

MAYOR SPOKE FOR NEFF IN MERKEL

A crowd that occupied most of the seats in the tabernacle at this place this afternoon heard a strong speech in behalf of the Hon. Pat M. Neff, candidate for governor, by Mayor Dallas Scarborough of Abilene. Mr. Scarborough was introduced by J. C. Mason, who spoke at length on the merits of Mr. Neff, stating that he had taken a poll of all the Looney supporters that he came in contact with (having voted for Looney) and out of twelve men who voted for Looney at the Merkel box all but one would support Mr. Neff in the run-off; and that at Paris Texas, where he formerly lived he had taken a poll of fifteen Looney supporters and learned that all but one would support Mr. Neff in the second primary.

Mayor Scarborough, of Abilene, emphasized the meaning of Democracy in his speech and criticized Ex-senator Joe Bailey severely as having departed from these principles and made a brilliant speech on behalf of Mr. Neff.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted after the address of Mayor Scarborough:

RESOLUTIONS:
Resolved that we review with pride the achievements of the National Democratic Administration, and feel confident that history will record it as being the greatest in the life of this Nation. There has been placed upon the Statute books in the last seven years, under the leadership of Woodrow Wilson, more good and beneficent laws than were ever enacted in the last 50 years under any administration, and we are unalterably opposed to any man or means that seeks to discredit or repudiate the achievements of the Democratic Administration, and we refuse to accept as a candidate for Governor any man, who has denounced our Democratic President, Democratic Congress, and the policies of the Democratic Administration.

But we have in the race today, a man for the Democratic nomination for Governor, one who has stood by our President in peace and in war, who has never sulked in his tent and kept his mouth shut while our boys were fighting the greatest war that was ever fought in the world, and dying by the thousands for our country, that it might be retained as a decent place in which to live. But he went forth with his prayers, his money, and his time helping to send food, raiment, medicine, Nurses and Doctors to administer to those noble boys who were standing in flanders front, spending their blood like water, that our country might be saved from the bloody Huns. This man not only did what he could to assist our Government in this bloody conflict, but went among the people, and advocated the sale of Bonds and Stamps and assisted the Red Cross, and Salvation Army that were administering to the sick and wounded of our boys who were in a foreign land, fighting our battles. By his clean life he has endeared himself to the people of Texas, and by his official record he has demonstrated his ability as eminently qualified to make Texas one of the greatest Governors that ever filled that chair, and we are confident that he will discharge the duties of that office, both with credit to himself, and Honor to the State.

Now therefore we pledge unalterably our support to the Candidacy of that man for Governor of our state. He is a high toned Christian gentleman, a full fledged American, and a Democrat that never sulked in his tent when this Nation is in trouble,

he is not inactive in war and active in peace, but is always active, whether in war or peace, he has been weighed in the balances of democracy and not found wanting. The name of that man is the Hon. Pat M. Neff, of Waco, Texas.

W. P. Duckett and wife came in this week from an extended visit to friends and relatives in Rockwall, Hunt, Kaufman and other East Texas counties. Mr. Duckett reports crops fine in that section of the state, and the people prosperous and happy.

MERKEL MAN BUYS A KANSAS BANK

The Mail is in receipt of a letter from Thos. Johnson, of the Coleman National Bank, and formerly Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel, and among other things Mr. Johnson states that on August 15th he will go to Pratt, Kansas, where he and associates have purchased a bank in that city. Mr. Johnson will have the position of Active Vice-President, a position which he is naturally fitted and amply competent to fill with credit to himself and satisfaction to those interested in same.

Mr. Johnson assures us that he shall always be a reader of the Merkel Mail, because he feels such an interest in the people of the town and surrounding country. He announces to those parties and friends who may wish to communicate with him from this date may write him at Pratt, Kansas, Care the "Peoples Bank."

T. M. Smith of the Barrow Furniture Company, returned last week from Stanton where he visited relatives. He also attended the big celebration at Big Spring, and went out to the McDowell well which he said had been placed on the pump now. He thinks they have a pretty good oil well.

