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GEOLOGIST REPORT ON MERKEL FIELD

Rotan, Texas, March 30.—A possible oil area approximately 100 miles wide and 240 miles long, covering this section of West Texas, recently was designated in a technical article by Dr. J. A. Udden, director of the Bureau of Economic Geology of the University of Texas. In his explorations he found rocks of "undoubted Pennsylvanian age" underlying a quadrangular area extending from Montague to Lampasas County. These rocks were not found on the surface, being covered on the east by the Comanche-Cretaceous, and on the west by the Permian.

"In this region," says the report, "we have the same formations that have yielded most of the oil in Oklahoma and Kansas. If there are sands in the Pennsylvanian which terminate in shale to the eastward, there are good chances for oil and gas in edge sands. It would be very singular indeed if no considerable pools of this kind were found over so large an area. The sands of the Cisco and Canyon have already yielded a great deal of oil in the Electra field and some of the sands of the Strawn have proven oil bearing near Strawn and Moran."

This report of Dr. Udden is of general interest because it is in a measure a refutation of the claims made last year by a geologist that this region of West Texas is a graveyard of lost hopes of wildcaters. It is confirmatory in a large measure of the regional report made last year by Dr. Edward A. Hill, consulting geologist, who made the first detailed report on Fisher county. The subject becomes still more interesting in view of the discovery of oil in Taylor county, near Abilene, and in the Sears well in the southwestern part of Jones County, and of a heavy gas sand in the Kuori well in Haskell County.

Oil and gas have been found in several tests in Fisher county. A test drilled on the Schultz anticline of this county, covering a bout ten square miles, has had three oil showings above the present depth of 2,200 feet. Gas has appeared at several levels.

NEW PRODUCE BUSINESS

Mr. Floyd Haney, late of Ranger, arrived this week, and is opening up a produce business in one of the Krenshaw buildings on Kent street. He expects to move to Merkel and make this city his home.

SERVING MEALS

I wish to announce to my friends and to the public that I have opened my dining room to the public in connection with my rooming house. Mrs. Annie McClain, first door south of the Presbyterian Church. 9t2

JUDGE MILLER TO SPEAK AT ABILENE

We have been requested to announce that Judge Barry Miller of Dallas, one of the state's most prominent citizens and able speakers, will address the people of this section of the country at Abilene on next Saturday, April 10, at 2:30 p. m., in defense of the National Democratic administration.

Judge Miller is an able and eloquent speaker, and although you might differ with him on the issues of the day, you would do well to hear him.

BLAND TO DRILL WELL FOR WATER

We are informed that Mr. Maitland, manager of the Bland well came in Thursday from Ft. Worth, and is making plans for the drilling of a water well, and that after a supply has been obtained the drill in this test, which is two and a half miles southwest of Merkel, will continue the search for the "golden fluid."

ABILENE MAN BUYS A \$5,000 HOME

A deal has been closed this week whereby Mr. Yondell, of Abilene, purchased the suburban and elegant home of Geo. F. West. And according to our information the price paid was \$5,250 cash. We also understand Mr. Yondell will soon move to his new home.

There is also a report that Mr. West contracted through one of our local realty men for one of the nicest homes on Oak street, but it seems that there may be a hitch in the matter which will likely prevent the deal from being closed up at this time.

Mr. E. D. Coats also reports the sale of a three room residence southeast of the school building to one of the Mr. Yondell's for the sum of \$1,200.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. The morning preaching hour will be given over to an ordination service. The newly elected deacons will be ordained.

Baptizing at 3:00 p. m., place to be announced at the morning service.

No evening service on account of the revival meeting at Methodist Church. Ira L. Parrack.

THE CITY BUYS NEW FIRE HOSE

At a recent meeting of the city Council an order was made for the purchase of 500 feet of new Euricka Fire Hose, in order to better equip our fire fighting ability. The cost of the new hose was \$1.50 per foot or \$750.00 in all. Besides this the sum of \$170 was expended for other necessities along this line.

Another important order was the placing on duty of day police in the person of J. H. Witcher.

And from Mayor Stallings we learn that it has been the policy of the present administration to take up just as fast as possible the water works bonds, but which do not mature for about ten years yet. There has been paid off to date ten \$1,000 bonds, leaving a balance to be paid \$15,000, but none of which are due for about twenty years. But Mayor Stallings believes in paying off this matter as fast as possible and stop the interest on same.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

In the election held here last Saturday for Merkel Independent School Board Messrs H. C. West, A. L. Sheppard and Walter Jackson were elected. These gentlemen are enterprising and progressive business men, and with the other capable members of the Board, we predict a live school for Merkel next year.

The proprietors of the city Barber Shop have recently had the interior of their shop repainted and papered, which adds considerably to its already neat appearance.

METHODIST REVIVAL IN PROGRESS

The Methodist revival which began in this city last Sunday, is progressing nicely with large attendance at each and every service. In this meeting pastor Murrell is being assisted by Rev. H. M. Doak, pastor of the First Methodist church at Abilene, who is without doubt delivering able and forceable, "old time" gospel sermons, and there is every evidence of one of the greatest revivals this town has had in some time, before this meeting shall have come to a close.

A large choir is in evidence, hence the music and singing is very fine. Every service is well attended by both the young and the old.

On next Sunday there will be the regular morning and night services, and pastor Murrell requests us to urge a full attendance at Sunday School, in order that the high attendance mark of 250 may be reached. He also extends a cordial invitation to all Christians of every denomination to take part in the meeting.

It is expected that the meeting will continue all next week and until Sunday night, at least.

RIG ARRIVES FOR HUTCHESON TEST

The rig timbers and other material arrived this week for the test to be put down on the Hutchinson tract four miles northwest of Merkel, by the Farmers & Merchants Oil Company of Alcester, South Dakota, and the teams of C. K. Russell have been busy hauling same out for several days.

As the contract for the erection of this rig has been let, we presume that work of constructing same will begin within the next few days, and then in all probability the drill will soon start on this the fourth test surrounding this little city.

We understand more than one prominent geologist (has passed favorably on this location, which insures that interest in same will keene from the beginning until the finish.

FIRST SOLDIER DEAD ARRIVE IN U. S. TODAY

New York, April 6.—The bodies of 87 American soldiers who died at base hospitals and camp in England will arrive here tomorrow afternoon on board the army transport Nansamond, it was announced today at the port of embarkation headquarters. Officers and a detail of men attached to the grave reclamation service have made preparations to receive the bodies, their next of kin have been notified and shipments to various points of destination will be made very promptly. The Nansamond will bring to America the first of her soldier dead from either France or England.

