASES AND ROYALTY ANTICIPATED

Just before closing our forms to go to press word came to town by phone that the Sears well which began flowing yesterday morning was still flowing at an increased rate and at five o'clock this (Thursday) evening was possibly getting stronger all the time. As the word spread about the city numbers of cars loaded with people from the city continued until a late hour in the evening to go out to get first hand evidence of the fact.

Among those on hand while the writer was on the ground was a number of business men, local oil men and a few farmers, many of whom expressed the opinion that the well at the rate it was then flowing, would make between 50 and 100 barrels per day. And when the fact is taken in consideration that this oil is forcing its way out through more than 2,500 feet of water, is bound to be convincing proof that had the well been taken proper care of when this sand was found last fall, the production would possibly have been good for five or six hundred barrels.

The drillers, Company officials and others directly interested

Mrs. J. A. Collins returned Thursday morning from an extended visit to her daughter at Centralia, Mo. Her daughter, Mrs. S. J. Gafford and baby accompanied her on the return trip and will spend some time with her parents and many Merkel

in the well all enthused and jubilant over the matter.

It is also likely that as the result of this continued flow other local companies will spring into existence, and new tests will soon be made, as such a thing was heard suggested by someone of those present who have been the means and the acreage close into this well to put such a deal through.

To say the least of it, there is every evidence that Merkel is soon to be right in the middle of one of those "oil rushes", such as the "natives" have not yet dreamed of.

A gentleman present who had recently been out to the Pecos fields stated to this writer that there was more oil coming out of the Sears well than he saw coming from the Bell well in that field, and to which thousands of people had recently gone to see, and which has caused the population of that city to almost double over night.

A company official stated that if the well continued to increase its flows it was possible they would be forced to "plug" it up to this point cutting the water out and possibly shoot the well

friends. Mrs. Collins states that she enjoyed her trip very much but was indeed glad to get back to good old Texas and Merkel.

Mr. Velta Brownfield and Bill Edison of Sweetwater were visitors in Merkel this week.

## ITEMS TAKEN FROM THE MAIL OF 1909

The following is a synopsis of some of the news items as published in the Merkel Mail eleven years ago this issue.

Mrs. E. A. Gazzaway who has been quite sick is recovering.

G. E. Comegy "blowed down" to Clyde Wednesday to visit his store at that place.

Ben T. Merritt, agent for the Abilene Reporter, was offering that splendid paper at 25 cents for two weeks.

At the call of Chief B. C. Gaither, there was a meeting of the Volunteer Fire Department at the City Hall Monday night. J. T. Warren was elected President, C. L. Barker Vice President and J. P. C. Hunt, Secretary and Treasurer.

Groene, the photographer; Studio open from eight until four. That gentleman is still on the job. But to hear him tell it now, his office hours are from seven a. m. until two a. m., and then he can hardly make "ends meet".

W. A. Forrester, of O'Bion county, Tennessee, was here first of the week with some prospectors who expect to locate here.

The announcement of Dr. C. M. McCauley for the office of Mayor of Merkel appears in this

issue.

On Friday night the local fire department held an interesting meeting attended by more than one hundred citizens, including Judge T. A. Bledsoe of Abilene, also Fire Chief J. J. Clinton of that city. The meeting was called to order by Mayor W. W. Wheeler.

Among the card advertisements we notice those of Adolphus Stamps, attorney, Dr. E. E. Wilder, Drs. McCauley & Fussell, Drs. Atkinson & Miller. Dr. Miller is still among our practicing physicians.

Williams and Johnson, Real Estate, Life and Fire Insurance. Mr. Williams, who was our splendid Postmaster, passed to his reward early this year. Mr. Johnson, continues to conduct the business.

Notice at length appears regarding the death of Mrs. J. W. Briggs, who was a niece of A. T. Baggett. The remains were shipped to Midlothian for burial.

Mrs. R. O. Anderson, of Trent is in Merkel visiting friends and relatives.

The L. A. & M. Society of the First Baptist Church was entertained in their regular social and missionary meeting Tuesday afternoon. Will Bone.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. W. M. Murrell, Pastor of M. E. Church of this city was called to Seymour, Texas on business first of the week, and asked us to announce for him that there would be the regular morning services at the Methodist church next Sunday, but that on account of the Baptist revival now in progress at the Baptist church there would be no services at his church at night.

He also calls attention to the fact that on the first Sunday in April he will begin a revival meeting and will be assisted by Rev. Doak, of Abilene.

Mr. Luther Rape of Eastland is spending a few days here.

## BLAND OUT OF WATER & DRILLER

Has Showing of Gas and Oil at 2,400 feet - Operations to begin soon

We understand the Bland well two miles Southwest, closed down this week at about 2,400 feet on account of scarcity of water for drilling and for the need of a driller.

It is expected however, that officers of the company will soon be here and arrange for both water and another driller, when it is likely that the work of pushing this test to completion will be begun again.

## BARRACCA CLASS MET AND ELECTED OFFICERS

On last Tuesday night the members of the Barracca Class of the Methodist Church met for the purpose of electing officers. Every member of the class who was present expressed their views regarding the future development of the class and the election of the officers, after which the following officers were elected:

President, (reelected) Bill Stevens.

Vice-President, Frank Counts Secretary and Treasurer, (reelected) Tom Allday; Sargent at Arms, Howard Laney; Press Reporter, G. M. (Jack) Durham.

A cordial invitation is extended to every young man of Merkel and surrounding community to become a member of the Barracca Class and help us make it the organization it should be. Press Reporter.

## SEARS WELL IS NEW SENSATION

On last Friday while the drillers were busy pushing the drill down toward the deeper formations the Sears Well began to flow gas and oil between the casing from the 2,490 foot sand which was penetrated several months ago, and for an hour and a half flowed a stream of oil, according to a number of farmers and operators who happened to be present. For five hours the well continued to make a nice flow.

The next day the writer had the pleasure of a visit to the well while it was making but little oil, there was without doubt many barrels of the liquid fluid standing in the "slush pit".

This has established confidence without doubt that this well would have been a producer of several hundred barrels had it been properly handled at this depth, and as the result much activity has been evident among the operators in leases and roy-

## BAPTIST REVIVAL IS PROGRESSING

Fifteen Additions to Church in First four days--Interest Growing

The Baptist Revival which began at the First Baptist Church in this city last Sunday, conducted by pastor Parrack, assisted by M. H. Keith, Evangelist Singer and personal worker, of Waco, is progressing nicely with 15 additions to the church up to Wednesday night. Rev. Parrack is presenting forceful and able Gospel sermons and with the splendid singing and earnest personal work of singer Keith, we predict that great success will crown their efforts before the meeting shall have come to a close.

Besides the regular services for next Sunday morning and at night, there will be a special for "Men Only" at 3: p. m. and for this occasion there will be special music by a Male Quartette and Orchestra. Every man and young man in the city and surrounding country should be present and get the special message in store for them.

The meeting will continue throughout the coming week, with services in the morning from 10 a. m. to 11 a. m. and in the evening promptly at 7:30.

There is being held and will continue, college prayer meetings each day at 2:30 p. m. and to which all ladies, are invited.

Rev. Parrack announces that he would be glad to have full attendance at Sunday School Sunday morning for special evangelistic services. Let all be on hand promptly.