W. H. LANEY & SONS BUY A BUSINESS

A deal was consummated last week whereby W. H. Laney and Sons purchased the Confectionary business known as the Everybody's Confectionary, from G. H. Crossley, the owner, and immediately took charge of same. Mr. Laney and sons are well known here having been in business at times here for many years. They will make Everybody's Confectionary right up-to-date in every respect. Mr. Sie Ham, an experienced and capable Confectionary man who was with the business prior to the change will remain with the new proprietors and lend his services to the success of same.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE

There will be the regular services at the Methodist Church next Sunday. Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 by Elmer Landreth and at night by the pastor. Prayermeeting ever Wednesday evening at 8:30 and choir practice every Friday night. W. M. Murrell, pastor.

Preston Guthrie left yesterday for a visit to Amarillo and other Plains points. Young Guthrie is planning to attend school at Burleson College, at Greenville, Texas this next year. He is one of our best young men and the Mail predicts for him great success.

TENNESSEE MAN OPTIMISTIC OVER OIL

W. E. Stegall, a prominent and influential Railroad man of Chattanooga, Tennessee, who is one among the large number of stockholders of the C. H. Oil & Development Company of Atlanta, Georgia, came in first of the week to look over the Company's holdings here. He states that he is well pleased with the holdings and the test near Stith, five miles northeast of Merkel now being drilled by this Company. Infact he says that he like all others interested in the Company had implicit faith in President Cullum and other officials of the company, but now he feels that they are almost sure of a producing well and possibly a big one.

Mr. Stegall is accompanied by his wife and they will visit Denver and other Western cities and from there they will visit some of the northern and eastern cities before returning to their home in Tennessee.

Messrs Ray McCleskey and Charlie Hudgins of Hanley passed through Merkel Tuesday enroute to Amarillo. Mr. McCleskey is Assistant Cashier of the First State Bank of Hanley and Mr. Hudgins is associated with a Drug Firm of that place.

CAN FURNISH SOME COTTON PICKERS

We have been informed that T. J. Coggin formerly of Merkel, and now of El Paso, who was here last week on a visit to friends and relatives, stated that he could and would be glad to assist the farmers in this vicinity to secure their cotton pickers. So, should any one desire cotton pickers they can communicate with him at once.

We understand that Messrs Beasley Brothers, who have about 1,000 to 1,200 acres planted in cotton, and which is now looking very fine, have contracted with Mr. Coggin to secure them 100 mexicans for the gathering their cotton.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Leader Mr. Askew.
Subject—"The Christian use of Recreation."
1. Silent prayer.
2. Scripture lesson 103rd Psalm, By Leader.
3. Prayer. 4. Song.
5. Piano Solo by Lorena Frazier.
6. Vocal Duet by Bess Tucker and Elmer Landreth.
7. Scripture references—Ecc 11 7-10; Romans xii 1, 2. Mary Eula Sears and Bill Stevens.
8. Is play an essential part of the Christian life?—Joel Counts.
9. Male Quartet.—Messrs Woods, Pee and Hicks.
10. Recreation or Wreckreation—11? Wallace Bragg.
11. Special music—Lola Armstrong.
12. What part of recreational program ought this League project?—Mamie McNeas.
13. Talk by the President.
14. League Benediction.

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. with a place for all. Pastor Parrack will preach at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. B. Y. P. U. at 5 p. m.
Teachers meeting Monday at 8 p. m. Prayermeeting Wednesday at 8 p. m. Choir practice after prayermeeting.
Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

A good dinner will be served Saturday the 14th.

NEW ERA CLASS TO RENDER PROGRAM

Next Sunday, August 15, the New Era Class of the Presbyterian church will have charge of the morning service. The service the following Sunday morning will be in charge of Dr. Johnson's Bible Class.

The New Era members are working for a layman's service during the hour, and their program has been arranged to this end. The first period of the hour will consist of a musical service and will be followed by three 10 minute talks on the general subject "What I Owe My Pastor." The following is the program as outlined at the meeting of the class on last Friday evening: Song, Prayer, Song. Scripture Reading. Song; Announcements. Offering.