NORTH SIDE CHURCH

W. G. Cyfert will preach at the north side church next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and in the evening at 7:45 subject for the eleven o'clock hour will be the fundamentals of the religion of christ' church.

W. G. Cyfert.

Dr. Williams has recently rearranged, nicely fitted and equipped his office, which adds greatly to the conveniences and comfort of same.

FIRE DAMAGES GEM THEATRE

While the show was in full blast at the Gem Theatre last Saturday night the flm caught fire and but for the fact that Merkel has one of the best water systems and the best volunteer fire company in West Texas, the entire building would likely have been destroyed.

Infact it seemed for a while that half of the business section of our little city might be doomed to the flames, as there was a strong wind blowing, but the fire boys as usual, were on the job, and by efficient work extinguished the flames before a great amount of damage was done. The moving picture machines were practically destroyed and considerable damage was done to the front of the building.

We are informed that it will possibly be three or four weeks before the Gem will again open its doors to its patrons. But that when it does it will be fully equipped with the best moving picture machines, and infact prepared to better serve its patrons than ever before.

Prices are right at Jobs store. Come see. 9t2

ANIMAL SHOW COMING HERE

Amusement lovers particularly the kiddies, will welcome the announcement of the coming of the Backman-Tinsch Big Trained Wild and Domestic Animal Shows to Merkel, Thursday, April 15th for one day only. The big water proof tent will be pitched north of the Woodrum Hotel. Every man, woman and child in Merkel and surrounding country should avail themselves of this opportunity to witness this highly educational exhibition of wonderfully trained Lions; one of which actually makes a balloon ascension, accompanied by a beautiful young lady trainer flying far into the lofty peaks of the mammoth canvas and while the Beauty and the Beast are enjoying their aerial flight a beautiful display of fire works is turned loose while the entire tent is darkened. Positively the most inspiring, sensational at the same time beautiful act, ever before attempted or accomplished by any other show in America.

Many other new and novel acts have been added to the Backman-Tinsch Shows one of which deserves especial mention that of handsome Mike, the Marvelous Roller Skating Bear, who skates around the big elevated stage with all the grace and confidence of a professional skater of the human type.

Space will not permit but slight mention of the many startling things to be presented by this mammoth collection of Animal Actors consisting of lions, leopards, tigers, bears, horses, ponies, monkeys, dogs interspersed with many novelties by America's foremost lady and gentlemen artists of the tented world.

REMEMBER THE DATE, APRIL 15th

If you are going to need hulls this summer, better order now, before they go still higher. I have a car coming out right away that comes reasonable. Got in one Saturday and sold it all off the car. T. J. R. Swafford, phone 291. 1t

Pure East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup. Bob Martin Grocery Co. 1t

SEARS WELL DRILLING BLACK LIME VERY HARD

We are informed that the drill in the Sears well has been in the black lime for several days, and is thought to be nearing the cap rock, as the substance through which the drill is now going is very hard. And there is considerable optimism over the possible results to be obtained within the next twenty five feet.

HOUGHTON BUYS \$6,000 HOME

We understand a deal is being made whereby H. L. Houghton, President of the Houghton Oil Company, and connected with the Security Banking & Investment Company, of Fort Worth, buys from Vol Martin the latter's splendid home located in the northeast part of the city, together with the furniture etc., for the sum of about \$6,000.

We also understand that a son of Mr. Houghton, is here closing up the deal, and that he and family together with his wife's parents, all of Sioux City, Iowa, will soon occupy the place. Mr. Martin and family we learn are to leave in the near future for the California coast country to make their home.

PRESBYTERIAN NOTICE

We will have our regular service in the morning. Our Sunday School is growing and we want you to swell the record. Be on time and get the boosting habit. We had a good service last Sunday; let's have a greater next Sunday. We welcome all to our church. C. C. Dooley, Pastor.

BUT A FEW QUIT SCHOOL

The tuition is a success. Very few children have dropped out because of the fact that it has become necessary to pay tuition. The teachers have all that they can do, every room is still going ahead with the regular work as was expected. It is to be hoped that this will also be the case when the ninth month comes. The children all seem to realize the necessities of the case and the importance of their staying for promotions at the close of school. They know that no child can expect to be promoted if he has not done the work, and this he cannot do if he misses one-fourth of his school year's work.

So far as can be learned, there have been no children dropped out of school because their parents were unable to pay tuition. Some big-hearted people have paid the tuition of a few who are children of widows.

We understand that plans are already under way for the exercises at the close of school. These will not be as long as usual, but the teachers hope to have something prepared that is good. The seniors are busy making their plans, securing a speaker for the graduation sermon, and planning music for graduation night. Incidentally, the seniors are doing some good work that is necessary to complete in good shape their last year of high school.

TO ALL STOCKHOLDERS

Of Burk-Venus Oil Company, please meet us at the Beasley building, Saturday at 3:00 p. m. April 10th. E. L. Wills, Wm. O'Briant. 1tp

CLEAN UP AND PREVENT FIRES

State Fire Marshal, S. W. Inglish is insisting that every Texas City be thoroughly cleaned before the hot summer winds come to make the fire hazard so great. City Fire Marshal Claude Comegys will cooperate in this work and is asking the aid of the people of this city who have their town welfare at heart.

"There is no telling what fire will cause here a conflagration similar to that at Grandview", said the City Fire Marshal. "We are not protected from fire any better than was Granview and we are no luckier. We have the same cases of defective wiring to cause the fire and the same shingle roofs to spread it over the city and the same high winds."

"But we have the sample of Granview and other Texas cities to warn us to prepare for fire—to fight it before the match is struck; and if the people of this city will cooperate in the work we can make Merkel reasonably safe from such dangers."

"It is necessary that we have a spring clean-up campaign at once and prepare for summer and its fire dangers. No rubbish should be allowed to collect in the alleys and back yards, nor should old boxes and barrels add to the dangers in the business part of town."

"I am going to ask the Women's clubs to cooperate with the city in this work, for in other Texas cities the women are the ones who accomplish most at cleaning up. But the business men must do their part and even the children in the schools can aid. A clean city means a healthy city, too, and we have two reasons for this spring clean-up."

"The State Fire Marshal's Office in cooperation with the women's clubs will endeavor to reduce the fire loss in Texas by 50 per cent per capita with in the next ten years, and the people of Merkel must do their share."

BUSINESS MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

The Business Men's Bible Class of the Merkel Baptist Church is continually growing in membership and interest. Our enrollment is now twice the number we organized with, and new members are added every Sunday. With the systematically outlined study each member finds the lectures given by the teacher very profitable and much enthusiasm and interest is manifested by the attendance to this class.