Miss Mildred Sanders left Wednesday for Putnam to visit relatives and will accept employment in the store of her uncle, Yancy Orr.

Mr. Rape and family made a fly trip to Dora Sunday.

Dr Johnson, Dentist has offices

## BAILEY TO SPEAK ABILENE APRIL 1

DALLAS, March 22.—Former Senator, Joseph W. Bailey will return to Texas from Washington "not later than March 29 and possibly earlier," it was announced at Bailey headquarters here today. He will speak in the interest of his gubernatorial candidacy at Eastland, March 31 at Abilene the afternoon of April 1. Further speaking dates are being arranged and will be announced, it was said.

Fresh car of Peacemaker Flour at G. M. Sharp's. tf

Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.

And some instances small tracts have changed hands at \$50.00 per acre which were located several miles away.

Later on Thursday afternoon of this week the well took another start and flowed most of the afternoon, and as the result there is indeed optimism over the future development of the well to the deeper sands. Infact unless some hinderance interferes, it is likely that the drill will tell the story of the deeper sands.

We have talked to a number of experienced drillers and oil men, and to a man they spoke very optimistic over the prospects for a big well when the deeper sands are reached.



OFFICERS  
 T. J. Toombs ..... President  
 R. L. Bland ..... Vice President  
 John Sears ..... Vice President  
 R. O. Anderson ..... Cashier  
 F. Y. Gaither ..... Asst. Cashier

STATEMENT  
**Farmers State Bank**  
 OF MERKEL

Close of Business Feb, 28, 1920

RESOURCES	
Loans .....	\$554,256.08
U. S. Treas. Certificates .....	25,000.00
Banking House .....	7,850.00
Furniture and Fixtures .....	4,500.00
Stocks, Liberty Bonds .....	5,961.30
Assessment Guaranty Fund .....	3,445.73
<b>CASH AND EXCHANGE</b> .....	<b>415,447.14</b>
	\$1,016,460.25
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock .....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund .....	50,000.00
Undivided profits net .....	13,157.35
Reserved for taxes .....	2,286.51
<b>DEPOSITS</b> .....	<b>901,016.39</b>
	\$1,016,460.25

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 M. Armstrong H. H. Toombs  
 T. J. Toombs R. O. Anderson

NO APOLOGY DUE

No true democrat should have any apologies to make to any one for that last seven years of Democratic rule under the matchless leadership of Woodrow Wilson.

If no other democratic leader ever presides over the destinies of this nation, the present administration will stand as an eternal monument to the efficiency of the man who safely steered the ship of state thru breakers never encountered before.

By establishing the Federal Reserve Banks he made money panics a thing of the past. Industries which were ruined by periodical panics, will no longer be dwarfed by such disasters.

By establishing the Federal Farm Loan Banks, the ranchmen and farmers of the land were enabled to go forward and reproduce the things with which to feed and clothe the world.

When called on to do battle with the unspeakable Hun, this administration converted five-millions untrained American boys into greatest army that ever made the earth tremble

with its tread, and without loss, sent them across the waters where they met the foes of humanity and brought them very low.

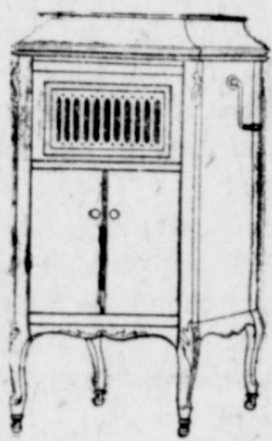
Indeed this is not all, but it is sufficient to make every democrat in America feel proud that he was a part and a factor in these mighty achievements.

Let critics carp and howl. Let them say what they will, but they can no more undo these mighty deeds than they can "pluck the brightness from the sun, or with polluted fingers tarnish it"

Let us remember that there were those who criticized Geo. Washington and belittled his illustrious deeds so bitterly, that he was made sick at heart and was tempted to give up the great struggle, but today his work stands out like the rock of ages while his critics are so deep in the sea of oblivion that not one bubble arises to tell that they ever had an existence.

They criticized, and even murdered the great hearted Lincoln but today his name stands as a synonym for goodness and Wisdom, while his critics have perished from the earth and their

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CONDENSED STATEMENT

**Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK**

OF MERKEL

At Close of Business February 28, 1920

RESOURCES

Loans—Time, Demand and Cotton .....	\$598,898.53
Stock in Federal Reserve .....	1,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures .....	4,500.00
United States and Other Securities .....	15,834.30
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund .....	312.50
<b>CASH AND IN BANKS</b> .....	<b>270,227.86</b>
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$891,273.19</b>

LIABILITIES

Capital .....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits .....	29,581.26
Circulation .....	6,250.00
<b>DEPOSITS</b> .....	<b>805,441.93</b>
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$891,273.19</b>

I certify the above statement is correct.

L. R. Thompson, Cashier

DIRECTORS

J. T. WARREN, President  
 G. F. WEST, Vice President  
 HENRY JAMES, Vice President  
 BOOTH WARREN, Asst. Cashier  
 E. D. TEUTON, Asst. Cashier

TOLAND NEWS

As there hasn't been anything in the Mail from Toland for some time thought I would write for fear some people would not even know there was a Toland.

Health of the community is good, Mr. F. C. Hale made a trip to south Texas to buy a car of hogs.

Mr. T. H. Williamson went to Abilene Sunday to see Mrs. Williamson's brother who was operated on last week. They report him doing nicely.

Mr. Jim Knox has returned from Fort Worth where he has been building a house. Understand he intends to move to the Panther City.

Oil, yes we have the derrick and they report one car casing unloaded at Trent for this well. I think the oil well in this part is like the weather now a days, mostly wind. The first derrick the wind got it.

Mr. P. C. Forrester has got back in the settlement again, that is he has got him some batteries for his telephone and can talk now.

Mrs. Freeman gave the young folks an entertainment Saturday night, all report a nice time.

With best wishes to the Mail and it's host of readers.

SCHOOL CENSUS

All children living in the Merkel Independent School District during the month of March and who will on September 1, 1920 be seven years old and under eighteen should be enumerated. If the school census missed your children, send for a blank at once, and return to me filled out. It is important that all are enumerated. School phone, 174. 1913 Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

We are ready to paint your old Boat or make you a new Top, at the right prices. 131f Auto Laundry.

Just received a car of Marchal Neill Flour. None better, at Bob Martins Grocery Co. 11

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works are decayed like heaps of rubbish. Yea, they criticized, persecuted and murdered Jesus Christ, but today Christianity stands for all that is good upon the earth, while his critics, persecutors and murders are only remembered for their foolish iniquities.

Let the friends of the great Democrat who has led us thru our greatest thralldom and safely guided the old ship of state into a sea of glory be unafraid, for, tho, mistakes have been made, but mistakes are human, and they will fade and leave the sunlight of great deeds to live forever. Be strong. Be not afraid.—Sterling City News-Record.

