

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## OIL WORKER IS CRUSHED TO DEATH

Perhaps the saddest and most horrible accident ever happened in this community, occurred last Sunday night at the C. H. Oil & Development Company test well six miles north of Merkel, when J. L. Tye, aged 22 years, was caught in the big bullwheel and was literally crushed to death by the wire cable which is said to have completely wrapped his body. The young man who held the position of tooldresser with his father as head driller, were on the night shift together, but it seems the father had just left the derrick after starting the machinery pulling the drill out of the well, for the engine room some 100 feet away to see about something, and did not see how the accident happened. He stated that as he turned to return to the derrick he saw the young man's head going under the wire cable, and immediately rushed in and stopped the engine, reversed same, letting the lifeless and mangled body fall upon the floor.

Young Tye, with his father came here about three months ago when they began work on this well, from Floydada, where they had resided for a number of years, but he was practically reared in and around Merkel, his father coming here in the year 1882. And we understand the town of Tye a few miles east of here, was named for a brother of the Senior Mr. Tye, who also came here in the early days.

Deceased had only been married some eight or ten months, having married a Miss Oden, daughter of Dr. C. I. Oden, of Louisiana, but formerly of Floydada, where both families then resided. The young bride was in Louisiana at the time of the accident, and the remains were held until Wednesday morning awaiting her arrival before interment.

Funeral services were conducted at the grave by Rev. W. M. Murrell, in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives.

## ONE MEXICAN DEAD TWO MORE INJURED

On Tuesday morning of this week there was a free-for-all fight among the Mexicans working on the Texas & Pacific Railroad near Tye, and as a result one who sustained a crushed skull died that afternoon, and two more are said to be badly lacerated up.

Two of the crew have been arrested awaiting investigation and two more, are wanted who made their get-away. Reports are that Judge Ely, District Judge, will like call the Grand Jury recently adjourned to investigate the matter.

Chas. H. Jones has returned from his old hometown, De Kalb Texas, where he spent his vacation. Charley reports fishing and squirrel hunting excellent on the old stomping ground. And he also adds that an East Texas chill is undiminished in force. He returns, he says, with the conviction that West Texas is the place for him. Mr. Jones will be joined in a few weeks by his wife and daughter, who are visiting in Virginia, and we are glad to learn that Merkel will be their future home.

J. T. Buckingham and wife of Dallas are here to spend a few days with relatives.

## MR. THOMPSON RETURNS

L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank returned Sunday from a business trip to Houston, Galveston and New Orleans.

Mr. Thompson spoke as being highly pleased with our great shipping cities, Galveston and Houston, stating that he found them much larger and of more importance than he expected. These cities being among the nations greatest cotton centers Mr. Thompson had occasion to inquire into the cotton question, and like others who have looked into this matter, feels sure that cotton will be a good price this fall. That is the best grade of cotton, seems sure of bringing high prices, while dirty, trashy, low grades of cotton he feels sure will not be in demand at even reasonable prices.

This should be a reminder to the farmers that they should be more careful this year and gather their cotton cleaner and freer of dirt, if they would like to receive the best prices for their cotton.

## MARY PICKFORD HERE NEXT WEEK

As Judy Abbott, in "Daddy Long Legs" Mary Pickford captures the hearts of old and young, as mothered by an ash can reared on the wholesome plan, hating the orphanage trustees, an enemy of prunes and the victim of a kindly nature and apple Jack, Judy blossoms into girlhood, the radiant product of her unknown benefactor "Daddy Long Legs." In a manner that makes critics call this the best picture of Miss Pickford's entire screen career. "Daddy Long Legs" is one hundred per cent sunshine, you will mingle tears and smiles and affectionate interest over the progress of the lovable little Judy toward womanhood. At the Cozy Theatre and Airdome, Wednesday night July 28th.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAMME

Subject—"Every Christian is a Missionary."  
Leader—John McDonald.  
Song, Prayer, Song.  
1. Scripture reading. Leader.  
2. The Call to Christian service By Mable McNeese.  
3. Manifest opportunities—Lois Dry.  
4. Past time service—Joe Ridenbough.  
5. Life Service—Irene Cox.  
6. Every task Christian—Girle Howard.  
7. Consecration of Ability and influence on obligation—Joel Counts.  
8. Ye shall receive power—Lola Armstrong.  
Announcements.  
League Benediction.

## THURSDAY CLUB

Mrs. Frank McFarland and Mrs. S. D. Gambill, were hostess to the Thursday Club on the 15th, entertaining in honor of Mrs. McFarland's house guest, Mrs. Doss Sheppard, of Fort Worth.

The entire reception room was made cool and inviting on this warm afternoon by the use of electric fans and light decorations.

Five tables were arranged for progressive 42. The players matching partners with score cards. A rose contest brought the game to a close. The winner of this, Mrs. Groene, being awarded with a large bouquet of roses tied with tulle.

At the conclusion of the game a delightful refreshment plate of pink ice cream in rose mold with angel food cake was passed to 20 members and 5 visitors.

Press Reporter.

## ELECTION TO BE HELD IN C. OF C. ROOMS

The Primary election Saturday will be held in the Commercial Club rooms, opposite the Post office. It will greatly facilitate the election if those who reside in town can vote in the forenoon so that the polls will not be overly crowded in the afternoon. Every voter is urged to bring his or her poll tax receipt so that unnecessary delay will not be necessary in the taking of affidavits. Walter Jackson, Presiding Officer.

P. S. Provisions will be made to give the election returns in front of the Telephone office.

## PREBYTERIAN NOTES

The pastor will be out of town for the week. He is conducting the meeting at Comper. However, he will be in the pulpit next Sunday morning. We shall appreciate a full attendance at this service.

Our Sunday School continues with unabated enthusiasm. Yet at the same time, our attendance needs recruits. Let us urge you to lend your presence. We must not permit the extremely warm weather to offer an impediment to our progress. Now all together for the Sunday School.

Next Friday evening at the church, Dr. Johnson's Bible class will entertain the New Era Class. This is the entertainment which the New Eras won when they defeated the former class in an attendance contest. We are sure that the evening will be an enjoyable one, and we urge each member of the two classes to be present. Press Reporter.

## MERKEL GIRL MARRIES HOUSTON YOUNG MAN

At the home of the bride, Rev. W. M. Murrell on last Friday evening at nine o'clock, pronounced the words which bound in Holy wedlock, Mr. Chas. W. Whitaker, of Houston, and Miss Wilma J. Smith. The groom is a young business man of Houston, who holds a splendid position and has a bright future for success in life, while the bride is one of Merkel's most accomplished and splendid young ladies and with whose numerous friends we join in extending hearty congratulations and good wishes to the happy couple.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left for Gorman and other points east, after which they will be at home in Houston, Texas.

## AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. with a place for all. Attendance was fine last Sunday. Lets make it better next Sunday. You can help with your presence and with an encouraging word to another.

Pastor Parrack is back and will fill his pulpit at both hours. He brings a good report from the meeting where he has been, and will report results in full in the Sunday services.

Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U. at 5 p. m.

Teachers Meeting Monday at 8:30 p. m.  
Prayermeeting Wednesday at 8:30 p. m.

It is suggested that we resume our Choir Practice after Prayer-meetings. A cordial welcome awaits you at all these services.

The many friends of W. A. McSpadden, the genial and splendid manager of the Merkel Power Company, regret to learn that he has been quite ill for the past week or more. It is sincerely hoped that he will soon be feeling better and up and about again.

## WRECK DELAYS TRAIN 24 HOURS

A freight train going west over the Texas & Pacific was wrecked Tuesday afternoon a few miles east of Merkel, when a bridge gave way as the train was passing over it. Five cars were tumbled into the creek and bridge was completely demolished.

As a result of the wreck no trains passed through Merkel for twenty-four hours.

## METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE

Sunday School promptly at 10 o'clock. Please be there for the opening song, preaching at 11 a. m. At the evening hour there will be a religious song service, no sermon come and worship with us in the service of song. W. M. Murrell, Pastor.

## TEXAS JUDGE HAS GRANTED 7000 DIVORCES IN 7 YRS.

San Antonio, Texas.—"There is no state in the Union as easy to obtain a divorce in as Texas," said Judge W. S. Anderson of the District Court here who has granted 7000 divorces in the seven years he has been in office. "The law here does not require that the plaintiff shall be corroborated in his or her testimony in order to procure a divorce and the court can make no order compelling the husband and father to support his children except during the time that the suit is pending. Two-thirds of all the divorces granted are to persons under 30 years of age and nine-tenths of them have the idea of remarriage in their minds when they apply for divorce."