We cordially invite all the young Men who do not attend a Bible Class to be with us each Sunday morning at ten o'clock. Come and help us to make this organization what it should be in helping the development of the men who are to become the pillars of the Church and captains of the ship of state in the future. Hoping to meet you in the class next Sunday. President

CITY OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

In the city election held here Tuesday of this week Messrs H. L. Propst, J. P. Sharp and T. G. Bragg were elected for the next two years.

These men are familiar with the city's conditions and the needs of same, and will no doubt continue to render efficient service.

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There is a Reason for the
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Ask us to explain what it
means to you as a de-
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THE FARMERS STATE BANK

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JOHN SEARS Vice President
R. L. BLAND Vice President
R. O. ANDERSON Cashier

1919 Texas cotton crop, including the cotton seed, was worth \$547,500,000. Now please do not lose sight of the startling fact that our cotton is worth more than twice as much as the oil, despite the fact that the newspapers and magazines are devoting pages to Texas oil and practically nothing to the Texas cotton. And a still more startling fact that I'd like you to remember is that our last cotton crop was worth exactly \$3,261,033 more than all of the gold and silver mined in the entire world in 1918. According to official figures given out by the bureau of mines of the interior department such world production of gold and silver was worth \$544,239,967.

Texas, with the exception of one state, produces annually 5 times as much cotton as any other state, and more than twice as much as that state. If it were not for Texas cotton a goodly portion of the population of the world would be obliged to go shirtless, sockless, skirtless, table-clothless, sheetless and handkerchiefless. Automobiles would have to be made without tops, curtains or seats, because cotton is the principal item used in their manufacture.

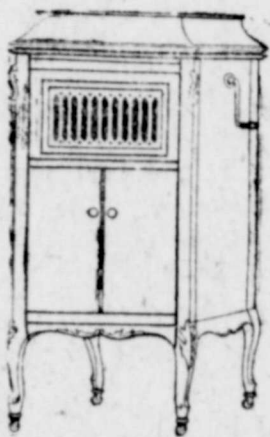
Texas is so large that it comprises 8.7 per cent of the area of the United States. Texas has a coast line of 400 miles, as far as from New York to Buffalo. Texas has 265,700 square miles of territory. That is five times as large as New York, 212 times as large as Rhode Island, and almost nine times as large as Scotland.

There is one ranch in Texas, owned by Mrs. Henrietta King, that is larger than either Delaware, Connecticut or Rhode Island. It is forty-four miles in width and 147 miles in length, comprising more than 1,000,000 acres.

Last year according to the United States department of agriculture, Texas led all other states in the value of farm products. The value of farm products of the three leading states follow: Texas, \$1,000,000,000; Iowa, \$861,000,000; Illinois \$813,000,000.

One of the outstanding crops of Texas is that of the onion. Each year Texas raises enough onions to supply a half dozen to every man, woman and child in

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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
CASH AND IN BANKS	270,227.86
Total	\$891,273.19

LIABILITIES

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

I certify the above statement is correct.

L. R. Thompson, Cashier

DIRECTORS

J. T. WARREN, President
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E. D. TEUTON, Asst. Cashier

"TEXAS WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?"

H. O. Bishop in the Dearborn,
(Mich.,) Independent

The ideas that many Americans have concerning other sections of their country are oft-times very strange and amusing. There's Texas, for instance. In the opinion of the average person living in the eastern or northern states, Texas is nothing more than a vast barren, open space where they raise but cotton, cattle, jackrabbits, buzzards and trouble.

It seems they are greatly mistaken.

Senator Morris Sheppard who has gained national fame and criticism as the author of the eighteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States, which forever banishes booze beyond its boundaries, recently enthusiastically referred to his state as being the greatest of all the forty-eight commonwealths.

When asked by one of his hearers to give some reasons for such a sweeping declaration, the senator made these statements:

"Of course everybody has heard of Texas oil, but few know that something like \$200,000,000 worth of oil is being produced in Texas this year, and that the oil fields are just getting under way. Almost every day a new well is brought in in a new section, thus broadening the field to record-breaking proportions. The vastness of this oil production may be better realized when you consider that the output for the past year was worth three times all the gold produced throughout the United States during 1918, and three times all the silver produced during the same year. (The gold and silver figures for 1919 are not yet available) It is confident that within a year or two the annual oil crop of Texas will exceed the total gold and silver output of the country.

But oil is a secondary item in my state as compared with the value of the cotton crop. The

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the country. More than 20,000 acres of rich land are devoted exclusively to onion ranches. The last crop totaled a little more than 6,000 carloads, which required the services of 120 locomotives pulling fifty cars each. Almost 50,000,000 pounds of onions were devoured by American soldiers during the war.

Texas has long been the 2nd. state in the growing of rice, producing a \$12,000,000 crop last year. Louisiana is slightly in the lead.

Peanuts are grown in Texas to a larger extent than in any other state. Twenty million dollars' worth of them are grown annually.

While the people of the northern and eastern states were still floundering around in the snow, Texas farmers were shipping out delicious watermelons and big red strawberries by the carloads.

Enough honey is produced in Texas luciously to spread over the surface of all the griddle cakes, waffles, cornbread and hot biscuit baked by all the wives from Washington, D. C. to Alaska. One of the interesting features concerning Texas honey is the fact that more of it is shipped from the beautiful little city of Uvalde, the home town of Congressman John N. Garner, than from any other place on the American continent. The wild flowers are so prolific in Texas that the bees are enabled to work at their profession all the year round.

Twice as many cattle are raised in Texas as in any other state. If they could all be converted into one mammoth cow she would be so large that she could leisurely swing her tail around the South Pole as she bumped the snow from her horn against the north pole. If a dairymaid of sufficient gigantic proportions could be secured, she could use a peak of the Andes for a milking stool and easily extract enough milk from that colossal bossy to float every ship in the navies of the world throughout the Panama Canal, with enough left over to

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I have mentioned just a few of the many wonderful things we produce in Texas along the line of crops and animals. I will now tell you a few surprising things about our mineral resources. Seventy per cent of the nation's sulphur is mined in Texas from seemingly inexhaustible mines at the town of Freeport, at the mouth of the Brazos river; and the Brazos river, by the way, is the longest stream within any single state. Its length is greater than from Baltimore to Chicago.

A fourth of the nation's output of quicksilver is obtained in one county in Texas.

Texas is sixth in the production of gypsum, used not only as a fertilizer but in many manufactures.

Go as far west of Vermont as you like and you will find no finer or larger deposits of granite than abound in Texas.