"I Owe my Pastor Co-operation" By T. M. Smith.
"I Owe my Pastor Loyalty" by Miss Johnnie Warren.
"I Owe my Pastor Financial support." by Jas H. West.
Song; Benediction.

Mr.s Etta Cox of Cottonwood, Texas, returned to her home first of the week after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. Talley and other relatives in this city.

NEFF SUPPORTERS GO HEAR JOHNSON

Quite a number of Hon. Pat M. Neff's supporters in Merkel and surrounding country, went down to Abilene Wednesday evening to hear Hon. Cone Johnson, one among the large number of able speakers canvassing the state in the interest of Mr. Neff for Governor, in the run-off Primary August 28, against Hon. Joseph Weldon Bailey.

And while the speaker was interrupted by a heavy down pour of rain before he was hardly half way through his speech, those who heard him, spoke as being well pleased with his remarks in behalf of the gentleman from Waco.

THURSDAY CLUB

Mesdames T. L. Grimes and L. A. Arrington were hostess to the Thursday Club on August 5th. Three tables were set for 42 and domino score cards were passed and several progressive games of 42 were played. A sewing contest was greatly enjoyed by all in which Mrs. Miller was the lucky, one and was presented with a silver thimble, while the consolation, a package of needles fell to Mrs. Gamble.

Delicious Sherbet and Devils Food Cake with domino icing were served to about 18 member and a few visitors. Each departed expressing themselves as having a delightful afternoon with these charming hostess.
Press Reporter.

RETURNS FROM TRIP EAST

S. L. Grayson and family of Shiloh community, returned last week from an extended trip by auto to Deport, and other east Texas points. On their return they came via. Montague County where they spent a few days with friends in the community where they formerly resided.

Mr. and Mrs. Grayson were in Merkel today, and report a fine rain again this afternoon at their place, which he says insures the farmers out that way of feed, and cotton, well all they will be able to gather and then some.

W. L. (Dub) Diltz, Jr., returned Wednesday from a ten days vacation from his duties at the Farmers State Bank, and looks as if he had the time of his life. It is said that he spent most of his vacation sight-seeing in "kool Kolorado," but we have it from a close friend that he sojourned most of the time near Canyon City, Texas.

Miss Dixie Howard returned Tuesday from Dallas and Hillsboro where she spent her vacation and has taken up her duties as bookkeeper for the Merkel Dry Goods Company.

SENATOR BAILEY SPEAKS IN MERKEL

Senator Joseph Weldon Bailey, candidate for Governor in the run-off Primary against Hon. Pat M. Neff, spoke Tuesday evening to one of the largest crowds ever gathered to hear a political speech in Merkel. He was met at Anson in the afternoon where he also spoke to a large crowd, by a number of friends and admirers and escorted across the country to Merkel.

For nearly two hours Mr. Bailey ably and eloquently discussed the questions concerning his race, and frequently received enthusiastic applause from his supporters.

On the trip across the country the party stopped at the elegant and palatial home of C. M. Largent, three miles north of Merkel, where the Senator and party had the great pleasure of seeing the fine prize-winning and Grand Champion Hereford cattle, which Mr. Largent has exhibited at many of the big fairs and fat stock shows of the country. Mr. Bailey who is an admirer of fine horses and cattle, pronounced the Largent herd as being as fine as he had ever seen anywhere.

Upon arrival in the city Mr. Bailey was the dinner guest of a number of friends in this city and also several who had driven over from Abilene to hear him.

FARMERS INSTITUTE WILL MEET AUG. 21

We are requested to announce that there will be a meeting of the farmers of the Merkel country in this city on Saturday August 21st, at 3 p. m. for the purpose of organizing an institute here.

It is expected that representatives of the State Department of Agriculture will be present and address the farmers on many vital and important issues. And it is urged that every one be present who can.