"In many cases the causes of estrangement can be traced back to the fact that the wife worked in the business world. This is not always true, but in most cases when the woman becomes independent and goes outside the home every day they people and are soon wholly uncongential. Few divorces ever occur where the wife stays at home strictly attending to the duties of the home and motherhood and the couple who live as they should, where the husband goes home at night and finds his wife there waiting for him, never appear in the court room.

"The divorce history we are making these days is such as to make the people of this country feel very uncomfortable. That our divorce laws should be radically amended no thoughtful student will deny, and yet the remedy, to be effective, must go beyond the enactment of more stringent divorce laws. Laws and rules governing marriages must be carefully thought out and worked out, but even then it will be found that laws will not cure the evil. The whole social organization must be worked over and a new emphasis put upon the sacredness of the marriage relation. Marriages are frequently too hasty and too easily consummated. Men and women quite naturally argue that if they prove unsatisfactory their annulment will not be difficult. Too many schemes for the entertainment of men and women outside their homes have been devised. These are supposed to be cultural but their cultural value is often outweighed by the damage they do to the home life. If people stayed at home more they might have less polish, but they would be more decent. In these modern days it is a rare thing for the father and mother and children to spend their evenings at home, shut in from the influences all about them that distract and interrupt."

## MERRITT TAKES VACATION

H. T. Merritt who for many years has been the efficient and clever foreman of the mechanical department of the Merkel Mail, left first of the week for a two weeks vacation. He expects to take his much needed rest in the states of Missouri and Arkansas, among the Ozark mountains. We join his host of friends here and elsewhere, in wishing for him much pleasure during his short and much needed vacation, and after which he will again take up his position with the Merkel Mail.

Mr. Carroll Stover, one of the best all around young printers in the state, from DeLeon, who came up for a visit with the Editor and family, very kindly agreed to hold down Mr. Merritt position while the latter was away. Mr. Stover, is not only a fine printer but a young man of sterling character and good business ability, who will do his best to continue to render our patrons the good service they received at Mr. Merritt's hand.

## SHIRLEY KING TO BE POST MASTER HERE

Our readers are familiar with the fact that owing to the death last January of Mr. H. C. Williams, our postmaster, there was held some three months ago a Civil Service Examination for the purpose of selecting a new Postmaster, and at which examination there were three contestants: Messrs. J. P. Sharp, O. J. Adcock and Shirley King. To the credit of all these gentlemen, we are glad to say that should the appointment fell to either one of three Merkel would have had a capable and accommodating Postmaster. And to Mr. Shirley King fell the appointment, he receiving notice of same first of this week. He immediately filled out the required bond and forwarded it to Washington, and will likely receive his commission within the next 30 days at the most.

Mr. King has had considerable experience in this position, having assisted in the work considerable heretofore, is one of the best young men in all the whole country, is thoroughly capable, and will no doubt make a very efficient and accommodating Postmaster for Merkel.

## MOON-LIGHT PICNIC

On last Friday evening a merry crowd of young people met at the Merkle Drug Co. and were chaperoned by the following: Mr. and Mrs. Arrington, Mr. and Mrs. Largent, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Easterwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Mims, to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, northeast of town.

The girls had prepared dainty and most delightful lunches while the boys had secured plenty of watermelons. A big feast was spread on the Largent lawn. The melons were especially a treat.

Everyone had a good time and wished that some one would suggest a similar amusement quite soon.

The following are those who received invitations: Misses Garrett, Brown, Britton, Thompson, Bland, West, Haynes, Durham, Stuphen, Toombs, and Mrs. Meadow. Messrs. Brown, Ham, Smith, O'Brian, West, Baze, Brown, Durham, Grimes, Brown and Warren.

Chas. West and family returned first of the week from their extended visit to friends and relatives at Wichita Falls, Fort Worth, emple and other points east. Their many friends are glad to know of their return.

## \$14.50 PER CAPITA FOR TEXAS SCHOOLS

Austin, Texas, July 20.—The State Board of Education today fixed the apportionment for the next term of the free schools of Texas at \$14.50 per capita, the highest school apportionment in the history of the State, it being an increase of \$6 over last year's apportionment, which was \$8.50 per capita, which up to that time was the highest amount ever apportioned for the public schools.

With an apportionment of \$14.50 per capita, the public schools of the state will receive during the next scholastic term \$18,170,095, based on 1,253,110 scholastics. The heavy increase in the apportionment is due to the \$4,000,000 appropriation made by the recent special session of the Legislature, funds received by the schools from oil and gas taxes and also because of increased valuation of property in the State, which will bring in more taxes. Commenting on the apportionment fixed by the State Board of Education today, Governor Hobby said:

"The apportionment for each child in Texas for education was \$7.50 for the year I went into the Governor's office. To increase that apportionment to \$14.50 for the next scholastic year is the proudest act of my administration."

## SECRETLY MARRIED

We are informed that Earnest Costephens and Miss Rosa Wade of Roscoe, were married about a month ago, keeping the fact a secret to their friends and relatives here, until their return from a honeymoon trip, this week. They are fine young people and we join a host of friends in extending congratulation and best wishes for a life of health, happiness and prosperity.

This is the third wedding in the Costephens family during the last 60 days. Alfred Costephens and Miss Helen Weir, of Eastland, and Miss Annie Mae Costephens and Mr. Geo. Smith of this city, the other two members of the family entering upon the matrimonial sea of life.

## AT GEM THEARE NEXT WEDNESDAY

"Her Five Foot Highness" is the title of a new Universal picture starring pretty petite Edith Roberts which has been secured for next Wednesday at the Gem Theatre.

In "Her Five Foot Highness" Miss Roberts plays the role of a Texas girl who, after growing to womanhood finds that she has inherited a title and a fortune from an English relative. The star appears equally to advantage as the "cow girl" who romp and work with the cow punchers on her ranch or as the "lady" in Old England. She rides a horse like Bill and wears her gowns, some splendid ones, like Clara Kimball Young.

While the picture is a drama, it's story having to do with the effort of her father's villainous lawyer to cheat her out of her inheritance and her wooing by two lovers, one of the illustrious scion of an old family, the other her own big hearted ranch foreman, there is plenty of lighter moments and much that may be justly termed characterization. In a way Miss Roberts is another "Peg O' My Heart" in this picture only instead of being Irish and from New York, she is from Texas and English to begin with and American, when she decides to stay in America in spite of her fine offer of marriage by her English lover.





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for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such districts, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts heretofore formed or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; provided, that a majority of the qualified tax-paying voters of the district voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax not to exceed in any one year one dollar on the one one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein author-

ized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts, nor to independent or common school districts created by general or special law.

Section 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the Amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the limitation upon the amount of school district tax of one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation shall not apply to independent or common school districts created by general or special law," and all those opposed to said amendment

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### RELATING TO TAXATION BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Senate Joint Resolution No. 17.

Proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas by exempting independent and common school districts from the limitation of a total tax of one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation for any one year, and making an appropriation thereof.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution be so amended as hereafter to read as follows: (Creating a new Section 3.)

Section 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of one (\$1.00) dollar on every inhabitant of this state, between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools; and in addition thereto, there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem state tax of such an amount not to exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred (\$100.00) dollars valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public schools of this state for a period not less than six months in each year, and it shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to set aside a sufficient amount out of the said tax to provide free text books for the use of children attending the public free schools of this state; provided, however, that should the limit of taxation herein named be insufficient the deficit may be met by appropriation from the general funds of the State and the legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation; and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law may embrace parts of two or more counties. And the legislature shall be authorized to pass laws

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shall write or have printed or their ballots "Against the amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas providing that the limitation upon the amount of school district tax of one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation shall not apply to independent or common school districts created by general or special law."

Section 3. The Governor of the state is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Section 4. That the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

C. D. Mims, Secretary of State.  
(Attest—A True Copy.)

### SPECIAL NOTICE

Will thank the gentleman who by mistake picked up my Hat at the Gem Theatre on Saturday night, July 10, to return same to the Merkel Mail office and get his. E. A. Patterson, Phone No. 9004F15. 1tp

LOST—In Merkel Saturday July 17, a Masonic Blue Lodge Emblem Watch Charm. Finder return to Merkel Mail and be rewarded. 1tp

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mitted to the qualified electors of this State for adoption or rejection and shall make the publication required by the constitution and laws of the state. Said election shall be held under and in accordance with the General Election Laws of the state, and the ballots for said election shall have printed or written thereon in plain letters the following words:

"Official Ballot" "For the amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, adding thereto Section 60, providing for compensation of public officials." "Against the amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, adding thereto Section 60, providing for compensation of public officials."

Those voters who favor such amendment shall erase by marking a line through the words "Against the amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing compensation for public officials." Those who oppose such amendment shall erase by marking a line through them, the words "For the amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing compensation for public officials." And the result of the election shall be published and declared according to the majority of the votes cast in such election.