WE HANDLE 'EM ALL

If you want oil Stock for Burk-Kirby of Abilene, Comanche Refining Stock, at Comanche, Bear Rubber Stock of San Antonio, and infact most any kind of stock which you may be in the market for; Call on us, room 12, over Woodruff-Bragg Company.—Blaylock and Christopher. 2612p

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank will be glad to deposit in its money safe, any bonds or securities registered and left with it for safe keeping. Customers keeping bonds in private boxes, who wish this additional security should register bonds with this bank. This bank will at all times render it's customers every service that can be had by any bank. Come in and talk it over with us. Farmers & Merchants National Bank. 11

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Pure East Texas I Syrup. Bob Martin 11



# BIG GROCERY SALE

I have purchased the grocery business of E. L. ROGERS, in the Boyce building and hope to have the continued patronage of his friends. Every courtesy will be shown you at all times. Our stock is fresh and high grade and we expect to keep it so.

Look over the list below, examine our prices and give us a call. We appreciate your patronage.

The following prices go into effect at 8:00 o'clock Saturday morning March 20th, and closes at 10:00 o'clock Saturday evening, April 3rd.

Helitrope Flower 48 pound sack	\$3.30
Cake Flower 48 pound sack	3.35
Purity Lard 8 pound bucket	2.40
White Cloud Lard 8 pound bucket	2.40
Pure Lard 60 pounds	17.80
Pure Lard 10 pounds	3.00
Snowdrift Lard	2.60
Cottolene	2.75
Crisco	2.10
D. S. Meat	.24
Bacon	.28
Karo syrup, White 10 pounds	.90
Karo Syrup Blue 10 pounds	.90
MaryJane 10 pounds	.90
Koo Koo Syrup 10 pounds	.95
Royal syrup 10 pounds	.90
Farmer Jones Syrup 10 pounds	1.10
Crockett & Wiles Syrup 10 pounds	1.75
5 pounds Peanut butter	1.60
2 pounds Peanut Butter	.65
Swift White soap 6 bars	.25
White Flier Soap per bar	.26
Joy White Soap per bar	.26
1 gal. Peaches	1.00
1 gal. Plums	.90
1 gal. Blackberries	1.40
1 gal. Apples	.80
Manor House Coffee 3 pound can	1.60
Folgers Coffee 3 pound can	1.60
Royal Special Coffee 3 pound can	1.60
5 pound Jack Frost Baking Powder	.90
1 pound Jack Frost Baking Powder	.20
1 pound Calumet Baking Powder	.25
P. B. Coffee per pound	.45
Arbuckle Coffee in bulk per pound	.37

We deliver all city orders of \$3.00 and up. Our sales are strictly cash.

**W. CAMPBELL, The Cash Grocery Store**

## HONORROLL MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL

The following pupils of the Merkel Public School have for the last six weeks period been neither tardy nor absent, have made 90 in deportment, and have made a general average of 90 and are therefore eligible to the Honor Roll of the school:

First grade—	
Fannie V. Jones	94
Joe Black	93
Leona Rose	93
Audie Giles	92
Fred Guitar	91
Second Grade—	
W. J. Derstine	91
Conley Sanders	91
Bernice Lassater	91
Gordon Bryant	91
Parlie Post	90
Dorothy Daniels	90
Lorene Dixon	90
Mattie Lee Giles	90
Helen Compton	90
Imogene Agnew	90
Orion Tittle	90
Third Grade—	
Berdelle Adcock	95
Mildred Holloway	94
Joe Dee Coats	93.7
Thelma Jordan	93.6
Lois Dixon	93
Marjorie Bland	93
Iris Garrett	92.8
Elizabeth Harkrider	92.6
Cluburne Rose	92.5
Ruby Walton	92.4
Victor Smith	92
Mildred Hamm	91.9
Burnice Tucker	91.8
Agnes Sanders	91.4
W. J. Jones	90.4
Fourth Grade—	
Marie Pew	96
Nell Godwin	93
Joe Spurlock	93
Mildred Smith	93
Mary E. Smith	92
Henry Marberry	92
Jessie Mae Stevens	91
Fifth Grade—	
Opal Horton	93.5
Dolly Toombs	93
Hazel Bell	92.5
Ethel Hunter	92
Sixth Grade—	
Melba West	96.9
Mary Parrack	96.6
Orna Jordan	96

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

District Offices	\$15.00
County Offices	\$12.50
Precinct Offices	\$8.00

For District Judge, 42nd Judicial District:

E. M. Overshiner  
W. R. Ely, of Baird.

District Clerk:

James W. Mayfield  
J. Knox Fuller

For County Judge:

W. E. Martin  
J. W. Moffett

For County Attorney:

Carlos D. Speck

For County Tax Assessor:

Mrs. Florence Vance  
Roy Parmelly

County Treasurer:

Austin Fitts.

For County Clerk:

(Miss) Fannie Tippet

For Tax Collector:

D. T. Harkrider  
J. N. Routh.

County Commissioner of Prec. 2

S. A. (Sid) Coats.  
W. H. Frazier

County School Superintendent.

John F. Odor.  
John R. Hutto

For Public Weigher:

J. M. Garrett

Opal Patterson	95.8
Dorris Pike	94.9
Hallie Pike	94.8
Ray Garrett	94.7
W. L. Harkrider	94.3
Ona Fay Rose	93.2
Ewell Allen	93.1
Dorris Durham	93
Lucille Guitar	92.2
Lucille Hogg	92.1
Bonnie May Sherrill	91
Raymond Bankhead	90.9
Velma Hollaway	90.6
Seventh Grade—	
Jonnie Sears	95.3
Mozelle Bankhead	95.3
Beyrl Tucker	95
Pearl Tompkins	95
Ethel Allen	92
Maurine Tipton	91
Tom Cooper	91
Eighth Grade—	
Elba Cox	96
Irene Cox	95
Hattie Proctor	94
Dixie Blair	91
Gladys Middleton	90
Ninth Grade—	
Carvel Tucker	93
Mabel McNees	92
Cannie Peele	91
Tenth Grade—	
NONE	
Eleventh Grade—	
Julia McDonald	96
Charles Tucker	91.4
Deci Sharp	90.2

Respectfully,

Roger A. Burgess,  
Superintendent.

## 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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## BAILEY SELLS SHARE IN TROTTERING HORSES

Lexington, Ky., March 22.—One of the biggest recent deals in trotters in this section, where by Charles U. Connellee of Eastland, Texas, received from former Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas a half interest in his horse holdings, was made public by Irving Zeysing of Scott County, Kentucky.

Fourteen brood mares, one 3-year-old, six 2-year-olds and 4 yearlings are included in the deal. The brood mares are located at the Hinata farm, on the Russell Cave pike here, which is under lease to Mr. Bailey, and

# Y-E-S

## It's Your Money

But What Does it Mean to You?

Is your money something to "blow" or to spend with judgment?—something for which you must get full value, and that you must make go far?

## You Will Buy Your Easter Goods Soon

Remember our dresses are cheaper than you can buy the goods and make them yourself.

We are expecting new shipments this week which we will put on special sale for Easter. Our prices on georgette waists are very low. You will buy two or three when you see them.

A small lot of spring suits in serges and tricotines, beautifully trimmed, values to \$60 to go at \$29.50, \$35.00 and \$39.00

# The L. & G. Store

Front Street Opposite Depot

are being looked after by trainer Henry Williams. Harold Childs has in charge the bulk of the younger horses at the local track but there are two 2-year-olds in the stable of Tommy Murphy and one of the same age in that of E. F. Geers.