CHICKEN DINNER HERE SATURDAY AUGUST 14

The ladies of the Methodist Church announce that on next Saturday August 14, they will serve a big chicken dinner in the Chamber of Commerce Hall, which is located just opposite the Post Office.

They state that the money derived from this dinner will be used in re-papering and painting the interior of the Methodist church. A regular chicken dinner, with all the side issues such as cakes, pies and other delicacies too numerous to mention, all for the small sum of 65 cents. The ladies will appreciate your patronage.

Miss Lola Armstrong of Fort Worth arrived first of the week for a visit with her cousin, Miss Lola Armstrong of this city.

RAILROAD IS FACING SERIOUS SHORTAGE

Prominent railroad officials, visiting Merkel, says only co-operation of shippers and consignees with roads can prevent great hardships in the next few months.

Assistant General Passenger Agent O. B. Webb of the Texas and Pacific, with headquarters in Dallas, was a visitor at the Mail office last Monday, he having spent part of a day in Merkel going over local matters with Agent Childress. On account of the grave situation which confronts both the shipping public and the railways, Mr. Webb has been temporarily detached from his duties in the Passenger Department and made Special Representative of the Receivers of the Texas & Pacific, for the purpose of getting the facts as to the impending car famine before the public, and enlisting the earnest co-operation of shippers and consignees in a campaign looking to getting the maximum service out of every available car, especially during the next few months when the situation threatens to become so acute the railroads themselves already having launched an intensive campaign among their own officials and employes, aimed at "speeding up" the movement of cars after loaded.

In discussing the situation with the Editor of the Mail Monday evening, Mr. Webb stated the crop outlook from one end of the T. & P. to the other was never better and that from all over the country the reports are the same, including a recent statement from Kansas that their wheat crop this year will be the second largest in their history, with a bumper corn crop and that it is evident that Production, as applied to crops, is going to show a heavy increase this fall.

"And it is this production," said Mr. Webb "coupled with the roads' lack of adequate facilities and equipment for handling same, that is causing the crisis we face, a crisis of Distribution, of getting the crops from the farmer to the consumer or manufacturer, and the manufactured goods from the factories back into the channels of commerce, in order that they may play their part in cutting down living costs."

Mr. Webb said that with only about two thirds enough cars to meet the demands that are being made and will be made on the roads, unless they can secure the earnest co-operation of both shippers and consignees unless the man who loads a car to only a little over half its capacity can be brought to realize he is cutting down his chances for getting another car to load just that much or is cutting off some other man who is in dire need of a car to move some important shipment, both the shipping public and the railways are going to be squarely up against it in the next thirty to sixty days.

"Already we hear of plans," said he "to restore priority regulations, whereby certain "essential" commodities will be given preference over "non-essentials" in the furnishing of car and do our utmost, this may have to come; but the hardships incidental to such regulations will be greatly minimized if every shipper sees to it that cars are ordered for the day he will actually be ready to load not before; and when placed, are loaded promptly, and so nearly as is physically possible, to Maximum Capacity of the Car; and that when the car reaches its destination, consignees unload it immediately, in order that it may be utilized to fill some other urgent order, tied up for lack of cars to move it."



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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 authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting

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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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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 shall write or have printed on 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.)

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RELATING TO THE MAN- NER 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 submitted 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

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Monday, August 16

TEXAS QUINAN, Queen of the West in a
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Wednesday August 18

A NORTHWOODS DRAMA
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Saturday, August 14

AL JENNINGS in
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Tuesday, August 17

TOM MOORE in
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Thursday, August 19

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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.
C. D. MIMS,
Secretary of State.

EASY TIMES.

Marshall News: From a cursory view, one might conclude that more money and effort are being put into garages than into dwelling houses. But then, maybe automobiles need homes more than people do. They seem to be increasing faster.