Section 3. The sum of Five Thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any fund in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses of the proclamation and publication of this amendment and the election to be held hereunder.

(Attest—A True Copy.)  
C. D. MIMS,  
Secretary of State.

### NOTICE

Those who have cotton in my yard please come in and move it at once as my lease expires August 1, on the east yard. J. M. Garrett, Public Weigher. It

# SALE CONTINUES

AT

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Many customers have taken advantage of the Clearance sale prices and saved money, while some merchandise advertised is sold, there are still bargains throughout the store, too numerous to mention.

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### RELATING TO THE MANNER OF COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Joint Resolution No. 7.

A joint resolution of the Legislature of the state of Texas, proposing an amendment of the constitution of the state by adding to article 16 thereof a new section, to be known as Section 60; providing for the compensation of public officials.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That there is hereby added to Article XVI of the Constitution of the state of Texas a new section to be known as Section 60 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, which shall read as follows:

Section 60. Compensation of Public Officials: All State, district, county and precinct officers within this State shall receive

as compensation for their services a salary, the amount of which, the terms and methods of payment and the fund out of which such payments shall be made, shall be ascertained, declared and fixed by the Legislature from time to time; provided that the Legislature may make such exceptions as it may deem advisable.

This section shall supersede all other provisions of this constitution fixing and declaring the compensation of officers by salary, fees or otherwise and all provisions for salaries or other compensation for public officials, executive, legislative or judicial.

Section 2. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to cause to be issued his necessary proclamation for an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, at which election this amendment shall be sub-

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District Clerk:

James W. Mayfield  
J. Knox Fuller

For Sheriff:

John Bond (re-election)

For County Judge:

W. E. Martin  
J. W. Moffett  
D. G. Hill

For County Attorney:

Carlos D. Speck,  
T. M. Willis,

For County Tax Assessor:

Mrs. Florence Vance  
Roy Parmally

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.  
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Every city, town and community have their share of that variety of worthless and do-nothing kind of fellows, who besides being worthless, are generally found cussing the government and the country generally. Often they are clamoring for higher wages for the working man, when, they, themselves, never knew what it was to intentionally do an honest day's work.

It is said that a certain would-be "society" gentleman, who had been out of town for some time, wired friends that he would arrive in Merkel on a certain date via. the Sunshine Special, and that the gentleman in question expected to be met at the station by a crowd of friends and brass band, but instead he found the NNightwatchman with a club and a bull dog.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We take this method of extending our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends in and around Merkel who so generously and kindly assisted in any way during our late sorrow caused by the accidental death of our husband son and brother. May the richest of blessings rest upon each of you.

Mrs. J. L. Tye, G. G. Tye and family.

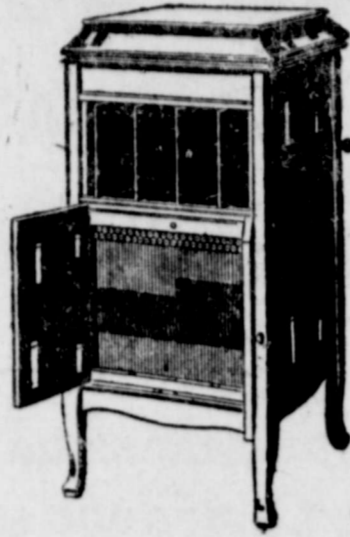
**NOTICE TO VOTERS**

Owing to the fact that we have had a large crop to work and help being scarce and hard to get, I have not been able to make as thorough canvas among the voters as a candidate for Commissioner of Precinct No. 2, as I desired to, for it was my hope and intention to see personally, every voter in the district, hence I take this method of soliciting the vote and influence of every voter both ladies and gentlemen. And if elected will do all within my power to serve you faithfully and efficiently in this important position. adv.1tp  
Respectfully,  
S. A. COATS.

Jno. R. West and Luther Grimes have just returned from an extended pleasure (?) trip in the former's automobile. The trip out included the Northern plains of Texas thence across New Mexico to Albuquerque. The return trip including the famous Elephant Butte dam, El Paso and the newly opened western oil fields. They report very little car trouble and excellent running times. Knowing these facts it is needless to add that they had an enjoyable trip.

FOR SALE—or would exchange for Merkel property. One 4 room Residence, three lots, good cistern, good concrete storm house, within 2 blocks of Court House square at Roby, Texas. See Wilson The Jeweler, Merkel, Texas. 1tp

**Columbia Grafonolas!**



An assortment of these splendid and popular Musical Instruments are now on display in our store. Their quality is well known to every person who has had the pleasure of using one.

**Let us Put One in Your Home**

Besides having one of the best musical instruments in your home, you will have a beautiful and ornamental piece of furniture.

**Columbia Records**

We also wish to call your attention to the fact that we have just received the largest number and most varied selections of Columbia Records ever brought to this section of West Texas. These records can be used on many other makes of talking machines and we invite you to come in and make your selection of these records, by the world's most famous musicians and singers.



**Merkel Drug Company**

**WHY**

You should vote for me for County Superintendent of public schools. Being a practical book-keeper I am thoroughly qualified to do the office work. I have taught in many summer normals where teachers were trained. If elected I promise to spend at least one day of seven hours teaching and helping in each school in Taylor County. By so doing I shall bring to each teacher and school the best I have learned in twenty-five years of experience in teaching children and teachers. I shall hold the County Institute just before the schools open, thus avoiding the break in school work. I have spent nineteen years in the school of Texas and am perfectly familiar with the conditions and needs of our schools and it shall ever be my purpose to aid the country schools to the limit of my time and ability. As in all other great enterprises why not select a man who has already been trained to the work. I have lived under supervision and

know what it is. One may be an expert in the school room but without experience in training teachers. Which do you need in the County Superintendent's office in Taylor County? Think seriously and then vote your sentiments. Thanking you in advance for your support, I am Very Truly, JOHN F. ODOR, Candidate for County Superintendent of Taylor County Public Schools. (Political Adv.)

Piano in good fix, at a bargain —W. F. Hamblett. tf

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

LOST—White Sapphire Ring. Finder please return to Merkel Mail office and receive reward.1p

Rev. C. C. Dooley, pastor of the Presbyterian church, is assisting this week in a revival meeting at Comper.

STILL FOR SALE—Two front finders for Ford. Call at Patterson Bros. Meat Market. 1tp

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black returned first of the week from a visit to relatives at Lubbock and other plains points.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Geo. Smith, at Hatch, New Mexico, this week.

J. N. Shelton and wife leave Merkel on the 24th for a visit to friends and relatives at Fort Worth, Waco and Holland, Tex.

Earl Baze who has been here for a visit to his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baze, left first of this week for his home at Denton.

Miss Jewel Garrett, formerly with the F. & M. Bank left last Saturday for Dallas where she will be employed in the T. & P. Treasury Department.

Miss Mamie Curtis and Mrs. Marvin Smith and Children returned first of the week from a visit to Walnut Springs and Glenrose.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ashby, of Colorado City, are visiting relatives here. They will go to Buffalo Gap for a visit to other relatives also, before returning to their home.

NOTICE—We have a thoroughbred Jersey Male which will stand at the Boney Wagon Yard, at \$2.00 cash in advance, with the refusal to return. See Patterson Bros. tf

Just arrived 100 new Silk Dresses in Satins, Taffetas, georgettes, crepe de chine, tricolettes and combination worth from \$25.00 to \$75.00, going at \$14.75 to \$50.00. Call and see them at THE ECONOMY STORE. 1t

**To The Public**

I am in no way connected with W. E. Cockrell in the paint and paper contracting business, and if I failed to pay any of my accounts please send statement to me.

M. P. Willis, Paint Foreman, M. K. & T., Pittsburg, Texas 1t

**TO THE VOTERS BOTH MALE AND FEMALE OF TAYLOR COUNTY**

I solicit your vote.  
First:—Because I am seeking the remuneration which will be due SERVICE RENDERED.  
Second:—Because I am seeking the PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT. I appreciate my profession and love my work.  
Third:—Because it offers me opportunities of service. No nation can rise above the ideals of her citizens. IF I DID NOT HAVE AN ABIDING CONFIDENCE IN THE POSSIBILITIES OF MY PROFESSION AND IN THE OPPORTUNITIES THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OFFERS I COULD NOT ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND VOTE.  
Fourth:— Because it would make me your coworker in your attempts to make useful citizens of your children. The Magnitude and importance of the task requires the honest and efficient efforts of teacher, parent, and County Superintendent.  
Fifth:— Because, having served as county superintendent of schools and having assisted in the work of the county superintendent's office of Taylor county, I have a definite knowledge of the duties imposed as well as of the conditions of the schools of the entire county. I know the work.  
Sixth:— Because I have a definite plan of school supervision worked out through actual experience as county superintendent. Definite credit should be given for definite work and a report of the same issued the teachers, using 100 per cent as the basis for grading. Boys should be taught something of the responsibilities of Providing for the home and girls should be taught the art of home-making. Make education really mean something to the child. I believe in more work and less pay.  
Seventh:— Because I have conducted my campaign on the basis of merit only. I have not appealed to your prejudices, nor have I solicited your support on personal grounds. The interest of the rural Schools is at stake and not my personal interest. I do not promise a perfect administration, but I do promise, however, to place my enthusiasm, Experience and honest efforts along by the side of yours to the end that our highest ambition for our children may be realized. I am yours for success and service, JNO. R. HUTTO, Candidate for County School Superintendent of Taylor county

**Meat Notice**

We wish to state that meat is strictly cash, we wish to say to those we carry for 30 days to please take notice that if our your bill on the first to shridsh collector should miss you with your ill on the first to please call and settle same by not later than the 5th of the month.

Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler, Miss Ruth Wheeler, Miss Mary Alice Johnson and brother W. L. Spent Wednesday in Abilene, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burri Wheeler. The 221st being the anniversary of the marriage of the latter, an eleven course dinner was served by the hosts, in three courses, representing the eleven years of this marriage.

Messrs Will Patterson, Percy and Ben Jones, Andy Brown and R. L. Bradshaw, business men of this city, who got it into their heads that they were real "fishermen" returned Tuesday night from a two days stay on the Clearfork. And they everyone of them to a man, declare that they actually caught more fish than they could eat. We would like to see the witness.

Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw is in Cleburne on an extended visit to friends and relatives. And the good lady had hardly gotten out of town until the "gentleman of the house" was asking us if he could get space in our paper in which to advertise for a cook. And as our space is for sale, we would have let him have it but the candidates had bought all we could spare.

**COZY THEATRE**

**SPECIAL MATINEE SATURDAY 2:00 TO 5:30 P. M.**

Friday July 23 Admission 10-20c  
**Jack Pickford** **Larry Semon**  
in in  
"Bill Apperson's Boy" "The Grocery Clerk"  
Lyons-Moran in "Hero N'everything"

Saturday July 24 Admission 10-20c  
**Buck Jones** **Charlie Chaplin**  
in in  
"The Last Straw" "The Rink"  
Mutt & Jeff in "Pawn Brokers"

Monday July 26 Admission 10-20c  
**William Duncan** **Hoot Gibson**  
in in  
"Silent Avenger" No. 5 "Thieves Cloths"  
Usiversal Comedians in "A Hot Finish"

Tuesday July 27 Admission 10-20c  
**Bryant Washburn** **Carter De Haven**  
in in  
"It Pays to Advertise" "The Little Dears"  
Pathe Review

Wednesday July 28 One Night Only  
**THEATRE and AIRDOME**  
(ROOM FOR EVERYBODY)  
**MARY PICKFORD** in **"DADDY LONG LEGS"**  
A 7 reel super special, from the book by Jean Webster  
Admission 10.20-30c Better than "Pollyanna"

Thursday July 29 Admission 10-20c  
**Wm. Faversham** **Comedy Art Players**  
in in  
"The Silver King" "Ima Vamp"  
The Gumps

**COMING** **COMING**  
**Harry Carey** **Douglas Fairbanks**  
IN IN  
**"HUMAN STUFF"** **"THE MOLLYCODDLE"**



**AUTHORIZING 1½ % AD VAL-  
OREM TAX BY CITIES AND  
TOWNS OF 5,000 OR LESS  
POPULATION.**

Senate Joint Resolution No. 12.

Proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by increasing the total tax rate that may be levied by cities and towns having a population of five thousand or less than one-fourth of one per cent to not exceeding one and one-half per cent, and making appropriation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 4, Article XI of the Constitution be

so amended as hereafter to read as follows:

Section 4. Cities and towns having a population of five thousand or less may be chartered alone by general law. They may levy, assess and collect taxes as may be authorized by law, but no tax for any purpose shall ever be lawful for any one year which shall exceed one and one-half per cent of the taxable property of such city; and all taxes shall be collectable only in current money, and all licenses and occupation taxes levied, and all fines, forfeitures and penalties accruing to said cities and towns shall be collectable only in current money.

Section 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be

submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of the State at an election to be held throughout the state, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment of Section 4, Article XI of the Constitution increasing the total tax rate that may be levied by towns and cities having a population of five thousand or less from one-fourth of one per cent to not exceeding one and one-half per cent of any one year," and all voters opposed to said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment of Section 4, Article XI of the Constitution increasing the total tax rate that may be levied by towns and cities having a population of five thousand or less from one-fourth of one per cent to not exceeding one and one-half per cent of any one

year." Section 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and to have the same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Section 4. That the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication and election. C. D. Mims, Secretary of State. (Attest—A True Copy.)

Hot weather is hard on teething babies. They suffer the combined misery of heat, pain and stomach disorder. McGee's Baby Elixir helps the little sufferer through the trying period by correcting the stomach and bowels. Price, 35c and 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

**SANITARY BARBER SHOP**

Next Door North F. & M. Bank  
Everything New & Up-to-date

**Our Motto—Service under Sanitary Rules**

We will appreciate a share of your trade

**West & Thompson, Props.**

**NOTICE**

Bring your cream to Duckett's Store on Tuesdays and Fridays if you want me to handle it for you. W. P. Duckett.  
Screen Doors, plenty of them, and all kinds, at Burton-Lingo Lumber Company.

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System, supervised and controlled by Uncle Sam. We invite your business.

Just arrived 50 new flowered Voile Dresses worth \$8.50 going at \$5.50 at the Economy Store.

Buy it in Merkel and keep Merkel money in Merkel.

10c

20c

**Gem Theatre**  
The Home of Good Pictures  
At The Same Old Prices

We believe in fair treatment at live and let live prices, whether you patronize us or not, we have saved you money by putting prices down where they used to be. Think it over. Yours to serve.

FRIDAY—

**AL JENNINGS** Oklahoma Reformed Outlaw  
IN

**"BONDS OF BLOOD"**

An actual incident of his life

**"TRAILED BY THREE"**

A Thrilling Story of Mystery and Adventure

Extra A Good Comedy and News Weekly

SATURDAY—

**LOUISE GLAUM**

IN  
**"SEX"**

A powerful theme, a rich production, cleverly acted. A special 7 reel production played all large cities at capacity business.

Also Tom Mix Western

MONDAY—

**DELORES CASSINELLO**

IN  
**"Tarnished Reputation"**

Gale Henry The Funniest Woman Living in  
**"Her First Flame"** 2 reel comedy

TUESDAY—

**FRANK MAYO**

IN  
**"The Peddler Of Lies"**

And Chester Outing Picture

WEDNESDAY—

**EDITH ROBERTS**

IN  
**"Her Five Foot Highness"**

A Delightful Western Feature

Also a Christie Comedy

THURSDAY—

**EMMY WEHLEN**

IN  
**"Fighting Shadows"**

A Pathe Feature in 6 acts

Extra Screen Magazine

10c

H. T. Hodge, Prop.

20c

**BIG JULY REDUCTION**

Sale on all Mens, Women and Children's Ready-to-wear  
Shoes, Clothing, Dress Goods and etc.

Regardless of present day values we must reduce our stock for large assortment of fall merchandise that will begin to arrive next month.

**Marshall and Beacon Shoe Specials**

Men's Genuine Kangaroo Oxfords in Black only, \$12.50 values only ..... 9.95  
Men's Brown Kid Oxfords \$13.50 values, sale price only ..... \$10.98  
One Lot Men's Heavy Work Shoes @ 20 per cent discount.  
One Lot Ladies Kid and Patent Leather Pumps and Oxfords in broken sizes, values up to \$12.50, Sale Price ..... \$7.95  
One Lot Ladies Kid Pumps and Oxfords in Black and Brown, Values up to \$8.50, Sale Price ..... \$5.95  
One Lot Ladies Kid and Patent Leather Pumps, Straps and Oxfords, values up to \$6.00, Sale Price ..... \$3.95  
20 per cent discount on all Childrens, Pumps and Oxfords.  
One Table Men's Oxfords in Kangaroo and Kid Leathtrs, Present values up to \$12.50 Sale Price ..... \$3.95  
One Table Ladies and Childrens Pumps and Oxfords in Patent and Kid Leather, Values up to \$7.50, Sale Price ..... \$1.98

**FLORSHEIM SHOE SPECIALS**

Men's Genuine Kangaroo Oxfords in Black only regular \$16.50 values Sale price 12.95  
Men's Brown Kid Oxfords regular \$18.00 values Sale price ..... \$13.95