The amount which changed hands in the deal is not known, but is said to have been large.

Mr. Bailey has bought twenty-nine acres of land six miles from Lexington and will build a big country home thereon.—Dallas News.

We can save you money on top and seat covers. Auto Laundry one block north of Cozy theatre.

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Any erroneous reflection on the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of The Mail will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the management.

If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

PATRONS OF THE MAIL, who do not receive their paper regularly will confer a favor upon the management by reporting the fact. You should also watch the label of your paper to ascertain when your time is out and renew before your name automatically leaves our list, as all papers stop when the term of subscription expires.

With the coming of the warm weather, spring rains the flies will be in abundance unless the citizens as a whole clean up their premises and get rid of the disease breeding places. About the worst place for such is the unsightly hog pen. We do not know what the city laws are, if there are any at all, and if not, they should be passed and enforced to the letter. A hog can be kept in the city without a great deal of danger to the health of the citizens, provided he is kept in the proper lot or pen. But a bunch of them in a small pen is a breeding place for an abundance of disease germs, and should not be tolerated with in the city limits of any town or city.

The farmers of this section will soon have their lands nicely prepared for planting and with a good rain would be ready for their spring planting.

# Gem Theatre

The House of Good Pictures  
Never has there been as Good a Week's Program in Merkel

## Program for Week Beginning Friday, March 26

FRIDAY—

### Frank Mayo and Edith Roberts

in

"LASCA"—a Thrilling Story of the Mexican Border down by the Rio Grande.  
From the famous poem "Lasca." A Universal Special in 6 Acts.

EXTRA—A Good Comedy: Don't fail to see this picture, it's a great picture, and we want you to see it.

SATURDAY—

### Texas Guinan, The Texas Girl

In A Western Drama

HOOT GIBSON, in "Runnin' Straight." A Mack Sennett Comedy and News Weekly

MONDAY—

### Al Jennings

Also a Western Border Drama  
and Billy West Comedy

"One Night Only" in 2 Reels  
Believe me, it's some Comedy

WEDNESDAY—

### Al Jennings

"The Outlaws Deputies"

### "Lightning Bryce"

The wonderful Serial

And a Comedy

TUESDAY—

### Bessie Barriscale

in

"Home"

A delightful story of  
Everyday Life

Extra— Snub Pollard  
Pathe Comedy

THURSDAY—

### J. Stewart Blackton

presents Sylvia Bremer, and

Robert Gordon in

"My Husbands Other Wife"

A special Feature in 6 Acts. A powerful production. Don't miss this one. They're all the best.

Have you painted up that home yet. Spring is here, better get busy.

There should be no condemnation of the local school board as the result of their decision that a tuition charge of so much

per pupil be made in order that the schools of this city may continue the full nine months. They were compelled to take some step, and the Mail believes their course is a wise one.

with Dr M Armstrong.

In his issue of March the 26, just eleven years ago, John G. Jackson, Editor of the Merkel Mail said: "Let us consider ways and means to beautify our city and make it so clean and so attractive, and so good that God will say "It is good", and men will say "It is an ideal place in which to live", let us go there. No doubt Merkel was a good place to live then, but could have been better. We know it is a good place to live now. But we all know that it could be made a cleaner, yes, and much better place to live. The question is, will begin now, to make our city just such a place as above stated.

According to the publicity Bureau of Simmons College on April 17th, William Howard Taft, Ex-President of the United States, will deliver an address in Abilene, under the auspices of the Simmons College Lyceum. Owing to the political condition of the country today, and the stand this distinguished jurist, has taken in the peace treaty and league of Nations fight, the address is being looked forward to with a great deal of interest. The address will be delivered in the First Baptist Church of Abilene, in order that room may be provided for the large crowd expected.

### FOR SALE

One Gin consisting of four 70 saw Munger, double rib huller breast, Hydraulic, double box revolving press. The gins are new only ginned one crop of 2000 bales. 70 horse power Frost Boiler; 50 horse power Engine; in fact everything to complete a first class gin. Same being located in fine farming country, being in the town of Zephyr, Brown County, Texas. Abstract title clear of all indebtedness. If interested make me an offer. The property must be sold and I can give terms. For further information see me at the Merkel Lumber Company, Merkel, Texas. H. J. Askew. tf

Miss Fay Rape is on the sick list this week.

A good ford for sale-Phone, 9038R3. 1tp

Lowest prices on Syrups at A. L. Jobs Store. Overstocked.1

Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.

## BIG COUNHY TRACT MEET AT ABILENE

### PROGRAM

Friday, March 26th, Abilene High School building.  
9:00 A. M.  
Junior Boys' Basket Ball at Central Ward Boys' Court.  
Junior Girls' Basket Ball at Central Ward Girls' Court.  
Senior Girls' Basket Ball at High School Girls' Court.  
10:00 A. M.  
Boys' Tennis Doubles, High School tennis courts.  
Girls' Tennis Doubles, High School tennis courts.  
Junior Spelling, room 8, High School.  
Senior Spelling, room 9, High School.  
Essay Writing, room 6, High School.  
2:00 A. M.  
Finals in Rural Boys' Declamation.

Finals in Extempore Speaking.  
Finals in Rural Girls Declamation.  
Finals in Senior Boys' Declamation.  
Preliminaries in Junior Boys' Declamation.  
Preliminaries in Junior Girls' Declamation.  
Preliminaries in Senior Girls' Declamation.  
Eliminate to three best, these three in the FINALS at 8 p.m. 4:00 P. M.  
Finals in Junior Boys' Basket Ball, Central Ward Boys' court.  
Finals in Junior Girls, Basket Ball, Central Ward Girls' court.  
Finals in Senior Basket Ball, High School Girls' court.  
8:00 P. M., High School Auditorium.  
Finals in Debats.  
Finals in Senior Girls' Declamation.  
Finals in Junior Boys' Declamation.  
Awarding of cups and medals won on Friday.  
All of the above events are at the Abilene High School Building or on the nearby grounds of the Central Ward. Be on time.

Saturday, March 27th, Simmons College Athletic Field. Be present when your name is called.

9:00 A. M.  
1. 120 yard low hurdle.  
2. 440 yard dash, Senior Boys.  
3. 440 yard relay, Junior Boys.  
4. Discus throw, Senior Boys.  
5. Pole Vault, Senior Boys.  
6. Chinning bar, Junior Boys.  
7. 30 yard dash, Junior girls.  
8. 100 yard dash, Senior Boys.  
9. 1-mile run, Senior Boys.  
10. 12-lb. shot put, Senior Boys.  
11. 8-lb shot put, Junior Boy  
12. 50 yard dash, Junior Boys.  
13. 50 yard dash, Senior Boys.  
14. 30 yard dash, Senior Girls.  
15. 140 yard relay, Junior Girl  
16. Running broad jump, Senior Boys.  
17. Running Broad jump, Junior Boys.  
18. 220 yard dash, Senior Boys.  
19. 220 yard dash, Junior Boys.  
20. 140 yard relay, Senior  
21. High jump, Senior Bo.  
22. High jump, Junior Boy  
23. Base ball throw, Junior  
24. 880 yard run, Senior Bo  
25. Run-hop-step-jump, J Boys.  
26. 1-mile relay, Senior Boys.  
27. Potato Race, Junior Boys.  
Please submit cheerfully to the decisions of the officials. Be a sport. "Teachers as well as pupils should learn how to lose as well as how to win."