An entire mountain of graphite was discovered in Texas during the war and is now being mined and manufactured in very large quantities. The former owner of this land, a well known cattleman, bought 1,000 acres years ago, paying \$12.00 an acre for it and used it as a pasture. He sold seventy-five acres of it for \$75,000 spot cash. He still uses the remaining 925 acres of it for pasture, which is doubtless the most valuable land in the country used for that purpose.

There are no greater salt deposits in the United States than in Texas. There is enough rich iron ore in East Texas eventually to make that section a second Pittsburg.

Texas is conceded to have the greatest deposits of rare metal of any state, metals that in Eu-

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

rope are used in many chemical and commercial manufactures.

Immense deposits of brick and tile clay and cement materials are found in various localities.

One of the biggest things in Texas is the vast supply of lignite coal. There are 30,000,000 tons of it in sight. According to the experts of the bureau of mines of the interior department, this coal can be briquetted and enough by-products extracted to make every ton worth sixteen dollars.

It is always a great surprise to most people to learn that Texas stands sixth in the number of sawmills and lumber production.

No state in the Union is building good roads as rapidly as Texas.

Climate? Why bless your soul Texas can sport every variety that has ever been invented. Frequently when the snow is flying in the Panhandle section of the state, little kiddies and fond lovers in South Texas are plucking the first violets of springtime, while others are feasting on fried chicken at open air picnics. There are times in midsummer when it gets pretty hot in some sections, but the cool, soothing breezes from the gulf have an unfailing habit of spreading themselves over the state every night about bedtime, thus enabling the folks to sleep life babies.

Such things as sunstrokes are absolutely unknown in Texas.—Fort Worth Record.

A TEXAS WONDER

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COAL PROFITEERING TO BE PROSECUTED

Palmer says price at Mines
Should not be more than
Twenty cents Higher

Washington, April 3.—Federal District Attorneys were instructed today by Attorney General Palmer to receive and consider complaints of profiteering in bituminous coal "which may arise in your district under the Lever act."

Mr. Palmer's telegram was prepared after some bituminous coal operators had stated publicly that the new wage scale agreed on under the terms of the award by the coal strike settlement commission would result in an increase of from .60 to 1.25 a ton on coal.

Pointing out that the total increase in wages had been estimated at approximately \$200,000,000 a year, Mr. Palmer said that if this entire amount were "added by the operators to the

price, it would only make an increase of 40c a ton."

"If however, the operators absorb the 14 per cent increase which became effective in December," said the Attorney General, "there will be left only \$96,000,000 to be passed on to the consumer. In this event the increase in the price of coal at the mine should amount to 20c a ton."

NOTICE

The party that took 100 foot tape from tool box on Sanders Brothers Bridge work is known and if same is returned nothing or no prosecution will be made. W. O. Baker, Foreman. 1tpd

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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.

Have you made a contribution toward keeping our cemetery in first class condition. If not do your duty.

The spirit of civic pride is contagious, and the epidemic should be general in every part of this city. Try cleaning up and improving your own property and just watch your neighbor get busy and follow suit.

If you don't believe the people of Merkel are church going people just attend services at either church in this city most any Sunday, then sum up the number you find at this particular church, and you will find the result as very favorable. But there are many, even then who seldom attend any services. But we believe the attendance here will exceed that of any town in the state of the size of Merkel.

One Lumber Company reports

its sales away up into the thousands the past month. Let the building and improvement wave continue. It will increase our population and keep prosperity going.

A sewer system and strict enforcement of the sanitary laws would make Merkel an ideal place in which to live.

"It's pitiful to meet one of those self conceited, high headed gentlemen about town, whose position has given him the idea that he is so all-wise. Every town is seems has one or two of such half breeds."—Merkel Mail
The greatest men are the simplest. That's what makes them great. It is no more possible for a conceited, arrogant, self-centered person to become great or good than it is for the eye of a needle to surround a camel's hump.—Abilene Daily Reporter.

As the Hon. John J. Jackson said in these columns in 1910: "We are going to try this campaign to keep this sheet out of politics. We are not going to spend our money for ink and paper to boost any man into office. We are going to treat them all alike. Being just plain Democrat, and not desiring to give any comfort whatever to our enemy, the Republicans. But if our citizens desire to start anything for the upbuilding and good of our town, there is where we "tear our Shirts."

Every property owner should feel proud of the splendid water system in this city. Without doubt, upon two occasions lately it has paid for its installation several times, in property valuations which had it not been for this system and the heroic work of the boys of the volunteer Fire Company. And still there are a few "moss-backs" in most every town, who kick at bond issues for such improvements. That fellow who is "ag'in" everything, and is always talking about the bad in the other

fellow and everything. Did you ever stop to look up his record of accomplishments. If it shows he ever accomplished a thing, it was for himself. And the fellow who lives altogether for himself spreads but little joy in this world.

In the election held in this Independent school district on last Saturday there was but 13 votes cast. This was due partly to the fact that the people do not take the interest in the elections that they should, and partly due to the fact that there was but little or no publicity given out concerning the approaching election. And in this we believe the board made a mistake, as the people this day expect a notice of such matters through the press of the community, and in fact, we believe they are entitled to such notice. When men and measures are elected and enacted, every voter should express his wishes and then a majority of the people speak their wishes. But when a man knows of an election and does not vote his sentiments he certainly has no kick coming, when he goes about saying "they run such and such over him".

NOTICE

To the public Mr. Christopher is in no way connected with me and has never been. A. Blaylock. 1tp

THE MERKEL HAT SHOP

The Merkel Hat Shop is now open in the Crenshaw Building on Kent Street with a full line of Spring Millinery of the latest styles. Come in and see my line before you buy. Mrs. Eva Terrell. 1tc

Have two 4 burner Perfection stoves. Want to trade one for wood or coal cooker, or sell. Mrs Swafford, phone 291. 2tc

Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.

BACKMAN TINSCH Trained Wild Animal Show

WILL EXHIBIT MERKEL
Thursday **15TH**
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Presenting a marvelous collection of
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ever seen in west Texas, consisting of
**Lions, Tigers, Bears, Horses, Ponies
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Thursday **15** ONE DAY ONLY
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Don't miss this Treat

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.

We are prepared to furnish you anything you might need in house furnishings, both inside and out side.

We will appreciate any business you might give us.

Barrow Furniture Compny

24 PER CENT DIVIDEND

April 3, 1920.

Mr. A. B. Blaylock,
Merkel, Texas.

Representing the Comanche Refining Company Located at Comanche, Texas.