**25 Per Cent Discount On All Men's Suits**

\$75.00 Men's all Wool Surge Worsteds Suits, Sale Price ..... \$56.25  
\$65.00 Men's All Wool Serge, Cassimeres and Worsteds Suits, Sale Price ..... \$48.75  
\$60.00 Men's All Wool Serge Cassimere and Worsteds Suits, Sale Price ..... \$45.00  
\$55.00 Men's All Wool Serge Cassimere and Worsteds Suits, Sale Price ..... \$41.25  
\$50.00 Men's All Wool Serge, Cassimere and Worsteds Suits, Sale Price ..... \$37.50  
\$45.00 Men's All Wool Serge, Cassimere and Worster, Suits, Sale Price ..... \$33.75  
\$40.00 Men's All Wool and Silk Mohair Suits, Sale Price ..... \$30.00  
\$35.00 Men's Silk Mohair and Tropical Worsteds Suits, Sale Price ..... \$26.25  
\$30.00 Men's Silk Mohair and Palm Beach Suits, Sale Price ..... \$22.50  
\$25.00 Men's Palm Beach and Cool Cloth Suits, Sale Price ..... \$18.75  
\$20.00 Men's Palm Beach and Cool Cloth Suits, Sale Price ..... \$15.00

**Big Values In Our Staple Department**

One Special Lot Gingham, Present Values Around 40c, Sale Price ..... 25¢  
One Special Lot Gingham and Voiles, Values up to 45¢, Sale Price ..... 29¢  
One Lot Red Seal and Everett Classic Gingham, Values up to 50¢, Sale Price ..... 39¢  
One Lot Special Imported Gingham, Regular \$1.00 Values, Sale Price ..... 79¢  
One Lot 36 inch Bleach Domestic. Free from Starch, Regular 40¢ Values Sale Price ..... 32¢  
One Lot Heavy Rail Road Cheviots, Values up to 40¢, Sale Price ..... 29¢  
One Lot 36 inch Brown Domestic, 25¢ Values Sale Price ..... 19¢  
One Lot 36 inch Sea Island Brown Domestic. Regular 40¢ values, Sale Price ..... 29¢  
One Lot 10x4 Bleached Sheeting, Full Width, Regular \$1.00 Values, Sale Price ..... 79¢  
One Lot White Skirt and Waist Goods, \$1.00 Values ..... 79¢  
75¢ Values ..... 59¢  
65¢ Values ..... 49¢  
One Lot Printed Vailes, Values up to \$2.00 Sale Price ..... \$1.49  
One Lot Printed Voiles, Values up to \$1.50, Sale Price ..... \$1.19  
One Lot Printed Voiles, Values up to \$1.00, Sale Price ..... 69¢

**SPECIAL IN OUR SILK DEPARTMENT**

One Lot Crepe de Chine in a various assortment of colors, values up to \$4.00, Sale Price ..... \$2.29  
One Lot 36 inch Satins and Taffetas, Large Assortment of colors, Values up to \$3.50 Sale Price ..... \$1.98  
One Lot Georgette Crepe in a wonderful Assortment of colors, Values up to \$4.00, Sale Price ..... \$1.98  
One Lot Printed Georgette Crepe, Values up to \$5.00, Sale Price ..... \$3.98

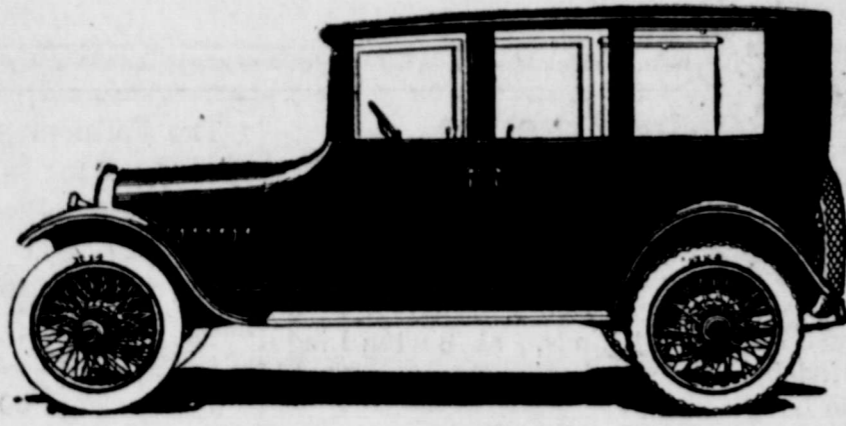
10 Per Cent Discount on all Men's Odd Pants  
Special \$3.00 Overall, Sale Price ..... \$2.49

Many other items too numerous to mention here at greatly reduced prices. A visit to our store will convince you.

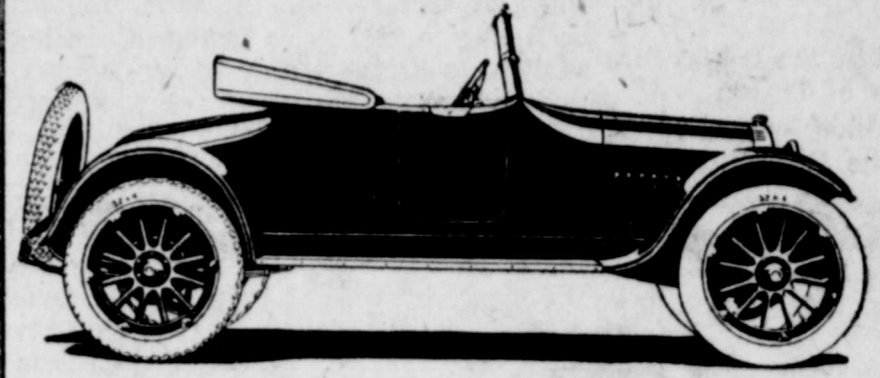
**Merkel Dry Goods Company**



# COMMERCIAL MOTOR CO.

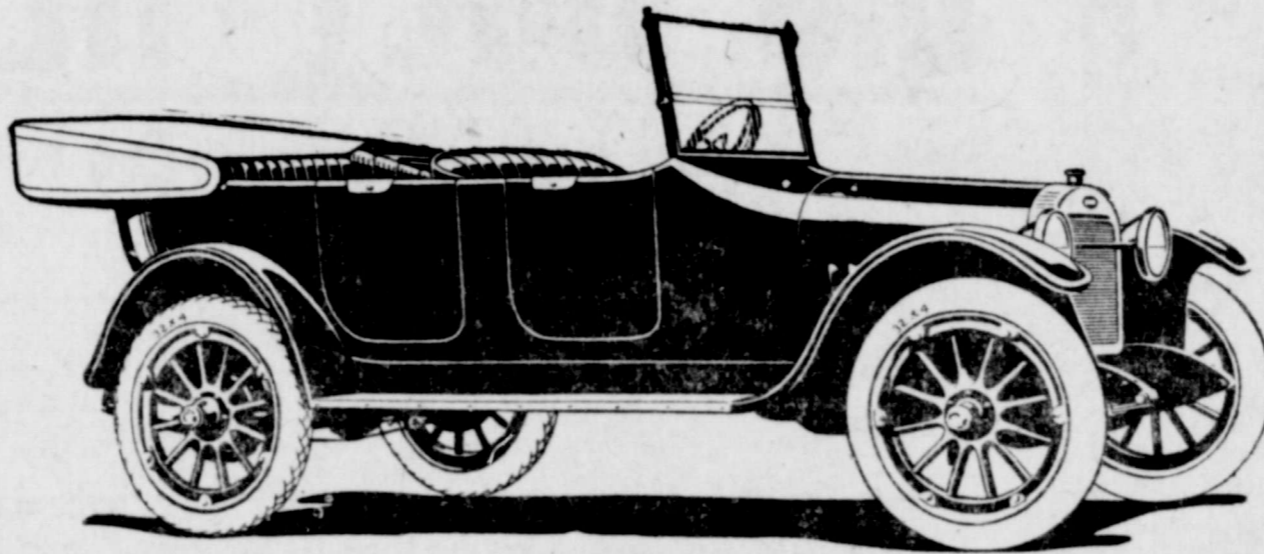


Has just received a shipment of OAKLAND CARS, containing a SEDAN, ROADSTER and TOURING CARS ALSO ESSEX CAR.



## The Southern Motors Big Red Ranger Truch Is Here

We will move into our new headquarters north of the Cozy Theatre about August first.



Watch for the announcement of Grand Opening

## F-O-U-N-D

A "COOL" SPOT WHERE

YOU

CAN GET A GOOD COLD DRINK  
The Way You Like It

BETTER DRINKS

GOOD SERVICE

EVERYBODY'S  
CONFECTIONERY

THE HOME QUALITY DRINKS

### BLAIR RUMBLINGS

Blair is on the Sante Fe Railroad, southwest of Merkel, it is a growing city, surrounded by a large fertile Stockfarming country.