### REV. CYPERT RETURNS FROM SANITARIUM

Rev. W. G. Cypert returned Monday morning from the Sanitarium at Temple, where he underwent an operation, and we are glad to report to his host of friends here and over the country, that he is improving nicely and is expected to soon regain his former good health.

# Specials in Furniture

**ROCKERS**—A splendid assortment of the famous Phoenix rockers, none better.

**DAVENPORTS**—The Pullman line is given up to be the best, come select yours now while we have just the style and finish you want.

**REFRIGATORS**—We have just received a large shipment of refrigerators, the kind that stays cold, you had better come in and select the size you want now, help bring down the H.C.L. by conserving food, conserve food by using a Refrigerator.

**RUGS & LINOLEUM**—We still have a splendid assortment of Rugs and Linoleum that was bought several months ago and we can save you at least 25 per cent over the present prices, would be glad to show you our stock of floor covering.

**PAPER**—We are receiving new patterns in wall paper almost every day, we now have some of the prettiest patterns we have ever shown, a large assortment to select from, prices reasonable.

**PAINT**—We are well supplied with paint and can supply your wants, let us figure your paint bill.

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We wish to call your attention to our entire line of Dry Goods as we have one of the most complete stocks of Dry Goods that can be found anywhere, and we assure you that we can save you money on your Spring Purchases. Don't fail to get our prices before you make your Spring bill as our qualities are always the best and prices the lowest.

## EASTER MILLINERY

We now have on display a large assortment of Easter hats at prices that you can not afford miss. Also we have just received a large shipment of Mid-summer Hats in large, medium, and small shapes in Transparent, Imported Braids, and Straw.

## EASTER READY-TO-WEAR

We always have something new to show you in this department, Dresses in all the new colors and Styles, Suits and Spring Coats in most every Style that you could wish for. Also a beautiful showing of New Easter Blouses at very reasonable prices.

## LADIES SHOE DEP'T

In this department we are showing a variety of Styles, Colonial High Heel Pumps in Kid and Patent Leathers, also a complete line of Lace Oxfords in High and Low Heel. Our bargain counter is full of Slippers at prices far below the wholesale prices of today.

# Merkel Dry Goods Company

### THURSDAY CLUB

One of the most delightful affairs of the season occurred Thursday evening, March 18th, when Mesdames Henry West and Litton Howard were hostess to the Thursday Needle Work and "42" Club. But on this occasion no needle work was in evidence, this being the long anticipated open house for the entertainment of the husbands and what wife wishes to entertain her husband with darning? Never was a reception suite more hospitable or inviting. Beautiful vases of cut flowers lending their charms to the already lovely ensemble.

The Hostesses charmingly greeted their guests and ushered them into the reception suite where dainty score cards in pink and white marked places for seven tables of progressive "42".

During the game music was rendered on the player piano adding a lively note to the evenings pleasure. At the close of the game cards were passed and each guest asked to describe his companions disposition with the letters given. This diversion caused much merriment and as a result many long suppressed secrets were divulged and many hearts made lighter by an honest confession. Mesdames Dr. Geo. L. Miller, J. C. Scott, Meadows and Mr. Roger Haynes were chosen judges in this weighty matter and after a serious consultation and long and careful deliberation awarded Mrs. Burl Scott the favor for the ladies, a lovely box of arcraft stationery, and Mr. James West the favor for the gentlemen, a box of choice chocolates.

The hostess passed a lovely refreshment plate of pink and white brick cream and angel food cake with caranations as plate favors.

The evening pleasure came to a close after some vocal music by Mesdames Howard and Scott and Messers Chas. Jones and Scott. Many were the expressions of appreciation to these ladies for an evening so full of pleasure. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Arrington, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. Cypert, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Easterwood, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Joe Largent, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jim West, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Hicks, Mesdames Dr. Geo. L. Miller, J. C. Scott, Ergel Meadows, Messers Roger Haynes, Henry West, L. B. How-

ces on groceries be-  
A. L. Jobe. 1t

### A DRILLER'S MEMORY (By Edd Heeter)

He was only a tired driller  
Who awoke on a stormy night  
To find that the time for his sleeping  
Was now no where in sight.

The alarm clock has given the signal  
And the wintry winds he must face  
To ascend the steep path up the mountain  
In one hour he must be in his place.

At the rig Bill Parshall is waiting  
To hear his foot steps on the walk  
That he might descend the same mountain  
After they had a few minutes talk.

The "toolie" arrived at the well before him  
In his overalls he was clad  
He was wondering when the well would be finished  
And when he might see his old dad.

All charms in the job has vanished

The boarding house it seemed not the same

Twenty days of their time they were fishing  
But none of them were to blame

Sixty days to the well they have traveled  
Though the rain the snow and the cold  
And now their pockets were empty  
Of that precious metal called gold.

That day we went through the big ingun  
In a fortnight we had the squaw  
Then a search for the contractor was started  
We must see him our money to draw

The well it was a producer  
Three feet in the sand she began to flow  
It made the owners loof cheerful  
When the oil was spraying the snow

In a cafe in the city we found him  
We approached him with board bills in our hands  
On you for our "dough" we are calling

Oh now won't you grand our demands

For a moment he stood silent  
Then he finally said  
How many days were you working  
And how many days were you fed

After he our board bill had examined  
He sat down our checks for to write  
Then to each he gave this little advice  
Boys be careful and do not get tight

But now our gold has all vanished  
We're ready to start over again  
But the rig has not been finished  
And Jack Lewis, he knows only when.

Mrs. H. M. Thompson returned last Saturday from Hot Springs, Ark., where she had spent some time in the interest of her health. We are glad to learn that she has greatly improved in health.

### PRESBYTERIAN ANNOUNCEMENT

We are nearing the close of the church judicial year, March 31. May we not round it out with a full statement of all our obligations? If any of us have not made our benevolent offering for the past year, or our Presbyterian dues, please see the church treasurer at once.

We are making progress and God has given us his blessings. Let us with his help make this next year the best in our history.

We welcome al to our services.  
C. C. Dooley, Pastor.

Take your chickens and eggs to W. P. Duckett, he will pay you 20 cents per pound for your hens and the highest market price for your eggs.

Your Prescriptions will be filled accurately and by registered druggists at the Mekel Drug Company.

Negro's definition of a socialist. As reported by "Junius": "A Socialist is 'er poor ignorant lazy white man, what ain't got nothin' and wants to give somebody half of it."

### PROGRESSIVE LIFE INSURANCE ASSN. OF MERKEL

I wish to announce to the people of Merkel and surrounding country that the Progressive Mutual Life Association of Abilene has been taken over by the Progressive Mutual Life Association of Merkel, and as secretary and Treasurer, of this organization wish to state that we are now ready to take your application for a policy and membership in same. We have just started, but are rapidly writing new policies every day, and expect to have the membership up to several hundred before long.