When a person buys himself an automobile for a great gob of money he needs a place to keep it unspotted from the weather. It was all right, in a way, for the owners of wagons in the good old times to give those vehicles scant shelter. A tree in the side yard used to be regarded as about as much of a protection as a wagon needed. This notwithstanding a wagon shed could then be built for only a few dollars. Today, with building material as high as a giraffe's ears, nearly every house has a garage in connection, such garages running in cost all the way from one hundred to ten thousand dollars. The good old times when everything was cheap were not as good as some historians pretend to believe they were. If automobiles had been invented thirty or forty years ago only one or two men in a thousand could have bought one. That was because poverty was the rule. Indeed, it used to strain the resources of the average farmer to pay for a farm wagon, at the cost of fifty dollars. Now there are about as many automobiles in the average agricultural country as there were wagons a few years ago. This is because the whole country has been made comparatively wealthy. This new wealth has come into circulation since the Democratic party came into power. Things will crinkle up right fast when the Democratic party goes out of power, if it ever does. The reason why it will be that way is because the Republican party is a sorry financial and commercial administrator. It has many wearisome years of poverty and panic to answer to the American people for.—State Press.

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LOST OR STRAYED—A Blue or mouse colored mule, about 14½ hands high and about 12 or 14 years old. Branded on left thigh. Strayed from the French Pasture about two weeks ago. Will pay reward for information leading to recovery of mule. Notify Jasper McCoy, Merkel, Texas. 1tp

SCHOOL TEACHERS WANTED—Would like to communicate either in person or by mail, with teachers holding first or Second grade certificates. Address E. W. Turner, Merkel, Texas, Route five. 13t2p

FOR SALE—Good Jersey Milk Cow. Fresh now. Also nice Duroc Jersey Shoa. See F. Y. Guther. 1t

WANTED—To sell a good four room house and three lots on Cherry street for \$1,000. If interested see me quick at the Gem Confectionary. tf

GOOD PASTURE—Have a good Johnson Grass Pasture and would take a number of horses or mules. A. M. Giles, Phone 9032—11. 1tpd

WANTED—To buy two-room house. If you have one see me at the Gem Confectionary. tf

STRAYED—A pair of mouse colored mare mules, about fifteen hands high. Left my farm about Tuesday night of this week. Please notify G. A. Guthrie and receive reward. Merkel, Texas. 1tp

LOST—A small Brown Horse Mule, with halter on when left home. About 5 years old. Will pay Reward for recovery. Notify J. B. Morrison, Tye, Route two. 13t2p

WANTED—Your sewing, plain and fancy. Mrs. Morgan. L. E. Sanders residence. 6t4

HULLS & HAY—Car Hulls this week. Plenty alfalfa and Johnson grass. Swafford, phone 291. 6t2

Remember the Dinner Saturday the 14th, at Chamber of Commerce Rooms.

A good dinner will be served Saturday the 14th.

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Miss Gladys Haynes left Wednesday over the Santa Fe, for Lampasas, where she will visit friends and relatives.

Eat with the ladies Saturday Ice Cream and Cake will be served in the afternoon.

Miss Mildred Jones of Dallas, is the guest of Miss Ona Faye Bland this week.

Rooms to Rent. Cool outside rooms. Phone 71 W. Z. Price. 1p

Mrs. R. O. Anderson returned last week from her visit to relatives at Springfield, Mo.

Remember the Dinner Saturday the 14th, at Chamber of Commerce Rooms.

G. W. Boyce returned first of the week from a business trip to Tulia and other plains points.

Eat with the ladies Saturday Ice Cream and Cake will be served in the afternoon.

Mrs. E. L. Rogers and children returned last week from California, where they had been for a visit to relatives.

Remember the Dinner Saturday the 14th, at Chamber of Commerce Rooms.

W. P. Derrington and family left this week for Galveston and other south Texas points. They are making the trip by auto.

Eat with the ladies Saturday Ice Cream and Cake will be served in the afternoon.

The Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will give a dinner, Saturday, August 14th, at the Commercial Club Rooms. Price 65¢. Proceeds benefit of the church. Your patronage solicited.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rister returned last week from El Paso where they spent some time with relatives.