Among the many new improvements and enterprises which is to be added to our little city, is the Planters Gin Company, which plant is about completed, and when finished will be one of the best in this part of the state.

Johnnie Ray, our splendid Postmaster and merchant, has just finished a handsome new bungalow home.

The revival meeting begins at the Baptist church Friday night and it is hoped that every one will lend their cooperation and good will.

The Odd Fellows Picnic pulled off on the 17th, was well attended and a success in every way, despite the few knockers which are found in every community. The Odd Fellows made good money from same and will soon start their handsome new brick building. Three months ago this lodge had a membership of eight members, while today they have twenty-three, and more applications on file.

Farmers are beginning to need rain badly at this time.

Miss Lou Raines and brother from Alabama, who have been here on a visit to their brother, Lige returned to their home last week.

John Hughes and family are visiting relatives in Alabama.

### FARM WANTED

We have cash buyer for farm. Will pay 5 to 20 thousand cash. We know values. Nothing but bargains considered. Give full particulars and save time. Box 564, Merkel, Texas.

There is nothing in the whole list of flesh-healing remedies that can approach Liquid Borzone in the rapidity with which it heals cuts, wounds, sores, burn or scalds. It is a marvelous discovery. Price, 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Jly

## VOTE FOR J. W. MOFFETT FOR COUNTY JUDGE

He Believes in the enforcement of the law and advocates good City and Country Schools, Good Roads and such other Public Improvements that may be necessary for the best interest of Taylor County and the Public generally.

He advocates good morals, clean politics and an honest progressive and economical administration of the public affairs of the County.

He believes that the financial and business interests of the County should be conducted in an economical, progressive and businesslike manner, its good credit maintained and its "Script" kept above par.

He is now in the vigor of his manhood, mentally and physically, and his long experience in the practice of law and business generally enables him to better understand the needs and best interest of the County and to render valuable and more efficient service to the people.

If the Public pulse is any indication, he is now leading both of his opponents by a good plurality, but the law requires the successful candidate to receive a majority of the votes cast, and he is respectfully asking the Voters of Taylor County to scratch the name of his opponents on the official ticket and Vote for him and thus avoid a second primary.

(Political Advertisement)

## TIRES, TUBES, BATTERIES

We have a complete stock of Tires, Tubes and Batteries—all kinds and sizes. Guaranteed milage to 8,000 miles.

Batteries guaranteed 18 months and two years

## MORE MILAGE TIRE CO.

J. HENDRICKS, Proprietor



**WANTED: YOUR VOTE  
FOR THE SUPERINTEND-  
ENCY OF TAYLOR COUNTY**

To the voters of Taylor County:  
Please consider these words a personal address to each of you. Because of a badly sprained ankle I have been delayed in my campaign and though I am working about thirty-six hours out of every twenty-four, I shall probably not be able to see each of you, as I believe I could have done under other conditions.

The office of County Superintendent, if it means anything, is one of the most important, if not the most important, elective office in the county. The greatest asset of any county is its girls and boys and the greatest business of every county should be real Education. As you know, the county Superintendent should be well trained, should be experienced in all phases of school work, and should love school work. I believe I have all of these qualifications to a greater degree than any candidate for this important office, being an A. B. graduate from the University of Texas, having had twelve years experience in the public schools of Texas, three years of this time having been in Merkel and Abilene, working first in the rural schools, then the intermediate grades, then the high school, and finally as principal of High Schools, where the conditions existed that I had much of the responsibility of the whole school; and having a natural love and enthusiasm in school work. My superintendent the past year, Mr. J. C. Fortune, makes the following statement: "During the past year Miss Ada D. Pearce has been principal of the Rockwall High School, and I have come to know her and her work very intimately. I gladly say without reservation, that I consider Miss Pearce the best "all-round" school woman I have met in my experience of sixteen years.

It was after much debate that I persuaded my School Board to allow me, a lady principal, they thinking that none but a man could "hold down the job" but my claims have all been more than justified in Miss Pearce. Her influence in school and out has been power for good.

Miss Pearce is a trained and successful teacher and a leader of teachers; she is a strong executive and able to direct others she is a good organizer, resourceful and aggressive, thus possessing all of the qualities necessary for leadership.

I understand that she is a candidate for the office of County Superintendent of Taylor County, and I unhesitatingly commend her to the voters of the county as the best possible candidate. If you elect her to this office, you will see a marked change in your rural schools, where such a leader as Miss Pearce is so much needed and so rarely supplied. You can not afford to lose this opportunity to procure such talent to direct the education of your county."

My father E. A. Pearce, settled in Abilene thirty-eight years ago and was engaged in the grain business here for some twelve years. (I mention this fact to distinguish the family of my name to which I belong.)

I am proud of the fact that I am the only native citizen of the county whose name appears on the ticket, and I am glad to be called one of the "old timers" of Taylor County.

Because of good training, wide experience in school work, and much love and enthusiasm in this work; and because I realize that the greatest problem, the sternest peril, the strongest defender, the mightiest force, the richest asset, the highest hope of Taylor County is the children of the public schools of Today the men and women of tomorrow and work with this idea in mind I ask for your consideration and votes, and assure you that, if I have the good fortune to win out over my two good gentlemen opponents, I shall spare no efforts to make the schools of Taylor County the Best. Yours for Better Schools, Ada D. Pearce, Candidate for County Superintendent. (Political Adv.)

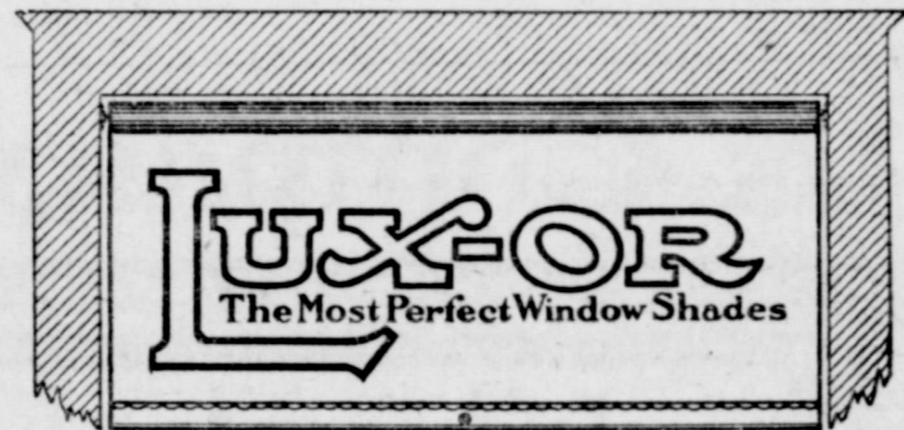


**The Sealy Sanitary Tuftless Mattress**

A Sealy Mattress is the cheapest. It lasts longer, sleeps better than any other mattress.



Buy a Spring with a Record  
**The Leggett and Platt**  
is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction for a life time.  
Can you beat it?



The Lux-or Shade is non-breakable, with guaranteed roller. Costs only a little more than the ordinary shade and lasts twice as long.



Just the thing for Linoleum and polished floors. Let us send you one to-day.

☐ The above shows only a few of the standard lines to be found in our store. We try to carry nothing but the best. Good goods may cost a trifle more, but we believe the best is the cheapest, always. Therefore, our motto is—**Better Goods for Less Money.**

☐ We want you to come in and see our new arrivals in Reed Furniture—something new—both in matched suits and odd pieces. Something pretty. ☐ Parlor suits just arrived, that are unusual values at the price. ☐ We call your special attention to our line of Bed Room Suits. We have some of the best values we have ever had. We will be pleased to have you visit our store this week.

# Barrow Furniture Co.

**Milk Cows For Sale**  
We have some fresh milk cows to trade for good fat beef cattle. See Patterson Bros., at the Meat Market.

Mrs. M. C. Jones of De Kalb was a visitor last week in the home of Mrs. G. A. Rister. She visited relatives in Big Springs and Baird before returning home.

Mrs. G. A. Guthrie and son Preston, returned Tuesday night from their trip to Fannin county where they visited friends and relatives.

Judge A. G. Cobb of Hearne, Texas, is here this week for a visit to his son Judge N. D. Cobb local manager for the Merkel Lumber Company.

# Kodak Finishing=Kodak Enlarging

--- QUALITY CLASS ---

OUR BUSINESS IN THIS LINE HAS MORE THAN TREBLED DURING THE LAST FEW WEEKS—THERE'S A REASON—

**Quality Class :: Good Service :: Prices Right**

WE HAVE SOMETHING SPECIAL TO OFFER IN KODAK ENLARGEMENTS FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY—ASK US ABOUT IT.