We have no fight to make on Old Line Insurance or any other legitimate insurance, but wish to impress upon your mind that this is a home concern and that after you have paid your entrance fee, which also pays six months dues, and which has now been reduced to \$3.50 from \$5.00 you will only be required to pay the sum of \$2.00 per year and \$1.00 when there is a death among the membership. Only those residing within a radius of 50 miles of Merkel will be allowed to join, and you will therefore be assisting your neighbor when there is an assessment to be paid, besides your own life insurance benefit derived from same.

It does not make any difference how much insurance you may now carry, you will find this too good and too cheap to be without. We therefore invite you to call on us and let us explain the matter to you fully. And remember that all the money paid in is kept in the bank at Merkel, and any claim can be paid immediately.

E. D. Coats, Sect-Treas.

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Friday, March 26  
**Helen Holmes**  
IN  
**"The Fatal Fortune" No. 9**  
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Good Comedy, Western and Novelty Pictures

Monday, March 29  
**Big Double Program**  
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AND  
**"The Great Gamble No. 2."**  
Admission only 10 & 20c

Wednesday, March 31  
**Tom Mix**  
IN  
**"Rough Riding Romance"**  
ALSO  
A 2-Reel Big V Comedy

Saturday, March 27  
**Bryant Washburn**  
IN  
**"Very Good Young Man"**  
ALSO  
Good Comedy

Tuesday, March 30  
**Elsie Ferguson**  
IN  
**"Witness for The Defense"**  
ALSO  
**"Topics of The Day"**  
And—  
**"Pathe Color and Review"**

Thursday, April 1  
**Wh. S. Hart**  
IN  
**"Branding Broadway"**  
ALSO  
**"Topics of The Day" and "Pathe Review"**

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What difference does it make to us if a man gets drunk in New Jersey? And if it doesn't make any difference why should we dictate to New Jersey? Former Senator Joseph Weldon Bailey. Isn't New Jersey an American State? Aren't the Jerseymen our fellow citizens and brothers? Aren't we living under one flag, one constitution and one president? Isn't the gospel of the Nazarene the gospel of the Jerseymen as well as the Texan? Isn't God the father of the Jerseymen as well as the Texan? It is crime for a Jerseyman to sell a lottery ticket. It is a crime for a Texan. It was a crime during the war time for a Jerseyman to evade the draft. It was a crime for a Texan. An American is an American. All Americans follow the flag. All Americans are interested in the laws that are sane and safe. All Americans should even agree that the great arm of the law should be thrown around the little children and those who traffic in the flesh and blood of childhood to fill their own coffers should be restrained.—Fort Worth Record.

"Cooke County will send Democratic representatives to the state convention and it will go Democratic in the July primaries. This is some advance information for the Republicans that they may be prepared for the landslide that is coming", says the Gainesville Signal. The editor of the Signal is positive in his declaration that Cooke county Democrats will return a majority for Thomason. This is the story. "Nobody will fall out with Mr. Bailey for not accepting Mr.



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## Merkel Lumber Co.

Thompson's challenge for a preferential primary, or an elimination primary between those two candidates in Cooke County. Mr. Bailey knows and his friends know Mr. Thompson will carry Cooke County. The reason for not accepting the challenge was that the majority of the voters were already pledged to Thomason. Whether this is a fact or whether it is not, Mr. Bailey and his friends have conceded Cooke county to Mr. Thompson and most every observer in the county feels sure this suimise is correct." Cooke county is also the home of the Hon. George H. Culp, a stalwart of the stalwarts. He is a member of the committee of fifteen appointed at the Dallas conference of regular or Wilson Democrats. They do say in Cooke county that George H. Culp will be one of the district delegates to the San Francisco convention. He sent three sons overseas to fight for democracy and all the Culp's are fighting for democracy today. In war-time, George H. Culp made more patriotic speeches than any man in Cooke county. He was ever on the firing line for the boys over there and for the people over here who were in behind the Wilson administration, their government and the people's government—Fort Worth Record.

A campaign to raise \$25,000 from the 3,000 students who have attended Simmons College during the past eighteen years has been launched by the Alumni and Ex-Student Association of that institution. The funds to be used in erecting a memorial on the College campus in memory of the thirteen Simmons men who lost their lives during the great war: Chester A. Adams, Jack Blount, Kenneth Burns, Ennis Camp, Robert Embrey, Aubrey Fisher, Orian A. Keel, Frank Martin, Dupree Rainey, Allister Goodnight, Reed Morris, Dennis L. Humphrey, Clyde Shaw.

According to the statistics compiled recently by the Alumni

and Ex-Students Association of Simmons College, three thousand students have enrolled in that institution since 1902. These students have come from five foreign countries; Brazil, China, Japan, England and Mexico. 23 states in the United States and 133 counties in Texas. Taylor county has furnished 1,208 of these students, Jones county comes second with 160 Eastland county third with 110, Callahan county fourth with 99 and Haskel county fifth with 80. The institution, during this time has conferred B. A. degrees on 256 students. This, of course, does not include the fine arts students.

England and France should not worry over what to do with the Turkish empire. Mexico is just as bad and it isn't bothering us a bit.

### PLEASE RETURN

We will appreciate if the person who took from our office the book of "Yeplanery house plans" will return same to us atonce. Burton-Lingo Lumber Co. 1t

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# BIG SHOWING FOR EASTER

Our buyer Mr. Seigle, has just returned from the market where he purchased and brought back with him on his return, a Big Line of Ladies Easter Dresses and Waists, absolutely the very latest designs and best colors.

Also a new shipment of ladies Brown and Black Sweed Pumps in Baby Louie Military and extreme French heels. We invite you to be sure and come in and see these and many other new Easter goods.

**Another Shipment of Schloss Bros. Suits.**

## THE ECONOMY

### FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKED IN YARDS HERE

Two wrecks occurred on the Texas & Pacific Railroad near this city last week. On Thursday morning the east bound Sweetwater local was wrecked just a short distance east of the city on account of the rails spreading, and on last Saturday morning an east bound freight was wrecked caused by a hot box on one of three coal cars which were heavily loaded with iron, just as the train was going the local yards, and for six or eight hours held up traffic. No one was seriously injured as a result of either wreck.

Robin Rest Corn Meal at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Light Crust Flour at G. M. Sharp's.

Liquid smoke at Campbell's Cash Grocery.

FOR SALE—Some fine Mabene Cotton Seed at \$3.00 per bushel. E. A. Click, Merkel, Route 3, 19t2

We have just received a nice line of genuine Cut Glass. Merkel Drug Company.

We serve Ice Cream every day at the sanitary self serving store.

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

Miss Bonnie Melton has just returned from Oklahoma visiting her sister and brother-in-law Mr. Hubert Davenport and wife.

Miss Mae Melton has been quite sick causing her to be absent from school several days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell Miss Ondia Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bufford visited Miss Mary Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Sunday afternoon.

Little Dot

### NOTICE CORRESPONDENTS

We wish to call attention of our correspondents to the fact that it is necessary that they sign their own names to their correspondence. Not that same will be published, but for our own protection. Hereafter no communication will be published where the correspondent fails to sign his or her name as well as the name you wish signed as correspondent.

## EASTER PHOTOGRAPHS EASTER

The most appropriate and welcome Easter remembrance is Your Photo. Have that sitting made today, tomorrow, or not later than Sunday, the 28th. in order to have your photo finished by Easter Sunday, April 4th.