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AN EXAMPLE SET BY THE FARMER

The farmers have done their duty by the needs of the country this year. With the aid of the weather, they have produced larger crops than those of last year, and probably larger than the average crops of any ten-year period. As a result, we are assured against a scarcity in foodstuffs and in the raw materials of clothing. The wheat and corn crops are abnormally large, and there is an abundance of pork and beef, and probably also of mutton. There is more wool than is needed to satisfy the requirements of the manufacturers, and the cotton crop promises to be of good size. All this presages an easement of economic conditions. But to derive the utmost possible advantage and to diffuse the benefits among all sections and classes, it is necessary that capital and labor should also do their duty by the needs of the country in the same admirable way that the farmers have. There should be a corresponding increase in the output of the factories and in the service of the carriers; and not an increase resulting from enlarging the force of production and service, but one resulting from stimulated energy and speeding up the processes of production and transportation. The farmers have produced their larger harvests without increasing their own numbers. They have done it short-handed, in fact; and the normal effort of the farmer is more (nearly the maximum of his capabilities than is that of the artisan. Some such speeding up by capital and labor will be necessary if the farmers are to share duly in the benefits of their own increased production. The prices of their products have already declined, as a consequence of the greater actual and prospective production. Some of these declines have made their way to the pocket-books of the consumers, and there is every reason to believe that they will increasingly feel



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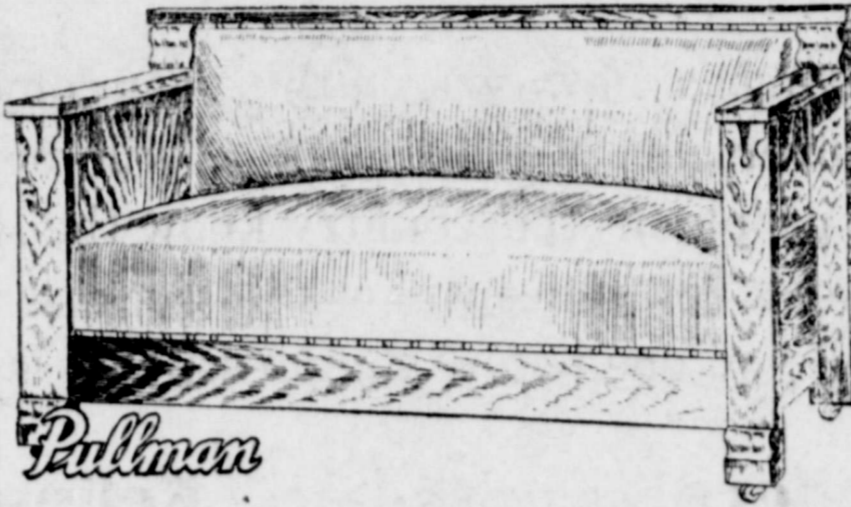
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When you perhaps get the greatest return for your money is in the purchase of a nice Clean, New Linoleum. We have a varied line of patterns of every high grade that will please you in every respect. Let us Cover your room.

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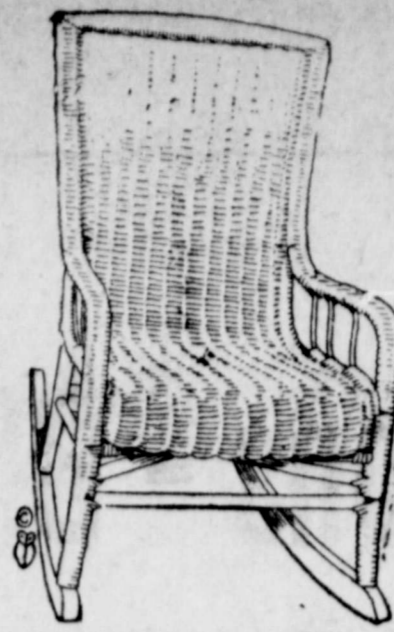
When you invest in the right kind of furniture you have good property of equal value to the amount you paid for it, and in addition you have the comfort and convenience of its daily use for many years, and perhaps a lifetime.