Anything in Photographs, and remember please, we make "Photographs of the Better Kind"

## THE COZY STUDIO

Phone 314

JNO. C. REINHARD, Manager

### CLASSIFIED ADS

Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's. All Summer goods going at cost. **THE ECONOMY STORE.**

Screen Doors, plenty of them, and all kinds, at Burton-Lingo Lumber Company. **tf.**

Try a sack of Marechal Neal Flour. None better. Bob Martin Grocery Company. **tf.**

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The office of County Superintendent, if it means anything, is one of the most important, if not the most important, elective office in the county. The greatest asset of any county is its girls and boys and the greatest business of every county should be real Education. As you know, the county Superintendent should be well trained, should be experienced in all phases of school work, and should love school work. I believe I have all of these qualifications to a greater degree than any candidate for this important office, being an A. B. graduate from the University of Texas, having had twelve years experience in the public schools of Texas, three years of this time having been in Merkel and Abilene, working first in the rural schools, then the intermediate grades, then the high school, and finally as principal of High Schools, where the conditions existed that I had much of the responsibility of the whole school; and having a natural love and enthusiasm in school work. My superintendent the past year, Mr. J. C. Fortune, makes the following statement: "During the past year Miss Ada D. Pearce has been principal of the Rockwall High School, and I have come to know her and her work very intimately. I gladly say without reservation, that I consider Miss Pearce the best "all-round" school woman I have met in my experience of sixteen years.

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I understand that she is a candidate for the office of County Superintendent of Taylor County, and I unhesitatingly commend her to the voters of the county as the best possible candidate. If you elect her to this office, you will see a marked change in your rural schools, where such a leader as Miss Pearce is so much needed and so rarely supplied. You can not afford to lose this opportunity to procure such talent to direct the education of your county."

My father E. A. Pearce, settled in Abilene thirty-eight years ago and was engaged in the grain business here for some twelve years. (I mention this fact to distinguish the family of my name to which I belong.)

I am proud of the fact that I am the only native citizen of the county whose name appears on the ticket, and I am glad to be called one of the "old timers" of Taylor County.

Because of good training, wide experience in school work, and much love and enthusiasm in this work; and because I realize that the greatest problem, the sternest peril, the strongest defender, the mightiest force, the richest asset, the highest hope of Taylor County is the children of the public schools of Today the men and women of tomorrow and work with this idea in mind I ask for your consideration and votes, and assure you that, if I have the good fortune to win out over my two good gentlemen opponents, I shall spare no efforts to make the schools of Taylor County the Best. Yours for Better Schools, Ada D. Pearce, Candidate for County Superintendent. (Political Adv.)

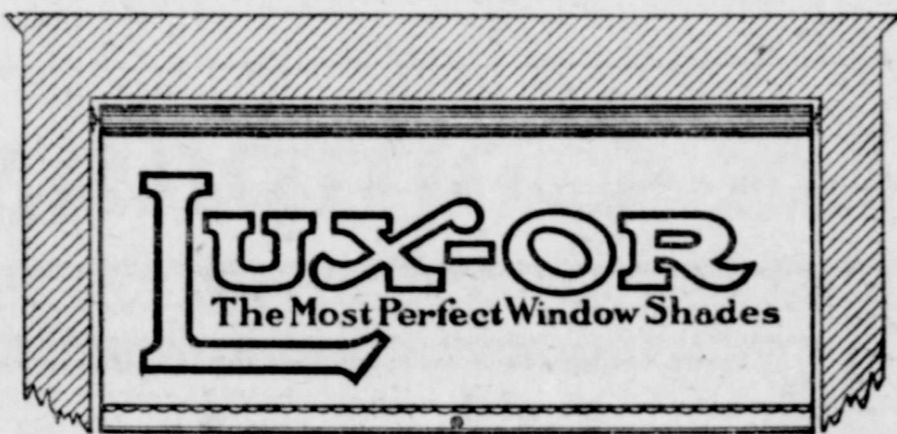


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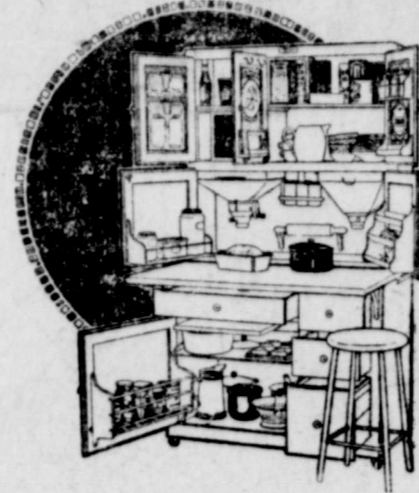


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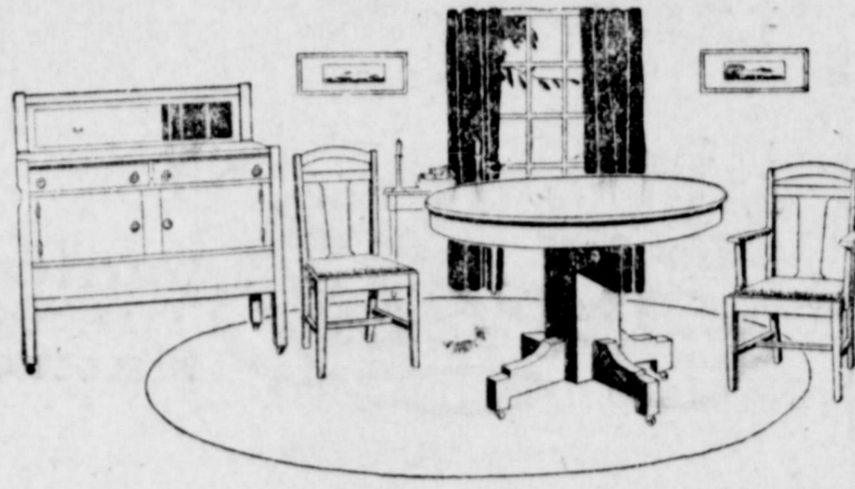
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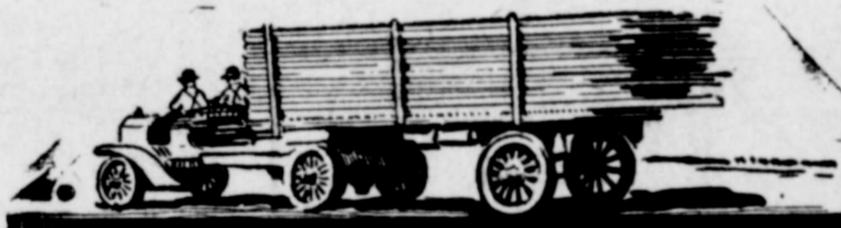
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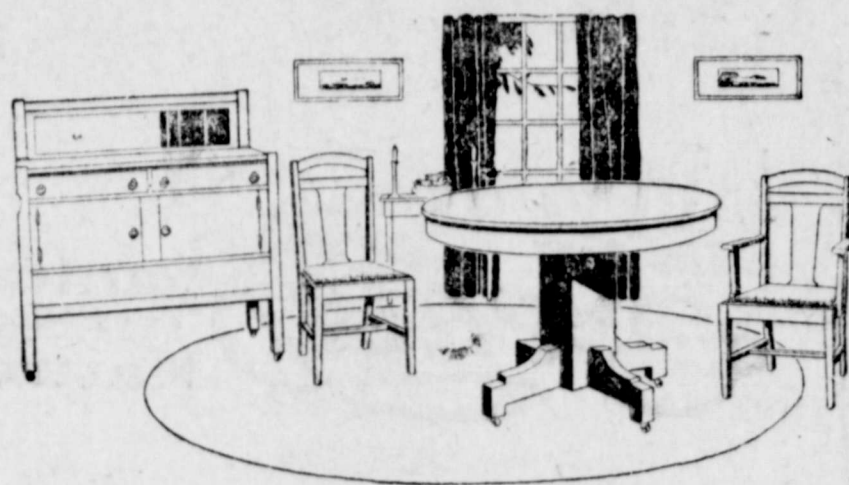
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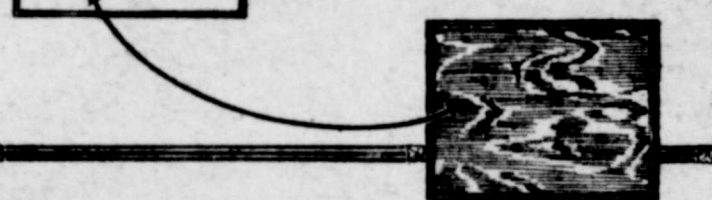
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### FOOD SHORTAGE COMING

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This shortage of labor is reported to be nationwide. Thousands of acres of fertile land, ordinarily planted to food crops, are growing up in weeds. There can be only one result, a shortage of food products. It is essential that each farmer preserve all food possible. It is likely they will bring profitable prices.—Farm & Ranch.