Spring is with us and so are your new spring dresses and hats, and right now is the time to have that photo made. Special appointments for sittings by phone, No. 314.

"Photographs of the Better Kind"

## THE COZY STUDIO

JNO. C. REINHARD, Manager

## THAT GOOD BREAD OF OURS

Have you tried it? If not, ask your neighbor who has, and he will tell of its splendid quality. In fact, making GOOD bread has been our specialty for a number of years. And now that the weather is getting warm you will find it not only a saving in money, but a greater saving on the good house wife to relieve her of having to bake bread.

## OUR LINE OF PASTRIES

You will also find a nice line of delicious Cakes, pies and many other delicious delicacies, which will enable you to meet most any emergency that may arise. And don't forget our fancy Box Cakes.

## OUR CANDIES--AND THE OTHER KIND

We carry at all times a large line of fine Home Made Candy, such as Taffey, Chocolate, Peanut and Coconut Bar. Also a nice line of fancy Package Candy.

We look after your wants with prompt and courteous treatment.

**The Merkel Bakery and Candy Kitchen**

### NOODLE NEWS

No sickness to report at this writing.

The weather is getting dry; Men's faces are getting longer shaves have gone to 50cents.

Miss Bertha Ely is visiting in Anson.

Gurney Richards spent Sunday with home folks.

Rev. Johnson filled his regular appointment Sunday.

There will be Sunday School Sunday. Let everyone come and try to make it a success.

Wesley Ely and family were visiting his parents A. B. Ely Saturday and Sunday.

Paul Wheeler was the guest of Dallas Green Sunday.

William Thompson and family, Homer Herring and family, Henry Nicholson and wife took dinner with W. J. Bicknell Sunday.

Miss Beulah Ely has accepted a position at Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Conley were the guests of Mr. Newsom Sunday.

Jewell Nicholson and Modell Bicknell spent the latter part of last week with Grandpa Nicholson and family of Merkel.

Willie Roundtree has the sympathy of the entire community in the death of his brother which occurred at Burk Burnett last week.

N. V. Nicholson, W. J. Bicknell and Mr. George of Hamlin, motored to Trent Monday. XYZ

### GOLAN NEWS

Miss Edith Hudspeth visited Edith Thompson Sunday.

Misses Lettie and Dixie Duncan, Pauline Byron and Elvina Hudspeth spent Sunday with Mrs. Jewel Stribling.

Noodle's Basket Balls team, both boys and girls, came to Golan Friday and played our teams. It was a close game on both sides. The Golan boys finally won the victory by a score of 29 and 19, but our girls were defeated by a score of 15 to 10.

Misses Ola Thompson returned home Sunday after a weeks

visit with her brother, Herbert Thompson.

Grandma Hill of Childress is visiting her son W. C. Hill and daughter-in-law Mrs. Dora Hill this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rainey and family, Misses Vida Williams and Bettie Byron and Messrs Ernest Thompson, Clyde Williams and Elton Lawlis, were guests at Mrs. Dora Hills Sunday.

Efford Brown of Shiloh was a social caller in this community Sunday.

Little Jimmie Fay Cox was on the sick list last week.

Sunshine

### BLAIR NEWS

Blair has the cheapest groceries west of Brownwood, and up-to-date grain business, and the farmers are all smiles over a twenty thousand dollar gin now under the care of Planters Gin Company of Sweetwater. We are all expecting a Bank and several stores this fall.

Mr. H. H. Spears and wife of Hawley, Mr. John S. Hughes and family visited their father Mr. W. M. Snow Sunday.

Quite a crowd at Sunday School last Sunday evening and after Sunday School a number of Merkel people spoke. Sunday School will be at two-thirty, everyone invited.

Blair High School will give play Saturday night everyone is invited to come.

Singing at Mr. Jim Moore's last Sunday night everyone had a nice time.

Miss Nina Provine and a number of the farmers are shipping their cotton to Houston to be sold.

Miss Ladden Walker has been real sick causing her to be absent from school several days.

Mr. Earl Hughes left Monday morning to get a job of work.

Mr. Alma Barnes and wife visited their cousin Mr. Carl Hughes and wife.

Mr. Ed Blackburn and family visited Butman Well Sunday evening.

## Spring Time

Spring means time to clean yards, house, gardens, etc., build chicken houses and yards, dig flour beds, fix up water lines, keep Mr. Fly out. We have

Poultry Netting      Screen Wire  
Spades      Shovels      Forks  
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## WOULD LOCALIZING MEAT TRADE PAY?

Senator Currie, Stock Raiser of Nebraska, Makes Experiment.

Meat is high; the packers admit it, though they say that other foods are higher in proportion. The farmer says he is not getting too much for his cattle, in fact not enough, he says. How about numerous local slaughtering plants scattered throughout the communities of our country, or a more direct-from-farmer-to-consumer relationship?

There is almost a sentimental attractiveness about the thought, like dreams of one's boyhood home. It looks so simple. Indeed, it is simple after a fashion, and is the way most meat was handled before the industry grew to national and international proportions. But would it pay?

### Tried to Build Up Local Market.

Experimentation and testing is doubtless the best teacher. And inquiring minds have not hesitated to dig into the matter. Senator F. M. Currie of Broken Bow, Neb., himself a stock raiser, relates a bit of experience of his own along this line.

He tried for years, he tells us, to establish a market for fat cattle with local butchers, invariably finding that he could not meet the price made to them by the packers.

"In other words," he says, "the packers could pay us more for our cattle or foot, and sell the product to our local butchers for less money than they (the butchers) could pay us for our cattle and slaughter the beef themselves."

During the fore part of the present year he carried his inquiry further. He shipped two carloads of cows to Omaha, and they were sold to Armour and Company for \$7.90 per hundred-weight. Among these was one cow which he wished to have himself for beef. This cow weighed 840 pounds and therefore brought him \$66.36. The animal was tagged and the identical carcass was shipped to him by express to Theford, Neb., and charged to him at the prevailing wholesale price of such meat on that day in Kansas City, Omaha and Minneapolis. The carcass included carrying charges of about \$6.00, cost him \$69.11, or \$6.25 less than he sold the animal for in Omaha.

### What Cow Would Cost Consumer.

"Now," continues the Senator, "suppose a consumer in Omaha had ordered this meat direct from me, and I had slaughtered the beef at the ranch and sent the meat direct to the consumer. Taking as a basis the price received for this cow in Omaha, \$66.36, less the freight of 17 1/2 cents per hundred, it would make the cow worth on the ranch \$65.00."

To this \$65.00 he adds \$3.00 for slaughtering at home and \$6.00 for express from Theford to Omaha, and he deducts \$7.00 credit for the hide.

According to these figures the dressed carcass of his cow would be worth \$67.00 in Omaha, as against the packers' price of approximately \$54.00 (which is derived by deducting the express charges to Theford, \$6.00, from the price the carcass was sold to him, \$60.11).

### Cheaper to Buy Than Kill.

"After thorough investigation," the Senator says, "I am convinced that it does not pay for us to slaughter our own meat at the ranch; that we would better ship our cattle to Omaha, and buy our beef from the packer. I have been engaged in the cattle producing business all my life; there is no particular reason why I should be friendly to the packers, but I am thoroughly convinced I am receiving, and always have received more for my cattle on foot, than if I had been able to sell direct to the consumer, and consequently the consumer has been able to buy my product for less money through the packer than under any other system which is known to business up to the present time."