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It's quality behind the price tag that gives extra value to a real Pullman Duafold, and if we were to try to enumerate all the good features of extra value it would require more space than is in this ad., but if you will kindly call at the store we will introduce to you many good features that you have never met, unless you have seen the late model Pullman.

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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.)

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the benefits that have been conferred on the country by the farmers. To the extent that retail prices of farm products decline, the profits of capital and the wages of labor will be enhanced. For labor it is equivalent to an advance in wages. The decline in the prices of farm products is in effect and in fact an advance in the wages of labor. If there is to be any reciprocal advance in the wages or the profits of the farmer, it must come from a corresponding reduction in the prices of the things which capital and labor jointly produce. Prices can be brought down by reducing profits and wages, and they can be brought down by producing more with the same energies and facilities of production that are now employed. Capital and labor must either work harder or work for less if the farmer is to share equitably in the benefits resulting from his own increased production. It would be better for them, and better for the farmer, and for all, if they should work harder rather than work for less. High wages that measure high production is the desideratum from which all profit. It should be said parenthetically that reports of increased efficiency by labor are accumulating at a gratifying rate.—Dallas News.

If the baby suffers from wind colic, diarrhoea or summer complaints, give it McGee's Baby Elixir. It is a pure, harmless and effective remedy. Price, 35 and 60¢. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Aug

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

AUTHORIZING 1 1/2 % 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 town 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

Announcement of Formal Opening Of The New Corner Store

On Saturday August 14th

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In Kansas one divorce is granted for every six marriage licenses issued which is a very bad showing for connubial felicity in the Sunflower State. But if the divorce situation is bad in Kansas what must we say of Nevada, where as many divorces are granted as there are marriage ceremonies? The heavy divorce rate has alarmed some good-intentioned people who have begun a nation-wide cru-

sade to prohibit the granting of divorces, which, we fear, would create a situation as bad as the one we now have. So long as people are married and given in marriage some will prove unfortunate in the choosing of life partners and some will prove unfaithful to the marriage vow, and it is difficult to say whether society would suffer more from the binding of the unequally-yoked or from the easy dissolu-

tion of the bans which now obtains. That the divorce laws are too easy no one can successfully dispute, and the law-makers of the country should see to it that divorces cannot be had for the mere asking and payment of fee. But perhaps even better results may be obtained by throwing safe-guards around the marriage ceremony. The physically and the mentally unfit should be barred, and there should be other re-

strictions to protect the giddy and unthinking youths against hasty and unhappy unions.

The Catalogue of the Dallas Fair has arrived and is the most interesting booklet that has come this way in a year. The many organizations that have spread propaganda over the land and flung quotas at everybody has scared us away from most of the literature that comes by

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The College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Texas, enrolled during the past session 4462 students and during the summer session 666, or a total of 2128 Texas girls, making it the largest College for girls in the United States with the exception of two, both of which are located in Massachusetts. It is a college of the first class; and gives literary, technical, industrial, and vocational education and training of the best quality, designed solely to develop mental discipline, social culture, industrial efficiency, and spiritual vision and outlook.

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The College plant is valued at \$1,500,000; the management is modern, safe and wholesome; the faculty is one of the best in the southwest; it is a Texas College for Texas girls. The next session opens Tuesday, September 14, 1920. For further information or for the latest catalogue, address

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mail, but we read the catalogue of the Dallas Fair with great interest. Every Dallas Fair we ever attended was the best one, and if we go to the coming show we know it will be better than any that have gone before. There won't be any politics to pester when the Fair opens up next October, and we'll all be rejoicing over the great Democratic victory that's sure to come in November. And then, the fields give promise of emptying the horn of plenty into the laps of the people about that time, and everybody will go to the fair, meet their friends, ride the figure eight, watch the diving girls and be happy.

They said that we'd have more moonshine liquor than you could shake a stick at, after the country went prohibition. But the bootleggers are either working union hours or the moon isn't shining.