Dear Sir:

We are sending herewith to you some application blanks which show that the officers of the Superior Oil & Refining Syndicate Ltd., are giving a written guarantee to pay a dividend of not less than 24 per cent per year on the 100,000 shares of stock now being sold by you to put the first 2,000 barrel unit of their 5,000 barrel refinery in operation.

This is not an estimated profit but is a written guarantee backed by the personal wealth of the officers of the company, to pay not less than 24 per cent per year in dividends to the stockholders buying this 100,000 shares of stock.

We have been asked the question: Why do you guarantee to pay only 24 per cent. We do not guarantee to pay only 24 per cent, but do guarantee to pay not less than 24 per cent, and will pay just as large a dividend as the earnings of the company will permit us to pay.

We have been asked if the high prices now being paid for crude oil would not wipe out the profits of the refineries. No one who is familiar with the oil industry would ask this question because the refiners buy the crude oil and they make the price, they sell the refined products and they make the price for these also, therefore, it is certain they will not advance the price of crude oil without advancing the price of the refined oils enough to take care of the advance in crude and also give them a nice profit.

We asked our refinery manager yesterday to figure up the cost and profits on each barrel of crude oil we would run, based on the price today for the crude oil and the price for the refined oils. After very carefully figuring this, he has given us the following figures, which show that we will make a larger profit than was estimated when our prospectus was written.

35% Gasoline, 14.7 gallons at

23½ cents, \$3.45. 22% Kerosene 9.2. gallons at 17 cents, \$1.56. 10% Cylinder Stock, 4.2 gallons at 40 cents, \$1.68. 33% Fuel oil, 13.9 gallons at 5.7 cents, .79.

Total value of refined product from one barrel of crude oil, \$7.48.

Cost of one barrel of crude oil delivered, \$3.80. Cost of refined and fixed charges, .30. Total cost of crude oil and refining, per barrel, \$4.10. Net profit per barrel of oil refined, \$3.38. Net profit per day on 2,000 barrels, \$6,760.00. Net profit per year, \$2,433,600.00. Net profit per year when we have the refinery completed to 5,000 barrels a day capacity, \$6,084,000.00.

This will give us a profit of over 600 per cent per year, on the entire \$1,000,000.00 capital of our company.

Yours very truly,
Superior Sales Syndicate
By T. L. Clark—Adv.

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. tf

MACHINES THAT GIVE GUM AND CHECK ILLEGAL

Austin, April 6.—A machine which pays a package of gum for each nickel deposited and in addition thereto the number of trade checks indicated on its face before the nickel is deposited, is held to be a scheme for the distribution of prizes by the attorney General's Department, therefore unlawful.

"The machine here under consideration is the result of a rather clever attempt to evade the law," said Assistant Attorney General W. A. Keeling. "From time immemorial, almost, there has been an effort to evade the laws against gambling, and the operation of the machine is in violation of the antilobby law."

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

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

Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.



QUESTIONS

that stump Dad (to mother's amusement) often indicate how well the youngster is doing in school. If your youngster is lagging in school, let us examine his eyes. Our examination is scientific, careful and honest. If your child doesn't need glasses, we'll gladly say so. If he does, we recommend

Dr. C. E. McGuire, of Ballinger

Will be in Merkel at Dr. Smith's office, Thursday, April 15

STYLE HEADQUARTERS

WHERE SOCIETY BRAND CLOTHES ARE SOLD

We always have something new to show you in men and young men's clothing and we urge that you come and inspect our stock before you purchase your spring suit.

Now we have fancy and plain serges, flannels, basket weave, at prices from
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Ready-to-Wear

We find after going through our Ready-to-Wear Department that we are over-stocked on suits and coats. So we have decided to make the following reductions.

Ladies Spring Suits	\$75.00 values at	\$59.50
" " "	65.00 "	52.75
" " "	60.00 "	49.50
" " "	45.00 "	39.00
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" " "	42.50 "	34.75
" " "	35.00 "	29.50
" " "	29.50 "	24.75
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Just received a large shipment of Belleclare Dresses in assorted colors

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CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Registered Duroc Jersey bred Gilts. Cholera immune. Will farrow in March, April and May. For particulars write Chas. W. Trigg, Box 1272, Vernon Texas. 19t4

Milk cows for sale see Chas. Orr, Rt. 3, Merkel, Tex. 26t8p

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Model R Hupmobile car, has been run about 12,000 miles, in good repair, if interested call Phone 77, Trent, Tex. 2t2p

FOR SALE—One Single row J. I. Case Planter. Apply to Albert B. Rains, Merkel, Texas, Route 1. 2t2p

FOR SALE—Two Sorrel Mares 3 and 5 years old, about 16 hand high, one has mule colt. See W. L. Meeks, Route 5, Merkel, Texas. 2t2p

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Double row cultivator, first class condition. J. B. Lilly. 2t2p

FOR SALE—Early picked good mebane cotton seed at \$2.00 per bushel at ben.—J. W. Teaff, Merkel, Texas. 2t3p

I have a registered Jack a horse and jersey mail for service at Boney Stable. See Tom Jenkins or L.L. Huddleston. 2t6p

Coal and cow feed all the time If you don't find me leave orders with Mr. Mayfield at scales. Swafford. 2t4c

I have charge of the J. H. Couch pasture and want some stock to run on same. Phone 9032F3. 2t2p

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

FOR SALE—My Merkel home Price \$5000. Cost of improvements. Write Dr. O. F. McMaster Port Lavaca, Texas. 13tf

FOR RENT—Two large, cool south rooms unfurnished. Cheap C. E. Christopher. 1tpd

FOR TRADE—44 Acres of first class shinary land, for good car, Ford Preferred. Land located 17 miles Northeast of Abilene, and a mile and half of the Phantom Hill Oil well. See J. H. Craig, Merkel, Texas. 9t2p

NOTICE—Is hereby given that after this date any person found hunting or fishing in the Warren pasture, and the lake therein, will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. 1tp

WANTED—Good second hand Buggy. Prefer Phaeton. See P. A. Lilliz, Merkel, Route 5. 1tp

LOST—A large brown-handled knife which belonged to my late husband was exchanged on the day of the Methodist dinner. Will the lady who has the same please return it and get yours? Mrs. H. C. Williams. 1tc

FOR SALE—A Smith Premier No. 5 Typewriter, in good condition. Address Box 551, Merkel, Texas. 1tp

FOR RENT—A comfortable and well furnished bed-room. Mrs. H. C. Williams. 1tc

FOR SALE—Full-blood Poland China gilt, weight about 225lbs. Mrs. Nannie Causseaux. 1tpd

FOR SALE—Red top cane, free from Johnson grass. S. C. Keny, Phone 9032R21. 9t2p

WANTED AT ONCE—150,000 cases of Eggs. W. F. Hamblet. 1t

Just a few bushels cotton seed left. This cotton made better yield than other mebane seed under same conditions. See me, or phone 291.—T. J. R. Swafford. 2t4c

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

BLAIR NEWS

Among the first of the spring The notes of the Robin sing: With flute like voice, He calls, "Rejoice" For he is coming to sing.