### SENATOR KENYON'S CONTRASTING VIEWS.

Just what is the purpose of the Kenyon bill now in hearing at Washington would be hard to deduce from Senator Kenyon's own statements. In the bill itself the purpose is set forth as follows: "To stimulate the production, sale, and distribution of live stock and live stock products, and for other purposes." This stimulation of live stock production may be well taken as a bid to the consumer to hope for lower meat prices.

But he has a different thought to present to producers. In a letter addressed recently to the Wallace Farmer he says: "I do not believe myself that the situation as to restricted consumption is going to be changed very much, and there will be the necessity of less production." Of course less production would supposedly mean higher prices for live stock, but also higher prices for meat.

Are either the general public or the farmer going to be fooled by this method of playing up the one against the other? It is not likely. Farmers and consumers are both coming to the realization that hampering the packers is not going to bring higher prices for live stock nor lower prices for meat. Quite the opposite.

# Suits - Dresses - Millinery

Buy your Easter Suit, Dress or Hat from us and get better material and lower prices

## NEW DRESSES

This weeks express brought a wonderful lot of dresses, exclusive styles in Taffeta, Foulard,orgette, Crepe, Tricolette, Printed Voiles. Prices will astonish you. They are different, too.

## Silk Specials

A table loaded with Plain and Fancy Silks on sale at less than wholesale cost. One week only.



## EASTER MILLINERY

Another shipment of Pattern and Tailored Hats from Elzee and King Bee, exclusive Hats for Misses and Children, priced \$1.95 to \$7.95. Be sure and visit our Millinery Department next week for Easter Specials.

## Silk Hose Specials

\$2.50 Plain Black Silk Hose ..... \$1.95  
\$2.50 Lace Effect Silk Hose ..... \$1.75  
Childrens Silk Lisle Soxat ..... \$ .50

Easter, April 4

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**COLORITE**—Makes old hats new. Merkel Drug Co. tf

**FOUND! FOUND!**  
A pair of ladies pumps. Owner can get same at Jobe's Store by describing them and paying for this notice. 2t

Prices are right on Groceries at Jobe's Store. 19t2

Fords painted, factory finish. \$12.50. Auto Laundry. tf

Your Prescriptions will be filled accurately and by registered Druggists at the Merkel Drug Company. tf

## PROMINENT COUPLE MARRY AT SWEETWATER

Mr. Arthur C. Browning and Mrs. Amy Sears, quietly stole away from the city and their host of friends on last Thursday afternoon and were happily united in marriage; returning to Merkel the next morning.

For a number of years Mr. Browning had been with the Texas Coffin Company as traveling representative, and according to those in a position to know, had made good with that concern in every sense. The bride is one of this city's most excellent and accomplished lady who has scores of friends and admirers.

It will be good news to both the contracting parties' many friends to learn that Mr. Browning has decided to quit the road and with his bride continue to make Merkel their home.

We join our citizenship in extending congratulations and best wishes.

## LITTLE DON THORNTON PASSES AWAY

After only about ten days illness from pneumonia little Don, the eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Thornton passed away on last Thursday, March 18 and among a host of kind friend the remains of the little fellow was tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery, Saturday afternoon at four o'clock, after funeral services were conducted by Rev. Murrell at the family residence.

We join a host of friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved parents during this their sad hour.

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## BULWARK AGAINST WINTER SHORTAGE

Some Facts About Cold Storage and the Charges of Manipulation and Exorbitant Prices.

Once again the subject of cold storage has come into the limelight of public attention; and this time in connection with the nation-wide search after the cause for the high cost of living.

There can be no argument in behalf of hoarding and holding back food supplies for speculative profits. But this is a matter quite apart from the true and legitimate purpose of cold storage; and, unfortunately, because of the much agitation and damaging publicity that have centered about the subject from time to time, the real service performing function of cold storage has been largely obscured.

### Laying in Winter Stocks.

City-wise people, and even country-wise people, have long since forgotten, amidst the conveniences of modern life, that there was a time in the history of our country when "laying in a winter's stock" devolved upon each household individually. Today, one does not even need to remember that eggs are not an all-year-around product; that butter is produced in scant amount in the winter, and cheese likewise. Not a few would be completely surprised to know that even meat production has its seasons of scarcity. The buyer for the household in these days simply goes to the store, any day in the year, expecting to find these and similar commodities on the market.

### Are Storages Overstocked?

However, we are told that storage stocks of certain commodities are at the present above the normal as compared with this time last year. It been computed that the combined excess of a number of important foods in cold and dry storage amount to per cent. While on the face of it this looks like undue hoarding of reserves, yet it must be remembered that comparisons with last year are altogether misleading. Demands for a great number of commodities have increased tremendously. Our exports for June were double what they were a year ago, and 40 per cent of these exports were foodstuffs.

Moreover, our reserves last year were inadequate. Those who recall some of the extraordinary prices of certain foods last winter and spring know precisely what it means to have too small holdings in storage. That we are better prepared for next winter than we were for last should not be used as the basis of a wholesale condemnation of our methods of providing for our future wants.

### How Prices Are Determined.

Cold storage has been criticised severely as an instrumentality that lends itself easily to the taking of unfair profits. Without a question its ability to extort has been grossly exaggerated. Storage warehouses are scattered throughout all portions of the United States and their contents are owned by thousands of competing firms and individuals. About half the storage space in the country consists of public warehouses that rent space to whoever wants it, either for small lots or big ones. Tabulated figures of the amounts in storage are gathered and disseminated by the government monthly; and the amounts in holding from month to month figured against what should normally be in storage during those months (or the estimated demand) form the basis for prices.

### Some Figures on Profits.

But the best information as to profits in the cold storage business consists of actual figures, and such are published regularly by the federal Department of Agriculture. These show, for instance, that in the season of 1915-1916 butter stored in June 1 July at an average of 26.64 cents pound, sold from November to Mar at an average of 27.45 cents a pound giving a gross profit of 0.81 cents pound, or scarcely enough to pay for storage and nothing for net profit or interest on investment. In 1916-1917 the gross profit was 7.79 cents a pound, and in 1917-1918 it was 5.86 cents. These gross amounts must cover storage charges and interest on the money tied up for several months before the net profits are arrived at. It is apparent from these figures that storing of foods is an uphill and downhill business with its fat and lean years, and affords an average profit which is not excessive in view of the risks that are run. Figures on storage eggs for 1915-1916 show a net loss of 2.2 cents a dozen; for 1916-1917, an unusually prosperous year, the net profits were 5.54 cents a dozen; and for 1917-1918 there was a net loss of 1.42 cents a dozen.

Extravagant charges of manipulation and control of prices are preposterously absurd in view of these seasons of losses. The ups and down of profits simply indicate the hazards of the game; for the best laid plans of men can not foresee when a winter spell may come which will shut down laying, nor, on the other hand, a cold snap that will shut production entirely. Year out, as the figures would show, the consumer pays but a small price upon itself, with the blessing of cold storage, the task of laying stores for him.