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We are Placing our entire stock of spring and summer Millinery on sale values to \$13.50 at **\$1.98**

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It is the policy of this store to give our customers the benefit of the many bargains in our house and we are offering you the following End-Of-The-Season values.

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One dozen Georgette Blouses, Values to \$6.45 at **\$3.75**
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 One Lot \$3.95 Voile Waists For **\$2.50**

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Why not buy your fall Suit at a saving. Hart Schaffner and Marx and Styleplus Clothes at the following prices.

\$69.00 Suits now **\$51.75**
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For 1921

Sold by G. H. McDonald and R. O. Anderson, Merkel, Texas.

Watch this space for statistics on Lone Star Cotton by the department of Agriculture, Washington.

Miss Lynn Thompson, daughter of L. R. Thompson of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, left first of the week for Nebraska, where she has a position in one of the splendid High Schools of that state as teacher of English. Miss Thompson made many lasting and warm friends in Merkel during her short stay here, who wish for her splendid success in her new undertaking in the teaching profession. She was accompanied as far as Fort Worth on her trip by Mrs. Thompson.

Mrs. Sadie Harvey of Pattonville is here on a visit with her brother J. P. Hutchins.

J. A. Giles and family of Sherman, are visiting the family of J. A. Giles in this city.

Eat with the ladies Saturday Ice Cream and Cake will be served in the afternoon.

When you feel dull achey and sleepy and want to stretch frequently, you are ripe for an attack of malaria. Take Herbine at once. It cures malaria and chills and puts the system in order. Price, 60¢. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Aug.

ADVANCE

On account of recent advance in the cost of electrical material effective September 1st we will advance the price of electric house wiring 50¢ per room. All orders received to September 1st will be at the old price \$3.00 per room.

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Doss Sheppard of Dallas, is here for a visit to homefolks and friends.

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

Fred Guitar recently returned from a trip to California.

A good dinner will be served Saturday the 14th.

Vera B. Sublett of Cripple Creek, Colorado, came in this week for a visit to his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sublett.

For good meals and good Beer, call at Mrs. Ogans. Will also be glad to do your laundry work.

John D. Gaither of Sweetwater was here recently for a visit to friends and relatives.

Reduced Prices on all goods for next two weeks at A. L. Jobe's. 612

J. C. Mason returned Tuesday from a business trip to Fort Worth.

Forty years of constant use is the best proof of the effectiveness of White's Cream Vermifuge for expelling worms in children or adults. Price 35¢. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Aug.

Judge W. P. Mahaffey and family are away on a visit to Austin, San Antonio and other South Texas points. They will be gone about ten days.

J. H. Grayson, who purchased the home of J. A. Buford on Edwards street, has moved with his family to same, from the Shiloh community. We are glad to have these splendid people as citizens of Merkel.

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

Miss Clemmie Waldroup of Brkburnette and Miss Lorena Hancock of Abilene were visitors in the home of Mrs. Geo. Brown the past week.

When you feel lazy, out of sorts and yawn a good deal in the day time, you need Herbine to stimulate your liver, tone up your stomach and purify your bowels. Price, 60¢. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Aug.

Miss Mary Lou Chism returned to her home at Memphis, Tennessee Monday after a few days visit with her Aunt, Mrs. Geo. Brown. She will be accompanied to Alabama by Mrs. Brown to visit other relatives.

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Miss Williams of Abilene spent Sunday with Miss Susie Dunn.

A man running for office always believes that the people are calling him. But on election day he finds out that central gave him the wrong number.

Jack Walker, Manager of the Rotan Telephone exchange spent Sunday with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frost of Eastland are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell, parents of Mrs. Frost.

Mr. J. T. Middleton and family of Odonell visited Mr. J. T. Howard and family the first of this week.

D. O. Huddleston visited his fine farm first of the week and stated that he found both his cotton and feed crop much better than he anticipated. Infact he said that it was a puzzle to him to know just how the farmers of this section will be able to gather their crops if they mature as the prospect now appears.

BRACELET WATCHES

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