### CROPS FOR PRODUCTIVE CAPITAL

Farmers have often been handicapped for lack of capital with which to take investments in productive equipment. Some of them would of course invest unwisely but others might increase production and many might save in marketing if capital were available and on terms they could afford to meet. That farmers are seldom able to secure loans on such terms as business men profitably borrow, is regrettable, but is largely a fault in farm practice.

Where the seasons, the soil and the markets are favorable for several kinds of crops it is possible and generally desirable that risk be reduced by growing several of the adapted crops, rather than one. Instead of borrowing to produce one crop requiring practically twelve months to receive the income, several may be grown, some of which will give cash returns at times when cash may enable the grower to meet the investment obligations without borrowing.

Bankers do not, as a rule, know the details of farming, but they know safe farming from a standpoint of loans. They are generally willing to cooperate in extending productive credit if the enterprise is safe and the character of the borrower is such as would justify such loans.

# TO THE VOTERS



## We Need a Young Man for County Judge

In the Abilene Reporter of Sunay one of my opponents, Judge Hill, set out a signed statement of the Commissioners Court of Taylor County dated in the year A. D. 1906 wherein the administration of Judge Hill as County Judge the preceding sixteen years was endorsed in glowing terms. Prior to that time he had filled other offices in the county, and so far as I know with honor to himself and credit to the state.

Now, this proves, if it proves anything, that a young man can make good as County Judge of Taylor County, for, if Judge Hill was a good County Judge, and we take it that he was, it was at a time when he was a young man, and active.

This being true, I respectfully call your attention to that fact to show you that he proves by his own advertisement THAT TAYLOR COUNTY NEEDS A YOUNG MAN FOR COUNTY JUDGE. If he made good as a young man isn't it reasonable that I might also do likewise. I am active, like he was thirty years ago. He is passive.

I do not mean to insinuate that he would not make a good County Judge now, but as both my opponents have attacked me on account of me being a young man, I respectfully call your attention to Judge Hill's record to show that a young man can make good in positions of responsibility.

This being true, don't you think he has had his share of Public Office (More than 25 years of Public Office)? If you do, I ask for an opportunity to show you that other young men can also make good in this, the young man's age.

Show me your confidence by your vote next Saturday. I will not betray your trust.

YOURS FOR A GREATER TAYLOR COUNTY,

## W. E. MARTIN

Candidate for County Judge



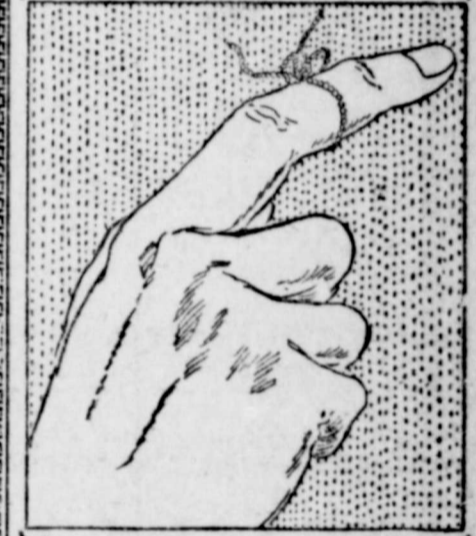
It is a powerful and scientific combination of sulphur and other healing agents for the relief and cure of diseases of the skin. It is especially effective in the ITCHING VARIETIES; giving instant relief from the itching and smarting sensations and by its germ-destroying properties it exterminates the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

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Novelty Cakes for Sunday Dinner.

Ask for Fleischmann's Yeast  
Cake Good Health Book.

Merkel Bakery & Candy Shop  
PHONE 44



# MR. VOTER:

We want to talk "politics" with you for a little while, and naturally, want to talk for Joe Bailey for Governor, and we ask your careful consideration of what we shall say to you. Had we not felt that you were interested in good government, we would not thus address you.

The right of the people to govern themselves is the most fundamental element of civil liberty, and that each state should have the sole right to enact laws for the governing of its citizens, and those who might be sojourning therein, and of regulating ALL of its internal affairs, is the most sacred right given under the Federal Constitution.

That we are fast drifting to the point where the "classes" are seeking to rule the "masses" no thinking man will deny. That these sacred heritages of civil liberty, commonly called "States Rights" are being invaded and destroyed by laws enacted by the Congress of the United States, is plain to every thinking and reading man in all the land. The principles of local self-government, which are the foundation of all our cherished liberties, are fast giving place to centralized power and class rule, and unless the common people awaken to the importance of striking a death blow to this sort of thing, we may soon expect to be governed altogether from Washington, and personal liberty, state rights will only be a matter of memory and ancient history.

It was great that the representatives of the democratic hosts of America, in convention assembled at San Francisco, California, have selected a man as their standard bearer who stands unshakken for state rights and local self-government, and may he lead us to victory in November. He's a genuine Joe Bailey type of man.

There is another matter that is menacing to the very life of this nation and of all its people, and that is the stand union labor has taken, and is taking, with reference to the whole industrial and productive interests throughout the nation. Their Motto or slogan is, "LET LABOR RULE"—meaning, of course, union labor. In other words, certain classes of labor.

That labor has the right and privilege to organize for its protection against exploitation on the part of greedy capital, and for the advancement of its legitimate interests, and the improvement of conditions among working people few men will gainsay, but that they should organize for the purpose of exploiting the people, or that their organization should place it within their power to do so, and denying the honest worker a right to earn a living for himself and family, whenever and wherever he can find employment at a wage acceptable to him, is reaching a stage that is dangerous to the very life of this nation and few, if any, outside the ranks of these organizations will admit the justice of such practices, or countenance them. These organizations are not among the laborers who produce the things that go to sustain life, viz: the farmer and the stockmen, but are confined to the towns and cities and industrial communities. And they are not content with rules and regulations governing their unions, and the men who belong to them, but they have become so aggressive that they deny those not affiliated with them, the right to work, thus jeopardizing the whole commerce of the country, and bringing untold suffering to others as well as to themselves and their families. They are now seeking the adoption of their schedule of wages and hours on the farms throughout the nation, and if successful in doing so we would have a famine in less than three years for no farmer can make a decent living for himself and family during hours prescribed by them for work, much less produce a surplus to feed the rest of the people. And if the farmer has to pay the schedule of wages demanded by the unions, he had better give his land away and apply forthwith for admittance to the poor-house. It may sound all right to quit striking the nail when the clock strikes the hour—even though one more stroke would finish it, but if you apply that rule to most any other work or line of industry, we are simply ruined, that's all. With a cotton pickers union and a maize headers union demanding short hours and high prices, what is to become of the country? Joe Bailey is the only candidate for Governor opposing such, and he is doing it for the good of the people.

Do you believe that the "masses" should be taxed to make and keep the "classes" rich, while thousands upon multiplied thousands of people are toiling unceasingly to make a bare living?

Do you believe in a clean, economical government, administered by men whose integrity, experience and manhood are above question, and whose fidelity to the principles of justice, right, and civil liberty have been amply proven by their actions in the past?

Do you believe in a government "of the people, by the people and for the people?"

Do you believe in those principles of Americanism announced and promulgated by Washington, and Monroe, Jefferson and Jackson? If so, vote for Joe Bailey for Governor, for he is the greatest living exponent of those things which characterize true Americanism, that there is in Texas, or out of Texas, and he has the moral courage to defend the people's rights anywhere and on all occasions.

He believes in a written constitution, and a strict observance of its declarations.

He's a dyed-in-the-wool" states rights enthusiast.

He's for the "open shop" everywhere, earnestly believing that no man should be denied employment by reason of his non-affiliation with some union.

He is bitterly opposed to extravagance in governmental affairs all the way up and down the line, believing that the people's money should be regarded as a sacred trust, and so used, that it will prove the greatest good to the greatest number of people.

He does not believe in class legislation of any character, but is a champion of a government "of the people, by the people and for the people" and has always been such.

He is in favor of "cleaning things up" down at Austin, taking much of the pie off the counter, and not hereafter exacting any more from the people than is necessary to run things down there on a strictly economical and business basis.

He believes in less taxes and more liberty, but stands four square for strict law enforcement. . . .

Now, think these things over carefully, and study the qualifications of all the candidates for governor, and decide for yourselves which one stands most squarely for the principles you believe to be right, and if you will do this we feel that you will vote for Joe Bailey for Governor, for all of which we thank you.

Cordially,

**TAYLOR COUNTY BAILEY CLUB.**

**BY E. N. KIRBY, CHAIRMAN.**

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