Miss Docia Doan will give a pound supper Friday night. Every girl bring a cake, and the boys a can of fruit. Everyone is invited.

Miss Ruby Campbell and Miss Bertie Reynolds visited Mrs. Ida-bell Hughes several days last week.

Miss Mamy Campbell visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Clarence Lackey entertained a crowd of young folks. Friday. All enjoyed the occasion and hope it will be repeated soon.

Miss Iva Mae Tittle entertained a number of her friends Saturday night. Everyone reported an excellent time.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamm and family of Merkel spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. T. H. Spears.

Brother Dooley filled his regular appointment at Blair Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Doolin of Rotan is visiting his uncle, Emmett Patterson and family.

Miss Budia Spears spent Monday night with Miss Bonnie Melton.

Mr. Dewey Phillips left Saturday night for Missouri. He will be gone for several months.

There will be church at Blair Saturday night and Sunday ever one is invited to attend.

The Blair School enjoyed an Easter hunt Friday afternoon, given by Mrs. Carroll.

When the first of April came some of the Blair pupils thought they would play a trick by running off and staying all day, but the teachers surprised the well behaved ones by giving them a picnic.

Afternoon about 25 of the pupils with their teacher marched to Provinces lake. All enjoyed the evening playing, swinging, talking and fishing. There were about thirty five fish caught. The nice lunches were enjoyed by all. But to the great surprise of all a cloud was discovered coming up in the west and all had to start for home.

The teachers enjoyed the occasion as much as the pupils and visitors, and another pleasure trip may be planned soon.

Fresh Cream Meal at G. M. Sharp's. tf

F. J. Ferrier, formerly a business man of Merkel, but now traffic officer for the city of Abilene, was here yesterday shaking hands with old friends, and dropped in and had us send the Mail to him for the next year.

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

Remember the 10th and save your electric discount. Merkel Power Company.

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. tf

Correspondents Wanted

We want to make the Merkel Mail a real live, newsy weekly paper, one that will interest every person in the town and surrounding country. In order to do this we must do our best to publish as near all the news of the whole community. Therefore we want a good, live capable correspondent in each school community surrounding the city. We invite each and every one to come in and get acquainted with us, and when you see us tell us the news.

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Friday, April 9 Helen Holmes in "Fatal Fortune" No. 11 WM. S. HART in "The Last Card"	Fatty Arbuckle in "His Canine Friend" TOM MIX in "The Chariot Race"	Saturday April 10 5-Reel Fox Feature with Albert Ray in "Vagabond Luck" 2-Reel Paramount Comedy with Carter Dehaven in "Uncle Tom without the Cabin" MUTT & JEFF in "Musical Soup"
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Monday, April 12 Antonio Moreno in "Invisible Hand" No. 4 BIG "V" COMEDY "Help, Help, Help"	Chas. Hutchison in "Great Gamble" No. 4 O. HENRY STORY "Ransome of Mack"	Tuesday, April 13 A New 5-Reel Paramount-Artcraft Feature With Dorothy Dalton in "The Market of Souls" Topics of the Day Pathe Review
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Wednesday, April 14 A 5-Reel Vitagraph Super Feature with Earl Williams in "The Fortune Hunter" SLIM SUMMERVILLE in "Dames & Dentists"	Thursday, April 15 A 5-Reel Paramount-Artcraft Feature with Marguerite Clark in "Come Out of The Kitchen" LARRY SEEMON in "Between Acts"
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COMING --- Johnny Ray in "Jiggs in Society"---Thursday, April 22

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

(By Agnes Rister)

Subscription school began Monday with large attendance, especially in High school. Everybody brought their money very promptly.

Everybody is leaving off fun and getting down to business; they realize they are making their home run.

If you expect to succeed, Lend a helping hand

There are many to be found in need.

In this vast and toilsome land.

If to be fulfilled you have desires,

Lend a helping hand

Until the sun, moon and stars Cease to shine on sea and land.

The school board will receive about \$2,400 to cover damages done by fire to the school building.

Miss Eakman: "Raymond, decline the word boy."

Raymond: Boy-ya-buse kiss-a-buse Sweet-girlorum gilr-a-buse Laik-a-buse wanta-some-morum father-buse hear-a-buse kiss-a-girlorum buta-ta-buse kick-a-buse out-of-the-dorum."

Vivian: "I notice you are very interested in my library."

Mr. Burgess: "Yes we've lost a lot of school books lately."

Perspiration rolled down his brow as he desperately chewed his pencil and stared vacantly down at the blank sheet of paper before him. It was the final examination of his senior year. To fail it meant that he could not graduate; that he would be disgraced; that his whole life would be ruined. Shudders involuntarily passed through him as he realized he was a rank failure.

The paper of the man on the left lay before him. One could plainly see he was struggling violently against temptation, and though the efforts were heart-rending, he would sacrifice everything for the sake of honor.

No he would not copy from the man on the left. The man on



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☐ See us for Wagons, Buggies, Implements, Shelf Hardware, and in fact, anything you may need in the hardware line. We have the goods and our prices are right.

Groceries

☐ We now have a car of that good American Beauty Flour. It makes the kind of bread they all praise. We have a full line of fresh Groceries always on hand. Try us for groceries, we will please you—and save you money.

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☐ We wish to announce the arrival of our Spring shipment of our new line of paint, manufactured **EXCLUSIVELY** for the Wm. P. Cary Co. and labeled

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☐ If you are going to paint or build be sure to figure with us. We are Pioneers in the Lumber Business, in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and in fact many states in the United States and able to look after your wants and extend to you every courtesy and accommodation in keeping with good business principles.

☐ Do not fail to call and see our new line of paints, and do not forget that we still have De Voe's line of paint, Texico Roofing and all kinds of builders hardware.

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the right knew more.

Miss Eakman: "Poor boy, I'm so sorry you failed in your examination. What was the matter?"

Charlie: (Also wanderingly) "I can't think."

A warning to the Seniors

Boys and girls who have heard the warning. By which to know this there are many signs, and some of these I will dot down in a few lines.

You shall hear of trouble and rumors of troubles, but pass these by as in a dream, for all shall go flying bubbles when you have reviewed the last scene.

There are false people it is true who will tell you you will make your way thru, but there is only one teacher who has your record in a great book at the sight of which previous seniors shook, who is trying to prepare you for the future.

Therefore take no heed to these false people no matter where or in what manner they seek you but always press forward looking to a better morrow until this book shall be opened, and shall record your deeds as the last word is spoken.

Because of laziness the grades of many shall fall low, but he that tries to make amends shall at the end find aid and friends, even though he has had a very mighty blow.

The false people that I mention above give them none of your love for they shall tell to cheat here, but heed them not; they shall tell you to cheat there and have no fear but remain true to the dot, for there is no knowledge to be gained except by hard work and study of the brain.

Take warning from our report card when it appears the fifth time, brace up and get in line lest you are found idle and off your guard.

By the teacher it is decreed Unless your other grades are good indeed

Not one in the senior class shall graduate until they know well how to interpretate, but perhaps when his mind from toils is freed less he should make some poor heart bleed, will forgive us our weak minds in due

time.

Now boys and girls let us try to learn the wisdom that these books impart then at the end of the year in turn we shall be awarded a scroll from glad hearts

On this scroll it shall be written, "Thy worry has not all been smitten, but soon you shall go to some good college and there you shall get for yourself more knowledge which perhaps you will need when in the world when in many hardships you may be hurled.

While reading latin, Doyle came to the word profisciscor. He could not pronounce the word and passed it by; Miss Eakman noticed this and said: "Doyle don't skip any words."

"I can't pronounce it" said Doyle.

She pronounced the word for him then he stammered out

something it was hard to tell what "Profisciscor," said Miss Eakman. "Oh! I see The professor-kissed-her" returned Doyle as the professor stepped in the room.

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COLORED CREPE DE CHINES AT \$2.95—A fine color assortment of 40-inch Crepes—heavy weight with high luster finish. Plenty pinks, flesh and white.

Come, see, compare and be convinced of this wonderful value giving sale, which embraces the whole entire stock at

THE ECONOMY

Three Doors West of the Postoffice

Nationwide reports from federal reserve bank officials disclose their opinion that "the post-war era of extravagance and reckless buying" by the public is nearing its end.—Washington dispatch. Who are the apostles of extravagance, and the reckless buyers? Not the million

of wage earners who have been paying and who are paying war prices for all the necessities and necessities of life. A year ago President Wilson recommended the repeal of the excess profits tax. There has been a Republican congress grinding since May, 1919. There are men who call

themselves Democrats who are damning President Wilson and his administration for the excess profits tax. Why not damn the Republicans? Why not heap the abuse upon the Republican congressional leaders? Why not play the game according to the rules? Power carries with it responsibility. The Republican party controls congress. If the excess profits tax is a handicap to business and responsible for the bleeding of the consumers of America there is a Republican congress in session. President Wilson recommended the repeal of the tax. William Gibbs McAdoo recommended the repeal of the tax. Carter Glass recommended the repeal of the tax. Secretary Houston recommended immediate legislation. Tell it to these deframers of the President and virulent critics of the war tax laws of the republic.—Fort Worth Record.

"SALTY DOPE"

Salt Branch is on top, it is very much alive. We have one of the best communities in all west Texas, we have organized a first

class Sunday School.

Our school is progressing under the leadership of Misses Smith and Russell. We have a first class basket ball team. The score of the boys' senior basket ball games stand as follows in favor of Salt Branch team: Tye and Salt Branch 15 to 9. Kale and Salt Branch 16 to 1.

The score of the senior girls basket ball games stand as follows in favor of Salt Branch team:

Kale with Salt Branch 12 to 0. Merkel with Salt Branch 8 to 5. A box supper was given at the School house. Of course "Salty" went over the top, clearing \$50. This will be used for the betterment of the school. "Pep"

We are running a success seed grader and will come to your place and grade your seed for 25 cents per bushel. Satisfaction guaranteed. Leave orders with Elmer Landreth at Crown Hdwr. Landreth Brothers. 2t2p

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

BREEDERS NOTICE

Willard An iron grey Percheron Stallion just bought from Wm. Charbonneau. This horse comes from one of the best farms in the south. Registered No. 127704.

Captain Hill Registered mammoth jack, stands 15½ hands high, sired by one of the best jacks ever brought to Texas. From the Tom W. Hines farm, Venus, Texas.

WILLARD AND CAPTAIN HILL will make the season at my home at Trent, Texas.

TERMS---\$15.00, with Guarantee

Care will be taken to prevent accidents or damage but will assume no responsibility for same.

See this stock, use them and improve the grade of YOUR COLT CROP.

JOE NALLEY
TRENT, TEXAS

EGGS

Will Pay Top Cash Price
For Eggs

And will also be prepared in a few days to
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Merkel Produce Co.
On Kent Street Near Blair Hotel

Spring Time

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

Poultry Netting Screen Wire
Spades Shovels Forks
Hoes, Rakes, Sprinklers
Water Hose, Mops
Garden Plows
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If you want anything in Hardware come and see us. We might have just what you want. We want your business.

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LOCAL NEWS

H. B. Griffith, County Judge of Upton Co., accompanied by his wife and two children, stopped off in Merkel Monday and Tuesday, while on their way to Kansas City, to visit Mrs. Griffith's parents, (Uncle) Tom Smith and family. It was a pleasure to the writer and his wife to meet Judge and Mrs. Griffith again after more than twenty years, since we were all school boys and girls together in our neighboring county, Coleman.

Tom Toombs and Jim Moore of Merkel stopped off in Clyde Tuesday while on their way home from Cross Plains. While here they called at the Enterprise for a few minutes visit. Mr. Moore and the editor attended the same school in Dallas county back in the eighties and Mr. Toombs was a neighbor about the same time. They are prosperous farmers in the Merkel community.—Clyde Enterprise.

Judge N. D. Cobb, manager of the Merkel Lumber Company, returned first of the week from a trip to Hearn, Texas, where he had been called to the bedside of his father, who had been very sick. We are glad to report him improving when the Judge left for home.

A. P. Sanford, the clever and efficient station agent for the Santa Fe at Blair, was in Merkel first of the week on business, and while here came around and had the Mail sent to him in order that he might keep posted on the happenings of the country.

B. P. Middleton and family left Tuesday for Brownwood, where they were called by a message announcing the serious illness of relatives.

Jones, one of Merkel's and excellent citizen, spending the week at his large land hold-berson county.

thankful to our fellow townsmen and excellent citizens J. H. Douglas, for a subscription to the Mail which he sends to a brother in Wyoming.

T. H. Christopher, formerly of Merkel but now a substantial citizen of Lamesa, was here this week on business and visiting his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Clark

Roy Parmelly, candidate for Tax Assessor, was here Wednesday, looking after his political fences, meeting old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O'Briant returned Saturday from an extended visit to friends and relatives at Fort Worth, Dallas and Corsicana.

I have quite a lot of Mebane seed yet unsold. According to books at Brown's gin this is the best cotton of any kind handled by this gin last season. Price \$2.50 per bushel. C. L. Tucker.

J. H. Higgins one of the splendid citizens of this community is among one of those coming in and renewing up for the Mail this week.

Miss Leol Merritt went to Fort Worth yesterday, where she will visit her brother, Ben and Will. She will be gone for some two or three weeks.

Just received car fresh Flour, meal, Shorts, Brand, Chops, and Chicken feed at A. L. Jobs. 9t1

Mrs. L. B. Howard spent Wednesday with friends and relatives in Abilene.

Mrs. R. Conner returned last week from a ten months visit to relatives in Oklahoma.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Diltz, March 31, a 11½ pound baby boy.

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

You Want The Best Clothes Your Money Will Buy

MOST men are willing and able to pay the price of good quality, even if they do "kick" a little because the price is high. But when you do pay the price of quality, you want to be sure you get it.

We appreciate how you feel; we make it our business to see that every dollar a man pays us shall go back to him in value in the goods.

You have to take somebody's judgment about it; we offer you ours. We think we know; we believe it's good judgment; we know it's honest judgment. We tell you frankly that when you buy clothes, they'd better be, for your sake, Hart Schaffner & Marx.

WOODROOF-BRAGG CO.

The home of Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes



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ICE BUSINESS CHANGES HANDS

We have made a deal whereby Ed Leslie will be the Proprietor and manager of the ice business in Merkel and its territory. We will build him a new Ice house of larger capacity, and with the larger manufacturing capacity at Abilene will enable him to give better service this summer.

We have a contract with Mr. Leslie that he must give good and efficient service to the people. We will absolutely have nothing to do with the retail end of the ice, but by closing a deal with Mr. Leslie we felt sure he would give good service to you on account of cost of manufacturing and price we have to charge wholesale for ice this season. No doubt Mr. Leslie will have to raise the price of ice.

We will redeem all our ice coupons if you bring them to our office by May 1st, 1920. Mr. Leslie will not honor them.

Yours truly,
Merkel Power Co.
DeNn a l, oc Mv N. . a

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

TO THE PEOPLE OF MERKEL SURROUNDING TERRITORY

Having made a deal with the Ice and Electric company, I am now the ice man. My every effort will be to give you the best

service possible.

I have just bought a new truck and if necessary will put on another one, but remember everybody can't get ice at the same time. In my deal I am to get a new and larger ice house, so there won't be very much trouble in running out of ice, as there has formerly been. On ac-

count of price I have to pay for ice I will be compelled to make a small advance in price, 5 to 10 cents per 100 pounds raise.

Yours to please,
Ed's Ice Company,
E. E. Leslie, Mgr.

Our Prescription department is complete. Merkel Drug Co. tf

INSURE YOUR PROPERTY NOW

It matters not how careful you may be, the fire bug will creep upon you unawares. We have an example in our school building. No one knows how it caught. It started in a part of the building least expected. Your property may suffer the same fate.

We handle reputable lines and can give you the best of service.

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Why can we advertise and justly claim to make photographs of the better kind? Because we have one of the most completely equipped studios in the state of Texas. We have just installed the latest kind of electrical lighting apparatus which enables us to make the prettiest kind of back lighting and shadow lighting effects. We also have a flash-light apparatus and can make banquet, dinner, wedding party photos, etc. And remember we make—

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NUBIA ITEMS

As I have not seen anything in your paper from this "burg" in a good while thought I would send in a few items.

At last we are having a rest from the wind and sand that has worried us so long.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. Dock Blackburn is right sick at present writing.

Mrs. John Thomas from Johnson county is visiting Mrs. M. P. Latimer and other relatives.

The Easter egg hunt at Mr. Bedford Niell's last Sunday was a decided success.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulysess Ritchie and Miss Gary McLean took supper with Miss Ruby Niell Sunday night.

The preaching at Nubia was pretty well attended last Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Crow and family, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brabbin spent Saturday night on Elm creek fishing. They report no fish but plenty of squirrels and ducks.

Wonder why Mr. Clyde Latimer is smiling so this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Latimer, Mrs. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Cargill spent the afternoon with Mr. Hensley's last Sunday.

Mr. K. Blackburn received his new truck this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman Sr. and Mrs. Sam Butman Jr. motored to Merkel Tuesday.

Miss Ila Mae Anderson spent Saturday night with her grandmother Mrs. Dudley of Nubia.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Toombs spent Saturday night and Sunday at Mr. Dee Moore's.

A Reader.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

April 11, 1920.

To be rendered at Noodle at 3:00 o'clock and at Shiloh at 4:30 o'clock.

Leader N. Hancock.

1. Solo—Miss Ruby Campbell.
2. A Young man who listened to God—Walter Jackson.
3. The Church in the home—H. J. Askew.
4. Quartett—arranged by chorister.
5. The Stewardship of life—Holland Teaff.
6. Reward for service—Grady Collins.
7. A lesson story—Mrs. Walter Jackson.
8. Conclusion—Rev Ira L. Par-rack.

We especially invite church members and others who enjoy a program given by young professed Christians to go with us for these programs.

Will leave the church at 2:00 o'clock prompt.

N. Hancock, Pres.

THURSDAY CLUB

Mrs. Burl Scott and Mrs. Carl Scott were hostess to the Thursday Club, April 1st.

Promptly at three o'clock the guests arrived and were very cordially received by the hostess. Not very many of the members felt industrious so there were some interesting games of 42. Beautiful Easter baskets filled with delicious home made candy was served during the evening, and the suggestions of Easter was carried out in an impressive way.

Delicious refreshments of Salad, potato chips, tomatoes with mayonaise, Boston brown bread, sandwiches and ice tea was served to Mesdames West, James Gaither, Henson, W. J. Largent, Tom Largent, Ferrier, Grimes, Miller, Easterwood, Arrington, Howard, Briggs and Levy and guests Mrs. Rufus Grisham of Hillsboro and Mrs. E. M. McDonald.

When you want to buy a Monument for that grave, See A. L. Jobe who represents one of the best Marble Companies in the United States. 27tf

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

For engineering and surveying address, Geo. R. DeNise, Sweetwater Texas. 20tf

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